

# 2025

## Washington County Parks & Recreation Program Guide

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# About Us

## 2025 Registration Details

- **ADVANCE REGISTRATION:** MOST PROGRAMS CAN BE REGISTERED FOR NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE. SOME PROGRAMS HAVE LIMITED SPACE RESTRICTIONS.
- **ONLINE REGISTRATION:** REGISTRATION FOR OUR PROGRAMS ARE ONLINE UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE. YOU MUST CREATE AN ACCOUNT TO REGISTER. YOU CAN USE THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER.  
<https://washingtoncountypa.tylerparksrec.com/8799prod/ParksRec/portal/Home>
- **REGISTRATION** IS REQUIRED FOR OUR PROGRAMS. IF THERE IS A FEE, IT IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION. MANY OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE FREE. OTHER PROGRAMS MAY HAVE A MINIMUM MATERIAL FEE.
- **AGE:** PLEASE ABIDE TO THE AGE REGISTRATIONS NOTED IN PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS. PROGRAMS ARE ALL AGES UNLESS NOTED IN THE DECRPTION
- **DAY CAMP REGISTRATION:** PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. ACCEPTING REGISTRATION BEGINNING APRIL 3 AT 9:00 A.M. ONLINE ONLY. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO ONE FAMILY PER REGISTRANT WITH A MAXIMUM OF 2 DAY CAMPS PER CHILD. CHILDREN UNDER OR OVER THE RECOMMENDED AGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

## *An Added Note:* Picnic Shelter Reservations

SHELTER RESERVATIONS FOR MINGO CREEK, CROSS CREEK & TEN MILE CREEK COUNTY PARKS ARE AVAILABLE BEGINNING THE SECOND MONDAY OF JANUARY EACH YEAR. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO ENSURE YOUR FAVORITE PICNIC SPOT.

# ***Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Rodents***

Thursday, January 30, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

Homeschoolers will learn to identify rodent skulls using a dichotomous key. Measuring, counting and observing skills will be utilized to "key out" common rodent skulls. This is an indoor program. Group size will be limited.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Winter Yoga***

Wednesday, February 5, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$5.00**

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## ***Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Winter Trees***

Thursday, February 27, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

Walk with us along the Old Spring Trail to discover tips & tricks used to identify trees in the winter months. We'll look at tree bark, leaf buds, and other indicators that might help us to identify trees in the winter months. This program is entirely outdoors. Dress for the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Setting up the Sugarbush

Friday, March 7, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 6  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

Get a behind the scenes peek as we prepare for the annual Sugar Bush Tours & Breakfast. Help us set up the Sugarbush. We'll be tapping maple trees, setting spiles, running sap lines and placing collection containers. No breakfast served.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## Maple Sugaring: Sugar Bush Tour & Breakfast

Saturday, March 8, 2025  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 6 & Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a tasty walking tour of Mingo Creek Park's Sugar Bush. Discover how maple tree sap is cooked into pure maple syrup. Historical demonstrations, modern-day sap collecting, and evaporation methods will be shared. Following the tour, a pancake breakfast will be served. Tours begin every 30 minutes and depart from Shelter 6. Group size is limited to 25 per group. Following the tour, breakfast is served at the Mingo Creek Park Office.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$3.00 per person**

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## Winter Yoga

Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkart. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$5.00**

# ***Preschool at the Park: Shamrock Shuffle***

**Monday, March 17, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Park Office**  
**Mingo Creek Park**  
**(Ages 3-5)**

Join us while we listen to a leprechaun story before going on a shamrock hunt to find where the pesky leprechaun hid the gold. We will follow the shamrock trail to the leprechaun's surprise pot from which everyone will get a special surprise. Please dress for the weather and moderate hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Mornings in Mingo***

**Wednesday, March 19, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Park Office**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE VARIES**

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## ***Headlamp Night Hike***

**Thursday, March 20, 2025**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**Hemlock Trail Gazebo**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Spring has sprung! Join us for a 2-mile night walk on portions of the Hemlock Trail, the Blue Trail and the Airplane Field Rd. in Mingo Creek Park. Take in the sights, sounds and smells of a spring evening on this invigorating night walk. Dress for the weather, hiking up and down hills and over unstable, uneven terrain in the darkness. Weather and trail conditions permitting. Headlamps provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# No Tweet Bird Watching 101: Watching Waterfowl

Thursday, April 3, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Cross Creek Park

Tired of technology? Leave your phone at home and discover birds and bird watching in Cross Creek Park. The No Tweet Bird Watching events are designed to introduce newbies to the hobby of bird watching. We have a limited supply of binoculars. Walking is required. Dress for the weather.

This evening we'll join David Medler as we search for and observe migrating waterfowl on Cross Creek Lake.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## Great PA Clean Up

Saturday, April 5, 2025  
10:00 a.m. Mingo Creek Park - Shelter 4  
10:00 a.m. Cross Creek Park - Shelter 3

Individuals, families, and organized groups are invited to join us for the Great PA Clean Up at Mingo Creek and Cross Creek Parks. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Grilled hot dogs and a bottle of water will be provided.

Pre-registration required. Organized groups welcome.  
**NO FEE**

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## Preschool at the Park: Signs of Spring

Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 3-5)

Come find new signs of spring throughout the park by using our sense of sight, sound and smell. We will start with a story and then will hike around the park listening for different sounds. Participants will participate in a spring nature scavenger hunt.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# ***No Tweet Bird Watching 101: Evenings in April***

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Log Cabin**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Tired of technology? Leave your phone at home and discover birds and bird watching in Mingo Creek Park. The No Tweet Bird Watching events are designed to introduce newbies to the hobby of bird watching. We have a limited supply of binoculars. Walking is required. Dress for the weather.

Take in the sights and sounds of April evening. As day turns to night we'll be listening for the "insect like" calling and the unusual courtship flight of a most unique bird, the American Woodcock.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Blastin Eggs Archery***

**Monday, April 14, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**Shelter 10**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Ready for a fun twist on our regular archery? Join NASP instructors, for an evening of archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. After a brief introduction, participants will be able to shoot at some egg themed targets. Participants of all levels are welcome. Must be at least 10 years of age to participate.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$2.00**

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## ***Spring Morning Hike***

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Shelter 1**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join Park Staff we go out on a crisp spring morning to explore Mingo Creek Park! We will set off at Shelter 1 to take on approximately a 2-mile portion of the orange trail. Dress for weather and vigorous hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# ***Easter Egg Geocaching***

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Park Office**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join us for a fun evening of Easter egg hunting “geocaching” style. Learn the basics of using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS). We will geocache to locations in search of eggs. At the end, participants will receive a special Easter treat. Dress for the weather and a moderate hike. We will have a limited number of GPS units to utilize. This is a family activity. Children ages 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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# ***Hunting Morel Mushrooms***

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Shelter 11**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Lace up a sturdy pair of hiking shoes, grab a collecting bag and a walking stick as we venture out in search of morel mushrooms in Mingo Creek Park. Learn where to search for these tasty spring mushrooms. Boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirts are recommended. The group will be walking up and down hills, and over unstable, uneven terrain.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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# ***Mornings in Mingo***

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Park Office**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE VARIES**

## ***Hunting Morel Mushrooms***

Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Parking area across  
from the previous Red  
Rooster Restaurant on  
Route 844  
Cross Creek Park

Lace up a sturdy pair of hiking shoes, grab a collecting bag and a walking stick as we venture out in search of morel mushrooms in Cross Creek Park. Learn where to search for these tasty spring mushrooms. Boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirts are recommended. The group will be walking up and down hills and over unstable, uneven terrain.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Yoga In The Park***

Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$5.00**

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## ***Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Spring Flowers***

Thursday, April 24, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 4  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

Spring showers bring spring flowers! Come Join Park Staff as we learn about the flowers that pop up after a long winter around Mingo Park. Participants will learn the different parts of a flower and go on a short hike.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# Star Party

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.  
**NO FEE**

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## Invasive Plant Removal: Garlic Mustard

Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Hemlock Trail Gazabo  
Mingo Creek Park

Would you like to assist us improve the natural ecology of Mingo Creek Park? We are looking for some "good hands" to assist us with Garlic Mustard removal this evening. Gloves and bags will be provided. Dress for moderate walking and the weather.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## Preschool at the Park: Salamander Tales

Tuesday, May 6, 2025  
Session I – 10:00 a.m.  
Session II – 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 4  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 3-5)

Preschoolers will slosh along with the Park Staff in search of salamanders that call the tributaries of Mingo Creek home. You'll need water shoes or rubber boots, quick hands, and a keen eye as we search for these four-legged amphibians. A change of clothes is recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# Yoga In The Park

Wednesday, May 7, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
FEE: \$5.00

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# Salamander Search

Thursday, May 8, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park

Explore the soggy spring seeps, rivulets and tributaries of Mingo Creek to discover salamanders that call the park home with Dr. James March of W & J College. Habitat preference, tips to safely collect these delicate amphibians and identification tips will be shared. Dress for the weather. Rubber boots are recommended. This is a family friendly activity. Your feet may get wet and your hands will get dirty.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
NO FEE

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# No Tweet Bird Watching 101: May Migrants

Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Hemlock Trail Gazebo  
Mingo Creek Park

Tired of technology? Leave your phone at home and discover birds and bird watching in Mingo Creek Park. The No Tweet Bird Watching events are designed to introduce newbies to the hobby of bird watching. We have a limited supply of binoculars. Walking is required. Dress for the weather.

May is a busy time in the bird world. We can expect to see and hear a wide variety of colorful songbirds this evening.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
NO FEE

# *Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Animal Tracks Investigation*

Thursday, May 15, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

What animals wander around Mingo Creek Park? Join Park staff as we look for tracks of the animals that travel through our park. Participants will then make a cast of an animal track to take home. Dress for weather and light hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## *Evening Paddle*

Thursday, May 15, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Lynn Portal Rd. Parking Area  
(10 Lynn Portal Rd. Avella, PA)  
Cross Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Cross Creek Lake with the Parks & Recreation Staff. Join us for an evening of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying the outdoors in Washington County.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## *Mornings in Mingo*

Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE VARIES**

# Yoga In The Park

Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
FEE: \$5.00

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# Star Party

Friday, May 23, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.  
NO FEE

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# Star Party

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.  
NO FEE

# Connecting to Nature through Photography

Tuesday, May 27, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 4  
Mingo Creek Park

Join W & J Professor Dr. James March to try your hand at nature photography this evening. We'll focus our cameras on the ecology in and around Mingo Creek. Dress for the weather, light hiking/walking. Shoes that can get a bit wet are suggested. Bring a camera or cell phone camera if you have one. A limited number of cameras, including underwater cameras will be available. This is a family friendly activity.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## Campfire Jam Night: Mingo Creek Park

Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 10  
Mingo Creek Park

Join the park staff around the campfire for an evening of acoustic music in Mingo Creek Park. Musicians who play an instrument are encouraged to share their talent. Don't play an instrument? No problem, we welcome listeners. Bring lawn chair or a blanket. Light refreshments will be served.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## Yoga In The Park

Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkart. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$5.00**

# ***Children's Program: Salamander Search***

Thursday, June 5, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 4  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

Join us as we search for the slimy salamanders that call Mingo Creek their home. Participants will learn how to safely collect, view, and identify these amphibians. Participants are encouraged to wear boots. A change of clothes is recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Evening Paddle***

Thursday, June 5, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Lynn Portal Rd Parking Area  
(10 Lynn Portal Rd. Avella, PA)  
Cross Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Cross Creek Lake with the Parks & Recreation Staff. Join us for an evening of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying the outdoors in Washington County.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Preschool at the Park: Creek Stompers***

Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
Session I - 10:00 a.m.  
Session II - 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 5  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 3-5)

Nets ready preschoolers? Be prepared to get a bit wet as we search Mingo Creek for aquatic insects, crayfish, and small fish.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# ***No Tweet Bird Watching 101: Birds of the Fields***

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
6:30 p.m.**

**Lynn Portal Rd Parking Area  
Cross Creek Park**

Tired of technology? Leave your phone at home and discover birds and bird watching in Cross Creek Park. The No Tweet Bird Watching events are designed to introduce newbies to the hobby of bird watching. We have a limited supply of binoculars. Walking is required. Dress for the weather.

Take a leisurely walk in Cross Creek Park to observe birds commonly found near fields and the water's edge.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Mornings in Mingo***

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

**Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park**

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided. This is our annual summer picnic, so bring along a favorite dish and recipe to share.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE VARIES**

# Back to Nature Day Camp

Monday, June 16, 2025 -  
Thursday, June 19, 2025  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 3  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-10)

Children ages 6 through 10 will be getting “back to nature” as they discover some of the favorite traditional activities Washington County provides during their day camps. A variety of educational activities will be offered and will include the exploration of invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, wilderness survival skills, and much more. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking. Bring a lunch and water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under and/or over recommended ages will not be accepted.

FEE: \$25.00/camper

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## Stream Search

Tuesday, June 17, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park

Join Jeff Kim of the Washington County Conservation District this evening for a search for the often “overlooked” creatures that call Mingo Creek home. Sure, crayfish and minnows will be found, but the group will also have the opportunity to capture and observe many other interesting, overlooked creatures. This is a family friendly activity. Water shoes will be necessary and a change of clothes is recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

NO FEE

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## Yoga In The Park

Wednesday, June 18, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: \$5.00

# Star Party

Friday, June 20, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.

**NO FEE**

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# Star Party

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.

**NO FEE**

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# Pioneer Living Day Camp

Monday, June 23, 2025 -

Friday, June 27, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 7  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 7-11)

Children ages 7 to 11 are invited to take a step back in time to see how the pioneer children lived, played, and worked. An array of pioneer activities, such as cooking over the fire pit and panning for gold will be shared. Native American living, games, crafts, and stories will also be included. Campers should dress for the weather, light hiking, and bring a lunch and a water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under and/or over recommended ages will not be accepted.

**FEE: \$30.00/camper**

# ***Blastin' Balloons Archery***

**Monday, June 30, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Shelter 10**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Ready for a fun twist on our regular archery? Join NASP instructors, for an evening of archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. After a brief introduction, participants will be able to shoot and pop some balloons. Participants of all levels are welcome. Must be at least 10 years of age to participate.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$2.00**

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# ***Yoga In The Park***

**Wednesday, July 2, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Camping Area**  
**near Observatory**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$5.00**

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# ***Preschool at the Park: Insect Investigators***

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Shelter 4**  
**Mingo Creek Park**  
**(Ages 3-5)**

Come join us as we search for invertebrates living in the leaf litter at Mingo Creek Park. We will learn to safely capture and identify some of these creepy crawlers. All equipment is supplied. After our search is complete, we will enjoy our annual picnic. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$2.00**

# ***Evening Paddle***

Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Lynn Portal Rd. Launch  
(10 Lynn Portal Rd. Avella, PA)  
Cross Creek Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Cross Creek Lake with the Parks & Recreation Staff. Join us for an evening of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying the outdoors in Washington County.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Children's Program: Macroinvertebrate Creek Hike***

Thursday, July 10, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 4  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

What macroinvertebrates call Mingo Creek their home? Join Park Staff as we set out to catch and identify these aquatic critters. Wear clothing and footwear for creek hiking. A change of clothes is recommended.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Reptiles and Amphibians Day Camp***

Monday, July 14, 2025 -  
Friday, July 18, 2025  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 3  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 8-12)

Children ages 8-12 are invited to spend a toad-ally cool week at Mingo Creek Park. Children will participate in hikes to Salamander City and a natural spring. Building toadally cool houses and camouflage are just a few of the fun activities that will be offered. We will also be collecting, observing, and releasing reptiles and amphibians right in Mingo Creek Park. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking. Bring a lunch and water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under and/or over the recommended ages will not be accepted.  
**FEE: \$30.00/camper**

# *Yoga In The Park*

Wednesday, July 16, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
FEE: \$5.00

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## *Tree – ID*

Thursday, July 17, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 2  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a potpourri of tree activities this evening. Learn to “key-out” local trees using a Tree Finder. Tree Finders will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the program. We’ll also learn to estimate the age and height of a tree using “in the field” formulas.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
\$4.00 per Tree Finder

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## *Sifting through Pond Stew*

Tuesday, July 22, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 3  
Cross Creek Park

If you like getting wet and dirty, it gets no better. Join us for a closer inspection at the often-overlooked animals that make their home in the muck and mire we call the pond stew. We’ll provide the nets and collecting containers. Appropriate footwear required. A change of clothes is suggested.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
NO FEE

# *Mornings in Mingo*

Wednesday, July 23, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE VARIES**

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## *No Tweet Bird Watching 101: Turkey Vultures*

Wednesday, July 23, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 6  
Mingo Creek Park

Tired of technology? Leave your phone at home and discover birds and bird watching in Mingo Creek Park. The No Tweet Bird Watching events are designed to introduce newbies to the hobby of bird watching. We have a limited supply of binoculars. Walking is required. Dress for the weather.

This evening, join Evan McWreath to learn more about Turkey Vultures and the research being conducted in our area. We will visit a 2023 Turkey Vulture nesting location in Mingo Creek. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended as we will be walking approximately 1.5 miles round trip.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## *Star Party*

Friday, July 25, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.  
**NO FEE**

# Star Party

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.

**NO FEE**

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# Wilderness Survival Day Camp

Monday, July 28, 2025 -

Friday, August 1, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 3

Mingo Creek Park

(Ages 9-13)

Campers will learn basic survival skills including primitive fire building, shelter construction, camouflage and more. Campers should dress for the weather and light hiking. Bring a lunch and a water bottle each day.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check is accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under or over the recommended ages will not be accepted.

**FEE: \$30.00/camper**

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# Yoga In The Park

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Camping Area

near Observatory

Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**FEE: \$5.00**

# *Escape into the Wild Day Camp*

Monday, August 4, 2025 -  
Friday, August 8, 2025  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 10-14)

Turn off the T.V., put away your phone, set the video game controller down, and come out to Mingo Creek Park to escape into Nature. Campers will get their hearts racing with many outdoor and sport related activities. We will also trek through the woods on a wilderness hike to find hidden waterfalls, and splash through the creek to find critters that live in the waters of Mingo Creek Park. Campers should dress for the weather and moderate activity. Bring a lunch and a water bottle each day. Closed toe shoes are required.

Pre-registration is required. Accepting registration beginning April 1. Payment in full at time of registration. Cash or check are accepted. Registration is limited to one family per registrant with a maximum of 2 day camps per child. Children under or over the recommended ages will not be accepted.

FEE: \$30.00/camper

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## *Campfire Jam Night: Mingo Creek Park*

Tuesday, August 5, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 10  
Mingo Creek Park

Join the park staff around the campfire for an evening of acoustic music in Mingo Creek Park. Musicians who play an instrument are encouraged to share their talent. Don't play an instrument? No problem, we welcome listeners. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. Light refreshments will be served.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
NO FEE

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## *Preschool at the Park: Butterfly Roundup*

Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
Session I – 10:00 a.m.  
Session II – 1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 3-5)

With nets in hand, we will flutter our way across fields in search of butterflies. Preschoolers will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, as well as the proper way to collect and observe these beautiful, flying insects. Nets and containers will be provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
NO FEE

# *Yoga In The Park*

Wednesday, August 13, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
FEE: \$5.00

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# *Children's Program: Milkweed, it's not just for Monarchs*

Thursday, August 14, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 2  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

Join us as we explore stalks of milkweed in search of a variety of insects that have evolved to feed and live on milkweed plants. We'll search for Milkweed Beetles, Large & Small Milkweed Bugs, Oleander Aphids, Milkweed Tussock Moths and of course Monarchs. This program will include a lot of walking. Please wear comfortable shoes.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
NO FEE

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# *Mornings in Mingo*

Wednesday, August 20, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
FEE VARIES

# Evening Paddle

Thursday August 21, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Park Office  
Ten Mile Park

Discover flat water kayaking on Ten Mile Creek with the Parks & Recreation Staff. Join us for an evening of outdoor recreation that is sure to be fun, invigorating and relaxing, all while enjoying the outdoors in Washington County.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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# Star Party

Friday, August 22, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.  
**NO FEE**

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# Family Campout: Mingo Creek Park

Friday, August 22, 2025  
Set up may begin as early as 4:00 p.m.

Mingo Creek Park  
Camping Area

Spend an evening in Mingo Creek Park camping under the star-filled skies. As night falls, we'll be cooking hot dogs, roasting marshmallows, and spending time around the campfire. Bring your own tent and camping supplies. For newbies, the park staff will be available to help set up tents.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**\$3.00 per person**

# Star Party

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.  
**NO FEE**

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## Jr. Girl Scouts Badge: Trail Adventure

Tuesday, August 26, 2025  
5:30 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park

Junior Girl Scouts are invited to Mingo Creek Park to fulfill many of the requirements to earn their trail adventure badge with Park Staff. We'll set out from Shelter 1 and hike the Old Spring Trail. Participants are encouraged to wear good hiking clothes and shoes. Badge not provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## Yoga In The Park

Wednesday, August 27, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$5.00**

# Primitive Fire Making

Thursday, August 28, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 2  
Mingo Creek Park

Learn how to make a fire using flint & steel. All participants will have the opportunity to make their own small fire. All materials will be provided. This program is best suited for ages 12 and older.

No Pre-registration required.  
**NO FEE**

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# Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Bug Hotel

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Shelter 4  
Mingo Creek Park  
(Ages 6-11)

~~Badge not provided.~~  
Come join park staff as we learn what makes up a bug's habitat. Participants will learn how to search for and collect these creatures and create their own bug hotel to take home!

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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# Brownies Badge: Bugs

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

Shelter 10  
Mingo Creek Park

Brownies are invited to Mingo Creek Park to fulfill many of the requirements to earn their Bug Badge. We'll discuss common characteristics of insects, observe common insects found in Washington County and conclude the activity with an insect round-up. Nets and collecting jars will be provided. Wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes. This is an outdoor activity. Badge not provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

# Yoga In The Park

Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Camping Area  
near Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for an evening of relaxation and rejuvenation as we enjoy yoga in the park. This is an introductory class, but we welcome all skill levels to participate. The class will be led by a certified yoga instructor, Susan Volkar. Bring along a yoga mat or beach towel.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
FEE: \$5.00

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# Star Party

Friday, September 19, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.  
NO FEE

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# Star Party

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.  
NO FEE

# Covered Bridge Festival

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Mingo Creek Park

Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Covered Bridge Festival is held at ten (10) covered bridges in Washington & Greene Counties the third weekend of September each year. Crafts, music and food are available at each site. In Mingo Creek Park, sites are located at both the Henry and Ebenezer Bridges. Questions? Please contact the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency at 724-225-3010.

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## Mornings in Mingo

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Park Office

10:00 a.m.

Mingo Creek Park

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**FEE VARIES**

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## Mindfulness Walk at Dusk

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Mingo Creek Park

6:30 p.m.

Hemlock Trail Gazebo

Autumn has arrived, the days are getting shorter, change is in the air. Join Summer Voelker to indulge your senses and ease your mind on this guided Mindfulness Walk at dusk. The Mindfulness Walk will include light meditation, aspects of shinrin yoku and breathing techniques all while enjoying an autumn evening in the forest. This program is for adults and mature minors accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather and light hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**NO FEE**

# Fall Group Wagon Rides

Mingo Creek Park

Friday, October 3, 2025	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 10, 2025	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 11, 2025	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, October 17, 2025	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18, 2025	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ride into fall on Mingo Creek Park’s wagon. Wagon rides are approximately 35 minutes in length. Groups can enjoy the fall splendor as they travel through Mingo Creek Park on the tractor towed wagon. Group size is limited to 25 people per wagon. The use of a picnic shelter and a fire circle two (2) hours before or after the scheduled wagon ride is included.

Registration beginning January 13th. Payment in full at time of registration.  
FEE \$50.00 per wagon ride

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# Fall Group Wagon Rides

Cross Creek Park

Friday, October 3, 2025	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4, 2025	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ride into fall on Cross Creek Park’s wagon. Wagon rides are approximately 35 minutes in length. Groups can enjoy the fall splendor as they travel through Cross Creek Park on the tractor towed wagon. Group size is limited to 20 people per wagon. The use of a picnic shelter and a fire circle two (2) hours before or after the scheduled wagon ride is included.

Registration beginning January 13th. Payment in full at time of registration.  
FEE \$50.00 per wagon ride

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# Fall Fun Day

Saturday, October 4, 2025	Shelter 6
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mingo Creek Park

Join the park staff for a fun filled day of pumpkin carving, scarecrow stuffing and hayrides.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

FEE: Wagon Rides	\$2.00 per person
Pumpkins	\$4.00 per pumpkin
Scarecrow Stuffing	Free – bring your own clothes, straw provided.

# ***Hey! It's a Wagon Ride – Preschool at the Park:***

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

**Session I – 10:00 a.m.**

**Session II – 1:00 p.m.**

**Shelter 1**

**Mingo Creek Park**

**(Ages 3-5)**

The leaves are changing colors and the air is crisp, what a great time for a wagon ride in Mingo Creek Park. Come dressed for the weather and join us in a wagon ride through the park. After the ride, we'll warm up with a cup of warm cider. An adult should plan to attend.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**FEE: \$1.00**

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## ***Ghouls & Goblins Archery***

**Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Shelter 10**

**Mingo Creek Park**

Ready for a spooooooky night of archery? Join NASP instructors, for an evening of archery in Mingo Creek Park. Participants will learn the basics of archery, including parts of the bow, shooting techniques, and safety on the range. After a brief introduction, participants will be able to shoot at "goblins and ghouls." Participants of all levels are welcome. Must be at least 10 years of age to participate.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**FEE VARIES**

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## ***Homeschool Outdoor Classroom: Autumn Adventure***

**Thursday, October 9, 2025**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Shelter 1**

**Mingo Creek Park**

**(Ages 6-11)**

There are many changes that happen to our environment when the season changes. Join Park staff as we go on an autumn scavenger hunt and perform a leaf chromatography experiment with our findings! Dress for weather and light hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**FEE VARIES**

# Trick or Treat Geocaching

Wednesday, October 15, 2025  
5:30 p.m.

Shelter 10  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a fun evening of trick or treating "geocaching" style. Learn the basics of using a handheld Global Positioning Device (GPS) then we will geocache for our tasty treats! Dress for the weather and a moderate hike. We will have a limited number of GPS units to utilize. This is a family activity. Children ages 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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# Headlamp Night Hike

Thursday, October 16, 2025  
8:00 p.m.

Ebenezer Bridge  
Parking Area  
Mingo Creek Park

Calling all nocturnal hikers. Join us for a 2.5 mile night walk on a portion of the Orange Trail in Mingo Creek Park. Take in the sights, sounds and smells of a fall night as we travel through deciduous and coniferous woodlots and oil fields. Dress for the weather, hiking up and down hills and over unstable, uneven terrain in the darkness. Weather and trail conditions permitting. Headlamps provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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# Star Party

Friday, October 17, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.  
**NO FEE**

# Star Party

Friday, October 18, 2025

Observatory  
Mingo Creek Park

Come view the moon, planets and deep space objects in 2025 at the Mingo Creek Observatory. Scheduled public Star Parties are provided by the Amateur Astronomers of Pittsburgh. Star Parties begin at dusk with safe solar viewing beginning approximately two hours before sunset. Observing will take place as long as there is a partly clear sky. For more information about the Mingo Creek Observatory visit [www.3ap.org](http://www.3ap.org).

No Pre-registration required.

**NO FEE**

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# Senior Fall Foliage Wagon Ride

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Shelter 1  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us for a guided wagon ride through Mingo Creek Park to view the beautiful fall foliage. We'll make a few pit stops along the way to take in some of the seasonal sights, smells and sounds of autumn.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**NO FEE**

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# Mornings in Mingo

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Park Office  
Mingo Creek Park

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.

**FEE VARIES**

## ***Dried Floral Wreath***

Thursday, November 13, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Henry House  
Mingo Creek Park

Grab a friend and join Summer Voelker, owner of the Kindred Flower Farm in North Strabane Twp. for an evening of creativity and fun. We'll be constructing a 10" woven wreath from flowers grown and dried locally. An assortment of dried flowers will be available. These wreaths make a unique gift or make a nice accent to a home or office.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
\$30.00 per wreath

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## ***Owl Prowl***

Friday, November 14, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Shelter 11  
Mingo Creek Park

Take a night hike in Mingo Creek Park to listen for the vocalization's of resident owls. Screech Owls and Barred Owls may be heard during this program. This is a fun-filled family outing. Dress for the weather and moderate hiking. This is a weather permitting event. The Owl Prowl will be cancelled if its raining or too windy.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
NO FEE

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## ***Star Party***

Saturday, November 15, 2025

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Mingo Creek Park

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No Pre-registration required.  
NO FEE

## ***Jr. Girl Scouts Badge: Animal Habitats***

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Shelter 4**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Bring your Jr. Girl Scouts to Mingo Creek Park to complete many of the requirements necessary to earn their Animal Habitats Badge. We'll visit an overgrown field, a stand of conifers and maintained parkland to search for evidence of the animals that call these places home. Badge not provided. Dress for the weather moderate hiking.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**NO FEE**

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## ***Mornings in Mingo***

**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Park Office**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office and enjoy a morning in Mingo. Morning in Mingo events may include a craft, a guest speaker, or an educational presentation. Coffee, tea, and materials are provided.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE VARIES**

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## ***Holiday Nature Ornaments***

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Park Office**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join us at Mingo Creek Park Office to bring a little nature indoors this holiday season. Enjoy hot chocolate and a treat while you create holiday ornaments for your tree! Supplies for ornaments will be things scavenged from Mingo Creek Park.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE \$2.00**

# ***Preschool at the Park: Christmas Pajama Party***

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Park Office**  
**Mingo Creek Park**  
**(Ages 3-5)**

Join us for our sixth annual Holiday party! Come in your best PJ's! We will share stories, enjoy a Christmas themed snack, and complete a winter-themed craft on this special day.

Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$3.00**

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# ***Candy Cane Hunt***

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Shelter 1**  
**Mingo Creek Park**

Join Washington County Parks and Recreation as we hide candy canes along the Old Spring Trail in Mingo Creek Park. Bring your flashlight and help us find them! After collecting treats, we will enjoy cookies and hot cocoa.

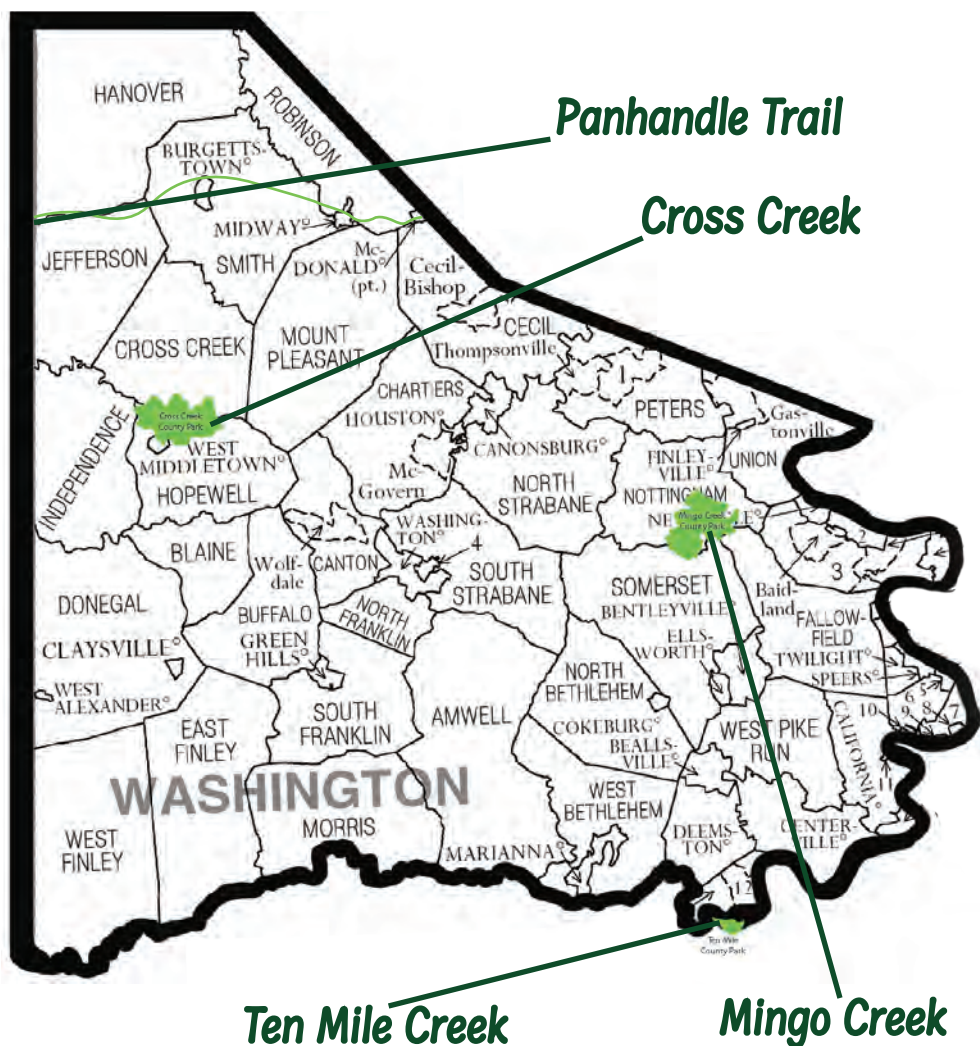
Pre-registration required; registration not more than 30 days in advance.  
**FEE: \$2.00**

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# Washington County Parks Location Map



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