

Kings Gap Programs & Events September 2018

Music on the Mountain



Sunday, Sept 2
3:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Join the Friends of Kings Gap for a free concert. Bring your lawn chair or blanket to the top of the mountain. Food vendors will be available.

Rain or shine!

- **Sunday, September 2:** Celtic: Seasons and The Celtic Martins

For more information, please visit:
www.friendsofkingsgap.org/home/music

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, September 1
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Kings Gap needs volunteers to help with park projects.

Projects may include: leaf clean-up, fence work, painting, gardening, stair work, invasive removal, trail work, and more.

Email ra-nrspkingees@pa.gov to register.

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 22
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest one-day volunteer effort for public lands.

Come out to Kings Gap this NPLD to help with trailwork in the Kings Gap Hollow Use Area.

Lunch is provided.

Registration required by Wednesday, September 19. Email ra-nrspkingees@pa.gov to register.

Contact the Center

nrspkingees@pa.gov 717-486-3799

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/KingsGapEEC>

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/kingsgap/index.htm>



Yoga on the Terrace

Sundays: May 6 – Nov 11
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Join the Friends of Kings Gap for yoga on the mansion terrace Sunday mornings from May 6 – November 11.

Class is for all levels, beginner to experienced. Modifications offered for poses based on ability.

Bring your own mat. Rain or shine. Try one class or all; sign up not required. Recommended donation of \$10/class benefits The Friends of Kings Gap.

Wednesday Workout Hike

Wednesdays: May 16 – Sept 19
6:00 PM – Sunset 🌄🌄🌄🌄🌄

Looking to raise your heartrate and work up a good sweat?

Join us for this free, 3 – 4 mile hike over hilly terrain with a few stops along the trail.

Hikers should have sturdy footwear and water. Meet at Kings Gap Hollow Use Area.



Sunset Hike

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Friday, September 7
6:00 PM – Sunset

Enjoy the beautiful sunset on this free hike. This hike is about 2 hours and between 2 – 3 miles on uneven terrain.

Bring sturdy shoes, water, and dress for the weather. Meet at the education building.

Astronomy Basics

Friday, September 7
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Join us to observe and learn about our night sky! Discover constellations, the moon, planets, stars, and more.

This program is for both adults and children alike. **Recommended age of 8 and up.**

A limited number of binoculars will be available for use. Meet at the education building.

Orienteering for Beginners

Saturday, September 8
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Susquehanna Valley Orienteering presents this program on orienteering basics. Contact Brad Whitmore for questions: whitmore@stsci.edu

Meet in the education building. Children must be aged 8 and over and accompanied by an adult. Large groups please call ahead.

Migrating Monarchs

Sunday, September 16
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Learn about our wonderful migrating monarchs. Monarch diet, life cycle, and their amazing migration will be explored.

Become citizen scientists and help us to tag and release butterflies!

Meet at the education building.

Archery Basics

Saturday, September 22
9:00 AM- 11:00 AM – Session 1
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM – Session 2

Join us on *National Hunting and Fishing Day* to learn the basics of archery technique, safety, and skill. **Ages 10 and up.** Equipment provided for use thanks to a grant from *PA Game Commission*.

Pre-registration is required for this free program. 20 spots available each session. For new or novice archers. Register online at our website.

K-9s at Kings Gap

Sunday, September 30
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Bring your furry friend for a day dedicated to dogs. Enjoy an obedience and agility demo, and participate with your dog in group activities. Then join us for a 1 – 2 mile hike while learning about the dos and don'ts of hiking with your dog. All friendly and leashed dogs are invited.



Difficulty ratings for hikes

Easy



Medium



Difficult



Upcoming Programs and Events at Kings Gap

Look ahead for these upcoming programs. For details, visit our official calendar: http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/kings_gap_environmental_education_center/calendar

**Programs subject to change without notice. Please check our calendar for updates.*

Volunteer Work Day: Saturday, October 6, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Kings Gap needs volunteers to help with park projects, including preparations for Garden Harvest Day. Email kserfass@pa.gov to register.

Garden Harvest Day : Sunday, October 7, Noon– 5:00 PM

Join the Friends of Kings Gap for this Fall Festival. A variety of activities, vendors, and make-and-take items will be available. A concert with Indian Summer Jars will take place from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. **Free Admission!** (Nominal fees for “make and take” items)

Project WILD Educator Workshop: Friday, October 12, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

This workshop for educators provides wildlife-based conservation and environmental education activities that are hands-on, easy to use, and fun. Each participant will receive a Project WILD curriculum guide. Six (6) Act 48 hours available. **\$15 cost.** Bring a packed lunch. Dress for the weather. **Registration required.** Email michnardon@pa.gov to register.

Fall Foliage Hike: Sunday, October 14, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Enjoy the beauty of autumn during peak foliage season. This 1.5 mile hike is about 90 minutes over uneven terrain with a few stops along the way. Bring water, wear sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather. Meet by the flagpole outside of the Mansion!

Moonlight Walk and Campfire: Saturday, October 20, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Intended for adults, this free program will test your senses as we adjust to the dark. The hike will end with a campfire and s'mores. Meet us at the Pine Plantation Use Area.

Furnace Fest at Pine Grove Furnace State Park

Saturday, October 20, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM | Sunday, October 21, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Fall Furnace Festival features a variety of food and craft vendors, booths, and activities. Saturday night's event is the Legend of the Hairy Hand and the Pumpkin Float at Fuller Beach at 7 PM.

Creepy Crawlies and Costumes- Halloween Hike: Saturday, October 27, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Some animals are considered creepy and crawly – only seeming to get attention on Halloween. While hiking in your favorite costume, we will learn the truth about four feared animals, and do a search of local crawly critters. A related craft will follow. Meet at the Education Building for this free program.

Ghoulish Gallop: Saturday, October 27, Time: TBA

Join the Friends of Kings Gap when the Ghoulish Gallop returns this year. They'll have some new treats...or tricks...in store! There will be a timed morning run for those that want to compete and the traditional stroll in the afternoon. Registration required. Visit www.friendsofkingsgap.org for info!

Owls of Pennsylvania: Late Oct/Early Nov. (Dependent on owl migration)

Come learn about owls found in PA. Discover owls of our state, their adaptations, and where they live. Saw-Whet owls will be featured. Weather permitting, owl banders from the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art will attempt to capture saw-whet owls. Catching a live bird is not guaranteed, but if owls are netted the banding process will be demonstrated indoors on a **live bird**. Meet in the Education Building.

Holiday Open House: Sunday, December 2 and 9, Noon – 4:00 PM.

Join the Friends of Kings Gap and enjoy this opportunity to explore the Cameron-Masland Mansion, a mountain stone villa built in 1908 as a summer home. Take a self-guided tour of both floors of the mansion in seasonal decor. Enjoy music of the season along with light refreshments.

Holiday Coffee House: Saturday, December 8, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Enjoy coffee, conversation, music, and light refreshments with the Friends of Kings Gap. Phyllis Chapell and Steve Jewitt will provide the music for this event. The Mansion will be decorated for the holidays. For more information, visit