

Winterfest 2023							
Ongoing Activities, Demonstrations, and Displays							
10:00						Bird Walk 10 - 10:30	Wild Winter Tea Display 10 - 2
10:30						Winter Weeds Walk 10:30 - 11	
11:00	Lunch FREE Hot Dogs & Cocoa 11 Till Gone	Kid's Crafts 11 - 1 Pinecone Birdfeeders		Winter Tree ID Walk 11 - 11:30	Bird Box Building 11 - 1	Audubon Display 10 - 2	Winter Weeds Display 11 - 1
11:30							
12:00							
12:30							
1:00			Solar Viewing / Optics Demo 12 - 2			Bird Walk 1 - 1:30	staffed only for tasting at 12
1:30			Winter in the Lumber Camp Cross-cut Saw Demos & Displays 1 - 3			Winter Weeds Walk 1:30 - 2	
2:00							
2:30							
3:00							

indicates a guided walk

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Kids Zone – Kids Crafts (11 – 1)

Youngsters can make pinecone bird feeders to take home and explore with park staff what birds their homemade feeders might attract.

Bluebird Box Building (11 – 1)

Each family can build a box and take it home (free!). Limited quantities. Assistance provided by the Tiadaghton Audubon Society.

Solar Viewing and Telescope Demo (12 – 2)

Join the newly formed PA Wilds Astronomy Club to safely view the sun with special telescopes. As we approach the peak of the 11-year solar cycle, the sun should have visible sunspots and prominences visible in their special telescopes. In the event of heavy clouds, the group will demonstrate telescopes and specialized binoculars for viewing distant objects. In the event of inclement weather, the solar program will be cancelled.

Lumber Camps in Winter Demo (1 – 3)

How would you do as a wintery lumberjack? Join Pennsylvania Lumber Museum educator Jennifer Haines in hand-on winter lumber cp activities and displays. Cross-cut saws available to try for ages 8 and older as weather permits.

DISPLAYS

Audubon Society (10 – 2)

Members of the Tiadaghton Audubon Society will have several displays relating to birding and will also lead birding walks – see below.

Winter Weeds (11 – 1)

Join educator Vinny Curtis from Tiadaghton State Forest to learn about winter plants. It's more than just trees out there! Vinny will also lead walks to identify winter plants in the area, see below.

Winter Teas (10 – 2)

Discover what can you use from nature to make a warming winter beverage. Free recipe handouts. 12 PM - Taste some wild-foraged tea with Susan, educator at Lyman Run State Park. Available while supplies last.

GUIDED WALKS AND TALKS

Winter Birding Walk (10 – 10:30 & 1 – 1:30)

Join members of the Tiadaghton Audubon for a short birding walk in the event area. Limited binoculars will be available as well as field guides and expert advice.

Winter Weeds (10:30 – 11 & 1:30 – 2)

Join educator Vinny Curtis from Tiadaghton State Forest on a walk to learn about winter plants. Learn what plant makes those spikey seed pods poking out of the snow, and discover which weedy plants are important for overwintering animals.

Winter Tree ID (11 – 11:30)

Join forester, Marshall Hilton, for a closer look at winter tree identification and more specifically trees that might fool the most homeowners.

Winter Tea Tasting (12 'til gone)

Take a sip of tea made from local wild plants, including spruce needles. Available while supplies last.

For more fun family winter activities, visit

<https://www.stepoutdoors.org/>