

We are pleased to offer small in-person walks as well as virtual programs. **The number of participants for in-person programs is limited; all participants over age 2 are required to wear masks covering their mouths and noses, and to maintain social distance whenever possible.**

Pre-registration is required for ALL programs; call 716-683-5959 to register for an in-person program. For virtual programs, please register online at reinsteinwoods.org.

We welcome those who have any type of physical challenge to all our programs. If you call ahead to let us know your needs, we will be happy to learn how we can serve you.

PROGRAMS AT REINSTEIN WOODS

- You must pre-register by phone; you will receive a call confirming your registration or waitlist status. PLEASE SPEAK CLEARLY when leaving your name and phone number as our system does not have caller ID. Unless you receive a callback, you are not registered. *Registration for popular programs is limited to 3 people per party.
- All participants are required to wear a mask; social distancing of 6 feet or more will be practiced whenever possible.
- In case of poor weather, programs may be cancelled.
- We cannot accommodate organized youth/civic groups at these programs. Please call to make other arrangements.

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 2 at 1:00 PM

WILD WEDNESDAY

Together, kids and their parents or caregivers can enjoy a fun hour-long outdoor activity. **For children in grades K through 5.**

Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 AM

WARMING UP TO NATURE

On this guided walk, we will learn about animals' behaviors and adaptations to keep warm.

Saturday, December 5 at 11:00 AM

BIRDING AT AMHERST STATE PARK *

Join a quest in search of birds! Learn how birds survive the winter and count how many bird species we can find. **Note: this program takes place at Amherst State Park.**

Wednesday, December 9 at 1:00 PM

WILD WEDNESDAY

Together, kids and their parents or caregivers can enjoy a fun hour-long outdoor activity. **For children in grades K through 5.**

Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 AM

HOLIDAY SNOWSHOE HIKE

Step away from the holiday madness and enjoy a walk in the woods on snowshoes. We will still walk if there is no snow. **\$15.00/person; Friends members = \$10.00. Pre-registration required; register online at www.reinsteinwoods.org/events.**

Wednesday, December 16 at 1:00 PM

WILD WEDNESDAY

Together, kids and their parents or caregivers can enjoy a fun hour-long outdoor activity. **For children in grades K through 5.**

Saturday, December 19 at 7:00 PM

OWL PROWL*

Learn about the owls that live in Reinstein Woods and join a nocturnal hike to try to find them. **For adults and children ages 8 and older.**

Monday, December 21 at 6:30 PM

EVENING SOLSTICE WALK

Celebrate the winter solstice on an evening walk through the forest. Bring your own lantern to light the way!

Thursday, December 24 at 10:30 AM

COMMUNITY SCIENCE PROJECT: WINTER CRITTER TRACKS & SCAT RECORDING

Learn how to identify and record tracks and scat (poop) of local wildlife at Reinstein Woods, a park, or in your backyard. **For adults and children ages 12 and older.**

Saturday, December 26 at 10:30 AM

HOLIDAY NATURE WALK

Slow down this holiday season and surround yourself with nature on this mid-morning walk through the Woods.

Wednesday, December 30 at 10:00 AM

LEARN TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKI *

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing before going on a short, guided ski tour. **\$15.00/person; Friends members = \$10.00. Pre-registration required; register online at www.reinsteinwoods.org/events.**

Thursday, December 31 at 1:30 PM

LAST DAY HIKE

Celebrate the end of 2020 and make a resolution to spend more time outside!

JANUARY

Friday, January 1 at 10:00 AM

FIRST DAY HIKE *

Ring in New Year's Day with a hike led by a DEC Forest Ranger, who will discuss how to prepare for any outdoor adventure.

Saturday, January 2 at 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR SNOWSHOE HIKE IN AMHERST

Learn the basics of snowshoeing and enjoy a guided snowshoe walk.

Note: this program takes place at Billy Wilson Park/Great Baehre Swamp in the Town of Amherst. \$15.00/person; Friends members = \$10.00. Pre-registration required; register online at www.reinsteinwoods.org/events.

Saturday, January 9 at 9:00 AM

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FOR KIDS

A great way to introduce kids to birding and escape the post-holiday blahs! Small teams of kids will compete to see who can find the most birds during 90-minute hikes at Reinstein Woods and other nearby sites. Binocular instructions provided. For more information, call 716-683-5959. Pre-registration required; register online at <https://reinsteinwoods.org/events/cbc-for-kids2021/>.

Saturday, January 16 at 10:00 AM

WINTER BIRDS: FEEDING AND FORAGING *

Enjoy a short walk to search for birds foraging on the trail following an outdoor demonstration on winter bird-feeding tips.

Sunday, January 17 at 10:00 AM

LEARN TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKI *

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Saturday, January 23 at 10:00 AM

LEARN TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKI *

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Saturday, January 30 at 10:00 AM

WINTER TREE ID

Don't know the difference between a spruce and a pine tree? Come learn how to ID local trees in winter. **For adults and children ages 10 and older.**

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 AM

GROUNDHOGS AND WOOLLY BEARS

Explore the folklore of weather predictors and discover the best spots to watch for signs of spring at Reinstein Woods.

Sunday, February 7 at 10:00 AM

LEARN TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKI *

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing before going on a short, guided ski tour. \$15.00/person; Friends members = \$10.00. Pre-registration required; register online at www.reinsteinwoods.org/events.

Saturday, February 13 at 10:30 AM

FAMILY NATURE QUEST: WINTER WILDLIFE

Join us for a guided morning walk along the trails as we look for signs of wildlife.

Thursday, February 18 at 10:00 AM

LEARN TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKI *

Learn the basics of cross-country skiing before going on a short, guided ski tour. \$15.00/person; Friends members = \$10.00. Pre-registration required; register online at www.reinsteinwoods.org/events.

Saturday, February 20 at 10:00 AM

BIRDING 101 *

Learn how to bird during wintertime by searching for them at Reinstein Woods. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 AM

FAMILY SNOWSHOE HIKE

Explore the woods on snowshoes. We will still walk if there is no snow. \$15.00/person; Friends members = \$10.00. Pre-registration required; register online at www.reinsteinwoods.org/events.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

- All programs require online pre-registration.
- Participants will be emailed a link for the presentation.
- To register, go to: www.reinsteinwoods.org/events

Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 PM

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS—EARTH-FRIENDLY EDITION

Join us virtually as we dive into the world of wrapping, packing, and decorating for the festive season. We will discuss and explore sustainable and ethical alternatives to present wrapping and gift giving while putting a unique and creative spin on the traditional holiday season.

Monday, December 28 at 11:00 AM

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: TERRIFIC TURTLES

Virtually meet and learn about the three turtles that live in the Education Center at Reinstein Woods.

Tuesday, January 19 at 10:00 AM

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: WINTER WILDFLOWERS

Explore the world of winter plants and see what next summer's wildflowers will look like. **For adults only.**

Tuesday, January 26 at 10:00 AM

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS

It's never too early to think about your summer garden! Discover how choosing the right plants can benefit wildlife while also beautifying your yard.

Wednesday, February 10 at 10:00 AM

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: UNDER THE ICE

Where do beavers and turtles go in the winter? Join us for a virtual exploration of what is living under the ice at Reinstein Woods.

Tuesday, February 16 at 10:00 AM

VIRTUAL PROGRAM: TIPS FOR WINTER PLAY

Worried about being bored this school break? Join us for a short presentation on winter nature play ideas and make a bucket list for your break week!