

## Fairmount Park ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Understanding the environment is critical to helping preserve it. Learning about our park's streams, forests and meadows can be fun! Fairmount Park offers class field trips, outreach programs, summer camp opportunities and public programs on topics such as watersheds, habitats, forest ecology, wildlife, stream ecology, geology, maple sugaring & apple pressing.

## General Information

### Location

**Pennypack Environmental Center**  
8600A Verree Road  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19115  
215-685-0470



*Pennypack Environmental Center is handicapped-accessible.*

Pennypack Environmental Center is located in Northeast Philadelphia at 8600A Verree Road, approximately 1 mile north of Rhawn Street and 1.5 miles south of Red Lion Road. Via SEPTA, take route 67

### Trails

Trails are open dawn to dusk.

### Hours

The center is open weekdays from 9am-4pm. *Now Open the first Saturday of each month!* Weekend hours vary, so call ahead. Closed holidays.

### Volunteering

For information about volunteer opportunities and restoration projects, call 215-685-0470.

### Clubs

For information about the Pennypack Valley Bird Club, call 215-685-0470.

### Fox Chase Farm

Fairmount Park's 112-acre educational farm is located at 8500 Pine Road, 1 mile north of Rhawn Street.

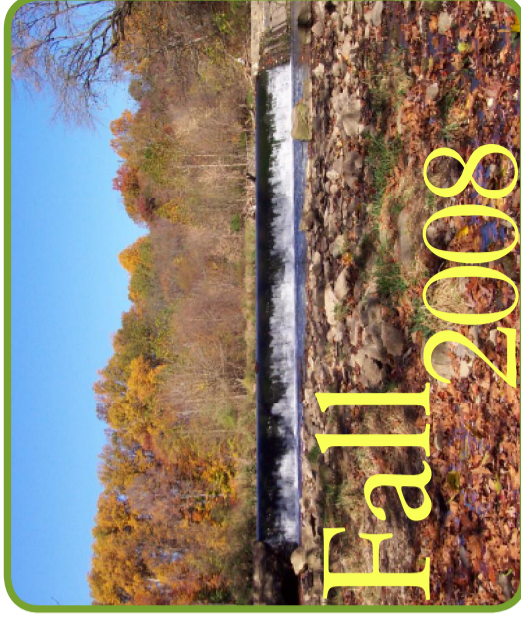


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PHILADELPHIA'S  
PARK SYSTEM



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in Your Neighborhood

# Public Programs



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Environment, Stewardship & Education

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## FALL 2008 CALENDAR OF PUBLIC EVENTS

### OPEN HOUSE

#### Pennypack Environmental Center



Every first Saturday  
9:00am-3:00pm

Come explore the Pennypack Environmental Center on the first Saturday of each month! See our native fish aquarium, naturalistic mural, wildlife exhibits and bird feeding stations. Visitors are welcome to use our reference library.

## OCTOBER

### Fall Festival and Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, October 4 (raindate: Sunday Oct. 5)  
11am-4pm

Join us for seasonal activities including apple cidering, pumpkin painting, crafts, storytellers, a *Live Raptor Show* with hawks, owls and vultures, *The Unhuggables* performed by Public Eye: Artists for Animals, and more at our annual Fall Festival. Spaces available for artists and crafters to display and sell their work. Spaces are limited, so call early to register for a space. Free admittance.

### Applefest at Fox Chase Farm

Saturday, October 18  
12Noon-4pm

Enjoy a day of cider pressing, apple butter making, hayrides, candle dipping, a corn maize, seasonal games, live music and more. Pumpkins, apples, apple butter and cider for sale. Fox Chase Farm is located on Pine Road, one mile north of Rhawn St.  
\$5 Adults & Teens  
\$3 Children (Ages 3-12)

## OCTOBER (CONT'D)



### Halloween Campfire

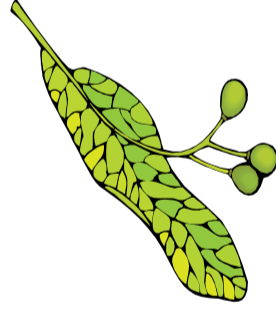
Friday, October 24  
7pm

Spooky stories, scary sing-alongs and a roaring fire help to make this night a frightening one. This campfire will be followed by refreshments and seasonal activities. \$5.00 per person. Ages 5 and up must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and space is limited so call early!

### Trees, Seeds and Apple Cider Making at Fisher Park

Saturday, October 25  
2pm

Join Fairmount Park naturalists to discover the beauty of Fisher Park in the fall. Learn some of the different trees in Fisher Park and the surrounding neighborhood and discover how trees prepare for the cold winter months. Help turn the crank of our apple press and make fresh **apple cider**. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. **Where: Meet at Fisher Park Recreation Center, 5th and Spencer Streets, Olney.**



## NOVEMBER

### Oh Deer!

Saturday, November 1  
11am

Join a park naturalist in search of the white-tailed deer. Look for signs they leave behind, their effects on the forest, and different management techniques that are used in the park.

### Storytelling Campfire

Friday, November 7  
7:30pm



Join us for our last campfire of the year. Listen to stories around a warm fire and toast marshmallows.

### Native American Lore and Legends at Fisher Park

Saturday, November 15  
2pm

Discover the lore and legends of Native Americans. This program begins with Native American stories and an indoor demonstration of primitive skills, followed by a walk to discover how Native Americans used plants for food and tools. **Where: Meet at Fisher Park Recreation Center, 5th and Spencer Streets, Olney.**



## DECEMBER

### Junior Naturalist: Winter Here We Come!

Saturday, December 6  
11am

Children ages 6-12 can join us as we learn how plants and animals of Pennypack Park are preparing for winter. Search for signs that wildlife leaves behind, and make a tasty treat to attract feathered friends to your own backyard.

### Fox Chase Farm Greens Sale

Saturday December 6 & Sunday December 7  
10am-3pm

Shop for your holiday greens at our Annual Green Sale. Decorated wreaths, swags, bows, candle centerpieces and pine roping will be for sale. Enjoy hot mulled cider and roasted chestnuts for an old-fashioned holiday tradition. **Volunteers needed throughout the week.** Call for more information.

### Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, December 20

Experienced birders needed to help out with our annual winter bird count. Call Brian Schultz for more information at 215-685-0470.

### Beginners Bird Watching

Saturday, December 20  
10am

Learn the basics of bird watching. Join park staff as we discover some of the birds that call Pennypack Park home during the winter months. Binoculars will be available for loan. Ages 8 thru adult.