

Nature Notes



Summer 2019

Family programs at George Owens Nature Park



A Summer of Catch and Release

Nature Story Time

Every Thursday
10 am and 11 am
June through August

Time for great stories and outside adventures at George Owens Nature Park (except July 11 at Hill Park). Nature crafts too. Appropriate for ages 3—8.

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| June 6 | Catch Tadpoles |
| June 13 | Catch Crawdads |
| June 20 | Catch Fish |
| June 27 | Catch Fireflies |
| July 11 | <i>Wade in the Creek at Hill Park</i> |
| July 18 | Catch Grasshoppers |
| July 25 | Catch Dragonflies |
| Aug 1 | Make Hummingbird Feeders |
| Aug 8 | Make Tracks |
| Aug 15 | Make Bee Bread |
| Aug 22 | Make a Bird Book |
| Aug 29 | Make a Trip to Nature's Grocery Store |

More thrills than the Kentucky Derby



Crawdad Derby at Hill Park

June 15, Saturday 10 am—1 pm

Race crawdads all morning. Pick a crawdad from a bucket of thoroughbreds and cheer it to the finish line. Catch crawdads in Rock Creek, too.

Hummingbird Festival



September 7, Saturday

9 am—3:30 pm

Ruby-throated hummingbirds throng here during migration, attracted to the native flowers and more than 50 feeders. Join us for hummingbird banding, expert advice, kid crafts, a migration game and a walk among the feeders. We'll also sell native plants that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies to your house.



Dragonfly Daze

July 27, Saturday
10 am—1 pm

Dragonflies are cool and so is catching them. Make your own dragonfly. Start a dragonfly life list. We supply nets, materials and dragonflies. You'll need sunscreen, a refillable water bottle and insect repellent.

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George Owens Nature Park

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Park Hours May 1 - Sep 30

Tue - Fri: 8:30 am-8 pm Sat: 8:30 am-5 pm
Sun: Noon-5 pm Monday: Closed



George Owens Nature Park, 1601 S. Speck Rd., Independence. From the intersection of M291 and 23rd St., go east on 23rd. Turn left (north) at the 3rd stoplight/Speck Rd.