

# Nature Notes



Winter 2018-2019

Family Programs at George Owens Nature Park



## Full Moon Hikes

*Beaver Moon	Nov 24	Sat	6:30 pm	Moon rise 6:35 pm
*Long Night Moon	Dec 21	Fri	5:00 pm	Moon rise 4:22 pm
Wolf Moon	Feb 16	Sat	6:00 pm	Moon rise 2:37 pm
Egg Moon	Apr 19	Fri	8:30 pm	Moon rise 8:25 pm

\*Thanksgiving and Christmas hikes will be on paved trails that are stroller and wheelchair accessible.

All hikes take place at George Owens Nature Park. Each hike is limited to 15 participants. You must be able to hike off-trail. No baby strollers or light-up shoes, please.

Reserve your place by 5 pm on the day before the hike at (816) 325-7115.



## Christmas Decorations from Nature

December 6 Thursday 6:00-7:30 pm

Create lovely, natural Christmas decorations using materials from nature—evergreens, berries, pine cones, seed pods and grasses. We provide all materials, including ribbons and bells.

Preregistration is required; \$10 per person. **Please call (816) 325-7843 to register.** *Note: This workshop is appropriate for ages 10 and older and is limited to 20 people.*



## Native Wildflowers Project

### Winter Seeding

December 1, Saturday  
10:00—11:30 am

Create your own winter sowing container with Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Sara Scheil. Sara will demonstrate a simple, low-care way to germinate wildflower seeds using the environment they're adapted to. We provide local wildflower seeds, container, materials and tools. Register by calling **(816) 325-7115**. *Note: The workshop is appropriate for ages 14 and older and is limited to 20 people.*

## Snake Days

Thursday Afternoons  
4:00—4:30 pm



January 3, 10, 24, 31 and February 7, 14, 21, 28

Get to know our two mild-mannered corn snakes and a very large but shy Great Plains rat snake. We will feed them, learn how to handle them, and discover how snakes live their lives. No reservations necessary. All ages welcome.

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*The Shortest Day of 2018*

15th Annual



## Winter Solstice

## Torch-lit Hike

December 12 Wed 5:00-6:30 pm



Walk a forest trail lit by torches and lined with snowmen. It will lead you to owls, ice sculptures, telescopes and a bonfire. View the night sky; see live owls; and drink free hot chocolate. The first 200 guests will receive free commemorative travel mugs.

## Valentines For Groundhogs



February 9 Saturday 11 am - Noon

Listen to stories around a cozy fire with hot chocolate. Make valentines and give our groundhog in the backyard a special Valentine's Day present. We'll go outside to give Groundhog his Valentine, so dress warmly.

## George Owens Nature Park

[www.georgeowensnaturepark.org](http://www.georgeowensnaturepark.org)

(816) 325-7115

### **Park Hours October—April**

Tues—Sat: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Closed Sunday and Monday

### **Park Hours May—September**

Tues—Fri: 8:30 am-8:00 pm

Sun: Noon-5:00 pm

Sat: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Closed Mondays

***George Owens Nature Park is located*** at 1601 S. Speck Rd. in Independence. From the intersection of M291 and 23rd St., go east on 23rd. Turn north at the 3rd stoplight/Speck Rd. The park will be on your right.

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