Fall and Winter Events 2019-2020

Round Valley Recreation Area

Sunday, October 27 Halloween Fall Foliage
10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. With climate changing, it’s hard to tell when the leaves will reach peak color. Find out why some trees go minimal for winter while others remain unchanged. We’ll also tell a Round Valley Halloween story or two. $3.00 for ages 12 and up, $1.00 for ages 6 to 11

Saturday, November 16 Round Valley Rocks
10 A.M. to Noon Why are the Highlands high and the Valley low? Take a short hike on two of our trails, see and feel the rocks, and learn why Round Valley rocks are different. Maybe find a piece of iron ore from our long gone mine. Bring a compass if you have one. $3.00 for ages 12 and up, $1.00 for ages 6 to 11

Saturday, December 21 Winter Solstice Hike
3 P.M. to 4:45 P.M. We’ll hike the Cushetunk or the Water Trail as the shortest day yields to night. Learn how various ancient civilizations commemorated the day in the hopes that the sun would sink no lower into the southern sky. To help your local birds make the end of winter, we’ll give a log feeder to each registered family.

Wednesday, January 1 New Year’s Walk
10 A.M. to Noon Whatever you did the night before, this is your chance to get outdoors in New Jersey and start 2020 off on the right foot. We’ll hike either The Cushetunk or Water Trail and look for the wildlife that that endure our shortest days. No fee to participate

Sunday, February 2 Groundhog Hike
You Might See Your Shadow!
10 A.M. to Noon Yes, we have them and no, we won’t see them. Winter’s grasp is lightening a bit, as days lengthen. Winter hiking brings solitude and quiet beauty, but it has its dangers. Learn the do’s and don’ts of winter hiking. If snow covered, bring snow shoes. To make ready for spring, we’ll assemble bluebird houses after the hike so that you can invite these messengers of spring to nest close by. Note: Must register for the bluebird house part of this event. Parts for eight houses are on hand. $3.00 for ages 12 and up, $1.00 for ages 6 to 11

Sunday, February 9 Full Moon Hike
5:45 P.M. to 7 P.M. There’s a moon out tonight. Experience the Snow Full Moon under lunar light during our short hike, with ample time for pictures and listening for a possible owl. You can bring flashlights but please use them only in the event of emergency. No Fee to participate

Saturday, March 21 Here comes the sun!
10 A.M. to 1 P.M. We’ve waited long enough! To celebrate the spring equinox, we’ll do a short hike and look for signs of the spring that is upon us. $3.00 for ages 12 and up, $1.00 for ages 6 to 11

All Events Meet in the Round Valley Recreation Area South Parking Lot (first right after the toll booth) To Register call the Park Office: 908-236-6355