

NOTICE

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Mission of Love Food Hub

Every Tuesday- Located at 555 North Main St., Bangor, 8am-12pm. All are invited. Dr. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

Explore Warren County Tourism at: ExploreWarren.org

Located at 165 County Route 519 South - Belvidere, NJ 07823 908-475-6580 / 800-554-8540

Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank

Located at 111 State St. Portland Pa. are open every Monday 8am to Noon

Biking

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - River Road Bushkill, PA (570) 426-2452 Levee Loop Trail - Biking East Stroudsburg, PA (570) 426-1512 info@srosrsrc.org

BIKE TRAIN

ALL ABOARD THE SCENIC BIKE TRAIN!

Hop on the Bike Train and step back in time. Enjoy a relaxing 25 mile train ride through the Lehigh Gorge. Then, pedal your bike back down to Jim Thorpe at your own pace along the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

Advance Tickets/reservations Are Required For The Bike Train And Can Be Made By Calling The Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (Aka Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway) Directly At

the student's successful completion of the week of school. Registration is open now at www.ncjcs.org. Please fill out the online application at <https://www.ncjcs.org/preapp/> to register for the 2024 session.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

Community Programs, June 2025

Weekly Weeders

Monday, June 2 & 30 at 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden Monday mornings from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. Registration is required.

Nesting Box Evening Hike

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 6pm to 8pm

Join our cavity nest monitors, Becca and Jeff, for a two-mile hike to count eggs, chicks, and fledglings in the nest boxes at the center. You may even encounter predation or parasitism! Either way, it's an excellent opportunity to take part in a tradition that has continued at Jacobsburg for 20+ years and learn more about common birds that use the nest boxes. Registration is required. Please wear comfortable footwear and dress for the weather.

Bird Walk for Adults

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 8am to 10am

Join volunteer Dan for a morning bird walk at Jacobsburg. Dan will teach you the basics of looking and listening for birds, how to identify them, and how to use a field guide. Binoculars are available to borrow if you don't have your own. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Registration is required.

Exploring Local Resources for Environmental Literacy & Sustainability in K-8 STEELS Classrooms - Educator Workshop

Thursday, June 12, 2025 9am to 3pm

Join us for an engaging professional development designed to help K-8 educators integrate Pennsylvania's STEELS Environmental Literacy and Sustainability Standards into their classrooms. Representatives from Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Nurture Nature Center, and Wildlands Conservancy will utilize educational resources, programs, and field experiences available to support your teaching.

Participants will explore ways to bring environmental education to life, foster student curiosity, and connect classroom learning with real-world sustainability efforts. This workshop will provide valuable tools and connections to enhance instruction. Registration is required. Contact Heather Heimer hheimer@ciu20.org with questions about how to register.

Family Science Night: Creek Critters

Friday, June 13, 2025 6pm to 7:30pm

Join us to learn about the fascinating creatures living in Bushkill Creek. Equipment to study these animals will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and expect to be in the water up to your knees. This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Registration is required. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total.

Hike for Health

Wednesday, June 18 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

DiscoverE Hide 'n Seekers (Ages 3-5): Here We Grow! Morning Session

Tuesday-Friday, June 24-27, 2025 10am to 11am

Flowers and birds, dragonflies and chipmunks – a garden is a fantastic place to explore and learn about the exciting animals that call it home. Have fun learning about how to attract animals to a garden and make take home crafts start a garden of your very own! Campers must be accompanied

by an adult each day of camp. Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. This camp begins on Tuesday, June 24 and ends on Friday, June 27 and will be from 10:00 - 11:00 AM each day. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

DiscoverE Hide 'n Seekers (Ages 3-5): Here We Grow! Afternoon Session

Tuesday-Friday, June 24-27, 2025 1pm to 2pm

Flowers and birds, dragonflies and chipmunks – a garden is a fantastic place to explore and learn about the exciting animals that call it home. Have fun learning about how to attract animals to a garden and make take home crafts start a garden of your very own! Campers must be accompanied by an adult each day of camp. Please choose only one session of camp to sign up for. This camp begins on Tuesday, June 24 and ends on Friday, June 27 and will be from 1:00 - 2:00 PM each day. There is a non-refundable \$15.00 registration fee for this camp.

Butterflies of Jacobsburg

Saturday, June 28, 2025 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Join us for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of these beautiful insects. We'll show you how to quickly identify local species and the best places to look for them. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. A hat, bottled water sunscreen, binoculars, and camera are recommended. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total.

Magnificent Moths!

Saturday, June 28, 2025 8:30pm to 10:30pm

Moths are everywhere and come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. Join local moth enthusiast Steve Kloiber as we search for moths and other insects of the night. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Please bring a flashlight. Registration required. Please register all members of your party including adults and children as space for this program is limited to 20 attendees total.

Fishing Equipment Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400

Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

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Butterfly Walk for Adults

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 10am to 12pm

Join butterfly enthusiast and conservation volunteer, Doug Burton, for a leisurely walk through the center to find different types of butterflies, learn about their host plants, and discuss conservation issues that may threaten populations. This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Hike for Health

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 5:30pm to 7pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Volunteer Program: Knotweed Knockdown

Friday, July 11, 2025 1pm to 3:30pm

Do you enjoy using machetes? Have you always dreamed of slashing through thick stands of plants? Join the crew at Jacobsburg for our annual Knotweed knockdown event! Tools and gloves will be provided. Adult-only participants are encouraged to wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, and avoid loose-fitting clothing or jewelry. Registration is required.

Family Science Night: Dams, Water Wheels, and Raceways

Friday, July 11, 2025 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Discover the hidden technologies of the past! Participants will walk along Jacobsburg's trails to uncover the remnants of historical sources of energy used by the Henry family. This event will meet at the Boulton Parking Lot near gate H1 along Henry Road and walk through mildly uneven terrain with some sloping. Participants are highly encouraged to be prepared to walk

in the creek up to knee-height with appropriate footwear and clothing. This program is best suited for families with children aged 5 or older. Registration is required.

Volunteer Program: Brush In. Brush Out.

Saturday, July 12, 2025 9am to 11am

2 tasks, 1 morning. This adult-only volunteer program will consist of the removal of brush from a forested area along Sobers Run trail and an additional section of re-planting along the waterway. Tools and gloves will be provided. Participants are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes and clothing appropriate for trail maintenance. Work involves walking on trail and carrying some heavier brush collections, as well as frequent bending and standing. Registration is required.

Plants: There's An App For That!

Saturday, July 12, 2025 2pm to 3pm

Participants will identify plants using common applications. Bring your own device to learn how to navigate the apps and avoid common mistakes! During the event participants will be walking on mild terrain and exposed to the elements. Please dress appropriately. This program is best suited for ages 12 and older. Registration is required

Crayfish Quest

Saturday, July 19, 2025 3:30am to 5:30am

Join us to learn about the fascinating lives of crayfish as we explore the creek for these unusual creatures. Equipment will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and expect to be in the water up to your knees. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Blinking Lights on Summer Nights

Saturday, July 19, 2025 8:30am to 9:30am

Are you mesmerized by the flashes of fireflies during warm summer evenings? Would you like to know what the flashes mean or what you can do to improve backyard habitat for these twinkling insects? Join us to learn all about the secret lives of fireflies! This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required.

Inclusivity in Nature: Birding

Thursday, July 24, 2025 9:30am to 11am

Learn about all of the accessible resources Jacobsburg has to offer! Participants will engage in a lesson about how we keep our park accessible to individuals of all abilities. Then participants will partake in a bird walk using the tools we discussed. This event will meet at the Visitor Center. The path for the bird walk will be determined by the participants! This program is best suited for adults who are either disabled or adults looking for information on general park accessibility.