

# October 2022

## Venture Parks Education Team Programs



Visit us at [OutdoorNebraska.org](http://OutdoorNebraska.org)

The Venture Park Naturalist Team provides learning opportunities for our guests in the parks. Naturalists are people who love the outdoors & are passionate about discovering, exploring & sharing the joys of nature with you. It is our goal to inspire appreciation & knowledge of natural & cultural resources while promoting greater understanding, support for & participation in conservation & outdoor recreation.

*\*\*\* Programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather, staffing shortages or other unforeseen circumstances. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Please dress appropriately for the activity & the weather. Programs are free unless a fee is noted. Park entry permits are required on vehicles entering the state parks and recreation areas.*



## Fall Break Days at Schramm

**LOCATION; SCHRAMM EDUCATION CENTER**

Fall Break Days are designed to provide a little something extra in the center on days when some schools are out of session. These programs are included at no additional charge with your admission to the center.

**Dates: October 12th, October 18th & November 1st**

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

**10-12:00 Sling Shots and Cornhole** Enjoy outdoor games to get your morning going while learning about accuracy & precision.

**1-2:30 Bats** Explore bat myths, adaptations, habitats & more as you learn about these magnificent mammals. We will have a bat art activity available in the maker space, too.

**3:00 Nature Hike with a Naturalist** We'll head out to the trails to look for mushrooms, spiders, fall leaves & more!

## Visit one of our Nature Centers

**SCHRAMM EDUCATION CENTER** is located at Schramm Park State Recreation Area & is a state-of-the-art facility featuring over 60 species of fish, reptiles & amphibians, along with interactive exhibits, a maker space, reading nook, birding area & pollinator gardens.

**Fees:** Adults \$10, Seniors/Youth (ages 4-12) \$7, 3 & under free

**Hours:** Daily 10am-5pm, Modified hours on major holidays

**PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK NATURE CENTER** is located below Mallet Lodge near the Wooden Tower & features a classic nature-nook feel with live reptiles & amphibians & hands-on exhibits to explore. During Nature Center hours, a naturalist is available to greet guests & share their knowledge about nature & the outdoors.

**Fees:** Free

**October Hours:** Fridays 1 pm to 3 pm, Saturdays 9 am to noon



**Special Event**  
**Outdoor Studio Program!**  
**Hiking Stick Workshop**  
In collaboration with artist Julie Fjell  
Registration and Fees Required

Julie Fjell is a local artist, designer and freelance art educator who is known for her work with vibrant colors & carefree patterns. She is skilled in pottery, stamped jewelry and illustration. Schramm Education Center is excited to partner with Julie for this unique Outdoor Studio experience! Registrants will create their choice of a Hiking Stick or Nature Wand using wood branches, hand-made pottery beads, paint & other embellishments. All materials are included in the fee. Please dress for painting with permanent paints & a short hike outdoors.

**LOCATION:** SCHRAMM EDU. CENTER (CLASSROOM ENTRANCE)

**REGISTRATION:** <https://forms.gle/fPfkMmUTdHYLdobh8>

**DATE & TIME:** Friday, October 21 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**PRICING & AGES:**

- \$20 for 1 adult and 1 child, \$8 per additional person
- Open to K-12 students & a participating adult chaperone.
- Does not include Education Center Admission



# Wise & Wild

Thursdays  
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm



This program is designed for seniors who love the outdoors & want to enjoy time in the parks. We will share a variety of nature-related topics with activities indoors & out. Join us on your own or bring along friends of any age. Free program with park entry.

Date	Theme	Location
October 6	Snake of	Platte River State Park *Meet at Owen Landing
October 13	Sling Shots	Schramm Edu. Center *Meet in the Lobby
October 20	Fishing	Louisville State Rec Area *Meet at Pond 1 *Permit required for 16+, Senior Permits are \$5
October 27	Fall Craft Fest	Mahoney State Park *Meet at the Marina



## Halloween is Brewing with Fun at Mahoney!

**Saturday, October 15th , 2 pm to 4 pm**

**In front of the Kountze Memorial Theater**

Dress up in your costumes and join us for Naturalist Programs, Halloween Games, a 3 pm Costume Parade & Pumpkin Carving. Popcorn, drinks & candy will be available for purchase at the theater snack bar along with the pumpkins. There will also be a campsite decorating contest going on, so be sure to drive around & check out the spooky and spectacular campy creativity!

## Mahoney's River Valley Artisan and Craft Market

**Saturday, October 15th , 9 am to 4 pm**

**Sunday, October 16th, 9 am to 3 pm**

**At the NEW Crete Carrier Riverview Lodge**

Shop hand-crafted, locally-made items at the annual art & craft show. Items such as designer etched glassware, jewelry, crocheted items, beautiful Nebraska photography, wood spun items, barnwood creations, candles & more will make holiday shopping easy, all while supporting local artisans.

## Fall Fridays Campground Chats at the Parks

**E.T. Mahoney State Park**

**2 pm to 4 pm at Little Creek Campground Shelter**

**&**

**Platte River State Park**

**4 pm to 6 pm at the Campground Shelter**

Naturalists will bring a variety of activities that relate to nature, camping & outdoor skills. Look for their orange "Nature Program" flag & stop by to explore anytime during the 2 hour timeframe.

Time Outdoors is Time Well Spent!



## Platte River State Park Family Rendezvous

**Sunday, October 2nd , 11 am to 4 pm**

**Roger G. Sykes Outdoor Heritage Complex**

Come enjoy a day full of fall outdoor fun at the Family Rendezvous! Activities will include traditional muzzleloaders, archery, tomahawks, slingshots, pellet guns, nature activities & more.

## Platte River State Park Halloween Spider Hikes

**Saturday, October 22nd and 29th, 1 pm to 3 pm**

**Meet at Nature Center below Mallet Lodge**

Join park Naturalists on a hike through the woods, looking for spiders, fall colors & more. Following the hike, they will open the Nature Center for time to explore, learn about spiders & create a spider web.