

# John Boyd Thacher State park

## Fall 2026 Programs



| Date                                              | Program Title                                                                                                                                 | Time                                      | Location               | Rating/Pace            |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday, September 5th & Sunday, September 13th  | Caves & Karst<br><b>Registration encouraged</b>                                                                                               | 9:30-11:00am                              | Visitor Center         | Ages 12+               |
| Saturday, September 5th                           | Harmony on the Hill                                          | 3:00-7:00pm                               | Thacher Visitor Center | All ages               |
| Saturday, September 5th                           | Sunset Story Hour                                            | 6:30-7:30pm                               | Thompson's Lake Beach  | All ages               |
| Saturday, September 5th & 26th                    | Pitch In for Parks!<br>Volunteer Day<br><b>Registration required</b>                                                                          | 10:00am-1:00pm                            | Nature Center          | Ages 12+               |
| Monday, September 7th                             | Drop in Nature Center Crafts!                                                                                                                 | 9:00am-4:00pm                             | Nature Center          | All ages               |
| September 10th & 24th                             | Knee High Naturalists<br><b>Registration required</b>        | 10:00-11:00am                             | Nature Center          | Ages 3-5 with an adult |
| Sunday, September 13th                            | Bilingual Story Hour<br><b>Registration required</b>                                                                                          | 10:30-11:30am                             | Nature Center          | Ages 0-8 with an adult |
| Friday, September 18th & Saturday, September 26th | Birding Walk<br><b>Registration required</b>                                                                                                  | 9:00-10:00am                              | Carrick Rd Trailhead   | Ages 12+               |
| Friday, September 18th                            | Bat Blitz<br><b>Registration required</b>                                                                                                     | 6:15-7:45pm                               | Nature Center          | Ages 12+               |
| Saturday, September 19th                          | Overlooking the Geology<br><b>Registration encouraged</b>  | 1:30-2:30pm                               | Overlook               | Ages 16+               |
| Saturday, September 19th                          | Intro to Forest Bathing<br><b>Registration required</b>                                                                                       | 1:30-2:45pm                               | Nature Center          | Ages 12+               |
| Saturday, September 19th                          | International Observe the Moon Night                       | 7:00-7:30 lecture<br>7:30-9:00 telescopes | Nature Center          | All ages               |

### Helderberg Hawk Watch

Saturday, September 12th from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Thacher Park's Overlook is a prime spot for viewing a variety of fall-migrating raptors.

- Live birds of prey • Crafts  You can take the Nature Bus to this event!
- Face painting • Accessible seated birding
- Annabel's Pizza and Uncle Gino's Italian Ice food trucks

There's something for everyone at this family-friendly event!

**Girl Scouts** can register to earn a Hawk Watch fun patch to celebrate Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend by calling Thacher Nature Center at 518-872-0800.

**Nature Bus** This free bus service brings you to popular outdoor locations where you can enjoy free programming on most weekends. The Nature Bus service runs to Thacher on Saturday, September 13th & 27th. <https://www.mohawkhudson.org/nature-bus>



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| Saturday, September 26th                     | Marine Touch Tank                                             | 1:00-2:00pm                                          | Visitor Center                                       | All ages                  |
| Saturday, September 26th                     | Gelli Printing Fall Leaves                                    | 11-12 & 1:30-2:30                                    | Visitor Center                                       | Ages 8+                   |
| Saturday, October 3rd<br>Cost: \$10.00       | Forest Bathing<br>Registration required                       | 10:00am-12:00pm                                      | Nature Center                                        | Ages 16+                  |
| Saturday, October 3rd<br>Cost: \$25.00       | Fall Branches in Watercolor<br>Registration required          | 1:00-3:00pm                                          | Nature Center                                        | Ages 16+                  |
| Saturday, October 3rd,<br>10th, 17th, & 24th | Pitch in for Parks!<br>Volunteer Day<br>Registration required | 10:00am-1:00pm                                       | Nature Center                                        | Ages 12+                  |
| Saturday, October 3rd                        | Overlooking the Geology<br>Registration encouraged            | 1:30-2:30pm                                          | Overlook                                             | Ages 12+                  |
| Thursday, October 8th &<br>22nd              | Knee High Naturalists<br>Registration required                | 10:00-11:00am                                        | Nature Center                                        | Ages 3-5 with<br>an adult |
| Friday, October 9th                          | Starlit Schoolhouse Stroll<br>Registration required           | 7:30-8:30pm                                          | Nature Center                                        | Ages 6+                   |
| Saturday, October 10th                       | Geology Walk<br>Registration required                         | Call or check our<br>website for<br>program details. | Call or check our<br>website for<br>program details. | Ages 16+                  |
| Sunday, October 11th                         | Bilingual Story Hour<br>Registration required                 | 10:30-11:30am                                        | Nature Center                                        | 0-8 with an<br>adult      |
| Friday, October 16th                         | Accessible Owl Walk<br>Registration required                  | 7:00-8:15pm                                          | Nature Center                                        | Ages 5+                   |
| Saturday, October 17th                       | Fossil Family Fun!<br>Registration required                   | 10:30am-12:00pm                                      | Visitor Center                                       | Ages 6+                   |
| Friday, October 30th                         | Spooky Fireside Stories &<br>Cider Registration required      | 7:00-8:00pm                                          | Hop Field<br>Warming Hut                             | Ages 5+                   |
| Saturday, October 31st                       | Creepy Critters<br>Registration required                      | 10:30-11:30am                                        | Nature Center                                        | All ages                  |

Food Trucks at the  
Overlook every  
weekend through  
October! \*Weather  
permitting



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