

Ranger-Led Programs

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Dingmans Falls Visitor Center

Information: Dingmans Falls Visitor Center - (570) 828-2253

What's in the Water?

Program for Kids

Fridays, 10 am

What lives in Dingmans Creek? Explore this watery "home" with a ranger and find out! This fun activity can help you become a Junior Ranger; be sure to ask for one of the Junior Ranger booklets and have the ranger sign off after the program. The two-hour program is held rain or shine. Meet the ranger on the visitor center porch.

Waterfall Walk

**Saturdays, Sundays, and
Mondays, 11 am**

Join a park ranger for an easy, 1/2-mile stroll along the boardwalk as it meanders through a cool and shady hemlock ravine. See two of the area's most beautiful waterfalls, Silverthread and Dingmans Falls, and learn about the cultural and natural resources of the creek. The trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Meet the ranger on the visitor center porch.

Dingmans Campground

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Campfire Program

Saturdays, 8 pm

Relax around the campfire with and enjoy a "ranger's choice program" about the park. Bring your own chairs or blankets to sit on. You do not have to be camping at the campground to attend the program. Visitors should stop at the campground office to register and obtain a parking permit.

Millbrook Village

Information: Millbrook Village - (908) 841-9531

Art in the Park

Program for Kids

Fridays, 1 pm

The natural world in and around Millbrook Village offers plenty of inspiration for art. Park rangers guide children in the creation of art works that express what they see in the world around them. Art supplies provided. Meet at the village picnic area.

Once Upon a Time in Millbrook Village

Program for Kids

Saturdays, 1 pm

What did children in this village do all day? What did they learn in school? What chores did they have to do at home? What did they do for fun? Through books, games, and other activities, children of today can see what it was like to live 100 years ago, before television, computers, and washing machines. Meet at Van Campen Farmhouse (The big house with a porch south of Route 602).

A Walk Through the Village

Sundays, 2 pm

Join a costumed ranger for a trip back in time to a rural village around 1900. The village "street" is a level dirt road; some (not all) buildings have ramps for wheelchair access. Meet at the village picnic area.

Special Programs This Month

Ranger-Led Mt. Minsi Hike

Saturday, August 1, 9:30 am

Follow the footsteps of the past along the Appalachian Trail to the summit of Mt. Minsi. Along the way, you'll learn about Kittatinny Hotel, Delaware Water Gap House, and how visitors – past and present – have enjoyed the area. The 4 mile hike, over some rocky and steep terrain, will take 3 to 4 hours, depending on the pace set by the group. Wear comfortable clothing and hiking boots or sturdy walking shoes; pack a lunch or snacks, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. You may also want to bring a hat, camera, or binoculars. Meet the ranger at Kittatinny Point Visitor Center to caravan to the trail head.

Information: Kittatinny Point Visitor Center (908) 496-4458

Ranger-Led River Trip

Canoe/Kayak

Sunday, August 2, 11 am

Paddle the Delaware with rangers from Dingmans Ferry to Bushkill, learning about water safety and river lore as you go. The 10 mile trip will take 4 to 5 hours. While there is no fee for this program, participants must bring their own equipment or rent equipment from one of the park's many canoe liveries. Liveries provide canoes/kayaks, paddles, and life jackets. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that can get wet and pack water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Expensive gear (cameras, keys) should be packed in waterproof bags and secured in the canoe, in case of a spill in the water!

Reservations are required: call Dingmans Falls Visitor Center, (570) 828-2253, for information and to sign up.