

# Raccoon State Recreation Area

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**All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**These programs are designed to entertain and enlighten folks of all ages.**

## Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

5pm **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the Naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them!

## Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

10:30am **Nature Hunt** – Join the Naturalist for a fun scavenger hunt/hike! See what cool things YOU can find in nature! 1 hour @ Chapel Shelter.

1pm – 2pm **Butterfly Watch** – Take a break from your day to join the Naturalist as they observe and identify butterflies and skippers roaming the Butterfly Garden near Chapel Shelter. (1 hour)

2pm-3pm **Beach Break**- Take a break from the day and join the naturalist at The Beach for some fun beach games! 1 hour. (DUE TO HIGH WATER, THIS PROGRAM MAY BE CANCELLED.)

6-8pm: **Labor Day Cornhole Tournament** @ Hilltop Parking Lot \$5 entry per team to play. Limited amount of spots for teams, on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration begins at 5:30pm, no pre-registration.(See property office for tournament rules).

## Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

10:30am **Fancy Fliers**- Come Learn about butterflies and their amazing lifecycle. Afterwards, make a butterfly to take home with you! (1 hour craft/talk) Meet @ Chapel Shelter.

2-3pm **Beach Break**- Take a break from the day and join the naturalist at The Beach for some fun beach games! 1 hour. (DUE TO HIGH WATER, THIS PROGRAM MAY BE CANCELLED.)

4pm **Sandy Stones!** Come learn about the geology of Big Raccoon Creek and get a close look at Raccoon SRAs sandstone cliffs and waterfall on this guided hike of Trail 4. (1 hour) *Rugged Hike Meets* @ Songbird Playground

9pm **Astronomy Is In!** – Have you ever looked up in the sky and wondered? Been enchanted by the night sky or simply curious about the constellations? Come out to this star filled 1 hour night hike @ Bluebird Shelter.

Like us on Facebook! *Raccoon SRA (Cecil M Harden Lake)*, for bulletins, updates, program information and photos!  
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## Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

5pm **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the Naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them!

## Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**CORNBREAD & BEANS DAY** – 11am-7pm @ Historic Mansfield Roller Mill  
Mansfield Roller Mill is open for tours! – Travel back in time and explore the mill's three floors, which contain original 1880s milling equipment.  
Enjoy cornbread and beans, served by Raccoon SRA staff and volunteers  
While you listen to live music from Country Express, Jack Shannon and other local acts playing country, delta blues, bluegrass, and folk throughout the afternoon.



## Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

5pm **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the Naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them!

## Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

### **NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

10am **Introduction to Archery!** – Come learn how to shoot a bow and arrow in this introductory-level course! It is free to attend and open to folks of all ages. Meet @ The Archery Flag (Limited parking is available next to the gatehouse)

### **Do a Good Turn, and Explore!:**

(Stick around afterword to assist us in cleaning up the archery trail and earn your Raccoon SRA explorer pin to celebrate National Public Lands Day!)