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Allegheny County Parks Activities & Events for February 6-March 3

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Parks Department announces its activities and events schedule for February 6-March 3. **Newly added activities and events are highlighted in yellow.** All events are free unless otherwise noted. For additional information, visit the [County Parks website](#). Locate facilities and get directions on the [County Parks Google Map page](#). Find affordable winter events and activities for the whole family on our [Winter Fun website](#). [Sign up](#) for email updates and news about the County Parks or check out our [Facebook Events Page](#).

	<p>Valentine's Day Sweetheart Skate</p> <p>North & South Park Ice Rinks Fri., Feb. 14, 7:30-9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Buy One Admission at Regular Price & Get Second Admission for Free</p> <p>Plus Each Couple Will Receive a Free Carnation While Supplies Last</p>	
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 <p>Skiing & Snowboarding at Boyce Park</p>	 <p>Snow Tubing at Boyce Park</p>	 <p>Maple Syrup Making Demonstrations at North Park Nature Center</p> <p>Mon.-Fri. through March 14 Morning, Afternoon & After-School Hours Available</p> <p>Fulfills Webelos Badge & Brownies Try-It</p>
 <p>Ice Skating at North Park</p>	 <p>Ice Skating at South Park</p>	

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Thu., Feb. 6	<p>Adult Nature Walk</p> <p><i>Free. Originally started as a program for stroke & heart patients, this nature group has expanded to any interested adult. The informal group meets rain or shine every Thursday of the year. Local naturalists guide these enlightening, leisurely paced walks. New nature adventures & discoveries every week. Dress well for outdoor walking.</i></p> <p>Meet at North Park Ice Rink Parking Lot</p>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Thu., Feb. 6	<p>Tai Chi Easy Class</p> <p><i>Free. Tai Chi Easy is a type of low-impact, weight-bearing & aerobic, yet relaxing, exercise. Tai Chi Easy focuses on enhancing physical & mental health through involved slow, gentle movements, deep breathing & meditation. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Thu., Feb. 6	<p>South Park Table Tennis – Informal Practice</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.</i></p> <p>South Park Home Economics Building</p>	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014

Fri., Feb. 7	<p>Zumba Class</p> <p><i>Free. Featuring Latin rhythms and easy-to-flow dance moves, Zumba® is a dance-exercise program that keeps everyone motivated by creating a party-like atmosphere. Come join the fun! All fitness levels welcome. No equipment required. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Fri., Feb. 7	<p>Yoga Class</p> <p><i>Free. Designed for students who are new to Yoga or need a refresher, as well as those who have been practicing but are not quite at the professional stage yet. The class will focus on refining basic postures and breath work while building strength, flexibility and awareness. You will learn proper alignment in the basic foundation of postures. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 7	<p>“Animals in Winter” Nighttime Snowshoe Adventure</p> <p><i>Free. Pre-registration required by calling 724-935-2170.</i></p>	7:00-9:00 p.m.

	<p>Join us as we look for clues of wildlife on this evening snowshoe adventure. Please bring your own snowshoes.</p> <p>North Park Latodami Nature Center</p>	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014		
Sat., Feb. 8	<p>Nature Show & Tell</p> <p>Free. Bones, fossils and lots of other neat things to see! For more information, call County Naturalist John Doyle at 412-835-0143.</p> <p>Round Hill Park Visitors Center</p>	10:00 a.m.
Sat., Feb. 8	<p>Children's Arts & Crafts Class</p> <p>Free. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Sat., Feb. 8	<p>Downton Abbey-Themed Tea</p> <p>Currently sold out, but call 412-767-9200 to be placed on waiting list. \$33 per person for Allegheny County residents. \$41 per person for non-residents. Are you a Lady Mary fan? Do you enjoy Mrs. Patmore running the kitchen? Or is your favorite character the Dowager Countess with her witty comments? Join us in all your finery for tea, and experience the gracious traditions of times past.</p> <p>Hartwood Acres Mansion</p>	11:00 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014		
Mon., Feb. 10	<p>One-Stroke Painting</p> <p>Free. A decorative painting class that teaches how to shade and highlight at the same time. No experience or supplies needed. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014		
Tue., Feb. 11	<p>Arts & Crafts Class</p> <p>Free. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Tue., Feb. 11	<p>Aromatherapy</p> <p>Free. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 11	<p>South Park Table Tennis – Competitive Play</p> <p>Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members</p>	7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014		
Wed., Feb. 12	<p>Mommy & Me Fitness Class</p> <p><i>Free. This class incorporates numerous fun, body conditioning exercises that will captivate your child's attention while you get a great workout. Activities include: pushups; sit-ups; planks that involve leaning in to kiss and sign to your little one; as well as squats and lunges while holding and lifting your little one. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	11:00-11:45 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 12	<p>Family Skate</p> <p><i>\$10 per family (2 adults & up to 4 children ages 17 & under) for Allegheny County residents. \$13 per family for non-residents.</i></p> <p>North Park Ice Rink & South Park Ice Rink</p>	4:30-7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 12	<p>One-Stroke Painting</p> <p><i>Free. A decorative painting class that teaches how to shade and highlight at the same time. No experience or supplies needed. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	5:00-7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014		
Thu., Feb. 13	<p>Adult Nature Walk</p> <p><i>Free. Originally started as a program for stroke & heart patients, this nature group has expanded to any interested adult. The informal group meets rain or shine every Thursday of the year. Local naturalists guide these enlightening, leisurely paced walks. New nature adventures & discoveries every week. Dress well for outdoor walking.</i></p> <p>Meet at North Park Ice Rink Parking Lot</p>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Thu., Feb. 13	<p>Tai Chi Easy Class</p> <p><i>Free. Tai Chi Easy is a type of low-impact, weight-bearing & aerobic, yet relaxing, exercise. Tai Chi Easy focuses on enhancing physical & mental health through involved slow, gentle movements, deep breathing & meditation. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	5:00-6:00 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 13	<p>South Park Table Tennis – Informal Practice</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members</i></p>	7:30 p.m.

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VALENTINE'S DAY – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2014		
Fri., Feb. 14	<p>Zumba Class</p> <p><i>Free. Featuring Latin rhythms and easy-to-flow dance moves, Zumba® is a dance-exercise program that keeps everyone motivated by creating a party-like atmosphere. Come join the fun! All fitness levels welcome. No equipment required. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Fri., Feb. 14	<p>Yoga Class</p> <p><i>Free. Designed for students who are new to Yoga or need a refresher, as well as those who have been practicing but are not quite at the professional stage yet. The class will focus on refining basic postures and breath work while building strength, flexibility and awareness. You will learn proper alignment in the basic foundation of postures. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 14	<p>L.L. Bean Full Moon Valentine's Hike</p> <p><i>Free. Easy difficulty level. Grab your Valentine and join us on a beautiful 3- to 4-mile full-moon hike. Don't have a Valentine? No worries! This outing is open to anyone 18 and over. You never know what's in the stars. Leashed, people friendly, vaccinated, well socialized outdoor dogs are welcome. Get more information & register online.</i></p> <p>North Park Pie Traynor Field</p>	6:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 14	<p>Sweetheart Couples Skate</p> <p><i>Couples of all ages – buy one admission, get one free. Each couple will receive a carnation, while supplies last.</i></p> <p>North Park Ice Rink & South Park Ice Rink</p>	7:30-9:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014		
Sat., Feb. 15	<p>RSG1 Foundation 4th Annual Valentine's 5K, 10K & 15K</p> <p><i>\$25 for Kids 5K (ages 10 & under). \$40 for 5K, 10K & 15K (ages 11 & older). Discount for registering before Jan. 31. Get more information & register online.</i></p> <p>North Park Boathouse</p>	<p>Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>5K starts at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>10K & 15K start at 9:45 a.m.</p>
Sat., Feb. 15	<p>Fossils</p> <p><i>Free. Sift through ancient rocks for some great fossils from prehistoric Pennsylvania. For more information, call County Naturalist John Doyle at 412-835-0143.</i></p>	10:00 a.m.

	South Park Nature Center	
PRESIDENTS DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014		
Mon., Feb. 17	<p>Skiing & Snow Tubing Special Holiday Hours Get information on rates & rental equipment. Boyce Park Ski Slopes</p>	<p>Ski & Snowboard 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Snow Tube 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.</p>
Mon., Feb. 17	<p>Zumba Class <i>Free. Featuring Latin rhythms and easy-to-flow dance moves, Zumba® is a dance-exercise program that keeps everyone motivated by creating a party-like atmosphere. Come join the fun! All fitness levels welcome. No equipment required. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i> White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon</p>
Mon., Feb. 17	<p>Ice Skating Special Holiday Hours Get information on rates & rental equipment. North Park Ice Rink & South Park Ice Rink</p>	<p>12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.</p>
Mon., Feb. 17	<p>Yoga Class <i>Free. Designed for students who are new to Yoga or need a refresher, as well as those who have been practicing but are not quite at the professional stage yet. The class will focus on refining basic postures and breath work while building strength, flexibility and awareness. You will learn proper alignment in the basic foundation of postures. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i> White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.</p>
Mon., Feb. 17	<p>Tai Chi Easy Class <i>Free. Tai Chi Easy is a type of low-impact, weight-bearing & aerobic, yet relaxing, exercise. Tai Chi Easy focuses on enhancing physical & mental health through involved slow, gentle movements, deep breathing & meditation. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i> White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>5:00-6:00 p.m.</p>
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014		
Tue., Feb. 18	<p>Aromatherapy <i>Free. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i> White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>5:30-6:30 p.m.</p>
Tue., Feb. 18	<p>South Park Table Tennis – Competitive Play <i>Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members</i></p>	<p>7:30 p.m.</p>

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014		
Wed., Feb. 19	<p>Family Skate</p> <p>\$10 per family (2 adults & up to 4 children ages 17 & under) for Allegheny County residents. \$13 per family for non-residents.</p> <p>North Park Ice Rink & South Park Ice Rink</p>	4:30-7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 19	<p>Friends of South Park Meeting</p> <p>Open to the public. The Friends of South Park is a citizens advocacy group focused on park improvement. Their mission is to preserve the rich heritage and resources of the park by identifying areas of the park that need improvements, then acquiring resources to accomplish them. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>South Park Buffalo Inn</p>	<p>Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>General meeting at 7:30 p.m.</p>
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014		
Thu., Feb. 20	<p>Adult Nature Walk</p> <p>Free. Originally started as a program for stroke & heart patients, this nature group has expanded to any interested adult. The informal group meets rain or shine every Thursday of the year. Local naturalists guide these enlightening, leisurely paced walks. New nature adventures & discoveries every week. Dress well for outdoor walking.</p> <p>Meet at North Park Ice Rink Parking Lot</p>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Thu., Feb. 20	<p>Tai Chi Easy Class</p> <p>Free. Tai Chi Easy is a type of low-impact, weight-bearing & aerobic, yet relaxing, exercise. Tai Chi Easy focuses on enhancing physical & mental health through involved slow, gentle movements, deep breathing & meditation. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Thu., Feb. 20	<p>Arts & Crafts Class</p> <p>Free. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	5:00-6:00 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 20	<p>South Park Table Tennis – Informal Practice</p> <p>Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.</p> <p>South Park Home Economics Building</p>	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

<p>Fri., Feb. 21</p>	<p>Zumba Class</p> <p><i>Free. Featuring Latin rhythms and easy-to-flow dance moves, Zumba® is a dance-exercise program that keeps everyone motivated by creating a party-like atmosphere. Come join the fun! All fitness levels welcome. No equipment required. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon</p>
<p>Fri., Feb. 21</p>	<p>Yoga Class</p> <p><i>Free. Designed for students who are new to Yoga or need a refresher, as well as those who have been practicing but are not quite at the professional stage yet. The class will focus on refining basic postures and breath work while building strength, flexibility and awareness. You will learn proper alignment in the basic foundation of postures. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.</p>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

<p>Sat., Feb. 22</p>	<p><u>38th Annual Spring Thaw Race</u></p> <p><i>Registration is \$35 through Feb. 21, and \$40 on race day. Distances are 10 miles, 15 miles or 20 miles. There are various age categories. This race began as the original Pittsburgh Marathon and has evolved into one of the better warm-up races used by many Pittsburghers to prepare for the spring marathon season. Get additional details & register online.</i></p> <p>North Park Boathouse</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Sat., Feb. 22</p>	<p>“How Sweet It Is” Maple Syrup Making Demonstrations</p> <p><i>Free. Pre-registration is required by calling 724-935-2170. Using home-style methods, we will show you how to tap trees, collect and boil down sap, and make it table-ready. You will learn everything you need to know to make your own maple syrup at home.</i></p> <p>North Park Latodami Nature Center</p>	<p>10:00-11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Sat., Feb. 22</p>	<p><u>L.L. Bean Maple Syrup Hike & Demonstration</u></p> <p><i>Free. Open to ages 8 & older. Ages 8-14 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Ages 15-17 may participate alone after parent or guardian has signed appropriate release form. First, we'll explore the trails around North Park's Latodami Nature Center, followed by a maple syrup demonstration by Interpretive Naturalist Meg Scanlon. Using home-style methods, she will show us how to tap trees, collect and boil down sap, and make it table-ready. We will learn everything to make our own maple syrup at home. Get more information & register online.</i></p>	<p>10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</p>

	Start at North Park Ice Skating Rink and finish at North Park Latodami Nature Center	
Sat., Feb. 22	<p>Venture Outdoors Hearty Stew Hike</p> <p>\$20 for non-members; \$15 for Venture Outdoors members. Hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace through the winter landscape, and then enjoy some hearty, hot, homemade stews! Get more information & register online.</p> <p>Harrison Hills Park Environmental Learning Center</p>	10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 22	<p>“How Sweet It Is” Maple Syrup Making Demonstrations</p> <p>Free. Pre-registration is required by calling 724-935-2170. Using home-style methods, we will show you how to tap trees, collect and boil down sap, and make it table-ready. You will learn everything you need to know to make your own maple syrup at home.</p> <p>North Park Latodami Nature Center</p>	12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2014		
Sun., Feb. 23	<p>Pittsburgh Trails Advocacy Group "Heartsaver" First Aid CPR & AED Class</p> <p>\$10 for PTAG members. \$50 for non-members. Email vc@ptagtrails.org to register or for more information.</p> <p>North Park Ranch House</p>	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 23	<p>Venture Outdoors Day Trek: Lite</p> <p>\$10 for non-members; \$6 for Venture Outdoors members. Beginners looking for an easy, rejuvenating experience outdoors will spend an afternoon exploring trails, getting some exercise and discovering something new about the natural world. With experienced guides to lead the way, participants will learn about regional trails that are fun, inspirational and easily accessible. Along the way, we'll learn about the social and natural history of the area. The pace will be slow and we'll cover about 4 miles. This hike is dog friendly. Get more information & register online.</p> <p>North Park Pie Traynor Field</p>	1:00-4:00 p.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014		
Mon., Feb. 24	<p>One-Stroke Painting Class</p> <p>Free. A decorative painting class that teaches how to shade and highlight at the same time. No experience or supplies needed. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014		
Tue., Feb. 25	<p>Arts & Crafts Class</p> <p>Free. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to</p>	11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

	<p><i>register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	
Tue., Feb. 25	<p>South Park Table Tennis – Competitive Play</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.</i></p> <p>South Park Home Economics Building</p>	7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014		
Wed., Feb. 26	<p>Family Skate</p> <p><i>\$10 per family (2 adults & up to 4 children ages 17 & under) for Allegheny County residents. \$13 per family for non-residents.</i></p> <p>North Park Ice Rink & South Park Ice Rink</p>	4:30-7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 26	<p>One-Stroke Painting Class</p> <p><i>Free. A decorative painting class that teaches how to shade and highlight at the same time. No experience or supplies needed. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	5:00-7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014		
Thu., Feb. 27	<p>Adult Nature Walk</p> <p><i>Free. Originally started as a program for stroke & heart patients, this nature group has expanded to any interested adult. The informal group meets rain or shine every Thursday of the year. Local naturalists guide these enlightening, leisurely paced walks. New nature adventures & discoveries every week. Dress well for outdoor walking.</i></p> <p>Meet at North Park Ice Rink Parking Lot</p>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Thu., Feb. 27	<p>Tai Chi Easy Class</p> <p><i>Free. Tai Chi Easy is a type of low-impact, weight-bearing & aerobic, yet relaxing, exercise. Tai Chi Easy focuses on enhancing physical & mental health through involved slow, gentle movements, deep breathing & meditation. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</i></p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	5:00-6:00 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 27	<p>South Park Table Tennis – Informal Practice</p> <p><i>Everyone is welcome, regardless of skill level. South Park Table Tennis membership is \$40 per year. New members are welcome to visit three times for free.</i></p> <p>South Park Home Economics Building</p>	7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2014		

<p>Fri., Feb. 28</p>	<p>Zumba Class</p> <p>Free. Featuring Latin rhythms and easy-to-flow dance moves, Zumba® is a dance-exercise program that keeps everyone motivated by creating a party-like atmosphere. Come join the fun! All fitness levels welcome. No equipment required. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon</p>
<p>Fri., Feb. 28</p>	<p>Yoga Class</p> <p>Free. Designed for students who are new to Yoga or need a refresher, as well as those who have been practicing but are not quite at the professional stage yet. The class will focus on refining basic postures and breath work while building strength, flexibility and awareness. You will learn proper alignment in the basic foundation of postures. Call 412-675-8556 or email Angora Gardens to register or for more information.</p> <p>White Oak Park Angora Gardens</p>	<p>12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014</p>		
<p>Sat., March 1</p>	<p>In-Line Skating & Deck Hockey Season Begins</p> <p>Get additional information, hours & rates online.</p> <p>South Park Deck Hockey Rink</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>Sat., March 1</p>	<p><u>Venture Outdoors Rachel Carson Trail Quest #1</u></p> <p>\$15 for non-members; \$10 for Venture Outdoors members. The Rachel Carson Trail snakes 34 miles across northern Allegheny County. It is the most rugged trail in Western Pennsylvania. The trails follows power and gas lines, skirts residential areas, challenges your arches on paved roads, crosses creeks without bridges, meanders through woods and fields and passes along the edge of steep bluffs. Parts of this trail are pretty, parts are wretched, but all of it is surprising!</p> <p>Every year, 600 people take the Rachel Carson Trail Challenge and complete the full distance in one exhausting day with appropriate bragging rights. This Quest series, led by Bruce Cridlebaugh, lets you hike the trail in four sections in the direction of this year's Rachel Carson Trail Challenge with a bonus fifth hike that features a connection to the still-developing Harmony Trail. On each hike, we will meet at the hike end point and shuttle to the start. Sign up for the entire five-hike RCT Quest for \$40.</p> <p>This first hike will start in North Park and cover 12.7 miles to Dorseyville. Be aware: This is a very strenuous hike and you need to be in shape to attempt it. The saying is: "If there's a possible worst way for a trail to go, that's where The Rachel goes." This trail includes sections that are very steep with no switchbacks or alternatives.</p> <p>Dates of the remaining hikes are: Saturday, March 15; Saturday, March 22; Saturday, March 29; and Saturday,</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p>

	<p><u>April 5.</u></p> <p><u>Get more information & register online.</u></p> <p><u>North Park Beaver Shelter</u></p>	
Sat., March 1	<p><u>Venture Outdoors Winter Wine Tasting Hike</u></p> <p><u>\$52 for non-members; \$40 for Venture Outdoors members.</u> <u>Minimum age 21. Enter the winter landscape of North Park and enjoy an easy 3- to 4-mile hike while learning about the history of the area. After the hike, we'll go to the nearby Tuscan Inn to taste a variety of quality wines paired with appetizers and Tuscan bread. Get more information & register online.</u></p> <p><u>North Park Pie Traynor Field</u></p>	2:00-5:30 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014		
Mon., March 3	<p><u>South Park "Oz On Ice" Skating Show</u></p> <p><u>Free & open to the public. The show will feature ice skaters who have taken lessons from the Parks Department this season, as well as their instructors. They will showcase their skills, which range from beginner through competitive skating levels. Performer ages are pre-school through adults. This year's theme is "Oz On Ice," and will feature musical selections from "The Wizard of Oz," "Wicked" and "Oz the Great & Powerful." For details, call 412-833-1799.</u></p> <p><u>South Park Ice Rink</u></p>	7:00 p.m.

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