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BIKE TRAIN

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Hop on the Bike Train and step back in time. Enjoy a relaxing 25 mile train ride through the Lehigh Gorge. Then, pedal your bike back down to Jim Thorpe at your own pace along the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

Advance Tickets/reservations Are Required For The Bike Train And Can Be Made By Calling The Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (Aka Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway) Directly At <https://poconobiking.com/specialty-trips/bike-train/>

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, July 2026**Bats of Jacobsburg**

Thursday, July 2, 2026 6pm to 7:30pm
 Join volunteer educator and long-time conservation enthusiast, Catherine Folio, as we present common bats of Jacobsburg and discuss how to monitor them! This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Weekly Weeders

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026 8:30am to 10:30am

Interested in learning more about gardening with native plants? Volunteer to mulch, pull weeds, divide plants, and amend soil in the center's native plant garden. We provide instruction, tools, and weeding mats. This is a seasonal opportunity. Registration is required through the DCNR Calendar of Events or the Conservation Volunteer system <https://dcnrvolunteers.pa.gov/>.

Butterflies and Blooms

Wednesday, July 8, 2026 10am to 12pm
 Join us for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of blooms and butterflies! We'll show you how to quickly identify local species and the best places to look for them. Participants should wear comfortable shoes.

A hat, bottled water, and sunscreen are recommended. This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

Hike for Health

Wednesdays, July, 8, August 12, September 2 & 30, 2026 at 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Get moving after work with a brisk hike at Jacobsburg! These guided monthly hikes are 2 to 3 miles over uneven terrain. You must be able to maintain a hiking pace of two miles per hour to attend. Dogs are welcome to hike on a leash. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole at 400 Belfast Road. Registration is not required. Join the email reminder list by contacting us at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.
 Family Night: Blinking Lights on Summer Nights

Friday, July 10, 2026 8:30pm to 9:30pm
 Are you mesmerized by the flashes of fireflies during warm summer evenings? Would you like to know what the flashes mean or what you can do to improve backyard habitat for these twinkling insects? Join us to learn all about the secret lives of fireflies! This program is best for families with children ages 5 and up. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Registration is required.

Dams, Water Wheels, and Raceways
 Saturday, July 11, 2026 9am to 10:30am
 Discover the hidden technologies of the past! Participants will walk along Jacobsburg's trails to uncover the remnants of historical sources of energy used by the Henry family. Craft included! Participants are highly encouraged to be prepared to walk in the creek up to knee-height with appropriate footwear and clothing. This program is best suited for families with children aged 5 or older. Registration is required.

Volunteer Program: Knotweed Knockdown
 Saturday, July 11, 2026 12pm to 3pm
 Do you enjoy using machetes? Have you always dreamed of slashing through thick stands of plants? Join the crew at Jacobsburg for our annual Knotweed knockdown event! Tools and gloves will be provided. Adult-only participants are encouraged to wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, and avoid loose-fitting clothing or jewelry. Registration is required.

Northampton County Junior Conservation School

Sunday, July 12 – Saturday, July 18, 2026
 This week-long, overnight, residential school for teens ages 13-17 teaches leadership skills and provides hands-on experience with conservation issues and careers. The conservation school is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers composed of sportsmen, returning students, community leaders, organizations, and state agencies including Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center. There is a \$50.00 refundable application fee. Please fill out the online application to register for the 2026 session or visit the Parents/Students/Sponsors link at NCJCS.org for more information. Students from any county in Pennsylvania are invited to apply.

Crayfish Quest

Saturday, July 18, 2026 2pm to 5:30pm
 Join us to learn about the fascinating lives of crayfish as we explore the creek for these unusual creatures. Equipment will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes that can get wet and expect to be in the water up to your knees. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Living Light in the Forest Night
 Saturday, July 18, 2026 8:30pm to 9:30pm
 It's not easy to spot but our night forests can be brighter than we realize. Join us as we search for bioluminescent and phosphorescent plants, animals, lichen, and fungi that call our fields and forests home. Please bring water,

a snack, a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriately for the weather. Registration is required.

Fishing Equipment Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth
 Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

Discovery Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 3:30pm

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth
 Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

You can view and register for community programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice

Summer Day Camp (Ages 6-8) Session One: The Transformers

Tuesday, July 28 thru Friday, July 31, 2026 9am to 12pm

Join us for a fun-filled camp exploring the secret lives of insects! Learn about the flying and crawling friends that call Jacobsburg their home. Go on an adventure through our fields, creeks, and forests with nets and bug boxes to see what kinds of creatures you can discover! Registration for this program will open at 12:00 PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

Summer Day Camp (Ages 9-12) Session One: STEM Camp

Tuesday, July 28 thru Friday, July 31, 2026 9am to 12pm

Build, create, and investigate! Campers will engage in different activities centered around conservation and sustainability in this Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics, (STEM)-inspired, day camp. We will explore renewable alternatives to plastic, energy, and solve mysteries at Jacobsburg! Registration for this program will open at 12:00PM on April 6, 2026. Registration will be online only. We are not able to accept walk-in or phone registrations. Please choose only one week of camp to sign up for. There is a non-refundable \$25.00 registration fee for this camp.

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Family Science Night - Bats and Bugs

Friday, August 14, 2026 7:30pm to 9pm

Join us as we learn about bats and how they catch their prey. We'll be outside to search for bats in the sky using sound detectors. We'll even get to practice making bat noises ourselves with a fun game. This program is best for families with children ages 3 and up. We will meet at the Boulton Parking Lot at Gate H1 on Henry Road. Registration is required.

Women in the Wild: Outdoor Skills

Saturday, August 22, 2026 9am to 1:30pm
 Hone your survival skills! Participants will learn the basics of archery, fire starting, and orienteering skills. This event is for women only, aged 14 and older. Please pack a lunch, water bottle, and snacks. Be prepared to be outside for the duration of this program with closed-toed shoes and avoid loose fitting clothing or jewelry. Registration is required.

Butterflies and Blooms

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 10am to 12pm
 Join us for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of blooms and butterflies!

We'll show you how to quickly identify local species and the best places to look for them. Participants should wear comfortable shoes.

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Butterflies of Jacobsburg

Saturday, August 29, 2026 9:30am to 11am

Join us for this walk through the fields of Jacobsburg in search of these flying gems. We'll show you how to quickly identify local species and the best places to look for them. Participants should wear comfortable shoes. A hat, bottled water, and sunscreen are recommended. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

Botanical Treasures of Jacobsburg

Saturday, August 29, 2026 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Join us as we explore the park and search for late-summer blooms. Be prepared for a moderate hike that may involve muddy slopes and uphill climbs. Please bring water, a snack, and wear sturdy shoes. This program is best for families with children ages 8 and up. Registration is required.

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