

OCTOBER 2025: Programs & Events



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2 HNC Open	3 Leaf Walk 3 - 4 PM HNC Open	4 Leaf Art (all day drop-in) Leaf Walk 2 - 3 PM HNC Open
5 Highlands on the Half-Shell 4 PM 'til dark	6	7	8	9 HNC Open	10 Leaf Walk 3 - 4 PM HNC Open	11 Leaf Art (all day drop-in) Leaf Walk 2 - 3 PM HNC Open
12	13	14	15	16 HNC Open	17 HNC Open	18 ecoEXPLORERS Club 11 AM - 12 PM Black Bear Bonanza! 2 - 3:30 PM HNC Open
19	20	21	22	23 Nature Center Drawing Club 3:30 - 4:30 PM HNC Open	24 HNC Open	25 Morning Bird Walk 8 - 9 AM Black Bear Bonanza! (all day drop-in) HNC Open
26	27	28 Enchanted Forest 5 - 6:30 PM	29	30 HNC Open	31 HNC Open	1 HNC Open



Part of the Highlands Biological Station,
a multi-campus center of Western Carolina University

FALL HOURS:

Thursday - Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM
Closed Sunday - Wednesday

ADMISSION:

FREE to the general public.

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Highlands Biological



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HNC Open for Fall Hours

Thursdays - Saturdays
10 AM - 4 PM | FREE

Stop in to see our live animals, natural history exhibits, nature-themed gift shop, & more!



Family-friendly!



Leaf Art

Saturdays, Oct 4 & 11
10 AM - 4 PM
All Day Drop-In | FREE

Stop in the first two Saturdays in October for a different way to make art with Fall leaves!



These programs are made possible by the Highlands Biological Foundation.



Enchanted Forest

Tuesday, Oct. 28
5 - 6:30 PM | FREE



Come trick-or-treating along the forest trails of the Botanical Garden & learn more about some of the animals we associate with Halloween! Costumes encouraged!

Weather Dependent

Highlands on the Half-Shell

Sunday, Oct. 5
4 PM 'til dark | \$150



HBF's annual oyster roast fundraiser kicks off on Sunday, Oct. 5th! Feast on oysters, gumbo, & jambalaya under a canopy of flame-colored leaves.



ecoEXPLORERS Club:

Ecology

Saturday, Oct. 18
11 - 12 PM | FREE

Meet at the Nature Center

The Nature Center is an ecoExplore Hot Spot! We'll start a Challenge towards earning the advanced-level Ecology mission patch.

Weather Dependent

Black Bear Bonanza!

Saturdays, Oct. 18 & 25
All Day Drop-In | FREE

Join us for drop-in learning about black bears!

Saturday, Oct. 18
2 - 3:30 PM | FREE

Join us for a special program co-led with Cynthia Strain, Chair of the Highlands B.E.A.R. Task Force, where we will learn about black bears through interactive and hands-on activities.

Morning Bird Walk

Saturday, Oct. 25
8 - 9 AM | FREE
Meet at Ill Lower Lake Rd

Eyes to the skies! Birders of all skill levels are welcome to join us as we take an easy walk around the garden to find our feathered friends.

Weather Dependent



Nature Center Drawing Club

Thursday, Oct. 23
3:30 - 4:30 PM | FREE

Meet at the Nature Center

Join us for the Nature Center's Drawing Club! We'll start with a drawing prompt and then spend some time out on the garden trails. Supplies provided, or bring your own!



ATTENTION:

Programs marked with this symbol require registration!

Register at
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Scan this QR code to learn more about these & other upcoming programs.

