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DCNR, Nescopeck State Park, along with the Friends of the Nescopeck, a local Watershed Association, are offering a day to "Get Back to Nature" on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 10 AM - 3 PM at Nescopeck State Park.

Participants can, take a bird walk to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with local conservationist and president of the Friends of the Nescopeck, Alan Gregory, go on a wildflower walk to witness some of the beautiful wildflowers of Nescopeck State Park with Dr. Tim Block from the Morris Arboretum, and celebrate the Joy of Spring with a nature hike led by noted Naturalist, John Serrao.

Other events include: Live Birds of Prey from the Carbon County EE Center, Canoe Demonstrations with the Lehigh Valley Canoe Club, Fly fishing and Fly Tying Demonstrations with Joe Drosdak and members of the Western Pocono Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Spin Casting and Canoe Safety with the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

The Department of Agriculture's Pennsylvania WoodMobile, a traveling exhibit featuring information on the state's forest products industry will be at the festival throughout the day .

A children's craft area with bluebird box building, abandoned mine drainage tie-dye t-shirts, and nature sculptures will be on hand as well as displays from local conservation organizations.

Nescopeck State Park, home to the Musto Environmental Education Center, is located in Northeast PA near Hazleton and Wilkes-Barre <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/nescopeck.aspx>.

For more information about the festival and other events offered at Nescopeck State Park, call 570-403-2006 or click on State Park Calendar of Events <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/calendar/calendar.aspx> and click on Nescopeck State Park.

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