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Community Spotlight: Philadelphia Mycology Club

Philadelphia Mycology Club was founded by Beth Tiegen in 2018 to create a welcoming space for people to learn about mushrooms together. The club became involved in Cobbs Creek after learning about a historical mushroom research project revealed the area's significant fungal diversity. Beth loves to share her knowledge of the abundance of mushrooms and other fungi in Cobbs Creek Park with people, "I think a lot of people drive past it. They might know they can use the trail, but they don't always realize that it's a long-standing forest. I like surprising people about the extreme amounts of mushroom diversity they can find." Part of what makes Cobbs Creek Park a great place for mushroom diversity is that it has mature native trees.

On top of studying and documenting mushrooms, the club aims to expand access through inclusive community education, care of the land, and fungal conservation. After starting cleanups in Cobbs Creek Park, the club joined the Cobbs Creek Ambassadors, who organize monthly cleanups and offer support. The Mycology Club and Cobbs Creek Ambassadors host monthly cleanups on the first Sunday, 2-4 PM, at Thomas Ave and Cobbs Creek Parkway. It's a chance to care for the park, build community, and learn about the natural world as you work.

Another way neighbors can engage is through FREE Guided Mushroom Walks in different areas of Cobbs Creek Park. People are encouraged to observe, photograph, and document mushrooms rather than collect them, since Philadelphia parks prohibit removing mushrooms and plants. There will be at least two more walks in this series before the end of the year. If you want to hear about these free events or others, join the Mycology Club mailing list at phillymycoclub.com or find them on social media.





Photo of a Guided Mushroom walk group courtesy of the Philadelphia Mycology Club

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THE CIRCUIT TRAILS NETWORK

Cobbs Creek Trail is part of the the Circuit Trails, a regional network of hundreds of miles of existing, in-design, and under construction trails across nine counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. These standardized multi-use trails are 10 feet wide and ADA accessible providing space for both pedestrian and cyclists to use.

Trails have a variety of benefits for people who use them, including physical and mental health benefits as well as a space to build community. The Circuit helps to connect people and communities, providing endless opportunities for recreating and commuting with a goal to have 550 miles of trails by 2030 and 800 miles by 2040.

The Circuit Trails Coalition focuses on ensuring trails are accessible, inclusive, and built with equitable development in mind. This means including the surrounding communities in the planning, development, and programming of trails.



There are a variety of ways for residents and organizations to get involved with the Circuit Coalition. More than 60 organizations represent the Circuit Trails and work together on committees and working groups covering topics such as communications, programs, maintenance, policy, advocacy, equitable development, and more. To learn more about the Circuit Trails visit circuittrails.org or reach out to Clean Air Council at trails@cleanair.org to learn about ways to get involved.

Interested in a group walk on the Cobbs Creek Trail or other parts of the circuit trail network in Philadelphia? Check out WeWalk for local walking groups or follow Circuit Trails Coalition on social media to find upcoming events on the trails.



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UPCOMING EVENTS: NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 2-4PM, Thomas Ave and CC Pkwy	2 **Cobbs Creek Neighbors Community Meeting x Little Nature Playground Project,** 5:30 PM, Cobbs Creek Library	3	4 **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore **Little Explorers: Colorful Leaves,** Bartram's Garden, 10-11:30, Coach House and Barn	5 **Orchard Tenders,** 10-12PM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway	6	7 **Black Farmers Market,** Get Fresh Daily, 10am-2pm, 5200 Pine st. **Community Planting at Cobbs Creek Park,** Fairmount Park Conservancy, 9am-12pm, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 9-11AM, Florence & C C Pkwy
8 **Creek Walk, Tree ID, & Leaf Ornaments,** Prescribe Outside, 11am-1pm, Cobbs Creek Nature Playground	9 **Cobbs Creek Art Club,** Amber Art and Design, 5:30-7:30, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC)	10	11 **Cobbs Creek Free Fishing** with Land Health Institute, 5-7PM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC) **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore Ave	12	13	14 **Community Water Testing**, George Ambrose, 10AM, 700 Cobbs Creek Parkway (CCCEC) **Get Ready, Stay Ready Neighborhood Resilience Fair,** Deep Space Mind.215, 12-4pm, Cobbs Creek Johnny Sample Rec Center
15 **Cobbs Creek Ambassador Cleanup,** 2-4PM, SW Corner Woodland Ave & C C Pkwy	16	17	18 **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore **Little Explorers: What's Buzzing and Booming?**, Bartram's Garden, 10-11:30, Coach House and Barn	19	20	21 **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 9-11AM, Mount Moriah and Cobbs Creek Parkway
22 **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 2-4PM, Tennis Court @ Webster & S 63rd St	23	24	25 **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 8-9 AM, S 61st & Baltimore	26	27	28 **Cobbs Creek Ambassadors Cleanup,** 2-4PM, Woodland Ave and CC Pkwy
29	30					

Cobbs Creek Ambassador Clean Ups subject to change : join the ambassadors mailing list by emailing cobbscreekparkambassadors@gmail.com to get the latest updates

Keep updated on Cobbs Creek events by following the Cobbs Creek Watershed Coalition on Facebook and Instagram

Questions about any of these events? Email mmyers@cleanair.org

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