

metro parks programs

Dec 2018, Jan-Feb 2019 (advanced registration opens Nov 21)

METRO FIVE-0 programs for age 50 and older are color-coded by degree of difficulty:

LEVEL 1 (easy, fully accessible)

LEVEL 2 (slow pace, less than 1-mile hike)

LEVEL 3 (up to 2-mile hike, moderate pace)

LEVEL 4 (hike over two miles at strenuous pace)

BATTELLE DARBY CREEK

DECEMBER

PHOTO GROUP WORKSHOP: BRING YOUR CAMERA!

Learn how to control depth-of-field, freeze or blur motion and photograph in low light with your camera. Beginner level.

Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

DEC 8 SAT 10AM

OWLS OF DARBY CREEK

Try to lure in these raptors for a closer view on a 2-mile hike. *Indian Ridge*

DEC 8 SAT 5PM

PRESCHOOLERS: WINTER BIRDS

Discover the birds that stay in Ohio over the winter. Make a bird feeder to take home.

Nature Center

DEC 11 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

NIGHT LIFE IN THE STREAM

See what animals awaken after dark in the 53-foot living stream. *Nature Center*

DEC 15 SAT 5:30PM

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Create easy seasonal crafts with materials found in nature. *Nature Center*

DEC 22-23 SAT-SUN 1-3PM

FULL MOON HIKE

Take a brisk moonlit 4-mile hike through fields and forests. *Ranger Station*

DEC 22 SAT 5PM

SUNSET BISON WALK

Enjoy the sunset as we locate the bison in their winter pasture. *Nature Center*

DEC 23 SUN 4:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: WINTER BIRDS

Discover the birds that stay in Ohio over the winter. Make a bird feeder to take home.

Nature Center

DEC 28 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE CHARLIE & THE CURIOUS OTTERS

Follow the story of three orphaned river otters and learn about these curious animals.

Nature Center

DEC 28 FRI 6:30PM

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Search for feathered friends as part of the National Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Tally results and enjoy hot chocolate. *Nature Center*

DEC 29 SAT 8:30AM

MOVIE MATINEE

WILD KRATTS: CREATURE ADVENTURES

Watch two Wild Kratts episodes, "Build it Beaver" and "Bass Class" and learn more about two animals that can be found within the park. *Nature Center*

DEC 29 SAT 1PM

MOVIE MATINEE

DISNEY NATURE: EARTH

Learn about the yearly struggle for survival of three amazing species, the polar bear, African bush elephant and humpback whale.

Nature Center

DEC 30 SUN 1PM

JANUARY

IF TREES COULD TALK DISPLAY

Learn what trees would tell us if they could speak about their long lives. *Nature Center*

JAN 5-13 SAT-SUN 9AM-5PM

FEED THE STREAM

Give the fish worms and crickets and watch the feeding frenzy. *Nature Center*

JAN 5 SAT 2PM

PHOTO GROUP: I CAN DO THAT!

Experienced photographers detail how they create their best images—techniques, settings, composition and artistic inspiration.

Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

JAN 12 SAT 10AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn movements to rejuvenate your mind and body. *Cedar Ridge Lodge*

JAN 12 SAT 11:30AM

OWLS OF DARBY CREEK

Try to lure in these raptors for a closer view on a 2-mile hike. *Indian Ridge*

JAN 12 SAT 5:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: OWLS

Learn about these silent fliers through story, song and craft. *Nature Center*

JAN 15 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE DISNEY NATURE: BEARS

Follow a family of brown bears in the mountains of Alaska. *Nature Center*

JAN 18 FRI 6:30PM

OHIO GEOLOGY DISPLAY

Learn about the geology of Ohio. *Nature Center*

JAN 19-27 SAT-SUN 9AM-5PM

NIGHT LIFE IN THE STREAM

See what animals awaken after dark in the 53-foot living stream. *Nature Center*

JAN 19 SAT 5:30PM

CUB SCOUT DAY: WEBELOS EARTH ROCKS

Webelos (10 & 11 year olds) will participate in activities that meet the requirements for the Earth Rocks Pin. *Advance registration*

JAN 20 SUN ☎ 10321400

FULL MOON HIKE

Take a brisk moonlit 4-mile hike through fields and forests. *Ranger Station*

JAN 21 MON 5PM

PRESCHOOLERS: OWLS

Learn about these silent fliers through story, song and craft. *Nature Center*

JAN 25 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 HARRIERS & SHORT EARS

Look for northern harriers and short-eared owls on a 2-mile prairie hike. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

JAN 26 SAT 5PM

BISON: BEHIND THE SCENES

See how park staff tend to our bison. *Nature Center*

JAN 27 SUN 1PM

FEBRUARY**PIECES OF THE PAST**

Enjoy a display of artifacts from prehistoric people who lived and traveled around Big and Little Darby creeks. *Nature Center*

FEB 3-10 SUN-SUN 9AM-5PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 OWLS

Take a short walk on a paved trail to look for owls. Ages 50 and older *Cedar Ridge Lodge*

FEB 3 SUN 6PM

PHOTO GROUP: IMAGE REVIEW

Attendees are invited to share their photos and share constructive feedback. All skill levels. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

FEB 9 SAT 10AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn movements to rejuvenate your mind and body. *Cedar Ridge Lodge*

FEB 9 SAT 11:30AM

PRESCHOOLERS: OH DEER

Learn about Ohio's state mammal, the white-tailed deer. *Nature Center*

FEB 12 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIE NOVA: ICE AGE DEATH TRAP

Scientists race to uncover a site in the Rockies packed with fossil mammoths and other extinct ice age beasts. *Nature Center*

FEB 15 FRI 6:30PM

ICE AGE DISPLAY

Learn about life in Ohio during the Ice Age. *Nature Center*

FEB 16-24 SAT-SUN 9AM-5PM

ICE AGE OHIO

Meet Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum, and learn about the effects glaciers had on the landscape and wild animals, including mammoths, mastodons, giant beavers and giant bears. *Nature Center*

FEB 16 SAT 2PM

FEED THE STREAM

Give the fish worms and crickets and watch the feeding frenzy. *Nature Center*

FEB 17 SUN 2PM

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Enjoy a 2-, 4- or 6-mile trek along the banks and bluffs of Big Darby Creek. *Ranger Station*

FEB 23 SAT 10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: OH DEER

Learn about Ohio's state mammal, the white-tailed deer. *Nature Center*

FEB 28 THU 11AM OR 1PM

BLACKLICK WOODS**DECEMBER****HOW TO BE A CITIZEN SCIENTIST**

Contributing to science is easier than ever. Learn how you can help by using some popular sites and apps. *Nature Center*

DEC 2 SUN 4PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: NATURE NINJAS

Discover how animals use their ninja skills to escape from predators and catch prey. Ages 6-12 *Beech Maple Lodge*

DEC 5 WED 10AM OR 1PM

UNEXPECTED MIGRANTS

Birds aren't the only ones! Learn about other animals that migrate. *Nature Center*

DEC 8 SAT 1PM

YOU CAN EAT THAT

Take a short hike to discover what wild edible plants are available in winter and try some samples. *Nature Center*

DEC 9 SUN 2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: BEECH TREE PUPPETS DISCOVER HIBERNATION

Join the Beech Tree Puppets as they learn about hibernation and make a sleepy craft. *Beech Maple Lodge*

DEC 12 WED 10AM OR 1PM

HOLIDAY SYMBOLS DISPLAY

Learn about plants and animals associated with the holidays. *Nature Center*

DEC 15-16 SAT-SUN 8AM-6PM

BOTANICAL BEVERAGES

Warm up with some beverages made from plants found in the park. *Nature Center*

DEC 15 SAT 2PM

OWLS OF HARRY POTTER

Learn about owls in Ohio and in the Harry Potter universe. *Beech Maple Lodge*

DEC 17 MON 10AM OR 1PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 1 LOOK FOR AN EVERGREEN

Take a half-mile walk to search for conifers on National Look for an Evergreen Day. Ages 50 and older *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

DEC 19 WED 5PM

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Stop by and make a few holiday-themed crafts. *Nature Center*

DEC 22 SAT 12-4PM

UPCYCLED GIFT WRAPPING

Try out some new gift wrapping ideas, while giving old items a new use. *Nature Center*

DEC 23 SUN 3PM

NATURE BABIES

Bring your little one and explore animals and the change of seasons through books in the nature center. Caregivers will learn nature signs in American Sign Language. Ages 2 and younger *Nature Center*

DEC 28 FRI 10AM

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION NIGHT

Catch a glimpse of nocturnal critters through the viewing windows. *Nature Center*

DEC 28 FRI 6-8PM

JANUARY

NEW YEAR, NEW LIST

Join us on a 2-mile walk to search the trails for birds. *Nature Center*

JAN 1 TUE 10AM

BLACKLICK WOODS IN WINTER DISPLAY

Discover what plants, animals and fungi can be found in the coldest months of the year.

Nature Center

JAN 5-6 SAT-SUN 8AM-6PM

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Take a 2- or 4-mile walk through the woods and meadows. Hot drinks and snacks provided. *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

JAN 5 SAT 10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE

Learn about ducks and geese that visit Ohio through stories, activities and a craft.

Beech Maple Lodge

JAN 9 WED 10AM OR 1PM

INSECTS IN WINTER

Learn how insects survive winter, then dig through leaf litter, turn over logs and shake tree branches to find some. *Nature Center*

JAN 12 SAT 2PM

IRRUPTION!

Learn about rare winter visitors and what brings them here. *Nature Center*

JAN 13 SUN 3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: TERRARIUMS

Bring a plastic 2-liter bottle and make a mini ecosystem to take home. Ages 6-12

Beech Maple Lodge

JAN 14 MON 10AM OR 1PM

OWL HIKE

Take a 2-mile walk to search the trails for roosting barred owls. *Nature Center*

JAN 19 SAT 10AM OR 1PM

ICE AGE OHIO DISPLAY

Learn about life in Ohio during the Ice Age.

Nature Center

JAN 19-20 SAT-SUN 8AM-6PM

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION NIGHT

Catch a glimpse of nocturnal critters through the viewing windows. *Nature Center*

JAN 25 FRI 6-8PM

BUG OFF!

Learn about some of the interesting ways insects defend themselves. *Nature Center*

JAN 26 SAT 2PM

OWL HIKE

See Jan 19

JAN 27 SUN 4PM

FEBRUARY

SNOWY STORY TIME

Enjoy winter-themed books that celebrate the best of the season and make a craft.

Nature Center

FEB 1 FRI 10AM

FROZEN SWAMP

Break through the ice of the swamp to scoop up tiny swimmers. *Nature Center*

FEB 2 SAT 1PM

NATURE SCHOOL: REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Become more familiar with the life history of Ohio's reptiles and amphibians. *Nature Center*

FEB 3 SUN 2PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3

WILD WINTER WALK

Get outside for a cabin fever reliever on a 2-mile walk as we look for signs of winter wildlife. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

FEB 4 MON 2PM

ANIMAL COURTSHIP DISPLAY

Discover some of the fascinating ways wild animals attract a mate. *Nature Center*

FEB 9-10 SAT-SUN 8AM-6PM

NATURE CENTER WINTER DISCOVERY DAY

Learn about pond life, feed the nature center critters, decorate an animal cookie and make a craft. *Nature Center*

FEB 10 SUN 2-3:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: TINY TRAVELER SERIES - THE ARCTIC

Discover the wildlife that live in the Arctic and learn more about this special area through discussion, books and activities.

Beech Maple Lodge

FEB 13 WED 10AM OR 1PM

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Count birds at the feeders to participate in this great citizen science project.

Nature Center

FEB 16 SAT 10AM

FEB 17 SUN 2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: CRITTER SCENE INVESTIGATION

Use evidence to solve a mystery in the park. Ages 6-12 *Beech Maple Lodge*

FEB 18 MON 10AM OR 1PM

WALKING THE DOG DAY

Take a 2-mile walk with your dog to celebrate National Walking the Dog Day! Treats provided for people and pets. *Nature Center*

FEB 22 FRI 9AM

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION NIGHT

Catch a glimpse of nocturnal critters through the viewing windows. *Nature Center*

FEB 22 FRI 6-8PM

INVASIVE SPECIES DISPLAY

View a display about invasive species in Ohio to kick off National Invasive Species Awareness Week. *Nature Center*

FEB 23-24 SAT-SUN 8AM-6PM

BLENDON WOODS

DECEMBER

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older

Nature Center

DEC 1 SAT 9AM

HIKE THOREAU LAKE

Hike around Thoreau Lake and find the animals living there. *Nature Center*

DEC 1 SAT 2PM

WINTER BIRD HIKE

Look for winter residents while walking the trails. *Nature Center*

DEC 2 SUN 9AM

NIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER

See what comes alive outside the nature center windows after dark! *Nature Center*

DEC 7 FRI 5:30PM

HOLIDAY CRAFTERNOON

Drop by to make a craft that will brighten your winter afternoon. *Nature Center*

DEC 9 SUN 1PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 1.5-mile walk to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older
Nature Center

DEC 12 WED 11AM

PHOTO PROWL: WATERFOWL

Visit Thoreau Lake to photograph the waterfowl. *Nature Center*

DEC 15 SAT 9AM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older
Nature Center

DEC 15 SAT 9AM

118th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Help with one of the oldest citizen science projects, the Audubon Christmas Bird Count.
Nature Center

DEC 16 SUN 7AM

HOLIDAY CRAFTERNOON

Drop by and make a craft to brighten your winter afternoon. *Nature Center*

DEC 16 SUN 1PM

PRESCHOOLERS: HIBERNATION

Come in your PJs and learn about animals who take a long winter's nap. *Nature Center*

DEC 18 TUE 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older
Nature Center

DEC 19 WED 6PM

CANINE HIKE

Take a 1.5-mile hike to look and listen for Ohio's native canines. *Nature Center*

DEC 21 FRI 5:30PM

FULL COLD MOON HIKE

Hike 2 miles by the light of the last full moon of the year. *Nature Center*

DEC 22 SAT 5:30PM

WINTER BREAK SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by to see how many hidden critters you can find. *Nature Center*

DEC 22-31 SAT-MON 10AM-2PM

FAMILY FUN: FEED THE BIRDS

Stop by to make a treat for the birds.
Nature Center

DEC 27 THU 12-3PM

METRO FIVE-0: FEED THE BIRDS

Learn about bird feeder styles and what food attracts common winter birds. Make a simple feeder to take home. Ages 50 and older
Nature Center

DEC 28 FRI 2PM

JANUARY**NEW YEAR BIRD HIKE**

Begin the new year exploring the park looking for birds. *Nature Center*

JAN 1 TUE 8AM

WINTER BREAK SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by to see how many hidden critters you can find. *Nature Center*

JAN 1-2 TUE-WED 10AM-2PM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older
Nature Center

JAN 5 SAT 9AM

METRO FIVE-0: COFFEE AND BIRDS

Enjoy a warm cup by the nature center window as we provide special treats for our hungry winter residents. Ages 50 and older
Nature Center

JAN 6 SUN 9AM

JUST FOR KIDS: COCOA AND BIRDS

Enjoy a warm cup by the nature center window as we provide special treats for our hungry winter residents. Ages 3-18
Nature Center

JAN 6 SUN 1PM

NIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER

See what comes alive outside the nature center windows after dark! *Nature Center*

JAN 11 FRI 6PM

WONDERFUL WOODPECKERS

Search for woodpeckers on the trails.
Nature Center

JAN 12 SAT 2PM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older
Nature Center

JAN 16 WED 6PM

BIRD FEEDER BINGO

Bring your family and friends to see who can spot the birds – down, across or diagonal!
Nature Center

JAN 19-21 SAT-MON 10AM-3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: PUPPET SHOW

Join the Blendon Woods puppets on a wintry adventure. *Nature Center*

JAN 24 THU 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

JAN 25 FRI 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

CUB SCOUTS—BEARS: FUR, FEATHERS & FERNS

Work on requirements toward earning this Bear achievement. *Advance registration*

JAN 26 SAT ☺ 10222200

TRACKS OFF THE TRAILS

Join us for an off-trail hike to search for animal scat, tracks and signs! *Nature Center*

JAN 27 SUN 2PM

HOMESCHOOL: NOCTURNAL ADVENTURE

Learn about animals' special adaptations for life after dark. Ages 6-12
Advance registration

JAN 29 TUE ☺ 10221101

FEBRUARY

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Join us for a 2- or 4-mile hike. Refreshments served beginning 10am.

Natural Play Area Shelter

FEB 2 SAT 10AM

NEW MOON LANTERN STROLL

Enjoy a 1.5-mile hike by lantern light!

Nature Center

FEB 4 MON 6:30PM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older

Nature Center

FEB 6 WED 6–8PM

GIRL SCOUT CADETTES: NIGHT OWL OVERNIGHT

Work on requirements toward the Night Owl badge and stay overnight in the nature center. *Advance registration*

FEB 8 FRI © 10222000

NIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER

See what comes alive outside the nature center windows after dark! *Nature Center*

FEB 15 FRI 6:30PM

WINTER BIRD HIKE

Visit Thoreau Lake and view our wintering waterfowl. *Nature Center*

FEB 16 SAT 9AM

FROM VISITOR TO VOLUNTEER

Join us at Highbanks and take the first step to become a Metro Parks volunteer. Learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities at Blendon Woods, Highbanks and Sharon Woods. Enjoy a guided hike, light refreshments and meet like-minded people. Volunteer applications will be available after the program. Ages 16 and older

Advance registration

FEB 16 SAT © 10232002

BIRD FEEDER BINGO

Bring your family and friends to see who can spot the birds – down, across or diagonal!

Nature Center

FEB 16-18 SAT-MON 10AM–3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: WHEN WILL IT BE SPRING?

Everyone is searching for signs of spring!

Nature Center

FEB 19 TUE 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

FEB 20 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older

Nature Center

FEB 23 SAT 9–11AM

CUB SCOUTS—WOLF: PAWS ON THE PATH

Hike the trails to work on requirements toward this Wolf Cub achievement.

Advance registration

FEB 23 SAT © 10220901

SEARCH FOR SKUNK CABBAGE

Find the first flower of the year and learn its medicinal uses. *Nature Center*

FEB 24 SUN 1PM

OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER: URBAN WILDLIFE

Meet OWC ambassador animals who enjoy the city life! *Nature Center*

FEB 24 SUN 2PM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating, fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails. Choose a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Pace will be well under 20 minutes a mile. Ages 14 and older

Nature Center

FEB 27 WED 6–8PM

HOMESCHOOL: SIGNS OF SPRING SKUNK CABBAGE

Take a hike to discover the first flower of the season! Ages 6-12 *Advance registration*

FEB 28 THU © 10221102 (2 SESSIONS)

CLEAR CREEK

DECEMBER

CANINE HIKE

Bring your dog for a 3-mile backcountry hike to Lake Emily. *Park Office*

DEC 8 SAT 10AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4 MEMORY ROCK HIKE

Take a 4-mile backcountry hike through the forest and see spectacular views of Clear Creek Valley. Ages 50 and older *Park Office*

DEC 12 WED 10AM

MEMORY ROCK HIKE

Join us on a 4-mile backcountry hike to one of Clear Creek's best overlooks. *Park Office*

DEC 15 SAT 10AM

JANUARY

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE

Start the New Year off with a 3-mile hike on one of the park's most rugged trails and along the creek. *Fern Parking Lot*

JAN 1 TUE 10AM

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Enjoy a 1- or 3-mile self-guided hike, or choose from one of two guided 5-mile hikes.

Thomas Mathias Parking Lot

JAN 26 SAT 10AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4 HIKE THE HEMLOCK TRAIL

Explore one of the park's most rugged trails on a 3-mile hike. Ages 50 and older

Fern Parking Lot

JAN 30 WED 10AM

FEBRUARY

FLY TYING FOR BEGINNERS

Get a head start on fly fishing season by learning how to tie your own flies.

Maintenance Shop

FEB 2 SAT 1PM

ICE CAVE HIKE

Take a self-guided 3.5-mile backcountry hike to the Ice Cave. Warm up along the way with Das KaffeeHaus coffee and locally made pastries. *Park Office*

FEB 16 SAT 10AM–1PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4 SKUNK CABBAGE HIKE

Join us for a rugged 4-mile hike and see Ohio's earliest blooming wildflower. Ages 50 and older *Park Office*

FEB 20 WED 10AM

SKUNK CABBAGE HIKE

Join us for a rugged 4-mile hike and see Ohio's earliest blooming wildflower.

Park Office

FEB 23 SAT 10AM

GLACIER RIDGE**DECEMBER****WALK AND WOOF**

Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. *Dog Park*

DEC 9 SUN 2PM

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Search for birds as part of the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Ages 8 and older *Maintenance Shop*

DEC 31 MON 8-11AM

JANUARY**PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR: COMPOSITION**

Learn how to improve your photography skills and capture the perfect shot.

Ages 8 and older *Maintenance Shop*

JAN 5 SAT 2PM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. *Dog Park*

JAN 13 SUN 2PM

OFF-TRAIL NATURE HIKE

Take an off-trail adventure to areas of the park not usually seen. Ages 9 and older *Shelter House*

JAN 27 SUN 2-4PM

FEBRUARY**46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES**

Enjoy a brisk 2-mile hike through the grass-land and forest. *Shelter House*

FEB 10 SUN 2PM

OWL HIKE

Search for barred owls on a 1-mile hike. Ages 6 and older *Shelter House*

FEB 15 FRI 6PM

FOR KIDS: ANIMAL TRACKING

Use your detective skills to find out which animals live here in the park. Ages 5-12 *Shelter House*

FEB 19 TUE 2PM

OWL HIKE

Search for barred owls on a 1-mile hike. Ages 6 and older *Shelter House*

FEB 22 FRI 6PM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. *Dog Park*

FEB 24 SUN 2PM

HIGHBANKS**DECEMBER****HOLIDAY NATURE CRAFTS FOR KIDS**

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon making crafts and sipping hot chocolate. Ages 12 and younger *Multi Purpose Room*

DEC 2 SUN 2-4PM

CREATURE FEATURE: REPTILES

Visit with reptiles and learn how we take care of these animals. *Nature Center*

DEC 5 WED 11AM

OWL HIKE

Hike 2 miles to search for great horned and barred owls. *Oak Coves Picnic Area*

DEC 8 SAT 6:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: DARLING DEER

Learn about Ohio's state mammal through crafts, games and stories. *Nature Center*

DEC 12 WED 11AM OR 1PM

DEC 13 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 1 INDOOR BIRD WATCHING

Learn about Ohio's wintering birds and look for some from the comfort of the nature center. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

DEC 14 FRI 11AM

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Search for birds as part of the National Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Enjoy hot chocolate while we tally our results. Ages 5 and older *Nature Center*

DEC 15 SAT 9AM

STORYTIME: BEARS

Enjoy songs and stories about this winter hibernator. Ages 3-6 *Nature Center*

DEC 17 MON 10AM

ADULTS: OFF-TRAIL WANDER

Enjoy a rugged 4-mile off trail hike in the Edward F. Hutchins Nature Preserve. Ages 18 and older *Advance registration*

DEC 18 TUE ☎ 10430900

HOWL AT THE MOON

Bring your canine friend on a 3.5-mile hike. *Nature Center*

DEC 20 THU 6-8PM

MOVIE MATINEE**NATURE CAT & WINTER SOLSTICE**

Learn about the winter solstice and watch Nature Cat: Winter Dance Party. *Nature Center*

DEC 21 FRI 11AM

JANUARY**FOR KIDS: OUTDOOR WINTER GAMES**

Play games in our open field and learn all the ways that you can have fun in the cold.

Ages 3-15 *Big Meadow Picnic Area*

JAN 3 THU 1PM

FOR FAMILIES: LANTERN STROLL

Carry lanterns to light the way on a 1-mile hike on the Dripping Rock Trail. *Nature Center*

JAN 5 SAT 6:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: GOODNIGHT NATURE

Cozy up in your pajamas and learn about what nature does after you go to sleep.

Nature Center

JAN 9 WED 11AM OR 1PM

JAN 10 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

OWL HIKE

Hike 2 miles to search for great horned and barred owls. *Oak Coves Picnic Area*

JAN 12 SAT 6:30PM

STORYTIME: ANIMALS IN WINTER

Learn where animals go when it starts to get cold, through stories and songs.

Nature Center

JAN 14 MON 10AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: FEEDER WATCH

Learn about the importance of citizen science and the ways that you can contribute to it from home. Take a hike and search for birds. Ages 8-17 *Nature Center*

JAN 18 FRI 1PM

HOWL AT THE MOON

Bring your canine friend on a 3.5-mile hike.

Nature Center

JAN 22 TUE 6:30PM

YOUNG EXPLORERS: WINTERY HIKE

Bundle up and take a short hike looking for animals in the forest. Ages 2-5 *Nature Center*

JAN 23 WED 11AM

MAMMALS OF OHIO DISPLAY

See how animals survive the winter months through games, activities, videos and displays. *Multi Purpose Room*

JAN 26-27 SAT-SUN 12-2PM

CREATURE FEATURE: ANIMAL FEEDINGS

Watch the naturalist feed the education reptiles and amphibians and learn how we care for these animals. *Nature Center*

JAN 29 TUE 11AM

FEBRUARY**HOT CHOCOLATE AND S'MORES**

Warm up to a campfire while sipping on hot chocolate and roasting s'mores. *Nature Center*

FEB 1 FRI 6-8PM

STORYTIME: OWLS

Enjoy stories about owls and find out who lives in the woods. *Nature Center*

FEB 4 MON 10AM

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Enjoy a 2.5- or 5-mile hike. Refreshments afterward. *Northern Shelter*

FEB 9 SAT 10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: OWLS

Discover the wonderful world of owls through activities, crafts and stories.

Nature Center

FEB 14 THU 11AM OR 1PM

FEB 15 FRI 9:30 OR 11AM

OWL HIKE

Hike 2 miles to search for great horned and barred owls. *Oak Coves Picnic Area*

FEB 16 SAT 7PM

SO YOU WANT TO BE A METRO PARKS VOLUNTEER!

Take the first step to become a Metro Parks volunteer. Learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities at Blendon Woods, Highbanks and Sharon Woods Metro Parks. Enjoy a guided hike, light refreshments and meet like-minded people. Volunteer applications will be available after the the program. Ages 16 and older *Advance registration*

FEB 16 SAT ☎ 10432000

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Learn how to identify winter birds from the warmth of the nature center as part of this citizen science project. *Nature Center*

FEB 18 MON 11AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 1 BEAT THE WINTER BLUES

Gwen Utrecht leads the way as you use a variety of percussion instruments (all provided). Ages 50 and older *Advance registration*

FEB 20 WED ☎ 15541201

HOWL AT THE MOON

Bring your canine friend on a 3.5-mile hike.

Nature Center

FEB 21 THU 7PM

EAGLE WATCH

Take a 3-mile hike to the Overlook Deck to look for bald eagles and signs of nesting activity. Ages 8 and older *Nature Center*

FEB 23 SAT 11AM

SCOUT DAY: GIRL SCOUTS JUNIOR HABITATS

Juniors will participate in indoor and outdoor activities geared toward earning the Juniors Animal Habitat badge. *Advance registration*

FEB 24 SUN ☎ 10422200

MOVIE MATINEE: NATURE CAT & VERNAL POOLS

Learn about vernal pools and watch Nature Cat: Onward and Pondward. *Nature Center*

FEB 28 THU 11AM

HOMESTEAD**DECEMBER****STORY TIME**

Listen to a story and meet an animal featured in the tale. Ages 2-8 *Nature Center*

DEC 4 TUE 10AM, 11AM OR 1PM

BABIES: IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

Enjoy some indoor winter sensory activities and nature-themed play!

Ages 4 and younger *Nature Center*

DEC 19 WED 10AM

FOR KIDS: ANIMAL TRACKING

Use your detective skills to find out which animals live here in the park. Ages 5-12

Nature Center

DEC 28 FRI 2PM

JANUARY**WILD WEDNESDAYS: AMPHIBIANS**

Visit with the education frogs, toads and salamanders and learn how naturalists take care of them. Ages 2-8 *Nature Center*

JAN 9 WED 10AM OR 1PM

WINTER WONDERLAND SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by to pick up your scavenger hunt. Return for a prize and some hot chocolate.

Ages 4-12 *Nature Center*

JAN 21 MON 12-2PM

FEBRUARY**WILD WEDNESDAYS: REPTILES**

Visit with the education snake and turtles and learn how naturalists take care of them.

Ages 2-8 *Nature Center*

FEB 6 WED 10AM OR 1PM

MAPLE SUGARING

Learn how maple trees are used to produce syrup. Take a short walk to see how trees are tapped to collect sap. Then watch as sap is boiled to make syrup. See if you can taste the difference between corn-syrup and the REAL maple syrup!

Ages 5 and older *Nature Center*

FEB 16 SAT 2PM

FEBRUARY FUN DAY

Get rid of those winter blues with fun activities including hot chocolate making, snow experiments and an outdoor scavenger hunt. Ages 3-13 *Lakeside Pavilion*

FEB 18 MON 2-4PM

INNISWOOD

DECEMBER

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: WINTER GREENS

Learn about plants that stay green during winter through a story and a short hike. Make a holiday craft to take home.

Advance registration

DEC 5 WED ☉ 10811901 (3 SESSIONS)

COMMON WINTER BIRDS

Learn about birds on a guided walk and enjoy warm drinks after. Binoculars provided. Ages 18 and older *Gardens Entrance*

DEC 8 SAT 10AM

MEET THE ARTIST

View John Holliger's "The Many Paths of Life" photography exhibit at a reception.

Innis House

DEC 9 SUN 2PM

GARDEN LANTERN WALK

Enjoy a walk through the gardens lit by candle lanterns. *Gardens Entrance*

DEC 9 SUN 6PM

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Search for birds and help collect data for the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Finish up inside with a warm drink and view birds at the feeders.

Innis House

DEC 15 SAT 8-11AM

GARDEN SCHOOL: WINTER GREENS

Discover how plants survive winter and make a nature craft with evergreen plants. Ages 6-9

Advance registration

DEC 28 ☉ 10821804

JANUARY

COMMON WINTER BIRDS

Learn about birds on a guided walk and enjoy warm drinks after. Binoculars provided.

Ages 18 and older *Gardens Entrance*

JAN 5 SAT 10AM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: BLUEBIRDS

Watch for bluebirds at our feeders and find out how these birds survive winter.

Advance registration

JAN 9 WED ☉ 10811906 (3 SESSIONS)

CENTRAL OHIO PRAIRIES

Rick Gardner, ODNR's chief botanist, discusses the natural history, plants and animals that inhabit the prairies at Darby and Pickaway Plains. Sponsored by Columbus Wild Ones.

Ages 18 and older *Innis House*

JAN 12 SAT 10-11AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 1 COMMON FEEDER BIRDS

View birds through the windows and discuss what birds are most likely to visit your feeders. Ages 50 and older *Innis House*

JAN 15 TUE 10AM

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Join us for a guided 2-mile hike along the trails and garden paths. *Gardens Entrance*

JAN 27 SUN 2PM

FEBRUARY

WINTER TREE ID: EASY BARK

Learn how to identify trees using clues from their bark on this first session of the winter tree id series. Ages 18 and older

Gardens Entrance

FEB 2 SAT 2PM

33RD ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

View quilts produced by members of the Columbus Metropolitan Quilters. Members will be available to answer questions on Saturdays and Sundays. *Innis House*

FEB 2-3 SAT-SUN 11AM-4PM

FEB 5-8 TUE-FRI 8AM-4:30PM

FEB 9-10 SAT-SUN 11AM-4PM

WINTER TREE ID: SILHOUETTES AND BRANCHES

Learn how to identify trees focusing on characteristics of tree form on this second session of the winter tree id series. Ages 18 and older

Gardens Entrance

FEB 9 SAT 2PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 1.5-mile walk to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older

Gardens Entrance

FEB 12 TUE 1PM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: WINTER SNOW WHERE DO YOU GO?

Explore what happens to melting snow through activities and by making an edible watershed. *Advance registration*

FEB 13 WED ☉ 10811913 (3 SESSIONS)

METRO FIVE-0: Level 1 COMMON FEEDER BIRDS

View birds through the windows and discuss what birds are most likely to visit your feeders. Ages 50 and older *Innis House*

FEB 15 FRI 10AM

WINTER TREE ID: BUDS AND LEAF SCARS

Learn how to identify trees focusing on buds, scars and other branch characteristics on this third session of the winter tree id series.

Ages 18 and older *Gardens Entrance*

FEB 16 SAT 2PM

MEET THE ARTISTS

View the zentangle, photography and paintings of Marjorie Wilhelm and the paintings of Will Lyon at a reception. *Innis House*

FEB 17 SUN 2-4PM

GARDEN SCHOOL: GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Learn about the birds that visit our feeders and contribute to citizen science as we participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count.

Ages 6-9 *Advance registration*

FEB 18 MON ☉ 10820516

INNISWOOD BOOK CLUB

Join us for a discussion of this quarter's book "For all the Tea in China" by Sarah Rose. Ages 18 and older *Innis House*

FEB 23 SAT 2PM

PRAIRIE OAKS

JANUARY

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Enjoy a 1-, 3- or 5-mile hike around the lakes, through the prairie and along the banks of Big Darby Creek. *Darby Bend Lakes*

JAN 13 SUN 2PM

FEBRUARY

WINTER HIKE FOR YOUR BEST FURRY FRIEND

Enjoy a 1- or 3-mile self-guided hike with your leashed pet. Warm up around the campfire and we'll serve hot chocolate for humans and treats for dogs. *Darby Bend Lakes*

FEB 24 SUN 2PM

ROCKY FORK

DECEMBER

LOOK FOR OWLS

Search for owls that spend the winter here.

Millstone Shelter

DEC 29 SAT 6PM

JANUARY

WINTER RESIDENTS

Find the birds spending the winter here.

Millstone Shelter

JAN 20 SUN 10AM

FEBRUARY

WINTER HAWKS

Look for hawks that hunt in the park in

winter. *Millstone Shelter*

FEB 10 SUN 9AM

SCIOTO AUDUBON

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. *Grange Insurance Audubon*

EVERY THURSDAY & SATURDAY 10AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE

Search for birds in the park. *Grange Insurance Audubon Center*

EVERY SATURDAY 10AM

DECEMBER

CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS

A monthly speaker discusses different conservation topics. For more information e-mail Michael at mgoldman@audubon.org.

Grange Insurance Audubon

DEC 6 THU 6:30PM

THE 119TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Count all the birds you can at the largest and longest-lasting ornithological event in the world. To register e-mail Michael at mgoldman@audubon.org *Advance registration*

DEC 16 SUN ☉ 11750503

WINTER WARM UP DAYS

Warm up at the Audubon Center with crafts, games, stories, movies and songs by the fire.

Grange Insurance Audubon

DEC 27-28 THU-FRI 10AM-5PM

JANUARY

WINTER WARM UP DAYS

See Dec 27 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

JAN 3-4 THU-FRI 10AM-5PM

CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS

See Dec 6

JAN 3 THU 6:30PM

AUDUBON CONSERVATION CLUB

Examine conservation issues impacting our communities and explore future careers. To sign up, email Allison at aclark@audubon.org *Advance registration*

JAN 5 SAT ☉ 11752000

JAN 16 WED ☉ 11752000

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Enjoy a 1- or 2-mile hike along the Greenway and park trails. Food and drink after.

Climbing Wall

JAN 19 SAT 10AM

FEBRUARY

AUDUBON CONSERVATION CLUB

See Jan 5 *Advance registration*

FEB 2 SAT ☉ 11752000

CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS

See Dec 6 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

FEB 7 THU 6:30PM

AUDUBON CONSERVATION CLUB

See Jan 5 *Advance registration*

FEB 13 WED ☉ 11752000

THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Join bird watchers of all ages to count birds and create a real-time snapshot of where birds are. To register e-mail Michael at mgoldman@audubon.org

Advance registration

FEB 17 SUN ☉ 11750504

SCIOTO GROVE

FEBRUARY

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Enjoy a 1- or 2-mile hike followed by hot food and drinks. *Arrowhead Shelter*

FEB 3 SUN 2PM

SHARON WOODS

DECEMBER

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Celebrate the season by creating a few works of art to gift or share. Ages 5-12

Spring Hollow Lodge Lodge

DEC 9 SUN 2PM

AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Search for birds on- and off-trail for the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count. Tally your results over a cup of hot cocoa. *Schrock Lake Restrooms*

DEC 15 SAT 10AM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

DEC 16 SUN 2PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE

Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

DEC 21 FRI 5:30PM

LANTERN STROLL

Candle lanterns will light the way on a 1-mile stroll through the woods.

Schrock Lake Restrooms

DEC 22 SAT 5:30PM

FAMILY FUN: NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN HOUSE PARTY

Stop by anytime to celebrate New Year with games, activities and crafts. Ages 3-7

Spring Hollow Lodge

DEC 30 SUN 11AM-3PM

PRESCHOOLERS PLUS: NEW YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE PARTY

Stop by anytime to celebrate New Year with games, activities and crafts. Ages 3-7 *Spring Hollow Lodge*

DEC 31 MON 10AM-2PM

JANUARY

GO WILD! KIDS CLUB: OFF-TRAIL HIKE

Take a 1-mile hike off-trail in the natural play area in search of winter critters. Ages 5-12 *Spring Hollow Lodge*

JAN 5 SAT 2PM

KIDS, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS: OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER

Meet animals from Ohio Wildlife Center and make a craft to take home.

Spring Hollow Lodge

JAN 9 WED 1PM

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Enjoy a 2- or 4- hike through fields and forests. Hot soup and drinks served.

Maple Grove Picnic Shelter

JAN 12 SAT 10AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: WATER JOURNEY

Take an adventure as a water droplet and explore the importance of water around the globe. Ages 6-12

Spring Hollow Lodge

JAN 17 THU 10AM OR 1:30PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE

Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

JAN 20 SUN 5:45PM

NATURAL PLAY AREA ADVENTURES: FORT BUILDING

Build a fort using natural materials found off-trail. *Natural Play Area*

JAN 21 MON 2PM

ADULTS ONLY: OHIO'S RAPTORS

Join OSU Extension's Marne Titchenell and learn about Ohio's soaring predatory birds—hawks, owls, eagles and more!

Ages 18 and older *Spring Hollow Lodge*

JAN 25 FRI 6:30PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

JAN 26 SAT 10-11AM

PRESCHOOLERS: BEARS

Learn about these furry mammals through a story, craft and game.

Spring Hollow Lodge

JAN 29 TUE 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

JAN 30 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

FEBRUARY

SCOUT DAY: WEBELOS INTO THE WOODS

Webelos will work on requirements towards the Into the Woods adventure.

Advance registration

FEB 09 SAT 10521800 (2 SESSIONS)

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: WHO GOES THERE?

Search for animal tracks and signs off-trail in the forest. Ages 5-12 *Natural Play Area*

FEB 10 SUN 2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: TRACKS N TRAILS

Become a nature detective as you investigate animal tracks and signs. Ages 6-12

Spring Hollow Lodge

FEB 13 WED 10AM OR 1:30PM

SO YOU WANT TO BE A METRO PARKS VOLUNTEER!

Join us at Highbanks and take the first step to become a Metro Parks volunteer. Learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities at Blendon Woods, Highbanks, and Sharon Woods. Enjoy a guided hike, light refreshments and meet like-minded people. Volunteer applications will be available after the program. Ages 16 and older

Advance registration

FEB 16 SAT ☎ 10532000

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

FEB 16 SAT 3PM

GEOCACHING HIDE & SEEK

Learn to use a GPS unit as you hide and seek items off-trail in the natural play area.

Natural Play Area

FEB 18 MON 10AM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE

Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

FEB 18 MON 6:30PM

GPS TREASURE HUNT

Search for hidden critters off-trail while using a GPS unit. *Natural Play Area*

FEB 24 SUN 2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

Make a craft, read a story and enjoy other activities as you learn about the night sky.

Spring Hollow Lodge

FEB 27 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

FEB 28 THU 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

SLATE RUN

FEBRUARY

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Take a 2.5- or 5-mile hike through woods and fields. Food served. *Buzzards Roost Picnic Area*

FEB 17 SUN 2PM

SLATE RUN FARM

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Help decorate the farmhouse in Victorian style. String popcorn and make an ornament to decorate our tree or to take home.

Farmhouse

DEC 1 SAT 1-3PM

'TIS THE SEASON

Take a break from the holiday bustle with a quiet stroll around the farm. String popcorn and make an ornament to take home.

Farmhouse

DEC 2 SUN 1-3PM

FILLING THE FARM LARDER

Hog butchering is a seasonal activity that provided much of the meat for the coming year on an 1880s farm. Watch the farmers as they clean and prepare the hog carcass.

Farmhouse

DEC 8 SAT 9AM-2PM

DEC 9 SUN 11AM-2PM

PRESCHOOLERS AT THE FARM: GINGERBREAD FUN

Decorate a cookie and learn about the holiday tradition of gingerbread with a craft and a story. *Farmhouse*

DEC 13 THU 11AM

HOMESCHOOLERS AT THE FARM: A GINGERBREAD JOURNEY

Follow the trail of gingerbread through cultures and time to learn how it became a holiday favorite. *Farmhouse*

DEC 13 THU 1PM

FAMILY STORYTIME: KEEPING WARM

Enjoy a story and activity that show how a farm family kept warm in winter.

Farmhouse

DEC 15 SAT 11AM

A CHRISTMAS EVENING

Make decorations, string popcorn and enjoy other seasonal 1880s activities on a special lamplit evening. *Farmhouse*

DEC 15 SAT 4PM

'TIS THE SEASON

Take a break from the holiday bustle with a quiet stroll around the farm. String popcorn and make an ornament to take home.

Farmhouse

DEC 22 SAT 1-3PM

SMOKED, SALTED, PICKLED & PRESERVED

Learn how fruits, vegetables and meats were preserved before the days of artificial refrigeration. The smokehouse will be operating.

Farmhouse

DEC 30 SUN 1-3PM

FEBRUARY

MAPLE TIME

Sample this sweet treat and learn about making maple syrup the 1880s way. A short hike to the sugarbush leaves the farm at 1 and 2pm. Sap collecting and boiling is dependent on the weather but all other activities will take place. Call 614.833.1880 to see if the sap is flowing. *Farmhouse*

FEB 23-24 SAT-SUN 1-3PM

THREE CREEKS

DECEMBER

HIKE ALONG THE CREEK

Enjoy a leisurely 2-mile walk along the creek in search of winter wonders. *Confluence Area*

DEC 1 SAT 10AM

GRAPEVINE WREATH MAKING

Make decorative wreaths for your home using items found in nature. *Confluence Area*

DEC 2 SUN 2PM

WINTER CRAFT: RUSTIC CANDLE HOLDER

Make a decorative candle holder from rustic materials. *Confluence Area*

DEC 8 SAT 10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: ANIMAL STORIES

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and listen to stories about their wildlife cousins.

Heritage Nature Center, 551 Wirt Rd, Groveport

DEC 19 WED 10AM

WALK TO THE EAGLE NEST

Learn about our national bird and take a 2-mile off-trail walk to visit their nesting site.

Confluence Area

DEC 22 SAT 10AM

LAST OF THE YEAR BIRDING

Enjoy a relaxing walk to search for winter birds. *Confluence Area*

DEC 30 SUN 1:30PM

JANUARY

WINTER PHOTO WALK

Search for winter's stark beauty and photograph field and forest. *Confluence Area*

JAN 6 SUN 1:30PM

WINTER TWIG IDENTIFICATION

Learn to identify trees by their twigs and gather some to start your own collection.

Confluence Area

JAN 13 SUN 2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: BEAR NECESSITIES

Engage in activities and listen to stories about bears. Teddy bears welcome to attend.

Heritage Nature Center, 551 Wirt Rd, Groveport

JAN 16 WED 10AM

NATURAL PLAY AREA: SHELTER BUILDING

Practice making a survival shelter using materials found in the woods. *Confluence Area*

JAN 19 SAT 10PM

CALLING ALL KIDS: OWL PELLETS

Learn about owls, food webs and adaptations by dissecting an owl pellet. Ages 4-17

Heritage Nature Center, 551 Wirt Rd, Groveport

JAN 21 MON 9:30 OR 11AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 OFF-TRAIL WANDERING

Take a 2.5-mile on-and-off trail hike through field and forest to visit rarely seen parts of the park. Ages 50 and older *Confluence Area*

JAN 27 SUN 1:30PM

FEBRUARY

OWLS OF FEBRUARY

Learn about Ohio's owls as you walk through the woods and try to lure them with calls.

Confluence Area

FEB 9 SAT 6PM

THE COYOTES AMONG US

Learn about this secretive animal as you wander off-trail in search of their signs.

Heron Pond

FEB 10 SUN 2PM

46TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES

Take a 1-, 3- or 5.6-mile hike along the creeks followed by hot drinks and food.

Confluence Area

FEB 16 SAT 10AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: DISSECTING AN OWL PELLET

Learn about owls, food webs and adaptations by dissecting an owl pellet. Ages 6-17

KidSpace, 630 Wirt Rd, Groveport

FEB 19 TUE 1PM

WOODCOCK WATCH

Take a 1.5-mile walk to watch the aerial courtship display of this fascinating bird.

Confluence Area

FEB 23 SAT 6PM