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### Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks

Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks (Metro Parks) is a public agency serving the citizens of Central Ohio by providing a regional system of clean, safe, natural area parks. Metro Parks features 19 outstanding natural area parks with more than 230 miles of trails and over 27,700 acres of land in seven Central Ohio counties. Parks are free and open 365 days a year.

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metro parks programs

September, October, November 2019
(advanced registration opens August 21)

**METRO FIVE-0** programs for ages 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)

Brooke Flesner
SEPTEMBER

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE
Get wet as we catch fish, bugs, and crawdads in the Big Darby Creek. All Ages Ranger Station
SEP 1 SUN 4–5PM

BUG OUT
It is a buggy world out there! Come explore and catch some of these wonderful insects! All Ages Nature Center
SEP 2 MON 1–4PM

GOING ON A BIGFOOT HUNT!
Learn how to track movement and life in the forest as we search for one of Darby's most elusive creatures. Make sure to bring bug spray and sturdy shoes as we venture off trail. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 7 SAT 5–6PM

MORNING WALK WITH THE BISON
Join us for a 1-mile hike to learn about this 2,000-pound animal while watching the sun rise. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 7 SAT 7–8AM

MIGRATING MONARCHS
Monarchs are amazing butterflies! Come learn how researchers tag and monitor their movements to Mexico. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 8 SUN 2–4PM

PRESCHOOLERS: TURTLES IN THE FAST LANE
Learn about these shelled animals and root for your favorite turtle in the turtle races! Ages 3-5 Nature Center
SEP 10 TUE 11AM–12PM

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SEP 10 TUE 9:30–10:30AM

YOGA IN THE PARK
Learn yoga in an outdoor setting to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages Ranger Station
SEP 14 SAT 11:30AM–12:30PM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE
Get wet as we catch fish, bugs, and crawdads in the Big Darby Creek. All Ages Ranger Station
SEP 14 SAT 4–5PM

PHOTO GROUP: I CAN DO THAT!
Experienced photographers detail how they create their best images - techniques, settings, composition, and artistic inspiration. All skill levels welcome! Ages 18 and older Nature Center
SEP 14 SAT 10–11AM

FULL HARVEST MOON HIKE
Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forests. All Ages Ranger Station
SEP 14 SAT 7:30–8:30PM

BUCKEYE FEVER
Learn about our state symbols and make your own buckeye necklace. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 15 SUN 3–5PM

ADULTS ONLY: FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS “GLOW WORMS”
Seek out an insect's mysterious glow on a 2-mile hike. Ages 18 and older Indian Ridge
SEP 20 FRI 7:30–8:30PM

DIAMOND EYES
Go “diamond hunting” and discover how many spiders are watching you! Bring a flashlight or headlamp. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 21 SAT 7–8PM

FEED THE STREAM
Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets, and other foods. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 21 SAT 1–1:30PM

FAIRY HOUSES
Build fairy houses using materials from nature in the natural play area. All Ages Indian Ridge
SEP 22 SUN 2–3:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: TURTLES IN THE FAST LANE
Learn about these shelled animals and root for your favorite turtle in the turtle races! Ages 3-5 Nature Center
SEP 27 FRI 11AM–12PM

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SEP 27 FRI 1–2PM

HIKIN’ FOR LICHEN
Take a 3 mile moderately difficult Off-Trail Hike through the woods to look for lichen. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 28 SAT 9–10:30AM
**Battelle Darby Creek programs**

**CRAZY FOR CRAYFISH**
Find crayfish in the creek and look for them underground. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 28 SAT 1–2PM

**FALL FORAGING**
Learn about the tasty treats trees, shrubs and their roots can provide on a 1-mile hike. All Ages Ranger Station
SEP 29 SUN 11AM-12PM

**OCTOBER**

**WOOLLY BEARS**
Have a close encounter with these furry caterpillars on a 1-mile hike. All Ages Nature Center
OCT 5 SAT 2–3PM

**DARBY CREEK DAY**
Celebrate the 35th anniversary of Darby Creek becoming a National Scenic River. Enjoy seineing in the creek, canoeing, fishing, live animals, crafts, archery, and more along the Big Darby Creek. Meet representatives from organizations working to protect the Darby Watershed. All Ages Indian Ridge
OCT 6 SUN 1–5PM

**PRESCHOOL: LEAFIN AROUND!**
Red, yellow, orange, brown... colors all around! Explore how leaves change throughout the seasons! All Ages White Oak
OCT 8 TUE 11AM–12PM

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**YOGA IN THE PARK**
Learn yoga in an outdoor setting to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages Ranger Station
OCT 12 SAT 11:30AM–12:30PM

**PHOTO GROUP: TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY**
Follow along on a trip from Columbus, OH to Charleston, SC as a photo group member shares images taken during a week long trip. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
OCT 12 SAT 10–11AM

**FULL HUNTER’S MOON HIKE**
Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forests. All Ages Ranger Station
OCT 13 SUN 7–8PM

**DARBY CREEK FALL CYCLE**
Visit the living stream at the Nature Center to explore how the fall leaf cycle supports life in the Darby Creek. All Ages Nature Center
OCT 13 SUN 2–3PM

**FALL FEST: TRUNK OR TREAT & PUMPKIN HIKE**
Enjoy a self-guided 1 mile hike on jack-o-lantern lit trail. From 5:00 - 6:30 pm come dressed to trick-or-treat in our first ever Trunk-or-Treat! All Ages Ranger Station
OCT 18 FRI 6–9PM

**FEED THE STREAM**
Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets, and other foods. All Ages Nature Center
OCT 19 SAT 1–1:30PM

**BISON BISON**
Not a cow, not a buffalo, it’s a bison! Join us for a 1-mile hike as we learn about this 2,000-pound animal. All Ages Nature Center
OCT 20 SAT 1–1:30PM

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OCT 25 FRI 11AM–12PM

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OCT 25 FRI 1–2PM

**GRAVEYARD HIKE**
Take a 4-mile off-trail hike to prehistoric Native American and pioneer burial grounds. All Ages Ranger Station
OCT 26 SAT 4–5PM

**NOVEMBER**

**NATIONAL BISON DAY**
Celebrate the bison! Enjoy crafts, games, and snacks in the nature center. Learn all about our national mammal and meet the herd on a short walk. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 2 SAT 1–4PM

**ADULTS ONLY: EARLY MORNING COFFEE AND BIRDS**
Come grab a warm brew and watch birds in the quite early morning at the Nature Center. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
NOV 3 SUN 7:30–8:30AM

**HOWL AT THE MOON**
Bring your canine friend on an almost 2 mile evening hike. All Ages Wagtail Trailhead
NOV 9 SAT 4:30–5:30PM

**YOGA IN THE PARK**
Learn yoga in a natural setting to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages Cedar Ridge Lodge
NOV 9 SAT 11:30AM–12:30PM

**PHOTO GROUP: IMAGE REVIEW**
Attendees are invited to share their photos and receive constructive feedback. All skill levels welcome! Ages 18 and older Nature Center
NOV 9 SAT 10–11AM

**TALE OF THE TEPEE**
Explore a Native American hunting shelter. Learn how it was built and try your hand at flint knapping. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 10 SUN 2–4PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: OH DEER!**
Learn all about these white-tailed wonders! Ages 3-5 Nature Center
NOV 12 TUE 11AM–12PM
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NOV 12 TUE 9:30–10:30AM

FULL BEAVER MOON HIKE
Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forests. All Ages Ranger Station
NOV 12 TUE, SUN 5–6PM

NATURE CRAFTS
Create easy natural crafts featuring supplies found in the wild. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 16 SAT 11AM–1PM

100 YEARS OF COYOTES
2019 marks 100 years of Coyotes in Ohio. Come and learn about this misunderstood animal on a 1-mile hike, as we call out to them. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 16 SAT 4:30–5:30PM

OWLS
Lure in owls using calls on a 1-mile hike. All Ages Indian Ridge
NOV 17 SUN 5–6PM

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Learn all about these white-tailed wonders! Ages 3-5 Nature Center
NOV 22 FRI 1–2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: OH DEER!
Learn all about these white-tailed wonders! Ages 3-5 Nature Center
NOV 22 FRI 11AM–12PM

OFF-TRAIL HIKE
Explore remote areas of the park on a rugged 3-mile hike. Please wear good hiking shoes. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 23 SAT 10AM–12PM

NATURE PRINT CONTEST
View entries and winners from the 2019 Nature Photo Contest showcasing plants, animals, and scenery from Metro Parks and Ohio. Plus, cast your vote for the People’s Choice Award. Information on registration and contest rules can be found at https://goo.gl/ic6Drx. Nature Center
NOV 23-24 SAT-SUN 10AM–4PM

FEED THE STREAM
Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets, and other foods. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 24 SUN 1–1:30PM

OPT OUTSIDE: HIKE
Instead of waiting in line, come take a 4-mile hike with us. All Ages Ranger Station
NOV 29 FRI 11AM–1PM
BLACKLICK WOODS

SEPTEMBER

MONARCH MANIA
Take a 2-mile walk to search the fields for migrating butterflies and late caterpillars. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 1 SUN 2–3PM

FISHING BASICS
Kids will learn the basics of casting, knot tying, and fish identification. We’ll also get a chance to catch goldfish to take home at Ashton Pond. Ages 6-15 Advance registration
SEP 6 FRI 40121400

EVENING TRAM RIDE
Take a tram ride through the park as the sun sets. All Ages Ash Grove Picnic Area
SEP 6 FRI 7–8PM

CRAZY CATERPILLAR DISPLAY
Caterpillars come in all shapes and sizes, some you might not even recognize as caterpillars. View our display to see the crazy diversity of these larvae of moths and butterflies. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 7 SAT 8AM–8PM

NATURE TRAM
Take a tram ride through the park. All Ages Ash Grove Picnic Area
SEP 7 SAT 2–3PM

MORNING COFFEE AND WILDLIFE WATCH
View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 7 SAT 8-10AM

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SEP 8 SUN 8AM–8PM

BUCKS AND BUCKEYES
Take a 2-mile walk in search of our state mammal and state tree. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 8 SUN 6–7PM

PRE-SCHOOLERS: SUPER SNAKES
Get to touch a snake and learn more about these cool critters through books, activities and a craft. Ages 3-5 Beech Maple Lodge
SEP 11 WED 1–2PM

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Get to touch a snake and learn more about these cool critters through books, activities and a craft. Ages 3-5 Beech Maple Lodge
SEP 11 WED 10–11AM

PAWPAW PROWL
Take a 1-mile walk to search the trails for our state native fruit. Sample some treats made from this tropical fruit. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 14 SAT 2–3PM

WOOOF WALK
Bring your furry friend for a 2-mile pet-friendly walk. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 14 SAT 9–10AM

NATURE TRAM
Take a tram ride through the park. All Ages Ash Grove Picnic Area
SEP 15 SUN 3–4PM

TOTS ON TRAILS
Share a slow-paced half-mile walk with your toddler and discover nature together. Ages 4 and younger Nature Center
SEP 20 FRI 10–11AM

NATURE TRAM
Take a tram ride through the park. All Ages Ash Grove Picnic Area
SEP 21 SAT 11AM–12PM

FALL FUNGI
Learn about the role of fungi in a forest and look for mushrooms on a 1-mile walk. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 22 SUN 2–3PM

NATURE TRAM
Take a tram ride through the park. All Ages Ash Grove Picnic Area
SEP 28 SAT 2–3PM

BUGS & BLOOMS
Take a 2-mile walk to look for fall flowers and the insects that visit them. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 29 SUN 3–4PM

To learn more, visit metroparks.net
**OCTOBER**

**FISHING BASICS**
Kids will learn the basics of casting, knot tying, and fish identification. We’ll also get a chance to catch goldfish to take home at Ashton Pond. Ages 6-15. Advance registration.

OCT 2 WED 40121400

**FALL COLORS DISPLAY**
See our display and discover the science behind the changing colors of leaves. All Ages. Nature Center.

OCT 5 SAT 8AM–6PM

**MORNING COFFEE AND WILDLIFE WATCH**
View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All Ages. Nature Center.

OCT 5 SAT 8–10AM

**YOU CAN EAT THAT**
Take a 1-mile walk to learn what wild edible plants are available in autumn and try some samples. All Ages. Nature Center.

OCT 6 SUN 2–3PM

**FALL COLORS DISPLAY**
See our display and discover the science behind the changing colors of leaves. All Ages. Nature Center.

OCT 6 SUN 8AM–6PM

**HOMESCHOOLERS: BATS**
Learn about these fascinating flying mammals through books, activities and a walk. Ages 6-12. Beech Maple Lodge.

OCT 7 MON 1–2PM

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OCT 7 MON 10–11AM

**WHO LIVES HERE?**
Take a 1-mile walk to look for animal homes. All Ages. Nature Center.

OCT 12 SAT 3–4PM

**THE BIG SIT!**
Count birds at the nature center feeders for 15 minutes or more. Your data can help scientists learn about bird populations. All Ages. Nature Center.

OCT 12 SAT 10–11AM

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OCT 13 SUN 1–2PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: CRITTER CAMOUFLAGE**

OCT 16 WED 1–2PM

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OCT 16 WED 10–11AM

**TOTS ON TRAILS**
Share a slow-paced half-mile walk with your toddler and discover autumn together. Ages 4 and younger. Nature Center.

OCT 18 FRI 10–11AM

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 FALL FOLIAGE WALK**
Enjoy the fall colors on a 2-mile walk. Ages 50 and older. Nature Center.

OCT 19 SAT 2–3PM

**WEB MAZE**
Walk through a web-maze and learn about spiders through this family-friendly maze. All Ages. Ash Grove Picnic Area.

OCT 20 SUN 3–4PM

**FISHING BASICS**
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OCT 20 SUN 40121400

**NATURE BABIES**

OCT 21 MON 10–11AM

**HALLOWEEN CRAFTS**
Stop by the nature center to make some Halloween-themed crafts. Ages 4-12. Nature Center.

OCT 26 SAT 12–4PM

**STRANGER THINGS DISPLAY**
Discover the weird side of nature that is seldom celebrated by viewing our display. All Ages. Nature Center.

OCT 26 SAT 8AM–6PM

**HALLOWEEN HOWL**

OCT 27 SUN 2–3PM

**STRANGER THINGS DISPLAY**
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OCT 27 SUN 8AM–6PM

**NOVEMBER**

**MORNING COFFEE AND WILDLIFE WATCH**
View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All Ages. Nature Center.

NOV 2 SAT 8–10AM

**SCOUT DAY: WEBELOS INTO THE WILD**
Webelos (4th and 5th grade) will participate in activities that meet requirements for the Into The Wild pin. Nature Center.

NOV 2 SAT 2–4PM

**STRANGER THINGS DISPLAY**
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NOV 27 SUN 8AM–6PM

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NATURE PRINT CONTEST
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Nature Center

NOV 2-3 SAT-SUN 10AM–4PM

WOOF WALK
Bring your furry friend for a 2-mile pet-friendly walk. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 3 SUN 4–5PM

STORY TIME
Learn about nature through stories and activities. Ages 1-5 Nature Center

NOV 4 MON 10–11AM

ANIMAL GROUP NAMES DISPLAY
A murder of crows and a crash of rhinoceroses. View our display to discover other names for collective groups of animals and where they came from. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 9 SAT 8AM–6PM

NATURE SCHOOL: TREES
Come learn how to identify some common trees in central Ohio. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 9 SAT 2–3PM

ANIMAL GROUP NAMES DISPLAY
A murder of crows and a crash of rhinoceroses. View our display to discover other names for collective groups of animals and where they came from. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 10 SUN 8AM–6PM

FALL CRAFTS
Stop by the nature center to make some fall-themed crafts. Ages 4-12 Nature Center

NOV 10 SUN 12–4PM

PRESCHOOLERS: FALL FESTIVITIES
Celebrate the change of seasons through a miniature fall festival with activities and crafts. Ages 3-5 Beech Maple Lodge

NOV 13 WED 1–2PM

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NOV 13 WED 10–11AM

ANIMAL GROUP NAMES DISPLAY
A murder of crows and a crash of rhinoceroses. View our display to discover other names for collective groups of animals and where they came from. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 18 MON 10–11AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: TURKEY TALES
Learn more about the wild cousin of this Thanksgiving staple through activities and a short walk. Ages 6-12 Beech Maple Lodge

NOV 18 MON 1–2PM

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NOV 18 MON 10–11AM

TOTS ON TRAILS
Share a slow-paced half-mile walk with your toddler and discover autumn together. Ages 4 and younger Nature Center

NOV 22 FRI 10–11AM

DRAW A TURKEY
Follow along as we draw a turkey just in time for Thanksgiving. Materials provided. Ages 12 and older Nature Center

NOV 23 SAT 4–5PM

WILD TURKEY DISPLAY
Learn about Ohio’s gobblers by viewing our display. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 23 SAT 8AM–6PM

WILD TURKEY DISPLAY
Learn about Ohio’s gobblers by viewing our display. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 24 SUN 8AM–6PM

OPT-OUTSIDE: HIKE ALL THE TRAILS
Instead of waiting in line, spend the morning exercising your body and clearing your mind. Join a naturalist on a brisk 6-mile walk through the park. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 29 FRI 9–10AM

THANKSGIVING CRAFTS
Stop by the nature center to make some Thanksgiving-themed crafts. Ages 4-12 Nature Center

NOV 29 FRI 12–4PM

LIVING ON THE EDGE
Join a naturalist for a walk to explore the world where forest and field meet. All Ages Nature Center

NOV 30 SAT 11AM–12PM

To learn more, visit metroparks.net
BLONDON WOODS

SEPTEMBER

MONARCH DAYS
Join us for a celebration of butterflies! We will have games, crafts, activities and even a puppet show! All Ages Nature Center
SEP 1 SUN 10AM–2PM

MONARCH MONDAY
Learn about monarch butterflies and the epic journey they make. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 2 MON 2–3PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: LITTLE OWL’S NIGHT
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 Nature Center
SEP 5 THU 11AM–12PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: LITTLE OWL’S NIGHT
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SEP 5 THU 9:30–10:30AM

INSECT SONGS
Listen and learn about the singing insects. All Ages Blendon Woods Group Shelter
SEP 7 SAT 8–9PM

BIRD BEAK BONANZA
Discover the many sizes, shapes and uses of birds' beaks with a hands-on activity and live birds. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 8 SUN 2–3PM

MONARCH MIGRATION MANIA
It’s peak migration season! Participate in citizen science as we tag and release butterflies for their journey from Ohio to Mexico. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 14 SAT 2PM

NATURE JOURNALING
Drop in to the Nature Center and make your own journal to carry with you on your nature hikes! All Ages Nature Center
SEP 14 SAT 3–5PM

PAWPAW-PALOOZA
Travel 1.5 miles on the trails and find our state wild fruit All Ages Nature Center
SEP 15 SUN 2–3PM

MORNING BIRDS
Explore the woodland trails as we walk 2 miles to find the migrating Warblers. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 16 MON 2–3PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: LITTLE OWL’S NIGHT
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 Nature Center
SEP 25 WED 1–2PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: AUBURN IS HERE!
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 Nature Center
SEP 26 THU 9:30–10:30AM

HIKE ALL THE TRAILS
Hike approximately 6 miles for National Family Health and Fitness Day! Ages 18-99 Nature Center
SEP 28 SAT 9AM–12:30PM

TREE ID
Learn to identify the different trees in the park. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 29 SUN 10–11AM

OCTOBER

JUST FOR KIDS: PUPPET SHOW
Join the Blendon Woods Adventure puppets on their next escapade. Ages 2-9 Nature Center
OCT 1 TUE 9:30–10:30AM

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OCT 1 TUE 11AM–12PM

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OCT 1 TUE 1–2PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: SPIDERS, SPIDERS EVERYWHERE!
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 Nature Center
OCT 3 THU 9:30–10:30AM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: SPIDERS, SPIDERS EVERYWHERE!
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 Nature Center
OCT 3 THU 11AM–12PM

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME
Join us for a few stories about animals and nature! Ages 2-6 Nature Center
OCT 4 FRI 10–11AM

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CUB SCOUTS WEBELOS: INTO THE WOODS
Webelos (4th and 5th grade) will participate in activities that meet requirements for the Into The Woods pin. **Advance registration**

OCT 5 SAT 2–3PM 40221800

MORNING BIRDS
Walk 2 miles on the trails and search for the migrating birds. All Ages **Nature Center**

OCT 6 SUN 8–9AM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: BABY BAT’S LULLABY
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 **Nature Center**

OCT 10 THU 9:30–10:30AM

WALK THE CREEK
Enjoy a walk through the woodland creek All Ages **Nature Center**

OCT 12 SAT 2–4PM

PHOTO PROWL
Enjoy and photograph the beautiful fall colors Ages 18-99 **Nature Center**

OCT 13 SUN 9–10AM

FIREMAKING
Learn different ways to make a fire, including flint and steel. All Ages **Nature Center**

OCT 13 SUN 2–3PM

FUNGI FRENZY
Search for some common mushrooms at the Blendon Ravines property. Meet at 5280 Cambria Way. Park along the street. All Ages **Blendon Ravines**

OCT 20 SUN 2–3PM

PRESCHOOL: FALL TRAM
Hop on the tram for a tour of the park; see if you can solve our Fall nature center search. Ages 3-5 **Nature Center**

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OCT 24 THU 9:30–10:30AM

PRESCHOOL: FALL TRAM
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OCT 24 THU 10:30–11:30AM

PRESCHOOL: FALL TRAM
Hop on the tram for a tour of the park; see if you can solve our Fall nature center search. Ages 3-5 **Nature Center**

OCT 25 FRI 6:30–7:30PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: BIRD BEAK BUFFET
Discover the many sizes, shapes and uses of birds’ beaks with a hands-on activity and live birds. Ages 6-12 **Nature Center**

OCT 30 WED 1–2PM

HALLOWEEN LANTERN HIKE
Are you brave enough to join us on All Hallows Eve for a lantern-lit stroll through the woods? All Ages **Nature Center**

OCT 31 THU 7–8PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: THE UGLY PUMPKIN
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 **Nature Center**

OCT 31 THU 9:30–10:30AM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: THE UGLY PUMPKIN
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OCT 31 THU 11AM–12PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: THE UGLY PUMPKIN
Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 **Nature Center**

OCT 31 THU 9:30–10:30AM

NOVEMBER

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME
Join us for a few stories about animals and nature! Ages 2-6 **Nature Center**

NOV 1 FRI 10–11AM

HIKE AROUND THE LAKE
Enjoy a special opportunity to explore the meadows behind Thoreau Lake on this 2 mile off-trail hike. All Ages **Nature Center**

NOV 2 SAT 2–3PM

MORNING BIRDS
Visit Thoreau Lake and see the wintering waterfowl. All Ages **Nature Center**

NOV 3 SUN 9–10AM
NATIVE AMERICAN SOUP
Learn about some ingredients Native Americans may have used in food preparation and taste a delicious hot soup on a fall day. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 9 SAT 2–3PM

NATURE PRINT CONTEST
View entries and winners from the 2019 Nature Photo Contest showcasing plants, animals, and scenery from Metro Parks and Ohio. Plus, cast your vote for the People's Choice Award. Information on registration and contest rules can be found at https://goo.gl/ic6Drx.
Nature Center
NOV 9-10 SAT-SUN 10AM–4PM

WOODPECKER WONDERS
Search for woodpeckers on a 1.5-mile off-trail hike through the Blendon Ravines property. Meet at 5280 Cambria Way; Park along the street. All Ages Blendon Ravines
NOV 10 SUN 2–3PM

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH
Drop by the Nature Center to count birds at our feeder window and help collect data for this important citizen science project. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 15-16 FRI, SAT 9AM–3PM

GEOCACHE EXTRAVAGANZA
Use a GPS unit to find hidden caches off trail in the Sugarbush Daycamp area. Follow signs in park. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 16 SUN 2–3PM

AUTUMN ADVENTURES AT THE NATURAL PLAY AREA
Stop by the Natural Play Area and take part in fall-themed outdoor activities! All Ages Blendon Woods Natural Play Area Shelter
NOV 17 SUN 2–4PM

PRESCHOOL: TURKEY PARTY!
Drop in to the Nature Center for crafts, games and a gobbling-good time! Ages 3-7 Nature Center
NOV 19 TUE 10AM–1PM

PRESCHOOL: TURKEY PARTY!
Drop in to the Nature Center for crafts, games and a gobbling-good time! Ages 3-7 Nature Center
NOV 20 WED 10AM–1PM

BUCKEYE TRAIL-GATE PARTY!
Prep for the big game with a 1.5-mile nature hike; stay afterwards to enjoy a hot dog over the fire and yard games! All Ages Nature Center
NOV 23 SAT 10AM–12PM

DUCK ID HIKE
Learn about the Waterfowl visiting Thoreau Lake! All Ages Nature Center
NOV 23 SAT 2–3PM

TURKEY TALK
Learn about these Thanksgiving icons and take a short hike to spot some. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 26 TUE 2–3PM

TURKEY TROT!
Join the Naturalist for a 2-mile morning run before your Thanksgiving feast! All Ages Nature Center
NOV 28 THU 8:30–9:30AM

ADULTS ONLY: TURKEY TALK-N-WALK
While searching for Turkeys on a 2 mile hike, learn about their life history. Ages 18-99 Nature Center
NOV 29 FRI 10–11AM

FAMILY TURKEY TALK
Learn about these thanksgiving icons and take a 1.5 mile hike to spot some. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 30 SAT 2–3PM
CLEAR CREEK

SEPTEMBER

FULL MOON HIKE
Enjoy views of the full moon on a 4-mile backcountry hike. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Park Office
SEP 14 SAT 7:30–9:30PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 4 GORGE HIKE
Take a 4-mile hike to a gorge located in the backcountry of Clear Creek Metro Park. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water, long pants and hiking boots are recommended. Ages 50 and older Park Office
SEP 18 WED 10AM–12:30PM

BACKCOUNTRY GORGE HIKE
Take a 4-mile hike to a gorge located in the backcountry of Clear Creek Metro Park. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water, long pants and hiking boots are recommended. Park Office
SEP 21 SAT 10AM–12:30PM

OCTOBER

BACKCOUNTRY DOG HIKE
Take a 2.5 mile hike with your canine companion. Dogs must be leashed. Hiking boots recommended. Park Office
OCT 5 SAT 5–6:30PM

BUZZARD'S ROOST BACKCOUNTRY HIKE
Experience fall in the Clear Creek Valley on a rugged 4-mile hike. Be prepared to navigate unimproved, uneven, and steep terrain. The first mile of the hike is a steady up-hill climb. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Fern Parking Lot
OCT 19 SAT 10AM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 4 FALL HIKE
Join us for a 4-mile off-trail hike through the forest to a sandstone maze and giant oak tree. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Ages 50 and older Maintenance Shop
OCT 23 WED 10AM–12:30PM

NOVEMBER

FALL HIKE
Join us for a 4-mile off-trail hike through the forest to a sandstone maze and giant oak tree. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Maintenance Shop
OCT 26 SAT 10AM–12:30PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 4 WINNOWING ROCK HIKE
Enjoy forest views on a 4-mile backcountry hike. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Ages 50 and older Park Office
NOV 13 WED 10AM–12:30PM

WINNOWING ROCK HIKE
Enjoy forest views on a 4-mile backcountry hike. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Park Office
NOV 16 SAT 10AM–12:30PM

BLACK FRIDAY HIKE
Skip the shopping for a post-holiday 4-mile hike on the park trails. Trails are unimproved, uneven, and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Creekside Meadows
NOV 29 FRI 10AM–12PM

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GLACIER RIDGE

SEPTEMBER

YOUNG EXPLORERS: BUG HUNT
Learn all about insects and try to catch some in the meadow. Ages 4-12
Shelter House
SEP 8  SUN  10–11AM

YOUNG EXPLORERS: BUG HUNT
Learn all about insects and try to catch some in the meadow. Ages 4-12
Shelter House
SEP 8  SUN  1–2PM

FOR FAMILIES: NATIVE BEES
Learn about native bees and help us install a bee hotel in the park. All
Ages Shelter House
SEP 14  SAT  2–3PM

WALK AND WOOF
Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. All Ages Glacier Ridge Dog Park
SEP 20  FRI  6:30–7:30PM

WELCOME TO FALL FESTIVAL
Celebrate the season with hayrides, crafts and activities All Ages Shelter
House
SEP 29  SUN  1–4PM

OCTOBER

GO NUTS!
Learn about nuts and seeds on a short hike and make a buckeye necklace
to take home! All Ages Shelter House
OCT 12  SAT  2–3PM

FALL STARGAZING
See planets and constellations using telescopes and binoculars. All Ages
Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)
OCT 18  FRI  8–9:30PM

WALK AND WOOF
Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. All Ages Glacier Ridge Dog Park
OCT 23  WED  6–7PM

NOVEMBER

SPooky lantern hike
Take a stroll through the forest and learn about some critters who lurk in
the darkness Ages 8 and older Shelter House
OCT 25  FRI  7–8PM

PRESCHOOLERS: HELPING WILDLIFE
Learn about all the ways you can help wildlife through a story, activities
and a craft. Shelter House
OCT 30  WED  11AM

NATURE APP YOUR FINGERTIPS
Learn about some of the highly rated nature applications through a
powerpoint presentation and go for a hike to use them. Please bring a
smartphone. All Ages Maintenance Shop
NOV 9  SAT  10–11:30AM

ADULTS: FALL TREE ID
Go on a 1-mile hike to learn the basics of tree identification. Ages 18 and
older Shelter House
NOV 13  WED  10–11AM

WALK AND WOOF
Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. All Ages Glacier Ridge Dog Park
NOV 24  SUN  3–4PM

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HIGBANKS programs

SEPTEMBER

FOR FAMILIES: TRAM RIDE
Enjoy a ride through the park as we look for signs of wildlife. All Ages Big Meadow Picnic Area
SEP 1 SUN 2–3PM

FOR FAMILIES: GO CREEKING
Wear your old shoes as we explore the Olentangy River for animals. Ages 3 and older Big Meadow Picnic Area
SEP 2 MON 2–3PM

FOR FAMILIES: EVENING WILDLIFE HIKE
Hike 1-mile as we search for wildlife in the forest and fields. Ages 3 and older Nature Center
SEP 6 FRI 7–8PM

FOR FAMILIES: HIKE TO THE GIANTS
Rugged 4-mile off-trail hike to the 300-year old giant sycamores along the Olentangy River. Ages 8 and older Advance registration
SEP 7 SAT 40420900

PRESCHOOL: BUSY TREE
Learn how animals stay busy in the forest through stories, hike and craft. Ages 3-5 Nature Center
SEP 11 WED 11AM–12PM

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SEP 11 WED 1–2PM

PRESCHOOL: BUSY TREE
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SEP 12 THU 11AM–12PM

PRESCHOOL: BUSY TREE
Learn how animals stay busy in the forest through stories, hike and craft. Ages 3-5 Nature Center
SEP 12 THU 9:30–10:30AM

HOWL AT THE MOON DOG HIKE
Bring your canine friend on a 3.5-mile hike. Dogs must be leashed. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 13 FRI 7:30–8:30PM

FOR FAMILIES: EVENING WILDLIFE HIKE
Hike 1-mile as we search for wildlife in the forest and fields. Ages 3 and older Nature Center
SEP 14 SAT 7–8PM

SO YOU WANT TO BE A METROPARKS VOLUNTEER!
Take the first step to become a Metro Parks volunteer. Discover year-round volunteer opportunities throughout the park district to find the right fit for you. Enjoy a guided hike, light refreshments and meet like-minded people. Interested applicants can also complete the volunteer interview after the program. If you plan on interviewing for a volunteer position, please plan to stay until 4pm. Ages 16 and older Advance registration
SEP 15 SUN 40432000

FOR FAMILIES: TREE ID
Learn basic tree and leaf identification on a 1-mile hike. Ages 8 and older Nature Center
SEP 28 SAT 2–3PM

OCTOBER

FOR ADULTS: MUSHROOM HIKE
Hike 2-miles to learn how to identify both edible and poisonous mushrooms. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
OCT 4 FRI 10–11AM

FOR KIDS: NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT
Stop by the nature center and pick up a nature scavenger hunt. Everyone wins a small prize. Ages 3 and older Nature Center
OCT 6 SUN 12–2PM

FOR FAMILIES: LANTERN STROLL
Carry lanterns to light the way on a 1-mile hike on the Dripping Rock Trail. Ages 5 and older Nature Center
OCT 11 FRI 6:30–7:30PM

CREATURE FEATURE: REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS
Meet our education animals to learn about how we take care of them. Ages 3 and older Nature Center
OCT 12 SAT 2–3:30PM

HOWL AT THE MOON DOG HIKE
Bring your canine friend on a 3.5-mile hike. Dogs must be leashed. All Ages Nature Center
OCT 12 SAT 6–7PM

HALLOWEEN-THEMED FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Dress up in your Halloween costume and play fun Halloween games. Enjoy smores over the campfire. No scary costumes. Ages 3 and older Nature Center
OCT 18 FRI 6–8PM

OFF-TRAIL RAVINE HIKE
Hike 4-miles off-trail through the ravine’s water to learn about the geology and wildlife of Highbanks. Expect to get wet and muddy. In partnership with Ohio Geological Survey. Ages 8 and older Nature Center
OCT 19 SAT 2–4PM

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**Highbanks programs**

**FOR KIDS: MAKE WIZARD WANDS**
Discover some of the magical trees that grow in the Highbanks forest. Make your own wand to take home. Ages 5-12 *Nature Center*

OCT 20 SUN 2–3PM

**PRESCHOOL: SILLY SPIDERS**
Learn about our 8-legged friends through stories, hike and craft. Ages 3-5 *Nature Center*

OCT 23 WED 11AM–12PM

**PRESCHOOL: SILLY SPIDERS**
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OCT 23 WED 1–2PM

**PRESCHOOL: SILLY SPIDERS**
Learn about our 8-legged friends through stories, hike and craft. Ages 3-5 *Nature Center*

OCT 24 THU 9:30–10:30AM

**FOR KIDS: HARVEST CRAFTS**
Make crafts to celebrate the fall season. Ages 3-12 *Nature Center*

OCT 26 SAT 12–2PM

**FOR FAMILIES: HIKE TO THE GIANTS**
Rugged 4-mile off-trail hike to the 300-year old giant sycamores along the Olentangy River. Ages 8 and older *Advance registration*

OCT 27 SUN 40420900

**STORYTIME: I’M NOT SCARED**
Listen to stories and learn about misunderstood animals. Ages 2-5 *Nature Center*

OCT 28 MON 10–10:30AM

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**FOR KIDS: NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT**
Stop by the nature center and pick up a nature scavenger hunt. Everyone wins a small prize. Ages 3 and older *Nature Center*

NOV 5 TUE 10AM–12PM

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**
Roast s’mores around the campfire. Enjoy crafts and activities in the nature center. Ages 3 and older *Nature Center*

NOV 8 FRI 6–7:30PM

**HOWL AT THE MOON DOG HIKE**
Bring your canine friend and a flashlight on a 3.5-mile hike. Dogs must be leashed. All Ages *Nature Center*

NOV 9 SAT 5:30–6:30PM

**PRESCHOOL: PEOPLE OF THE PAST**
Learn about the Native American people who lived at Highbanks. Ages 3-5 *Nature Center*

NOV 13 WED 1–2PM

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NOV 14 THU 9:30–10:30AM

**FOR FAMILIES: LANTERN STROLL**
Carry lanterns to light the way on a 1-mile hike on the Dripping Rock Trail. Ages 5 and older *Nature Center*

NOV 16 SAT 5:30–6:30PM

**NATURE PRINT CONTEST**
View entries and winners from the 2019 Nature Photo Contest showcasing plants, animals, and scenery from Metro Parks and Ohio. Plus, cast your vote for the People’s Choice Award. Information on registration and contest rules can be found at https://goo.gl/ic6Drx. *Nature Center*

NOV 16-17 SAT-SUN 10AM–4PM

**STORYTIME: GOOD MORNING**
Wear your pajamas and listen to some stories about animals just waking up. Ages 2-5 *Nature Center*

NOV 18 MON 10–10:30AM

**FOR FAMILIES: THANKSGIVING CRAFTS**
Make autumn inspired crafts to take home. Ages 3 and older *Nature Center*

NOV 25 MON 11AM–1PM

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**NOVEMBER**

**WEBELOS: EARTH ROCKS**
Webelos will participate in both indoor and outdoor activities that meet requirements for the Earth Rocks pin. Ages 10-11 *Advance registration*

NOV 3 SUN 1-2PM OR 3-4PM
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To learn more, visit metroparks.net
SEPTMBER

LABOR DAY SCAVENGER HUNT
Enjoy finding items around that park related to the holiday. Turn in your scavenger hunt for a prize. All Ages Nature Center
SEP 2 MON 12–2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: BUTTERFLIES
Experience the life of a butterfly through a story, activities and a craft. Barn Shelter
SEP 6 FRI 11AM

GIRL SCOUT DAYS: BROWNIES BUGS
Brownie Girl Scouts will meet all requirements for the Brownie Bugs Badge. Ages 7-9 Advance registration
SEP 7 SAT 4162200

FAMILY GPS HUNT & SMORES
Borrow a GPS to find hidden items in the park and make S'mores by the campfire. All Ages Barn Shelter
SEP 10 TUE 6:30–8:30PM

SUNDAY STORIES
Listen to stories about animals that live in Ohio. Ages 6 and younger Nature Center
SEP 15 SUN 3–4PM

OCTOBER

TYKE HIKE
Bring your infants and toddlers for some sensory activities and a short hike. Ages 3 and younger Barn Shelter
OCT 8 TUE 10–11AM

SUNDAY STORIES
Listen to stories about animals that live in Ohio. Ages 6 and younger Nature Center
OCT 20 SUN 3–4PM

YOUNG EXPLORERS: TRICK-OR-TREAT HIKE
Come in your favorite costume and earn some goodies on a 1-mile hike. Ages 2-13 Barn Shelter
OCT 27 SUN 6–7PM

NOVEMBER

YOUNG EXPLORERS: FALL LEAVES
Go on a short hike to collect colorful fall leaves and use them to make a craft. Ages 4-12 Lakeside Pavilion
NOV 5 TUE 1–2PM

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NOV 5 TUE 10–11AM

MERCURY TRANSIT
Stop by to watch as Mercury passes in front of the Sun. See it for yourself through a solar telescope or watch it on the NASA live stream provided. All Ages Nature Center
NOV 11 MON 7:30AM–1PM

SUNDAY STORIES
Listen to stories about animals that live in Ohio. Ages 6 and younger Nature Center
NOV 17 SUN 3–4PM

FAMILY FUN AND GAMES
Enjoy a variety of family-friendly games and activities related to nature and wildlife. Ages 4-12 Lakeside Pavilion
NOV 27 WED 10–11AM

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Inniswood programs

SEPTEMBER

SUNNY SUNDAYS
On Sundays through October, members of the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit, will be in the Herb Garden to answer visitors’ questions. All Ages Inniswood
SEP 8 SUN 1:30–3:30PM

WELLNESS IN THE GARDENS: MEDITATION
Recharge your mind and body with a gentle movement sequence, cooling breath techniques, and a beautiful yoga nidra (yogic sleep) guided meditation lead by Lauren Miller. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. All Ages Education Pavilion
SEP 14 SAT 10–11AM

SUNNY SUNDAYS
On Sundays through October, members of the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit, will be in the Herb Garden to answer visitors’ questions. All Ages Herb Garden
SEP 22 SUN 1:30–3:30PM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS: SUNFLOWER DAYS
Get to know these sun-loving flowers through a story, craft and other activities. Ages 3-5 Education Pavilion
SEP 4 WED 9:30–10:30AM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS: SUNFLOWER DAYS
Get to know these sun-loving flowers through a story, craft and other activities. Ages 3-5 Education Pavilion
SEP 4 WED 11AM–12PM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS: SUNFLOWER DAYS
Get to know these sun-loving flowers through a story, craft and other activities. Ages 3-5 Education Pavilion
SEP 4 WED 1–2PM

JUNIOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
Help with fall garden cleanup. Participants must pre-register and have parent’s permission. Ages 11-17 Advance registration
SEP 7 SAT 40821803

GARDEN TO VASE
Learn how to cut, arrange and care for plants in a vase. Ages 18 and older Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
SEP 8 SUN 2–3PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK
Take a guided stroll through the Gardens. All Ages Gardens Entrance
SEP 8 SUN 6–7PM

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OCTOBER

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS: NOT-SO-CREEPY CRITTERS
Learn why some animals are given a bad reputation and reasons we should celebrate them instead of being scared. Ages 3-5 Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
OCT 2 WED 9:30–10:30AM

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OCT 6 SUN 1:30–3:30PM
**DAHLIA SOCIETY: FALL CARE**
Learn how to save your dahlia tubers for another year of blooms. All Ages
*Innis House*
OCT 6  SUN  2–4PM

**EVENING GARDEN WALK**
Take a guided stroll through the Gardens. All Ages *Gardens Entrance*
OCT 6  SUN  5–6PM

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 2: FALL COLOR WALK**
Join us on a walk through Inniswood as we discuss the vibrant fall colors. Ages 50 and older *Gardens Entrance*
OCT 11  FRI  2–3PM

**WILD ONES: THE INVISIBLE FOREST**
Join Andrea Jaeger to learn how the simple act of saving land can be the most powerful thing we can do together to protect the beauty, balance and biodiversity of our world. Ages 18 and older *Innis House*
OCT 12  SAT  10AM–12PM

**WELLNESS IN THE GARDENS: YOGA**
Be in balance with nature as Joy Lawrence, registered yoga teacher & licensed massage therapist of Pure Joy Massage and Yoga, presents a gentle hatha yoga class. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. All Ages *Education Pavilion*
OCT 12  SAT  10–11AM

**MEET THE ARTISTS**
Join Bruce and Kelly Miller at a reception and view their photography artwork. All Ages *Innis House*
OCT 13  SUN  2–4PM

**SUNNY SUNDAYS**
On Sundays through October, members of the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit, will be in the Herb Garden to answer visitors’ questions. All Ages *Herb Garden*
OCT 13  SUN  1:30–3:30PM

**INCREDIBLE JOURNEY**
Stop by this afternoon and roll the dice to see where water travels. This fun, family-friendly activity will certainly get you thinking about water and how it travels as you simulate the movement of water through the water cycle. All Ages *Sisters Garden*
OCT 20  SUN  1–3PM

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**
Join us in the Gardens for activities, animals, and crafts as we celebrate this traditional holiday. All Ages *Education Pavilion*
OCT 27  SUN  2–4PM

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**NOVEMBER**

**JUNIOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS**
Help with fall garden cleanup. Participants must pre-register and have parent’s permission. Ages 11-17 *Advance registration*
NOV 2  SAT  40821803

**AFTERNOON GARDEN WALK**
Take a guided stroll through the Gardens. All Ages *Gardens Entrance*
NOV 3  SUN  4–5PM

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 1: COMMON FEEDER BIRDS**
Learn how to identify some common birds that visit feeders and how to track your sightings for Cornell's Project Feeder Watch. Ages 50 and older *Innis House*
NOV 5  TUE  10–11AM

**SCARECROWS AND WILDLIFE WOES**
Join us for a discussion about cohabitating with wildlife as we discover how to appreciate animals while dealing with pest problems. We will make a small, decorative scarecrow and share recipes and tips to keep unwanted animals away from plants and other food sources. All Ages *Greenhouse Multipurpose Center*
OCT 19  SAT  2–3PM

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Inniswoods programs

**PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS: GOURDS, SQUASH, AND PUMPKINS**
Learn about these fall favorites then get creative and make a harvest decoration to take home. Ages 3-5 *Greenhouse Multipurpose Center*

**NOV 6 WED 11AM–12PM**

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Learn about these fall favorites then get creative and make a harvest decoration to take home. Ages 3-5 *Greenhouse Multipurpose Center*

**NOV 6 WED 1–2PM**

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 2: FALL COLOR WALK**
Join us on a walk through Inniswood as we discuss the vibrant fall colors. Ages 50 and older *Gardens Entrance*

**NOV 8 FRI 2–3PM**

**WELLNESS IN THE GARDENS: ZUMBA**
Try a fun friendly dance-fitness class for beginners of all ages. Taught by certified Zumba instructor, Carrie Rose. All Ages *Education Pavilion*

**NOV 9 SAT 10–11AM**

**INNISWOOD BOOK CLUB**
Join us for a discussion of this quarter's book club, American Eden, by Victoria Johnson. Ages 18 and older *Innis House*

**NOV 16 SAT 2–3PM**

**AFTERNOON GARDEN WALK**
Take a guided stroll through the Gardens. All Ages *Gardens Entrance*

**NOV 17 SUN 4–5PM**

**FAMILY CRAFT WORKSHOP**
Create holiday gifts with family and friends. Materials provided. Bring a bag to help carry your creations home. All Ages *Greenhouse Multipurpose Center*

**NOV 24 SUN 2–4PM**
OCTOBER

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 WALK OF THE MONTH
Take a 2-mile walk to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older Glacier Knoll

OCT 2 WED 11AM–12:30PM
SEPTEMBER

CANOE AND KAYAK THE LAKES
Stop by anytime and take a canoe or kayak out for a ride around Darby Bend Lakes. All Ages Darby Bend Lakes
SEP 2 MON 1–4PM

OUTDOOR INCLUSIVE ADVENTURE
Families of children with special health care needs, developmental disabilities, and/or delays along side family, friends, and the community are invited to connect with nature and each other during an afternoon of canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Meet live reptiles and amphibians, make a nature craft to take home and touch real furs. Boats and paddling instruction provided. For more information and to register to canoe or kayak, please check out Eventbrite listing. All Ages Darby Bend Lakes
SEP 8 SUN 11AM–3PM

LATE NIGHT FISHING
Fish Darby Bend Lakes and Beaver Lake. All Ages Darby Bend Lakes
SEP 28 SAT 9–11:45PM
ROCKY FORK

SEPTEMBER

WILDFLOWER WALK
Learn about the beautiful fall wildflowers on a 1.5 mile hike on a grass surface trail. All Ages Rocky Fork Bulletin Board
SEP 22  SUN  1–2PM

OCTOBER

BARKTOBERFEST
Join us for fun, food, beer and, of course, the popular doggie costume contest! Ages 18-99 Rocky Fork Dog Park
OCT 24  THU  5–7PM

NOVEMBER

WINTER HAWKS
Search for Hawks visiting the park in winter. All Ages Rocky Fork Bulletin Board
NOV 24  SUN  10–11AM
Scioto Audubon programs

SEPTEMBER

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 5 THU 10–11AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 7 SAT 10–11AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 7 SAT 10–11:30AM

SCIOTO FEST
Celebrate 10 years of adventure at Scioto Audubon Metro Park and the Grange Insurance Audubon Center. Climbing, concerts, camping, and so much more will be part of this 4-day festival. See metroparks.net or our Facebook page for more information. All Ages Climbing Wall
SEP 12 THU-SUN 9AM–8PM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 12 THU 10–11AM

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL
The climbing wall will stay open until midnight every 2nd and 4th Friday from April until October All Ages Climbing Wall
SEP 13 FRI 8–11:59PM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 14 SAT 10–11:30AM

OCTOBER

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 19 THU 10–11AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 21 SAT 10–11AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 21 SAT 10–11:30AM

LEARN THE ROPEs
Instructors will guide participants through the basics of climbing the 35-foot wall. Equipment provided. All Ages Advance registration
SEP 25 WED 41751404

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 26 THU 10–11AM

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL
The climbing wall will stay open until midnight every 2nd and 4th Friday from April until October All Ages Climbing Wall
SEP 27 FRI 8–11:59PM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
SEP 28 SAT 10–11:30AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
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OCT 3 THU 10–11AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
OCT 5 SAT 10–11AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
OCT 5 SAT 10–11:30AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
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OCT 10 THU 10–11AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
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OCT 12 SAT 10–11AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
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OCT 17 THU 10–11AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
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OCT 19 THU, SAT 10–11AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
OCT 19 THU, SAT 10–11AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 Grange Insurance Audubon
OCT 26 SAT 10–11AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All Ages Grange Insurance Audubon
OCT 26 SAT 10–11:30AM

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Scioto Audubon programs

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

OCT 31 THU 10–11AM

**NOVEMBER**

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 2 SAT 10–11AM

**WEEKLY BIRD HIKE**
Search for birds in the park. All Ages *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 2 SAT 10–11:30AM

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
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NOV 7 THU 10–11AM

**WEEKLY BIRD HIKE**
Search for birds in the park. All Ages *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 9 SAT 10–11:30AM

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 14 THU 10–11AM

**WEEKLY BIRD HIKE**
Search for birds in the park. All Ages *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 16 SAT 10–11:30AM

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 21 THU 10–11AM

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 23 SAT 10–11AM

**WEEKLY BIRD HIKE**
Search for birds in the park. All Ages *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 23 SAT 10–11:30AM

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5 *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 30 SAT 10–11AM

**WEEKLY BIRD HIKE**
Search for birds in the park. All Ages *Grange Insurance Audubon*

NOV 30 SAT 10–11:30AM

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SEPTEMBER

LABOR DAY SCAVENGER HUNT
Stop by the Naturalist Office to pick up a scavenger hunt, and then return your completed sheet for a prize. All Ages Naturalist Office
SEP 2 MON 10AM–2PM

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS & KIDS: FISHING FUN
Join us for a morning of catch-and-release fishing. Poles and bait provided, while supplies last, but feel free to bring your own. No license required for this program. Ages 5 and older Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board
SEP 7 SAT 10AM–12PM

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: INSECT SAFARI
We’ll search the fields and flowers hunting for six-legged beasties to catch and release. Ages 5-12 Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board
SEP 7 SAT 1–2PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 2 WALK OF THE MONTH
Take a 1.1-mile walk to discover the sight and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter
SEP 10 TUE 11AM–12:30PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: POND SAFARI
Learn about the mysterious critters of Schrock Lake through group activities. Ages 6-12 Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter
SEP 11 WED 10–11:30AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: POND SAFARI
Learn about the mysterious critters of Schrock Lake through group activities. Ages 6-12 Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter
SEP 11 WED 1–2:30PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE
Take a fast-paced 2.8 mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18-99 Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
SEP 13 FRI 8–9PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS
Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat. All Ages Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
SEP 15 SUN 4–5PM

PARK CLEANUP
Join Scout Reid Miller and pick up trash on-and off-trail in the woods and creek. All Ages Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter
SEP 21 SAT 1–3PM

PAWPAW PROWL
Take a 1.5-mile walk in the forest to search for Ohio’s state native fruit. All Ages Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter
SEP 21 SAT 10–11AM

PRESCHOOLERS: AMAZING ANTS
Investigate the world of these tiny insects through a story, craft and more. Ages 3-5 Spring Hollow
SEP 25 WED 9:30–10:30AM

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SEP 25 WED 1–2PM

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SEP 26 THU 9:30–10:30AM

PRESCHOOLERS: AMAZING ANTS
Investigate the world of these tiny insects through a story, craft and more. Ages 3-5 Spring Hollow
SEP 26 THU 1–2PM

OCTOBER

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS
Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat. All Ages Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
OCT 5 SAT 10–11AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: MIGRATION MAYHEM
Experience the challenges animals face during their trips to and from Ohio. Ages 6-12 Spring Hollow
OCT 8 TUE 1–2:30PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE
Take a fast-paced 2.8 mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18-99 Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
OCT 12 SAT 7:15–8:15PM

AUTUMN LANTERN STROLL
Candle lanterns will light the way on a 1-mile stroll through the fall forest. All Ages Schrock Lake Restrooms
OCT 19 SAT 7–8PM

STORMWATER: PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS
Join Jerry Holloway from the Friends of Alum Creek and Tributaries to learn where water goes when it rains. Participants will learn methods to reduce run-off and flooding while making your home, business, or environment a healthier, more beautiful place. Ages 12 and older Spring Hollow Lodge
OCT 24 THU 6:30PM

CAMPFIRE SINGALONG & SMORES
Join local singer and guitarist Joanie Calem for a singalong/dance-along around the campfire, and an autumn marshmallow roast. Bring your own seating. All Ages Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter
OCT 26 SAT 6:30–7:30PM
GO WILD KIDS CLUB: I-SPY NATURE CHALLENGE
Pick up a scavenger hunt, complete the challenge and earn a prize. Ages 5-12 Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter
OCT 27 SUN 2-3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE PARTY
Wear your costume and celebrate the holiday with games, crafts and other activities. Ages 3-5 Spring Hollow
OCT 31 THU 10AM-2PM

NOVEMBER

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS
Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat. All Ages Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
NOV 2 SAT 2-3PM

GPS HIDE-N-SEEK
Use a GPS to hide and seek items off-trail in the forest, while you learn about geocaching. All Ages Natural Play Area
NOV 11 MON 1-2PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE
Take a fast-paced 2.8 mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18-99 Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
NOV 11 MON 5:30-6:30PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: GEOCACHING 101
Learn how to get started geocaching and then use a GPS to go on a hi-tech treasure hunt. Ages 6-12 Spring Hollow
NOV 14 THU 1-2:30PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: GEOCACHING 101
Learn how to get started geocaching and then use a GPS to go on a hi-tech treasure hunt. Ages 6-12 Spring Hollow
NOV 14 THU 10-11:30AM

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: FINDING YOUR WAY
Learn about different types of maps, and then get a chance to make one of your own as you explore off-trail in the Natural Play Area. Ages 5-12 Natural Play Area
NOV 17 SUN 2-3PM

CUB SCOUT DAY: BEARS FUR, FEATHERS & FERNS
Work on requirements toward earning this Bear Cub achievement. Advance registration
NOV 23 SAT 40522200

PRESCHOOLERS: PUPPET SHOW
Join the Discovery Forest puppets as they get invited to a Thanksgiving Feast. Ages 3-5 Spring Hollow
NOV 26 TUE 11AM-12PM

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NOV 26 TUE 1-2PM

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NOV 27 WED 9:30-10:30AM

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NOV 27 WED 1-2PM
SEPTEMBER

ALL IN A DAY’S WORK
See a display about 19th century occupations and the history of Labor Day. All Ages
Farmhouse
SEP 1 SUN 1–3PM

ALL IN A DAY’S WORK
See a display about 19th century occupations and the history of Labor Day. All Ages
Farmhouse
SEP 2 MON 1–3PM

WHEELS ON THE FARM
Play a game of “I Spy” and discover the many uses of wheels on the farm. All Ages Farmhouse
SEP 7 SAT 1–3PM

WHEELS ON THE FARM
Play a game of “I Spy” and discover the many uses of wheels on the farm. All Ages Farmhouse
SEP 8 SUN 1–3PM

DRIYING FOOD
Learn about drying as a way to preserve food in the 1880s and see how a 19th century food evaporator works. All Ages Farmhouse
SEP 14 SAT 1–3PM

MORNING CHORES
Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older Advance registration
SEP 14 SAT 41251032

WAYS OF THE WORKSHOP
Watch woodworking and blacksmithing and learn about tools used for common farm repairs. All Ages Farmhouse
SEP 22 SUN 1–3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS-TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS
Learn about the history of agriculture and about some of the skills needed to be successful operating an 1880s family farm as a business. Ages 6-12 Farmhouse
SEP 26 THU 1–2PM

FAMILY STORYTIME- APPLES
Enjoy a story and a craft and sample varieties of apples. All Ages Farmhouse
SEP 28 SAT 10:30–11AM

ROPE, KNOTS AND SPLICES
Use the rope-making machine and jump rope to your favorite rhymes. All Ages Farmhouse
SEP 29 SUN 1–3PM

OCTOBER

FALL HARVEST
Help with seasonal activities as the farm prepares for winter. All Ages Farmhouse
OCT 5 SAT 1–3PM

MORNING CHORES
Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older Advance registration
OCT 5 SAT 41251032

PUMPKINS AND CORN
See a display of some of the many varieties of corn, pumpkins, squash and gourds available in the 1880s and learn about some of their uses. All Ages Farmhouse
OCT 26 SAT 1–3PM

SCAVENGER HUNT
Pick up a scavenger hunt list at the farmhouse and enjoy searching around the farm. All Ages Farmhouse
OCT 12 SAT 1–3PM

MORNING CHORES
Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older Advance registration
OCT 12 SAT 41251032

SCAVENGER HUNT
Pick up a scavenger hunt list at the farmhouse and enjoy searching around the farm. All Ages Farmhouse
OCT 13 SUN 1–3PM

APPLES-THEIR HISTORY AND USES
Sample heirloom varieties, help press cider and stir apple butter cooked over an open fire. All Ages Farmhouse
OCT 20 SUN 1–3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS-PUMPKIN SCIENCE
Learn about pumpkins through basic math and science. Ages 5-17 Farmhouse
OCT 23 WED 1–2PM

FAMILY STORYTIME-PUMPKINS
Hear a story about pumpkins and then try an activity. All Ages Farmhouse
OCT 26 SAT 10:30–11AM
NOVEMBER

DRAFT HORSE WORKSHOP
Learn to groom, harness and ground drive these fine work animals. Ages 16 and older Advance registration
NOV 2 SAT 41231002

A STITCH IN TIME
Watch or help as we mend, do handwork and use the treadle sewing machine. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 3 SUN 1–3PM

MORNING CHORES
Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older Advance registration
NOV 9 SAT 41251032

FIREWOOD WARMS YOU TWICE
Try a two-man saw or shingle splitter while learning about varieties of wood. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 9 SAT 1–3PM

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Try a two-man saw or shingle splitter while learning about varieties of wood. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 10 SUN 1–3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS
Learn some history about Thanksgiving foods and traditions. Ages 7-17 Farmhouse
NOV 13 WED 1–2PM

ADULT PROGRAM- WARM DRINKS FOR A COLD DAY
Learn about the history and culture of some of our favorite cold day drinks, and share in some samples. Ages 18 and older Farmhouse
NOV 14 THU 2–3PM

MORNING CHORES
Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older Advance registration
NOV 16 SAT 41251032

WARM DRINKS ON A COLD DAY
Learn about the history and culture of some of our favorite cold day drinks, and share in some samples. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 16 SAT 1–2PM

TURKEYS, TRADITIONS AND THANKSGIVING
Learn about some holiday customs including the use of corn, pumpkins and other foods, and the butchering of the turkey. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 23 SAT 1–3PM

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Learn about some holiday customs including the use of corn, pumpkins and other foods, and the butchering of the turkey. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 24 SUN 1–3PM

INDOOR AMUSEMENTS
Try some indoor games and toys and challenge your mind with some 19th century puzzles. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 29 FRI 1–3PM

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Try some indoor games and toys and challenge your mind with some 19th century puzzles. All Ages Farmhouse
NOV 30 SAT 1–3PM
Slate Run programs

OCTOBER

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 PARK TOUR: SLATE RUN AND SLATE RUN FARM
Join us for a 4-hour tour of Slate Run and Slate Run Farm. Transportation provided throughout the program. Participants have the option of departing from Sharon Woods Metro Park. Ages 50 and older Advance registration
OCT 15  TUE  45541207

FAMILY HARVEST
Enjoy a hayride and apple cider and pick a pumpkin to take home. Limited pumpkins and cider available. All Ages Buzzards Roost Picnic Area
OCT 19  SAT  2–5PM
THREE CREEKS

SEPTEMBER

CREEKING AND CAMPFIRE
Take a half-mile walk to the creek to look for critters then toast hot dogs and marshmallows over a campfire. Limited hot dogs and buns provided. All Ages Confluence Area
SEP 1 SUN 1:30–2:30PM

BARKING AND BREAKFAST
Enjoy breakfast snacks for you and your dog then take a 2.5-mile walk. All Ages Confluence Area
SEP 2 MON 9–10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: BUG ADVENTURE
Learn about the world of insects and spiders through stories and activities. Ages 3-5 Confluence Area
SEP 6 FRI 10–11AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: ALL ABOUT PREDATORS
Learn about the lives of predatory animals great and small by participating in games and activities. Ages 6-15 Confluence Area
SEP 6 FRI 1–2PM

CREEKING AND CAMPFIRE
Take a half-mile walk to the creek to look for critters then toast hot dogs and marshmallows over a campfire. Limited hot dogs and buns provided. All Ages Confluence Area
SEP 7 SAT 5:30–6:30PM

MORNING SAUNTER
Amble along the trail and enjoy some fresh air on a 2.5 mile walk. All Ages Confluence Area
SEP 28 SAT 9–10AM

COLLECTING LEAVES
Learn to identify, collect and preserve tree leaves for your leaf collection. All Ages Confluence Area
SEP 28 SAT 2–3PM

OCTOBER

HOMESCHOOLERS: START A LEAF COLLECTION
Learn how to identify, classify and preserve tree leaves. Ages 6-15 Confluence Area
OCT 2 WED 1–2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: FISHING
Learn the basics of fishing. Poles and bait available. Ages 6-15 Heron Pond
OCT 8 TUE 10–11AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: FISHING
Learn the basics of fishing. Poles and bait available. Ages 6-15 Heron Pond
OCT 9 WED 1–2PM

BARKING AND BREAKFAST
Enjoy breakfast snacks for you and your dog then take a 2.5-mile walk. All Ages Confluence Area
OCT 12 SAT 9–10AM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 A FOREST WALK
Enjoy a 2-mile walk through the creekside forest while discovering how animals and plants prepare for winter. Ages 50 and older Confluence Area
OCT 13 SUN 2–3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: START A LEAF COLLECTION
Learn how to identify, classify and preserve tree leaves. Ages 6-15 Confluence Area
OCT 15 TUE 10–11AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: FISHING
Learn the basics of fishing. Poles and bait available. Ages 6-15 Heron Pond
OCT 18 FRI 10–11AM

NO SCHOOL TODAY: NATURE HIKE
Enjoy a fun-filled 1.5-mile hike through the forest and by the creek. All Ages Confluence Area
OCT 19 SAT 5–7PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: IN THE FALL FOREST
Walk through the forest and discover the ways plants and animals get ready for winter. Ages 6-15 Confluence Area
OCT 20 SUN 2–3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: FISHING
Learn the basics of fishing. Poles and bait available. Ages 6-15 Heron Pond
OCT 22 TUE 10–11AM

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HOMESCHOOLERS: IN THE FALL FOREST
Walk through the forest and discover the ways plants and animals get ready for winter. Ages 6-15 Confluence Area
OCT 22 TUE 1–2PM

LAST LEAVES TREE ID WALK
Learn to identify trees from their leaves, bark and seeds on an easy 1-mile walk. All Ages Confluence Area
OCT 27 SUN 2–3PM

NOVEMBER

MAKE A HIKING STICK
Get ready for your walking adventures by making your own hiking stick. All Ages Confluence Area
NOV 2 SAT 10–11AM

CAMPFIRE COOKING WITH TWO HUNGRY NATURALISTS
Bring your questions, appetite and sense of humor as the Two Hungry Naturalists demonstrate campfire cooking. All Ages Confluence Area
NOV 3 SUN 2–3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: HIBERNATION TIME
Enjoy stories and activities while learning how wild animals stay warm in winter. Ages 3-5 Confluence Area
NOV 7 THU 10–11AM

CALLING ALL KIDS: CAMPFIRE BUILDING
Practice safely starting a fire then toast marshmallows. Ages 6-15 Confluence Area
NOV 9 SAT 1–2PM

FOR ADULTS: CAMPFIRE COOKING
Get tips and tricks for making great campfire food and enjoy some samples. Ages 18 and older Confluence Area
NOV 10 SUN 2–3PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 WINTER WILDLIFE SCIENCE
Discover how wildlife survives and even thrives in the cold on a 2-mile walk. Ages 50 and older Confluence Area
NOV 12 TUE 10–11AM

METRO FIVE-0: WALK OF THE MONTH LEVEL 2
Take a 1-mile walk to discover the sight and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older Confluence Area
NOV 20 WED 11AM–12:15PM

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