Park Locations

COLUMBUS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY METRO PARKS

10 Miles

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To learn more, visit metroparks.net

metro parks programs

December 2019, January, February 2020
(advanced registration opens Nov 20, 2019)

**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 2 miles at strenuous pace)

**BATTELLE DARBY CREEK**

DECEMBER

**SELDOM SEEN GLACIERS**
Take a 1-mile off-trail hike down into a gorge to seldom seen remnants of the Wisconsin Glacier. Level 5 - a very difficult hike getting into the gorge. Ages 13 and older [Nature Center](#)

DEC 1 SAT 1–3PM

**EXPLORE DARBY WOODS**
Explore Darby woods from the top of the trees to the bottom of the roots. 2-mile hike level 3. All Ages [Indian Ridge](#)

DEC 7 SAT 11AM–1PM

**OWLS OF DARBY CREEK**
Lure in owls using calls on a 1-mile hike. All Ages [Indian Ridge](#)

DEC 7 SAT 5PM

**SUNSET BISON WALK**
Enjoy the sunset as we locate the bison in their winter pasture. All Ages [Nature Center](#)

DEC 8 SUN 4PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: SQUIRRELY SQUIRRELS**
Sleepy Squirrel, Hungry Squirrel, Little Ball of Fur! Come learn all about what squirrels do in the winter. Ages 3-5 [Nature Center](#)

DEC 10 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

**ADULTS ONLY: LEVEL 1 ART SERIES - WATERCOLORS**
Come learn this art technique and paint a nature picture with us. Registration required. Materials provided. Ages 18 and older [Advance registration](#)

DEC 11 WED 110330400

**FULL COLD MOON HIKE**
Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forests. All Ages [Ranger Station](#)

DEC 12 THU 5–8:30PM

**PHOTO BASICS: WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY**
Learn to photograph snowy landscapes, waterfalls, icicles and more all while protecting yourself and your equipment from the cold. Ages 18 and older [Nature Center](#)

DEC 14 SAT 10AM

**POP NATURE SERIES: THE SCIENCE OF STAR WARS**
Celebrate the end of the saga! Learn how the galaxy far, far away relates to real-world astronomy, biology and technology. Crafts and activities will be available for younger fans. All Ages [Nature Center](#)

DEC 14 SAT 2PM

**BON APPECREEK**
Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and other foods. All Ages [Nature Center](#)

DEC 15 SUN 1PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: SQUIRRELY SQUIRRELS**
Sleepy Squirrel, Hungry Squirrel, Little Ball of Fur! Come learn all about what squirrels do in the winter. Ages 3-5 [Nature Center](#)

DEC 20 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

**HOLIDAY CRAFTS**
Create easy seasonal crafts with materials found in nature. All Ages [Nature Center](#)

DEC 21-22 SAT-SUN 1–3PM

**WINTER DOG WALK**
Bring the pup out for a 3-mile evening stroll on the Darby Creek Greenway trail. All Ages [Ranger Station](#)

DEC 27 FRI 4–6PM

**NIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER**
See what animals awaken after dark in the 53-foot living stream. All Ages [Nature Center](#)

DEC 27 FRI 6–8PM

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JANUARY

**OWL PROWL**
Lure in owls using calls on a 1-mile hike. All Ages Indian Ridge
JAN 4 SAT 5PM

**WILDLIFE HIKE**
Take a 2-mile hike and look for winter animal activity. All ages Ranger Station
JAN 5 SUN 1–2:30PM

**ADULTS ONLY: LEVEL 1 ART SERIES - CHARCOAL**
Come learn this art technique and draw a nature picture with us. Materials provided. Ages 18 and older Advance registration
JAN 8 WED 10330400

**FULL WOLF MOON HIKE**
Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forests. All Ages Ranger Station
JAN 10 FRI 5–8:30PM

**YOGA IN THE PARK**
Learn yoga to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages Cedar Ridge Lodge
JAN 11 SAT 11:30AM

**PHOTO GROUP: A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY INTO THE DARKNESS**
An introduction to night photography and light painting. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
JAN 11 SAT 10AM

**ADULTS ONLY: HARRIERS & SHORT EARS**
We’ll visit the wetland looking for harriers and short Eared owls on a short prairie hike. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
JAN 11 SAT 5PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: DINO DIG**
Dig up some dirt on how these prehistoric creatures lived! Ages 3-5 Nature Center
JAN 14 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

**FAMILY OVERNIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER**
Come camp out with us in the nature center. Bring your own sleeping bag and gear to accommodate your whole family. Ages 5 and older Advance registration
JAN 18 SAT 10352001

**BON APPECREEK**
Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and other foods. All Ages Nature Center
JAN 18 SAT 1PM

**TEETH, JAWS & CLAWS**
“The Carnivorous Dinosaurs and Why Birds Are Dinosaurs.” This talk looks at the tremendous diversity of theropods and carnivorous dinosaurs and why scientists say birds are living dinosaurs. All Ages Nature Center
JAN 19 SUN 2PM

**BISON: BEHIND THE SCENES**
See how park staff tend to our bison. All Ages Nature Center
JAN 25 SAT 1–3PM

**WINTER TREE ID**
No leaves? No problem! Learn to identify trees by the rest of their features. All Ages Ranger Station
JAN 26 SUN 2–3:30PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: WOODPECKERS IN WINTER**
WHAM WHAM BAM! Learn all about these weird wonderful birds. Ages 3-5 Nature Center
JAN 31 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

**SUCCULENTS**
Come learn about these amazing indoor plants and pot one to bring home with you! All Ages Nature Center
FEB 1 SAT 1–3PM

**OWLS – WHOO’S CALLING?**
Lure in owls using calls on a 1-mile hike. All Ages Indian Ridge
FEB 1 SAT 5:30PM

**FEBRUARY**

**BISON**
Enjoy a hike to see North America’s largest land mammal. All ages Nature Center
FEB 2 SUN 2PM

**YOGA IN THE PARK**
Learn yoga to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages Cedar Ridge Lodge
FEB 8 SAT 11:30AM

**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
FEB 8 SAT 10AM

**CAMPFIRE**
Enjoy a winter campfire with hot coco and make s’mores. All Ages Ranger Station
FEB 8 SAT 4–6PM

**NOON NATIVE TEAS**
Look at native and wild plants that can be used to make tea and then make your own blend. All Ages Nature Center
FEB 8 SAT 12PM

**WILDLIFE HIKE**
Take a 2-mile hike and look for winter animal activity. All ages Indian Ridge
FEB 9 SUN 1–2:30PM

**FULL SNOW MOON HIKE**
Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forests. All Ages Ranger Station
FEB 9 SUN 6–9:30PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: WOODPECKERS IN WINTER**
WHAM WHAM BAM! Learn all about these weird wonderful birds. Ages 3-5 Nature Center
FEB 11 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

**ADULTS ONLY: LEVEL 1 ART SERIES - PASTELS**
Come learn this art technique and paint a nature picture with us. Materials provided. Ages 18 and older Advance registration
FEB 12 WED 10330400
**I'M FROND OF YOU**
Get outside with a loved one on Valentine's Day and hike 2-miles learning about ferns. Ages 18 and older **Indian Ridge**

FEB 14  FRI  5–6:30PM

**IRONWOOD WOLVES**
Ironwood Wolves talk about the relationship between two mighty North American mammals – the wolf and the bison. There will also be an opportunity to meet one of their ambassadors. All Ages **Nature Center**

FEB 15  SAT  2PM

**SIGNS OF SPRING**
Walk and watch for early signs of spring. All Ages **Ranger Station**

FEB 16  SUN  1PM

**NIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER**
See what animals awaken after dark in the 53-foot living stream. All Ages **Nature Center**

FEB 16  SUN  6–8PM

**STUMP THE NATURALIST**
Learn about some weird things that have stumped our naturalist and check them out under a microscope. If you have something that you found but can't identify, bring it along! All Ages **Nature Center**

FEB 16  SUN  2–4PM

**47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES**
Enjoy a 2-, 4- or 6- mile trek along the banks and bluffs of Big Darby Creek. All ages **Ranger Station**

FEB 22  SAT  10AM–1PM

**THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HUNGRY: DEALING WITH WILDLIFE CONFLICT IN YOUR LANDSCAPE**
Viewing wildlife species in your backyard can be enjoyable, but sometimes conflict arises, usually in the form of damage such as eaten plants, dug up bulbs or holes in the lawn. Fortunately, most wildlife damage can be managed with the right techniques and strategies. All Ages **Nature Center**

FEB 23  SUN  2–3PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: WOODPECKERS IN WINTER**
WHAM WHAM BAM! Learn all about these weird wonderful birds. Ages 3-5 **Nature Center**

FEB 28  FRI  11AM OR 1PM

**BON APPECREEK**
Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and other foods. All Ages **Nature Center**

FEB 29  SAT  1PM

**TRIVIA NIGHT**
It's Leap Day! Come test your knowledge on a variety of rare and unusual nature and cultural trivia on this day that only comes every four years. Check out the Facebook event page for more details. All Ages **Nature Center**

FEB 29  SAT  6–8PM
BLACKLICK WOODS

DECEMBER

STORY TIME
Enjoy a reading of “The Mitten” and help the naturalist fill a giant mitten with animals as we learn about how animals adapt to winter. Ages 1-5
*Nature Center*
DEC 2 MON 10AM

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
*Ash Grove Picnic Area*
DEC 4 WED 11AM–12:30PM

MORNING COFFEE & WILDLIFE WATCH
View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All ages
*Nature Center*
DEC 7 SAT 8–10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: BEAR SNORES ON
Learn about animals that are seasonally sleepy through books, activities and a craft. Ages 3-5
*Beech Maple Lodge*
DEC 11 WED 10AM OR 1PM

ICE AGE OHIO DISPLAY
Learn about life in Ohio during the Ice Age. All ages
*Nature Center*
DEC 14-15 SAT-SUN 8AM–6PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: WINTER SURVIVAL
Learn how animals hibernate, migrate or adapt to make it through the winter. Ages 6-12
*Beech Maple Lodge*
DEC 16 MON 10AM OR 1PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 SOLSTICE WALK
Start winter off right with a 2-mile walk. Ages 50 and older
*Nature Center*
DEC 21 SAT 4PM

LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIDER
Listen to a European folktale about a spider and make a spider ornament for your Christmas tree. All ages
*Beech Maple Lodge*
DEC 23 MON 1PM

TOTS ON TRAILS
Join a naturalist for a slow-paced half-mile walk through the woods. Ages 5 and younger
*Nature Center*
DEC 27 FRI 10AM

JANUARY

BLACKLICK WOODS IN WINTER DISPLAY
Discover what plants, animals and fungi can be found in the coldest months of the year. All ages
*Nature Center*
JAN 4-5 SAT-SUN 8AM–6PM

47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES
Take a 2- or 4-mile walk through the woods and meadows. Hot drinks and snacks provided. All ages
*Ash Grove Picnic Area*
JAN 4 SAT 10AM–12PM

PRESCHOOLERS: OWLS
Discover the secret lives of owls through stories, activities and a craft. Ages 3-5
*Beech Maple Lodge*
JAN 8 WED 10AM OR 1PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 LANTERN HIKE
Take a 1.5-mile lantern-lit hike. Ages 50 and older
*Nature Center*
JAN 10 FRI 6:30PM

SCOUT DAY: BEARS FUR, FEATHERS & FERNS
Boy Scouts will participate in activities toward earning the Fur, Feathers and Ferns Achievement. Ages 8-10
*Nature Center*
JAN 11 SAT 2PM

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH
Help us count birds visiting the feeders to collect population data for scientists. All ages
*Nature Center*
JAN 12 SUN 2–4PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: SUBNIVEAN ZONE
Learn about animals that live under the snow through activities and a craft. Ages 6-12
*Beech Maple Lodge*
JAN 13 MON 10AM OR 1PM

FAMILY FRIENDLY LANTERN HIKE
Take a 1.5-mile lantern-lit hike. All ages
*Nature Center*
JAN 17 FRI 6:30PM

FORTS, FIRE & FUN
Build a fort, try your hand at fire building and have fun exploring our natural play area. Ages 4-15
*Nature Center*
JAN 18 SAT 4PM

INSECTS IN WINTER
Learn how insects survive in winter, then dig through leaf litter, turn over logs and shake tree branches to find some. All ages
*Nature Center*
JAN 25 SAT 2PM

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

**MORNING COFFEE & WILDLIFE WATCH**
View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All ages
*Nature Center*
FEB 1 SAT 8–10AM

**SNOWY STORY TIME**
Enjoy winter-themed books that celebrate the best of the season and make a craft. All ages
*Nature Center*
FEB 3 MON 10–11AM

**ANIMAL COURTSHIP DISPLAY**
Discover some of the fascinating ways wild animals attract a mate. All ages *Nature Center*
FEB 8-9 SAT-SUN 8AM–6PM

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 4 HIKE ALL TRAILS**
Join a naturalist on a brisk 6-mile walk through the park. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*
FEB 8 SAT 10AM

**PRESCHOOLERS: I LOVE NATURE**
Join us as we share our favorite things about nature through books, activities and a craft. Bring a nature themed item for show and tell! Ages 3-5 *Beech Maple Lodge*
FEB 12 WED 10AM OR 1PM

**LICHEN YOU VERY MOSS**
Take a 1.5-mile hike to look for winter mosses and lichens. All ages *Nature Center*
FEB 15 SAT 2PM

**HOMESCHOOLERS: TRACKS AND TRAILS**
Learn how to identify signs of wildlife and make a track to take home. Ages 6-12 *Beech Maple Lodge*
FEB 17 MON 10AM OR 1PM

**MEET THE CRITTERS DISPLAY**
Many animals call Blacklick Woods Nature Center home. Meet Rocket the ratsnake, Splinter the box turtle and more. Learn how they came here and how their species behave in the wild. All ages *Nature Center*
FEB 22-23 SAT-SUN 8AM–6PM

**YOU CAN EAT THAT**
Take a 1-mile walk to find wild edibles and try some samples. All ages *Nature Center*
FEB 23 SUN 2PM

**TOTS ON TRAILS**
Join a naturalist for a slow-paced half-mile walk through the woods. Ages 5 and younger
*Nature Center*
FEB 28 FRI 10AM

**WOOF WALK**
Come take a 2-mile walk with your furry friend on National Walking the Dog Day! All ages
*Nature Center*
FEB 22 SAT 10AM
BLENDON WOODS

DECEMBER

MAMMAL DISPLAY
Learn about the mammals of Ohio! All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 1-7 MON-SUN 9AM–5PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: GOODBYE AUTUMN, HELLO WINTER!
Celebrate the transition from autumn to winter with a story about a brother and sister taking a walk through town and the forest watching the changes in season. Ages 1-3  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 5 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME
Join us for some stories about wildlife and nature! Ages 3-7  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 6 FRI 10AM

PHOTO PROWL
Walk to Thoreau Lake and photograph the wintering waterfowl. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 7 SAT 9AM

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH
Drop by to help collect data for this important citizen science project that tracks trends in winter bird distribution and abundance. No experience necessary! All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 7-8 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

BIRD HIKE
Search for migrating waterfowl and other early winter birds on a 1-mile hike to the blinds. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 8 SUN 9AM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: TIME TO SLEEP
Bear and his forest friends are getting ready for winter in different ways. Some animals sleep/hibernate/migrate, or just survive the winter. Ages 1-3  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 12 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

HIKE AROUND THE LAKE
Delve deep into the Walden Waterfowl refuge on this special off-trail hike around the back of Thoreau Lake. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 14 SAT 2PM

120TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Participate in one of the nation’s oldest citizen science projects as we count birds for the Audubon Christmas Bird Count. No experience necessary! All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 15 SUN 9AM

PRESCHOOLERS: WINTER IN THE WOODS
Animals survive the winter in different ways - hibernate, migrate, or tough it out! Ages 3-6  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 17 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

DEC 20 FRI 9:30 OR 11AM

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 21-22 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

WINTER WONDERLAND SCAVenger HUNT
See if you can find all of the winter creatures hiding in the nature center! All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 21-27 MON-SUN 9AM–5PM

NEW MOON LANTERN STROLL
Relax after the holidays with a peaceful lantern-lit hike through the forest. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 26 THU 5PM

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
DEC 28-29 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

JANUARY

NEW YEAR’S DAY BIRD HIKE
Hike 1.5 miles to look for winter birds. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
JAN 1 WED 9AM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: NO TWO ALIKE
Join a pair of cardinals as they fly through the winter woods wondering if things are the same or different or similar. We will make bird feeders to help our winter bird friends keep warm. Ages 1-3  
*Nature Center*  
JAN 2 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME
Join us for some stories about wildlife and nature! Ages 3-7  
*Nature Center*  
JAN 3 FRI 10AM

WOODPECKERS AT BLENDON RAVINES
Search for six species of woodpeckers on a 1.5-mile off-trail hike through the Blendon Ravines. Meet at 5280 Cambria Way. Park along the street. All ages  
*Blendon Ravines*  
JAN 4 SAT 10AM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: OVER AND UNDER THE SNOW
There is a secret kingdom that lives under the snow, what could be living there? Join us for a day of mystery and winter adventure! Ages 1-3  
*Nature Center*  
JAN 9 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH
Help collect data for this important citizen science project that tracks trends in winter bird distribution and abundance. No experience necessary! All ages  
*Nature Center*  
JAN 11 SAT 10AM–2PM

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
JAN 11-12 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

BIRD FEEDING BASICS
Learn about preferred foods and feeder styles of Ohio birds, watch for some common winter visitors and make a simple feeder to take home. All ages  
*Nature Center*  
JAN 11 SAT 1–2PM

To learn more, visit metroparks.net
PROJECT FEEDERWATCH
Help collect data for this important citizen science project that tracks trends in winter bird distribution and abundance. No experience necessary! All ages Nature Center
JAN 12 SUN 10AM–2PM

KIDS ’N CANVAS
Follow along as we paint a winter nature scene! Ages 7-12 Advance registration
JAN 12 SUN ☎ 10220400

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages Nature Center
JAN 18-19 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

TRACKS AND SIGNS
Hike 2 miles to search for some common animal tracks and signs. All ages Nature Center
JAN 19 SUN 2–3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: CAMOUFLAGE
Learn about how animals play hide and seek! Ages 3-5 Nature Center
JAN 21 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM
JAN 24 FRI 9:30 OR 11AM

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages Nature Center
JAN 25-26 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

WEBELOS: INTO THE WILD
Work on requirements toward earning this achievement. Ages 10-12 Advanced registration
JAN 25 SAT ☎ 10222002

HOMESCHOOLERS: CAMOUFLAGE
Learn how camouflage is essential to some animals’ survival. Ages 6-12 Nature Center
JAN 28 TUE 10AM
JAN 29 WED 1PM

FEBRUARY

47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES
Join us for a 2-, 4- or 6-mile hike. Refreshments served beginning at 10am. All ages Blendon Woods Natural Play Area Shelter
FEB 1 SAT 10AM–12PM

SUPER FOWL SUNDAY
Enjoy a walk out to Thoreau Lake to watch waterfowl before watching the big game! All ages Nature Center
FEB 2 SUN 1PM

WINTER PUPPET SHOW
Join the Blendon Woods puppets for a winter adventure! All ages Nature Center
FEB 3-4 MON-TUE 9:30, 10:30 OR 11:30AM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: WINTER YOGA WALK
Let’s learn through movement as we walk through the winter forest. Take a deep breath of the winter air as we pose like animals in the woods. Ages 1-3 Nature Center
FEB 6 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME
Join us for some stories about wildlife and nature! Ages 3-7 Nature Center
FEB 7 FRI 10AM

CADETTES: NIGHT OWL OVERNIGHT
Girls will sleep overnight in the Nature Center. We will work on requirements toward earning the Night Owl Badge. Ages 11-14 Advanced registration
FEB 7-8 FRI-SAT ☎ 10222001

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages Nature Center
FEB 8-9 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

BIRD HIKE
View and learn about the wintering waterfowl at Thoreau Lake. All ages Nature Center
FEB 9 SUN 9AM

KIDS ’N CANVAS
Follow along as we paint a winter nature scene! Ages 7-12 Advance registration
FEB 9 SUN ☎ 10220400

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE DISPLAY
Drop by to see a display featuring inspirational stories and photos of successful women in science careers, both local and worldwide! All ages Nature Center
FEB 11-17 MON-SUN 9AM–5PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: BEST IN SNOW
How do things look different in each season? The sky? The clouds? The grass? The pond? The fields? The trees? Open your eyes to the beauty of winter. Ages 1-3 Nature Center
FEB 13 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

VALENTINE’S DAY IS FOR THE BIRDS... AND THE BEES!
Bring your special someone to enjoy a Valentine’s treat and learn about some of the fascinating courtship and mating rituals in the animal kingdom. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
FEB 14 FRI 6:30PM

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH
Help collect data for this important citizen science project that tracks trends in winter bird distribution and abundance. No experience necessary! All ages Nature Center
FEB 15-16 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE: PANEL DISCUSSION
Hear from some outstanding local women with successful careers from a wide variety of scientific fields. Our knowledgeable guests will be: Ally Baker (GIS [Geographic Information System Mapping] Specialist at Metro Parks), Dr. Beaux Berkeley (Assistant Professor at Otterbein University who also conducts research on elephants in South Africa), Jen Dennison (Wildlife Education Coordinator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of Wildlife), Bev Koenig (Retired Westerville Schools Life Sciences teacher and monarch butterfly specialist), Carrie Morrow (Assistant Resource Manager at Metro Parks), and a representative from the Ohio Wildlife Center’s Animal Hospital! All ages Nature Center
FEB 15 SAT 10AM–12PM
**COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS**
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages *Nature Center*
FEB 15-16 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

**WINTER TREE ID AT BLENDON RAVINES**
Explore this mature forest and learn how to ID trees by the bark and learn about their uses. Meet at 5280 Cambria Way. Park along the street. All ages *Blendon Ravines*
FEB 16 SUN 2PM

**PRESCHOOLERS:**
**TRACKS IN THE SNOW (OR MUD!)
**We'll hear a story, make some tracks and go searching for real ones, weather permitting. Ages 3-5 *Nature Center*
FEB 18 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM
FEB 21 FRI 9:30 OR 11AM

**COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS**
Drop by and enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All ages *Nature Center*
FEB 22-23 SAT-SUN 10AM–2PM

**SKUNK CABBAGE STROLL**
Stroll off-trail behind the lake to search for this earliest of spring wildflowers. Expect to get muddy! All ages *Nature Center*
FEB 23 SUN 2–3:30PM

**HOMESCHOOLERS:**
**TRACKS AND SIGNS OF ANIMALS**
Wildlife are all around us, even when we cannot see them. Learn ways to tell who's who just from evidence left behind. Ages 6-12 *Nature Center*
FEB 25 TUE 10AM
FEB 26 WED 1PM

**MAPLE SUGAR TIME**
Drop by Blendon Woods’ Sugarbush Day Camp area for a demonstration of maple syrup making. All ages *Sugarbush Day Camp*
FEB 29 SAT 10AM–2PM
**CLEAR CREEK**

**DECEMBER**

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 4 FERN GULLY HIKE**
Navigate steep terrain and hike through a ravine on a 4-mile off-trail hike to the newest addition of property at Clear Creek. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven and steep in areas. Water and hiking books are recommended. Ages 50 and older **Creekside Meadows**

DECEMBER 13  FRI  10AM–12:30PM

**FERN GULLY HIKE**
Navigate steep terrain and hike through a ravine on a 4-mile off-trail hike to the newest addition of property at Clear Creek. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven and steep in areas. Water and hiking books are recommended. All ages **Creekside Meadows**

DECEMBER 14  SAT  10AM–12:30PM

**WINTER SOLSTICE HIKE**
Celebrate the shortest day of the year and catch the sunset on a 2-mile family-friendly hike to Lake Emily. Warm up with hot chocolate afterward. Wear appropriate hiking footwear. All ages **Park Office**

DECEMBER 21  SAT  4:30–6PM

**JANUARY**

**NEW YEAR’S DAY HIKE**
Kick the New Year off with a 4-mile hike along the park trails. Terrain is uneven and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. All ages **Creekside Meadows**

JANUARY 1  WED  10AM–12PM

**WINTER DOG HIKE**
We’re including the dogs in all of the winter hiking fun! Hit the trails with your favorite furry friend on a 1- or 2-mile self-guided hike. Warm up around a campfire and enjoy locally made treats afterwards. All dogs must be leashed. All ages **Barnebey-Hambelton Picnic Area**

JANUARY 5  SUN  1–3PM

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 4 HIKE THE TRAILS**
Explore one of the park’s most rugged trails on a 3-mile hike. Ages 50 and older **Fern Parking Lot**

JANUARY 8  WED  10AM–12PM

**47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES**
Enjoy a 1- or 3-mile self-guided hike or choose from one of two guided 5-mile hikes. All ages **Thomas Mathias Parking Lot**

JANUARY 25  SAT  10AM–1PM

**FEBRUARY**

**FLY TYING FOR BEGINNERS**
Get a head start on fishing and learn to tie your own flies. All ages **Maintenance Shop**

FEBRUARY 8  SAT  12–1:30PM

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 4 BACKCOUNTRY HIKE**
Take in winter views and learn about the history of Neotoma Valley on a 4-mile off-trail hike. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. Ages 50 and older **Thomas Mathias Parking Lot**

FEBRUARY 26  WED  10AM–12PM

**BACKCOUNTRY HIKE**
Take in winter views and learn about the history of Neotoma Valley on a 4-mile off-trail hike. Terrain in the backcountry is unimproved, uneven and steep in areas. Water and hiking boots are recommended. All ages **Thomas Mathias Parking Lot**

FEBRUARY 29  SAT  10AM–12PM

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GLACIER RIDGE

DECEMBER

WALK AND WOOF
Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. All ages Glacier Ridge Dog Park
DEC 15 SUN 3PM

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Search for birds and help collect data for the National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. Hot drinks provided. Ages 8 and older
Maintenance Shop
DEC 31 TUE 8–11AM

JANUARY

FOR FAMILIES: BARRED OWL HIKE
Try to lure in these raptors on a 1.5-mile hike. Ages 5 and older Shelter House
JAN 3 FRI 5:30–7PM

WALK AND WOOF
Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. All ages Glacier Ridge Dog Park
JAN 12 SUN 3PM

ADULTS: OFF-TRAIL RAPTOR HIKE
Trek approximately 3 miles through parts of the park not usually seen and look for birds of prey. Ages 18 and older Shelter House
JAN 19 SUN 2–4PM

WINTER STARGAZING
Look at stars and constellations using telescopes and binoculars. All ages Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)
JAN 24 FRI 6PM

FEBRUARY

ADULTS: BARRED OWL HIKE
Try to lure in these raptors on a 1.5-mile hike. Ages 18 and older Shelter House
FEB 1 SAT 5:30–7PM

47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES
Enjoy a brisk 2-mile hike through the grassland and forest. All ages Shelter House
FEB 9 SUN 2–4PM

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HIGBANKS

DECEMBER

FOR ADULTS: FIRST SUNDAY WINTER BIRDING SERIES
On the first Sunday of the month, take a 2.5-mile hike to look for winter birds. All skill levels welcome. Binoculars available. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
DEC 1 SUN 9AM–10:30PM

PRESCHOOL: HOLIDAY CRAFTS
Celebrate the holidays through story, activities and crafts. Ages 3-5 Nature Center
DEC 11 WED 11AM OR 1PM
DEC 12 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Help us count birds for the park for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Afterward, warm up with hot chocolate in the nature center while we tally our results. Ages 10 and older Nature Center
DEC 14 SAT 8AM–12PM

HOWL AT THE MOON DOG HIKE
Bring your canine friend on a 3.5-mile hike. Dogs must be leashed. All ages Nature Center
DEC 14 SAT 5–7PM

STORYTIME: DEER
Listen to some stories about deer and find out what they do when it gets cold outside. Ages 2-5 Nature Center
DEC 17 TUE 10AM

FOR FAMILIES: BIRDS OF PREY
Meet owls and hawks from Ohio Wildlife Center. Learn about their amazing adaptations for survival. Ages 6 and older Nature Center
DEC 19 THU 11AM

FOR FAMILIES: BACKYARD BIRDS OPEN HOUSE
Come enjoy the birds at the Highbanks feeders and learn how to tell them apart. We might see pileated woodpeckers, blue jays, sparrows, hawks and more. Ages 6 and older Nature Center
DEC 28 SAT 11AM–1PM

JANUARY

FOR ADULTS: DATE NIGHT LANTERN HIKE
Bring your significant other and learn about some of the ways animals share romance as you take a lantern-lit walk through the forest. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
JAN 4 SAT 6–7:30PM

PREPARING FOR WINTER HIKING
Join Outdoor Source for a class on how to prepare for hiking and camping in cold weather. Learn about layering, footwear, insulated jackets, sleeping bags and more! Ages 10 and older Nature Center
JAN 5 SUN 1–2:30PM

FOR ADULTS: FIRST SUNDAY WINTER BIRDING SERIES
On the first Sunday of the month, take a 2.5-mile hike to look for winter birds. All skill levels welcome. Binoculars available. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
JAN 5 SUN 9–10:30AM

FOR LITTLE KIDS: SINGALONG
Come sing songs with Joanie Calem. An hour of fun-filled folk songs, from all over the world. Something for everyone in this multi-generational experience! Ages 2-5 Nature Center
JAN 9 THU 11AM

FOR FAMILIES: OWL HIKE
Take a 1-mile hike to look and listen for some of the owls that live in the park. Ages 6 and older Nature Center
JAN 10 FRI 6PM

HOWL AT THE MOON DOG HIKE
Bring your canine friend on a 3.5-mile hike. Dogs must be leashed. All ages Nature Center
JAN 11 SAT 5–7PM

WALK AND RUN 101
The hardest step is the first one that you take: but that one step can change your life. This beginners’ clinic led by Lisa Dillahunt and Christina Solmos from the Columbus Running Company will focus on guiding you as you begin a new walking or running routine. No prior experience needed. The program will include a short talk indoors followed by a walk or run. We’ll provide hot coffee and tea too. Ages 18 and older Nature Center
JAN 11 SAT 11AM–12:30PM

STORYTIME: SMELLY SKUNKS
Listen to stories about skunks and other wildlife friends. Ages 2-5 Nature Center
JAN 14 TUE 10AM

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DECEMBER

BABIES: IT'S COLD OUTSIDE
Enjoy some indoor winter sensory activities and nature-themed play! Ages 4 and younger
Nature Center
DEC 10 TUE 10AM–12PM

FOR FAMILIES: BACKYARD BIRDS
Learn how to attract birds to your yard and make a bird feeder to take home. All ages
Lakeside Pavilion
DEC 27 FRI 2PM

JANUARY

PRESCHOOL: OWLS
Learn about owls through a story, activity and craft! Ages 3-5
Nature Center
JAN 8-9 WED-THU 9:30 OR 11AM

STORY TIME
Enjoy stories about animals in the winter. Ages 5 and younger
Nature Center
JAN 14 TUE 9:30, 10:30 OR 11:30AM

YOUNG EXPLORERS: FROSTY SCAVENGER HUNT
Enjoy a winter scavenger hunt and win a prize. Ages 5-12
Nature Center
JAN 20 MON 12–2PM

FEBRUARY

YOUNG EXPLORERS: AMOROUS ANIMALS
Learn how animals care for each other and make a craft to take home. Ages 5-12
Nature Center
FEB 14 FRI 10AM OR 1PM

MAPLE SUGARING
Learn how we can collect sap to make maple syrup and watch a demonstration to see how it's done. All ages
Barn Shelter
FEB 23 SUN 12–2PM

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DECEMBER

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS: WINTER AND WATERCOLOR
Join us to sip cocoa and create some winter watercolor artwork. We’ll take a walk for inspiration. Ages 3-5
Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
DEC 4 WED 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM

PRESSED FLOWER HOLIDAY CARD WORKSHOP
Artist Antonia Bojanina will show you how to create your own holiday cards using pressed leaves and flowers. Ages 18 and older
Advance registration
DEC 7 SAT 10830401

LUMINARY WORKSHOP
Bring your family to make your own luminary from household items. Materials provided. All ages Innis House
DEC 8 SUN 4:30PM

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 while we view the birds at the feeders. Binoculars available. All ages Innis House
DEC 14 SAT 8–11AM

MEET THE ARTISTS
Meet the members of the Fairfield County Photography Club and view their artwork at a reception. All ages Innis House
DEC 15 SUN 2–4PM

SOLSTICE WALK
Join us in the gardens for a guided walk in celebration of the longest night of the year. All ages Gardens Entrance
DEC 21 SAT 6PM

LUMINARY WORKSHOP
Bring your family to make your own luminary from household items. Materials provided. All ages Innis House
DEC 22 SUN 4:30PM

GARDEN SCHOOL: 2020 VISION
Start looking to 2020 as we celebrate the new year while discovering the importance of animal vision. Ages 6-9 Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
DEC 30 MON 10AM–12PM

JANUARY

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 2 COMMON WINTER BIRDS
Learn about the most common winter birds on a guided walk. Afterward, warm up inside the Innis House with hot drinks. Binoculars available. Ages 50 and older Innis House
JAN 4 SAT 10AM

LUMINARY WORKSHOP
Bring your family to make your own luminary from household items. Materials provided. All ages Innis House
JAN 5 SUN 4:30PM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS: SCRATCH AND SNIFF GARDEN
Explore our five senses and listen to some garden stories as we plant a mini sensory garden to enjoy through the winter. Ages 3-5
Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
DEC 8 SAT 10AM

WINTER WELLNESS WALK
Join us for an invigorating walk around the gardens. All ages
Gardens Entrance
JAN 11 SAT 10AM

BIRDFEEDER BINGO
Join us for a game of BINGO with assistance from the birds that visit the feeders. All ages Innis House
JAN 11 SAT 2PM

MEET THE ARTIST
Meet photographer John Bonnet and view his artwork at a reception. All ages Innis House
JAN 12 SUN 2–4PM

TOP 10 NATIVES IN WINTER
Learn about the top native plants in the winter landscape. All ages Innis House
JAN 18 SAT 10AM

47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES
Join us for a 2-mile hike along the trails and garden paths. All ages Gardens Entrance
JAN 26 SUN 2PM

TODDLER TIME IN THE GARDENS: FROZEN FUN
Listen to a story and enjoy some fun, frosty, frozen activities. Ages 2 and younger Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
JAN 29 WED 10AM
FEBRUARY

34TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW
View quilts produced by members of the Columbus Metropolitan Quilters. Quilts can be viewed Saturday and Sunday 11am-4pm and Tuesday to Friday 8am-4:30pm. Members will be available to answer questions Saturday and Sunday. All ages Innis House
FEB 3-4 SAT-SUN 11AM–4PM
FEB 3-7 TUE-FRI 8AM-4:30PM
FEB 3-9 SAT-SUN 11AM-4PM

HOW-TO FOR HOUSE PLANTS
Come learn how to maintain the plants that are inside your home this winter. All ages
Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
FEB 1 SAT 10–11AM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDENS:
CARDINALS
Find out what’s to love about our state bird and make a Valentine’s Day craft to take home. Ages 3-5 Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
FEB 5 WED 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 2
WINTER WELLNESS WALK
Join us for an invigorating walk around the Gardens. Ages 50 and older Gardens Entrance
FEB 8 SAT 10AM

COMMON WINTER BIRDS
Learn about birds on a guided walk and enjoy warm drinks after. Binoculars available. All ages Gardens Entrance
FEB 15 SAT 10AM

GARDEN SCHOOL: TRACKS AND SCAT
Investigate evidence left behind by the critters of Inniswood and see if you have what it takes to become a nature detective. Ages 6-9 Greenhouse Multipurpose Center
FEB 17 MON 10AM–12PM

INNISWOOD BOOK CLUB
FEB 22 SAT 2PM

MEET THE ARTIST
View the photography artwork of Inniswood’s monthly artist, Doug Askew, at a reception. All ages Innis House
FEB 23 SUN 2–4PM

SCOUT DAY: BROWNIES: WOW JOURNEY
Join as we discover how wetlands work and how water travels. Ages 6-8
Advanced registration
FEB 29 SAT 10832201
DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Calling all birders of every level! Come participate in the nation's longest-running community science bird project that fuels Audubon's work throughout the year. All ages *Park Office*

DEC 28 SAT 8:30–10:30AM

JANUARY

47TH 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. All ages *Darby Bend Lakes*

JAN 12 SUN 2–4PM
ROCKY FORK

DECEMBER

SEASONS AND STORIES: GOODBYE AUTUMN, HELLO WINTER!
Join us for some stories about nature and animals in winter! Following the stories will be a 1-mile hike on the paved trail and warm drinks! Families are encouraged to bring blankets! Ages 6 and younger Millstone Shelter
DEC 13  FRI  10AM

JANUARY

SEASONS AND STORIES: LET IT SNOW!
Join us for some stories about nature and animals in winter! Following the stories will be a 1-mile hike on the paved trail and warm drinks! Families are encouraged to bring blankets! Ages 6 and younger Millstone Shelter
JAN 17  FRI  10AM

WINTER HAWKS
Search for winter hawks on a 1.5-mile hike. All Ages
Rocky Fork Bulletin Board
JAN 26  SUN  9–10AM

FEBRUARY

SEASONS AND STORIES: A WINTER WALK
Join us for some stories about nature and animals in winter! Following the stories will be a 1-mile hike on the paved trail and warm drinks! Families are encouraged to bring blankets! Ages 6 and younger Millstone Shelter
FEB 14  FRI  10AM

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Scioto Audubon programs

DECEMBER

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5
Grange Insurance Audubon
EVERY THU & SAT 10–11AM

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

JANUARY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5
Grange Insurance Audubon
EVERY THU & SAT 10–11AM

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

47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES
Enjoy a 1- or 2-mile hike along the Greenway and park trails.
All ages Climbing Wall
JAN 18 SAT 10AM–12PM

FEBRUARY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME
Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. Ages 3-5
Grange Insurance Audubon
EVERY THU & SAT 10–11AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE
Search for birds in the park. All ages Grange Insurance Audubon
EVERY SAT 10–11:30AM
FEBRUARY

**47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES**
Enjoy a 1- or 2-mile hike along the Scioto River. All ages *Arrowhead Shelter*
FEB 2  SUN  2–4PM

**KIDS, PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS: WINTER FUN**
Join us for some fun seasonal activities. We may go outside, weather permitting. Ages 3 and older *The Grove*
FEB 7  FRI  1–3PM
DECEMBER

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS
Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat. All ages Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
DEC 8 SUN 2PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE
Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18 and older Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
DEC 11 WED 5:15PM

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. All ages Schrock Lake Restrooms
DEC 14 SAT 10AM

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
DEC 19 THU 6PM

CHRISTMAS FOR THE CRITTERS
Stop by to create a treat for backyard wildlife. All ages Spring Hollow
DEC 20 FRI 10AM–12PM

LANTERN STROLL
Candle lanterns will light the way on a 1-mile stroll through the woods on the winter solstice. All ages Schrock Lake Restrooms
DEC 21 SAT 5:30PM

PRESCOLLERS: NEW YEAR'S EVE OPEN HOUSE PARTY
Stop by anytime to celebrate New Year with games, activities and crafts. Ages 3-5 Spring Hollow
DEC 31 TUE 10AM–2PM

JANUARY

FAMILY FUN: CABIN FEVER RELIEVER
Drop by for winter crafts and activities. Ages 3-12 Spring Hollow
JAN 3 FRI 10AM–2PM

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: OFF-TRAIL ADVENTURE
Explore the natural play area forest. Ages 5-12 Natural Play Area
JAN 4 SAT 2PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE
Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18 and older Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
JAN 8 WED 5:45PM

47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES
Enjoy a 2- or 4-mile hike through fields and forests. Hot soup and drinks served. All ages Maple Grove Bulletin Board
JAN 11 SAT 10AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: WHOOO COOKS FOR YOUUU?
Learn about Ohio’s owls through hands-on activities. Ages 6-12 Spring Hollow
JAN 15 WED 10–11:30AM OR 1-2:30PM

SCOUT DAY: WEBELOS INTO THE WOODS
Scouts will work on requirements towards the Into the Woods achievement. Ages 10-11 Advanced registration
JAN 19 SUN 10521801

NATURAL PLAY AREA ADVENTURES: FORT BUILDING
Build a fort using natural materials found off-trail. All ages Natural Play Area
JAN 20 MON 1PM

METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 1 LAUGHTER IN THE LODGE
Joyce Johnson, from the Breathing Association, will show you exercises to improve your breathing along with laughter yoga to improve your mood. No mats or experience necessary. All activities can be done while sitting. Ages 50 and older Spring Hollow
JAN 22 WED 1PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS
Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat. All ages Apple Ridge Bulletin Board
JAN 25 SAT 10AM

PRESCOLLERS: SLUMBER PARTY
Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal and make a hibernation house for it. Ages 3-5 Spring Hollow
JAN 30 THU 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM
JAN 31 FRI 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM
FEBRUARY

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE
Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18 and older
*Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

FEB 8 SAT 6:15PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: SNOW MUCH FUN
Discover properties of snow and how animals cope with winter. Ages 6-12
*Spring Hollow*

FEB 11 TUE 10–11:30AM OR 1-2:30PM

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT
Stop by and add birds to our list in this nationwide citizen science effort. All ages
*Spring Hollow*

FEB 15 SAT 10AM–1PM

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: KINDNESS ROCKS
Help spread kindness by decorating rocks and hiding them for someone else to find. Ages 5-12
*Spring Hollow*

FEB 15 SAT 2PM

GEOCACHING HIDE-N-SEEK
Learn to use a GPS unit as you hide and seek items off-trail in the natural play area. All ages
*Natural Play Area*

FEB 17 MON 1PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS
Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike followed by a doggie treat. All ages
*Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

FEB 22 SAT 4PM

PRESCHOOLERS: CRAZY CANINES
Learn about our furry friends through activities and a craft. Ages 3-5
*Spring Hollow*

FEB 26 WED 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM
FEB 27 THU 9:30AM, 11AM, 1PM

LEAPIN’ LANTERN STROLL
Carry lanterns on a 1-mile walk to celebrate an extra day in February. All ages
*Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

FEB 29 SAT 6:45PM
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 take home. All ages Farmhouse
DEC 7 SAT 1–3PM

PRESCHOOLERS STORYTIME: KEEPING WARM
Learn how 1880s families stayed warm and prepared for winter with a story and activities. Ages 3-5 Farmhouse
DEC 11 WED 10:30AM

ADULTS: PREPARING FOR WINTER
Tour the farmhouse and barn and find out how an 1880s family prepared for the cold and finish next to the woodstove with a hot beverage. Ages 18 and older Farmhouse
DEC 11 WED 1PM

HOMESCHOOLERS AT THE FARM: READY FOR WINTER
Find out how an 1880s farm family prepared for the cold and blustery winter weather. Ages 6-12 Farmhouse
DEC 12 THU 1PM

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. All ages Farmhouse
DEC 14 SAT 9AM–2PM
DEC 15 SUN 11AM–2PM

‘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. All ages Farmhouse
DEC 21-22 SAT-SUN 1–3PM

HOLIDAY BREAK WORKDAY
Help with farm chores, visit the animals and warm up next to the woodstove. Farmhouse
DEC 27 FRI 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. All ages Farmhouse
DEC 28 SAT 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. All ages Farmhouse
FEB 22-23 SAT-SUN 1–3PM
FEB 29 SAT 1–3PM

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SLATE RUN

47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES
Take a 2.5- or 5-mile hike through woods and fields. All ages Buzzards Roost Picnic Area

FEB 16  SUN  2–4PM
**THREE CREEKS**

**DECEMBER**

**NATURAL WREATH MAKING**
Make a wreath from natural materials to take home and enjoy. Program will be held in our maintenance shop if we have poor weather. All ages
*Confluence Area*
DEC 1 SUN 2–3:30PM

**HIKE ALONG THE CREEK**
Enjoy a leisurely 2-mile walk along the creek in search of winter wonders. All ages
*Confluence Area*
DEC 7 SAT 10–11:30AM OR 1:30–3PM

**CALLING ALL KIDS: BUILD A GIANT NEST**
Help build a huge nest out of materials found in the natural play area. All ages
*Confluence Area*
DEC 8 SUN 2PM

**PRESCHOOLERS: ANIMAL STORIES**
Bring your favorite stuffed animal and listen to stories about their wild cousins. Ages 3-5
*Heritage Nature Center*
DEC 10 TUE 10AM

**WALK TO THE EAGLE NEST**
Learn about our national bird and take a 2-mile off-trail walk to visit their nesting site. All ages
*Confluence Area*
DEC 14 SAT 10–11:30AM

**METRO FIVE-0: LEVEL 3 WALK TO THE EAGLE NEST**
Learn about our national bird and take a 2-mile off-trail walk to visit their nesting site. Ages 50 and older
*Confluence Area*
DEC 15 SUN 1–2:30PM

**FEBRUARY**

**TRACKS AND TRAILS**
We’ll learn about animal tracks as we search for tracks and signs. All ages
*Confluence Area*
FEB 8 SAT 2PM

**OWLS OF FEBRUARY**
Learn about Ohio’s owls as we walk through the woods and try to lure our resident barred owls in with calls. All ages
*Confluence Area*
FEB 8 SAT 6PM

**THE COYOTES AMONG US**
Learn about our secretive neighbors as you wander off-trail in search of signs. All ages
*Confluence Area*
FEB 9 SUN 2PM

**47TH ANNUAL WINTER HIKE SERIES**
Take a 1-, 3- or 5.6-mile hike along the creeks, followed by hot drinks and food. All ages
*Confluence Area*
FEB 15 SAT 10AM–1PM

**HOMESCHOOLERS: DISSECTING AN OWL PELLET**
Learn about owls, food webs and adaptations by dissecting an owl pellet. Ages 6-15
*KidSpace*
FEB 20 THU 1PM

**CALLING ALL KIDS: EXPLORATION AND CAMPFIRE**
Explore the natural play area then toast treats over a campfire. All ages
*Confluence Area*
FEB 22 SAT 11:30AM–1PM

**WOODCOCK WATCH**
Celebrate leap day by taking a 1.5-mile round trip walk to watch the aerial courtship display of this unusual bird. All ages
*Confluence Area*
FEB 29 SAT 6–7:30PM