

## HIGHBANKS

# MAY

### CENTRAL OHIO FOLK FESTIVAL

Enjoy FREE daytime folk concerts on three stages. Festival includes a variety of activities including a local jam group tent, folk dance and instruction, storytelling, and children's activities. Don't miss the festival's special guest, Freeman Owle, a Cherokee tribe elder. Over 30 workshops will be offered over the weekend on a variety of topics including guitar, banjo, fiddle and songwriting. Nominal fee for workshops. Food will be available to purchase from food trucks.

Visit [www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org](http://www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org) for more information and schedule of events. Festival sponsored by the Columbus Folk Music Society, Metro Parks and WCBE 90.5FM.

Special note: Saturday evening concert at 7pm features national and international touring artist Lindsay Lou (Nashville, TN). Concert Tickets \$15. Visit

[www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org](http://www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org) to purchase concert tickets. All Ages

*Big Meadows Picnic Area*

MAY 2 SAT 10:30AM-6PM

MAY 3 SUN 10:30AM-5:30PM

### STORYTIME: STARS

Enjoy stories about stars and planets. Ages 2-5  
*Nature Center*

MAY 8 FRI 10AM

### WARBLER WATCH

Take a 3-mile hike in search of colorful spring migrating birds. Binoculars available.

Ages 10 and older *Nature Center*

MAY 9 SAT 8AM

### FOR MOMS & KIDS: ART IN THE PARK

Paint a beautiful Mothers Day gift inspired by flowers in the park. Detailed instructions provided. Ages 10 and older *Advance registration*

MAY 10 SUN ☺ 20450400

### PRESCHOOL: BABY ANIMALS

Learn about baby animals through a story, activities and a craft. *Nature Center*

MAY 13 WED 11AM OR 1PM

MAY 14 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

### CREATURE FEATURE: REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Visit with turtles, a snake and other cold-blooded animals. Learn how we take care of them at the nature center.

Ages 2-10 *Nature Center*

MAY 16 SAT 2PM

MAY 18 MON 11AM

### FOR ADULTS: FUNGUS HIKE

Hike 2.5 miles on the Dripping Rock Trail and learn how to identify mushrooms.

Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

MAY 20 WED 10AM

### FOR FAMILIES: BUSY BEES

Learn about bees through a scavenger hunt, crafts and other activities. Ages 3 and older  
*Nature Center*

MAY 21 THU 11AM

### FISHING WITH THE RANGERS

Try your hand at catching fish in the pond. Fishing poles and bait provided. Ages 6-17

*Dragonfly Day Camp*

MAY 24 SUN 3-5PM

### FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced hike and meet other like-minded people. This week we will hike 3 miles to the overlook deck.

Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

MAY 26 TUE 7PM

### FOR KIDS: WILDLIFE DISCOVERY HIKE

Search for signs of wildlife on a 1-mile hike.

Ages 5 and older *Nature Center*

MAY 27 WED 11AM

### FOR FAMILIES: GO CREEKING

Explore the Olentangy River looking for water animals. Ages 3 and older

*Big Meadows Picnic Area*

MAY 28 THU 10AM

MAY 28 THU 1PM

### FOR FAMILIES: RAVINE HIKE

Join geologists from the Ohio Geological Survey for a talk and 2.6-mile rugged hike through the ravines. Learn about the rocks and fossils of Highbanks, deposited during the Devonian Period nearly 400 million years ago.

Ages 7 and older *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

MAY 31 SUN 2PM