

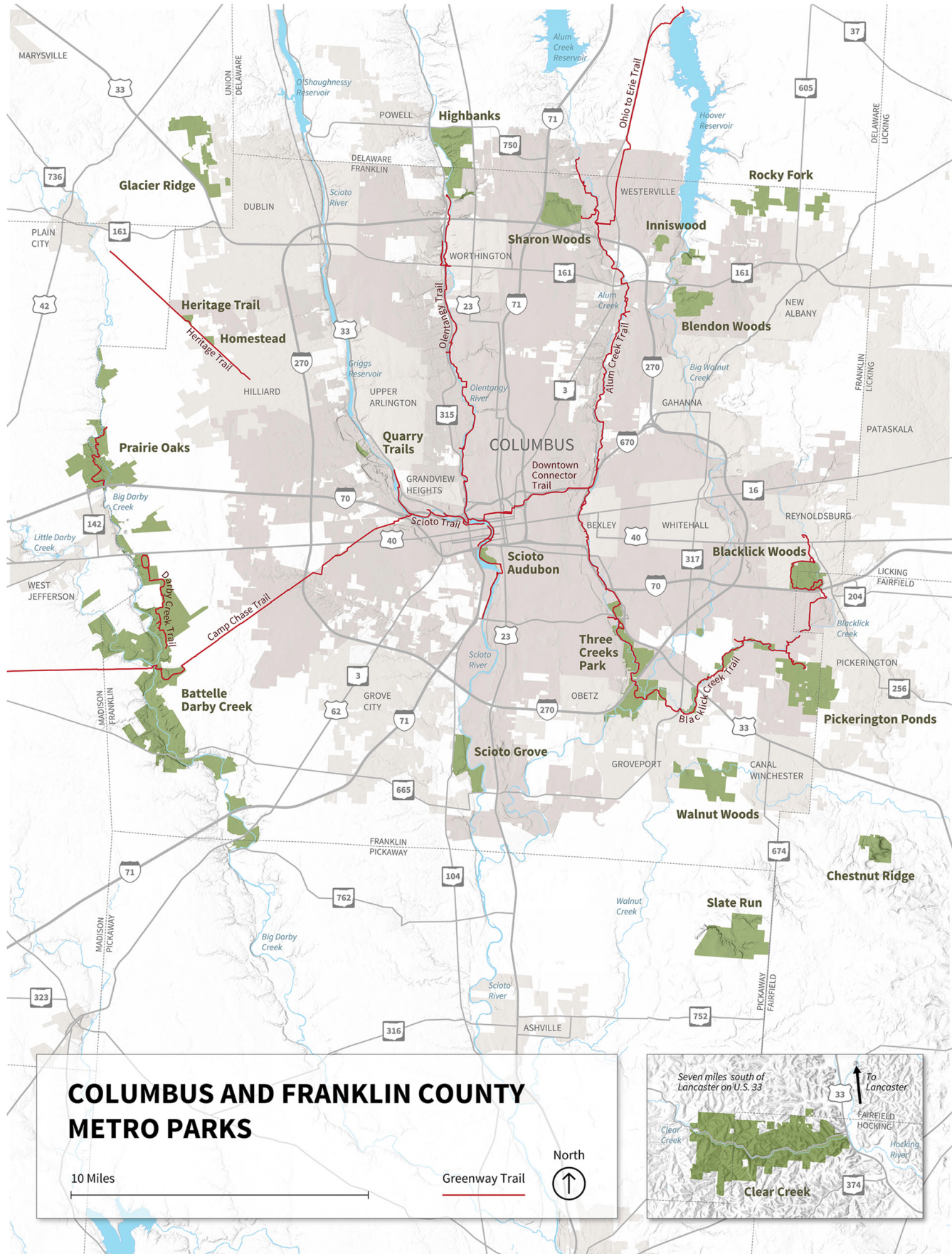
Spring 2020

ParkScope

PROGRAM GUIDE



Park Locations



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METRO PARKS PHONE NUMBERS

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Glacier Ridge	614.216.8859
Heritage Trail	614.216.8859
Highbanks	614.906.3149
Homestead	614.216.8859
Inniswood	614.208.4301
Pickerington Ponds	614.208.4329
Prairie Oaks	614.208.4321
Rocky fork	614.595.9979
Scioto Audubon	614.202.5197
Scioto Grove	614.949.1078
Sharon Woods	614.315.5520
Slate Run	614.329.1392
Three Creeks	614.208.2874
Walnut Woods	614.357.9375

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RESERVATIONS WEBSITE: <https://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbwsc/ohfranklinctywt.wsc/splash.html>

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Metro Park	Acres	ARCHERY	BACKPACKING	BIKING	BOATING	CANOEING/KAYAKING	CROSS COUNTRY SKIING	DAY CAMPS	DISC GOLF	FISHING	FITNESS	GOLFING	HIKING/JOGGING	HORSEBACK RIDING	ICE SKATING	MOUNTAIN BIKING	NATURAL PLAY AREAS	NATURE CENTERS	NATURE PRESERVES	OBSTACLE COURSE	PET FACILITIES	PICNICKING	PLAY AREAS	ROCK CLIMBING	SLEDDING
Battelle Darby Creek	7,060			•		•	•			•			•		•		•				•	•	•		•
Blacklick Woods	643			•							•	•	•				•	•			•	•	•		•
Blendon Woods	653						•	•	•				•		•		•				•	•	•		
Chestnut Ridge	486									•			•			•					•	•	•		
Clear Creek	5,389									•			•					•			•	•			
Glacier Ridge	1,036			•		•		•					•	•		•			•		•	•	•		
Heritage Park & Trail	87			•									•	•							•				
Highbanks	1,159			•		•	•	•		•			•				•	•	•		•	•	•		•
Homestead	44									•			•								•	•	•		
Inniswood Metro Gardens	123			•									•								•				
Pickerington Ponds	1,600			•									•					•			•	•			
Prairie Oaks	2,136			•	•	•	•			•			•	•		•					•	•	•		
Rocky Fork	1,003			•									•	•							•	•			
Scioto Audubon	120			•	•	•				•			•			•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•
Scioto Grove	620	•	•	•		•		•	•				•								•	•	•		•
Sharon Woods	761			•						•	•		•			•		•			•	•			•
Slate Run Park & Farm	1,705						•		•				•	•		•					•	•	•		
Three Creeks	1,100			•		•				•			•			•					•	•	•		
Walnut Woods	1,098			•		•				•			•								•	•	•		•

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.

metro parks programs

March, April, May 2020
(advanced registration opens Feb 19, 2020)

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

MARCH

COMPOSTING

Composting is nature's way of recycling. Discover easy ways to keep food scraps and yard waste out of landfills. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 1 SUN 3PM

NIGHT AT THE NATURE CENTER

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

MAR 7 SAT 5PM

HOWL AT THE MOON

Bring your canine friend on a 2-mile evening hike. All Ages *Wagtail Trailhead*

MAR 8 SUN 6PM

FULL WORM MOON HIKE

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

MAR 9 MON 7PM

PRESCHOOLERS: SLITHERY SNAKES

Sneaky snakes, scaly snakes! Come learn about these amazing reptiles through a story and craft! *Nature Center*

MAR 10 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn yoga to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages *Cedar Ridge Lodge*

MAR 14 SAT 11:30AM

ADULTS ONLY: BISON

Take a 1-mile hike to see North America's largest land mammal. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

MAR 14 SAT 4PM

PHOTO BASICS: ACCESSORIES, APPS, GADGETS

Bring your favorite photo-related accessory, application or gadget to discuss with the group. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

MAR 14 SAT 10AM

BON APPECREEK

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

MAR 15 SUN 1PM

AN OHIO NATURALIST IN COSTA RICA

Listen to a naturalist recount his experiences in Costa Rica and see pictures of amazing wild-life from the rainforest. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 15 SUN 2PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day by looking for green in nature! Inside and outside scavenger hunt options. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 17 TUE 10AM-4PM

FIRST DAY OF SPRING HIKE

Take a brisk 2-mile hike to celebrate the first day of spring! All Ages *Indian Ridge*

MAR 20 THU 6PM

BON APPECREEK

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

MAR 21 SAT 1PM

WHIRLING WOODCOCKS

Search for this fascinating bird as he performs his aerial courtship dance. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 21 SAT 7:30PM

RAINBOWS IN THE WATER

Celebrate World Water Day by observing several species of darters at their most colorful. You are welcome to join us in the cold water of Darby Creek to hunt for these fish, but waders are recommended. All Ages *Indian Ridge*

MAR 22 SUN 1:30PM

VENUS AND EVENING STARS

View Venus at greatest elongation along with other evening stars and constellations as we explore the night sky. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 24 TUE 7:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: SLITHERY SNAKES

Sneaky snakes, scaly snakes! Come learn about these amazing reptiles through a story and craft! *Nature Center*

MAR 27 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

VERNAL POOLS

Celebrate some of our strangest and most important wetlands and the creatures that live there. Live animals and displays from local organizations will be on exhibit. Take a hike with a naturalist to see an active vernal pool and discover what we catch in our traps. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 28 SAT 11AM-4PM

SO YOU WANT TO BE A METRO PARKS VOLUNTEER!?

Join us to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities at Metro Parks. This event is the first step in becoming a volunteer. Please fill out a volunteer application at metroparks.net prior to attending the event. Interviews will be offered after the event for those who are interested in continuing. Ages 16 and older *Advance registration*

MAR 29 SUN ☎ 20332000

APRIL

BON APPECREEK

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

APR 4 SAT 1PM

SPRING WILDFLOWERS

Stop and smell the spring ephemerals on a wildflower walk. All Ages *Ranger Station*

APR 4 SAT 11AM

BISON

Not a cow, not a buffalo, it's a bison! Join us for a short walk and talk about this 2,000-pound animal. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 5 SUN 4PM

ADULTS ONLY: WATERFOWL

Learn about migrating waterfowl visiting Darby Creek! Ages 18 and older *Wet Prairie Access*

APR 5 SUN 10AM

FULL PINK MOON HIKE

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

APR 8 WED 8PM

PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE

Take a hike with your dog or stop by the nature center to see some unusual pets. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 11 SAT 2-4PM

PHOTO GROUP: ADVANCED PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn advanced techniques on how to capture portraits. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

APR 11 SAT 10AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn yoga to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages *Cedar Ridge Lodge*

APR 11 SAT 11:30AM

PRESCHOOLERS: BEAVERS

Learn how beavers build dams and their houses, called lodges, as well as what they eat. *Nature Center*

APR 14 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

TREE FLOWERS

Enjoy a family-friendly walk in the woods looking for our flowering trees. Learn about the impact of trees' natural history, habitat and pollinators. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 18 SAT 10AM

BON APPECREEK

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

APR 18 SAT 1PM

SPRING WILDLIFE

Take a 1-mile hike and see what wildlife is enjoying the new season. All Ages *Ranger Station*

APR 19 SUN 2PM

LYRID METEOR SHOWER

View the longest-recorded modern meteor shower! All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 22 WED 4:30AM

EARTH DAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Help clean up the park by pulling invasive plants such as garlic mustard; then try some garlic pesto! Or join a group in beautifying the canoe access by picking up litter. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 22 WED 10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: BEAVERS

Learn how beavers build dams and their houses, called lodges, as well as what they eat. *Nature Center*

APR 24 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

OFF-TRAIL PHOTOGRAPHY HIKE

Hike to a pre-Wisconsin glacial outwash valley. Photograph glacial outwash remnants, wildflowers and many old growth tree logs. Ages 10 and older *Nature Center*

APR 25 SAT 9AM

SOUNDS OF SPRING

Listen and learn about the wildlife orchestra as they strike up a symphony. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 25 SAT 7PM

MAY

SPRING CLEANING

Discover how to clean your home without the use of harsh chemicals. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 2 SAT 11AM

ADULTS ONLY: SPRING WILDFLOWERS

Stop and smell the spring ephemerals on a wildflower walk. Ages 18 and older *Ranger Station*

MAY 3 SUN 1PM

MAY MIGRANTS

Come birding with us on a 2-mile hike. All Ages *Indian Ridge*

MAY 3 SUN 8AM

FULL FLOWER MOON HIKE

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

MAY 7 THU 8PM

PHOTO GROUP: IMAGE REVIEW

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

MAY 9 SAT 10AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn yoga to help rejuvenate your mind and body. All Ages *Cedar Ridge Lodge*

MAY 9 SAT 11:30AM

BON APPECREEK

Enjoy the fish-feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and other foods.

All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 9 SAT 1PM

BISON BISON

Not a cow, not a buffalo, it's a bison! Join us for a short walk and talk about this 2,000-pound animal. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 10 SUN 2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: DOWN ON THE FARM

Learn about farms and farming life.

Nature Center

MAY 12 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

MAY MIGRANTS

Come birding with us on a 2-mile hike!

All Ages *Indian Ridge*

MAY 16 SAT 8AM

NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY

April showers sometimes bring May litter to our watershed. Join us on National River Cleanup Day as we float and clean Darby Creek, a State and National Scenic River! Pre-Registration is required for this BYOBoat cleanup. Event is contingent on weather and water levels. Ages 14 and older

Advance registration

MAY 16 SAT © 20352007

PHLOX WALK

Take a 3-mile hike and look for how many species we can find in their natural habitat.

All Ages *Little Darby Picnic Area*

MAY 17 SUN 1PM

WILD EDIBLES

Learn how to identify wild edible plants and how you can create some delicious dishes with them. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 23 SAT 11AM

PRESCHOOLERS: DOWN ON THE FARM

Learn about farm and farming life.

Nature Center

MAY 29 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

INATURALIST HIKE

Take iNaturalist on your wildlife walk! Technology will help you identify plants and animals on the trail. Please create an account and download the app before the program; go to inaturalist.org to get started. All Ages *Ranger Station*

MAY 30 SAT 1PM

BACKCOUNTRY BIRDING

Bird on trails less traveled on a 3-mile back-country birding adventure. All Ages *Little Darby Picnic Area*

MAY 31 SUN 8AM

BLACKLICK WOODS

MARCH

BACKPACKING PREP

Load up your backpack and get ready for an upcoming trip on this 4-mile hike. Share trips and tips with fellow backpackers along the way. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 1 SUN 10AM

STORY TIME

Learn about vernal pools and amphibians through stories. Ages 2-5 *Nature Center*

MAR 2 MON 10AM

MORNING COFFEE AND WILDLIFE WATCH

View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 7 SAT 8-10AM

MAPLE SUGARING

Learn how sap becomes syrup during this maple sugaring demonstration. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 7 SAT 1PM

SPRING FORWARD

Join a naturalist for a brisk 6-mile walk on all of the trails. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 8 SUN 4PM

PRESCHOOLERS: SECRET LIFE OF SWAMPS

Discover the cool critters that can be found in the swamp and other wetlands through stories, activities and a craft. *Beech Maple Lodge*

MAR 11 WED 10AM OR 1PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPLAY

View our display to learn about some Ohio animals that always wear green. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 14-15 SAT-SUN 8AM-6PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCAVENGER HUNT

Celebrate the day by hunting for green things hidden in the park. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 15 SUN 1-4PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: KNOCK ON WOOD

Learn about Ohio's woodpeckers and the unique adaptations that help them survive. Ages 6-12 *Beech Maple Lodge*

MAR 16 MON 10AM OR 1PM

HERPETOLOGY IN A DAY

Take a crash course in herpetology and meet some live amphibians and reptiles. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 22 SUN 2PM

FISHING BASICS

Kids will learn the basics of casting, knot tying and fish identification. We'll also get a chance to catch goldfish at Ashton Pond, to take home with you. Ages 6-15 *Beech Maple Lodge*

MAR 25 WED 1-3PM

TOTS ON THE TRAILS

Join a naturalist for a slow-paced half-mile walk through the woods. Ages 1-4 *Nature Center*

MAR 27 FRI 10AM

WETLAND WONDERS DISPLAY

View our display to learn how wonderful wetlands really are. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 28-29 SAT-SUN 8AM-6PM

I SPY

Put your observational skills to the test as you search for hidden objects along the Buttonbush Trail. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 29 SUN 12-4PM

APRIL

MORNING COFFEE AND WILDLIFE WATCH

View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 4 SAT 8–10AM

BACKPACKING PREP

Load up your backpack and get ready for an upcoming trip on this 4-mile hike. Share trips and tips with fellow backpackers along the way. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 5 SUN 10AM

STORY TIME

Learn about wildflowers and the animals that rely on them, through stories. Ages 2-5 *Nature Center*

APR 6 MON 10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: WILDFLOWERS

Learn about the first blooms of the season and some of the animals who depend on them, through books, activities and a craft. *Beech Maple Lodge*

APR 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*

APR 10 FRI 8PM

SCOUT DAY: BROWNIES WOW JOURNEY

Brownies will participate in activities toward earning the WOW! award. Ages 6-10 *Nature Center*

APR 11 SAT 2PM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY LANTERN HIKE

Take a 1.5-mile lantern-lit hike. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 11 SAT 8PM

FISHING BASICS

Kids will learn the basics of casting, knot tying and fish identification. We'll also get a chance to catch goldfish at Ashton Pond, to take home with you. Ages 6-15 *Beech Maple Lodge*

APR 12 SUN 3–5PM

NATURE BABIES

Join us as we read some nature-themed books and caregivers will learn some nature signs in ASL to practice at home. Ages 2 and younger *Nature Center*

APR 15 WED 10AM

WILDFLOWER DISPLAY

View our display on wildflowers. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 18-19 SAT-SUN 8AM–8PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4 HIKE ALL TRAILS

Enjoy the nearly six miles of trails on a brisk walk with a naturalist. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

APR 18 SAT 10AM

TRAM FOR TOTS

Enjoy a leisurely tram ride through the park and learn about the first Metro Park and the wildlife that call it home. Ages 2-6 *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

APR 19 SUN 2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: WOODCOCK WALK

Learn about the American woodcock and take a walk to look for the males performing their aerial courtship display. Ages 6-12 *Nature Center*

APR 20 MON 7:30PM

TOTS ON THE TRAILS

Join a naturalist for a slow-paced half-mile walk through the woods. Ages 1-4 *Nature Center*

APR 24 FRI 10AM

WARBLER WALK

Search the trails for migrating songbirds. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 28 TUE 9AM

MAY

NATURE SOUNDS TRAM RIDE

Take an evening tram ride through the park and listen for nocturnal animals. All Ages *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

MAY 1 FRI 7:30PM

MIGRATION MANIA DISPLAY

View our display to learn all about bird migration. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 2-3 SAT-SUN 8AM–8PM

MORNING COFFEE AND WILDLIFE WATCH

View animals through the nature center windows and enjoy a cup of coffee. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 2 SAT 8–10AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 WILDFLOWER WALK

Take a 1-mile walk to look for wildflowers. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

MAY 2 SAT 2PM

WARBLER WALK

Search the trails for migrating songbirds. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 3 SUN 8AM

STORY TIME

Learn about baby animals through stories. Ages 2-5 *Nature Center*

MAY 4 MON 10AM

WARBLER WALK

Search the trails for migrating songbirds. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 9 SAT 10AM

SUNDAY IN THE SWAMP

Scoop up slimy critters from the buttonbush swamp. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 10 SUN 1–3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: TRAM RIDE

Take a tram tour to learn about Blacklick Woods and the animals that call it home. *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

MAY 13 WED 10AM OR 1PM

EVENING TRAM RIDE

Enjoy a tram ride through the park as the sun sets. All Ages *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

MAY 15 FRI 7:30PM

WILDFLOWERS BY TRAM

Search for wildflowers on a tram ride through the park. All Ages *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

MAY 16 SAT 2PM

POKÉMON GO TRAM RIDE

Calling all Pokémon Trainers to GO for a tram ride! We will stop at Gyms and PokéStops as we ride through the park. All Ages
Ash Grove Picnic Area

MAY 17 SUN 4PM

YOU CAN EAT THAT

Learn what wild edible plants are available and try some samples. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 17 SUN 2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: WONDERFUL WETLANDS

Learn about the importance of wetlands and the animals that call them home. Ages 6-12
Beech Maple Lodge

MAY 18 MON 10AM OR 1PM

ENTOMOLOGY IN A DAY

Explore the amazing diversity of insects with a crash course in entomology: the study of insects. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 23 SAT 2-3PM

SUNDAY IN THE SWAMP

Scoop up slimy critters from the buttonbush swamp. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 24 SUN 1PM

I SPY

Put your observational skills to the test as you search for hidden objects along the Buttonbush Trail. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 25 MON 12-4PM

TOTS ON THE TRAILS

Join a naturalist for a slow-paced half-mile walk through the woods. Ages 1-4
Nature Center

MAY 29 FRI 10AM

FISHING BASICS

Kids will learn the basics of casting, knot tying and fish identification. We'll also get a chance to catch goldfish Ashton Pond, to take home with you. Ages 6-15 *Nature Center*

MAY 30 SAT 10AM-12PM

BLENDON WOODS

MARCH

TODDLERS IN NATURE: SPIRALS IN NATURE

Introduce your toddler to nature through literacy, sensory development and motor skills, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 3 and younger *Nature Center*

MAR 5 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for some stories and activities about animals and nature! Ages 3-7 *Nature Center*

MAR 6 FRI 10AM

BIRD HIKE: WATERFOWL

Hike 1 mile on a paved trail to look for migrating ducks. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 8 SUN 9AM

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

Drop by to help collect data for this important citizen science project that tracks trends in winter bird distribution and abundance, and find out how you can participate at home. No experience necessary! All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 7-8 SAT-SUN 10AM-2PM

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS

Enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 7-8 SAT-SUN 10AM-2PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: UP IN THE GARDEN AND DOWN IN THE DIRT

Introduce your toddler to nature through literacy, sensory development and motor skills, including a story, activity and walk. All Ages
Nature Center

MAR 12 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

WOLF SCOUTS: PAWS ON THE PATH

Wolf scouts will participate in activities toward earning this achievement. Ages 6-8
Advance Registration

MAR 12 THU © 20222202

BIRD HIKE: WOODPECKERS

Walk 2 miles on the trails to search for woodpeckers. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 14 SAT 10AM

BACKYARD POULTRY: CHAMPION RECYCLERS!

Whether you are new to chickens, ducks and quail, or just want to swap ideas with experienced keepers, this is the class for you—just in time for chick season! Meet some live birds too. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 15 SUN 2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: GO BIRDING!

Have fun learning about nature through a story, activities and craft. *Nature Center*

MAR 18 WED 9:30 OR 11AM

SPRING BREAK SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE

Can you find everything on the list? Ages 4-12
Nature Center

MAR 23 MON-FRI 10AM-3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: GO BIRDING!

We will learn some common Ohio birds, hike to look for them and discover how important bird watchers are to saving North American birds. Binoculars provided or bring your own. Ages 6-12 *Nature Center*

MAR 25 WED 10AM OR 1PM

PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

Drop by to help collect data for this important citizen science project that tracks trends in winter bird distribution and abundance, and find out how you can participate at home. No experience necessary! All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 28-29 SAT-SUN 10AM-2PM

COFFEE, COCOA & BIRDS

Enjoy a steaming cup while watching birds at our viewing window. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAR 28-29 SAT-SUN 10AM-2PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderately-paced 2-mile hike and meet other like-minded people! Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

MAR 29 SUN 2PM

WOODCOCK WATCH

Woodcocks are back, dancing their hearts out. Don't miss this amazing spring spectacle! All Ages *Blendon Woods Natural Play Area Shelter*

MAR 29 SUN 7:30PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 NATIONAL TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK DAY

We will walk 2 miles on gravel surface trails. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

MAR 30 MON 1PM

APRIL

APRIL FOOLS!

Drop by the nature center—you never know what you are going to find on the first day of April. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 1 WED 10AM–2PM

DISC GOLF: DISCS AFTER DARK

Play a round of disc golf with our glowing discs! Ages 16 and older *Disc Golf Course*

APR 3 FRI 8PM

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for some stories and activities about animals and nature! Ages 3-7 *Nature Center*

APR 3 FRI 10AM

SIGNS OF SPRING

Search for signs of spring on a 2-mile hike. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 4 SAT 2PM

BIRD HIKE: EARLY MIGRANTS

Look for migrating birds as we walk 2 miles on the trails. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 5 SUN 9AM

GIRL SCOUT JUNIORS: FLOWERS

Girls will participate in activities toward earning this badge. Ages 9-11 *Advance Registration*

APR 5 SUN ☎ 20222203

TODDLERS IN NATURE: SPLISH, SPLASH!

Introduce your toddler to nature through literacy, sensory development and motor skills, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 *Nature Center*

APR 9 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

NATURAL EGG DYES

Drop by to learn about natural plant-based dyes and even color your own egg! All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 11 SAT 1PM

DISC GOLF: 3 ROUNDS WITH A RANGER

Challenge our rangers to a round of disc golf. Meet at the disc golf course. Discs available to borrow. Ages 8 and older *Disc Golf Course*

APR 11 SAT 1PM

HIKE AROUND THE LAKE

Explore Walden Waterfowl Refuge on this special access, off-trail 1.5-mile hike around Thoreau Lake. Ages 6 and older *Nature Center*

APR 12 SUN 2PM

SPRING BREAK SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE

Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet at the nature center. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 13 MON-FRI 10AM–4PM

SPRING BREAK PUPPET SHOW

Join the Blendon Woods puppets on their next adventure. Ages 3-10 *Nature Center*

APR 14 TUE 10AM, 11AM OR 12:30PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: THE EARTH BOOK

Introduce your toddler to nature through literacy, sensory development and motor skills, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 *Nature Center*

APR 16 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

EARTH DAY CLEAN UP

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary for Earth Day by clearing out invasive plants and cleaning up trash from the park with us. Register at earthdaycolumbus.org. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 18 SAT 10AM–12PM

WILDFLOWER WALK

Look for native wildflowers on a 1.5-mile walk on- and off-trail. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 19 SUN 10AM

GIRL SCOUT BROWNIES: BUGS

Girls will participate in activities toward earning this badge. Ages 7-9 *Advance Registration*

APR 19 SUN ☎ 20222204

EARTH DAY EVENING HIKE

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day on a 2-mile hike along gravel surface trails. Ages 6 and older *Nature Center*

APR 22 WED 7PM

PRESCHOOLERS: PARTY FOR THE PLANET

Drop by the nature center to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with “green” activities and crafts. *Nature Center*

APR 22 WED 10AM–2PM

GEO TRAIL KICKOFF

Join us for the opening day of this year's Geo-Trail treasure hunt. For more information go to www.geocaching.com. All Ages *Blendon Woods Group Shelter*

APR 25 SAT 2PM

GET YOUR APP OUTSIDE!

Bring your smartphone and learn how your curiosity about nature can help to generate useful data for science. Meet at Blendon Ravines, 5280 Cambria Way. Park along the street. Ages 6 and older *Blendon Ravines*

APR 26 SUN 2PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderately-paced 2-mile hike and meet other like-minded people! Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

APR 28 TUE 6:30PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: THE LORAX

Discover what we can learn from the Once-ler with an exploration of the Seuss classic. Ages 6-10 *Nature Center*

APR 29 WED 10–11:30AM

APR 30 THU 1–2:30PM

MAY

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for stories and activities about animals and nature! Ages 3-7 *Nature Center*

MAY 1 FRI 10AM

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CELEBRATION

Join us to celebrate the wonders of the bird world! Learn about everything from binoculars to bird song with games, activities, crafts and bird hikes throughout the day. Even meet some live birds! See the Blendon Woods FaceBook page for a full listing of times and activities. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 2 SAT 10AM–2PM

BIRD HIKE: WARBLERS FOR BEGINNERS

Hike 2 miles to find these amazing tiny jewels as they pass through Ohio on their annual migration. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 3 SUN 9AM

DISC GOLF FOR KIDS: LEARN THE BASICS

Drop by to learn the basics of disc golf. Discs available to borrow. Ages 6 and older *Disc Golf Course*

MAY 3 SUN 12–2PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A BEE?

Introduce your toddler to nature through literacy, sensory development and motor skills, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 *Nature Center*

MAY 7 THU 9:30 PR 11AM

PASSPORT TO FISHING

Learn the basics of knot tying, baiting a hook, casting and fish ID, then put your skills to the test on Thoreau Lake. Ages 6 and older *Advance registration*

MAY 9 SAT © 20251405

TODDLERS IN NATURE: JO MACDONALD SAW A POND

Introduce your toddler to nature through literacy, sensory development and motor skills, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3 *Nature Center*

MAY 14 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

CAMPFIRE WITH THE RANGERS

Enjoy a campfire and s'mores, and check out the Ranger Station! All Ages *Picnic Area Lot at Ranger Station*

MAY 16 SAT 6:30–8PM

PRESCHOOLERS: APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

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

MAY 19 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 1.5-mile moderately-paced walk on- and off-trail to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

MAY 20 WED 11AM–12:30PM

HIKE TO THE CREEK AT BLENDON RAVINES

Take a 2-mile round-trip, rugged off-trail hike with a ranger through this new property. Meet at 5280 Cambria Way. Park along the street. Ages 5 and older *Blendon Ravines*

MAY 23 SAT 12–1:30PM

RED, WHITE & BLUE DISPLAY

Drop by to learn about colors in nature. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 23-25 SAT-MON 10AM–3PM

CREEK WALK

Discover the aquatic life in the creek. All Ages *Nature Center*

MAY 24 SUN 2–3:30PM

CAMPFIRE COOKING

Gather round the campfire and learn to prepare some easy and tasty dishes. Ages 4 and older *Advance registration*

MAY 28 THU © 20251406

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderately-paced 2-mile hike and meet other like-minded people! Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

MAY 28 THU 6:30PM

CLEAR CREEK

MARCH

SUNRISE HIKE

Take in sunrise views on a rugged 4-mile hike. The first mile of the hike is a steady up-hill climb. Bring water. All Ages *Fern Parking Lot*

MAR 14 SAT 6:30–9AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4 WINNOWING ROCK HIKE

Search for signs of spring on a rugged 4-mile backcountry hike to Winnowing Rock. Bring water. Ages 50 and older *Park Office*

MAR 18 WED 10AM–12:30PM

WINNOWING ROCK HIKE

Search for signs of spring on a rugged 4-mile backcountry hike to Winnowing Rock. Bring water. All Ages *Park Office*

MAR 21 SAT 10AM–12:30PM

APRIL

FOREST NIGHT HIKE

Experience the forest after dark on a 1.5-mile family-friendly hike. All Ages *Barnebey-Hambelton Picnic Area*

APR 4 SAT 8–9:30PM

SANDSTONE SHUFFLE

Explore a cave and sandstone outcroppings on a rugged 4-mile off-trail hike. Bring water. All Ages *Maintenance Shop*

APR 18 SAT 10AM–12:30PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4 EARTH DAY HIKE

Celebrate Earth Day with a 4-mile rugged off-trail hike. Explore a cave and sandstone outcroppings along the way. Bring water. Ages 50 and older *Maintenance Shop*

APR 22 WED 10AM–12:30PM

MAY

BIRDING BLITZ

We're teaming up with Fairfield and Pickaway County Park Districts to offer three birding programs in three counties and unique habitats from April 26-May 3. Join us for the excitement of spring migration. For more information about the location of each program contact the Clear Creek naturalist office: 740.969.9001. All Ages *Creeside Meadows*

MAY 2 SAT 9–10:30AM

WILDFLOWER HIKE

Search for spring blooms on a 1.5-mile hike along the Cemetery Ridge Trail. All Ages *Creeside Meadows*

MAY 9 SAT 10–11:30AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4 BACKCOUNTRY HIKE

Explore the backcountry on a rugged 4-mile off-trail hike to the Bell Property. Bring water. Ages 50 and older *Park Office*

MAY 27 WED 10AM–12:30PM

BACKCOUNTRY HIKE

Explore the backcountry on a rugged 4-mile off-trail hike to the Bell Property. Bring water. All Ages *Park Office*

MAY 30 SAT 10AM–12:30PM

GLACIER RIDGE

MARCH

FOR FAMILIES: SALAMANDER SEARCH

Seek these elusive amphibians in the vernal pool. Ages 5 and older *Shelter House*

MAR 8 SUN 10–11:30AM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile walk with your dog. All Ages *Glacier Ridge Dog Park*

MAR 22 SUN 5PM

FOR FAMILIES: WOODCOCK WATCH

Take a 1-mile hike and search for this fascinating bird as it performs its aerial courtship dance. All Ages *Shelter House*

MAR 25 WED 7:30PM

FOR ADULTS: VERNAL POOL MONITORING

Join naturalists and volunteers to help survey creatures in the vernal pools. Ages 18 and older *Shelter House*

MAR 28 SAT 9–11AM

APRIL

ADULTS: WOODCOCK WATCH

Take a 1-mile hike and search for this fascinating bird as it performs its aerial courtship dance. Ages 18 and older *Shelter House*

APR 3 FRI 7:30PM

YOUNG EXPLORERS: TAKE FLIGHT

Let's go fly a kite and learn about some of Ohio's airborne animals. Ages 6-10 *Energy Center (at the windmill)*

APR 10 FRI 10AM-12PM

SPRING STARGAZING

Look at planets and constellations using telescopes and binoculars. All Ages *Energy Center (at the windmill)*

APR 17 FRI 8:30–10PM

EARTH DAY FUN

Celebrate Earth Day by enjoying activities and crafts. All Ages *Shelter House*

APR 19 SUN 5–7PM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile walk with your dog. All Ages *Glacier Ridge Dog Park*

APR 29 WED 7PM

MAY

OFF-TRAIL FROGGY HIKE

Take a 1-mile hike in the wetland to search for frogs and toads. Ages 5 and older *Wetland*

MAY 1 FRI 8PM

ADULTS: WILDFLOWER WALK

Take a 1-mile stroll to look for some of our native wildflowers. Ages 18 and older *Shelter House*

MAY 3 SUN 5PM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile walk with your dog. All Ages *Glacier Ridge Dog Park*

MAY 21 THU 7PM

FOR FAMILIES: FARM LIFE IN THE 1880s

Visit with animals from Slate Run Farm and try some activities and games from the past. All Ages *Shelter House*

MAY 28 THU 11AM–1PM

ADULTS: GRASSLAND BIRD HIKE

Search for birds on a 2-mile hike through the grasslands. Ages 18 and older *Energy Center (at the windmill)*

MAY 31 SUN 8–9:30AM

HIGHBANKS

MARCH

DOG HIKE

Enjoy a 3.5-mile hike with your dog. All Ages
Nature Center

MAR 7 SAT 4–5:30PM

FOR FAMILIES: BACKYARD BIRDS OPEN HOUSE

Come enjoy the birds at the Highbanks bird feeders and learn how to tell them apart. We might see pileated woodpeckers, blue jays, sparrows, hawks and more. All Ages
Nature Center

MAR 8 SUN 11AM–1PM

FOR ADULTS: EAGLE WATCH

Hike 3 miles and look for bald eagles in their nest. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

MAR 11 WED 11AM–1PM

PRESCHOOL: AMPHIBIANS

Learn about the secretive lives of these cold-blooded animals through crafts, stories and other activities. Includes a special visit by our education animals. *Nature Center*

MAR 12 THU 11AM OR 1PM

MAR 13 FRI 9:30 OR 11AM

CREATURE FEATURE: REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Meet and learn about these cold-blooded animals. Ages 3–10 *Nature Center*

MAR 15 SUN 2PM

STORYTIME: SIGNS OF SPRING

Learn how animals know spring is coming to the forest. Ages 2–5 *Nature Center*

MAR 18 WED 10AM

METRO FIVE 0: Level 1 AND 2 SPRING FLING

Celebrate spring with activities that nurture the body and mind. Enjoy gentle stretching in a Tai Chi session, visit with animals from the Ohio Wildlife Center, take a nature walk and more. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

MAR 19 THU 10AM–12:30PM

FOR KIDS: SPRING DISCOVERY HIKE

Take a 1-mile hike to discover animals and plants getting ready for spring. Ages 5–10
Dragonfly Day Camp

MAR 22 SUN 11AM

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*

MAR 25 WED 10AM

FOR ADULTS: ART IN THE PARK

Come paint decorative bird houses and learn a variety of techniques to paint flowers, galaxies, geometric designs and brickwork. Materials provided. Ages 18 and older
Advance registration

MAR 28 SAT ☎ 20430400

FOR FAMILIES: EAGLE WALK

Hike 2.5 miles and look for bald eagles in their nest. Ages 6 and older *Northern Shelter*

MAR 29 SUN 2PM

FOR KIDS: WELCOME TO SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by the nature center to pick up and complete a nature scavenger hunt to win a small prize. Ages 3–10 *Nature Center*

MAR 31 TUE 11AM–1PM

APRIL

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Celebrate spring with family-friendly activities including: bounce house, kid's crafts, face painting, pictures with "the bunny," nature activities, games and egg scrambles. Please bring your own basket if you wish to participate in the egg scramble. All Ages
Big Meadows Picnic Area

APR 5 SUN 1–4PM

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON

Enjoy s'mores around the campfire and make kid crafts. All Ages *Nature Center*

APR 9 THU 11AM–1PM

WOODCOCK WATCH

Take a short hike to check out the woodcock's aerial courtship dance. Ages 5 and older
Nature Center

APR 10 FRI 8PM

FOR FAMILIES: EAGLE WALK

Hike 2.5 miles and look for bald eagles in their nest. Ages 6 and older *Mansion Shelter*

APR 11 SAT 2PM

PRESCHOOL: FOREST FAIRIES

Discover the magic of woodland fairies through hike, stories and other activities.
Nature Center

APR 15 WED 11AM OR 1PM

APR 16 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

DATE NIGHT: SPRING WILDFLOWERS

Enjoy a hike on the Dripping Rock Trail and discover the wonder of wildflowers. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

APR 17 FRI 7PM

FOR FAMILIES: EVENING WILDLIFE HIKE

Take a 1-mile stroll to look for signs of evening wildlife. Trail is unpaved and might be difficult to access for strollers. All Ages
Big Meadows Picnic Area

APR 18 SAT 7PM

FOR FAMILIES: GARLIC MUSTARD PULL

Learn about this invasive plant and then help us remove it in order to keep Highbanks clean! All Ages *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

APR 19 SUN 1PM

FOR ADULTS: RAVINE HIKE & GEOLOGY OF Highbanks

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 18 and older *Nature Center*

APR 22 WED 10AM–12:30PM

FOR KIDS: WELCOME TO SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by the nature center to pick up and complete a nature scavenger hunt to win a small prize. Ages 3–10 *Nature Center*

APR 26 SUN 12–2PM

FOR ADULTS: OFF-TRAIL BIRDING

Take a 3-mile off-trail hike to look and listen for some early migrating songbirds.

Ages 18 and older *Oak Coves Picnic Area*

APR 28 TUE 9AM

STORYTIME: BABY BIRDS

Enjoy stories about baby birds and other activities. Ages 2-5 *Nature Center*

APR 29 WED 10AM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced hike on the Dripping Rock Trail and meet other like-minded people. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

APR 30 THU 6:30PM

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 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 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

HOMESTEAD

MARCH

PRESCHOOL: SALAMANDERS

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

MAR 11 WED 10 OR 11AM

MAR 12 THU 10 OR 11AM

SPRING SCAVENGER HUNT

Explore outside to find signs of animals getting ready for spring and earn a prize!

Ages 4-10 *Nature Center*

MAR 24 TUE 12-2PM

YOUNG EXPLORERS: APEX PREDATORS

Learn about the importance of apex predators through activities and a craft. *Barn Shelter*

MAR 27 FRI 2PM

APRIL

FAMILIES: TAKE FLIGHT

Let's go fly a kite and learn about some of Ohio's airborne animals. All Ages *Barn Shelter*

APR 11 SAT 3PM

TERRIFIC TREES

Learn about some of our native trees and how they help wildlife. All Ages *Lakeside Pavilion*

APR 28 TUE 6PM

MAY

YOUNG EXPLORERS: FISHIES!

Bring your little ones for fun activities and a short walk. Explore fish and other pond animals. Ages 2-5 *Lakeside Pavilion*

MAY 12 TUE 11AM

CAMPFIRE & S'MORES

Make s'mores over the campfire. All Ages *Barn Shelter*

MAY 19 TUE 5PM

MEET THE ANIMALS

Get acquainted with our education reptiles and amphibians and learn how naturalists take care of them. All Ages *Barn Shelter*

MAY 23 SAT 11AM

MAY 24 SUN 11AM

WILDLIFE DISCOVERY HIKE

Take a 1-mile hike to look for animals that live in the park. All Ages *Barn Shelter*

MAY 30 SAT 7PM

INNISWOOD

SUNNY SUNDAYS

EVERY SUNDAY, STARTING MAY 3
Stop by the Herb Garden today and meet members of the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit, who are there to help answer your herb-related questions. All Ages *Herb Garden*

STARTS MAY 3 SUN 1:30-3:30PM

MARCH

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: RABBITS

Snuggle up and listen to some stories then hop around the gardens as we learn about and look for signs of rabbits.

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

MAR 4 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

GARDENING FOR BEES

Learn about these beneficial insects, how you can encourage them to visit your plants, then make a bee house to take home to your garden. Ages 18 and older

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

MAR 7 SAT 10AM-12PM

GROWING DAHLIAS

Learn how to start and maintain your dahlia tubers with members of the Greater Columbus Dahlia Society. Ages 18 and older *Innis House*

MAR 8 SUN 2-4PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced hike and meet other like-minded people. This week we will hike 2 miles around the gardens. Ages 18 and older *Greenhouse Multipurpose Center*

MAR 14 SAT 2PM

MEET THE ARTIST

Join artist Evelyn Burke and view her oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings at a reception. All Ages *Innis House*

MAR 15 SUN 2-4PM

SPRING FLING 2020

Join Bill Hendricks of Klyn Nurseries at 2pm for a presentation about woody plants that are suitable for the shade garden. Dr. Steven Still, Professor Emeritus, Horticulture & Crop Science, The Ohio State University, presents at 3pm about perennials to provide color in a shade garden.

Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required: \$10 for Inniswood Garden Society members, \$15 for non-members.

Ages 18 and older *Innis House*

MAR 22 SUN 2-4PM

GARDEN SCHOOL: DINOSAUR GARDEN

Search for prehistoric plants that still grow in gardens today. Create a dinosaur garden terrarium to take home with you. Ages 6-9

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

MAR 24 TUE 10AM-12PM

APRIL

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: TOADALLY TOADS

Take a short hike and get to know these insect-eating garden friends.

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

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

JUNIOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Join us for the season's first meeting and help prepare the gardens for spring. Ages 11-17

Advance registration

APR 4 SAT ☎ 20821813

THE GREENER GARDEN

Join garden writer Michael Leach for an educational presentation on how to be greener in the garden. He'll show you how to turn your garden trash to garden treasure. Sponsored by the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit. All Ages *Innis House*

APR 8 WED 7PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced hike and meet other like-minded people. This week we will hike 2 miles around the gardens.

Ages 18 and older *Gardens Entrance*

APR 11 SAT 2PM

TREE ID AND DIAGNOSTICS

Join Jim Chatfield, Ohio State University Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, as he walks you through Inniswood identifying trees and discussing proper tree selection and diagnostics. Sponsored by Wild Ones Columbus.

Ages 18 and older *Innis House*

APR 11 SAT 10AM-12PM

KOKEDAMA WORKSHOP

Learn about this Japanese-inspired garden art and make your own to take home with you.

All Ages *Greenhouse Multipurpose Center*

APR 18 SAT 2PM

GARDENING FOR BIRDS

Discover plants and strategies to encourage a variety of birds to your garden year-round. Hike to follow presentation. Ages 18 and older

Innis House

APR 18 SAT 10AM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Join us for a guided tour of the gardens.

All Ages *Gardens Entrance*

APR 19 SUN 6PM

MEET THE ARTIST

Meet photographer Laurel Talabere and view her artwork at a reception. All Ages *Innis House*

APR 19 SUN 2-4PM

TODDLER TIME IN THE GARDEN: TERRIFIC TREES

Enjoy a story and craft and join us on a stroll through the gardens as we look for blooming trees. Ages 2 and younger

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

APR 20 MON 10AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2: WILDFLOWER WALK

Join us for a guided walk as we identify wild-flowers. Ages 50 and older *Gardens Entrance*

APR 23 THU 10AM

BUILD YOUR BEST CONTAINER

Learn how to set up your best container for success this season. All Ages

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

APR 25 SAT 2PM

TOP 10 NATIVES IN SPRING

Discover 10 native plants that shine in spring-time. All Ages *Innis House*

APR 25 SAT 10AM

CHILDREN'S GARDEN DAY: FEAST OF FLOWERS

Enjoy an afternoon in the gardens with crafts, baby animals from Slate Run Farm, and activities that will teach you about the usefulness of flowers. Enjoy floral tea and taste some flowers while learning how to cook with them. Take home a flowering plant. All Ages *Sisters Garden*

APR 26 SUN 2-4PM

MAY

SPRING PLANT SALE

Purchase plants for your garden. A selection of perennial plants, annuals and herbs are on sale. Sponsored by The Inniswood Volunteers Inc and the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit. All Ages *Gardens Entrance*

MAY 2 SAT 9AM-4PM

MAY 3 SUN 11AM-3PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Join us for a guided tour of the gardens.

All Ages *Gardens Entrance*

MAY 3 SUN 6PM

PRESCHOOL IN THE GARDEN: INSECTS OF THE NIGHT

As the weather warms, the nights become busy with bugs on the move. Discover insect songs, beautiful moths and make your own light-up lightning bug as we explore nocturnal insects. *Education Pavilion*

MAY 6 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

CONTAINER GARDENING: COMPANION PLANTING

Discover which plants will grow well with others in containers. Ages 18 and older

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

MAY 9 SAT 2PM

JUNIOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Help prepare the garden beds for spring planting. Ages 11-17 *Advance registration*

MAY 9 SAT ☎ 20821813

GARDEN HOW-TO

Bring your gardening questions for the Franklin County Master Gardeners. All Ages

Gardens Entrance

MAY 10 SUN 1-4PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced hike and meet other like-minded people. This week we will hike 2 miles around the gardens.

Ages 18 and older *Gardens Entrance*

MAY 16 SAT 2PM

GARDENING FOR HUMMINGBIRDS

Join us as we learn about hummingbirds and how to attract them to your garden. Make your own hummingbird feeder.

All Ages *Greenhouse Multipurpose Center*

MAY 16 SAT 10AM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Join us for a guided tour of the gardens.

All Ages *Gardens Entrance*

MAY 17 SUN 6PM

MEET THE ARTIST

View the photography artwork of Charles Schaefer at a reception. All Ages *Innis House*

MAY 17 SUN 2-4PM

GARDEN HOW-TO

Bring your gardening questions for the Franklin County Master Gardeners. All Ages

Gardens Entrance

MAY 17 SUN 1-4PM

CONTAINER GARDENING: HERBS

Learn how to grow herbs in containers and how to take care of them in all seasons.

Ages 18 and older

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

MAY 23 SAT 2PM

INNISWOOD BOOK CLUB

Join us for a discussion of this quarter's book: "A Hole in the Wind, a Climate Scientist's Bicycle Journey Across the United States," by David Goodrich. Ages 18 and older *Innis House*

MAY 30 SAT 2PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Join us for a guided tour of the gardens.

All Ages *Gardens Entrance*

MAY 31 SUN 6PM

PRAIRIE OAKS

MARCH

SKUNK CABBAGE

Skunk cabbage is one of the first wetland flowers to bloom, even if there is snow on the ground. Enjoy a two mile hike in a variety of habitats. All Ages *Prairie View*

MAR 1 SUN 1PM

METRO FIVE-0 Level 2: WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 1-mile walk to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Meet at the restrooms. Ages 50 and older *Darby Bend Lakes*

MAR 25 WED 11AM-12:30PM

APRIL

INTERNATIONAL BEAVER DAY

Take a 1-mile walk to see an active lodge and look for these large rodents swimming in the lake. All Ages *Darby Bend Lakes*

APR 7 TUE 7:30PM

EARTH DAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Join a group in beautifying the canoe accesses by picking up litter. All Ages *Canoe Access*

APR 22 WED 10AM

MAY

NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY

April showers sometimes bring May litter to our watershed. Join us on National River Cleanup Day as we float and clean Big Darby Creek, a State and National Scenic River! Pre-Registration is required for this BYOBoat cleanup. Event is contingent on weather and water levels. Ages 14 and older *Advance registration*

MAY 16 SAT © 21352002

ROCKY FORK

MARCH

SEASONS AND STORIES

Join us at the Millstone shelter to hear some stories about animals and nature. Presented in partnership with Healthy New Albany. Ages 1-6 *Millstone Shelter*

MAR 13 FRI 10AM

SPRING EQUINOX LANTERN STROLL

Lanterns will light our way as we look and listen for signs of spring. Presented in partnership with Healthy New Albany. All Ages *Millstone Shelter*

MAR 19 THU 7:30PM

VERNAL POOL EXPLORATION

Discover what lives in these secret forest swamps. Presented in partnership with Healthy New Albany. All Ages *Rocky Fork Bulletin Board*

MAR 22 SUN 2PM

APRIL

HOPPIN' HOUND HUNT

Bring your favorite pooch out for a dog-gone good time hunting for treat-filled easter eggs. Presented in cooperation with RESCUEDOhio. Event is free, but please register at <https://tinyurl.com/rohoundhunt20> to attend. All Ages *Rocky Fork Dog Park*

APR 4 SAT 1PM

SOUNDS OF THE SWAMP

Listen for the chorus of frog songs in the fields and forests on a 1.5-mile hike. Presented in partnership with Healthy New Albany. All Ages *Millstone Shelter*

APR 10 FRI 7PM

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APR 17 FRI 10AM

MAY

SEASONS AND STORIES

Join us at the Millstone shelter to hear some stories about animals and nature. Presented in partnership with Healthy New Albany. Ages 1-6 *Millstone Shelter*

MAY 15 FRI 10AM

FAIRIES, ELVES AND GNOMES, OH MY!

Let's go into the forest to build a special abode for the mythical creatures of Rocky Fork. Presented in partnership with Healthy New Albany. All Ages *Millstone Shelter*

MAY 17 SUN 2PM

BIKE SAFETY ROUND-UP

Yeehaw! C'mon out for this opportunity to learn about bike safety from the rangers, then put your skills to the test on our obstacle course! Grown-ups, bring your bikes too, and everyone can take a ride on our 1.5-mile paved multi-use trail. Presented in partnership with Healthy New Albany. All Ages *Millstone Shelter*

MAY 30 SAT 3-5PM

SCIOTO AUDUBON

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two. *Grange Insurance Audubon Center* EVERY THU & SAT 10AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKE

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

EVERY SAT 10AM

APRIL

LEARN THE ROPES

Instructors will guide participants through the basics of climbing at the 35-foot wall. All equipment provided. All Ages *Advance registration*

APR 29 WED © 21751405

MAY

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL

The climbing wall will stay open until mid-night for our Late Nights at the Climbing Wall programs (second and fourth Friday of the month from May through October). We have four auto belays, but climbers must bring their own climbing harness. All Ages *Climbing Wall*

MAY 8 FRI 8–11:59PM

MAY 22 FRI 8–11:59PM

LEARN THE ROPES

Instructors will guide participants through the basics of climbing at the 35-foot wall. All equipment provided. All Ages *Advance registration*

MAY 27 WED ☎ 21751405

SCIOTO GROVE

APRIL

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 1.5-mile moderately-paced walk to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older *Hickory Lot B*

APR 22 WED 11AM–12:30PM

SHARON WOODS

MARCH

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: FROGS, TOADS & SALAMANDERS OH MY!

Learn about the secret lives of amphibians while you meet some of our animal ambassadors. Ages 5-12 *Spring Hollow*

MAR 1 SUN 2PM

SKYDANCER SATURDAY

Witness the amazing aerial display of the American woodcock. All Ages *Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

MAR 7 SAT 6:30PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced 2-mile hike and meet other like-minded people. Ages 18 and older *Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

MAR 7 SAT 2PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE

Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18 and older *Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

MAR 8 SUN 7:45PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: NATURE'S STINKERS

Explore some of nature's stinkiest plants and animals and learn why they smell so bad. Ages 6-12 *Spring Hollow Lodge*

MAR 11 WED 10–11:30AM OR 1–2:30PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

Bring your canine companion for a 2-mile hike, followed by a doggie treat. All Ages *Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

MAR 14 SAT 10AM

LOOKIN' FOR LEPRECHAUNS

Find all the leprechauns hidden along the trail and win a prize. All Ages *Natural Play Area*

MAR 15 SUN 2–4PM

SCOUT DAY: DAISIES PROTECTING A NATIONAL TREASURE

Girl Scout Daisies will work on requirements toward their Between Earth and Sky Journey. Ages 5-7 *Advance Registration*

MAR 21 SAT ☎ 20520900

NATURE GAMES

Burn off some energy and see how well you can play hide-and-seek in the forest. Ages 5-12 *Natural Play Area*

MAR 25 WED 1PM

PRESCHOOLERS: SPRING FLING OPEN HOUSE

Brush off your winter blues with games, crafts and activities that celebrate the season. *Spring Hollow Lodge*

MAR 27 FRI 10AM–2PM

SPRING BREAK SPRING FLING

Stop by for games, crafts and activities to celebrate the season. All Ages *Spring Hollow Lodge*

MAR 28 SAT 10AM–2PM

I-SPY NATURE CHALLENGE

Pick up a scavenger hunt, complete the challenge and earn a prize. All Ages *Naturalist Office*

MAR 29 SUN 10AM–4PM

APRIL

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: FORT BUILDING

Explore off-trail in the natural play area and build your own fort out of sticks, logs and other natural materials. Ages 5-12 *Natural Play Area*

APR 4 SAT 1PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE

Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18 and older *Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

APR 6 MON 8:15PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced 2-mile hike and meet other like-minded people. Ages 18 and older *Maple Grove Bulletin Board*

APR 8 WED 7PM

GPS EGG HUNT

Go on an egg hunt and search for plastic eggs using GPS units (ours or your own) and win a prize. All Ages *Maple Grove Bulletin Board*

APR 11 SAT 10AM–2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: BIOBLITZ

Explore the nature preserve and help us record the plants and animals found in the park using your smartphone and the app iNaturalist. Ages 6-18 *Spring Hollow Lodge*

APR 16 THU 10–11:30AM OR 1–2:30PM

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Help pull invasive plants and pick up litter on- and off-trail and around waterways. Register at www.earthdaycolumbus.org All Ages *Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter*

APR 18 SAT 2PM

LANTERN STROLL

Arrive anytime between 8:30-9:30pm and take a self-guided 1.5-mile lantern lit stroll along the pet-friendly Spring Creek Trail. All Ages

Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter

APR 18 SAT 8:30PM

NATURAL PLAY AREA ADVENTURES: FAIRY, ELF & BUG HOUSES

Help us pull invasive plants and gather natural items to build a house for your favorite forest creature. All Ages

Natural Play Area

APR 19 SUN 2PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

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

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

APR 26 SUN 7PM

PRESCHOOLERS: PUPPET SHOW

Join the Discovery Forest puppets on a spring-time adventure. *Spring Hollow Lodge*

APR 29 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

APR 29 THU 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

MAY

FAMILY FISHING

Drop a line in Schrock Lake and try to catch a big fish. All Ages *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

MAY 2 SAT 10AM-12PM

FAST-PACED ADULT FULL MOON HIKE

Take a fast-paced 2.8-mile hike along gravel, paved and natural surface trails. Ages 18 and older *Apple Ridge Bulletin Board*

MAY 6 WED 8:45PM

FOR ADULTS: METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB

Join us for a moderate-paced 2-mile hike and meet other like-minded people. Ages 18 and older

Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board

MAY 9 SAT 9AM

FLOWERS FOR MOM

Make a flower craft for Mom and pick up a scavenger hunt for a self-guided flower walk. All Ages *Spring Hollow Lodge*

MAY 10 SUN 10AM-2PM

FOR ADULTS: WILDFLOWER WANDER

Join Volunteer Anna Creswell on a 1-mile stroll on- and off-trail in search of wildflowers and edibles. Ages 18 and older *Spring Hollow Lodge*

MAY 10 SUN 3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: TREE PLEASE

Learn about the importance of trees through numerous hands-on activities. Ages 6-12

Spring Hollow Lodge

MAY 12 TUE 10-11:30AM OR 1-2:30PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

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

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

MAY 16 SAT 1PM

HOLIDAY TRAM TOURS

Hop aboard the tram for a guided tour of the park. All Ages *Maple Grove Bulletin Board*

MAY 25 MON 12-3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: GET UP & GROW TRAM RIDE

Zoom around the park on the tram as we learn about plants. *Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter*

MAY 26 TUE 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

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

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: CAMPFIRE & CRAFTS

Make a tasty campfire treat and bring a white cotton t-shirt to decorate. Ages 5-12

Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter

MAY 29 FRI 7PM

FAMILY TRAM RIDES

Catch the tram at any of the "tram stop" signs and enjoy a tour of the park. All Ages

MAY 30 SAT 3-6PM

SLATE RUN FARM

MARCH

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 2 pm. Sap collecting and boiling depends on the weather but all other activities will happen. Call 614-833-1880 to check if sap is flowing. All Ages *Farmhouse*

MAR 1 SUN 1-3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: NOW AND THEN

Compare the way a modern family does their work and spends their leisure time with what was available to a farm family in the 1880s. Ages 6-12 *Farmhouse*

MAR 26 THU 1PM

APRIL

DRAFT HORSE WORKSHOP

Learn to groom, harness and drive the farm's draft horses. Ages 17 and older

Advance registration

APR 4 SAT ☎ 21231005

WE DO WINDOWS

Roll up your sleeves and find out how spring cleaning is done without the aid of electricity or running water. All Ages *Farmhouse*

APR 4 SAT 1-3PM

SHEEP SHEARING

Watch sheep shearing, meet the lambs and learn about the uses of wool. All Ages

Farmhouse

APR 5 SUN 1-3PM

APR 9 THU 1-3PM

MORNING CHORES

Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older

Advance registration

APR 11 SAT ☎ 21251025

SHEEP SHEARING

Watch the farmers shear sheep with hand-cranked clippers. There may be lambs to see. All Ages *Barn*

APR 15 WED 1–3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: FIBER AT THE FARM

Examine the agricultural origins and production methods of fiber that our families use daily. Ages 6-12 *Farmhouse*

APR 16 THU 1PM

MORNING CHORES

Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older *Advance registration*

APR 18 SAT @ 21251025

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

Celebrate Earth Day by comparing today's recycling choices with an 1880s farm family's necessary reuse of many farm and household items. All Ages *Farmhouse*

APR 18 -19 SAT-SUN 1–3PM

WASHDAY BLUES

Help the farmwife with the laundry and try the scrub board and wringer. Watch as we make soap from lard and lye. All Ages *Farmhouse*

APR 25 SAT 1–3PM

FAMILY STORYTIME: SHEEP

Listen to a story, do a craft and meet some of the farm sheep. All Ages *Farmhouse*

APR 25 SAT 10:30AM

MAY

EGGS, FEATHERS AND FOWL

We'll butcher chickens, show how eggs were preserved before refrigeration and answer questions about keeping small flocks at home. There may be newly hatched chicks to see. All Ages *Farmhouse*

MAY 2 SAT 1–3PM

FARMER'S FRIEND

Find out about purple martins and other beneficial birds and insects a farmer welcomes. All Ages *Farmhouse*

MAY 3 SUN 1PM

WASHDAY BLUES

Help the farmwife with the laundry and try the scrub board and wringer. Watch as we make soap from lard and lye. All Ages *Farmhouse*

MAY 9 SAT 1–3PM

MORNING CHORES

Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older *Advance registration*

MAY 9 SAT @ 21251025

HEIRLOOM GARDENING

Learn about the preservation of antique plant varieties and help plant the garden. All Ages *Farmhouse*

MAY 16-17 SAT-SUN 1–3PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: IT'S ABOUT TREES

Discover the importance of trees to all living creatures as we tour the 1880s farm using our senses of touch, taste and smell. Ages 6-12 *Farmhouse*

MAY 21 THU 1PM

MORNING CHORES

Join the farmer in feeding animals and other barnyard chores. Ages 5 and older *Advance registration*

MAY 23 SAT @ 21251025

TOY BOAT BUILDING

Build a simple wooden boat to float on the pond. All Ages *Farmhouse*

MAY 24-25 SUN-MON 1–3PM

A DAY TO PLAY

Bring a friend and enjoy some traditional games and activities. All Ages *Farmhouse*

MAY 30 SAT 10:30AM–12PM

THREE CREEKS

MARCH

EAGLE WATCH WEEKEND

Take a 1-mile off-trail walk to see the nesting bald eagles through a spotting scope. All Ages *Madison Christian Church Parking Lot*

MAR 7 SAT 10–11:30AM OR 1–2:30PM

FOR ADULTS: EAGLE WATCH

Take a 1-mile off-trail walk to see the nesting bald eagles through a spotting scope. Ages 18 and older

Madison Christian Church Parking Lot

MAR 8 SUN 2–3:30PM

TIMBERDOODLE TIME

Take a 1.5-mile walk to watch and listen to the aerial courtship display of the American woodcock. All Ages *Confluence Area*

MAR 14 SAT 7:30PM

MID-WEEK EAGLE WATCH

Take a 1-mile off-trail walk to see the nesting bald eagles through a spotting scope. All Ages *Madison Christian Church Parking Lot*

MAR 18 WED 1–2:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: HOP INTO SPRING

Discover frogs and toads through stories, activities and a short walk. *Heritage Nature Center*

MAR 24 TUE 10AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: ALL ABOUT EAGLES

Learn about the history of America's national bird and take a 1-mile off-trail walk to watch the eagles through a spotting scope. Students should expect to be patient during the observation part of the program and the trail is not stroller-friendly. Ages 6-15

Madison Christian Church Parking Lot

MAR 27 FRI 10–11:30AM OR 1–2:30PM

EAGLE WATCH WEEKEND

Take a 1-mile off-trail walk to see the nesting bald eagles through a spotting scope. All Ages *Madison Christian Church Parking Lot*

MAR 28 SAT 10–11:30AM OR 1–2:30PM

MAR 29 SUN 2–3:30PM

EVENING EAGLE WATCH

Take a 1-mile off-trail walk to enjoy the sunset and see the nesting bald eagles through a spotting scope. All Ages

Madison Christian Church Parking Lot

MAR 31 TUE 6:30–8PM

APRIL

FROG FRENZY

Bring a flashlight and search for frogs in the wetlands and listen to their mating calls. Walk to wetland takes about 15 minutes. All Ages

Confluence Area

APR 4 SAT 8–9:30PM

CALLING ALL KIDS: MAKE A HIKING STICK

Kids can make a hiking stick for their outdoor adventures. Ages 6-12

Confluence Area

APR 5 SUN 2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: ALL ABOUT AMPHIBIANS

Explore the edge of a wetland and learn about frogs and toads. Ages 6-15

Confluence Area

APR 8 WED 1–2:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: AWESOME AMPHIBIANS

Discover frogs, toads and salamanders through stories and activities.

Confluence Area

APR 8 WED 10AM

FROG FRENZY

Bring a flashlight and search for frogs in the wetlands and listen to their mating calls. Walk to wetland takes about 15 minutes. All Ages

Confluence Area

APR 10 FRI 8–9:30PM

SPRING BREAK SPECIAL: KIDS' FISHING

Cast a line and try to catch some fish.

Ages 6-15

Heron Pond

APR 14 TUE 10–11:30AM

PRESCHOOLERS: AWESOME AMPHIBIANS

Discover frogs, toads and salamanders through stories and activities.

Confluence Area

APR 21 TUE 10AM

WALK AMONG THE BLUEBELLS

Learn about bluebells and other spring flowers on a 1-mile stroll. All Ages

Confluence Area

APR 25 SAT 10–11:30AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 BEAUTIFUL BLUEBELLS

Enjoy a 1-mile walk among the bluebells and other blooms. Trail may be muddy.

Ages 50 and older

Confluence Area

APR 26 SUN 2–3:30PM

MAY

BIRDING AND BREAKFAST

Share a hearty breakfast then walk the trails in search of migrating feathered friends. If you are able, please bring a breakfast dish (hot or cold) to share. We'll have some binoculars to share. All Ages

Confluence Area

MAY 2 SAT 8–10AM

NEW LEAVES & SPRING FLOWERS WALK

Enjoy an easy 1-mile walk while learning to identify trees and wildflowers. All Ages

Confluence Area

MAY 3 SUN 2–3:30PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: BEGINNING BIRDING

Discover the joys of bird-watching while learning the basics of identification and how to use binoculars. Ages 6-15

Confluence Area

MAY 5 TUE 10–11:30AM

PRESCHOOLERS: SWAMP THINGS

Learn about the small creatures that make their homes in ponds and wetlands.

Confluence Area

MAY 12 TUE 10AM

HOMESCHOOLERS: IN THE SWAMP

Explore a wetland and learn about the many creatures that call it home. Plan on wading in knee deep water but if water levels are too high to safely wade we'll do other activities.

Ages 6-15

Confluence Area

MAY 14 THU 10–11:30AM OR 1–2:30PM

FLOAT THE POND

Take a canoe out for a ride on Heron Pond. Children must be at least 40 inches tall to ride.

All Ages

Heron Pond

MAY 25 MON 1–3PM

BARKING AND BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast snacks for you and your dog then take a 3-mile walk. All Ages

Confluence Area

MAY 25 MON 9–10:30AM

FLOAT THE POND

Take a canoe out for a ride on Heron Pond. Children must be at least 40 inches tall to ride.

All Ages

Heron Pond

MAY 30 SAT 10AM-12PM

MAY 31 SUN 1-3PM