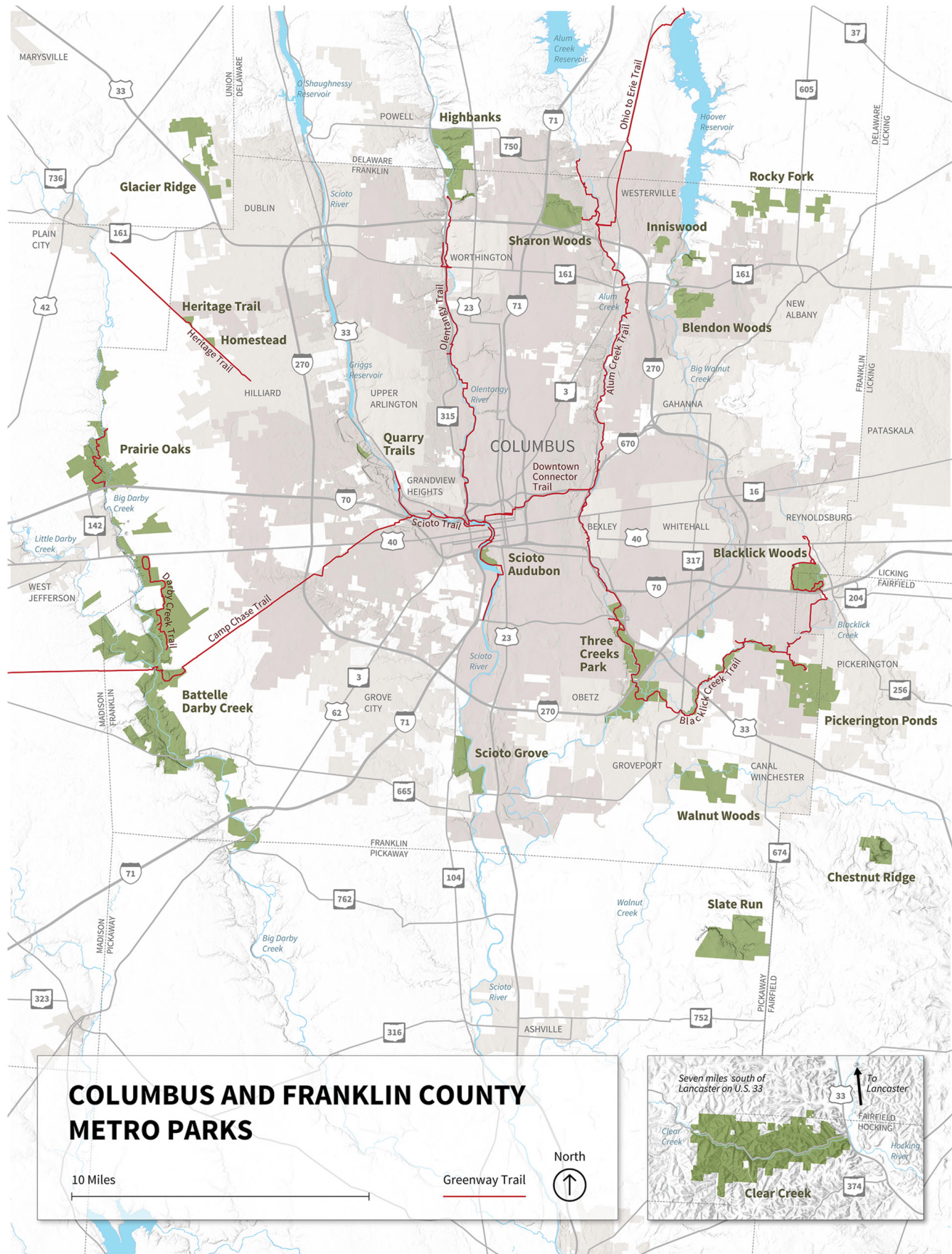


MAY 2020

METRO PARKS PROGRAM GUIDE



Park Locations



Contact Us

METRO PARKS PHONE NUMBERS

Headquarters	614.891.0700
InfoLine	614.508.8000
Reservations	614.508.8111

PARKS CELL PHONE NUMBERS

Battelle Darby Creek	614.370.6254
Blacklick Woods	614.208.4247
Blendon Woods	614.620.1861
Chestnut Ridge	614.208.4298
Clear Creek	740.969.8210
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

WEBSITE: metroparks.net

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

SOCIAL MEDIA: mediagroup@metroparks.net

FACEBOOK: [Columbus.Metro.Parks](https://www.facebook.com/Columbus.Metro.Parks)

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TWITTER: [CbusMetroParks](https://twitter.com/CbusMetroParks)

BLOG: tiny.cc/mp-blog



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

May 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

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 backcountry birding adventure. All Ages *Little Darby Picnic Area*

MAY 31 SUN 8AM

BLACKLICK WOODS

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 & 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 button-bush 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 button-bush 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 at Ashton Pond, to take home with you. Ages 6-15

Nature Center

MAY 30 SAT 10AM-12PM

BLENDON WOODS

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 OR 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 MACDON- ALD 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. Ages 5 and older *Blendon Ravines* (Meet at 5280 Cambria Way. Park along the street.)

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

MAY

BIRDING BLITZ

We're teaming up with Fairfield and Pick-away 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 *Creekside 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 *Creekside 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

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

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.columbus-folkmusicsociety.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.columbus-folkmusicsociety.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

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 23-24 SAT-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

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

MAY

NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY

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Ages 14 and older *Advance registration*

MAY 16 SAT ☎ 21352002

ROCKY FORK

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

MAY

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL

The climbing wall will stay open until midnight 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

SHARON WOODS

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 LIVING HISTORICAL FARM

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

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