

metro parks programs

June, July, August 2019 (advanced registration opens May 22)

METRO FIVE-0 programs for ages 50 and older are color-coded by degree of difficulty:

LEVEL 1 (easy, fully accessible)

LEVEL 2 (slow pace, less than 1-mile hike)

LEVEL 3 (up to 2-mile hike, moderate pace)

LEVEL 4 (hike over two miles at strenuous pace)

BATTELLE DARBY CREEK

JUNE

EVENING CAMPFIRE

Come enjoy an evening campfire near the bison paddock. We will provide s'mores. Please bring your own chairs. *Nature Center*

JUNE 5 WED 8PM

FIREFLIES

Watch the fireflies talk to each other as we learn about their glow. *Indian Ridge*

JUNE 7 FRI 9:30PM

PHOTO GROUP: WORKSHOP - BRING A CAMERA WITH FLASH!

Hands-on workshop to teach you how to photograph in low-light, freeze motion and to improve your photos with simple light-modifiers. Beginner level.

Nature Center

JUNE 8 SAT 10AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn movements in an outdoor setting to help rejuvenate your mind and body.

Ranger Station

JUNE 8 SAT 11:30AM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE

Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in Big Darby Creek.

Ranger Station

JUNE 9 SUN 3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: GOING BATTY

Learn about the world's only flying mammal! *Nature Center*

JUNE 11 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 2-mile walk to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older *Indian Ridge*

JUNE 11 TUE 11AM-12:30PM

WILDLIFE HIKE

Come and search for wildlife with a naturalist on a 1-mile hike along the Cobshell Trail.

Ranger Station

JUNE 13 THU 10AM

DISNEYNATURE: OCEANS

Come join us and watch Disneynature's "Oceans." Explore the depths of the ocean and learn about marine life. *Nature Center*

JUNE 14 FRI 7PM

GAME NIGHT

Hang out in the nature center and play games! We will have a selection of board games and active games, but feel free to bring your favorite!

Nature Center

JUNE 15 SAT 6-9PM

FEED THE STREAM

Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and minnows.

Nature Center

JUNE 16 SUN 1PM

FULL MOON HIKE

Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forest. *Ranger Station*

JUNE 17 MON 9PM

BROWN BAG SPECIAL: INSECTS

Pack a lunch and join us in learning about and meeting these busy bugs.

Ranger Station

JUNE 19 WED 11:30AM

FIREFLIES

Watch the fireflies talk to each other as we learn about their glow. *Indian Ridge*

JUNE 21 FRI 9:30PM

OFF-TRAIL HIKE

Explore the forest and learn some local history on a 3-mile off-trail hike.

Ages 8 and older *Indian Ridge*

JUNE 22 SAT 9AM

BISON

See the bison herd on a 1-mile hike and learn all about our national mammal.

Nature Center

JUNE 22 SAT 6PM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE

Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in the creek. Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in Big Darby Creek.

Ranger Station

JUNE 23 SUN 1PM

PRESCHOOLERS: GOING BATTY

Learn about the world's only flying mammal! *Nature Center*

JUNE 28 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

PRIMITIVE STYLE FAMILY CAMPOUT

Bring your tent and sleeping bag and join a park naturalist for an overnight campout. Enjoy hiking, fishing, night activities, creek-ing and campfire food with fellow campers. Ages 5 and older *Advance registration*

JUNE 28 FRI TO SAT ☎ 30351401

FEED THE STREAM

Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and minnows.

Nature Center

JUNE 29 SAT 1PM

JULY

SPIDERS AND SNAKES DISPLAY

Come discover more about these misunderstood creatures. *Nature Center*

JULY 4 THU 1-4PM

STREAM QUALITY MONITORING

Wade into the river to explore stream life and determine stream health. Option to become a Stream Quality Monitoring volunteer for ODNR's Scenic Rivers Program.

Indian Ridge

JULY 6 SAT 10AM

FEED THE STREAM

Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and minnows.

Nature Center

JULY 6 SAT 1PM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE

Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in Big Darby Creek. *Ranger Station*

JULY 7 SUN 3PM

PRESCHOOLERS: CREEKING

Wade in the creek and discover what critters live there. *Ranger Station*

JULY 9 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

WILDLIFE HIKE

Come and search for wildlife with a naturalist on a 2-mile hike along the Terrace Trail.

Indian Ridge

JULY 10 WED 10AM

DISNEYNATURE: BORN IN CHINA

Watch DisneyNature's "Born in China." Follow the lives of three animal families - snow leopards, giant pandas and golden snub-nosed monkeys. *Nature Center*

JULY 12 FRI 7PM

PHOTO GROUP: PHOTO STORAGE/RECOVERY OF LOST PHOTOS

Learn the latest strategies and processes for the quickest access to your photos during editing, long term storage and recovering lost photos. *Nature Center*

JULY 13 SAT 10AM

ALL ABOUT SLIME

Help us in creating and decorating ooey gooey slime! Please dress for a mess!

Nature Center

JULY 13 SAT 11AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn movements in an outdoor setting to help rejuvenate your mind and body.

Ranger Station

JULY 13 SAT 11:30AM

DISCOVER FALCONRY

Meet and learn about some amazing birds of prey from the Ohio School of Falconry. Learn about the ancient sport of falconry as you watch these raptors take flight.

Indian Ridge

JULY 14 SUN 4:30PM

FULL MOON HIKE

Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forest. *Ranger Station*

JULY 16 TUE 9PM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE

Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in Big Darby Creek. *Ranger Station*

JULY 18 THU 1PM

EVENING CAMPFIRE

Come enjoy an evening campfire near the bison paddock. We will provide s'mores. Please bring your own chairs. *Nature Center*

JULY 18 THU 8PM

MOTH MANIA

Check out all the cool creatures that come to our light traps. *Nature Center*

JULY 20 SAT 9:30PM-12AM

NATIONAL MOTH WEEK

Celebrate National Moth Week and see a beautiful display of moths collected by one of our park volunteers. *Nature Center*

JULY 20-28 SAT-SUN 9AM-8PM

FEED THE STREAM

Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and minnows. *Nature Center*

JULY 21 SUN 1PM

PRESCHOOLERS: CREEKING

Wade in the creek and discover what critters live there. *Ranger Station*

JULY 26 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

GAME NIGHT

Hang out in the nature center and play games! We will have a selection of board games and active games, but feel free to bring your favorite!

Nature Center

JULY 26 FRI 6-9PM

PRAIRIE WALK

Take a 2-mile walk and discover native prairie wildflowers. *Nature Center*

JULY 27 SAT 8AM

BISON

See the bison herd on a 1-mile hike and learn all about our national mammal.

Nature Center

JULY 27 SAT 6PM

ULTRAVIOLET NIGHT WALK

Use a blacklight to see the hidden colors of the night. *Ranger Station*

JULY 31 WED 9PM

AUGUST

ULTRAVIOLET NIGHT WALK

Use a blacklight to see the hidden colors of the night. *Indian Ridge*

AUG 2 FRI 9PM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE

Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in Big Darby Creek. *Ranger Station*

AUG 3 SAT 11AM

GAME NIGHT

Hang out in the nature center and play games! We will have a selection of board games and active games, but feel free to bring your favorite!

Nature Center

AUG 3 SAT 6–9PM

BROWN BAG SPECIAL: COLD BLOODS

Pack a lunch and join us in learning about and meeting some reptiles and amphibians.

Ranger Station

AUG 7 WED 11:30AM

PHOTO GROUP: IMAGE REVIEW

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

AUG 10 SAT 10AM

YOGA IN THE PARK

Learn movements in an outdoor setting to help rejuvenate your mind and body.

Ranger Station

AUG 10 SAT 11:30AM

POP NATURE SERIES: POKEMON INSPIRATIONS

Learn how real animals inspired the creation of your favorite pocket monsters.

Nature Center

AUG 10 SAT 2PM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE

Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in Big Darby Creek.

Ranger Station

AUG 11 SUN 1PM

PRESCHOOLERS: BUTTERFLIES

Discover the different life stages of a butterfly through story, song and craft.

Nature Center

AUG 13 TUE 9:30 OR 11AM

FULL MOON HIKE

Take a brisk 4-mile hike through fields and forest. *Ranger Station*

AUG 15 THU 8:30PM

DISNEYNATURE: AFRICAN CATS

Join us in watching Disneynature's "African Cats." Follow in the footsteps of two feline families - lions and cheetahs.

Nature Center

AUG 16 FRI 7PM

FAMILY CREEKING ADVENTURE

Get wet as we catch fish, bugs and crawdads in Big Darby Creek.

Ranger Station

AUG 17 SAT 1PM

FEED THE STREAM

Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and minnows.

Nature Center

AUG 18 SUN 1PM

WILDLIFE HIKE

Come and search for wildlife with a naturalist on a 2-mile hike along the Dyer Mill Trail.

Little Darby Picnic Area

AUG 21 WED 10AM

PRAIRIE WALK

Ramble through the tall grass prairie to see colorful flowers and wildlife.

Nature Center

AUG 24 SAT 9AM

BISON

See the bison herd on a 1-mile hike and learn all about our national mammal.

Nature Center

AUG 25 SUN 10AM

STREAM QUALITY MONITORING

Wade into the river to explore stream life and determine stream health.

Option to become a Stream Quality Monitoring volunteer for ODNr's Scenic Rivers Program.

Indian Ridge

AUG 29 THU 6:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: BUTTERFLIES

Discover the different life stages of a butterfly through story, song and craft.

Nature Center

AUG 30 FRI 11AM OR 1PM

FEED THE STREAM

Enjoy the fish feeding frenzy as you help feed them worms, crickets and minnows.

Nature Center

AUG 31 SAT 1PM

BLACKLICK WOODS

JUNE

HIKE ALL THE TRAILS

Join a naturalist for a fast-paced hike on the park's 6 miles of trails. *Nature Center*

JUNE 1 SAT 9AM

YOU CAN EAT THAT

Take a 1-mile walk to discover what wild edible plants are available in the summer. Try some samples. *Nature Center*

JUNE 2 SUN 2PM

STORY TIME

Learn about nature through stories and activities. Ages 2-6 *Nature Center*

JUNE 3 MON 10AM

DOG WALK

Bring your furry friend on a 2-mile walk. *Nature Center*

JUNE 8 SAT 10AM

SUMMER FUNGI

Learn about the role of fungi in a forest and look for mushrooms on a 1.5-mile hike. *Nature Center*

JUNE 9 SUN 3PM

NATIVE BEE WORKSHOP

Learn about these valuable native pollinators and make a bee house to attract them to your yard. *Advance registration*

JUNE 10 MON ☎ 30150403

PRESCHOOLERS — TINY TRAVELER SERIES: DESERTS

Discover the unique wildlife that makes up this special area through discussions, books and activities. *Beech Maple Lodge*

JUNE 12 WED 10AM OR 1PM

RANGER BIKE RIDE

Join a park ranger on a 6-mile bike ride along the Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail.

Nature Center

JUNE 15 SAT 7PM

POLLINATOR DISPLAY

View our display to learn about pollination and the critters that do the job.

Nature Center

JUNE 15-16 SAT-SUN 8AM-8PM

TREE ID: LEAVES

Learn to identify trees by viewing their leaves on a half-mile hike.

Nature Center

JUNE 16 SUN 2PM

NATURE KIDS: INSECT HUNT

Explore the grasses and flowers to catch and release butterflies, bees and beetles.

Ages 6-12 *Nature Center*

JUNE 17 MON 10AM OR 1PM

SO YOU WANT TO BE A VOLUNTEER

Learn about the variety of volunteer opportunities at Metro Parks. Enjoy a guided hike, light refreshments and meet like-minded people. Volunteer applications will be available after the program. Ages 16 and older

Advance registration

JUNE 17 MON © 30131400

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.

Ages 6-16 *Advance registration*

JUNE 18 TUE © 30121401 (2 sessions)

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3

POLLINATOR WALK

Take a 2-mile walk to search the fields for pollinators. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

JUNE 19 WED 2PM

COYOTE CAMPFIRE

Enjoy a campfire as we learn about these fascinating canines. *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

JUNE 21 FRI 8PM

NATURAL PLAY AREA: BUILD A FAIRY HOUSE

Construct a toad abode or a miniature fairy house, using natural items, to leave in the park on International Fairy Day.

Ages 5-14 *Nature Center*

JUNE 25 TUE 6PM

TOTS ON THE TRAILS

Share a slow-paced half-mile walk with your toddler and discover nature together.

Ages 1-4 *Nature Center*

JUNE 28 FRI 10AM

NATURE SCHOOL: SQM

Learn about the importance of water in an ecosystem while we catch critters and test water quality at Blacklick Creek.

Ages 10 and older *Nature Center*

JUNE 29 SAT 10AM-12PM

LIFE IN A CREEK DISPLAY

View our display about the different sections of a creek and the animals that live in each. *Nature Center*

JUNE 29-30 SAT-SUN 8AM-8PM

SUMMER CRAFTS

Stop by the nature center to make some frog-themed crafts. Ages 4-14 *Nature Center*

JUNE 30 SUN 12-4PM

JULY**STORY TIME**

Learn about nature through stories and activities. Ages 2-6 *Nature Center*

JULY 1 MON 10AM

NATURE KIDS: CRAZY CRAYFISH

Come learn about crayfish and take a 2-mile walk to the creek to catch them. Ages 6-12 *Nature Center*

JULY 2 TUE 10AM-12PM OR 1-3PM

ALL-AMERICAN SCAVENGER HUNT

Search for patriotic plants and animals in the park. *Nature Center*

JULY 4 THU 12-4PM

HIKE ALL THE TRAILS

Join a naturalist for a fast-paced hike on the park's 6 miles of trails. *Nature Center*

JULY 6 SAT 9AM

GOING BATTY

Watch for bats flying and catching insects. *Ash Grove Picnic Area*

JULY 6 SAT 8:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: BUGGIN' OUT

Discover our six-legged friends through a craft and story. Take a short walk to find some. *Nature Center*

JULY 10 WED 10AM OR 1PM

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. Ages 6-16 *Advance registration*

JULY 11 THU @ 30121401 (2 sessions)

DOG WALK

Bring your furry friend on a 2-mile walk. *Nature Center*

JULY 13 SAT 10AM

NATURE SCHOOL: INSECTS

Learn how to identify members of this diverse group and take a short walk to find some. *Nature Center*

JULY 14 SUN 3PM

NATURE BABIES

Enjoy stories about nature and learn some signs in American Sign Language to practice. Ages 2 and younger *Nature Center*

JULY 15 MON 10AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2**MORNING WALK**

Join a naturalist on an early morning 1-mile walk through the woods. Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

JULY 17 WED 8AM

FIREFLIES

Learn about these incredible insects as we take a 2-mile walk to look for them.

Nature Center

JULY 20 SAT 8:30PM

MOTH DISPLAY

View our display to learn about these nocturnal winged wonders.

Nature Center

JULY 20-21 SAT-SUN 8AM-8PM

RANGER BIKE RIDE

Join a park ranger on a 6-mile bike ride along the Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail.

Nature Center

JULY 21 SUN 3PM

TOTS ON THE TRAILS

Share a slow-paced half-mile walk with your toddler and discover nature together.

Ages 1-4 *Nature Center*

JULY 26 FRI 10AM

MOTHS AND MAMMALS NIGHT

Look for nocturnal mammals through the viewing windows and check a moth sheet for night-flying insects. *Nature Center*

JULY 27 SAT 10PM

SUMMER CRAFTS

Stop by the nature center to make some moth-themed crafts. Ages 4-14

Nature Center

JULY 28 SUN 12-4PM

NATURE KIDS: SENSES AND DEFENSES

Could you escape a spider's web, outfox a fox or blindly find a cricket in a cave? Find out as we put our senses and defenses to nature's test. Excellent eyesight, creative camouflage, tongues that smell and stinky sprays are some of the animal adaptations we'll explore. Ages 6-12

Nature Center

JULY 31 WED 10AM OR 1PM

AUGUST

BUGS AND BLOOMS DISPLAY

View our display to learn about summer flowers and the insects that visit them.

Nature Center

AUG 3-4 SAT-SUN 8AM-8PM

HIKE ALL THE TRAILS

Join a naturalist for a fast-paced hike on the park's 6 miles of trails.

Nature Center

AUG 3 SAT 9AM

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. Ages 6-16 *Advance registration*

AUG 5 MON ☉ 30121401 (2 sessions)

STORY TIME

Learn about nature through stories and activities. Ages 2-6 *Nature Center*

AUG 5 MON 10AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3**BUGS AND BLOOMS**

Take a 2-mile walk to see summer flowers and the insects that visit them.

Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

AUG 7 WED 3PM

CAMPFIRE COOKOUT

Learn some basics about cooking over a campfire and how it can make your next camping trip something special.

Ash Grove Picnic Area

AUG 9 FRI 6–8PM

INSECT CHORUS WALK

Learn what insects can be heard singing either during the day or at night, then take a half-mile walk to listen for them.

Nature Center

AUG 10 SAT 1PM OR 9PM

DOG WALK

Bring your furry friend on a 2-mile walk.

Nature Center

AUG 11 SUN 7PM

PRESCHOOLERS: STARRY NIGHT

Come explore the night sky with us during the day! We will learn about constellations and stars through activities, stories and a craft. *Beech Maple Lodge*

AUG 14 WED 10AM OR 1PM

RANGER BIKE RIDE

Join a park ranger on a 6-mile bike ride along the Blacklick Creek Greenway Trail.

Nature Center

AUG 17 SAT 10AM

CATERPILLAR CRAWL

Take a half-mile walk to search trees and shrubs for caterpillars. *Nature Center*

AUG 17 SAT 9PM

SUMMER CRAFTS

Stop by the nature center to make some duck-themed crafts. Ages 4-14

Nature Center

AUG 18 SUN 12–4PM

NATURE KIDS: SEED DISPERSAL

Discover how seeds move and how forests and prairies begin. Ages 6-12

Nature Center

AUG 19 MON 10AM OR 1PM

MUD & MADNESS

Negotiate several muddy obstacles on a 1.5-mile, fun family adventure. Obstacles are a little challenging and a little muddy... a whole lot more FUN than RUN. Perfect for mud-loving children, adults and families. Sorry, no strollers or pets. Bring towels; we'll help hose you off afterwards. *Nature Center*

AUG 24 SAT 10AM

MEET THE BEETLES DISPLAY

Come to the nature center to check out our display about the world's largest insect group. *Nature Center*

AUG 24-25 SAT-SUN 8AM–8PM

FUN IN THE MUD

The mud run may be over, but the fun doesn't have to be. Enjoy splashing around in the mud and exploring the obstacles of our Mud & Madness course. Ages 3-12

Nature Center

AUG 25 SUN 3PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3

PRAIRIE WALK

Take a 2-mile walk to discover the plants and animals of the prairie.

Ages 50 and older *Nature Center*

AUG 27 TUE 7PM

TOTS ON THE TRAILS

Share a slow-paced half-mile walk with your toddler and discover nature together.

Ages 1-4 *Nature Center*

AUG 30 FRI 10AM

MUD RUN WALK

Join a naturalist for an off-trail walk as we follow the Mud & Madness course through fields of wildflowers and creeks.

Nature Center

AUG 31 SAT 10AM

BLENDON WOODS

JUNE

ADVENTURE BACKPACK KICKOFF

Borrow a backpack and go on an adventure with binoculars, nets, jars, ID guides, magnifying lense - everything you need to explore nature more deeply! Backpacks available at the nature center all summer long whenever building is staffed.

Nature Center

JUNE 1 SAT 9AM-5PM

MORNING BIRDING

Walk 2 miles on the woodland trails and look for the birds in the park.

Nature Center

JUNE 2 SUN 8AM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails; choose 2, 4 or 6 miles. Pace will be under a 20-minute mile. Ages 14 and older *Nature Center*

JUNE 5 WED 6PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: TURTLE SPLASH

Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3

Nature Center

JUNE 6 THU 10AM

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for some good books featuring animals and nature! Ages 2-6

Nature Center

JUNE 7 FRI 10AM

4-H MEETS THE METRO PARKS

Join a Metro Parks naturalist and 4-H Educators as we complete fun activities from a few of the Natural Resources 4-H project books, including: Birdwatching, Tree ID and Creeking; program is for current 4-H members as well as those interested in learning more about 4-H membership. Ages 8-14

Advance registration

JUNE 8 SAT ☎ 30221401

WILD WEEKENDS: AMPHIBIANS

Meet some live amphibians and learn more about this fascinating group of animals.

Nature Center

JUNE 14 FRI 10AM OR 2PM

HIDDEN CRITTERS

Use your observation skills to find toy critters hidden along the path for a chance to win a prize.

Nature Center

JUNE 15 SAT 10AM–2PM

DADS AND DOGS HIKE

Celebrate Father,'s Day with a nature hike for the whole family - even Fido!

Nature Center

JUNE 16 SUN 1PM

RELAXING YOGA

Let the stress of the day melt away with an hour of outdoor yoga. Bring a mat or towel. Follow park signs in case of inclement weather.

Picnic Area Lot at Ranger Station

JUNE 17 MON 6:30PM

**PRESCHOOL:
SUMMERTIME TRAM RIDE**

All Aboard! Tram departs on the hour for a fun-filled tour of the park. Ages 3-7

Blendon Woods Natural Play Area Shelter

JUNE 18 TUE 9AM–2PM

JUNE 20 THU 9AM–2PM

FIREFLY FIESTA

Have fun with the summer tradition of catching and releasing lightning bugs while you learn about these fascinating insects.

Natural Play Area at Cherry Ridge

JUNE 21 FRI 8:30PM

FAMILY TRAM

Hop on board at any green TRAM STOP sign for a tour of the park. Look for signs in parking lots.

Natural Play Area at Cherry Ridge

JUNE 22 SAT 2–5PM

JUNE 23 SUN 2–5PM

**TODDLERS IN NATURE:
LITTLE CLOUD IN THE SKY**

Introduce your little one to the natural world through literacy, sensory development and motor skills in this gentle, consistent format, including a story, activity and walk. Ages 1-3

Nature Center

JUNE 27 THU 10AM

NOCTURNAL FAMILY TRAM RIDE

Look for wildlife on an evening tour of the park. *Nature Center*

JUNE 28 FRI 7:30PM

INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY

If you are ready for some good, dirty entertainment, join us at our giant mud pit for activities and fun.

Blendon Woods Group Shelter

JUNE 29 SAT 12-2PM

FAMILY TRAM

Hop on board at any green TRAM STOP sign for a tour of the park. Look for signs in parking lots.

Natural Play Area at Cherry Ridge

JUNE 30 SUN 2-5PM

JULY

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for some good books featuring animals and nature! Ages 2-6 *Nature Center*

JULY 5 FRI 10AM

PHOTO PROWL

Explore the trails as we walk 2 miles looking for subjects to photograph. *Nature Center*

JULY 6 SAT 9AM

MORNING BIRD HIKE

Walk 2 miles as we look for resident birds.

Nature Center

JULY 7 SUN 8AM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails; choose 2, 4 or 6 miles. Pace will be under a 20-minute mile. Ages 14 and older *Nature Center*

JULY 10 WED 6PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: TEN LITTLE CATERPILLARS

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

JULY 11 THU 10AM

WILD WEEKENDS: TURTLES

Meet live turtles and learn about these amazing reptiles! *Nature Center*

JULY 12 FRI 10AM OR 2PM

FAMILY FISHING

Cast a line into Thoreau Lake and try to catch a big one! Ages 4 and older

Advance registration

JULY 14 SUN ☎ 30251402

PRESCHOOL: MINI POND STUDY

Discover all of the neat critters that call the pond their home. *Nature Center*

JULY 15 MON 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

JULY 16 TUE 9AM, 11AM OR 1PM

SUNRISE/MOONSET HIKE TO THE LAKE

Join us for an early morning hike as we watch both the moon set and the sun rise!

Nature Center

JULY 17 WED 6:30AM

CAMPFIRE WITH THE RANGER

Check out the ranger station, ranger truck and roast marshmallows over a roaring fire.

Picnic Area Lot at Ranger Station

JULY 19 FRI 6:30-8:30PM

HIDDEN CRITTERS

Use your observation skills to find toy critters hidden along the path for a chance to win a prize.

Nature Center

JULY 20 SAT 10AM-2PM

CREEKING THE RAVINE

Come prepared for a 2 mile off-trail hike through the creek at the new Blendon Ravines property. Meet at 5280 Cambria Way, Westerville. Park along the street. Ages 5 and older *Blendon Ravines*

JULY 21 SUN 2PM

RELAXING YOGA

Let the stress of the day melt away with an hour of outdoor yoga. Bring a mat or towel. Follow park signs in case of inclement weather. Ages 3 and older
Picnic Area Lot at Ranger Station

JULY 22 MON 6:30PM

KIDS & CANVAS

Paint a nature scene along with us or design your own masterpiece. Ages 8-12 *Advance registration*

JULY 24 WED ☎ 30220401

**TODDLERS IN NATURE:
IF I WERE A TREE**

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

JULY 25 THU 10AM

ADULTS ONLY ARCHERY

Learn to shoot a compound bow. Ages 18 and older
Blendon Woods Group Shelter

JULY 26 FRI 6:30PM

FAMILY ARCHERY

Learn to shoot a compound bow. Ages 8 and older
Blendon Woods Group Shelter

JULY 27-28 SAT-SUN 1-2PM

JUST FOR SCOUTS: ARCHERY

Learn to shoot a compound bow. Ages 8-12 *Advance registration*

JULY 27 SAT ☎ 30221402

AUGUST**FAMILY CAMPOUT**

Reserve your spot for a special camping opportunity at Blendon Woods Sugarbush Day Camp area. Call Blendon Woods Nature Center at 614.895.6221 to register.
Advance registration

AUG 2 FRI to SAT ☎ 30251405

FIRST FRIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for some good books featuring animals and nature! Ages 2-6 *Nature Center*

AUG 2 FRI 10AM

MORNING BIRD HIKE

Walk 2 miles as we look for resident birds.
Nature Center

AUG 4 SUN 8AM

KIDS & CANVAS

Paint a nature scene along with us or design your own masterpiece. Ages 8-12 *Advance registration*

AUG 6 TUE ☎ 30220401

TODDLERS IN NATURE: OVER IN THE FOREST

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

AUG 8 THU 10AM

WILD WEEKENDS: SNAKES

Meet live snakes and discover these sssslithery reptiles. *Nature Center*

AUG 9 FRI 10AM OR 2PM

MUD & MADNESS

Negotiate several muddy obstacles on a 1.5-mile family fun adventure.

Blendon Woods Group Shelter

AUG 10 SAT 12PM

HIDDEN CRITTERS

Use your observation skills to find toy critters hidden along the path for a chance to win a prize. *Nature Center*

AUG 11 SUN 10AM-2PM

RAPTOR SUNDAY

Ohio Wildlife Center will be here with a few of their live birds of prey for a presentation about these amazing predators.

Nature Center

AUG 11 SUN 2PM

BEEKEEPING

See how we maintain our honeybee hive and learn how to start one of your own.

Ages 8 and older *Nature Center*

AUG 13 TUE 6PM

2/4/6 FITNESS HIKE

Take an invigorating fast-paced hike along gravel and natural surface trails; choose 2, 4 or 6 miles. Pace will be under a 20-minute mile. Ages 14 and older *Nature Center*

AUG 14 WED 6PM

NIGHT SOUNDS

Listen for animals who sing after dark!

Nature Center

AUG 17 SAT 8:30PM

FAMILY CREEKING

Look for salamanders and other creatures that live in the stream. *Nature Center*

AUG 18 SUN 2PM

RELAXING YOGA

Let the stress of the day melt away with an hour of outdoor yoga. Bring a mat or towel. Follow park signs in case of inclement weather.

Picnic Area Lot at Ranger Station

AUG 19 MON 6:30PM

PRESCHOOL: B IS FOR BUTTERFLY

Beautiful butterflies abound at Blendon Woods! *Nature Center*

AUG 21 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

MOVIE NIGHT: MARY POPPINS RETURNS

Movie will start at dark.

Natural Play Area at Cherry Ridge

AUG 24 SAT 9-11:30PM

TODDLERS IN NATURE: VULTURE VIEW

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

AUG 29 THU 10AM

CLEAR CREEK

JUNE

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4

CAVES HIKE

Enjoy views of caves and crevices on an extremely rugged 4-mile backcountry hike. Long pants recommended. Ages 50 and older *Maintenance Shop*

JUNE 13 THU 9AM-12PM

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JUNE 15 SAT 9AM-12PM

JULY

BACKCOUNTRY DOG HIKE

Bring your furry friend along on a rugged 3.5-mile backcountry hike to view Lake Emily. *Park Office*

JULY 13 SAT 7:30-9PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4

EDIBLE PLANT HIKE

Take a 2-mile rugged hike to learn what wild edible plants are available in summer. Try some samples after the hike. Ages 50 and older

Barnebey-Hambelton Picnic Area

JULY 18 THU 9-11AM

EDIBLE PLANT HIKE

Take a 2-mile rugged hike to learn what wild edible plants are available in summer. Try some samples after the hike.

Barnebey-Hambelton Picnic Area

JULY 20 SAT 9-11AM

AUGUST

METRO FIVE-0: Level 4

MEMORY ROCK SUNRISE HIKE

Join us for a rugged 5-mile backcountry hike to view the sunrise from Memory Rock. Ages 50 and older *Park Office*

AUG 15 THU 5:30-8:30AM

SUNRISE MEMORY ROCK HIKE

Join us for a rugged 5-mile backcountry hike to view the sunrise from Memory Rock. *Park Office*

AUG 17 SAT 5:30-8:30AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3

WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 1.5-mile walk to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older *Barnebey-Hambelton Picnic Area*

AUG 21 WED 11AM-12:30PM

MOTH MADNESS

Join the Mothing Mavericks to discover what moths live in Clear Creek.

Barnebey-Hambelton Picnic Area

AUG 24 SAT 8:30–11PM

GLACIER RIDGE

JUNE

GRASSLAND BIRD HIKE

Search for birds on a 2.5-mile walk through the grasslands. Ages 8 and older

Shelter House

JUNE 1 SAT 8AM

EVENING BIKE RIDE

Go on an 8.5-mile ride through grasslands and forests as we search for wildlife.

Ages 8 and older *Shelter House*

JUNE 6 THU 7:30PM

FAMILY CAMPOUT

Bring your tent and camping supplies and spend the night at the park.

Ages 5 and older

Advance registration

JUNE 8 SAT TO SUN ☎ 31551401

BIRD NESTS

Take a 1-mile hike to find bird nests and learn how birds take care of their young.

Ages 5-12 *Shelter House*

JUNE 13 THU 10AM OR 1PM

ARCHERY

Learn how to use a simple compound bow and shoot arrows. Ages 8-17

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

JUNE 17 MON 10AM OR 1PM

JUNE 20 THU 10AM OR 1PM

SNAKES & SUCH HIKE

Take a 1-mile hike to look for reptiles and amphibians. Ages 5 and older

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

JUNE 22 SAT 3PM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog.

Ages 6 and older *Glacier Ridge Dog Park*

JUNE 24 MON 7PM

MORNING DISCOVERY HIKE

Get up early with the animals to go on a 1-mile hike and see what we can find!

Shelter House

JUNE 30 SUN 9AM

JULY

ANIMAL ATHLETES

Test your strength and agility on the obstacle course and learn about animals who have superior athletic abilities. *Shelter House*

JULY 6 SAT 3PM

BAT HIKE

Learn about why bats are important and take a 1-mile hike to watch them foraging for insects.

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

JULY 10 WED 8PM

OFF-TRAIL WETLAND BIRD HIKE

Explore uncharted areas of the wetlands to find birds on a 2-mile off-trail hike!

Ages 18 and older *Wetland*

JULY 14 SUN 8AM

HIKE TO THE BEAVER DAM

Take a 2.5-mile off-trail hike to see the beaver dam. Ages 12 and older

Wetland

JULY 17 WED 10AM

MOVIE IN THE PARK: COCO

Watch Pixar's Coco (2017) on a big outdoor screen. Bring blanket or lawn chairs. Rated PG.

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

JULY 20 SAT 9–11:45PM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog.

Ages 6 and older *Glacier Ridge Dog Park*

JULY 23 TUE 7PM

SUMMER STARGAZING

Look at planets and constellations using telescopes and binoculars.

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

JULY 26 FRI 9PM

TALEBLAZER: THE ADVENTURE APP

Utilize the unique Taleblazer app to go on an adventure through the park. Please bring your smartphone. Ages 8-15

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

JULY 28 SUN 3PM

AUGUST**FANTASTIC NIGHT CREATURES AND WHERE TO FIND THEM**

Join us on a fun Harry Potter themed night hike as we look for nocturnal animals.

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

AUG 1 THU 9PM

MOVIE IN THE PARK: HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

Watch Warner Bros. Pictures' "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) on a big outdoor screen. Bring blanket or lawn chairs. Rated PG.

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

AUG 3 SAT 9–11:45PM

TRAM AND SCAVENGER HUNT

Hop on the tram for a 30 minute tram ride and go for a scavenger hunt before or after your ride. Ages 3-12 *Shelter House*

AUG 6-7 TUE-WED 9AM–12PM

TRAM AND CAMPFIRE

Enjoy a 45-minute tram ride and make a s'more before or after your ride.

Shelter House

AUG 11 SUN 5PM

EARLY MORNING METEOR VIEWING

Get great views of meteor showers before the sun rises. Park gates open at 3:15am.

Glacier Ridge Energy Center (at the windmill)

AUG 13 TUE 3:30AM

MORNING TRAM RIDE

Wake up with the animals and enjoy a peaceful ride through the forest and grassland. Enjoy coffee and a small breakfast before or after your ride.

Shelter House

AUG 17 SAT 8:30AM

WALK AND WOOF

Enjoy a 2.5-mile hike with your dog. Ages 6 and older *Glacier Ridge Dog Park*

AUG 22 THU 7PM

EVENING DISCOVERY HIKE

Take a 1-mile hike to find animals active during the evening. *Shelter House*

AUG 27 TUE 7PM

HIGHBANKS

JUNE

FOR FAMILIES: GO CREEKING

Explore the Olentangy River for some of the animals that live there.

Big Meadows Picnic Area

JUNE 4 TUE 11AM

FOR ADULTS: FITNESS HIKE

Get fit and take a 4-mile, moderately-paced hike with a naturalist on the Multi-Use Trail. Ages 18 and older *Nature Center*

JUNE 5 WED 10AM

FOR KIDS: SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by the nature center to pick up a nature scavenger hunt. Complete scavenger hunt for a small prize.

Ages 3-12 *Nature Center*

JUNE 8 SAT 2-4PM

TAE KWON DO IN THE PARK

Join the Black Belt Instructors from "Tiger Woo's World Class Tae Kwon Do" for a 40-minute lesson on the theme Focus. No experience needed. *Nature Center*

JUNE 10 MON 10AM

FOSSILS OF OHIO: OPEN HOUSE

Join the Ohio Geological Survey and explore fossils from around Ohio.

Nature Center

JUNE 11 TUE 11AM-2PM

PRESCHOOLERS: FROGGY FUN

Meet amphibians and learn about them through books, games and crafts.

Nature Center

JUNE 12 WED 11AM OR 1PM

JUNE 13 THU 9:30AM OR 11AM

CREATURE FEATURE: REPTILES

Visit with live reptiles and learn how we take care of these animals. *Nature Center*

JUNE 14 FRI 1PM

FOR ADULTS: BIRD HIKE

Take a 1.5-mile bird hike to look for birds, with a special visit to a cavity nest box. Ages 18 and older *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

JUNE 15 SAT 9AM

FISHING WITH THE RANGERS

Enjoy fishing in the Daycamp pond.
Bait and poles provided.

Dragonfly Day Camp

JUNE 16 SUN 2-4PM

TAE KWON DO IN THE PARK

Join the Black Belt Instructors from "Tiger Woo's World Class Tae Kwon Do" for a 40-minute lesson on the theme Cooperation. No experience needed.

Nature Center

JUNE 17 MON 10AM

HOWL AT THE MOON

Hike 3.5 miles with your dog.
Bring a flashlight. *Nature Center*

JUNE 17 MON 8:30PM

FOR KIDS: SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Explore science with some fun experiments. Plan to get messy.
Ages 6-10 *Nature Center*

JUNE 19 WED 11AM OR 1PM

METRO PARKS SUMMER MOVIE SERIES: HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE

Watch the epic Harry Potter movie on the Big Screen. Movie Rated PG. Movie begins 30 minutes after dusk. Popcorn provided. Please bring seating, snacks and bug repellent. No alcohol. Ages 8 and older
Big Meadows Picnic Area

JUNE 21 FRI 9PM

CREATURE FEATURE: REPTILES

Visit with live reptiles and learn how we take care of these animals. *Nature Center*

JUNE 22 SAT 2PM

FOR FAMILIES: WILDLIFE HIKE

Search for wildlife on a 1-mile hike along the Scenic River Trail.

Big Meadows Picnic Area

JUNE 23 SUN 2PM

MUD DAY

Get down and dirty as you make mud pies, dig for worms and play in the giant mud pit. *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

JUNE 26 WED 10AM-12PM

MAMMALS OF OHIO DISPLAY

Learn how mammals survive through games, activities, videos and displays.
Nature Center

JUNE 28 FRI 12PM

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy a campfire and explore nature at night through a variety of activities.
Nature Center

JUNE 29 SAT 6-8PM

BUTTERFLY PURSUIT

Take a 2.5-mile hike to find some of the most beautiful butterflies of the season and learn how to identify them.
Nature Center

JUNE 29 SAT 11AM

FOR KIDS: SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by the nature center to pick up a nature scavenger hunt. Complete scavenger hunt for a small prize. Ages 3-12

Nature Center

JUNE 30 SUN 2-4PM

JULY

TAE KWON DO IN THE PARK

Join the Black Belt Instructors from "Tiger Woo's World Class Tae Kwon Do" for a 40-minute lesson on the theme of Self Control. No experience needed.

Nature Center

JULY 1 MON 10AM

FOR ADULTS: FITNESS HIKE

Get fit and take a 2.5-mile, moderately-paced hike with a naturalist on the Dripping Rock Trail. Ages 18 and older

Nature Center

JULY 2 TUE 10AM

RED, WHITE AND BLUE

Enjoy a display of red, white and blue animals and plants found in the park along with some other patriotic critters.

Nature Center

JULY 3 WED 12-3PM

JULY 4 THU 12-3PM

FOR FAMILIES: GO CREEKING

Explore the Olentangy River for some of the animals that live there.

Big Meadows Picnic Area

JULY 6 SAT 2PM

FOR KIDS: SCAVENGER HUNT

Stop by the nature center and complete a nature scavenger hunt to win a small prize. Ages 3-12 *Nature Center*

JULY 7 SUN 2-4PM

TAE KWON DO IN THE PARK

Join the Black Belt Instructors from "Tiger Woo's World Class Tae Kwon Do" for a 40-minute lesson on the theme of Self Control. No experience needed.

Nature Center

JULY 8 MON 10AM

CREATURE FEATURE: AMPHIBIANS

Visit with live amphibians and learn how we take care of these animals.

Nature Center

JULY 11 THU 1PM

10TV & METRO PARKS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Bring your family for a free celebration of summer, help your kids connect with nature and put smiles on their faces. Enjoy playing in the creek, climbing a rock wall, sack races, facepainting, archery, live animals and other outdoor activities. Channel 10 news anchors will be on hand throughout the day.

Big Meadows Picnic Area

JULY 13 SAT 10AM-4PM

HOWL AT THE MOON

Hike 3.5 miles with your dog. Bring a flashlight. *Nature Center*

JULY 16 TUE 8:30PM

FOR KIDS: NATURE CRAFTS

Drop by the nature center to make some crafts to take home. Ages 6-10

Nature Center

JULY 16 TUE 12-2PM

NATIONAL HOTDOG DAY CAMPFIRE

Bring your dinner to cook over the campfire to celebrate National Hotdog Day.

Nature Center

JULY 17 WED 6:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: RIVER EXPLORERS

Wade into the river for a closer look at its creatures. *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

JULY 18 THU 11AM OR 1PM

JULY 19 FRI 9:30 OR 11AM

BUTTERFLY PURSUIT

Take a 2.5-mile hike to find some of the most beautiful butterflies of the season and learn how to identify them.

Nature Center

JULY 20 SAT 11AM

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Enjoy a campfire and explore nature at night through a variety of activities.

Nature Center

JULY 20 SAT 6-8PM

CREATURE FEATURE: AMPHIBIANS

Visit with live amphibians and learn how we take care of these animals.

Nature Center

JULY 21 SUN 2PM

FOR KIDS: BUGS

Come learn about insects that help pollinate through games, scavenger hunts and bug collection. Ages 6-12

Big Meadows Picnic Area

JULY 24 WED 11AM

FOR FAMILIES: SENSORY NIGHT HIKE

Use all your senses on a 1.5-mile night hike through forest and field.

Nature Center

JULY 27 SAT 8:30PM

FOR ADULTS: ART IN THE PARK

Come paint in the park with inspiration from live animals and wild flowers. Supplies provided, bring clothes that can get messy. Ages 18 and older *Advance registration*

JULY 27 SAT ☎ 30430400

FOR FAMILIES: RAVINE EXPLORATION

Get in the water and take 1-mile hike as we look for animals. Ages 5 and older

Nature Center

JULY 28 SUN 2PM

CREATURE FEATURE: REPTILES

Visit with live reptiles and learn how we take care of these animals. *Nature Center*

JULY 30 TUE 1PM

FOR FAMILIES: GO CREEKING

Explore the Olentangy River for some of the animals that live there.

Big Meadows Picnic Area

JULY 31 WED 10AM OR 1PM

AUGUST

FOR KIDS: EXPLORE NATURAL PLAY AREA

Explore off-trail to look for signs of wildlife.

Ages 6-12 *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

AUG 2 FRI 10AM

SNAKE SEARCH

Search off-trail for snakes' special hiding spots. Ages 6 and older *Nature Center*

AUG 4 SUN 2PM

FOR ADULTS: FITNESS HIKE

Get fit and take a 2.5-mile, moderately paced hike with a naturalist on the Overlook Trail. Ages 18 and older

Oak Coves Picnic Area

AUG 6 TUE 10AM

FOR KIDS: NATURE GAMES

Celebrate summer with fun outdoor games.

Ages 6-12 *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

AUG 7 WED 10AM

FOR FAMILIES: GO CREEKING

Explore the Olentangy River for some of the animals that live there.

Big Meadows Picnic Area

AUG 8 THU 10AM OR 1PM

NATIONAL S'MORES DAY CAMPFIRE

Come celebrate everyone's favorite campfire snack. *Nature Center*

AUG 10 SAT 7-9PM

FOR FAMILIES: HIKE TO THE GIANTS

Take a rugged 4-mile off-trail hike to the 300-year-old giant sycamores along the Olentangy River. Ages 10 and older

Advance registration

AUG 11 SUN ① 30450903

TAE KWON DO IN THE PARK

Join the Black Belt Instructors from "Tiger Woo's World Class Tae Kwon Do" for a 40-minute lesson on the theme Responsibility. No experience needed. *Nature Center*

AUG 12 MON 10AM

PRESCHOOLERS: BUTTERFLIES

Learn about butterflies and caterpillars through games, crafts and hike.

Nature Center

AUG 14 WED 11AM OR 1PM

AUG 15 THU 9:30 OR 11AM

HOWL AT THE MOON

Hike 3.5 miles with your dog. Bring a flashlight. *Nature Center*

AUG 15 THU 8:30PM

CREATURE FEATURE: FRIDAY FEEDING

Visit with the animals and learn how different animals find food. *Nature Center*

AUG 16 FRI 11AM

SUNSET HIKE

Take a 1-mile hike to look for animals going to bed, while others are waking up. Ages 6 and older *Nature Center*

AUG 16 FRI 8:30PM

EVENING FISHING & CAMPFIRE WITH RANGERS

Enjoy fishing in the pond, then roast s'mores over a campfire. Bait provided for fishing. Poles and roasting sticks available. Ages 5 and older *Dragonfly Day Camp*

AUG 17 SAT 6-8PM

FOR KIDS: MONARCHS!

Learn about the monarch butterfly and help us look for caterpillars in the meadows. Ages 6-12 *Nature Center*

AUG 18 SUN 2PM

STORYTIME: HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Listen to stories to learn about caterpillars and butterflies. Ages 2-6 *Nature Center*

AUG 19 MON 10AM

FOR KIDS: TRAM RIDES

Learn about animals as we zoom around the park on the tram. Ages 2-10 *Nature Center*

AUG 22 THU 11AM OR 1PM

FOR FAMILIES: TRAM RIDE

Hop aboard the tram for a tour of the park. *Big Meadows Picnic Area*

AUG 24 SAT 1PM

BUTTERFLY PURSUIT

Take a 2.5-mile hike to find some of the most beautiful butterflies of the season and learn how to identify them. *Nature Center*

AUG 24 SAT 11AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 1 TRAM RIDE

Learn about the historical cultures and wildlife of the park during a tram ride. Ages 50 and older *Advance registration*

AUG 27 TUE ☎ 30442100

HOMESTEAD

JUNE

SUNSET S'MORES

Enjoy watching the sun set while relaxing by the campfire and making s'mores. You may also bring your own food to cook. *Nature Center*

JUNE 3 MON 8:30PM

INTRO TO BIRD WATCHING

Learn how to find and identify some of Ohio's common birds. Ages 5-12 *Pine Pavilion*

JUNE 12 WED 10AM OR 1PM

FATHERS DAY FISHING

Bring your dads & granddads for some quality fishing time! Poles and bait available. *Covered Bridge*

JUNE 16 SUN 10AM-12PM

MEET THE ANIMALS

Stop by the nature center and get acquainted with our live education animals.

Nature Center

JUNE 23 SUN 1 OR 5PM

TYKE HIKE

Bring your infants and toddlers for some sensory activities and a short hike.

Ages 3 and younger

Pine Pavilion

JUNE 25 TUE 10AM

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES: COSI ON WHEELS

Enjoy a performance by COSI on Wheels all about Energy. Sponsored by Giant Eagle.

Lakeside Pavilion

JUNE 27 THU 7PM

SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT

Pick up a scavenger hunt and search for signs of animals that live in the park. Find everything on your list and earn a prize!

Ages 3-12 *Nature Center*

JUNE 29 SAT 12-2PM

JULY

MEET THE ANIMALS

Stop by the nature center and get acquainted with our live education animals.

Nature Center

JULY 2 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

RED WHITE & BLUE SCAVENGER HUNT

Celebrate the 4th of July by picking up a scavenger hunt to search for items and earn a prize.

Nature Center

JULY 4 THU 12-2PM

NATURE TRIVIA NIGHT

Bring some friends to answer nature-related trivia. The winning team earns a prize! Check out Homestead Facebook page for more details.

Lakeside Pavilion

JULY 9 TUE 7PM

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES: THE SHAZZBOTS

Enjoy a performance by the popular kids rock band, The Shazzbots. Please bring your own outdoor seating. Sponsored by Giant Eagle. *Amphitheater*

JULY 11 THU 7PM

MARVELOUS METAMORPHS

Learn about the amazing animals who transform as part of their life journey.

Ages 5-12 *Pine Pavilion*

JULY 15 MON 10AM OR 1PM

WILD WATER GAMES

Learn about aquatic animals through fun water games. Please bring a towel and a change of clothes. Ages 2-12

Lakeside Pavilion

JULY 18 THU 10AM OR 1PM

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES: I'M NO DUMMY

Enjoy a magician ventriloquist show by performer David Crone. Please bring outdoor seating and snacks. Sponsored by Giant Eagle. *Amphitheater*

JULY 25 THU 7PM

HOG-STEAD WIZARD ACADEMY

Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with us as we go on an adventurous journey and discover the magic in nature. Ages 7-15
Advance registration

JULY 31 WED ☎ 31622201 (2 sessions)

AUGUST

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES: COLUMBUS ZOO

Enjoy a 1-hour performance featuring animals from the Columbus Zoo. Please bring outdoor seating and snacks. Sponsored by Giant Eagle. *Amphitheater*

AUG 8 THU 7PM

TALEBLAZER: THE ADVENTURE APP

Utilize the unique Taleblazer app to go on an adventure through the park. Please bring your smartphone. Ages 8-15
Nature Center

AUG 12 MON 10AM OR 1PM

SING ALONG WITH JOANIE

Bring your youngsters to enjoy an interactive performance by Joanie Calem. Ages 5 and younger *Nature Center*

AUG 18 SUN 10AM

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY 101

Take a walk around the park and learn how to get that perfect shot! Please bring your own camera or smartphone to take pictures. Ages 8-12
Nature Center

AUG 25 SUN 3PM

CAMPFIRE & S'MORES

Enjoy making s'mores around the campfire or bring your own food to cook.
Nature Center

AUG 30 FRI 7PM

INNISWOOD

SUNNY SUNDAYS

EVERY SUNDAY, 1:30-3:30PM

Members of the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit will be in the garden throughout summer to answer questions.
Herb Garden

JUNE

JUNIOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Help with summer garden cleanup. Ages 11-17 *Advance registration*

JUNE 1 SAT ☎ 30821801

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Take a guided stroll through the gardens.
Gardens Entrance

JUNE 2 SUN 7PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: MYSTERIOUS MINKS

Learn about this elusive hunter and how they survive in the garden and around the water. Ages 8 and younger

Education Pavilion

JUNE 4 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JUNE 5 WED 10AM OR 1PM

WELLNESS IN THE GARDENS: LINE DANCING

Join line dancing instructor, Roger Neff, for an introductory class. *Education Pavilion*

JUNE 8 SAT 10AM

GARDEN RENOVATION

The Inniswood Garden Society invites you to attend their annual meeting with author Bobbie Schwartz. She will teach how to evaluate plants and features in yards, determine what to keep and what to remove, choose the right plants for the space, design plans for successful remodels, and how to know when to hire help. Bobbie will sign copies of her book "Garden Renovation."

Ages 17 and older *Innis House*

JUNE 9 SUN 2-4PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI

Learn the first few moves of this ancient Chinese moving meditation from Taoist Tai Chi instructor, Midge Krause, in an introductory lesson. All fitness levels welcome.

Ages 50 and older

Education Pavilion

JUNE 10 MON 1PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: DUCKS IN THE WETLAND

Get a little wet as we discover how ducks survive in their homes near the water.

Ages 8 and younger *Education Pavilion*

JUNE 11 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JUNE 12 WED 10AM OR 1PM

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS: HONEY AND BLUE

Enjoy a mix of pop, blues and soul with singer/songwriters Adam Darling and Stephanie Amber. Honey and Blue combines Darling's sultry bluesy sounds with Amber's syrupy and raw take on lyrics and harmony. *Education Pavilion*

JUNE 16 SUN 3-5PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Take a guided stroll through the gardens.

Gardens Entrance

JUNE 16 SUN 7PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: TREE SQUIRRELS

Climb into the secret world of squirrels and discover how they are prepared for life in the trees. Ages 8 and younger

Education Pavilion

JUNE 18 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JUNE 19 WED 10AM OR 1PM

HUMMINGBIRDS IN THE GARDEN

Make your own hummingbird feeder and learn how to make your garden an inviting space for hummingbirds.

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

JUNE 22 SAT 2PM

MEET THE ARTISTS

Join the Community Quilters and view their fiber artwork at a reception. *Innis House*

JUNE 23 SUN 2-4PM

HERB GARDEN TOURS

Join members of the Herb Society of America, Central Ohio Unit, in the Herb Garden for historical and botanical tours plus demonstrations focused on relevant herb garden tasks. *Herb Garden*

JUNE 23 SUN 1:30-3:30PM

INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI

Learn the first few moves of this ancient Chinese moving meditation from Taoist Tai Chi instructor, Midge Krause, in an introductory lesson. All fitness levels welcome.

Education Pavilion

JUNE 24 MON 1PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: OWLS OF THE FOREST

From feathers to feet, discover the features of barred owls that help them survive in the forest. Ages 8 and younger

Education Pavilion

JUNE 25 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JUNE 26 WED 10AM OR 1PM

WEED WITH YOUR FORK

Learn how to identify, harvest and prepare edible weeds. Ages 17 and older *Innis House*

JUNE 29 SAT 2PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Take a guided stroll through the gardens.

Gardens Entrance

JUNE 30 SUN 7PM

JULY

JUNIOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Help with summer garden cleanup.

Ages 11-17 *Advance registration*

JULY 6 SAT ☎ 30821801

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI

Learn the first few moves of this ancient Chinese moving meditation from Taoist Tai Chi instructor, Midge Krause, in an introductory lesson. All fitness levels welcome. Ages 50 and older

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

JULY 8 MON 1PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: MYSTERIOUS MINKS

Learn about this elusive hunter and how they survive in the garden and around the water. Ages 8 and younger

Education Pavilion

JULY 9 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JULY 10 WED 10AM OR 1PM

WELLNESS IN THE GARDENS: YOGA

Be in balance with nature as Joy Lawrence, registered yoga teacher & licensed massage therapist of Pure Joy Massage and Yoga, presents a gentle hatha yoga class. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat. *Education Pavilion*

JULY 13 SAT 10AM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Take a guided stroll through the gardens.

Gardens Entrance

JULY 14 SUN 7PM

FAIRY GARDEN WORKSHOP

Get ideas for setting up fairy gardens and get tips on which plants to use. Make decorations to put in a fairy garden.

Greenhouse Multipurpose Center

JULY 14 SUN 2-4PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: DUCKS IN THE WETLAND

Get a little wet as we discover how ducks survive in their homes near the water.

Ages 8 and younger *Education Pavilion*

JULY 16 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JULY 17 WED 10AM OR 1PM

INNIS WOOF

Join an educator with your dog for a guided walk along Inniswood's Chipmunk Chatter Trail.

Gardens Entrance

JULY 20 SAT 10AM

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS: 23 SOUTHBOUND

Join us for an afternoon of popular music with Columbus' premier country band, 23 Southbound. *Education Pavilion*

JULY 21 SUN 3-5PM

INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI

Learn the first few moves of this ancient Chinese moving meditation from Taoist Tai Chi instructor, Midge Krause, in an introductory lesson. All fitness levels welcome.

Education Pavilion

JULY 22 MON 1PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: TREE SQUIRRELS

Climb into the secret world of squirrels and discover how they are prepared for life in the trees. Ages 8 and younger

Education Pavilion

JULY 23 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JULY 24 WED 10AM OR 1PM

WILDFLOWER WALK

Join an educator in the gardens as we search for summer wildflowers.

Gardens Entrance

JULY 27 SAT 2PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Take a guided stroll through the gardens.

Gardens Entrance

JULY 28 SUN 7PM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: OWLS OF THE FOREST

From feathers to feet, discover the features of barred owls that help them survive in the forest. Ages 8 and younger

Education Pavilion

JULY 30 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

JULY 31 WED 10AM OR 1PM

AUGUST

JUNIOR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Help with summer garden cleanup.

Ages 11-17 *Advance registration*

AUG 3 SAT ☎ 30821801

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 **INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI**

Learn the first few moves of this ancient Chinese moving meditation from Taoist Tai Chi instructor, Midge Krause, in an introductory lesson. All fitness levels welcome.

Ages 50 and older *Education Pavilion*

AUG 5 MON 1PM

WELLNESS IN THE GARDENS: TAI CHI

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA invites you to a “try it session” and demonstration of Taoist Tai Chi internal arts of health. This ancient Chinese moving meditation incorporates slow natural movements that promote balance, flexibility, strength and relaxation.

Education Pavilion

AUG 10 SAT 10AM

MEET THE ARTIST

View the oil paintings of Joyce Fisher at a reception. *Innis House*

AUG 11 SUN 2–4PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Take a guided stroll through the gardens.

Gardens Entrance

AUG 11 SUN 7PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 **SUMMER TREE ID**

Take a walk with an educator as we identify some common trees at Inniswood.

Ages 50 and older *Gardens Entrance*

AUG 17 SAT 2PM

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS: **HIGH STREET STOMPERS**

This New Orleans-style Dixieland jazz band is sure to keep your toes tapping and your fingers snapping.

Education Pavilion

AUG 18 SUN 3–5PM

INTRODUCTORY TAI CHI

Learn the first few moves of this ancient Chinese moving meditation from Taoist Tai Chi instructor, Midge Krause, in an introductory lesson. All fitness levels welcome.

Education Pavilion

AUG 19 MON 1PM

INNISWOOD BOOK CLUB

Join us for a discussion of this quarter's book, “How Carrots Won the Trojan War” by Rebecca Rupp. Ages 17 and older

Innis House

AUG 24 SAT 2PM

EVENING GARDEN WALK

Take a guided stroll through the gardens.

Gardens Entrance

AUG 25 SUN 7PM

STROLLER STROLL

Join us for a slow stroll through the gardens as we explore nature.

Ages 1-4 *Gardens Entrance*

AUG 28 WED 10AM

PRAIRIE OAKS

JUNE

LATE NIGHT FISHING

Fish Darby Bend Lakes and Beaver Lake.

Darby Bend Lakes

JUNE 29 SAT 9–11:45PM

JULY

CANOE THE LAKES

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride around Darby Bend Lakes. Limited canoes and equipment available. Children must fit in a life jacket to ride. Park staff may arrange people in boats based on age, size and experience for safety purposes.

Darby Bend Lakes

JULY 4 THU 1–4PM

LATE NIGHT FISHING

Fish Darby Bend Lakes and Beaver Lake.

Darby Bend Lakes

JULY 27 SAT 9–11:45PM

AUGUST

WAG FEST

Grab your best furry friend and enjoy treats and activities for the entire family, including Fido. *Darby Bend Lakes*

AUG 17 SAT 10AM–5PM

LATE NIGHT FISHING

Fish Darby Bend Lakes and Beaver Lake.

Darby Bend Lakes

AUG 31 SAT 9–11:45PM

ROCKY FORK

JUNE

RUN WITH THE SUN

Join the naturalist for an early morning 1.5-mile jog on paved and unimproved trails. *Rocky Fork Bulletin Board*

JUNE 7 FRI 6:30AM

BLUEBIRDS

Join us to monitor the bluebird trail as we check boxes and eggs for nestlings.

Rocky Fork Bulletin Board

JUNE 9 SUN 2PM

JULY

RUN WITH THE SUN

Join the naturalist for an early morning 1.5-mile jog on paved and unimproved trails. *Rocky Fork Bulletin Board*

JULY 19 FRI 6:30AM

AUGUST

RUN WITH THE SUN

Join the naturalist for an early morning 1.5-mile jog on paved and unimproved trails. *Rocky Fork Bulletin Board*

AUG 9 FRI 6:30AM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 2 WILDFLOWER WANDER

Take a 1.5-mile walk along the field trail to look for late summer blooms.

Ages 50 and older *Millstone Shelter*

AUG 22 THU 9AM

SCIOTO AUDUBON

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL

The climbing wall will stay open till mid-night on June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23. We have four auto belays, but climbers must bring their own climbing harness. Late night fishing also available from the dock on the Scioto River.

Climbing Wall

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY

PRE-K STORYTIME

Bring your little ones for a nature-inspired story or two.

Grange Insurance Audubon Center

EVERY THU & SAT 10AM

WEEKLY BIRD HIKES

Learn how to use binoculars and search for birds. *Grange Insurance Audubon Center*

EVERY SAT 10AM

JUNE

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL

See page 54, first column *Climbing Wall*

JUNE 14 FRI 8PM-12AM

LEARN THE ROPES

Instructors will guide participants through the basics of climbing the 35-foot wall.

Equipment provided. *Advance registration*

JUNE 26 WED ☎ 31751403

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL

See page 54, first column *Climbing Wall*

JUNE 28 FRI 8PM-12AM

JULY

LATE NIGHTS AT THE CLIMBING WALL

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JULY 12 FRI 8PM-12AM

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AUG 28 WED ☎ 31751403

SCIOTO GROVE

JUNE

FAIRY GARDEN BUILDING

Build a fairy garden using things found in nature. Bring your own container, no bigger than 24"x8." Topsoil and supplies provided.

Hickory Lot B

JUNE 2 SUN 2PM

JULY

METRO FIVE-0: Level 1 ARCHERY ADVENTURE

Learn how to use a compound bow and take aim at a traditional target. You can also practice your skills along a 3D course with full-size animal models. All equipment provided. Ages 50 and older *Archery Range*

JULY 17 WED 10AM-12PM

AUGUST

FULL MOON CANOE FLOAT

Enjoy a night float down the Scioto River. Canoes, equipment and return transportation provided. If you have your own canoe, no need to register to join us.

Ages 7 and older *Advance registration*

AUG 30 FRI ☎ 32031400

SHARON WOODS

JUNE

FAMILY TRAM RIDES

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

JUNE 1-2 SAT-SUN 3-6PM

LUNCHTIME CHAT: LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE

Join certified arborist Brian Goodall from Bartlett Tree Experts to learn about making your yard wildlife-friendly.

Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter

JUNE 11 TUE 12PM

FRIDAY NIGHT FLOAT

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride on the lake. Canoes and equipment provided. Kids must fit into a life jacket to ride. *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

JUNE 14 FRI 6-9PM

CANOE THE LAKE

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride on the lake. Canoes and equipment provided. Kids must fit into a life jacket to ride. *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

JUNE 15 SAT 9AM-12PM OR 2-5PM

FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL: CANOE THE LAKE

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride on the lake. Canoes and equipment provided. Kids must fit into a life jacket to ride. *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

JUNE 16 SUN 9AM-12PM OR 2-5PM

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

JUNE 16 SUN 9:15PM

**GO WILD KIDS CLUB:
CAMPFIRE & CRAFTS**

Enjoy a tasty campfire snack while making a few fun crafts. Bring a dark colored T-shirt.

Ages 5-12

Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter

JUNE 18 TUE 7PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

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

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

JUNE 22 SAT 9AM

PRESCHOOLERS: TURTLE TIME

Explore the world of these shelled reptiles through a story, craft and other activities.

Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter

JUNE 25 TUE 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

JUNE 26 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

FAMILY CAMPOUT

Bring your camping gear and enjoy a relaxing evening in the park. We'll have a campfire, night hikes and star gazing. Only one member of your party needs to register. For questions, please contact Sharon Woods naturalists at 614.865.4507.

Advance registration

JUNE 28 FRI TO SAT ☎ 30551403

JULY**FRIDAY NIGHT FLOAT**

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride on the lake. Canoes and equipment provided. Kids must fit into a life jacket to ride. *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

JULY 5 FRI 6-9PM

CANOE THE LAKE

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride on the lake. Canoes and equipment provided. Kids must fit into a life jacket to ride. *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

JULY 6 SAT 9AM-12PM OR 2-5PM

JULY 7 SUN 9AM-12PM OR 2-5PM

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: FISHING

Drop a line in Schrock Lake and try to catch a big fish. Bait and poles provided. Ages 5-12

Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board

JULY 12 FRI 7PM

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

JULY 15 MON 8:45PM

FAMILY TRAM RIDES

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

JULY 20 SAT 3-6PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

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

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

JULY 21 SUN 8PM

LUNCHTIME CHAT: TIME MACHINE TRAM RIDE

Travel back in time to uncover the history of the park. *Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter*

JULY 24 WED 12PM

FAMILY TRAM RIDES

Catch the tram at any of the “tram stop” signs and enjoy a tour of the park.

JULY 28 SUN 3–6PM

PRESCHOOLERS: SUMMER FUN TRAM RIDE

Join us for a tram ride and wear your swimsuit for some water fun before and after.

Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter

JULY 30 TUE 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

JULY 31 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

AUGUST

TALKING WITH THE TREES

Join certified arborist Brian Goodall from Bartlett Tree Experts on a 1.5-mile stroll to learn the importance of trees in our environment. *Apple Ridge Picnic Shelter*

AUG 3 SAT 10AM

FAMILY TRAM RIDES

Catch the tram at any of the “tram stop” signs and enjoy a tour of the park.

AUG 4 SUN 3–6PM

LUNCHTIME CHAT: BATS INCREDIBLE

Learn about these amazing flying mammals and how you can help them.

Schrock Lake Picnic Shelter

AUG 8 THU 12PM

MOVIE IN THE PARK: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON - HIDDEN WORLD

Enjoy dragon-themed activities before you watch “How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden World” (2019). Movie begins at dark. Bring your own seating. Rated PG.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

AUG 9 FRI 8–11PM

GO WILD KIDS CLUB: CREEK EXPLORERS

Plan to get wet as we explore Spring Creek. Ages 5-12 *Natural Play Area*

AUG 10 SAT 10AM

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

AUG 14 WED 8:15PM

MUD & MADNESS

Negotiate several muddy obstacles on a 1.5-mile, fun family adventure. Obstacles are a little challenging and a little muddy... a whole lot more FUN than RUN. Perfect for mud-loving children, adults and families. Sorry, no strollers or pets. Bring towels; we'll help hose you off afterward.

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

AUG 17 SAT 10AM–12PM

HAPPY TAILS-N-TRAILS

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

Apple Ridge Bulletin Board

AUG 18 SUN 10AM

FRIDAY NIGHT FLOAT

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride on the lake. Canoes and equipment provided. Kids must fit into a life jacket to ride. *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

AUG 23 FRI 6-8PM

CANOE THE LAKE

Stop by anytime and take a canoe out for a ride on the lake. Canoes and equipment provided. Kids must fit into a life jacket to ride. *Schrock Lake West Bulletin Board*

AUG 24 SAT 9AM-12PM OR 2-5PM

AUG 25 SUN 9AM-12PM OR 2-5PM

PRESCHOOLERS: CREEK ADVENTURE

Enjoy a wet-n-wild time as you explore Spring Creek. *Spring Hollow*

AUG 28 WED 9:30AM, 11AM OR 1PM

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

SLATE RUN FARM

JUNE

MORNING CHORES

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

JUNE 1 SAT ③ 31251017

WHAT IS IT?

Everyday objects familiar to people in the 1880s are a mystery to modern folks. Guess how ours work and what they do.

Farmhouse

JUNE 4-9 TUE-SUN 11AM-3PM

MORNING CHORES

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

JUNE 8 SAT ③ 31251017

CHEERS AND CHORES

Discover what farm kids did for work and play in the 1880s. *Advance registration*

JUNE 11 TUE ③ 31221022

TEENS ON THE FARM: LIFE ON AN 1880S FARM

Meet and care for farm animals, try your hand at making a snack on the woodstove and participate in some entertainment available in the 1880s. Age 12-17
Advance registration

JUNE 14 FRI ③ 31221023

DRAFT HORSE DRIVER'S ED

Learn about horse care as you groom, harness and ground drive the horses. Ages 12-17 *Advance registration*

JUNE 18 TUE ③ 31221018

KID'S WORK DAY

Pump water, do laundry and help with other chores that children did on an 1880s farm. *Farmhouse*

JUNE 21-22 FRI-SAT 10:30AM-12PM

CHEERS AND CHORES

Discover what farm kids did for work and play in the 1880s. *Advance registration*

JUNE 26 WED ☎ 31221022

FAMILY STORYTIME: THE LITTLE RED HEN

Enjoy a classic story and activities that show how grain becomes bread. *Farmhouse*

JUNE 28-29 FRI-SAT 11AM

BUILT TO BAKE

Learn how a wood burning stove works and browse through our collection of 19th-century cookbooks, while we prepare baked goods. *Farmhouse*

JUNE 29 SAT 2-4PM

JULY

A HUNTING WE WILL GO

Pick up a scavenger hunt list at the farmhouse and enjoy searching around the farm. *Farmhouse*

JULY 2-7 TUE-SUN 11AM-3PM

TEENS ON THE FARM: LIFE ON AN 1880S FARM

Meet and care for farm animals, try your hand at making a snack on the woodstove and participate in some entertainment available in the 1880s. *Advance registration*

JULY 3 WED ☎ 31221023

MORNING CHORES

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

JULY 6 SAT ☎ 31251017

HORSE-POWERED GRAIN THRESHING

See how horses power machinery that separates grain from straw. Weather and crop permitting. *Farmhouse*

JULY 13-14 SAT-SUN 1-3PM

DRAFT HORSE DRIVER'S ED

Learn about horse care as you groom, harness and ground drive the horses. Ages 12-17 *Advance registration*

JULY 17 WED ☎ 31221018

MORNING CHORES

See July 6 *Advance registration*

JULY 20 SAT ☎ 31251017

CANNING, PICKLING AND PRESERVING

The farm ladies will have a display about how to preserve the garden produce using traditional 19th-century methods.

Farmhouse

JULY 20 SAT 2-4PM

A DAY TO PLAY

Bring a friend and join in some traditional games and activities. *Farmhouse*

JULY 26 FRI 10:30AM-12PM

RIDDLE ME THESE, PLEASE

Pick up a list of riddles at the farmhouse that will have you thinking your way around the farm. *Farmhouse*

JULY 30-31 TUE 11AM-3PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3 WALK OF THE MONTH

Take a 1.4-mile walk on the Sugar Maple trail to discover sights and sounds of the season. Ages 50 and older *Entrance Shelter*

JULY 31 WED 11AM-12:30PM

AUGUST

RIDDLE ME THESE, PLEASE

Pick up a list of riddles at the farmhouse that will have you thinking your way around the farm. *Farmhouse*

AUG 1-4 THU-SUN 11AM-3PM

MORNING CHORES

See June 26 *Advance registration*

AUG 3 SAT © 31251017

ALPHABET WALK

Explore the farm while learning 26 facts about tools, animals and life in the 1880s. *Farmhouse*

AUG 9-11 FRI-SUN 11AM-3PM

PASTIMES, PUZZLES AND PLAY

Try games, riddles and activities that Victorian families did for fun and relaxation. *Farmhouse*

AUG 16-18 FRI-SUN 1-3PM

MORNING CHORES

See June 26 *Advance registration*

AUG 24 SAT © 31251017

BROOMCORN HARVEST

Help harvest and clean broom corn (weather and crop permitting) and watch broom making. *Farmhouse*

AUG 25 SUN 2-4PM

PRESCHOOLERS AT THE FARM: NURSERY RHYMES

Learn about farm life and animals through traditional rhymes. *Farmhouse*

AUG 29 THU 10:30AM

THREE CREEKS

JUNE

IN THE CREEK

Take a half-mile walk to the creek and search for critters using nets, buckets and other tools. *Confluence Area*

JUNE 1 SAT 1:30PM

PRESCHOOLERS: BATS

Learn about bats through games, activities and stories. *Confluence Area*

JUNE 6 THU 10AM

BATS BY THE POND

Discover fun facts about bats and take a short stroll to the pond to watch them hunting. *Confluence Area*

JUNE 8 SAT 8:30PM

BARKING AND BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast snacks for you and your dog then take a 2.5-mile walk. *Confluence Area*

JUNE 9 SUN 9AM

SWAMP THINGS

Take a half-mile walk to a wetland then wade in to look for frogs, bugs and more. *Confluence Area*

JUNE 9 SUN 2PM

HOMESCHOOLERS: FISHING

Learn the basics of fishing. Poles and bait available. Ages 6-15 *Heron Pond*

JUNE 11 TUE 10AM OR 1PM

THE BIG SPLASH

Enjoy canoeing, a water slide, discovering pond life, a squirt gun zone and other water-related activities as you get wet and wild. Free snacks will be served from 11-12:30. Children must fit into a life jacket to ride in a canoe. *Confluence Area*

JUNE 15 SAT 10AM-1PM

CALLING ALL KIDS: SCAVENGER HUNT

Look for natural and unnatural items as we explore the natural play area. Ages 3-12
Confluence Area

JUNE 25 TUE 10AM

STORIES AROUND THE FIRE

Toast marshmallows over the fire then listen to stories from around the world.
Confluence Area

JUNE 29 SAT 7PM

MAKE A BIRDFEEDER

Bring a plastic water bottle and re-purpose it as a bird feeder. *Confluence Area*

JUNE 30 SUN 2PM

JULY

BATS AND LIGHTNING BUGS

Observe hunting bats and learn how to call-in lightning bugs. Bring a small flashlight.
Confluence Area

JULY 6 SAT 8:30PM

BARKING AND BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast snacks for you and your dog then take a 2.5-mile walk.
Confluence Area

JULY 7 SUN 9AM

PRESCHOOLERS:

ALL ABOUT POLLINATORS

Learn about bees, butterflies and humming-birds with games and activities.

Confluence Area

JULY 9 TUE 10AM

FISHING AROUND THE POND

Kids can cast a line and try to catch a fish. Poles and bait available. Ages 6-15 *Heron Pond*

JULY 16 TUE 7PM

PRESCHOOLERS:

ALL ABOUT POLLINATORS

Learn about bees, butterflies and hummingbirds with games and activities.

Confluence Area

JULY 18 THU 10AM

CREEKING AND CAMPFIRE

Take a half-mile walk to the creek to look for critters then toast hot dogs and marshmallows over a campfire.
Confluence Area

JULY 20 SAT 5:30PM

CREEKING AND CAMPFIRE

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Confluence Area

JULY 27 SAT 1PM OR 5:30PM

GREEN LEAVES TREE ID

Learn to identify trees by their leaves on an easy 1-mile walk. *Confluence Area*

JULY 28 SUN 2PM

CALLING ALL KIDS: NATURE GAMES

Have fun playing games with a nature theme then enjoy a lunchtime snack and lemonade.

Confluence Area

JULY 30 TUE 10AM

AUGUST

CALLING ALL KIDS: MUD DAY

Celebrate the joy of mud by playing in our giant mud pit. *Confluence Area*

AUG 6 TUE 10AM-12PM

METRO FIVE-0: Level 3

NATURE RAMBLE

Enjoy a classic 2-mile naturalist’s ramble through woods and along creeks.

Ages 50 and older *Confluence Area*

AUG 11 SUN 2PM

**CALLING ALL KIDS:
CRAFTSTRAVAGANZA**

Kids can visit stations to make different nature-themed crafts. *Confluence Area*

AUG 13 TUE 10AM

**HOMESCHOOLERS:
EXPLORING INSECTS**

Catch, identify and release insects while discovering their vital role in the world.

Ages 6-17 *Confluence Area*

AUG 15 THU 10AM

FAMILY FUN WALK

Use your senses to explore nature on a fun 1-mile walk. *Confluence Area*

AUG 17 SAT 7PM

PRESCHOOLERS: CREEPY CRAWLIES

Catch and learn about insects, spiders and other tiny creatures. *Confluence Area*

AUG 20 TUE 10AM

**HOMESCHOOLERS:
EXPLORING INSECTS**

Catch, identify and release insects while discovering their vital role in the world.

Ages 6-17 *Confluence Area*

AUG 20 TUE 1PM

BACKYARD CHICKENS

Meet some real chickens as you learn how to keep hens in your backyard.

Heritage Nature Center

AUG 24 SAT 2PM

WALNUT WOODS

JUNE

YAPPY HOUR

Food, dogs and beer - enjoy a great night with your best furry friends. A Friends of Metro Parks event. *Buckeye Area Dog Park*

JUNE 6 THU 6-8PM

AUGUST

BUGSTRAVAGANZA

Discover the wide world of insects and their relatives with activities and displays for all ages. Catch and release bugs, take a tram ride, explore the creek, make crafts, see insects up close and more. *Buckeye Area*

AUG 3 SAT 10AM-2PM