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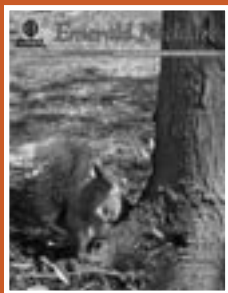
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ESCAPE ON THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Saturdays, September 26,

October 3 and October 10 (adults only) • 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Hemlock Creek Picnic Area • Bedford Reservation

The emotional hush of traveling unfamiliar lands on a dark, fall evening being sold as chattel by lantern light, and reaching the Promised Land are emotions that cannot be experienced through history books. Now, you can actively participate in this heart-wrenching experience of escaping on the Underground Railroad.

In it's 13th year, this fascinating program provided for you by the staff and volunteers of Garfield Park Nature Center will once again appear in the darkness of the evening in Bedford Reservation. Join us for one of the following programs held on September 26, October 3, 10 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. each evening. Due to the format and subject matter of this



photo by David Simmerer

program, participants must be actively involved and be 15 years of age or older. Those aged 15 - 17 will be required to participate with an adult parent or guardian. (The October 10 program will be for adults only.) Space for each night is limited. Registration is a must. Registration for all programs begins on September 1 at 9:30 a.m. Call 216 341-3152.



Hemlock Creek Picnic Area

is located off Button Road in Bedford Reservation, just east of Dunham Road in Walton Hills.



Discover Cleveland Metroparks Rivers on the Hear Here! Audio Tour



Through October 1, visitors of all ages can enjoy a half-day adventure on a self-led tour of six different sites celebrating Cleveland Metroparks rivers.

Spend a morning or afternoon solo or with a group of people, hop in the car, and get ready to tune your radio to 1620 AM at each “Hear Here!” site for interesting facts about the area you are visiting.



Euclid Creek

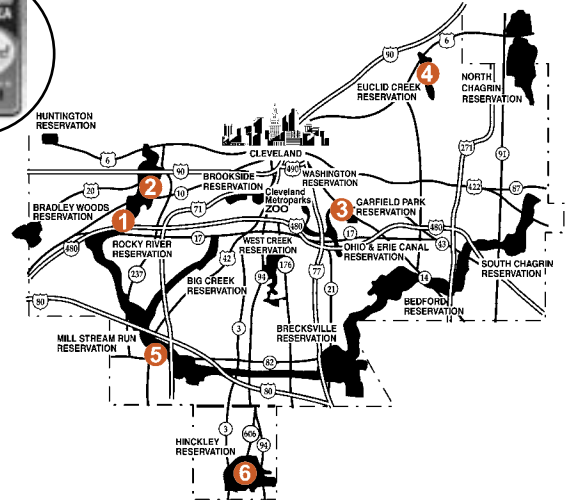
You can learn the history of Mill Creek Falls and Euclid Creek, learn the natural history of the Rocky River and Berea Falls, and understand why the Hinckley dam was built.

The “Hear Here!” tour is great for all ages and allows you the flexibility of experiencing the tour all in one day or by making different stops on different days. At each stop on the tour, you can pull your car into a parking space, turn off the engine, and tune into 1620 AM to listen for fun facts and interesting stories.

The broadcast may be in progress. But the message repeats itself and can be listened to more than once to ensure all the fascinating details about the site and its surroundings are covered.

To experience the wonders of the six sites even more, you are encouraged to get out and explore by hiking, picnicking or just relaxing at the site.

For maps or directions to help locate “Hear Here!” sites, visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com or call 216-635-3200.



Hear Here! Audio Tour Sites

1. Rocky River (Cedar Point Picnic Area)
2. Rocky River Ford (Rockcliff Springs)
3. Mill Creek Falls
4. Euclid Creek
5. Berea Falls Scenic Overlook
6. Hinckley Dam



Berea Falls



Mill Creek Falls



Rockcliff Springs

Why Not Save Every Wild Creature?

There are many well-meaning individuals from all walks of life who look at nature today and, with just concern, feel for the safety and well-being of every living thing existing there. They ask, why not save every wild creature?

While the biology is old and the explanation is simplistic, the fact remains that a given habitat can adequately support only a certain number of individuals of a given species - a population - over time. A habitat is made up of many different populations of living things - plants, nematodes, insects, snails, earthworms, birds, mammals and many, many thousands or other populations in that area.

Most wild species reproduce in numbers far larger than their habitats can support. "Nature" ensures adaptation over time through natural selection acting upon the individuals in each population. Survivors, the most fit (or sometimes the most lucky that year), live to contribute whatever genetic coding might have helped them survive to further the gene pool. Any excess numbers of individuals beyond the ability of the habitat to support them through each season and throughout the year or years will die, by fang or claw or whatever other cause. Generally, highest mortality is caused by lack of quality food, lack of protective cover, fatal exposure to heat, cold, or too much or too little rain/snowfall. Many other factors come into play as well. Populations with higher densities fall due to such factors as disease and its ease in transmission among closely-packed individuals. Like it or not, that seems to be the way the natural world works.

Largely, the size and quality of habitats determine individual and population survival, and high quality habitats ensure larger populations of healthy, vibrant individuals. Populations get into trouble when either they

are depleted above replacement or recruitment level, or when the habitat changes and the ability of the land to support them declines or disappears. Other factors, like an unexpected pandemic or competition from introduced alien species can also play havoc with wild populations as they reduce the viability or survivability of native species.



chipmunk, Terry L Spivey, Terry Spivey Photography, Bugwood.org

Our problem with all this lies in our human-based perception of the value of life and our disdain for death. As humans in our western society, we are brought up to believe in the inherent value of the life of each human individual. In the field, "nature" is little concerned with the survival of the individual. She is only concerned with individual existence as it contributes to the long-term survival of the population of that species. It is species survival over time, not individual survival over a single lifetime, that is important to nature. The only reason we human-folk can succeed outside

of these fundamental laws of nature is that we can cleverly modify our habitats to our own advantage - food, shelter, water, safety, etc. - and increase our populations far beyond the earth's natural ability to support them. Most of us realize that there is a limit to that too.

So, in the end, we love nature but we must also take the trouble to try to understand the nature we love. Trying to overlay human attitudes and values over a complex web of intricately interdependent species and the bio-geochemistry of the land that supports them is, I believe, a fool's errand. Nature plays by its own rules, and we've only just barely begun to translate the first sentence in that long, complex book. Good luck with that.

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Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival

Sunday, September 20 • 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Free!
Frostville Museum & Rocky River Nature Center
Rocky River Reservation • North Olmsted



Relive Ohio's yester-year and hear some great old-time and new folk music at this year's annual "Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival."

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of Ohio's frontier days in this celebration of the past!

Wander the trail

between Frostville Museum and Rocky River Nature Center to enjoy a cornucopia of old-fashioned crafts, folk music, games, food, and hands-on activities.

Visitors can learn to weave a rug, dip candles, write with a quill pen, use a two-man saw, make cornhusk dolls, and much more! Characters in pioneer costumes and storytellers will also be on hand to share stories from a bygone era. A mini-encampment of a pioneer excursion camp is also a part of the festivities. Event-goers can also sample turkey cooked over an open fire; creamy, freshly-churned butter; slow-cooked, tart apple butter; fresh pressed cider; rich, flaky biscuits cooked in a Dutch oven, and more.

The sounds of great folk and Americana music will be heard throughout the day, played by some of the area's top musicians on two stages and strolling the event, including performances by *First String Band*, *Elixir* and the *Fullertones*. Instrument-builders and 'how-to-play' areas will also be on the grounds for visitors to enjoy. The featured musicians this year are nationally-known *Bradley Walker* at 2 p.m. and *Alecia Nugent* at 4 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the music all day!

Frostville Museum

is located off Cedar Point Road in Rocky River Reservation, between Valley Parkway and Columbia Road/Route 252 in North Olmsted - just off the I-480/Clague Road exit (westbound) and I-480/Columbia Road exit (eastbound).

For more information, call 440-734-6660.





**Cedar Valley
Settlers Celebration
& Music Festival**

Celebrate a potpourri of pioneer activities and some great folk music sounds with Cleveland Metroparks!

Suggested parking areas for Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival - Rocky River Nature Center, Little Cedar Point, Frostville or Lagoon Picnic Area.

Bradley Walker

Taking the Main Stage at 2 p.m. is the International Bluegrass Music Association's 2007 "Male Vocalist of



the Year." Walker was born with muscular dystrophy, and has been in a wheelchair his entire life. But, he is as fiercely independent as he is musically gifted. Walker built his own home in Alabama, designing it for maximum mobility and comfort. Completely at ease in his customized van, he has been working a day job ever since his

high school graduation, in addition to singing and traveling to festivals regularly. "My whole outlook on life is that if you're able to get out and work, then do it," says Walker. "My parents always encouraged me to be able to do things on my own. I wouldn't be where I am today if it hadn't been for them."

Alecia Nugent

Closing the afternoon on the Main Stage at 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. is one of the premier up and coming singers,



Alecia Nugent. As Nugent sang in the upbeat "Nugent Family Band," her upbringing was saturated with the sounds of bluegrass and gospel. Her father's Southland Bluegrass Band trained her in tradition. By the time she was in her teens, she was the group's lead singer. When Nugent showcased her tunes in

2006 in Nashville, she was proclaimed 'hillbilly goddess' by Nashville music critic Robert K. Oermann. That off-hand nickname has now been transformed into the title tune of her third album. In the May 25, 2009 *People* magazine, Alecia Nugent's *Hillbilly Goddess* CD received 3 out of 4 stars

Monarch Magic

Saturday, September 12

11 - 5 p.m. • Free!

North Chagrin Nature Center

North Chagrin Reservation

Mayfield Village



Butterflies look like gentle creatures as they float through the air, but they are rugged world travelers. As fall begins with winter not too far away, find out where monarch butterflies migrate to get away from the Ohio winters.

Enjoy presentations with guest speaker and butterfly expert Dr. Karen Oberhauser of the University of Minnesota as well as hikes, butterfly banding, a butterfly net tent, crafts, movies, refreshments, music, and more. Get up-close and personal with these beautiful winged travelers!

For more information, call 440-473-3370.

North Chagrin Nature Center

is located off Buttermilk Fall Parkway, off the Sunset Lane entrance of North Chagrin Reservation, off SOM Center Road/Route 91 in Mayfield Village.

Climb Aboard and Take an Emerald Necklace Excursion!

Saturday, October 3 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Spend a day enjoying the autumn beauty of Cleveland Metroparks from the comfort of a luxury coach. Vern Hartenburg, Cleveland Metroparks Executive Director, will lead a special tour of the Park District's western and central reservations.

Emerald Necklace Excursions will begin at the Emerald Necklace Marina located in Rocky River Reservation. Several stops and surprises will take place along the way including a special luncheon.

Ticket prices are \$65 (\$20 is tax deductible). All proceeds from Emerald Necklace Excursions benefit the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund of The Cleveland Foundation. Cleveland Metroparks established the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund of The Cleveland Foundation to preserve and protect the Park District for future generations.

For reservations or more information, please call Karen Kannenberg, manager of gift and donor development, at 216-635-3217 or kjk@clevelandmetroparks.com. Trip is recommended for ages 12 and older. Space is limited.

FallFest

18th Century Festival

Sunday, September 27

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Free!

Meadows Picnic Area • Brecksville Reservation • Brecksville

No radio, cell phones, TV, Playstation, not even telephones - how did colonial people get by? Come out and experience a day-in-the-life of an 18th-century colony at the free "FallFest: 18th Century Festival." Enjoy the oldest Cleveland Metroparks special event in the beauty of fall. The family won't forget their visit to Ohio's past! Write with a quill pen, dip a candle and join in pioneer games. Tour an encampment of an American Revolution brigade while they demonstrate period arms and cooking. Or listen to the folksingers and dance with the band, *Mud in Yer Eye*. Visitors can also sample the flavors of fresh-pressed cider and churned butter. Food concessions are available.

Free shuttle bus service from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 440-526-1012.

Meadows Picnic Area

is located off Meadows Drive in Brecksville Reservation, off Chippewa Creek Drive in Brecksville.



FALL HAYRIDES & SQUARE DANCING AT THE CHALET RECREATION AREA

Every Saturday night and Sunday afternoon in October enjoy old-fashioned hayride fun at the Chalet Recreation Area in Mill Stream Run Reservation. The festivities also include square dancing fun and a variety of entertainment and activities. The public, tractor-drawn hayrides are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and leave approximately every half hour. The hayrides cost \$7.50 for adults, \$5.50 for children, ages 3 to 11, and free for children, 2 and under (must ride on an adult lap). Hay wagons are ADA accessible.



The hayrides can be enjoyed:

Saturday nights (October 3, 10, 17, and 24) • 6 - 10 p.m.,

Sunday afternoons (October 4, 11, 18, and 25) • noon - 4 p.m.

Private Hayrides at the Chalet Recreation Area

Private hayrides can be enjoyed on October weekends at a cost of \$145 per wagon. A limited number of private haywagon rides are available for groups on Saturdays and Sundays before, after and during the public hours. Visitors can also enjoy haywagon 'dayrides' on Friday October 9 and 23 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wagons can be rented for these daytime outings such as preschool trips, senior and family picnics, or business get-aways at \$85 per hayride. Private rental of the Chalet Recreation Area, including hayrides, is also available throughout October during non-public hours (call for details). Advanced reservations are required for group rides and rentals.

Special Horse-Drawn Hayrides

Special horse-drawn hayrides will be offered on Saturday, October 17 from 2 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 25 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The horse-drawn rides are by reservation only, and space is limited.

For more information on any hayride or to make reservations for private or special horse-drawn hayrides, call 440-572-9990.

The Chalet Recreation Area

is located on Valley Parkway in Mill Stream Run Reservation, between Routes 42 and 82 in Strongsville - just a short distance from I-71 and the Ohio Turnpike.

Join the Walking Works Program

Explore this year's new Walking Works trails. From August through October, hike at least eight of 13 designated trails on your own - any time - it's fun and easy.

This year, take an easy hike in Bedford, Big Creek, Garfield Park, Huntington, Mill Stream Run, North Chagrin, and Rocky River reservations. Moderate walks can be taken on the trails in Brookside, Hinckley and Ohio & Erie Canal reservations. Those looking for a difficult hike will appreciate the challenging Brecksville, Rocky River, and South Chagrin reservation hikes.

After completing each walk, sign and date your Walking Works form. Complete eight walks and return your form to Cleveland Metroparks to receive this year's Walking Works shield.

Display your shield on your own walking stick or purchase a walking stick at any EarthWords Nature Shop.

Want to walk with others while learning about the natural features of the trails? Naturalist-led hikes along the designated trails will be available August through October. Look for naturalist-led walks in the back pages of the *Emerald Necklace*.

For a list of the designated hikes and directions, and to download the Walking Works form, check our website at www.clevelandmetroparks.com. Walking Works forms are also available at any EarthWords locations.



North Chagrin's NEB Closed

The Nature Education Building in North Chagrin Reservation is closed for the month of September due to construction. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but repairs are being done to serve Cleveland Metroparks patrons better.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training



Saturday, May 12 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Ledge Pool • Hinckley Reservation
Ages 11 - 15

Cleveland Metroparks Aquatics Division is offering the American Red Cross Babysitter's Training course, a fun and fast-paced course with hands-on activities, role-plays, and lively discussions.

The course teaches young people how to:

- Supervise children and infants
- Perform basic child-care skills such as diapering, feeding and dressing
- Choose safe, age-appropriate games and toys
- Identify safety hazards and prevent injuries
- Care for common injuries such as burns, cuts and bee stings
- Communicate effectively with parents
- Find and interview for babysitting jobs

The course fee is \$30 for Ledge Pool season pass holders and \$50 for other registrants.

For more information or to register for the Babysitter's Training course, call 440-331-8111. Space is limited.

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

▶ is located at 1151 Ledge Rd., between State and Kellogg roads in Hinckley Reservation in Hinckley Township.

Pet First Aid

September 19 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Park Operations • Rocky River Reservation

Pet First Aid teaches participants emergency care procedures for cats and dogs and provides tips for keeping your pet happy and healthy too.



Cost:

- \$30 (includes Dog or Cat First Aid Book/DVD)
- \$50 (includes Dog and Cat First Aid Books/DVDs)

For more information or to register call 440-331-8111.

Park Operations

▶ is located at 4500 Valley Parkway in Fairview Park in Rocky River Reservation.

Lewis Road Riding Ring Fun Horse Show

Sunday, September 13
Lewis Road Riding Ring
Rocky River Reservation
North Olmsted



The Lewis Road Riding Ring Fun Horse Show, open to any breed, is sponsored by the North Royalton Kiwanis Club. For more information, call 440-234-4027 or 440-234-3059.

Spectators are admitted free! Join in on the fun!

Lewis Road Riding Ring

▶ is located off Lewis Road in Rocky River Reservation, between Cedar Point and Barrett roads in North Olmsted.

Ranger Open House

Sunday, October 5 • noon - 4 p.m.
Ranger Headquarters
Rocky River Reservation • Fairview Park

Cleveland Metroparks Ranger Department is holding a "Community Open House" on Saturday, October 5 from noon - 4 p.m. Participants will witness demonstrations from the K-9 Unit, hear about the care and training of the horses in the Mounted Unit, receive valuable bicycle safety tips from the Bike Patrol Rangers and find out about careers in the Ranger Department as well as law enforcement educational plans from local colleges.

Included will be tours of the Headquarters facility and a stroll down the history hall which displays vintage police-related equipment and photographs.

Nationally-certified Car Seat technicians will be available to inspect the installation of child car seats in vehicles. In addition, they will conduct CarFit session which help mature drivers find the "perfect fit" in their vehicle. There is no charge for this safety service.

Ranger Headquarters

▶ is located at 4500 Valley Parkway in Fairview Park in Rocky River Reservation.

North Chagrin Nature Photography Weekend - Photography Show & Contest

Saturday, October 17 & Sunday, October 18
North Chagrin Nature Center
North Chagrin Reservation • Mayfield Village

Photographers: Be sure to have your camera close by at all times; you never know where the next award-winning shot make take place.

Cleveland Metroparks is excited to offer this new photo contest and event. The “North Chagrin Nature Photography Weekend” Photography Contest & Show is part of the new “North Chagrin Nature Photography Weekend” on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18 at North Chagrin Nature Center in North Chagrin Reservation in Mayfield Village.

Photography Contest application forms/rules are available online at www.clevelandmetroparks.com and at all Park District outdoor education facilities. The photographic pieces must be 8”x10” or larger, framed and ready-to-hang prints of wildlife, macro and landscape photography of Northeast Ohio.

Prizes will be awarded in each category and in two divisions: A) adults and B) children, 17 & under.

Cleveland Metroparks “North Chagrin Nature Photography Weekend” features photo treks, North Chagrin Nature Photography Photo Contest Show, speakers and presentations, and internationally-known photographer John Isaac - a *National Geographic* magazine photographer as the featured speaker sharing his talents and adventures. Experts from Dodd Camera will be available to answer questions and allow participants to try some of the newest photographic equipment from the hottest digital SLR cameras to large format printers, too.

For more information, call 216-635-3200 or 440-473-3370.

Mystery on the High Seas

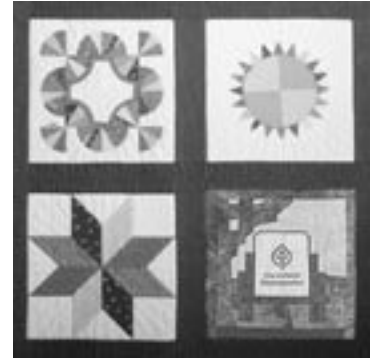
Saturday, November 7 • 6- 10 p.m.
\$40 per person
Chalet Recreation Area
Mill Stream Run Reservation • Strongsville

Crash, boom, bang...what was that? That, my friends, are the sounds of trouble on the S.S. Toboggan. Enjoy a *Mystery on the High Seas* as the Mystery Players entertain you with a who-dun-it. For information and reservations, call 440-572-9990.

Calling All Quilters

“Reflections of Nature” Quilt Show Applications Available

There's still time to finish quilting that masterpiece and enter it into Cleveland Metroparks annual “Reflections of Nature” Quilt Show. The event will be held November 14 & 15 at John J. Donnelly Rocky River Nature Center. Nature-themed quilts and wall hangings can be entered into the juried show. Pick up applications at any nature center or download an application online at clevelandmetroparks.com. For more information, call 216-635-3200.



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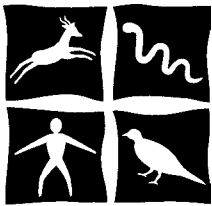
on the new Cleveland Metroparks Facebook page and ‘tweet’ us on Twitter. And, if you would like to receive the special events monthly E-Newsletter, subscribe now and start receiving monthly updates on special events and featured programming from Cleveland Metroparks. Register via email to: klf@clevelandmetroparks.com.

Save the Date

Saturday, October 10
Youth Outdoor Odyssey
Ohio & Erie Canal • Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Saturday & Sunday, October 17 & 18
North Chagrin Nature Photography Weekend
North Chagrin Nature Center
North Chagrin Reservation

Saturday & Sunday,
November 14 & 15
“Reflections of Nature”
Quilt Show
Rocky River Nature Center • Rocky River Reservation



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Meet the Zoo's Newest Residents

Several new animals have arrived at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in recent months, and they're definitely worth stopping by to see.

Over at the GumLeaf Hideout in Australian Adventure, meet the new male koala, "Bulkee." He's a 6-year-old who came to Cleveland this past summer, having traveled to town by plane with his keeper from the San Diego Zoo.

Bulkee had been in routine quarantine for a few weeks in San Diego after being sent there by Zoo Parc de Beauval in France. The zoos and others worldwide work together to maintain a successful breeding program for endangered koalas.

The hope is that Bulkee and the two female koalas at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - "Midgee" and "Colliet" - will create offspring together. In the past 10 years, the Zoo's breeding program has produced 12 koala joeys. The koala keepers report that Bulkee and his female friends already have taken a liking to each other.

Also in Australian Adventure, the Zoo recently welcomed two miniature horses to the Contact Yard at Kookaburra Station.

Females "Pandora" and "Valentine" join male "Shadow," who has been a Zoo resident since for 22 years. Visitors to the Contact Yard are encouraged to learn about the animals through up-close encounters with them.

Two-year-old Pandora and 6-year-old Valentine were donated to the Zoo by a woman in Colorado who had purchased them from a breeder and wanted to find a good home for them. While Cleveland Metroparks Zoo typically cannot accept animals from private owners, it made an exception in this case because it had been looking to find some friends for Shadow.

"We wanted to add some new experiences to our Contact Yard, and we happened to be looking for additional miniature horses when we were approached about Pandora and Valentine," said Alan Sironen, the Zoo's Curator of Carnivores and Large Mammals. "By letting kids get close to the animals and touch them, the Contact Yard teaches kids how to correctly treat animals."



Steller's sea eagle

The Contact Yard also is home to donkeys, goats and sheep. One of the other recent additions to the Zoo's collection is the rare Steller's sea eagle, which is on loan from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. Six-year-old female "Ivana" has found herself a perch in the Birds of Prey Flight Cages, near Waterfowl Lake. Ivana's wingspan is an impressive 8 feet. The Zoo hopes to acquire a male breeding partner for Ivana, as the species is on the decline due to habitat loss in its native Siberia, as well as pollution and over-fishing.

To learn more about these new arrivals - and to see them up close - stop by the Zoo soon.

Tom O'Konowitz
Marketing & Public Relations Specialist



Koala "Bulkee" is new to the GumLeaf Hideout

Teddy Bear Day

Saturday, September 26
Activities 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Get ready for a “beary” good time at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. Teddy Bear Day at the Zoo returns, with free admission for children under 12.

Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite teddy bears or other plush animals to the Zoo’s animal hospital for their annual check-up.

After your stuffed pal meets the Zoo’s veterinary care staff, stop by Northern Trek to see some real bears and learn about how the animal keepers care for them. Other activities include the Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital safety zone, face-painting, animal encounters and the BJs Wholesale Club Tedd Bear Day Parade.

With support from BJs Wholesale Club, WBNX and Radio Disney



Don't Miss DINOSAURS!

Time is running out to see the biggest attraction of the summer. DINOSAURS! runs through Sunday, September 13, at the Zoo; and you’ll want to catch them before they disappear again.

An experience of monstrous proportions, DINOSAURS! includes the 20-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus rex, the water-spewing Dilophosaurus, an Edmontosaurus family, the fish-hunting Baryonyx and the chicken-sized Compsognathus.



Tyrannosaurus rex

The best part of DINOSAURS! is that it’s just \$1 per person in addition to regular Zoo admission. It’s free for Zoo members and children under 2.

With support from Cleveland Clinic Children’s Hospital, Revd Wireless and Bob Evans

Boo at the Zoo is Back!

October 15 - 18 & 22 - 25
6 - 9 p.m.

Cleveland’s biggest Halloween bash for families is back for its 20th anniversary. Boo at the Zoo promises to be bigger and better than ever before, with lots of new surprises for the little ghosts and ghouls in your group.

Highlights include the Creepy Crawly Critter Live Animal Show, the Not-so-Haunted Greenhouse, the Jack-O-Lantern Express Train Ride, the Halloween Hay Maze, puppet shows, magic shows and lots more. All kids receive a complimentary treat bag.

Everyone’s encouraged to wear fun costumes that aren’t too scary. Boo at the Zoo offers eight nights of family-friendly fun in a safe environment.

Boo at the Zoo tickets are on sale now, and most nights are expected to sell out. Admission is just \$6 in August, \$7 in September and \$8 in October and can be purchased online at clemetzoo.com or by calling 1-877-772-5425. Children under 2 receive free admission and Zoo members receive \$1 off.

With support from Cleveland Clinic Children’s Hospital, Revd Wireless and Bob Evans



A teddy bear checkup at Teddy Bear Day



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For the most up-to-date Zoo information: clemetzoo.com / 216-661-6500

Spending Time With Your Best Friend Is a Walk in the Park!

Enjoying an early fall stroll in Cleveland Metroparks is twice as fun with your four-legged friend! EarthWords Nature Shop has products to make walking your dog in the park even more fun - and safer, too!

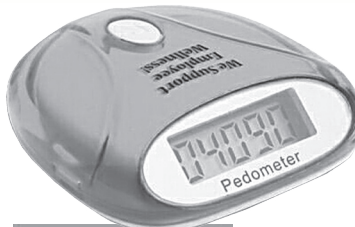
GoGear Belt Pack - This handy pack has a loop on the back to hook onto your belt, or use the carabiner clip to attach it to a belt loop. Take your camera and never regret missing that adorable shot of your pup. Also perfect for packing your MP3 player, phone, keys, ID - all your small stuff. Comes in a variety of colors. \$7.95



Bag Dispenser - It's convenient to pick up after your dog with this handy dispenser that easily attaches to leash or belt loop with a carabiner. Comes filled with 20 disposable bags. When empty, refill with your recycled plastic grocery bags. Made in the USA. \$5

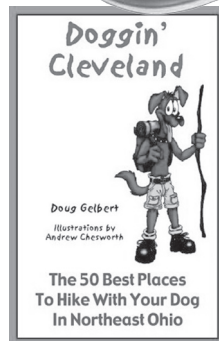
First Aid Kit - This durable plastic compact first aid kit measures just over 3" x 4" and fits nicely in a pocket or GoGear Belt Pack. Always good to have on hand for minor first aid needs. Refillable. \$5

Pedometer - Count your steps to fitness with our new model pedometer, easier to read than ever before. \$6



Stainless Steel Water Bottle - Stay hydrated safely with our 24 oz. stainless steel water bottle. \$10

Doggin' Cleveland: The 50 Best Places to Hike with your Dog in Northeast Ohio by Doug Gelbert, illustrations by Andrew Chesworth - Northeast Ohio is a great place to hike with your dog. Including Cleveland Metroparks and beyond, the top 50 best places are ranked with your best friend in mind. \$12.95



Visit EarthWords Nature Shop at these September events!

Monarch Magic - Saturday, September 12, North Chagrin Nature Center. Beautiful monarch and other butterfly merchandise and books to enhance your day. See page 8 for details.

Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival - Sunday, September 20, Rocky River Reservation. See page 6 for details.

FallFest - Sunday, September 27, Brecksville Reservation. See page 8 for details.

Subscribe to our free email newsletter to see new products and specials! Send an email to hjs@clevelandmetroparks.com, and type "subscribe" in the subject.



CanalWay Center
Cuyahoga Heights
216-206-1003

North Chagrin Nature Center
Mayfield Village
440-449-0511

Rocky River Nature Center
North Olmsted
440-734-7576

Wednesday - Saturday
10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday
Noon - 4:45 p.m.

Open Labor Day
10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Are you a member of Cleveland Zoological Society? Bring your membership card to receive 10% off non-sale merchandise - every day!

Fall is Fantastic For Golf

Fall Tour Tournament Series

Couple's Tournament

Saturday, August 29

Shawnee Hills Golf Course • Bedford Reservation
\$60 per team

Two-Player Scramble

Saturday, September 26

Big Met Golf Course • Rocky River Reservation
\$100 per team

Barbour Cup

Saturday, October 10

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course • Brecksville Reservation
\$150 per 2-person team

Three-Player Scramble

Saturday, October 17

Manakiki Golf Course • North Chagrin Reservation
\$180 per team (includes cart)

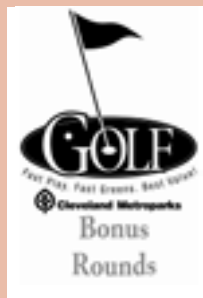
Individual event entry forms may be found and printed from Cleveland Metroparks website at www.clevelandmetroparks.com. Click on golf and scroll down to tournament registrations and results.

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Hey Golfers!

Visit clevelandmetroparks.com to learn more about how you can get a free driving range token at Shawnee Hills and about Cleveland Metroparks Golf Bonus Rounds - the program that rewards golfers for playing Cleveland Metroparks golf courses!

And, stay in touch through the "On the Fairways" golf email newsletter. Subscribe now and start receiving "On the Fairways" periodically from Cleveland Metroparks Golf featuring golf tips, special offers, news from the courses, and more! Register via email to: kf@clevelandmetroparks.com



High School/ Junior High Golfers

"CAT" Tour (Grades 7 - 12)

This three-event tour is open to junior high school golfers looking forward to competing on a high school golf team or high school golfers currently not playing for their school golf team. Top finishers qualify for the "CAT" Tour Championship, Sunday, October 4 at Sleepy Hollow.

Regular "CAT" Tour events

Sunday, September 6 - Big Met - 440-331-1070

Sunday, September 13 - Manakiki - 440-942-2500

Sunday, September 20 - Shawnee Hills - 440-232-7184

- Cost is \$30 for each event.
- All tee times begin at 12:30 p.m.

Moonlight Golf

Friday, September 11 • 8 p.m.

Mastick Woods Golf Course

216 267-5626

Golfers challenge their night vision and play nine holes with a "Nitelite" golf ball - it glows in the dark! This month, a shotgun start at 8 p.m. takes players into a night world of golf, with glowing golf balls, tees and greens. Registration is required, and space is limited. The fee is \$20 per person. Players should plan on arriving 30 minutes before the listed start time.

Moonlight Golf continues on:

Oct. 2 • Little Met Golf Course • 7:30 p.m.



Fall Program Schedule

The IGO Mission:

To provide nature based recreation experiences which enable participants of all abilities to develop or enhance outdoor skills, and to promote outdoor education and environmental ethics.

Inclusive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

All IGO programs have been evaluated regarding accessibility and activity level. With our professionally trained staff and ability to make equipment adaptations, most programs are accessible to anyone who would like to participate. For further information regarding program accessibility, or to schedule an accessible custom program, please contact the IGO office at 216-341-1704.



Program Registration:

Programs are filled on a first come, first served basis, so register early to get a spot.

By Phone: Call 216-341-1704 Monday – Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Have your MasterCard, Visa or DiscoverCard number ready.

In-person: Stop by Garfield Park Nature Center located in Garfield Heights; Monday - Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

By mail/fax: Complete a registration form and send it to the IGO office.

Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors
11350 Broadway Avenue
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125
216-341-1704 / 216-341-8528 fax
igo@clevelandmetroparks.com

On line: Registration forms are available for printing by visiting www.clevelandmetroparks.com (IGO page).



General Information:

For programs with more than one session, please specify your choice when registering.

A program reminder and location map will be mailed prior to the first program session.

By registering, you acknowledge that you have read and understand the refund policy.

Participants must complete and sign a liability waiver and medical emergency form prior to participation in any program.

IGO programs are listed bi-monthly in the January, March, May, July, September and November issues of the *Emerald Necklace*. For more information call 216-341-1704 or visit www.clemet.com.



Registration Policy:

Some courses require a certain level of proficiency and knowledge. Prerequisites are listed in the program descriptions and are strictly adhered to. Sometimes excellent courses are canceled when too many people wait until the last minute to register. To avoid disappointment, try to register at least two weeks before the course begins.

Program Fees

All program fees must be paid upon registration.

A non-refundable 50% deposit may be required for some programs.

Registration will only be confirmed with payment of program fees.

Program fees recover the direct program costs.

Refund Policy:

Program fees are not refundable unless Cleveland Metroparks cancels a program.

Looking for a gift for the outdoors person who has it all? Why not send them on a trip? Institute of the Great Outdoors gift certificates are available at all EarthWords locations.



Institute of the Great Outdoors Program Registration Form

Please register me for the following program(s):

Program Name & Code	Date & Time	Program Fee
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Total Fees*		\$ _____

Name: _____ Phone (day): _____

Address: _____ Phone (eve): _____

City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Payment Information: MasterCard/Visa/Discover

Check

(Make checks payable to Cleveland Metroparks)

Mail to: Institute of the Great Outdoors
11350 Broadway Avenue
Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Card Verification # _____ Signature _____

ESCAPES TO NATURE

Florida's Endangered Ecosystems Coral Reefs & Everglades

Join us for an aquatic and birding adventure in south Florida in 2010. Explore the Florida Keys, while staying at Rock Reef Resort. Snorkel at Alligator Reef and tour the History of Diving Museum. Evenings will provide wonderful opportunities to watch the sunset, star gaze, and explore the nocturnal activities of marine invertebrates, such as sea cucumbers, brittle stars, and octopuses. Visit Everglades National Park and experience the "River of Grass" by canoe. Experience the outdoors at a different level and come away with life-long memories and the desire to help preserve these endangered treasures.

Activity Level: moderate

Ages adults

Pre-trip meeting dates TBA

Trip Dates February 28 - March 6, 2010

Fee: \$975 (\$485 non-refundable deposit required upon registration)

WINTER BIRDING IN "THE SAULT"

Winter in the Upper Peninsula is truly a unique experience and birding can vary considerably from year to year. Regularly occurring winter birds may include bald eagle, rough-legged hawk, sharp-tailed grouse, snowy owl, Northern shrike and pine siskin. In some years, irruptive and uncommon species such as Northern goshawk, gyrfalcon, Northern hawk-owl, great gray owls, gray jay, and many others may be present. Join Bob Hinkle, chief of outdoor education, and naturalist staff from the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory for this exciting trip. Look for more details in the November issue of the *Emerald Necklace*.

CYCLING

Hand Cycle Clinics

Bring the family out and try a new way of cycling. People with or without disabilities are welcome to come out and try this upper body workout. These clinics are designed to help facilitate proper training and outfitting of IGO hand cycles that are available during our cycling rides. Riding distances will vary between 2-4 miles over mostly flat terrain. Five hand cycles are available from IGO and first priority will be given to people with physical disabilities. Helmets are required.

Activity Level: easy (some minor inclines)

Ages 13 years & over (with participating adult)

September 20 • 1 - 3 p.m.

October 10 • 1 -3 p.m.

Bacci Park • Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Fee: \$10

WEGO - Women Only Cycling

For women only - try a new "bike and ride." Change up the typical weekend and start your day riding the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad seeing sights in the valley that can only be visited by train. Bring your bicycle to load on the train and travel to the town of Peninsula and then ride your bicycle 13 miles along the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath. Stop for lunch at Canal Visitor Center and discover canal history along the way. Helmets are required. Hand cycles are available upon request for anyone who has attended a hand cycle clinic.

Ages adults

Activity Level: easy

Dates/Time October 24 • 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad - Rockside Road Depot

Fee: \$20 adult (lunch and train fee included)

CANOEING AND KAYAKING

WEGO: Canoe I

For women only - a class to keep you from always sitting in the front of the canoe! Have fun learning basic canoeing techniques that will give you the confidence to paddle from the stern of the boat and expand your canoeing skills. The class will include both classroom and on-the-water instruction so bring something to get wet in. Your course includes all necessary canoeing equipment and covers paddling basics, boating safety, proper boat control and more.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: 16 years & older

September 19 • 1 - 4 p.m. • Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$40

Kayak I: Kayaking Basics & Kayaking II: Flat-water Fundamentals

Interested in learning to kayak but not sure where to start? Join IGO for these entry level courses to learn the basics for having fun and paddling safely on inland lakes and rivers. Each class will include classroom and on-the-water instruction and all necessary kayaking equipment. Topics covered include kayaking basics, boating safety, proper boat control and wet exits, so come prepared to get wet.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: 16 and older

Kayak I: September 13 • 1 - 4 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$40

Kayaking II: September 12 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$65

Clarion River Fall Colors Canoeing

The Columbus Day weekend would not be complete without a tour of fall colors by canoe. Drive with us to Pennsylvania to enjoy a weekend of easy paddling along the Clarion River. Discover what makes this scenic river so special and relax along the river in your tent pitched under the stars at night. This trip is perfect for the first time canoe/camper. Canoes, equipment and some camping gear included.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: adult

Pre-trips: September 23 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

and

September 30 • 7 - 9 p.m. • Hinckley Reservation

Trip: October 9 - 12

Fee: \$225

Fabulous Fall Color Canoe Float

Join Cleveland Metroparks Chief of Outdoor Education, Bob Hinkle, and IGO volunteers as they explore the fall colors along the Upper Cuyahoga River. Canoes and paddling equipment are furnished and you do not need a partner to register.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: adult

October 17, 9 a.m. - noon *or*

October 18, 9 a.m. - noon

Upper Cuyahoga River

Fee: \$17.50

Canoe Breakfast Float

Come paddle along the shores of Hinckley Lake. We will cook you breakfast before heading out and give you some basic paddling tips. Once on the water, you'll learn about various wildlife found around, and in, the lake. Canoes and paddling equipment are furnished and you do not need a partner to register.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: adult

September 26 • 8:30 a.m. - noon

Hinckley Lake

Fee: \$20

CAMPING/BACKPACKING

Hocking Hills Getaway

Spend your weekend with us on this popular weekend camping getaway along the Hocking River. Rejuvenate yourself after a long week by exploring the Hocking River by kayak and reconnect with nature while hiking various trails in state parks and nature preserves. The kayaking, camping and hiking is easy, so bring your enthusiasm along and enjoy a fun weekend.

Activity Level: easy to moderate

Ages: adult

Pre-Trip: September 15 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip: September 25 - 27 • Logan, OH

Fee: \$85 (includes camping gear, kayaking gear, camping fees, park entrance fees)

Backpacking Pennsylvania

Come explore Western Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest. We will head to the Hickory Creek Wilderness Area which offers a nice vacation away from city-life and chance to experience nature. We will follow portions of the Tanbark trail and take in the fall colors while discovering waterfalls, meadows, and interesting rock formations. Plan to backpack 5 to 7 miles per day, and learn basic orienteering, low-impact camping techniques, and water purification (creek water tastes better than some bottled water). This trip is designed for beginning to intermediate backpackers with some camping experience.

Activity Level: moderate

Ages: adults

Pre-Trip: September 16 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip: October 2 - 4 • 8 a.m. Friday - 6 p.m. Sunday

Fee: \$225



Backpacking West Virginia

Enjoy the beauty of an Appalachian fall in one of the most unique ecosystems on the East Coast. Backpack in the Dolly Sods Wilderness and Cranberry Glades sections of West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest. This is an intermediate backpacking trip covering 5-7 miles per day along hilly terrain. The rugged trails offer scenic rock formations, bogs full of carnivorous plants and more.

Activity Level: moderate (intermediate backpacking)

Ages: adults

Pre-Trip: September 29 • 6 - 8 p.m.
Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip: October 15 - October 18

GENERAL RECREATION & SKILLS CLASSES

Drawing in Nature

Do you feel artistically inspired by nature? From the tallest trees to the tiniest flowers, you can learn how to express nature's wonders on paper in this class. During your morning of drawing you will learn the basics of pencil drawing while you immerse yourself in nature's surroundings.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: adults

September 5 • 9 a.m. - noon
Brecksville Nature Center

Fee: \$20 (includes sketchbook and drawing supplies)

More Drawing in Nature

If you have dabbled in drawing on your own or attended our Drawing in Nature class, join us for an afternoon of more in-depth sketching dynamics. Instructor and naturalist Stefanie Verish will teach you how to advance your skills of capturing nature on paper and will take you beyond beginner pencil drawing.

Activity Level: intermediate-level artists

Ages: adults

September 5 • 1 - 4 p.m. • Brecksville Nature Center

Fee: \$25 (includes sketchbook and drawing supplies)



CPR/AED – Adult/Child/Infant

Learn critical skills for saving someone's life in this American Red Cross certification course. This class will empower you with the skills to help an infant, child or adult showing signs of life threatening respiratory or cardiac arrest symptoms. Materials and American Red Cross certifications will be provided.

Activity Level: easy (must be able to meet ARC requirements)

Ages: 16 & up (with participating adult)

October 10 • 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (bring a lunch)

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$55 (includes certification card and skills cards)

Explore Northeast Ohio Ledges

Join naturalist Pam Taylor and discover the natural wonders of Whipp's Ledges, Kendall Ledges and Nelson-Kennedy Ledges State Park. Hike on moderately strenuous trails and learn the secrets of the habitats found in these special areas. The geology will fascinate you while the ecology will make you want to come back for more.

Activity Level: moderate - strenuous

Ages: adults

October 24 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Brecksville Nature Center

Fee: \$20

Steelhead Fly Fishing Basics

Fishing for steelhead trout can be both fun and challenging. This short class is designed to give you basic information on gear, good fishing locations, and casting techniques that will make you a better fisherman. Rods will be provided, but participants should bring their own waders to practice on-stream casting.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: adults

October 10 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Rocky River Nature Center

Fee: \$30

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Fabulous Fall Classes!

Call now to sign up your child for one of our fabulous classes and programs! We have a variety of programs including parent and child (12 months - 5 years), preschool (3 - 5 years), Log Cabin (5 - 6 years), after school (Grades 1-4), Junior Naturalist (Grades 5-7), family events and much more. Don't miss our new interactive Animals A La Mode show for the whole family on September 17 at 6 p.m. Registration is underway! Call 440-871-2900 or log onto www.lensc.org for information.

Fall Family Hayride Night

Friday, October 9 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Fee: \$10/adult; \$5/child

Fill a fall Friday with fantastic family fun! Sign up now so you can gather up the family and enjoy a pizza dinner, hands-on fall activities for the little ones, planetarium programs, live wildlife encounters and hayrides for all ages! Toasty fireplaces and plump pumpkins will add to the evening's autumn atmosphere. Pre-registration is required.

Reconnect At Our First Ever Legacy Reunion

Saturday, November 14

We're making plans to bring together current and former NAs, volunteers, Board Members, Women's Board members, curators and staffers for our first-ever Legacy Reunion on Saturday, November 14! We'll fill you in on details as plans for our legacy celebration evolve.

In the meantime, to receive an invitation, please submit your contact information to Barb Caskey at 440-871-2900, x207 or barbc@lensc.org or you can fill in our easy online Legacy Reunion survey linked from the homepage at www.lensc.org. Don't forget to share a favorite memory!

Please pass along reunion information to anyone you know, near or far, young or old, who has a work or volunteer history with Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. It's going to be an exciting day of sharing memories and seeing old friends! ReConnect... reDiscover Lake Erie Nature & Science Center November 14!

Discover...Our Big Backyard Benefit on September 12

You're invited to discover the wild and wonderful universe right in your backyard! Our big backyard Annual Benefit bash will feature Smokey Bones barbecue, Mojo's desserts, plus beer, wine and a signature drink. Stars and night creatures, live music and backyard bonfire, fabulous auction and Continental Airlines airfare raffle, all come together for one special night. Our backyard benefit takes place at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center on Saturday, September 12 from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.!

Support our non-profit mission and have a blast for \$50 per person or become a Patron at \$150 and have early access to our VIP Happy Hour in the planetarium! Make your benefit reservations today using our online donation form. Click on Support Us/Donate, scroll down and select "Annual Benefit Reservations." For more information, to donate an auction item or to inquire about Individual or Corporate Underwriting call or email Julie Gordon at 440-871-2900, x 212 or julieg@lensc.org

Walter R. Schuele Planetarium Family Programs *

Twinkle Tots

Thursdays & Saturdays • 11 a.m.

Fee: \$1/person (including infants)

This is a program for the toddler in your family. Watch lights dance across the sky, see some magic and learn what's new in space. This program is fun for just about everyone in the family!

Stellar Stars

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. &

Saturdays • noon

Fee: \$2/child

Grab your passports, blast off to a new planet and find a different picture in the stars each week. Watch lasers moving to music, take home a planet picture to color and add a sticker to your passport. Great for children 2 years and up!

Backyard Astronomy

Saturdays • 1 p.m.

Fee: \$2/person

Explore the night sky as it appears from your very own backyard! View autumn constellations and other celestial objects visible in the Northeast Ohio sky.

Monthly Skyquest: There's A Lot To See In September!

Saturdays, September 5, 12, 19 & 26 • 2 p.m.

Fee: \$2/person

Saturday, September 5 & 19 • 7 p.m.

Fee: \$3/person

Why can't we see Saturn anymore? Where are its rings? Is that Jupiter? Can you really see Neptune? What does all of this have to do with a triangle of summer? This is a time of transition, with a great deal to see in the sky with our eyes, binoculars and telescope. Evening program on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays in September includes telescope viewing after the show, weather permitting.

**Door closes promptly at posted start time for all planetarium programs.*



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Located at 28728 Wolf Road in Bay Village • 440-871-2900 • www.lensc.org

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is an independent non-profit affiliate of Cleveland Metroparks



September Events by Location

Off-location programs

- 3 • Urban Explorations: Natural Flats
- 5 • Landmarks and Legacies: St. Hyacinth Church
- 9 • Urban Explorations: Ohio City Walking Tour
- 10 • Swift Night Out
- 10 • Urban Explorations: Tremont
- 14 • Urban Explorations: NASA Glenn Research Center
- 17 • Urban Explorations: Kingsbury Run... and Walk
- 26 • Dike 14 Sneak-A-Peak

(BeR) Bedford Reservation

- 5 • 12 • Bedford Bootcamp
- 13 • Woodlands of Bedford: Sagamore Creek Walk
- 26 • Escape on the Underground Railroad
- 26 • Walking Works

(BCR) Big Creek Reservation

- 29 • Hiking for the Young at Heart

(BrR) Brecksville Reservation

- 5 • 19 • Migrating Monarchs
- 20 • Summer's End Dog Walk
- 25 • 4-Mile Friday
- 27 • FallFest: 18th Century Festival

(BNC) Brecksville Nature Center

- Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Rt. 82 entrance, Brecksville
440-526-1012
- 4 • For Women Only Hiking Series
 - 6 • Car and Camera Quest
 - 11 • Little Walk in the Prairie
 - 15 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
 - 16 • 19 • Animal Crackers

(CWC) CanalWay Center

Located in Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Off E. 49th St., Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation,
Cuyahoga Hts.
216-206-1000

EarthWords Nature Shop

- Open Weds. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m., open Labor Day
10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. 216-206-1003
- 1 - 30 • Photo Display - Kim Hinkle
 - 4 • 15 • 19 • Treasure Hunt Adventure (GPS for Beginners of All Ages)
 - 10 • Walking in the Hidden Valley - Walking Works Trail
 - 11 • 18 • 19 • 25 • CanalWay Cart Tours
 - 12 • Bike the Canal
 - 16 • Pre-Schoolers' in the Park - Where Summer Ends?
 - 21 • Chimney Swift Night Out
 - 23 • History & a Brown Bag Lunch
 - 25 • CanalWay CoffeeHouse
 - 26 • CanalWay Acoustic Players Circle - Songs Sung Blue
 - 27 • UnNatural Trail
- Cleveland Astronomical Society*
- 3 • Monthly Meeting

(ECR) Euclid Creek Reservation

- 26 • Euclid Creek Dog Hike

(GPNC) Garfield Park Nature Center

- Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Broadway Ave. or Turney Rd. entrance,
Garfield Heights 216-341-3152
- 11 • Swift Night Out
 - 12 • 19 • 26 • Watercolor Sketching
 - 13 • Ol' School
 - 20 • Freedom Readers Book Club

(HiR) Hinckley Reservation

- 1 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 12 • 13 • 26 • 27 • Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(HuR) Huntington Reservation

- 12 • Walking Works Hike
- ## (LENSC) Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
- Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
28728 Wolf Rd., Huntington Reservation,
Bay Village 440-871-2900
- 9 • Rain Barrel Workshop
 - 17 • Animals A La Mode
 - 21 • Monarch Butterflies
 - 26 • The Red-Tailed Hawk

(MSRR) Mill Stream Run Reservation

- 13 • Breakfast in the Park
- 24 • Hiking For Your Health
- 24 • Walking Works: Let the Dogs Out!

(NCR) North Chagrin Reservation

- 4 • Family Friday Night: Summer Farewell Hayride
- 5 • Late Summers Mushrooms
- 26 • Family Day Hike
- 27 • Monarchs to Mexico
- 27 • Book Club - The Dark Side of Nature

(NCNC) North Chagrin Nature Center

- Open Daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Mayfield Village 440-473-3370
- ### EarthWords Nature Shop
- Open Weds. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m., open Labor Day
10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. 440-449-0511
- 4 • Meet the Flockers! A Swift Night Out
 - 5 • Corn Moon Hike
 - 6 • Sunday Bird Walk
 - 6 • Green Hour Nature Club
 - 6 • Revolutionary Pines
 - 11 • Friday Movie Night
 - 12 • Monarch Magic
 - 13 • Asters and Insects
 - 16 • Trail Trackers: Insects
 - 16 • Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers: Mushrooms
 - 16 • Mid-Week after Work Hike
 - 19 • Preschool in the Park: Insects
 - 19 • Weekend Explorers: Mushrooms
 - 20 • Leaf ID Help!
 - 22 • 24 • Stroller Science
 - 25 • Family Friday Night: Autumn Campfire
 - 27 • Migration Bird Walk I
- Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club East*
- 21 • Monthly Meeting

(RRR) Rocky River Reservation

- 12 • Monthly Moming with the Birds
- 20 • Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration and Music Festival

- 23 • The Falls in Fall

(RRNO) John J. Donnelly Rocky River Nature Center

Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted
440-734-6660

EarthWords Nature Shop

- Open Weds. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m., open Labor Day
10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. 440-734-7576
- 1 - 30 • The Paintings of Louis Alexander Rys
 - 5 • Hike Your Watershed
 - 7 • 8 • 9 • Little Explorers: Ladybugs
 - 10 • Homeschool Happenings
 - 10 • Nature on a Shoestring: The Art of Nature
 - 12 • Scouting For Rocks
 - 12 • Second Saturday Storytelling
 - 13 • Fibonacci Numbers in Nature
 - 13 • Autumn Book Review
 - 25 • Hurrah for the River
 - 26 • River Walk
 - 26 • Year of the River Clean Up
 - 27 • A.M. Autumn Adventure
 - 27 • School of the Wilds: Aquatic Insects of the Rocky River

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

- 1 • Monthly Meeting
- Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists*
- 9 • Monthly Meeting
- Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association*
- 9 • Monthly Meeting
- Cuyahoga Astronomical Association*
- 14 • Monthly Meeting
- Cleveland Metroparks Camera Club Southwest*
- 21 • Monthly Meeting

(SCR) South Chagrin Reservation

Look About Lodge

- Open for scheduled programs. Miles Rd.,
east of Rt. 91, Bentleyville 440-247-7075
- 5 • Nuthatch Avoiders
 - 6 • 20 • Butterflies, Bees and Blooms
 - 6 • Swift Night Out
 - 11 • Night Hawks and Swifts
 - 12 • Earth Academy: Dry Stone Masonry Workshop
 - 12 • 19 • 26 • Young Artist Adventure Series
 - 16 • 20 • Snake Survey
 - 18 • Sprouts
- Cleveland Natural Science Club*
- 19 • Monthly Meeting

Group Programming – For information on group programs, call any Cleveland Metroparks nature or visitor center.

Outdoor Adventures With IGO

The Institute of the Great Outdoors (IGO) offers year-round courses in canoeing, backpacking and more, plus Escapes to Nature throughout the U.S. and Canada. For details, visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

Cleveland Metroparks is celebrating the "Year of the River." Each month, look for the  symbol next to Cleveland Metroparks special "Year of the River" related programs and events.

September Events Calendar

Cleveland Metroparks Maps

Visit clevelandmetroparks.com for maps of Cleveland Metroparks 16 reservations.
Or, call 216-635-3200 and request a Pathfinder Map & Guide.

1 • Tuesday

Photo Display by Kim Hinkle

Solon's Kim Hinkle, an award-winning amateur nature photographer, will exhibit a variety of images including wildflowers, birds and butterflies - many taken at Cleveland Metroparks reservations. Photos on display through September 30.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. CWC

The Paintings of Louis Alexander Rys

Visit the Gallery Wall at the Rocky River Nature Center to view the extraordinary art of Louis Alexander Rys. He excelled in commercial art before turning his talents to fine art. His paintings hang in many notable locations throughout Northeast Ohio.

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily
RRNC

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Join Naturalist Kelly McGinnis for a hike through Rising Valley Park. Witness some of the changes that have taken place over the last several years.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. HiR
Rising Valley Park
Ages: adults
Terrain: hills, moderate
2 - 2.5 miles
440-526-1012

Monthly Meeting

*Western Cuyahoga
Audubon Society*

"This Bill Means Business: The Function of Ornamental Bill Color in American Goldfinches," was investigated by Dr. Keith Tarvin. He explains how female goldfinch look for "quality" males - bright plumage *and* striking bill coloration - and why they make that selection.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

3 • Thursday

Urban Explorations Natural Flats

Spend a morning with Cultural History Interpreter Doug Kusak and a naturalist in the Flats. We will discover local history and witness nature making a comeback to the area. Maps and directions will be mailed.

10 a.m. - noon
Ages: 8 years to adult
Terrain: city streets, approx.
1 mile
Registration begins
September 1
216-206-1000

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Astronomical Society

Guest speaker Dr. Geoffrey Landis from NASA.

8 p.m. CWC

4 • Friday

Treasure Hunt Adventure (GPS for Beginners of All Ages)

High tech adventure and an outdoor treasure hunt await you in the Hidden Valley! Cultural History Interpreter Doug Kusak provides a brief history of GPS (Global Positioning System) and an introduction to geocaching - a worldwide treasure hunt for fun that you can join in your own back yard. We'll cover GPS basics and send you out to find hidden geocaches in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Bring your own GPS unit or borrow one of ours (quantity is limited and requires valid driver's license for duration of loan, not to exceed two hours). This is an excellent activity for the whole family.

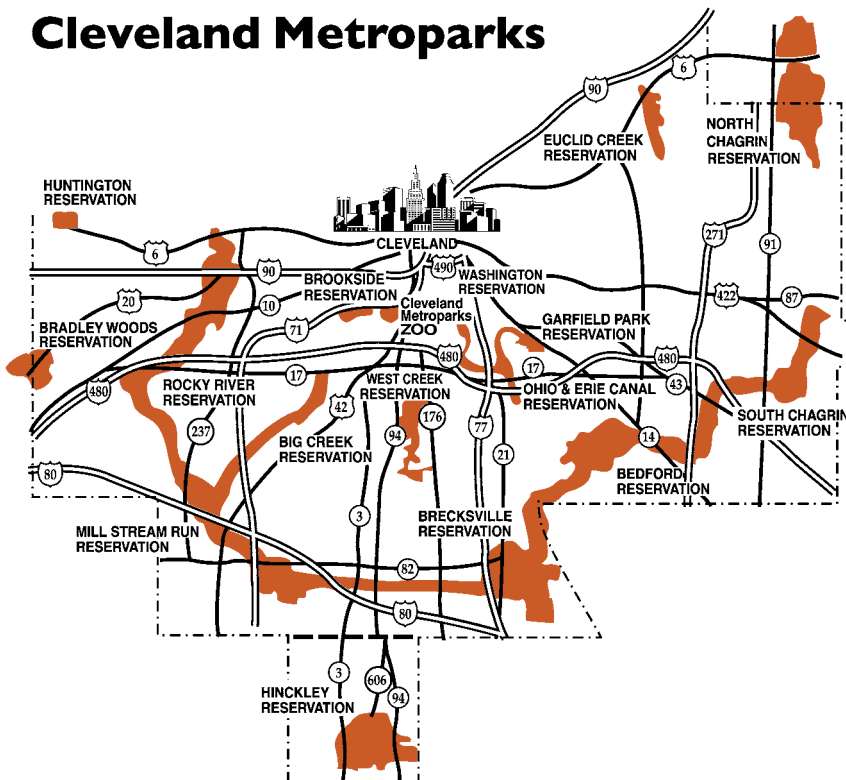
9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. CWC
Ages: adults and families
Terrain: varied (dress for outdoors)
Registration required
216-206-1000

For Women Only Hiking Series

Come join other women for exercise and camaraderie as we recharge after a busy week. We'll kick off this great monthly series with a hike through the heart of Brecksville Reservation. The trail will take us across creeks and through the beautiful sandstone formations of Deer Lick Cave. This counts toward the 2009 Walking Works shield.

10 a.m. - noon BNC
Ages: adult women
Terrain: moderate, hills,
4 miles

Cleveland Metroparks





Part of the Lake to Lake Trail in Big Creek Reservation

**Family Friday Night:
Summer Farewell Hayride**

Join us to say farewell to summer and usher in fall on this evening hayride through the reservation. Space is limited. Money must be received by September 1 to reserve your space. Snack provided.

6:30 - 8 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot
Ages: families
Fee: \$3 (3 years & under free)
Registration required
440-473-3370

**Meet the Flockers!
A Swift Night Out**

Witness the spectacle of a swirling flock of swifts, gathering and diving into their secret roost at sunset. Discover for yourself where they go, how fast they fly, and where their next journey will take them. Meeting location will be finalized a few days before the program.

7:30 - 8:45 p.m. NCNC
Registration required
440-473-3370

5 • Saturday

Nuthatch Avoiders

This program is designed for people with little or no birding experience. We will meet every month for a year to begin a birding journey from novice to not quite expert birder. Bring binoculars if you have them.

8:30 - 10 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field
Ages: 14 years - adult
Terrain: flat, 1.25 miles

Bedford Bootcamp

Today's Bootcamp will lead us on a Buckeye Trail adventure. This fast-paced hike will follow the blue blazes as they wind through Bedford Reservation. Spectacular sights will include those of Bridal Veil Falls and Tinker's Creek Gorge.

9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. BeR
Egbert Picnic Area parking lot
Terrain: hills, 8 - 9 miles
216-341-3152

**Landmarks and Legacies
St. Hyacinth Church**

The Polish community of Slavic Village established St. Hyacinth in 1907. See and hear its legacy with Cultural History Interpreter Sherrie Tolliver. Map and directions provided after registration.

1 - 3 p.m.
Registration beginning
August 24
216-341-3152

Late Summer Mushrooms

Hike with Volunteer Bill Kurpiewski as he looks for the late summer mushrooms. If there have been recent rains, there should be a large variety of fungus to see.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot
Terrain: hills, moderate
2.5 miles

Hike Your Watershed

Hike along the east and west branches of the Rocky River and see where they meet to form the main branch of the Rocky River. Enjoy views of shale cliffs towering one hundred feet above the valley floor as we follow the river.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: flat, 2 miles

Migrating Monarchs

Monarch butterflies are beginning their journey to Mexico. Join Naturalist Jenny McClain to learn about these amazing insects and to catch and tag them for the "Monarch Watch" program. Please wear long pants. This program will be canceled in the event of poor weather.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. BrR
Prairie Deck
Terrain: flat

Corn Moon Hike

Enjoy hiking in the darkening forest as we travel from the nature center down to Wilson Mills Road and back. We may hear a few frogs or young barred owls still calling to their parents.

7:30 - 9:15 p.m. NCNC
Terrain: hill, moderate
2.5 miles

6 • Sunday

Sunday Bird Walk

Migration is underway as the first wave of song birds begin to pass through Ohio. Join us as we search for these migrants and any other birds we may find. Some binoculars will be available to borrow.

8 - 10 a.m. NCNC
Ages: adults & teens
Terrain: easy, 2 miles

Butterflies, Bees and Blooms

Late summer is the perfect time to discover insect life and the flowers they thrive on. Stroll with naturalist Barb Holtz in search of the colorful life found in the meadow.

1 - 2:30 p.m. SCR
Old Field
Terrain: flat, tall grass, 1 mile

Green Hour Nature Club

Studies show that at least an hour a day in nature has physical, mental and emotional benefits. Join us each month as we explore a new topic while spending valuable time with nature. This month we will explore the world of monarch butterflies as we try to capture and band the ones we see!

1 - 3 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 8 - 15 years
Terrain: some off trail
1 - 2 miles
Registration required
440-473-3370

Car and Camera Quest

How well do you know Brecksville Reservation? Set off with your family on a scavenger hunt to find various locations within the park. Bring along your digital camera to photograph these areas on a driving adventure.

1 - 4 p.m. BNC
Ages: families

Revolutionary Pines

Did you realize that North Chagrin Reservation is home to native white pine trees that date back to our war for independence? Get acquainted today with these revolutionary trees. (A Walking Works program.)

1:30 - 3 p.m.
Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot
Terrain: hill, moderate
2.5 miles

Swift Night Out

Enjoy an early evening watching chimney swifts settle in for the night. After a day spent catching insects on the wing, these birds flock together at twilight, swirling into a communal roost. Directions to location given when you register.

8 - 9 p.m. SCR
Registration required
440-247-7075

7 • Monday

Little Explorers Ladybugs

Discover what makes ladybugs such interesting insects. We'll read a story, make a craft and go for a walk to discover how ladybugs live.

2 - 3:15 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult
Terrain: mostly flat, 0.5 miles
Registration required
440-734-6660

8 • Tuesday

Little Explorers Ladybugs

Discover what makes ladybugs such interesting insects. We'll read a story, make a craft and go for a walk to discover how ladybugs live.

10 - 11:15 a.m. or
1 - 2:15 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult
Terrain: mostly flat,
0.5 mile
Registration required
440-734-6660

9 • Wednesday

Urban Explorations Ohio City Walking Tour

Join Volunteers Mike and Louise McCormick on a walk through Ohio City. So much history abounds in this area. Learn about the famous "Bridge Wars." Enjoy the sites and learn about the neighborhood where the West Side Market stands. Meeting place and details will be sent in confirmation letter.

10 - 11:30 a.m.
Ages: adults
Terrain: city streets, 1.5 miles
Registration required
216-206-1000

Rain Barrel Workshop

Make your own rain barrel to take home and begin using water straight from Mother Nature. Build your barrel as an individual or make it a family project.

6 - 8 p.m. LENS
Ages: families, children
8 years & up with adult
Fee: \$80/first barrel
additional barrels for same family \$50/each
Registration required
440-871-2900

Monthly Meeting

Greater Cleveland
Beekeepers Association

"Preparing your Honey Bee Colonies for Winter" - Speaker Denzil St. Clair, owner of Queen Right Colonies Limited has 39 years beekeeping experience and is the past president of the Lorain County Beekeepers Association. He will speak on how to prepare your hive for winter. All are welcome.

7 - 9 p.m. RRNC

Monthly Meeting

Northern Ohio Association
of Herpetologists

NOAH members travel far and wide in their search for herps and images. Join us to see the amazing animals captured and photographed by NOAH members this past spring and summer.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Little Explorers Ladybugs

(see 9/8 for details)

10 • Thursday

Walking in the Hidden Valley - Walking Works Trail

Join us on this walk and check it off as one of eight trails included in the Walking Works program. Meet at West Canal Gateway parking lot located under the I-480 Bridge west of Canal Road. We will head north on the APT walking over the two pedestrian bridges, past the Aqueduct Wayside and into Bacci Park.

9:30 a.m. CWC
Terrain: paved, flat, 2 steep inclines, 2 miles

Urban Explorations Tremont

Cultural History Interpreter Doug Kusak and Volunteer Mollie Alstott invite you to stroll along as we explore some of the historic Tremont areas. Meeting place and details will be sent in confirmation letter.

10 a.m.
Age: 8 years - adult
Terrain: city streets
Register beginning
September 1
216-206-1000



Apple pressing

Homeschool Happenings

Homeschool students and parents are invited to a special work session to prepare for the "Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration" on September 20. Preparations for this pioneer festival include making scarecrows, winding yarn for pioneer toys, making cornshocks, and more. We need your helping hands!

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 6 - 12 years with adult
Registration required
440-734-6660

Nature on a Shoestring: The Art of Nature

This is the first class in this free series about enjoying nature on a budget. Certified art educator Gail Felix will show you inexpensive ways to explore nature's beauty through art.

7 - 8 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults

Swift Night Out

Swifts gather in large flocks to make their voyage to South America. As they gather, they roost in large chimneys. Come and witness the spectacle of swifts as they funnel and disappear into a local chimney near the West Side Market. Call to register and learn the meeting location.

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Registration required
440-734-6660

11 • Friday

Little Walk in the Prairie

Join Naturalist John Miller for a stroll through the late summer tall grass prairie. We'll explore the beauty and diversity of the flowers, grasses, and insects of this fascinating, unique ecosystem.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.,
11 a.m. - noon, 2 - 3 p.m.
BNC
Terrain: flat, 0.5 mile

CanalWay Cart Tours

If you have found the terrain too difficult for walking but would like to see the park, join us for one of these tours focusing on the natural and cultural history of the northern Cuyahoga River valley. Each tour accommodates seven passengers and lasts one hour.

10:30 a.m. or noon CWC
Reservations required
216-206-1000

Migrating Monarchs

3:30 - 5 p.m. HiR
Buzzard's Roost
(see 9/5 for details)

Friday Movie Night

Tonight's feature is *On the Wings of the Monarch*, an exciting nature documentary that will give you an awe-inspiring view of the incredible journey and life cycle of the monarch butterfly. This is perfect opportunity to get you ready for North Chagrin Reservation's Monarch Magic on September 12. Popcorn will be served.

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. NCNC

Night Hawks and Swifts

Birds that spend the evening catching insects on the wing are gathering in great numbers to migrate this time of year. Join Naturalist Carly Martin as we search for night hawks and chimney swifts filling the skies. We may caravan to other nearby sites.

6:45 - 8 p.m. SCR
Jackson Field

Swift Night Out

Chimney swifts are one of our most fascinating neighbors. Join Naturalist Valerie Fetzer as we discover where these flocks hang out. Carpooling is a possibility.

7:30 - 9 p.m. GPNC

12 • Saturday

Monthly Morning with the Birds

See which birds are staying and which are migrating as we hike along the Rocky River watershed.

9 - 11 a.m. RRR
RRNC parking lot

Bedford Bootcamp

Bootcamp has become extreme. Join Naturalist Valerie Fetzer for a tour of spectacular scenery. During this loop hike, we will tackle challenging terrain and possible creek crossings, so please come prepared with appropriate footwear, snacks, and plenty of water.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. BeR
Hemlock Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: difficult, hills, creek
crossing, 12 miles

Earth Academy: Dry Stone Masonry Workshop

Dry stone masonry is an age old yet eco-friendly and cost effective building technique. Zach Goebelt of Complete Outdoor Installation, and one of the only certified dry stone masons in Ohio, will be our instructor as we build a dry stone wall. Physical labor involved. (Earth Academy is a series of programs designed to give the participant a holistic outdoor experience.)

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Age: adults
Fee: \$30 (lunch included)
Registration required by
September 5
440-247-7075

Scouting For Rocks

Scouts working on their geology requirements will love a walk in the Rocky River. Join Naturalist Bethany Majeski for a closer look at the geology under your feet and along the river walls. Call to register your scout.

10 - noon RRNC
Register beginning August 31
440-734-6660

Voyageur Canoe Paddle

Join Cleveland Metroparks French Canadian voyageurs for an hour-long paddle. This living history program gives you a chance to paddle a 34 foot-long canoe, sing and hear tales and adventures from fur trade men of long ago.

11 a.m., 12:30, 2, &
3:30 p.m. HiR
Hinckley Lake
Ages: individuals, families,
groups
Fee: \$5 per person
Registration required
216-206-1000

Bike the Canal

Join us on a biking adventure down the canal. We will start at the CanalWay Center and bike south to Rockside Road. We will make a quick stop to refuel with ice cream and then head back to the Center. We will stop along the way at various natural spots. Please bring your own money for ice cream.

1 p.m. CWC
Ages: family
Terrain: moderate, 6 miles

Watercolor Sketching

Volunteer Artist Nancy Martin will encourage experimentation in color techniques and composition in interpreting nature's wonders. The best result is whatever you create in this three-day activity. You'll be given a supply list when you register.

1 - 3 p.m. GPNC
Ages: 10 years and older
Registration required
216-341-3152

Young Artist Adventure Series

If you're a kid who loves art and nature, then you're perfect for this three-part adventure! We'll explore field, forest, and stream, and we'll capture the wild world on paper. Registration for all three sessions is required. (Sessions 2 & 3 are September 19 & 26.)

1 - 3 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Ages: 10 - 15 years
Fee: \$20 (includes supplies)
Register via email at lalreg@clevelandmetroparks.com
440-247-7075

Walking Works Hike

Join a naturalist to enjoy the hemlocks along Porter Creek and the other trees on this early fall walk in Huntington Reservation. We will explore another trail if hikers are interested.

3 - 4 p.m. HuR
Wolf Picnic Area
Terrain: mostly level,
0.8 miles
440-734-6660

Second Saturday Storytelling

Barb Sutton tells traditional tales with a snap, crackle and pop! Join us to relive live entertainment the way families knew it before radio, television or the iPod. Stay for refreshments.

7:30 - 9 p.m. RRNC
Age: adults, older students

Monarch Magic (see page 8 for details)

13 • Sunday

Breakfast in the Park

Volunteer cooks scramble up a delicious breakfast while visitors hike, discovering interesting nature near the Bonnie Park Area. Find out your food item(s) when you register and don't forget to bring along reusable table settings for each person.

9 - 10:30 a.m. MSRR
Bonnie Park Picnic Area
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: mostly flat
1.25 miles
Registration required
440-734-6660

Woodlands of Bedford: Sagamore Creek Walk

Enjoy a slow exploration of upper Sagamore Creek with Volunteer Naturalist Fred Losi. Wear wettable shoes and clothing as we will travel directly in the stream, investigating the beautiful late summer landscape that surrounds us, including a secluded waterfall.

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. BeR
Alexander Bike Lot
Terrain: water; hills
216-341-3152

Ol' School

What was school like for children in Cleveland in the 1800's? Come to Miss Margaret's Little Red School House and see!

1 - 3 p.m. GPNC

Asters and Insects

Ohio's meadows are aglow with the yellows, whites and purples of autumn wildflowers. Join us as we explore the meadow plants and the insects that live on them. Insect nets provided.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. NCNC
Terrain: uneven, some off-trail, 2 miles

Fibonacci Numbers in Nature

The Fibonacci sequence of numbers is found in many places, including the natural growth of plants. Join Naturalist Kathy Schmidt for this indoor/outdoor program and hike to discover some of nature's amazing patterns.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults
Terrain: flat, 1.5 miles

Autumn Book Review

Join Naturalist Joni Norris and the Rocky River Readers for a review of the first eight chapters of John Matteson's Pulitzer Prize book, *Eden's Outcasts*. It's based on the lives of Louisa May Alcott and her father. However, Alcott's neighbors, Thoreau, Emerson, and Hawthorne are also a large part of this story. The final eight chapters will be discussed in October.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults

Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(see 9/12 for details)

14 • Monday

Urban Explorations: NASA Glenn Research Center

Fill this space in your schedule with Cultural History Interpreter Doug Kusak as we explore a couple of the buildings at NASA Glenn Research Center. (Buildings subject to availability based on NASA usage.) Letter and instructions will be mailed.

1 - 3:30 p.m.
Ages: adults
Terrain: indoor; may include many stairs (depending on facility)
Register beginning
September 1
216-206-1000

Monthly Meeting

Cuyahoga Astronomical
Association

Matthew Melis from NASA Glenn Research Center will discuss the Columbia disaster. Get part of the inside story from one that was there.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

15 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Join Naturalist John Miller for our last Hiking for the Young at Heart of the summer. We'll take a closer look at some of the gems of the Tall Grass Prairie, wish a bon voyage to the monarchs on their way to Mexico and then walk and talk for 3.5 miles.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. BNC
Ages: adults
Terrain: moderate, 3.5 miles

Treasure Hunt Adventure (GPS for Beginners of All Ages)

(see 9/4 for details)

16 • Wednesday

Snake Survey

Have you wondered what snakes live in Cleveland Metroparks? So have we! We're conducting a scientific snake survey in South Chagrin Reservation. Join a naturalist as we go on a snake survey. We'll give you details when you call to register.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. SCR
Ages: 12 & over; adults
Terrain: high brush, 2 miles
Registration required
440-247-7075 or lalreg
@clevelandmetroparks.com





Outside North Chagrin Nature Center

Trail Trackers Insects

Some hop, sting, or fly by with beautiful wings. All have six legs and three body parts. What are they? Insects! Join us to find out more about the creepy, crawly world around us. We will hike and make a craft.

10 - 11 a.m. or
1 - 2 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 3 years - K with adult
Terrain: off-trail, level,
0.5 miles
Register beginning
September 1
440-473-3370

Animal Crackers

It's time to kick-off another great Animal Crackers year! Bring your preschooler for amazing adventures each month as we explore the world around us. This month's topic is in the mystery bag!!

10 - 11:15 a.m. or
1 - 2:15 p.m. BNC
Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult
(no younger siblings)
Terrain: steps, 0.5 mile
Register beginning
September 1
440-526-1012

Pre-Schoolers in the Park - Where Summer Ends?

The school year has began, both people and animals are preparing for summer to end. Bring your pre-school aged children to CanalWay Center to learn about what animals

do at the end of summer. We will go on a short hike as part of the program.

10 - 11 a.m. CWC
Ages: 2 - 5 years
Terrain: easy
Registration required
216-206-1000

Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers Mushrooms

Enter the world of mushrooms with us. We will take a closer look at some of the fungus among us and learn what makes them so fascinating. Naturalist Angelec Hillsman looks forward to seeing you!

12:45 - 2:15 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Terrain: easy, level, 1 mile
Register beginning
September 1
440-473-3370

Mid-Week after Work Hike

How would you like to unwind after work with an invigorating hike on the Hemlock trail? We will trek alongside ravines and gorges, duck under shady hemlocks, and experience the tranquility of water gently flowing over shallow falls. Wear sturdy comfortable shoes and don't forget your water bottle.

5:30 - 7 p.m. NCNC
Terrain: moderate, stairs,
3 - 3.5 miles

17 • Thursday

Urban Explorations Kingsbury Run...and Walk

Kingsbury Run was the dumping site of severed torsos and upended political careers. We'll take a ride and walk to discover the history and horrors that plagued Cleveland of yesteryear and the nature that reclaimed it. Commentary provided by Naturalist Jill Hauger (with the goodies) and Cultural Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak (with the gories).

10 a.m. CWC
Ages: adults
Register beginning
September 1
216-206-1000

Animals A La Mode

Live creatures will captivate the whole family as they (and maybe YOU) take center stage in our upbeat, interactive and educational show. Top off the evening with a scoop of delicious ice cream!

6 - 7:30 p.m. LENS
Ages: families
Fee: \$5/person (children 2 & under free)
Registration required
440-871-2900

18 • Friday

Sprouts

Preschoolers and their favorite adults will love coming to Look About Lodge to learn more about painted turtles. We'll hear a story, make a craft and go on a hike. The building will be open 30 minutes prior to the program for "floor time".

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and
1 - 2 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Ages: 3 years - pre K with adult
Register via email at lalreg@
clevelandmetroparks.com
440-247-7075

CanalWay Cart Tours

(see 9/11 for details)

19 • Saturday

Preschool in the Park: Insects

Some hop, sting, or fly by with beautiful wings. All have six legs and three body parts. What are they? Insects! Join us to find out more about the creepy, crawly world around us.

10 - 11 a.m. NCNC
Ages: 3 years - K and adult
Terrain: easy, 0.5 mile
Register beginning
September 1
440-473-3370

Weekend Explorers Mushrooms

Enter the world of mushrooms with us. We will take a closer look at some of the fungus among us and learn what makes them so fascinating. Naturalist Angelec Hillsman looks forward to seeing you!

12:45 - 2:15 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Terrain: easy, level, 1 mile
Register beginning
September 1
440-473-3370

Animal Crackers

It's time to kick-off another great Animal Crackers year! Bring your preschooler for amazing adventures each month as we explore the world around us. The mystery bag will reveal this month's topic!

1 - 2:15 p.m. BNC
Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult
(no younger siblings)
Terrain: steps, 0.5 mile
Register beginning
September 1
440-526-1012

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Natural Science Club
Pat Morse, a Lake Metroparks naturalist, will speak on "Winter Birdfeeding."
7:30 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
440-338-5744

Migrating Monarchs

10 - 11:30 a.m. BrR
Prairie Deck
(see 9/5 for details)

Watercolor Sketching

(see 9/12 for details)

CanalWay Cart Tours

(see 9/11 for details)

Young Artist Adventure Series

(see 9/12 for details)

Treasure Hunt Adventure (GPS for Beginners of All Ages)

2 p.m.
(see 9/4 for details)

20 • Sunday

Leaf ID Help!

Do you have a leaf identification or collection project to do? Stop by the nature center and a naturalist will help you to identify your leaves.
1 - 3 p.m. NCNC

Freedom Readers Book Club

Life of William Grimes, Runaway Slave, edited by William L. Andrews and Regina E. Mason, was the first fugitive slave narrative ever published in the U.S., edited and researched by the author's great-great-granddaughter.
2 - 3:30 p.m. GPNC

Summer's End Dog Walk

Summer is almost over. Bring your four-legged friend for one last hike before summer's end. We'll hike a section of the Deer Lick Cave and bridle trails.
2:30 - 4 p.m. BrR
Meadows Picnic Area
Terrain: hills, 2.5 miles
440-526-1012

Snake Survey

6 - 7 p.m.
(see 9/16 for details)

Butterflies, Bees and Blooms

(see 9/6 for details)

Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival

(see page 6 for details)

21 • Monday

Log Cabin Discoveries - Monarch Butterflies

What discoveries will your child make in our log cabin? They will become a nature detective as they explore the trails and gardens, encounter an animal, create a craft, sing and move to music or listen to a story.

10 - 11 a.m. or
1 - 2 p.m. LENS
Ages: 4 - 6 years
Fee: \$15/child; members \$10/child
Registration required
440-871-2900

Chimney Swift Night Out

As the sun begins to set, the chimney swifts gather in a large flock in the sky. Join us in observing their dazzling show as they funnel down into a roost for the night. Bring a lawn chair and binoculars. Location given a week prior to program.

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Register beginning
September 1
216-206-1000

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Camera Club Southwest

Come and meet others with an interest in nature photography. Bring slides from your summer.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

22 • Tuesday

Stroller Science

Join us as we explore nature for all things yellow. Bugs and blooms await for us to discover and enjoy.

10:15 - 11:35 a.m. NCNC
Ages: 2 years & under with adult
Register beginning
September 1
440-473-3370

23 • Wednesday

The Falls in Fall

Join Naturalist Bethany Majeski and enjoy a relaxing venture out to see the beauty of Berea Falls framed by autumn colors. We'll talk a bit about the history of the falls, and hike the surrounding area to search out the best vantage points.

10 - 11 a.m. RRR
Berea Falls Scenic Overlook
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: slippery, 0.5 mile

History & a Brown Bag Lunch

Bring your lunch out and join us for this popular ongoing series as we explore more of America's history. This month we'll feature Towpath Tunes and Tales, a musical and humorous journey through America's Canal Era, with Hank Mallery singing the tunes and his alter ego Cletus telling the tales.

Noon CWC

Stroller Science

(see 9/22 for details)

24 • Thursday

Hiking for Your Health

Enjoy a hike through early autumn forest and field with Naturalist David Dvorak. We will look for migrating birds and autumn wildflowers.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. MSRR
Royalview Picnic Area
Ages: adults
Terrain: some hills, 3.5 miles

Walking Works Let the Dogs Out!

Join Naturalist Min Keung for some fresh air at the South Quarry picnic area. Get your steps in for walking works. Dogs on leashes welcome!

4 - 5 p.m. MSRR
South Quarry Picnic Area parking lot
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: flat, 1.1 miles

Stroller Science

(see 9/22 for details)

25 • Friday

4-Mile Friday

Travel along a lesser known trail this morning with Naturalist Valerie Fetzter. Prepare for creek crossings and a little off-trail excursion. Long pants and a water bottle are recommended for this hike.

9 - 11 a.m. BrR
Oak Grove Picnic Area
Terrain: hills, 4 miles
216-341-3152

Hurrah for the River

We will get our feet wet in our search for critters of the mighty Rocky River. Join Naturalist Min Keung for this hands-on exploration of the river. Learn to use research tools such as dip nets, seines and kick nets. Wear wettable shoes.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. RRNC
Ages: families, adults
Terrain: wet, 0.5 mile
Register beginning
September 1
440-734-6660

Family Friday Night: Autumn Campfire

Summer has ended and autumn has officially begun. Enjoy an early fall hike around the marsh and forest. We will end the evening with a story around a crackling campfire.

7 - 8:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: families, adults
Terrain: level, 1.5 miles

CanalWay CoffeeHouse

Kerry Kean & Barb Withee

Join your host Hank Mallery to welcome the country and bluegrass duets of Barb Withee and Kerry Kean. With a focus on great vocal harmonies along with excellent instrumentation, this is a night you don't want to miss!

7:30 p.m. CWC

CanalWay Cart Tours

(see 9/11 for details)

26 • Saturday

Dike 14 Sneak-A-Peak

Come to Cleveland's 88-acre nature preserve on the shores of Lake Erie. Join a guided hike or show yourself around.

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Dike 14 Nature Preserve
(near Gordon Park where MLK Blvd. meets Lake Erie)
440-734-6660

Year of the River Clean Up

Spend the day picking up trash along the Rocky River. Adopt and focus on cleaning up one part of the river. Bring your full bags back to the Rocky River Nature Center for a token of appreciation.

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. RRNC

Family Day Hike

What better way to enjoy a fall afternoon than a hike in the park with your family? Join us for an afternoon of hiking, lunch and games. Please bring a pack lunch. Hope to see your family there!

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area
parking lot

Ages: adults, 6 years & over
with adult

Terrain: moderate, some
hills, 1.5 - 2 miles

CanalWay Acoustic Players Circle

Songs Sung Blue

Bring your instrument(s) out and join Hank Mallery with your favorite blues songs or songs featuring the color blue. This is a very fun and laid-back circle encouraging players at all levels to play and or sing along. If you come you will be welcome. So bring a friend or two and join in on the fun.

1 - 3 p.m. CWC

River Walk

Enjoy waling along Rocky River discovering autumn wildflowers and wildlife with Naturalist David Dvorak. Discover the trees of the bot-tomland forest along the river.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. RRR
Cottonwood Picnic Area
Terrain: level, 2.5 miles

Walking Works

This naturalist-led hike counts toward your Walking Work s hiking shield. Join us for this leisurely hike to enjoy the beauty of Tinker's Creek.

2 - 3 p.m. BeR
Hemlock Picnic Area
Ages: adults & families
Terrain: easy, flat, 1 mile
216-341-3152

Euclid Creek Dog Hike

Bring your best friend to Euclid Creek Reservation for some exercise and socializa-tion. We will hike along a beautiful trail in view of the steep banks along Euclid Creek. Dogs must be leashed.

2 - 4 p.m. ECR
Highland Picnic area
parking lot
Terrain: easy, 1.5 - 2 miles
440-473-3370

The Red-Tailed Hawk

One of the most majestic birds in the sky will educate and fascinate us with an up-close look at it and its life. This is a chance for everyone to learn more about a locally abundant, and awe-inspiring creature. Free program.

3 p.m. LENS
440-871-2900

Escape on the Underground Railroad

This participatory program will give you a first hand look at what the Underground Railroad was about, what it was like to be a runaway slave, and how runaways uti-lized nature in their escape. Your participation IS required as a runaway along this trail to freedom!

7 - 9:30 p.m. BeR
Hemlock Creek Picnic Area
Ages: 15 years & up (15 - 17
years must be accompanied
by an adult)

Terrain: moderate,
1 - 1.5 miles
Register beginning
September 1
216-341-3152

Watercolor Sketching

(see 9/12 for details)

Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(see 9/12 for details)

Young Artist Adventure Series

(see 9/12 for details)

27 • Sunday

Migration Bird Walk I

Join Naturalist Tim Krynak for the next three weeks as we search for migrant song birds making their way to more tropical climates. Some binoculars will be available to borrow.

8 - 10 a.m. NCNC
Ages: adults & teens
Terrain: easy, 2 miles

A.M. Autumn Adventure

Join Naturalist Bethany Majeski for an invigorating morning hike and revel in the beauty of the season. We'll cover much of the surround-ing area around Rocky River Nature Center while search-ing for signs of still-active wildlife. Bring your camera-we're sure to get some great shots!

9 - 11 a.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, families with
older children
Terrain: hills, wet areas,
4 miles

UnNatural Trail

Do you like 'I Spy' books? We have set a trail of UnNatural items at CanalWay Center. Visit the center for a list of what to look for while you are out walking the trail. Items will be camouflaged to blend in with nature. So stop by and walk the UnNatural Trail. Everyone welcome!

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. CWC
Terrain: easy

Monarchs to Mexico

You will need to walk in the tall plants of the meadows to get close enough to tag these fall migrants. They are attracted to the late blooms where they can fuel on nectar for their long journey. Wear long pants.

10:30 a.m. - noon NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: flat, off trail
1.5 miles
Register beginning
September 1
440-473-3370

Book Club - The Dark Side of Nature

Today we will be discussing Nevada Barr's *A Superior Death*. Come prepared to share your

reading experiences and feel free to bring a snack for all to share. We will provide the beverages.

2 - 4 p.m. NCR
Forest Picnic Area
Ages: adults

School of the Wilds Aquatic Insects of the Rocky River

Join Cleveland Museum of Natural History Curator of Entomology, Joe Keiper, for a good lesson and look at the tiny animals that support so much life on the Rocky River - the invertebrates! Bring your wettable shoes.

2 - 5 p.m. RRNC
Terrain: wet, 1 mile

FallFest: 18th Century Festival

(see page 8 for details)

Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(see 9/12 for details)

29 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Hike our newest gem, the Lake to Lake trail. We'll start at Lake Isaac and venture to Lake Abram and back.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. BCR
Lake Isaac
Ages: adults only
Terrain: flat, paved, 5 miles
440-526-1012

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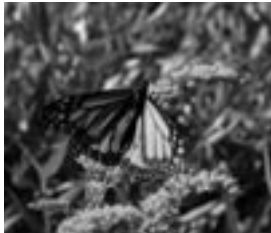




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