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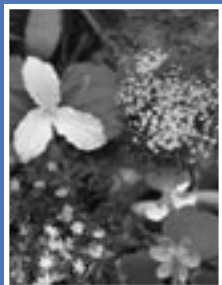
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"Get Hooked on Fishing!"

Children's Fishing Derbies

Saturday, May 3

**Ohio & Erie Canal
 Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
 Cuyahoga Hts.**

Sunday, May 4

**Wallace Lake
 Mill Stream Run Reservation
 Berea**

Fishing Sessions:

**Ages 4 - 8 • 9 a.m. - noon
 Ages 9 - 15 • 1 - 4 p.m.**

Free!

Young anglers can learn the fishing basics while enjoying a day of free fishing fun and competing for prizes.

Live bait will be provided and a limited number of rods and reels will be available. Participants should bring tackle and a cooler to store their "catch of the day!"

Each location will be stocked with rainbow trout and channel catfish for the derbies.

Quarry Rock Cafe at Wallace Lake will be open with a limited menu.

For more information, call 440-331-8017 or 216-635-3200.

Ohio & Erie Canal Fishing Area

▶ Park at CanalWay Center parking lot, located the off E. 49th Street entrance of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation in Cuyahoga Hts. Follow the trail from the Center to the Canal.

Wallace Lake

▶ Follow the signs off Valley Parkway in Mill Stream Run Reservation, south of Bagley Road in Berea.



Why Go Native in Your Garden

Last spring when I was finishing a woodland wildflower hike in Brecksville Reservation someone asked me, “What are all those beautiful small yellow flowers covering the forest floor in Rocky River Reservation? Are there any in this park?” I didn’t want disturb the sense of beauty given by these

flowers, but at the same time I had to point out that the plants were a threat to the park. The showy display of small yellow flowers was lesser celandine, a garden escapee that has crowded out many native species such as our state wildflower, the large-flowered trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*). After I asked a few questions and explained the threat to native plants and wildlife from nonnative species, the beauty of lesser celandine faded in the person’s expression. In Brecksville Reservation there was plenty of the nonnative garlic mustard which everyone on the hike gladly pulled and bagged after learning the dangers posed by alien plants. Most nonnative plants like garlic mustard and lesser celandine spread quickly and become monocultures in the park because wildlife usually eats the native species, not the nonnative plants. Removal of unwanted vegetation takes up a great deal of staff and volunteer time to protect native vegetation. It is necessary to do this or native plants would disappear from our parks.

By landscaping with native plants you will be helping to promote healthy ecosystems both in your yard and in our preserved public lands because nonnative seeds will not be coming from your yard. Also if you enjoy watching birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, they will be attracted to native species.

If you have shaded areas in your yard, native spring woodland wildflowers should do well. I have a large patch of mayapples in my yard that spreads

more each year. Our native ferns like ostrich fern will do well in shaded areas also. There are many native shrubs that will do well in semi-shade such as winterberry, maple-leaved viburnum, great rhododendron, red osier dogwood, and serviceberry species.



Common winterberry by Troy Evans, Bugwood.org.

Sunny spots are my favorites and prairie plants do well here. Wild bergamot, purple coneflower dense blazingstar, black-eyed susan, wild sunflower species, butterfly milkweed, cardinal flower, and mountain mints all offer beauty and will attract butterflies and birds to your yard.

Nurseries are beginning to carry more and more native plants, but you need to make sure what you are buying even when it comes to trees. There are so many ornamentals being offered today. And some nurseries may consider natives that have been bred as cultivars to be native, when they are not. A cultivar usually has a “qualifier” at the end

of the species name (a “third name”), such as for red maple *Acer rubrum* ‘autumn flame.’ Preferable native grasses are also being sold, such as the showy Indian grass. There are many nonnative grasses on the market that should be avoided. Some nurseries now exist that only cultivate native species such as the Ohio Prairie Nursery. Wild Ones is a national organization that promotes landscaping with native plants. If you have questions contact our nature centers for more information about native and nonnative plants.

**David Dvorak, Naturalist
Rocky River Nature Center**

David specializes in restoring land to native species.

The Worm Turns ... *On Us*

April is the first warm month of the spring full moon, called the Full Pink Moon by some. Yet, for me April not March, is the month of the Full Worm Moon. I grew up in southern Michigan, land of many lakes and many fish, and kids, fish and worms were inseparable. With an old cane pole, a fresh plump bluegill was only a worm away, so as kids, we became master worm wranglers at an early age.

Today, a nightly knot of kids slowly gliding through neighborhood lawns at night shining flashlights here and there would be good cause for investigation by armed authorities. In those days, it was just kids looking for nightcrawlers. Catching slimy slippery worms by flashlight was an acquired skill, with special tips and techniques passed on from kid to kid, neighborhood to neighborhood, over the years. Slowly, carefully, patiently we inched across the dewy lawns, shining the flashlight beam here and there until a linear glisten of pink and brown was spotted. The flashlight beam was quickly moved aside, lest the blast of light overwhelm the unsuspecting 'crawler and he made a hasty retreat back into his burrow. With the side of the light just barely illuminating the hapless victim, we'd slowly, every so slowly kneel down, reach our hand out, and snatch the slippery thing, or try to. If he still remained in our grasp, it took a slow, slow, steady pull to wrestle him out of the ground without breaking, (we admired the seemingly effortless success of neighborhood robins). As the evening passed, if we were careful and lucky, we'd gradually end up with a fine bucket of bait rivaling the best that adults could buy at the hardware store uptown. Worms seemed everywhere in the neighborhood in our little country town, and worm bragging rights were a rite of passage for those of single-digit age.

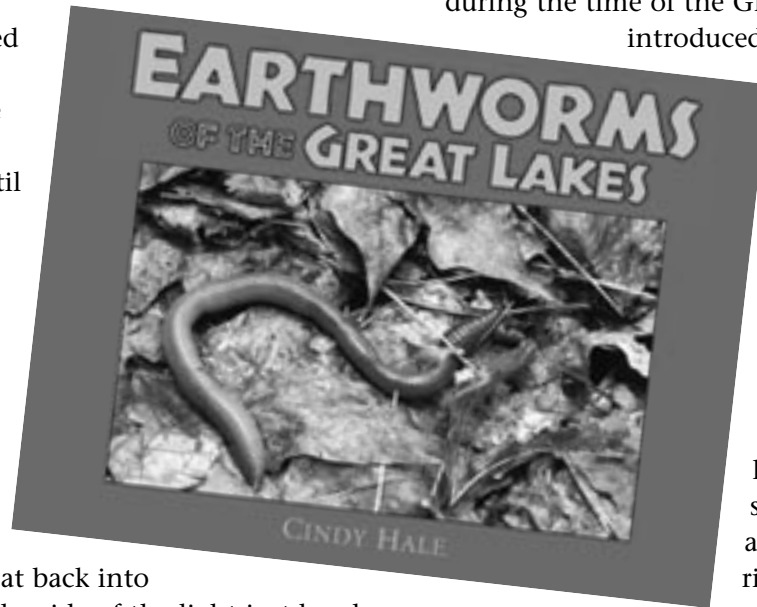
Later, in college at Michigan State University, Dr. Henry Foth, father of soil science in the Midwest, frequently extolled to us the virtues of worms large and small. "Beavers of the soil," he called them, a good analogy, as only worms and beavers seemed to have the engineering ability to alter the fundamental landscape of the place they called home. Even professors of horticulture, tillers of the soil that they were, suggested adding a worm or two to landscape and ornamental plantings, to keep the soil aerated and enriched with their castings.

From time to time, as the old English ballad offers, we live in a "world turned upside down," and this time, it's worms that are doing it, in more than the way you think. Very recent research reveals to us that earthworms are not native to most of Ohio, as they were eliminated during the time of the Great Ice, but were

introduced by being imported

accidentally in soil and potted plants when settlers brought their favorite trees, fruits and vegetables to the Great Lakes region. Far from being the gentle squishy wiggly plows of the topsoil, we have learned that certain species of soil-dwellers actually consume the rich powdery decaying vegetation of fallen

leaves that made our forests so diverse with species of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and the myriad of other living things that they support. When earthworms are reintroduced into a northern temperate forest ecosystem, they actually eat the forest floor, destroying much of the nutrients that support the vegetation. They consume the rooting zone of many plants, and the formerly rich, soft, spongy forest floor becomes thin and compacted, lowering diversity and exposing fallen seeds - the next generation of the forest - to predators. Certain formerly abundant climax forest species such as large-flowering trillium, bloodroot, wild ginger



Naturalist's Almanac

April

and even sugar maple can be completely eliminated. Alien invasives such as European buckthorn, garlic mustard and Japanese honeysuckle, perhaps better suited to reduced topsoils and lower nutrients, become dominant. We have seen these species invading throughout Cuyahoga County and Cleveland Metroparks.

A large regional information network, to be found at www.greatlakeswormwatch.org, asks for information, sightings and specimens from throughout the Great Lakes region, including northern Ohio.

A new booklet, *Earthworms of the Great Lakes*, is available at EarthWords Nature Shops here in Cleveland Metroparks and provides identification of 14 species of earthworms which might be found in our region. Both served as primary sources of information for this article.

So, we learn that things are once again not as simple as they seem. What seemed to be good, is now found not to be so. It is ever thus, in nature. The amazing webs of interconnections, in their natural state, are so complex and so numerous that we may well never be able to identify and understand them all. The worm has turned, showing us once again that our fragile planet, so altered by the ever-spreading hand of man, may be now so changed that it will require thoughtful management forever.

Robert D. Hinkle, Ph.D.
Chief of Outdoor Education

Week 1

Birds

White-throated sparrows, singing their plaintive "old Sam Peabody- Peabody-Peabody" songs, continue to pour through Ohio on their way to Canada. Rufus-sided towhees and pine warblers return this week. Killdeer return to the north coast in large numbers, the vanguard of a major invasion of migrating birds to come in the next 30 days.

Wildflowers

White petals of bloodroot mingle with bluebells and trout lily in damp forests this week. Spring beauty and hepatica join them as well. Many wildflowers bloom and go by before we begin to think of spring hikes to look for them. Some years the wildflowers from Cleveland to Ashtabula and a few miles bloom almost a week later due to the "lake effect."

Week 2

Birds

The male woodcock's spectacular "sky dance" is in full swing each morning and evening twilight through mid-May in hopes of attracting a female. Watch open fields with some shrub cover and discover the spectacle for yourself. Canada geese are incubating eggs throughout our region. Protective males nearby may bite if approached too closely - be careful!

Wildflowers

Violets, Virginia bluebells, rue anemone and cut-leaf toothwort should be in bloom this week in area woodlots. Please remember to enjoy but don't take any of these woodland beauties, now becoming scarce.

Amphibians

On warm, wet rainy evenings in Brecksville, Rangers close Valley Parkway as hundreds of salamanders wriggle across roads to their ancestral breeding ponds. Naturalists present each evening explain the migration and help protect the salamanders. American toads' long trilling calls can be heard in wet spots this week as their short breeding cycle begins.

Week 3

Birds

If south winds prevail this week, this may be the week of the big migration. Look for Swainson's and hermit thrushes, sandpipers and some of these warblers: yellow throated, yellow-rumped, black-throated-green, and hooded. House wrens also return this week. Get your wren houses emptied and ready!

Wildflowers

Three-petaled, three-leafed white trilliums should be up but not quite yet blooming in most of the region's forests. Marsh marigolds add their butter-yellow hues to low wet places this week.

Shrubs

Spicebush and shadbush (serviceberry) are blooming. Their soft whites and pinks still provide a contrast with the emerging forest canopy overhead.

Reptiles

Garter snakes should be seen frequently as they leave their winter dens and soak up the warm spring sunshine.

Week 4

Birds

Migratory bluebirds should be back in force this week. Is your bluebird house cleaned out and ready for this year's visitors?

More birds of the deep forest such as the Baltimore oriole, scarlet tanager and rose-breasted grosbeak should have returned from their winter haunts in tropical rainforests.

Wildflowers

Grassy open places are carpeted with tiny four-petaled bluets. So many bloom that they resemble a pale blue snowdrift in the spring woods. Snowy white trilliums now dot most of our region's deep woodlands. Look around them for the last of the Virginia bluebells, Dutchman's breeches and squirrel corn flowers.

Climb Aboard! Take an Emerald Necklace Excursion

Saturday, June 7 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Spend a day enjoying the beauty of Cleveland Metroparks from the comfort of a luxury coach. Vern Hartenburg, executive director, will lead this special tour of several locations within Cleveland Metroparks. Ticket prices are \$60 (\$18 is tax deductible); all proceeds benefit the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund of The Cleveland Foundation that was established to preserve and protect Cleveland Metroparks for future generations.

For reservations or more information, contact 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.

Call for Student Artists

Rocky River Nature Center will hold its third annual juried art show for students in 1st through 12th grade. Illustrations in any media except photography will be accepted April 21 through May 23, 2008. Entries must fit the theme “ ”. The winning entries will be exhibited August 16 through September 15, 2008. The show is limited to one entry per student, and must be accompanied by an entry form. Pick up an entry form at the nature center, or call 440-734-6660 for more information.



CanalWay Center Presents: CSI - CanalWay Summer Investigators

(For kids 8 to 12)

Join us for a fun summer at CanalWay Center. You will become a science investigator and have a great time outdoors. Exploring the wetlands, fishing, kayaking, using compasses or testing your survival skills you will learn about nature, history...and you! Don't miss the fun, reserve your spot now for the entire summer!

Each topic is offered twice - pick Tuesday or Thursday. Sessions are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration for all programs begins April 15. For more information or to register, call 216-206-1000.

Date	Topic
June 10 or 12	Water Check-up
June 17 or 19	Getting Fishy
June 24 or 26	Wetland Investigation
July 1	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
July 8 or 10	Trash Mystery *
July 15 or 17	Back to the Future
July 22 or 24	Survival 101
July 29 or 31	Orienteering
August 5 or 7	Kayaking Adventure *
August 12 or 14	Season Finale

(* Schedule will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Photo by Stephanie Wollman



Banff Mountain Film Festival

The World's Top Films in Adventure, Environment and Adrenaline Sports Come to Town!

Movies from the renowned Banff Mountain Film Festival are featured in a tour that spans the globe and reaches about 270 locations in 30 countries. The tour



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makes a stop at the Allen Theater in Playhouse Square Center for an exclusive showing in northern Ohio on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12. The Cleveland showing of the film festival showcases different films and a reception each evening.

The festival kicks off with Friday's Opening Night Reception, featuring appetizers, beer and dessert. Light appetizers will be served for Saturday's reception. There is a cash bar on both nights. The receptions, which run from 6 to 7:30 p.m., include exhibits of interest to outdoor enthusiasts and prize sign-ups. The films start at 7:30 p.m.

Initiated in 2007, the High Altitude Party, held in the balcony of the Allen, returns in 2008. High Altitude ticket holders will be treated to an assortment of guest goodie bags, live music, beers, and more. Tickets to this special section are limited, so be sure and reserve your space early.

Tickets may be purchased on-line at www.theedgefilms.com, at Playhouse Square or at Geiger's in Chagrin Falls and Lakewood. Advance ticket prices, thru April 1, are: \$25-\$35. Ticket prices will increase \$5 each on April 1 and will be available on-line or at Playhouse Square Center only.



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The Edge Films, Inc. brings the Banff Mountain Film Festival to Cleveland with the support of Cleveland Metroparks,

Geiger's, *Balanced Living Magazine* and 107.3 *The Wave*. For more info, call 216-556-0016 or go to www.theedgefilms.com.



The Gift of Nature

"But in every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks" - John Muir

Have you experienced the gift of nature in Cleveland Metroparks? By naming the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund of The Cleveland Foundation as a beneficiary of your estate, you will give the gift of nature to those who come after us.

The Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund was established within The Cleveland Foundation to protect and preserve Cleveland Metroparks. Funds contributed to the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund will remain within the fund and generate annual income to benefit all aspects of Cleveland Metroparks. Gifts may be made to the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund through cash donations, will bequests, appreciated securities and other forms of estate planning.

To learn more about including Cleveland Metroparks in your estate plan or other types of giving, please contact Karen Kannenberg, manager of gift and donor development, at 216-635-3217 or kjk@clevelandmetroparks.com to confidentially discuss giving opportunities.



Save the Date:

Knee High Naturalists

Sunday, June 8

Chagrin River Sledding Hill
South Chagrin Reservation

Train Day

Saturday, June 21

CanalWay Center
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Brookstock - A Celebration of Music & Nature

Saturday, July 12

Brookside Valley Event Site
Brookside Reservation

Nature at Night

Saturday, July 19

North Chagrin Nature Center
North Chagrin Reservation

Interested in receiving 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.

Farm & Garden Day

Saturday, May 17 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Garfield Park Nature Center
Garfield Park Reservation**

April showers will soon be over and then it will be time to plant May gardens! Experience a day in the life on the farm and celebrate the amazing array of plants at Cleveland Metroparks Farm & Garden Day. Whether you live in the city or the country, farming affects your life. Come out and see how! The free weekend event features guest speakers, vendors and exhibitors, children's crafts, live farm animals, and more!



Garfield Park Nature Center

is located off Mill Creek Lane, off the Broadway Avenue entrance of Garfield Park Reservation in Garfield Heights.

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area "Open House"

Saturday, May 17 • noon - 4 p.m.

**Ledge Pool & Recreation Area
Hinckley Reservation**

Enjoy complimentary refreshments while strolling the grounds, visitors can purchase season passes and sign up for swimming lessons. Visitors are invited to view the area's attractions, including the heated 80- by 100-foot stainless steel pool, fishing along the Ledge Lake shore, picnic areas, volleyball and basketball courts.



For more information

on season passes, swimming lessons, and other aquatic programs, call the Aquatics Division at 440-331-8635 or 330-239-2911. Or join us at the "Open House." Applications for season passes also are available online.

To make reservations for the picnic areas, call 216-635-3200.

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

is located at 1151 Ledge Road in Hinckley Reservation, between State (Rt. 44) and Kellogg roads in Hinckley Township.

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

Watch the spring migrants return or travel through to their summer breeding grounds during the 75th Annual Series of Bird Walks. Co-sponsored by Cleveland Metroparks, The Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and other local park districts, walks will be held on Sundays, April 13 through May 18 at 7:30 a.m. at the following locations:

Aurora Sanctuary - Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Sanctuary, parking lot east of Page Rd. on E. Pioneer Trail, east of routes 306 and 43, Aurora **216-861-5093**

Bedford Reservation - Hemlock Creek Picnic Area parking lot, off Button Rd., Bedford **440-734-6660**

Big Creek Reservation - Lake Isaac, Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights **440-734-6660**

Brecksville Reservation - Parking area at Station Rd. Bridge Trailhead, off Riverview Rd. south of route 82, Brecksville **440-526-1012**

Gates Mills - Call **440-734-6660** for details

Geauga Park District - Various locations, Geauga County **440-286-9504**

Hinckley Reservation - Bridge at the south end of Hinckley Lake, off State Rd., Hinckley **440-734-6660**

Hiram - James H. Barrow Field Station (Hiram College) on Wheeler Road **330-527-3076**

Holden Arboretum - main parking lot off Sperry Rd., Kirtland **440-946-4400**

Huntington Reservation - Huntington Beach parking lot, off Lake Rd., Bay Village **440-734-6660**

Lake Metroparks - Penitentiary Glen (8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland) **440-256-2101**

Lantern Court - Call Holden Arboretum for details **440-946-4400**

Mentor Marsh - parking area on Headlands Rd., Mentor **216-231-4600**

North Chagrin Reservation - Sunset Pond, off Buttermilk Falls Parkway, Mayfield Village **440-473-3370**

Novak Sanctuary - Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland Sanctuary, parking lot north of Rt. 82 on Aurora Town Line Rd., Aurora **216-861-5093**

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation - Visitor Center parking lot - Whittlesey Way off E. 49th St. S. of Grant Ave, Cuyahoga Hts. **216-206-1000**

Rocky River Reservation - Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Parkway, 1/4 mile north of Cedar Point Road in North Olmsted **440-734-6660**

Shaker Lakes - The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes parking lot, Shaker Heights **216-321-5935**

South Chagrin Reservation - Jackson Rd. parking lot, off Chagrin River Rd. (between Miles Rd. and Chagrin Blvd.), Moreland Hills **440-247-7075**

North Coast Nature Festival

**Friday, evening, April 25,
Saturday, April 26 & Sunday, April 27**

**Rocky River Nature Center
Rocky River Reservation • North Olmsted**

Put a little “spring” in your step and head over to Cleveland Metroparks North Coast Nature Festival.

Celebrate the earth’s reawakening at this free weekend festival for nature lovers, featuring “The Nature & Art Show” with wildlife art exhibits and sale, organizational exhibits and other nature-minded vendors exhibiting on Saturday and Sunday. The event also has guest speakers, children’s activities, hikes, a day-long birding field trip, live animals, and more!

The nature center festivities take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday - plus special evening presentations on Friday and Saturday nights.



Rocky River Nature Center

▶ is located at 24000 Valley Parkway in Rocky River Reservation, north of Cedar Point Road in North Olmsted.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The North Coast Nature Festival features two free evening special presentations at Rocky River Nature Center. Doors open both nights at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited.

For more information on the Festival, call 440-734-6660.

Friday, April 25

7 & 9 p.m. (presentation repeated)

“South Georgia Island - Antarctic Paradise” - Rod Planck

Rod Planck has been involved in nature photography for over 25 years. His images have appeared in such magazines as *Audubon*, *Sierra*, *Natural History*, *Backpacker*, *Birder's World*, *National* and *International Wildlife*, and *Ranger Rick*, and in numerous calendars and textbooks.

Planck has also been featured in print advertisements with such clients as Nikon, Fuji, and Kodak, and also in television advertisements. His devotion to using ethical photographic methods has gained him the respect of many nature photographers worldwide.



Saturday, April 26

7 p.m.

“Wings of the Imagination: Why We Need Birds” - Kenn Kaufman



Often compared to the late Roger Tory Peterson, Kenn Kaufman is an author, artist, photographer, and speaker who has focused on birds and nature since the age of six. He now edits his own field guide series, the *Kaufman Field Guides*, with volumes on North American birds, butterflies, mammals, and insects. The bird guide has been published in a Spanish version as well as the English version. His other books include a popular memoir, *Kingbird Highway*, and a standard reference, *Lives of North American Birds*.

A new memoir, *Flights Against the Sunset*, is being published in spring 2008. In addition, Kenn is a field editor for *Audubon* and a regular contributor to every major birding magazine, and he has led birding tours on all seven continents. He lives in northwestern Ohio with his wife, Kim.

The Nature & Art Show

“The Nature & Art Show” at North Coast Nature Festival features nature art/photography exhibitors/vendors, exhibits of nature-related organizations and other nature-minded vendors, including: Lake Erie Nature & Science Center (Saturday only), Back to the Wild (Sunday only), Black Swamp Bird Observatory, Begin Designs, Eagle Optics, EarthenArt, EarthWatch Ohio, Environmental Photography - Mary Sandmann, Garfield Park Nature Center, Green Clean, Institute of the Great Outdoors, Las Galarias Foundation, Leap into Action - www.forfrogs.org, National Wildlife Federation, Nature Paintings - Henry Edinger, Nature Paintings - Jackie Hixon, Nature Paintings - McNelly Fine Arts, Nature Paintings - Ray Easton, Northeast Ohio Sierra Club, Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists, Ohio Prairie Nursery, Photographer - Dave Lewis, Quilts - Sara Cooley, Schoolhouse Woodcrafts, Slate Paintings - Anne Frost, Smith & Hawkins, SW Camera Club, Western Reserve Wild Ones, and Wild Birds Unlimited (list as of February 15).

LOCAL PRESENTERS

(see schedule on page 13 for days and times)

Bill Flanagan - "Amphibians of the Great Lakes"



Bill Flanagan spent most of his childhood and adolescence at the Dayton Museum of Natural History, currently the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. A childhood fascination with reptiles and amphibians was nurtured by countless hours chasing snakes in the Stillwater River and taking care of the museum's live collection.

Flanagan is currently living in Kalamazoo, Michigan where he is pursuing a graduate degree from Grand Valley State University. His research focuses on using a combination of computer modeling and field surveys to assess the status and distribution of Michigan's two species of giant salamander, the mudpuppy (*Necturus maculosus*) and the western lesser siren (*Siren intermedia nettingi*). The western lesser siren component of the research is supported by Cleveland Metroparks Zoo/Cleveland Zoological Society Conservation and Research Small Grants program.

Andy Jones - "Migration All Around Us: How Birds Navigate Through the Americas"



Andy Jones completed his Ph.D in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior at the University of Minnesota. Jones works for the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and is the first person to hold the William A. and Nancy R.

Klamm Endowed Chair of Ornithology. His position involves curation, research, and outreach and has involved birds from the Philippines, Appalachians, and the Andes

Katherine Krynak - "The Big Picture Through Little Eyes, a Truly Ribbiting Story"



Katherine Krynak is an animal keeper at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's RainForest specializing in amphibians. Her work with Cleveland Metroparks has taken her to Central and South America to study, inventory, and rescue amphibians. With 1/3 of the known species of amphibians estimated to disappear from this world within the next decade, Katherine has committed herself to raising awareness of this global crisis. Join Katherine as she shares her tales of journeys to Panama, Ecuador and back again in her program.

Bird Migration on the North Coast

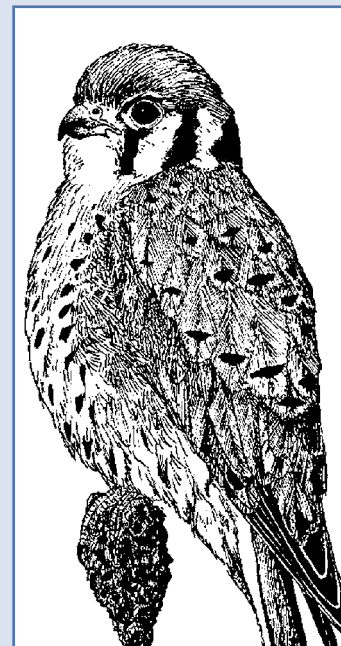
Field Trip with Jen Brumfield and Gabe Leidy

Grab your binoculars to see what birds are migrating north! Sign up for the following birding field trip:

Saturday, April 26 • 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$40 (includes transportation, leadership, lunch and snacks)

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield and avid birder Gabe Leidy for a day-long exploration of some of the best birding hot spots in Greater Cleveland, including Headlands Beach State Park in Lake County and Sandy Ridge Reservation in Lorain County. With these two birding enthusiasts, participants are guaranteed a fantastic day in the field. We hope to see a wave of neotropical migrants that include prothonotary and black-throated green warblers, flycatchers, gnatcatchers, blue-headed vireo and more. Red-headed woodpecker, sandhill crane and bald eagle are all possibilities on this full "Big Day," which could end with us finding upwards of 70 to 80 species. Binoculars required. Spotting scopes highly recommended. Space is limited to 16 visitors and registration, beginning March 31, is required. To register, call 440-734-6660.



American kestrel by Jen Brumfield ©

Celebrate Nature on the North Coast!

North Coast Nature Festival Schedule:



Saturday, April 26: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- 8 a.m. [Bird Hike](#) (Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist & Rod Planck)
- 10 a.m. [Photography Hike](#) (Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club)
- 10 a.m. Amphitheater Tent - [Live Animal Program](#) (Lake Erie Nature & Science Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Classroom Presentation - [Migration All Around Us: How Birds Navigate Through the Americas](#) (Andy Jones)
- 11 a.m. [Pondside - Swamp Tromp'n](#)
- 11 a.m. Conference Room "Mini-Seminar": [Birding Optics](#) (Eagle Optics)
- 11:30 a.m. [Family Bird Walk](#)
- 11:30 a.m. Amphitheater Tent - [Musical Fun with Foster Brown and Mark Szabo](#)
- Noon Conference Room - [EarthWords Birding Gadgets: Low-Tech to High-Tech](#) (Heidi Stelmach)
- 12:30 p.m. Classroom Presentation - [Amphibians of the Great Lakes](#) (Bill Flanagan)
- 1 p.m. Amphitheater Tent - [Live Animal Program](#) (Lake Erie Nature & Science Center)
- 1:30 p.m. [Family Amphibian Walk](#)
- 1:30 p.m. Conference Room - "Mini-Seminar": [Digital Nature Photography](#) (Dodd Camera)
- 2 p.m. Classroom Presentation - [Modern Bird Photography Techniques](#) (Rod Planck)
- 2 - 3 p.m. [Peregrine Falcon Watch](#) (at Hilliard Bridge)
- 2:30 p.m. Amphitheater Tent - [Musical Fun with Foster Brown and Mark Szabo](#)
- 3 p.m. [Family Wildflower Walk](#)
- 3:30 p.m. Conference Room - "Mini-Seminar": [Photoshop](#) (Dodd Camera)
- 3:30 p.m. Amphitheater Tent - [Live Animal Program](#) (Lake Erie Nature & Science Center)
- 4 p.m. Classroom Presentation - [The Big Picture Through Little Eyes: A Truly Ribbiting Story](#) (Kathy Krynak)

Sunday, April 27: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Sunrise to Noon [Bird Banding](#) with Black Swamp Bird Observatory - back of nature center
- 7:30 a.m. [Bird Hike](#) (Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist & Rod Planck)
- 10 a.m. [Photography Hike](#) (Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club)
- 10 a.m. Amphitheater Tent - [Live Animal Program](#) (Back to the Wild)
- 10:30 a.m. Classroom Presentation - [Migration All Around Us: How Birds Navigate Through the Americas](#) (Andy Jones)
- 11 a.m. [Pondside - Swamp Tromp'n](#)
- 11 a.m. Conference Room "Mini-Seminar": [Birding Optics](#) (Eagle Optics)
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Other activities (10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday & Sunday):

Year of the Frog display, Ohio Prairie Nursery/EarthWords Native Plant Sale, kids' crafts, interactive videos, refreshments for purchase, and more!

Making the Zoo a Greener Place



Zoo employees clean up Big Creek every year.

In the past few years, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo has more than tripled how much it recycles. More than 200 tons of paper, 1,000 cell phones, 300,000 aluminum cans and 100 tons of cardboard have been recycled at the Zoo since 2003, and efforts over the past year to use recycled paper at the Zoo have spared 11 trees, 1,941 gallons of water and 339 pounds of atmospheric emissions.

And still the Zoo is committed to doing even more in its continued effort to be environmentally friendly. Zoo employees are voluntarily taking the “Pledge to be Green,” promising to recycle and reduce waste, and Zoo Director Steve Taylor announced a list of “Green Resolutions” for the year.

“As a conservation agency, the Zoo should be setting an example and doing whatever we can to help the environment,” Taylor said. “We’ve done a lot so far, but there’s still more work to be done.”

The Zoo’s focus on protecting the environment is part of Cleveland Metroparks overall commitment to recycling everything from deer waste to paint.

The Zoo’s Top 8 Green Resolutions include:

- Reducing vehicle traffic inside the Zoo. (Exploring bikes and wagons as alternatives to motorized golf carts and trucks for hauling equipment and supplies through the Zoo.)
- Purchasing a solar-powered golf cart for the maintenance staff.
- Designing the new African Elephant Crossing exhibit to federal “green” standards.
- Training all employees in proper recycling procedures.
- Increasing the capacity for composting, making even more “ZooPoo” compost available to the public for their own gardens and yards.
- Continuing to remove invasive species of plants from the Zoo.
- Conducting a clean-up of Big Creek, which runs through the Zoo.
- Conducting “Cans For Conservation” recycling drives to support conservation initiatives.

It’s not easy being green, but with the public’s support the Zoo will continue building on its successes in being environmentally friendly. Everyone is encouraged to use the Zoo as his or her own recycling center. The Zoo will accept recyclable paper, cell phones, inkjet and toner cartridges and, from June 1 to August 31 only, old phone books. Learn more by calling Nancy Hughes at 216-661-6500 ext. 4508 or visit clemetzoo.com for full details.

Tom O’Konowitz
Marketing & Public Relations Specialist



Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson gave the keynote address at 2007’s EarthFest at the Zoo.

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Australian Adventure Now Open

Spring has arrived and that means Australian Adventure is open for the season. Get reacquainted with resident kangaroos, wallabies and wallaroos. Travel aboard the Boomerang Express or climb to the top of the Yagga Tree for a kookaburra's eye view of the sights. See sheep, goats and donkeys in the animal barn or check out the happenings inside the Homestead.

Zoo admission is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 2 to 11 and free for kids under 2 and Zoo members. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Celebrate EarthFest at the Zoo

Sunday, April 20

Party for the planet as Cleveland's Earth Day Coalition teams up with the Zoo to present the 19th annual EarthFest at the Zoo. The largest environmental education event in Ohio, EarthFest includes reduced admission to the Zoo along with a day of entertainment, education and more than 100 environmental exhibits. Plus, you can learn about the Zoo's composting program and buy buckets of ZooPoo for your own garden. Also visit the Zoo's "Leap into Action" table, where you can learn about the Year of the Frog and meet "Vern," the Zoo's new frog mascot. EarthFest admission is free for those registered in Walk or Bike for the Earth, as well as for those who ride the RTA Clean-Air bus from Public Square. Activities run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 216-281-6468 or visit clemet zoo.com and earthdaycoalition.org.

Mother's Day at the Zoo

Sunday, May 11

Looking for a special way to celebrate Mother's Day? Bring Mom to the Zoo, where all moms receive FREE Zoo admission on their special day. Plus, to make the day even more special, make reservations for the annual Mother's Day Brunch at the Zoo. This unique dining experience is a family favorite and fills up quickly. Seatings are at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. An additional fee is required for brunch. Call 216-398-5750 for details and reservations.

FROGS, HOGS & DOGS

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

May 22 - September 28

Whether you prefer warty toads, portly pigs or crooning canines, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo has something for you with its next big attraction. **Frogs, Hogs & Dogs** will captivate Zoo visitors this summer with its unique collection of exotic animals, including endangered amphibians like Panamanian golden frogs, brilliantly colored red river hogs from the African bush and extremely rare New Guinea singing dogs from the forests of Australia.

Frogs, Hogs & Dogs promises a hopping, snorting, singing good time! Check out dozens of frogs and toads at new exhibits in The RainForest, Wolf Wilderness and Australian Adventure. And - for the first time ever at the Zoo - encounter a pair of wily red river hogs at the Pachyderm Building and melodious singing dogs in Australian Adventure.

So croak, squeal or sing your way to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for **Frogs, Hogs & Dogs**, opening Thursday, May 22.

SpringLight by TCP presents Frogs, Hogs & Dogs

TOUCH! & Butterfly Magic Return

May 22 - September 28



Whether gliding through water or floating in air, graceful creatures will abound this summer with the return of TOUCH! Amazing Rays & Sharks and Butterfly Magic.

Back by popular demand, these engaging exhibits allow visitors the chance to touch stingrays and small sharks in a safe, controlled environment, and experience dozens of brightly colored butterflies amid the beauty of the Public Greenhouse.

More than 250,000 people experienced TOUCH! last summer, and you don't want to miss its third - and possibly final - appearance at the Zoo. TOUCH! is only \$1 per person, in addition to regular Zoo admission, and free for Zoo members. Butterfly Magic is free with regular Zoo admission.



FIFTH THIRD BANK

Fifth Third Bank proudly supports the summer season at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

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

2008 Spring Tour Tournament Series of Golf

Play one or all of the Spring Tour Tournaments! Each event is a scratch event and open to all players. All tournaments require advanced registration and a fee. Space is limited. Prizes will be awarded. Spring Tour Tournament fees include greens fees and snacks for the team.

Four-player Scramble

Saturday, May 3
Tee times: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
Brecksville Reservation
440-526-4285

This "best shot" format is an enjoyable way for golfers of all skill levels to compete. All players use the team's best position for the next shot. Fee is \$250 per team (includes golf cars.) Deadline to enter is April 27.

Two-player Scramble

Saturday, May 10
Tee Times: 10 a.m. - noon
Manakiki Golf Course
North Chagrin Reservation
440-942-2500

This tournament is a great way for two to tee-up. Players advance to either team member's best position on each shot. Each player's tee shot must be used at least six times. Fee is \$120 per team (includes golf car). Deadline to enter is May 4.

Two-player Scramble/Better Ball Combo

Saturday, May 17
Tee times: 10 a.m. - noon
Big Met Golf Course, Rocky River Reservation
440-331-1070

This format combines scramble fun on the front nine and the challenge of a better ball on the back nine. Fee is \$100 per team. Deadline to enter is May 11.

Family 9-Hole Scramble

Saturday, June 7
Tee times start at 3 p.m.
Little Met
216-941-9672

Fee is \$55 per four-player team. The fee includes one car for the foursome and food afterwards. Each team member must be related by "blood, marriage or law" and meet these minimum requirements: one adult age 18 and above, one junior age 6 - 17, and one male and one female.

Color tee markers will be set up at appropriate lengths for different age and gender categories. A scramble (best shot) format will be used, and each player's tee shot must be used a minimum of one time and a maximum of three times. Deadline to enter is June 1.

Free Replays Continue in 2008!

In April, Monday through Thursday - FREE REPLAYS. Play an additional 9 holes FREE with any purchase of 9 holes at Washington Golf Learning Center, Mastick Woods or Little Met. Play an additional 9 at Sleepy Hollow, Manakiki, Big Met or Shawnee Hills with the purchase of 18 holes. Take advantage of this offer as many times as you would like! (This offer is subject to availability, cart charges apply for each round, offer not valid with league or tournament play, and the Replay golf must be played immediately after the purchased round.)

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: klf@clevelandmetroparks.com

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. For more information on golf events offered throughout the season, call 440-232-7247.

2008 Cleveland Metroparks Junior Golf Programs

Cleveland Metroparks offers a variety of programs for junior golfers, ages 6 to 17, of all skill levels including free clinics, summer leagues, lessons and a tournament for future high school golfers.

Registration for Junior Golf Programs starts Saturday, April 5 and can be made at any of the seven golf courses. A waiver must also be signed by a parent/guardian.

Junior Clinics

Free One-day Super Clinic for ages 6 to 17 at:

Washington - Friday, June 13

Multi-day Clinics - \$15 for ages 6 to 17 at:

Shawnee Hills - June 9 - 11

Sleepy Hollow - June 17 - 19

Manakiki - June 24 - 26



Clinics, for beginner and intermediate levels, cover fundamentals of full swing, pitching, chipping, putting, and golf rules and etiquette. Equipment is available to use, but if participants have equipment they should bring it along. Registration is limited and required.

Summer Golf Leagues - Pee Wee

Children, ages 6 to 9, play three holes and must be accompanied by an adult on the course - either Mastick Woods or Shawnee Hills Par-3. The fee is \$5 per child (no weekly fee), and play begins in June with championships in July.

* For more information on Cleveland Metroparks Junior Golf Programs, call the individual courses or Golf Services at 440-232-7247.



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Summer Golf Leagues - Cadet, Junior & Advanced

Summer golf leagues for children, ages 10 to 17, cost \$20 per participant (plus weekly junior greens fees). Children must have their own equipment. Play begins in June with championships in July and August. Advanced league players must have a handicap of 12 or less in 2007 league play or receive approval from designated Cleveland Metroparks employees.



SUMMER GOLF CAMP FOR JUNIORS

Washington Golf Learning Center • Ages: 8 - 17

This five-day camp for young golfers will include instruction, etiquette, rules, playing and on-course experience. Juniors should bring a packed lunch. Extended care is available for children arriving at 8 a.m. and/or staying until 5 p.m. A fee of \$25 covers extended care for the entire week. A girls-only camp also is offered.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee
June 23 - 27	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 7 - 11 (<i>girls only</i>)	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 14 - 18	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 21 - 25	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 28 - Aug 1	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
August 4 - 8	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Wild Summer Reading Camp Volunteers Needed!

For teens and adults ages 13 & up

July 21 - August 15 - must commit to at least one shift per week

Times: 3-hour shifts, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and/or 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

We are looking for Summer Volunteers to read to and with children, and to help summer campers with computer quizzes, games and journaling activities. Campers will be children entering Grades 1 - 4 at Normandy, Westerly and St. Raphael schools in Bay Village. Campers also experience in-depth reading and writing lessons with a Reading Specialist, along with other activities. The one-on-one support our volunteers provide makes a huge difference to each child's camp experience! Volunteer training is provided and takes just 1 - 2 hours.

Contact Julie Mistur at juliem@lensc.org or by calling her at 440-871-2900.

Log Cabin Discoveries Plants and How They Grow

For children ages 4 - 6

Friday, April 25

10 - 11 a.m.

Fee: \$15/child; members \$10/child

Adventure abounds during each one-hour session! You may meet an animal, be creative with an art project, sing and move to music or listen to a story. Become a nature detective as you explore inside the cabin and out on the trails.

Critter Club

(Recommended for ages 5 - 8 accompanied by an adult)

Wednesday, April 30 • 4 - 5 p.m.

Fee: \$8/child, \$4 each additional child; members \$6/child, \$3 each additional child

Join us for a special Spring Critter Club! Using magnifying glasses, bug boxes, and field guides, the Critter Club will explore Hemlock Ridge Trail to see what critters have awakened from their long winter's rest. Enjoy a close encounter with one of the Center's resident animals that depends on trail critters for its survival. Please dress for a hike during spring weather.

Mommy & Me Mother's Day Tea

All ages accompanied by an adult.

Saturday, May 3

10 - 11 a.m., 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. or 3 - 4 p.m.

Fee: \$10/adult & 1 child, \$5 each additional child

Moms of all ages - you or your children are invited to a special program celebrating all the wonderful things Mothers (and Grandmothers) do! Meet a live animal, hear the story of a mother's love and create a beautiful craft to take home. (No messy paints in case you want to dress up!) Enjoy your delicious tea served on beautiful china dishes, complete with hot and cold tea, lemonade, cupcakes and fruit.

Walter R. Schuele Planetarium Family Programs

Twinkle Tots

Thursdays • 11:45 a.m.

Saturdays • 11 a.m.

Fee: \$1 per person (including infants)

This is a program for the toddler in your family. See what's new in space, watch lights dance, and see some magic. Twinkle Tots is fun for just about everyone in the family! Door closes promptly at start of program.

Stellar Stars

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. & Saturdays • noon

Fee: children \$2

Every week, you and your little one will "blast-off" to a new planet and constellation during this interactive show. Marvel at the night sky and enjoy the stars, watch lasers moving to music, and learn fun facts about the solar system. Take home your very own planet picture to color and add a sticker to your passport.

Backyard Astronomy

Saturdays • 1 p.m.

Fee: \$2 per person

Explore the night sky from your very own backyard! Join us as we view constellations and other celestial objects.

Luny April

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

Fee: \$2 per person

Saturdays, April 5 & 19 • 7 p.m.

Fee: \$3 per person

Have you every wondered what the moon looks like up close? Check out the craters and the view from the other side. We will have some Lunar folklore as well. On April 19, come see actual Lunar Rock & Soil Samples, on loan from our partners at NASA Glenn Research Center. Evening program on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in April includes telescope viewing after the show, weather permitting.



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 affiliate of Cleveland Metroparks.



Celebrate North Coast Nature Festival and Earth Day

At EarthWords Nature Shop

EarthWords has new apparel and books to celebrate as April greens the earth in Northeast Ohio.

Advice From A Ladybug T-Shirt - Vibrant red short-sleeve t-shirt with great advice! "Spot new opportunities - Spend time in your garden - Be well-rounded - Enjoy the wonders of nature - Don't let the small things bug you - Keep family close by - Be simply beautiful." \$16.95

Be Green Cap - Show your true colors with this tan cap with green embroidery. \$16.95

Butterfly Nectar T-Shirt - A stunning purple t-shirt with butterfly-friendly flowers on the front, and butterflies savoring their nectar on the back. \$16.95

Matching Tote Bag - \$17.95

Matching Mug - \$7.95

Wake Up and Smell the Planet: The Non-Pompous, Non-Preachy Grist Guide to Greening Your Day by Grist Magazine - You'll find loads of information and tips on everything from shaving to shopping, from greening your office to greening your video games. Lots of laughs, too! Printed on post-consumer recycled paper. \$14.95

Eco Babies Wear Green by Michelle Sinclair Colman and Nathalie Dion - You'll love this brand new "way-cute" board book! Whether living life in the fast-carpool-lane, or eating locally grown produce, you'll find these trendy tots going the extra mile to reduce, reuse, and recycle. \$6.95

Visit EarthWords at North Coast Nature Festival for a great selection of Kenn Kaufmann books, birding items, gardening books and accessories, native plants, and more! Birders - be sure to attend the presentation "EarthWords Birding Gadgets: Low-tech to High-tech" at noon on April 26 & 27 at Rocky River Nature Center.

Save the date:

(More info in May's *Emerald Necklace*)

Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day)

Morning with Mom - Brunch, activities and sale

Sunday, June 15 (Father's Day)

Day with Dad - Celebrate Father's Day with one-on-one time with the kids



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CanalWay Center

Cuyahoga Heights
216-206-1003

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Mayfield Village
440-449-0511

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

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Noon - 4:45 p.m.

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

Learn with these "Golf Courses"

Are you one of the estimated 27 million people who consider themselves "highly interested" in learning to golf? Or, are you a golfer who would like to improve your short game, or learn how to drive for distance? Then check out these golf learning opportunities available from Cleveland Metroparks Academy of Golf.

Look for these upcoming classes . . .

Beginners - An Introduction to Golf - 200 Series

A hands-on four- and six-week series covering the basics of the full swing, chipping and putting. Basic golf terms, rules and etiquette are reviewed. Loaner equipment available. All participants completing the course will be given a pass to a Cleveland Metroparks Par-3 course. A maximum of 7 students per class. Students in this class should be beginners to 25 handicap. Classes are 1.5 hours.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Location	Fee	Instructor
Monday, April 7 - 28	10 a.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Monday, April 7 - 28	6 p.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Thursday, April 10 - May 8	6 p.m.	5	Shawnee Hills	\$125	Staker
Saturday, April 12 - May 17	9 a.m.	6	Washington	\$150	Staker
Tuesday, April 15 - May 6	10 a.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Tuesday, April 15 - May 6	6 p.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Tuesday, April 22 - May 27	6 p.m.	6	Sleepy Hollow	\$150	Fiander
Tuesday, April 29 - June 3	6 p.m.	6	Manakiki	\$150	Kochensparger
Wednesday, April 30 - June 4	6 p.m.	6	Sleepy Hollow	\$150	Fiander
Wednesday, April 30 - June 4	6 p.m.	6	Manakiki	\$150	Kochensparger
Thursday, May 1 - 22	11 a.m.	4	Shawnee Hills	\$100	Staker
Monday, May 5 - June 12	10 a.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Thursday, May 8 - June 5	6 p.m.	5	Washington	\$125	Raby
Monday, May 12 - June 9	6 p.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Thursday, May 22 - June 12	6 p.m.	4	Shawnee Hills	\$100	Staker
Monday, June 23 - July 14	10 a.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Monday, June 23 - July 14	6 p.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker

Father/Son Learn 'n' League - 200/300 Series

The 5-week program is designed for a Father/son (son's age guidelines 10 - 14) to spend time together with instruction and practice (about an hour) followed by playing 9 holes. Each week a different part of the game will be featured. Program is not meant for raw beginners. Fee includes green fees. Call 216-641-1864 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Sat., April 12 - May 10	11:30 a.m.	5	3 hrs.	Washington	\$90	Staker

Novice Golf Learn 'n' League - 200/300 Series

This 6-week adult program combines instruction and practice (about an hour) followed by playing 9 holes (usually) in a supervised league setting. Each week a different part of the game will be featured. Program is meant for newer players, but not raw beginners. Fee includes green fees. Call 216-641-1864 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Wed., April 16 - May 21	9:30 a.m.	6	3 hrs.	Washington	\$140	Staker



Beginners II

This program is open to all “graduates” of the Academy’s Beginner program who would like to continue to learn the fundamentals of playing golf. This course will reinforce all of the basics and try to advance players along to improve confidence on the course. Program will include a video review of each golf swing. Call 216-641-1864 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Fri., May 2 - 23	10 a.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Shawnee Hills	\$100	Staker
Tue., May 20 - June 10	6 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$100	Staker

The Golf Swing - The Fundamentals - 500 Series

This hands-on clinic covers aspects of a solid, fundamental golf swing, including grip, set-up and swing. The class will provide general, fundamental and basic instruction useful for players of every skill level, gender and age. A maximum of 7 participants per session. Call 440-942-2500 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Sat., May 10	11 a.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Manakiki	\$30	Kochensparger

The Short Game - Pitching and Sand - 200/300 Series

Learn the fundamentals and refine you skills around the green. You’ll discover the similarities to pitching and green-side bunker shots. Discussion will also involve the variables of loft and lie that determine what is the best sand wedge for you. Maximum of 7 students per class. Call 440-942-2500 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Thu., May 15	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hr.	Manakiki	\$30	Kochensparger

The Short Game - Putting and Chipping - 500 Series

This session reviews basics of successful “around the green shots.” The class will provide general, fundamental and basic instruction that is useful for players of every skill level, gender and age. A maximum of 7 students per class. Call 440-942-2500 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Thu., May 22	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Manakiki	\$30	Kochensparger

Bio Mechanic/Swing Fitness - 300/400 Series

For avid golfers who want to take their game to the next level. Utilizing SkillTech 3D technology, your swing will be converted into a 3-D model and analyzed to measure the timing and acceleration of your hips, shoulders, arms and club along with any head movement. Based on the session’s findings you will be given specific exercises and swing drills to address recommended swing changes. You will receive an interactive CD with your 3-D swing, measurements and analysis on it. There are six appointments available each day. Take advantage of the free demonstration session offered to see for yourself what this unique technology can do to improve your golf swing. Call 440-526-4285 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Sat., May 10	9:30 a.m.	1	50 mins.	Sleepy Hollow	\$85	Sherman/Fiander
Sat., May 17	9:30 a.m.	1	50 mins.	Sleepy Hollow	\$85	Sherman/Fiander

Junior “Fun”damental Series

Designed like our Adult Beginners classes, junior will get a chance to learn the basics, but have fun too. Full swing, putting and chipping will be covered by our best junior instructors. A maximum of 6 participants will be accepted. Ages 12 - 17. Call 216-641-1864 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Mon., April 21 - May 12	4 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$80	Staker
Thu., May 8 - 29	4 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Shawnee Hills	\$80	Staker

Classes fill up early. Visit clevelandmetroparks.com for class schedules.


For a registration form call 440-232-7247 or visit clevelandmetroparks.com.

April Events by Location



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- 13 • Amazing Amphibians 
- 15 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 15 • Hiking for Homeschoolers 

(BNC) Brecksville Nature Center

Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Rt. 82 entrance, Brecksville
440-526-1012

- 16 • Animal Crackers
- 17 • For Adults Only: Wildflowers I
- 19 • Hiking for the Health of It
- 19 • For Adults Only: Wildflowers II
- 29 • Hiking for the Young at Heart

(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 Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m. 216-206-1003

- 1 - 30 • Photography Show
- 16 • Walking in the Hidden Valley
- 19 • CanalWay Triple Play
- 19 • Full Moon Folklore
- 23 • History & A Brown Bag Lunch -
The British Are Coming!
- 23 • Youth Outdoors Volunteer Orientation
- 24 • Hidden Valley Homeschoolers: GPS 101
- 25 • CanalWay CoffeeHouse
- 26 • Natural Expressions
- Cleveland Astronomical Society*
 - 3 • Monthly Meeting

(ECR) Euclid Creek Reservation

- 13 • Wildflower Walk
- 19 • It's Wild at Euclid Creek
- 30 • Hike in the Park

(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

- 4 • Wildflower Folklore
- 5 • Waterfall Walk
- 5 • Wildflower Folklore Matinee
- 16 • Walking After Work
- 18 • Spring!

(HiR) Hinckley Reservation

- 26 • Extreme Hiking


(HuR) Huntington Reservation

(LENSC) Lake Erie Nature & Science Center


Open daily 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
28728 Wolf Rd., Huntington Reservation,
Bay Village 440-871-2900

- 19 • The Striped Skunk
- 26 • The Ins and Outs of Wildlife Rehabilitation

(MSRR) Mill Stream Run Reservation

- 1 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 12 • 16 • Woodcock Watch
- 20 • Breakfast in the Park
- 25 • Frog Dog Walk 
- 30 • After Work Exploration

(NCR) North Chagrin Reservation

- 5 • Rise and Shine Hike
- 5 • The Rites of Spring
- 13 • 20 • 27 • Audubon Bird Walk
- 16 • Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers:
Earth Day
- 19 • A Frog's Full Moon 
- 20 • Spring Bridle Trail Hike
- 22 • 24 • Stroller Science
- 26 • Spring Dog Hike
- 27 • It's Wild at North Chagrin



(NCNC) North Chagrin Nature Center

Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Mayfield Village 440-473-3370

EarthWords Nature Shop

Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m. 440-449-0511

- 4 • Family Friday Night - Spring Campfire and
Cookout

- 11 • Naturepiece Theatre: Thorns and Threats
- 12 • Frogs Afoot 
- 16 • Trail Trackers and Wiggly Worms
- 18 • Movie Night: Planet Earth - Caves
- 20 • Green Hour Nature Club 
- 25 • Family Friday Night: T(r)ee-shirts
- Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club East*
 - 7 • 21 • Bi-monthly Meeting

(RRR) Rocky River Reservation

- 6 • Breakfast in the Park
- 10 • Nature Walking for Exercise
- 13 • 20 • 27 • 75th Annual Series of
Spring Bird Walks
- 13 • Wildflower Ramble
- 19 • 26 • Birding for Beginners

(RRNC) 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 Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m. 440-734-7576

- 1 - 15 • Art Exhibit: A Certain Light
- 1 • April Fool's Hike
- 5 • Family Amphibian Adventure 
- 6 • Nature a la Carte
- 12 • Beauties of the Forest Floor
- 13 • Sunday Funday: Turtle Time
- 14 • 15 • Funday: Turtle Time
- 15 • Mid-Day Chat
- 17 - 5/13 • Photography Exhibit: Birds of Spring
- 17 • Homeschool Happenings: Invasive Plants
- 20 • Spring Happenings
- 20 • Spring Book Review
- 25 - 27 • North Coast Nature Festival
- Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society*
 - 1 • Monthly Meeting
- Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club Southwest*
 - 7 • 21 • Bi-monthly Meeting
- Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists*
 - 9 • Monthly Meeting
- Cuyahoga Astronomical Association*
 - 14 • Monthly meeting
- Sierra Club*
 - 23 • Monthly meeting

(SCR) South Chagrin Reservation

Look About Lodge

- Open for scheduled programs. Miles Rd.,
east of Rt. 91, Bentleyville 440-247-7075
- 12 • Second Saturday Storytelling
 - 13 • 20 • 27 • Audubon Bird Hike
 - 13 • Wild Walkabout
 - 13 • The Sky Dance of the Woodcock
 - 19 • Seekers of the Season: Old Plants, New
Flowers
 - 20 • The Power of the Flower
 - 20 • Intro to Geocaching: Part 1
 - 20 • Intro to Geocaching: Part 2
 - 20 • Full Moon Rising
 - 25 • Sprouts 
 - 26 • TOAD-ally Toad 
 - 26 • Nature's Sketchpad: Bursting colors
 - 27 • School of the Wilds: Native Gardens
 - 30 • Nature Writing in the Woods
 - Cleveland Natural Science Club*
 - 19 • Monthly meeting


(WCR) West Creek Reservation

- 3 • Stop, Drop & Discover: West Creek Wild
- 30 • Bird or Bust: West Creek Waves

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

April 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

Photography Show

Cleveland photographer Steve Cagan will show his fascinating work from the cultures of El Chocó, Colombia. On display through April 30
9 - 5 p.m. CWC

Art Exhibit: A Certain Light

View this excellent selection of colored pencil and oil paintings by local artist Laura Mutch Borns. These sensitive and exquisitely detailed portraits of nature and local scenery focus on the subtleties of light and celebrate our intimate relationship with the world around us. On exhibit through April 15.

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

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Join Naturalist Sharon Hosko for a walk in the spring woods. We'll wander along the Rocky River to the Whitney Road wetlands and back as we search for wildflowers and migrating birds.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. MSRR
South Quarry Picnic Area
Ages: adults
Terrain: wet, some hills,
4 miles
440-526-1012

April Fool's Hike

Who's fooling whom - Mother Nature or us? Join Naturalist Gretchen Motts for an intriguing hike to see if we can find "April Fools."

2 - 3:15 p.m. RRNC
Ages: families, adults
Terrain: steps and mud,
1.3 miles

Monthly Meeting

*Western Cuyahoga
Audubon Society*

The Rocky River Important Bird Area project has been underway for two years. Tom Romito, president of WCAS and champion of the project, will share what has been learned, how everyone can participate and plans for 2008 in the program, "The Rocky River: It's for the Birds."
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC
Ages: teens, adults

3 • Thursday

Stop, Drop & Discover: West Creek Wild

Discover the beauty and diversity of your "backyard" reservation on a pleasant early spring hike with Naturalist Jen Brumfield. We'll seek out migrant birds, search for ani-

mal tracks, learn about different habitats and animal homes, and perhaps find an early red-backed salamander or two.

9:30 - 11 a.m. WCR
Terrain: moderate, some small hills, 2 miles
216-341-9225

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Astronomical Society

Visitors welcome.
8 p.m. CWC

4 • Friday

Family Friday Night - Spring Campfire and Cookout

First we will hike to enjoy the beautiful sights and sounds of this spring evening. Afterwards, we will sit around the warm fire to enjoy hot dogs, chips and roasted marshmallows.

7 - 8:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 5 years & up with adult
Terrain: easy, muddy, 1 mile
Fee: \$2 adults, \$1 child
Register beginning March 19
440-473-3370

Wildflower Folklore

Are you looking for ways to help you remember the names of those spring wildflowers that you haven't seen in a while? Do you wonder about the history of the names? Or are you just ready to see some signs of spring? Either way, join Naturalist Stacey Allen for an indoor evening of getting ready for wildflower season. Not recommended for children under 12 years.

7 - 8:30 p.m. GPNC

Cleveland Metroparks

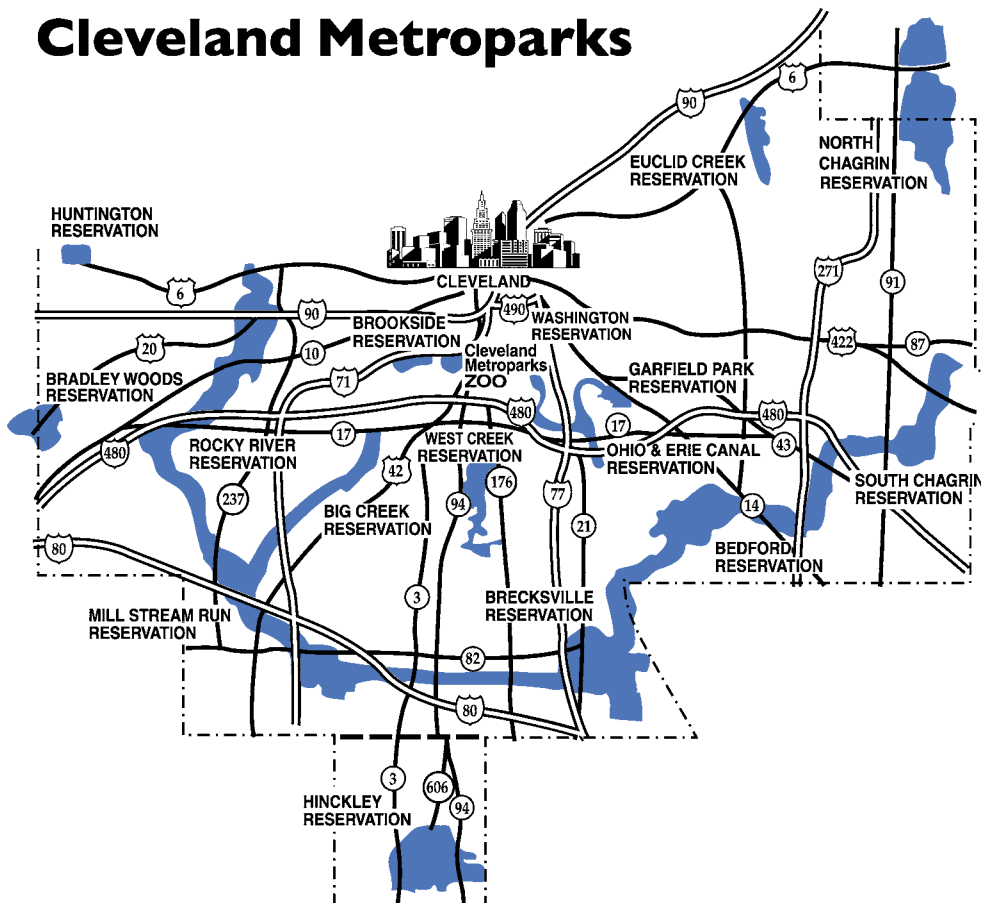




photo by Kim Hinkle

5 • Saturday

Rise and Shine Hike

Start your day off right! Join Naturalist Angelec Hillsman for a long hike around the park to take in the beautiful display of nature's work. We will also stop half way to enjoy a late morning snack.

9 a.m. - noon NCR
Wilson Mills parking lot
Terrain: muddy, moderate to rugged, 6 - 7 miles

Waterfall Walk

Join us over the course of this month as we visit various waterfalls within Garfield Park and Bedford Reservations. Each "Walk" will include a short stroll along with bits of natural and cultural history. Today we will embark upon a 2.5-mile journey to Cuyahoga County's largest waterfall, Mill Creek Falls.

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. GPNC
Terrain: mostly flat, paved, 2.5 miles

Wildflower Folklore Matinee

Are you looking for ways to help you remember the names of those spring wildflowers that you haven't seen in a while? Do you wonder about the history of the names? Or are you just ready to see some signs of spring? Either way,

join Naturalist Stacey Allen for this indoor session of getting ready for wildflower season. Not recommended for children under 12 years.

1:30 - 3 p.m. GPNC

The Rites of Spring

Only in the spring will you hear and see male woodcock strutting, flying and calling to attract the "fairer" sex. If you've never enjoyed this seasonal show, or want to witness it again, come out tonight. Accessible to all.

7 - 8:15 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot
Terrain: level, paved, 1.5 miles

Family Amphibian Adventure

Frogs sing and salamanders dance for love every spring. Join us to learn about these interesting creatures, then hike to search for their "love" pools. This week we will explore the wetlands around the Nature Center to listen and look for the sounds of spring.

7:30 - 9 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, families with school age children
Terrain: flat, but muddy and wet, 1.5 miles
Registration required
440-734-6660

6 • Sunday

Breakfast in the Park

Enjoy an early hike through Rocky River Reservation as we look for some of spring's earliest wildflowers. Then we'll head back to enjoy a hot breakfast. Dress for the weather!

9 - 11 a.m. RRR
South Mastick Picnic Area
Terrain: easy to moderate, 1 mile
Register beginning March 25
Ages: families, adults
440-734-6660

Nature a la Carte

Looking for something to do with family and friends on a Sunday afternoon? Stop by Rocky River Nature Center to explore something special from the world of nature. This month features birds' nests and the different materials that are used in their construction.

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

7 • Monday

Bi-monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club Southwest

Join us tonight for a special presentation of "Peru, Land of the Incas" by Wil Priver. Visitors always welcome.

7 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Bi-monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East

Focus on Composition: Horizon Lines - Focus on the sky ... or focus on the ground? Bring in a few images that show how the horizon placement strengthens the shot.

8 p.m. NCNC

9 • Wednesday

Monthly Meeting

Northern Ohio Association
of Herpetologists

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

10 • Thursday

Nature Walking for Exercise

Take a walk along the East Branch of the Rocky River to Berea Falls with Naturalist David Dvorak. We will look for wildflowers, emerging insects, and early migratory birds.

10 a.m. - noon RRR
Willow Bend Picnic Area
Terrain: gentle grade, 3 miles
Ages: adults
440-734-6660

11 • Friday

Naturepiece Theatre: Thorns and Threats

Many plants and animals have special adaptations for keeping them safe. Discover a few prickly, smelly and poisonous defenses with the Naturepiece Theatre puppets. We will finish the evening with activities and a craft.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 6 years & under with adult

Register beginning April 1
440-473-3370

12 • Saturday

Beauties of the Forest Floor

Discover many wildflowers in the Rocky River Valley with Naturalist David Dvorak. We will examine the threat of non-native plant species on wildlife and native plant species. For those who would like to participate, we will remove some non-native plants when we encounter them.

10 a.m. - noon RRNC
Terrain: moderate, 2 miles

Frogs Afoot 🐸

It's spring and frogs are awake and active again. We'll look for them around the nature center and in a mitigated wetland nearby.

1 - 2:30 p.m. NCNC
Terrain: level, muddy, 2 miles

Second Saturday Storytelling

Special days in April go to extremes - from celebrating Fools to Earth's friends and more. Enjoy stories of a few special April celebrations, including April Fools' Day, Earth Day, and a Booker T. Washington event anniversary followed by refreshments inspired by April's special days.

7:30 - 9 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Ages: adults, older students
440-734-6660

Woodcock Watch

Come view the spectacular sky dance of the male American woodcock and listen for his unique call as he seeks a mate. This is a rite of spring you won't want to miss!

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. MSRR
South Quarry Picnic Area
Terrain: wet, .25 mile
440-526-1012

13 • Sunday

Audubon Bird Hike

Join Naturalist Wendy Weirich in this first of six spring bird hikes in South Chagrin. Bring binoculars and be ready for a bird adventure.

7:30 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field Parking lot
Terrain: flat, slow pace,
2 miles

Wild Walkabout

Join a naturalist for a spring walk in South Chagrin Reservation.

Noon - 3 p.m. SCR
Shelterhouse Picnic Area
Terrain: rolling hills, 3 miles

Wildflower Walk

April showers usually bring flowers! Join us at Euclid Creek Reservation as we search the trails for these lovely signs of spring. Trails may be muddy, dress appropriately.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. ECR
Highland Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: may be wet, rolling hills
440-473-3370

Amazing Amphibians 🐸

Bring your family to learn about the amazing lives of amphibians. We will explore a vernal pool in hopes of finding salamanders and frogs, and learn why their survival is dependent on this unique habitat.

2 - 3:30 p.m. BrR
Oak Grove Picnic Area
Terrain: flat, off-trail, 1 mile
Register beginning April 1
440-526-1012

Sunday Funday: Turtle Time

Now is the time for basking in the sun, something turtles do well. Through a hike and craft, we will learn about

these cool creatures and why they soak up the rays.

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

Wildflower Ramble

Explore the area between the Maple Grove and Lagoon Picnic Areas as we look for the wildflowers of spring. Trout lily, spring beauty and toothwort should greet us along the way.

2 - 3:30 p.m. RRR
Maple Grove Picnic Area
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: flat, easy, 1.25 miles
440-734-6660

The Sky Dance of the Woodcock

On a clear night in April you might be blessed with the mating dance of the elusive woodcock.

7 - 8 p.m. SCR
Jackson Field

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

(see page 9 for details)



14 • Monday

Funday: Turtle Time

Now is the time for basking in the sun, something turtles do well. Through a hike and craft, we will learn about these cool creatures and why they soak up the rays.

10 - 11:15 a.m.

or 1 - 2:15 p.m. RRNC

Ages 3 - 5 years with adult

Terrain: flat with steps, .5 mile

Registration required

440-734-6660

Monthly meeting

Cuyahoga Astronomical Association

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

15 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Join Naturalist Debra Shankland on a hike to scenic Deer Lick Cave. We'll look for early spring wildflowers along the way.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. BrR

Brecksville Stables

Ages: adults

Terrain: hills, muddy, 3 miles

440-526-1012

Mid-Day Chat

Join Naturalist Min Keung for a "Mid-Day Chat" about the wonders of present day Vietnam. Enjoy this slide show of the exciting sights of modern day Vietnam. Min will also share some of the souvenirs that she has brought back.

Noon - 1 p.m. RRNC

Hiking for Homeschoolers

Join Naturalist Kelly McGinnis as we witness the changes amphibians go through during their lives. We will search their unique habitat, called a vernal pool, for eggs, larvae, and adult amphibians.

1 - 2:30 p.m. BrR

Oak Grove Picnic Area

Ages: 6 - 12 years

Terrain: flat, off-trail, 1 mile

Register beginning April 1

440-526-1012

Funday: Turtle Time

(see 4/14 for details)

16 • Wednesday

Walking in the Hidden Valley

Meeting at the Lock 39 Gateway parking lot, we'll head north into the reservation for a short while. Retracing our steps we'll continue heading south into Cuyahoga Valley National Park to discover nature's surprises. Moderate paced walk with some stops.

9:30 a.m. CWC

(Lock 39 Gateway is located on Rockside Road west of Canal Road)

Terrain: paved, crushed stone

216-206-1000

Animal Crackers

Did you know that birds are not the only animals that lay eggs? Come explore the fascinating world of eggs through special activities and a hike.

10 - 11:15 a.m.

or 1 - 2:15 p.m. BNC

Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult

Terrain: moderate, .5 mile

Register beginning April 1

440-526-1012

Wild Wednesday: Amphibians

Join a naturalist on a hunt for amphibians. We will search for peepers, wood frogs and salamanders. These animals can only be found for a very short time in specific habitats. Come learn where, when and how to look in your neighborhood. We will get muddy and be off trail.

4 - 5 p.m. BeR

Overlook parking lot

Ages: grades K - 3

Register beginning April 1

216-341-3152

Walking After Work

Join us after work for a fast paced walk through Garfield Park Reservation. We will provide a walking buddy, beautiful scenery, and a convenient time and location.

5:30 - 6:15 pm GPNC

216-341-3152



Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers: Earth Day

April 22 is knocking at your door. Are you ready to celebrate Earth Day? Come see what Naturalist Angelec Hillsman has in store for this pre-celebration of mother earth. Remember, Earth Day is every day.

6 - 7:30 p.m. NCR

Nature Education Building

Ages: 6 - 12 years

Register beginning April 1

440-473-3370

Trail Trackers and Wiggly Worms

Nature's night music is playing your song! Experience spring sounds around the marsh during this evening walk. We will even make some music of our own.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. NCNC

Ages: 3 years - K and adult

Terrain: level, .5 mile

Register April 1 - 14

440-473-3370

Woodcock Watch

Join Naturalist Sharon Hosko to view the courtship flight of the male woodcock. The spectacular show begins as darkness falls and the male woos his mate from high in the sky.

7:45 - 8:30 p.m. MSRR

South Quarry Picnic Area

Terrain: uneven, wet,

.25 mile

440-526-1012

17 • Thursday

Photography Exhibit: Birds of Spring

Photographer Mark Tiefenbach of Deep Brook Nature Photography displays his photographs to increase awareness of the wildlife around us. Enjoy excellent images of the beautiful and varied eastern wood warblers one might see in northern Ohio during the spring migration. Through May 13.

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



photo by Stephanie Wollman

**Homeschool Happenings:
Invasive Plants**

Let's take a look at a group of plants that are unwelcome visitors in the park and in our yards. We'll find out why they're undesirable, and then we'll go outside to pull some. Bring weeding gloves if you have them.

1:30 - 3 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Terrain: flat, easy, .5 mile
Register beginning April 1
440-734-6660

**For Adults Only:
Wildflowers I**

Do you enjoy learning the names of our woodland wildflowers - only to forget them? Then learn how to identify them on your own and keep their names at hand. Naturalist Debra Shankland leads this three-part program, consisting of botanical basics in this Thursday night classroom session,

and two Saturday mornings (April 19 and May 3) field sessions to cement our ID skills. Participants must attend all three parts, and bring a copy of *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* available at a 10% discount from EarthWords.

7 - 9 p.m. BNC
Ages: adults
Register beginning March 29
440-526-1012

**18 • Friday
Spring!**

The sure cure for "cabin fever" is to get out and look for signs of spring. Bring your little ones out and we will search along the trail for animals and plants that are waking up for spring. It is recommended that you bring a stroller or wagon for little ones.

10 - 11 a.m. GPNC
Ages: 4 and under with adult
Register beginning April 1
216-341-3152

**Movie Night:
Planet Earth - Caves**

In this landmark nature series, this episode explores the beauty and mystery of caves. Using high definition photography and ultra-high speed cameras, this film shows the life and geology of caves as never seen before.

7 - 8:30 p.m. NCNC

19 • Saturday

Birding for Beginners

Each Saturday through May 17, discover the when, where and how of one of America's most popular outdoor pursuits with Naturalist Ken Gober. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

8 - 11:30 a.m. RRR
RRNC parking lot
Terrain: moderate, stairs,
1.5 miles
440-734-6660

Hiking for the Health of It

Put a little spring in your step this morning and join Naturalist Pam Taylor as we hike Brecksville Reservation. We will end our hike along the Wildflower Loop Trail to see what is blooming.

9 - 11 a.m. BNC
Terrain: hills, 3 miles

**Woodlands of Bedford:
Spring Floral Hunt**

Volunteer Naturalist Fred Losi will lead an exploration down to the floodplain by Powers Mill ruins to search out the bounty of early spring flora found there. We will then travel past the Arch to explore an area with very difficult terrain below sandstone cliffs leading to a rock fall.

9 a.m. - noon BeR
Egbert Picnic Area
Terrain: rugged, difficult
216-341-3152

**For Adults Only:
Wildflowers II**

Do you enjoy learning the names of our woodland wildflowers - only to forget them? Then learn how to identify them on your own and keep their names at hand. Naturalist Debra Shankland leads this three-part program, consisting of botanical basics in a Thursday night classroom session, and two Saturday mornings (April 19 & May 3) field sessions to cement our ID skills. Participants must attend all three parts, and bring a copy of *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* available at a 10% discount from EarthWords.

9:30 a.m. - noon BNC
Ages: adults
Register beginning March 29
440-526-1012

**Seekers of the Season:
Old Plants, New Flowers**

New life bursts forth from the ground! Or maybe it's not so new after all... Come and see how spring's new flowers begin from old roots.

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. SCR
Sulphur Springs Picnic Area
Terrain: hills, 1 mile

Young Family Walk

This short, leisurely-paced walk may be just what you're looking for, if you have little ones that can't walk or listen for very long, or maybe that describes you too. We will venture through the forest and along the edge of the creek. We should see lots of signs of the animals that call this forest home as well as the plants that give them reason to be there.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. BeR
Hemlock Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: level, dirt and gravel
216-341-3152

CanalWay Triple Play

Celebrate Patriot's Day with the CanalWay Triple Play! Hank will kick things off at 10:30 a.m. with some music, followed by the tale of the "Midnight Ride of Paul Revere." At 11 a.m. Pepe and Ken will lead you on an exploration of our wetlands. At noon we'll break for lunch and a movie (bring your own lunch.)

At 1:15 p.m. we'll experience the sights and sounds of "Revolutionary Thunder" as we demonstrate the firing of two early replica firearms in a two-gun salute to Patriot's Day!

10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. CWC

Waterfall Walk

Join us this month as we visit various waterfalls within Garfield Park and Bedford Reservations. Each "Walk" will include a short stroll along with bits of natural and cultural history. See the amazing Great Falls of Tinker's Creek on this gentle walk.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. BeR
Viaduct parking lot
Terrain: easy, paved, small hill
216-341-3152

It's Wild at Euclid Creek

It's the annual show of spring wildflowers at Euclid Creek Reservation. They don't last long, but are an eagerly awaited sign of the earth's annual renewal.

2 - 3:30 p.m. ECR
Highland Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: hill, muddy,
2.5 miles
440-473-3370

The Striped Skunk

Experience a live up-close meeting with this often misunderstood animal. As skunks become more common in our backyards, it becomes more beneficial for us to understand them. This program promises to be a "sweet smelling" time. Free program

3 p.m. LENS
440-871-2900

Waterfall Walk

Join us this month as we visit various waterfalls within Garfield Park and Bedford Reservations. Each "Walk" will include a short stroll along with bits of natural and cultural history. This afternoon we will explore the Buckeye Trail as it leads to Bridal Veil Falls.

3 - 4:30 p.m. BeR
Lost Meadows upper
parking lot
Terrain: hills
216-341-3152

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Natural Science Club
Maurice Small from the City Fresh Community Food Project will present "Asphalt Gardening Now A Growing Trend." Open to the public.
7:30 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
440-338-5744

Full Moon Folklore

On this nearly-full moon night, hike through the twilight with Naturalist Ken Rosenthal, searching for nocturnal wildlife and exploring the folklore of the full moon. Bring your flashlight and your curiosity.

8 p.m. CWC
Ages: adults
Terrain: moderate, paved,
2-3 miles
216-206-1000

A Frog's Full Moon 🐸

The almanac has labeled it the pink moon, but the frogs know better. It's their breeding season and the moonlight makes it easier for males to see females as they come to the pools and for us to see them all.

8 - 9:30 p.m. NCR
Wilson Mills Road
parking lot
Terrain: hill, muddy,
2.5 miles





20 • Sunday

Audubon Bird Hike

Join naturalist Wendy Weirich in this second of six spring bird hikes in South Chagrin. Bring binoculars and be ready for a bird adventure.

7:30 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field Parking lot
Terrain: flat, slow pace,
2 miles

Breakfast in the Park

This spring morning offers us a time for hiking, spring wildflowers, and fellowship as we share breakfast in the park. Volunteers will prepare breakfast as we hike a section of Mill Stream Run Reservation.

9 - 11 a.m. MSRR
Albion Woods Reserved
Picnic Area
Register beginning April 1
440-526-1012

The Power of the Flower

Come to the woods to see why these flowers live so deliberately. You have never met a wild thing so determined to get their business accomplished than a flower trying to get pollinated before all the leaves come out on the trees. Leave your cell phone in the car and bring your sense of wonder.

1 - 3 p.m. SCR
Sulphur Springs Picnic Area

Green Hour Nature Club

Studies show that at least an hour a day with nature has physical, mental and emotional benefits. Join us each month as we explore a new topic while spending valuable time with nature. The first month we will explore the world of amphibians.

Be prepared for the possibility of being wet and muddy!

1 - 3 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 8 - 15 years
Terrain: wet, muddy .5 mile
Register beginning April 1
440-473-3370

Spring Bridle Trail Hike

Join Naturalist Mindy Murdock for a hike along the bridle trail. We'll search for wildflowers and spring amphibians while enjoying views of scenic ravines, vernal pools and Squire's Castle.

1 - 4 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: muddy, moderate,
4.5 miles

Spring Happenings

Join Naturalist Min Keung for a leisurely walk to look at spring happenings. Blooming flowers, singing birds, and boisterous frogs will abound.

2 - 3 p.m. RRNC
Terrain: stairs, may be
muddy, 1.5 miles
Ages: adults and families

Waterfall Walk

Join us this month as we visit various waterfalls within Garfield Park and Bedford Reservations. Each day includes a short stroll along with bits of natural and cultural history. Today we'll hike to a pretty waterfall that we'll enjoy from above.

2 - 3:30 pm BeR
Sagamore Grove Picnic Area
Terrain: some hills
216-341-3152

Spring Book Review

Join Naturalist Joni Norris and the Rocky River Readers to review *The Last Season* by Eric Blehm. Winner of the National Outdoor Book Award, this story examines the extraordinary life of backcountry ranger Randy Morgenson and his mysterious disappearance in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC
Age: adults

Intro to Geocaching: Part 1

Do you like outdoor adventures and technology? Then geocaching might be the hobby for you. Join us to learn how people use GPS technology to find hidden treasures all over the world. We'll introduce this sport and give it a try outside the Lodge. Bring your GPS unit if you have one.

2:30 - 3:45 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
440-247-7075

Intro to Geocaching: Part 2

Have you just started geocaching and want to learn more? At this program you'll learn to use geocaching.com, how to create an account and we'll try our hands at finding an actual geocache. Experienced geocachers will be on hand to share their stories and answer your questions. Bring your GPS unit if you have one.

4 - 5:30 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
440-247-7075

Full Moon Rising

Join Naturalist Carly Martin for a walk along the Chagrin River as the full moon rises into the night.

6:30 - 8 p.m. SCR
Jackson Field
Terrain: 2 miles, mostly flat

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

(see page 9 for details)

21 • Monday

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club Southwest

Join us for Competition Night. Categories are "Burst of Color" and "Nature." Visitors always welcome.

7 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East

"A Story in One Picture" - Here's a real challenge for you! Find those shots that tell a whole story in just one image. Extra points if it's a nature shot.

8 p.m. NCNC

22 • Tuesday

Stroller Science

Look for signs of spring with your little one. Polliwogs, eggs, sprouts, and nests are all neat to find. We may even see insects and flowers emerging for a busy spring season.

10 - 11 a.m. NCR

Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot

Ages: 3 years & under with adult

Terrain: gravel path, .5 mile
Register beginning April 1
440-473-3370

Forest Investigation for Home Education

Join the staff of Garfield Park Nature Center in Bedford Reservation to discover the wildflowers as they begin to bloom. Learn some of the folklore behind these spring beauties and the many different pollination and reproductive techniques they use.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. BeR

Hemlock Creek Picnic Area
Ages: 6 - 8 and 9 - 12 years
Registration required
216-341-3152

23 • Wednesday

Urban Explorations: West Side Market

Join Seasonal Naturalist Joe Woyma as we visit the historic West Side Market. It is a building of multi-cultural experiences. We will explore what makes the market such a fascinating place to visit and shop. Directions given at time of registration.

10 a.m.

Ages: adults

Registration begins April 1
216-206-1000

History & A Brown Bag Lunch: The British Are Coming!

Come to CanalWay and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere. Part fact, part fiction, 100% American. Join your host Hank Mallery to explore the ride of patriot Paul Revere via this History Channel documentary. Bring a lunch.

Noon CWC

Youth Outdoors Volunteer Orientation

Want to share your interest in the out-of-doors with urban youth from Cleveland? We are looking for adults to assist our staff in providing hands-on outdoor recreation experiences such as hiking, fishing, kayaking, biking, cross-country skiing and nature exploration. This orientation provides information and insights about our program for potential volunteers.

7 - 9 p.m. CWC

Ages: adults

Register by April 18
216-206-1010

Monthly Meeting

Sierra Club

Explore a green energy solution with Dr. Joe Reardon. Stationary fuel cells are a currently viable alternative energy source. These small, efficient units use biogases generated from the breakdown of biomass in landfills, agricultural waste byproducts and even manure from feedlots, with ultra-low maintenance requirements.

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

24 • Thursday

Hidden Valley Homeschoolers: GPS 101

Do you know how to use a compass and want to incorporate technology into your next adventure? We will teach you the basics of a GPS, and how to find hidden treasures.

10 a.m. CWC

Ages: 6 -12 years old

Register beginning April 1
216-206-1000

Urban Explorations: Riverside Cemetery

We can learn much about Cleveland through the people who came before us. Join Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak for a walking tour in Riverside Cemetery. We'll also discuss gravestone art and the many cultures reflected in the decorated stones of this cemetery.

10 a.m. Riverside Cemetery

Terrain: hill, 1.5 miles

Register beginning April 1
216-206-1000

Forest Hill Hike

Hike the old stomping grounds of John D. Rockefeller. Forest Hill Park is in the cities of East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights and is now home to wild turkeys, deer, owls, and coyotes. Call for directions

7 - 8:30 p.m. Forest Hill

Terrain: rolling hills, 2 miles
440-247-7075

Stroller Science

(see 4/22 for details)

25 • Friday

Sprouts

Preschoolers and their favorite adult will enjoy learning more about toads at Look About Lodge. We'll hear a story, do a craft and then go out for a hike.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

or 1 - 2 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Age: 3 - pre-K with adult

Registration required
440-247-7075

Family Friday Night: T(r)ee-shirts

It's Arbor Day! Come celebrate all that trees provide by putting your sentiments on a tee-shirt. We will provide paints, sponges, brushes, and stamps. Bring a light-colored or white T-shirt and creativity.

7 - 9 p.m. NCNC

Register beginning April 1
440-473-3370

Frog Dog Walk

Bring your "best friend" along as we listen for the songs of frogs. You'll find out why and which frogs are singing, and your dog will get a positive social experience. Space is limited.

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

Bonnie Park Picnic Area

Ages: families, adults

Terrain: flat, may be wet, 1.5 miles

Register beginning April 1
440-526-1012

CanalWay CoffeeHouse

Come and listen to a quirky country quartet featuring the driving lead guitar of Rob Muzick, vocals and percussion of Tyler Postma, and David Mooser on upright bass, led by Scott Franklin on vocals, guitar and trumpet.

7:30 p.m. CWC

North Coast Nature Festival

(see page 10 for details)



photo by Stephanie Wollman

26 • Saturday

TOAD-ally Toad 🐸

This is the time of year to think: Toad! Let's learn more about them through this fun morning with a naturalist.

10 - 11:30 a.m. SCR
Chagrin River Rd.
coasting hill
Grades: K-2 with adult
Registration is required
440-247-7075

Nature's Sketchpad: Bursting Colors

You're invited to take a closer look at springtime wonders! Bring your nature journal and your favorite drawing tools to record the explosion of wild-life spring has brought forth.

10 - 11:30 a.m.
or 1 - 2:30 p.m. SCR
Sulphur Springs Picnic Area
440-247-7075

Natural Expressions

Become an artist using the free materials that nature creates for us. Join a naturalist to explore the reservation and create your masterpiece.

10:30 a.m. CWC
Registration begins April 1
216-206-1000

Extreme Hiking

Begin at the top of the ledges this afternoon and journey around the East Branch of the Rocky River with Naturalist Pam Taylor. This fast-paced hike will include a few stops to admire the beauty of spring.

noon - 4 p.m. HiR
Top O'Ledges Picnic Area
Terrain: hills, 6 - 7 miles
440-526-1012

Spring Dog Hike

Bring your dog to the park for a hike on one of North Chagrin's most scenic trails. We will look for signs of spring along the way. All dogs must be on a leash.

1 - 2:30 p.m. NCR
Buttermilk Falls parking lot
Terrain: moderate, some hills, 1.75 - 2 miles
Register beginning April 1
440-473-3370

The Ins and Outs of Wildlife Rehabilitation

Hear about the Center's wild-life rehabilitation program. We'll discuss what people

should and shouldn't do to help wildlife in need. We'll also see some of the Center's permanent wildlife residents who started out in wildlife rehabilitation. Free program.
3 p.m. LENS
440-871-2900

North Coast Nature Festival *(see page 10 for details)*

Birding for Beginners *(see 4/19 for details)*

27 • Sunday

Audubon Bird Hike

Join Naturalist Wendy Weirich in this third of six spring bird hikes in South Chagrin. Bring binoculars and be ready for a bird adventure.

7:30 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field Parking lot
Terrain: flat, slow pace,
2 miles

It's Wild at North Chagrin

It's the annual show of spring wildflowers at North Chagrin Reservation. They don't last long, but are an eagerly awaited sign of the earth's annual renewal.

1 - 2:30 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: hill, muddy,
2.5 miles

School of the Wilds: Native Gardens

Join Barb Holtz of the Ohio Chapter of Wild Ones, a national organization dedicated to perpetuating the use of native plants in gardens. We will learn what native plants are good to use in the gardens near our homes and businesses. After the indoor lecture, we will venture out to the woods to witness the spring flowers in their glory.

2 - 5 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Terrain: 1 mile, rolling hills

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks *(see page 9 for details)*

North Coast Nature Festival *(see page 10 for details)*

29 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Join Naturalist John Miller for a hike to see the early growth in the Tall Grass Prairie and wildflowers along the trails of Brecksville Reservation.

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

30 • Wednesday

Bird or Bust: West Creek Waves

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield on a quest to catch a wave of neo-tropical migrants that might include several species of warblers, kinglets, thrushes, gnatcatchers, flycatchers, and more. We'll prepare for the height of spring migration by brushing up on your skills at picking through mixed species flocks. Binoculars required. Space is limited to 12 participants.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. WCR
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: moderate, 2 miles
Register beginning March 31
216-341-9225

Hike in the Park

Put on your walking shoes and join a naturalist for a hike in the park. Learn about the natural and cultural history within Euclid Creek Reservation.

10 a.m. - noon ECR
Highland Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: paved, moderate,
5 miles
440-473-3370

Cleveland's Asia Town

Join Naturalist Min Keung to tour Cleveland's Asia Town (formerly known as Chinatown). Learn about Chinese customs as we tour this fascinating neighborhood. Walk to the colorful super-market and delectable bakery. Tour meets at the heart of Asia Town. Map and directions will be given upon registration.

10 - 11:15 a.m.
or 1 - 2:15 p.m.
Terrain: sidewalks, 1.75 miles
Ages: adults
Register beginning April 1
440-734-6660

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Nature Writing in the Woods

Join writers Jenny Clark and Linda Tuthill and Naturalist Wendy Weirich for an evening of nature writing practice. We will be inspired by a spring hike in the twilight. Please call to register.

6 - 9 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Terrain: hill, .5 mile
Fee: \$15
440-247-7075

After Work Exploration

The forest floor is carpeted with springtime beauties. We will hike along the floodplain of the Rocky River to search for a variety of spring wildflowers.

6:30 - 8 p.m. MSRR
Pawpaw Picnic Area
Terrain: flat, 1.5 miles
440-526-1012

Cleveland Metroparks Directory

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TTY 216-351-0808
4101 Fulton Parkway
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216-635-3211

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216-635-3214

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216-635-3258

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4600 Valley Parkway
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440-333-4911

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440-331-5963

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo & The RainForest

216-661-6500/24-hour information.
TTY 216-661-1090
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clemet zoo.com

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216-635-3330

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Garfield Heights 216-341-3152

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