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Casey Batule

Celebrating 40 Years Of Nature's Winter Wild Ride At The Chalet Toboggan Chutes!

Riders climb aboard a traditional wooden toboggan, but that's where the tradition ends . . . The twin, refrigerated ice chutes are approximately 700 icy feet long with an initial vertical drop of 70 feet. It's a fast, fun, heart-pumping ride. And, best of all, the Chalet Toboggan Chutes operate with or without snow! - celebrating 40 years on nature's wild ride on the first public ice chutes in Ohio!

The Chalet Toboggan Chutes, located on Valley Parkway in Mill Stream Run Reservation, between Routes 42 and 82 in Strongsville, are open through March 2, weather permitting.

Public tobogganing hours are:

Thursdays	6 - 10 p.m.
Fridays	6 - 10:30 p.m.
Saturdays	Noon - 10:30 p.m.
Sundays	Noon - 5 p.m.

The Special Holiday Hours for tobogganing are as follows:

Tuesday, January 1	- Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 2	- Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Monday, January 21	- Noon to 5 p.m.
Monday, February 18	- Noon to 5 p.m.

Tobogganing costs \$8 for adults and \$6 for children, ages 11 and under. One-time ride tickets are available for \$3.

Group rates, for 20 or more people, are available for tobogganing during public hours. Groups must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance (not valid for season pass holders).

Season passes are available at a cost of \$35 for adults and \$25 for children, 11 and under. A family pass (for up to four) may be purchased for \$100. Call the Chalet for details.

All riders must wear gloves or mittens. Children, ages 11 and under, must be at least 42-inches tall to ride, and must be accompanied by a riding adult.

The Chalet facility features the two ice toboggan chutes and a building with indoor-outdoor fireplaces, a snack bar, a large-screen television in the main gathering room, a loft with video games, and indoor restrooms.

The Chalet, including the ice toboggan chutes, can be rented for private and semi-private use during non-public hours. Semi-private rentals are offered on January 9 & 23 and February 6 & 20 for a maximum of five groups or 150 riders. Book now - dates fill up fast! Call the facility at 440-572-9990 for more information and to make reservations.

Experience the best winter thrills of Northeast Ohio - enjoy taking a ride on ice at the toboggan chutes at the Chalet Recreation Area in Cleveland Metroparks - celebrating 40 years on nature's wild ride on the first public ice chutes in Ohio!



The first public ice chutes in Ohio!

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To The Park For The New Year

We celebrate many firsts in our lives - the first day of school, our first love, first child, first grandchild. Remembering “the first time” usually tugs at our hearts. The first day of a new year can also be something special to celebrate. The calendar gives us a new beginning every 365 days and I can’t think of a better way to start something new than to be at North Chagrin Reservation early on New Year’s Day.

I didn’t move to the eastern suburbs until I was 16 but once discovered, North Chagrin became my special place. I used the deck on the far side of Sunset Pond to study for finals. I waxed my first car in North Chagrin, picnicked all day with family and walked through cathedral-like paths to find surprises around every bend. I did a lot of thinking there and some praying as well. It was in that sacred place that I came to terms with the loss of my parents and one of my brothers.

My husband and I rode our bikes, cross-country skied, cooked out and kicked back as often as time would allow. We’d pick up quick meals to share on a picnic bench when time was short or sit and talk for hours until the stars joined in. We’d watch birds dart from tree to tree, and welcomed their curiosity if they granted us a closer visit. A noise in the woods would bring hope of catching a resident animal at work.

When our children were born, they ran, rode, and rumbled through the reservation as we helped each other grow. We visited the ducks, crafted ornaments from fallen acorns, made up games, and flew like lightening down the sledding hill. I watched my husband and kids scale hills (with one eye closed) as I did my best to hang onto our yellow lab who struggled to be free to follow them into the deep ravines. We explored and traveled through time together.

The kids are grown now but it pleases me when I hear them say they just came from the park. My husband and I still go there regularly. The park magically finds a way to help us to be more centered. Even a simple ride through the park can put things into perspective.

So it seems only right that we welcome the first day of each New Year in the place that taught me so much about life. Before the parades and the first kickoff, the comforting smell of a hot breakfast will compliment the cold air and fill the pavilion with our first meal of the year. We’ll share the morning, and a new beginning, with the quiet of winter outdoors. As we take that first, fresh step into a New Year, you will find us at home in North Chagrin on January 1st creating another new first in our lives.

Maryellen Dombek
Outdoor Education Administration

Canadian Invasion

Out on a tour of the Great Lakes once, my Canadian friend Bryn Roberts casually referred to the War of 1812 as “the War of American Aggression.” That took me by surprise, I admit, for our side always seemed pretty amiable, after all, and wasn’t that whole thing about the British anyway? Turns out we invaded Canada a number of times and largely got our hats handed to us, so to speak, even losing Detroit to our friends to the north for a while. It was not until 1814 that the border with Canada was largely restored status quo and the battles moved back east and south, and focused on the British alone. It was not until ice hockey broke out that we once again became friends.

This month the tides are turned, and the Canadians come south in companies, divisions, even squadrons, it can be said. Our biologist friends in old Upper Canada - Ontario to us, tell us that much of the cone, seed and fruit crop failed in the summer and fall of 2007, and species of birds from the boreal north, rarely seen even in southern Ontario, have crossed the lake and may be lurking just outside your windows as you read these words.

The scouts, so to speak, began arriving as early as September. The first reports were of tiny red-breasted nuthatches, plucky seed-snatchers with rusty breast and black eye stripe, whose frantic call most resembles a tooting tin horn. In six years, we’d never seen one at our feeders in Solon, but by early October, we had two. These fearless little fellows force our chickadees aside and flit to the best peanuts in the hanging feeders. Their Canadian chickadee counterparts



red-breasted nuthatch
Terry Spivey, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org



great gray owl

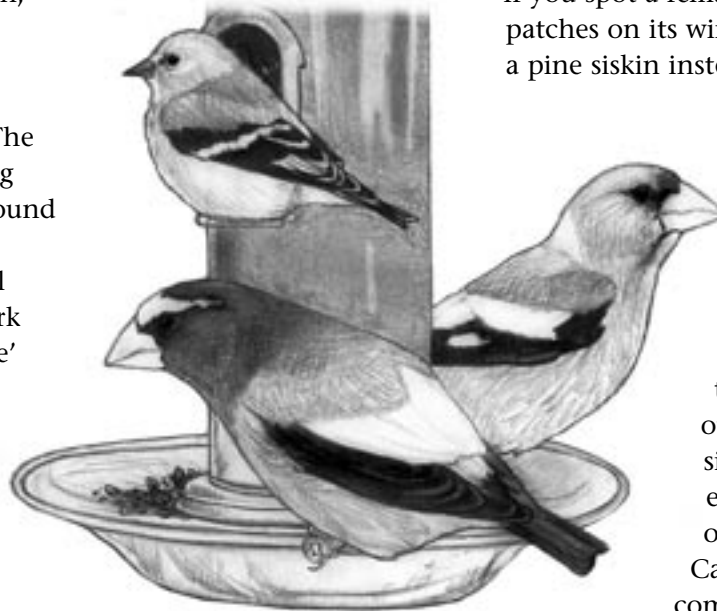
Paul Bolstad, University of Minnesota, Bugwood.org

may behave differently, but down here, the Canadians rule the peanut stocks. By late September, there were virtually none of these nuthatches to be found in the boreal north, and they have now become scarce even in mid-Ontario.

With poor tree seed crops throughout northern Ontario and Quebec, another invader arrives. Elusive and ever on the move, the beautiful yellow, black and white evening grosbeaks are perhaps the prize of winter finches visiting this year. Somewhat resembling a giant goldfinch, but with bold yellow and black markings and a cardinal-like bill, a small flock of these guys can empty even the largest Droll Yankee dome feeder in less than a half-hour. Once you’ve seen them, they are unforgettable, and in winter, waiting their turn at the sunflower feeders, they much resemble large Christmas ornaments hanging up, not down from the branches. They are considered “irregular migrants”, though, and they may appear in flocks of a dozen or more then not be seen again the rest of the winter at the same place. The last big invasion was during the 1970s. If you hear of them, get your coat and drive wherever you have to and find them. You’ll know why when you see your first flock. These gems were being reported in the Columbus-Cincinnati region as early as late October.

“It looks like a house finch,” she said on the nature center phone, “but it’s a little bigger, and not so streaky, and richer red.” The male purple finch, looking somewhat like our year-round house finches but with a sharper, more pointed bill and colors more like a dark cabernet than the red rose’ of the house finch, was at her feeder. While not unlikely any winter in Cleveland, these finches should appear in large numbers this year. Few are being reported anywhere in Ontario this month, yet another sign of failed food crops in northern Canadian forests last year.

Tiny, almost elf-like in my mind, the common redpoll is not common at all in our area. The males are pale, with a bold red forehead and black chin, and lightly striped sides. A pale chest separates them from other finches. Usually appearing in small flocks and often constantly in motion, they may prefer spilled seed on the ground or on a platform feeder to tube feeders. If you have birch trees in your yard, they may find the winter seeds their preferred food and only move to your feeders when the birch catkins offer no more seedy meals.



Jennifer Brunfield 2007

This year, the spectacular evening grosbeak (pair, bottom) may be at the same feeders as the abundant winter finch, the American goldfinch (top left).

If you spot a female house finch with yellow patches on its wings and tail, you have spotted a pine siskin instead, another of Canada’s 2008 winter invaders. Heavily streaked beneath, more so than house finches, these bright little guys eagerly take turns at the seed feeders mixed with your house finches and nuthatches. The sharply forked tail is another good mark to look for and contrast with the other feeder fellows. Very few pine siskins remained in Ontario at the end of autumn, so dire is the state of the failed seed crop in northern Canada. Pine siskins should be common this winter.

Red crossbills and their white-winged crossbill relatives may also appear here and there across northern Ohio. Their bills do

indeed cross, optimized over time as a special adaptation for opening various species of conifer cones. The crossed bill is inserted between the cone and the cone scale, then the bird twists the bill, opening the cone scale enough to allow its tongue to reach in and remove the seed at the bottom. Red crossbills were reported at Cleveland’s Dike 14 preserve in October 2007, a precursor to what should be an excellent winter finch year.

Other surprises may await. Tiny saw-whet owls, common but elusive winter migrants from Canada, may have marked increases in numbers here this winter. If populations of red-backed voles and other small rodents crashed this fall due to the same lack of food in northern Canada, there may be rare sightings of boreal owls, snowy owls, and perhaps even a great gray owl - largest of North American owls, along the northern extent of the states bordering Canada and the Great Lakes. The great grays live so far north that they never encounter humans, and are largely fearless when approached. During winter eruptions and flights southwards, hundreds are killed in collisions with cars, towers, power lines and other obstacles never seen in their native haunts in the far boreal forests of the north. Northern hawk owls, adapted to hunting by day much like the snowy owls, may also make scattered appearances along the northern edges those states. A short trip to areas just north of Toronto may result in finding these owls if the interest strikes you.

Interested in up-to-the-minute reports of winter finches and other rare and unusual bird sightings in Ohio? If you have internet access, go to www.birdingonthe.net,



red crossbill
Terry Spivey, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org



boreal owl
Steven Katovich, USDA Forest Service,
Bugwood.org

the one place where bird sightings from across the nation and beyond can be found. Near the top, just under the owl, click on Mailing Lists, then Regional/Specialty. Scroll down to Ohio and see what's new, updated as reports are submitted daily. You can even subscribe to the list, and have new sightings appear in your email box as they come in. If you have interesting winter finch reports of your own, email them to birding@clevelandmetroparks.com, which comes to me, and we'll do a summary of what this winter was like.

To some, winter is a time of cold, dark and dreary. Winter, like the rest of life, returns to us whatever we invest in it. The days grow longer each day now, and all around you, wondrous things are happening. Get out and explore them, quickly, before winter melts away.

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

Naturalist's Almanac

January

Week 1

Birds

The harshest time of winter has arrived! Fill your feeders each day if you have begun a feeding program. The birds will appreciate your handouts at least through late March. Spill some seed on the ground and watch for white-throated sparrows, white-crowned sparrows, tree sparrows and mourning doves.

Mammals

Fox squirrels abandon their leaf nests for the relative comfort of tree dens. Many squirrel holes were started by woodpeckers, then enlarged later by crafty squirrels seeking warmer winter homes. After dark, field mice and meadow voles extend their tunnels beneath the snow to take advantage of seeds missed by the squirrels.

Week 2

Birds

Red-tailed hawks begin their courting rituals in the skies over northeastern Ohio. "Would you like this beautiful stick?" he seems to say as he flies by her with a branch longer than he. "We could build a great nest in the forest."

Mammals

Life goes on rather well under the white snowy blanket. Meadow voles, short-tailed shrews and deer mice welcome the snows of winter to protect them from predators and keep them insulated from the cold surface air.

Week 3

Birds

It's still winter, but on sunny days you may hear the bright "teakettle-teakettle-teakettle!" of the Carolina wren. Virtually eliminated in the snows of 1978, this more southerly bird is making a comeback along the north shore.

Mammals

Agile coyotes chase white-tailed deer across open meadows when they spot one that seems sick or injured. Most give up the chase in less than a hundred yards if the deer is not caught. Energy conservation is important even to coyotes!

Week 4

Birds

The days grow noticeably longer. Sensing the change in daylight, cardinals cry "cheer-cheer-cheer" and tufted titmice call their plaintive "Peter-Peter-Peter" spring songs. It will be a long time before they see green lawns, however.

Mammals

With no leaves to block your view, deer, foxes and other mammals become easier to see against the white snows of winter. Tracks in the snow tell stories of predators seen, meadows crossed quickly and occasionally the completion of a local food chain. Deer are winter browsers, not grazers, and wander from shrub to shrub nipping off the tender ends of twigs.



white-tailed deer

Winter Recreation Fun in Cleveland Metroparks

Don't get the *blues* from the winter season. Celebrate it!

Enjoy the exhilarating winter season in Cleveland Metroparks and take advantage of the many opportunities for cold weather fun. Among the many activities offered are sledding, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, ice skating, tobogganing at the Chalet, and hiking.

For sledding enthusiasts, Cleveland Metroparks has a number of sledding hills including some with night lighting.

Cross-country skiers can use the unplowed trails, and are also permitted on the fairways and rough areas at Little Met, Big Met, Shawnee Hills, and Sleepy Hollow golf courses when there is a four-inch base of snow. The hiking and bridle trails can be used by cross-country skiers, but skiers should use caution and must yield to hikers and horses.

Park visitors can enjoy pond ice skating at various Park District locations, including one with night lighting. The areas are not monitored and skaters are responsible for clearing the ice. Visitors should skate with caution and only when proper ice conditions exist.

For the truly dedicated fishing enthusiast, the recreational sport of ice fishing is a perfect way to relax and enjoy the winter season. Call 440-331-8017 for more ice fishing/ice conditions information.

The Chalet Recreation Area provides tobogganing thrills on the twin ice chutes, open through March 2nd, with or without snow. Call 440-572-9990 for hours, admission fees, and group reservations on the first public ice chutes in Ohio.

Winter is also a perfect time to take a hike and explore the various trails throughout the reservations, especially the all purpose trails. When snowfall is two inches or more, portions of the all purpose trails will be plowed as time permits.

Cleveland Metroparks encourages everyone to dress properly for the weather and to exercise caution when outdoors. To truly enjoy the winter season, park visitors should prepare themselves and their equipment for strenuous outdoor activities and then get out there and have some fun.

Winter recreation locations are open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Additional information is available in the "Winter Recreation" brochure, which can be obtained at any Park District facility, by calling 216-635-3200, or online at www.clevelandmetroparks.com.



2008 Children's History Clubs

Hey Kids (and parents)! Come join Cleveland Metroparks Historical Interpreter Foster Brown for another year of history fun. As before, we will travel throughout northern Ohio visiting museums, cemeteries, historical centers, islands and farms to better understand the people and events that help make a difference in our cities and great state. There are two clubs available to join:

- **History Hounds for Homeschoolers**, which is offered one Wednesday a month from 1 - 3 p.m., and
- **Time Travelers** which meets on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. - noon once a month.

These children-friendly clubs are designed for kids 8 -12 years old with an accompanying parent. When registering, children sign up for the whole year's events. If you cannot commit to visiting over half of the sites, then these history clubs might not be for you. (Each participant will be responsible for transportation to site and any entry fee.)

2008 Schedule

January 16 (HH)	CanalWay Center - Singing Ohio
January 19 (TT)	History - Foster Brown
February 20 (HH)	McKinley Presidential Historic
February 23 (TT)	Museum - Canton
March 19 (HH)	Hayes Presidential Center - Fremont
March 22 (TT)	
April 23 (HH)	Lakeview Cemetery
April 26 (TT)	
May 17 (TT)	Oberlin Heritage Center
May 21 (HH)	
June 14 (TT)	Yoder's Amish Farm
June 18 (HH)	
July 23 (HH)	Cleveland Gray's Armory Museum/
July 26 (TT)	Erie Street Cemetery
August 20 (HH)	Kelley's Island (biking tour)
August 23 (TT)	
September 24 (HH)	Cleveland Port Authority
September 27 (TT)	
October 22 (HH)	Mary Campbell Cave - Cuyahoga Falls
October 25 (TT)	
November 12 (HH)	Look About Lodge Wrap-Up
November 15 (TT)	

Each club will be limited to 30 children plus their parents, so join soon.

To become a History Hound or Time Traveler, please call:

Foster Brown, Historical Interpreter
440-786-8530

Play It Safe

Winter is a beautiful time to explore Cleveland Metroparks. But, it can also be one of the most hazardous times to drive. Every year, motorists are stranded on roadways, miles from help. Most are not prepared for the experience. If your vehicle becomes inoperative, certain essential items should be available for the driver and passengers. It is recommended that the following items be kept in your vehicle year-round:

- shovel
- tow cable
- sand bag
- survival candle
- jumper cables
- distress sign
- dry food snacks
- can of gas line antifreeze
- blankets (preferably wool)
- warm footwear, head gear, and gloves/mittens
- flares
- cell phone
- spare tire

Also, advise your family and people at your destination of your departure time, estimated arrival time, and planned route. Should you become lost or your vehicle incapacitated, such precautions will make it easier to dispatch help.



2008 Fireside Concert Series at Look About Lodge

Bring a friend to cozy Look About Lodge for the annual Fireside Concert Series. All concerts are from 7 - 8 p.m. and cost \$4 per person. Registration is required. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Look About Lodge at 440-247-7075.

January 11	Clearfork	Bluegrass
January 18	Stone River Band	60s & 70s Favorites
January 25	Patrick Sweany	Blues
February 1	Becky Boyd Trio	Blues
February 8	Rewind	Folk
February 15	Kev Rowe	Folk
February 22	Zach	Folk
February 29	LS Jazz Express	Smooth Jazz

Neither snow, nor ice, nor sleet...

The cold winter months can make for some nasty Northeast Ohio weather conditions. As some sections of Cleveland Metroparks parkways are considered commuter routes, Cleveland Metroparks strives to maintain parkways and parking lots to promote usable and safe conditions for park patrons. Roads will be cleared after snowfalls of four inches or more, or in freezing rain or icy conditions. As part of the Park District's concern about the conservation and preservation of natural areas, Cleveland Metroparks will continue its minimum salt usage program in its snow and ice removal.

For those outdoor enthusiasts who don't let a little bitter cold weather stop them from enjoying the Park District - Cleveland Metroparks will clear the way for you to enjoy the parks. Cleveland Metroparks will maintain designated all purpose trails as needed during the winter months to promote usable and safe conditions. Salt will not be used for snow or ice removal on all purpose trails.

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.



Clip & Save!

2008 Cleveland Metroparks Special Events Calendar

Saturday, March 15

Annual Return of the Buzzards

Buzzard Roost • Hinckley Reservation

Sunday, March 16

Buzzard Sunday!

Buzzard Roost • Hinckley Reservation

Friday - Sunday, April 25 - 27

North Coast Nature Festival

Rocky River Nature Center • Rocky River Reservation

Sunday, June 8

Knee High Naturalists

Chagrin River Sledding Hill • South Chagrin Reservation

Saturday, June 21

Train Day

CanalWay Center • Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Saturday, July 19

Nature at Night

North Chagrin Nature Center • North Chagrin Reservation

Saturday, August 9

Bug City

Garfield Park Nature Center • Garfield Park Reservation

Saturday, August 23

Bat Gala

The Shelterhouse Picnic Area • South Chagrin Reservation

Sunday, September 21

Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival

Frostville Museum & Rocky River Nature Center • Rocky River Reservation

Sunday, September 28

FallFest: 18th-Century Festival

Meadows Picnic Area • Brecksville Reservation

Saturday, October 11

Youth Outdoor Odyssey

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Saturday & Sunday, October 11 & 12

"Reflections of Nature" Quilt Show

Rocky River Nature Center • Rocky River Reservation

Sunday, October 19

Wood Duck Festival

North Chagrin Nature Center • North Chagrin Reservation

The Gift of Nature

Have you considered the gift of nature? A bequest through your will or estate plan is a great way to support Cleveland Metroparks. Through a simple addition to an existing will or a new estate plan, you can preserve and protect Cleveland Metroparks. You can also designate specific programs within Cleveland Metroparks that your bequest would support such as land acquisition, outdoor education opportunities or research initiatives.

The Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund was established within The Cleveland Foundation to preserve and protect Cleveland Metroparks. To learn more about including Cleveland Metroparks in your estate plan, or discuss other types of giving, contact Karen Kannenberg, manager of gift and donor development at 216-635-3217 or kjk@clevelandmetroparks.com to confidentially discuss giving opportunities.



Friday Nights with Nature

photo by
David Dvorak

**Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
Programs at 7 and 9 p.m.
Rocky River Nature Center
Rocky River Reservation**

This January and February, spend your Friday nights with nature! Take an armchair journey to a variety of world locations and explore the delicate yet sometimes harsh beauty of nature, or discover the culture and heritage of our cousins around the globe. Check out the schedule below and look for details in the Events Calendar beginning on page 24 For more information, call 440-734-6660.

February 1: “My Favorite Birds of Prey Encounters” with Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist David Dvorak



February 8: “Arizona and New Mexico: Lands of Sun and Enchantment” with Steve and Michele Romanik



photo by Steve Romanik



January 4: “In the Wake of the Bounty: Tahiti to Pitcairn Island” with John Gardner

photo by John Gardner



February 15: “Mountaintops to Jungle” with Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Tim Krynak

photo by Tim Krynak

January 11: “A Wee Bit of the British Empire” with Hal Mitcheltree



photo by Hal Mitcheltree

February 22: “Chestnut: Prince of Eastern Forests” with Joe Reardon

February 29: “Cuyahoga Valley in Concert” with Photographer Tom Jones



photo by the American Chestnut Society



January 18: “Scandinavia” with Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist Min Keung

photo by Min Keung



photo by Tom Jones

January 25: “Art Unseen: Cuba Nature” with Laura Watson



photo by Laura Watson

Don't miss the adventures!

Rocky River Nature Center

Located in Rocky River Reservation at 24000 Valley Parkway, 1/4 mile north of Cedar Point Road in North Olmsted

Zoo Hops Into Action for Endangered Amphibians With 'Year of the Frog'

The Chinese calendar says 2008 is the Year of the Rat, but Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is committed to making it the "Year of the Frog" ... and with good reason.

The global amphibian crisis is threatening to wipe out thousands of species, having already ravaged some, such as the beautiful Panamanian golden frog and the rare Puerto Rican crested toad. To combat the crisis, the Zoo is joining others across the United States to further embrace the plight of frogs, toads and salamanders that face perilous futures in their native habitats.

"Amphibians aren't the most high-profile animals out there, but they're incredibly important and need to be saved," said Geoff Hall, the Zoo's general curator. "We're hoping that the Year of the Frog gets that message to a lot of people and inspires them to do something to help."



Puerto Rican crested toad hatchling perched on a nickel

Throughout 2008, visitors to the Zoo will have opportunities to meet "Vern," its Year of the Frog mascot, and see new exhibits featuring endangered amphibian species such as giant waxy tree frogs, hellbenders, spotted salamanders, marine toads, terrible poison dart frogs, blue poison dart frogs, African clawed frogs, Puerto Rican crested toads and Panamanian golden frogs.

The Year of the Frog initiative officially launches on Friday, February 29 with Leap Frog Day at the Zoo. The event comes along only once every four years - on Leap Day - and includes fun activities aimed at raising people's appreciation for frogs and increasing their awareness of the threats to amphibians' long-term survival. The day will feature frog-themed games, Get Close Frog Encounters, Meet-the-Frog-Keeper sessions and other activities aimed at educating people about endangered amphibians and the important conservation efforts to save them.

More than a third of the world's 6,000 known amphibian species face imminent extinction, and many more may face the same fate due to the global amphibian crisis, which could lead to the largest mass extinction since the demise of dinosaurs. Habitat loss, pollution, climate changes and the spread of a fungus called "chytrid" are largely to blame for the decline of amphibians.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo has been at the forefront of conservation work to save amphibian species, having rescued what may have been the last Panamanian golden frogs in their rainforest habitat while advancing research and breeding efforts that could lead to the species one day being reintroduced to the wild.



Panamanian golden frog

In 2008, the Zoo and Cleveland Metroparks are teaming up with other Northeast Ohio institutions to plan even more frog-focused activities and conservation projects throughout the region. Visit clemetzoo.com for the latest details on Year of the Frog and opportunities for you to leap into action for amphibians.

Tom O'Konowitz
Marketing & Public Relations Specialist

all photos courtesy of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Noon Year's Eve

Monday, December 31

Ring in 2008 with Cleveland's family-friendly Noon Year's Eve Celebration at the Zoo. Visitors of all ages can enjoy a dance party with Radio Disney, performances by



Noon Year's Eve at the Zoo

Dr. Z, New Year's "ReZOOlutions" and more from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, December 31. At noon, everyone's encouraged to gather around the Zoo's Welcome Plaza for a festive countdown to the New Year with Dr. Z, a non-alcoholic toast and a traditional ball drop.

Admission to Noon Year's Eve is free for Cuyahoga County residents. Everyone else receives half off the already reduced winter admission rates, making it \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for kids ages 2 to 11. Children under 2 and Zoo members always receive free admission. The Zoo is closed on Tuesday, January 1.

Dollar Bank presents Noon Year's Eve

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Cleveland Indians
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Cleveland Public Library
Cleveland Public Power
Dairymens
Discount Drug Mart
Dollar Bank
Eat 'n Park
Fifth Third Bank
Ganley AutoGroup
Giant Eagle
Good Nature Organic Lawn Care
Great Lakes Science Center
Jinxed Costumes & Magic
Jolly Pets
McHale & Koepke Communications
Pet Supplies Plus
Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital
RTA
Stern Advertising
The Sunflower Group
Time Warner Cable
Travelwise
Twist Creative*

Polar Bear Days at the Zoo

January 2 to 31

Bundle up and save some bucks during Polar Bear Days at the Zoo. Throughout January, whenever WNWV-FM predicts the day's high temperature will be 32 degrees or below, a "Polar Bear Day" will be declared and Zoo admission will be cut to half off the already reduced winter rates. That means you can enjoy the Zoo for just \$3.50 per person and \$2.50 for kids.

And don't forget: You can enjoy complimentary heated shuttle rides through the Zoo, and take breaks from the cold at indoor exhibits like The RainForest, the Center for Zoological Medicine and the Primate, Cat & Aquatics Building.

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Warm Up This Month With A Visit To EarthWords

Are the snow and ice getting you down? Are you shivering in your boots? EarthWords has the perfect solution! Come for a Nature Lover's Quilt Workshop. Or, cozy up by the fire with a hot cup of coffee or tea in a beautiful mug, all from EarthWords. Not only will you warm your body, you'll warm your soul knowing that our coffee and tea is organic and fairly traded. Yes, it's a little more expensive than grocery store brands, but it's better for you, for the earth, and for humankind.

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Nature Lover's Quilt Workshop - Make a wall-hanging using our Nature Lover's Quilt Block kit in just two hours! Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow quilters and nature lovers on a cold winter's day. Hot tea and coffee provided. Supply list will be given upon registration.



Wednesday, January 9 • 6 - 8 p.m.
North Chagrin Nature Center.
Call 440-449-0511 to register.

Wednesday, January 23 • 6 - 8 p.m.
Rocky River Nature Center.
Call 440-734-7576 to register.

Green Mountain Fair Trade Certified Coffee - Green Mountain Fair Trade Coffee is grown with great care and craftsmanship by small-scale farming cooperatives whose hardworking farmers receive a fair price. It is unadulterated by chemicals and excessive processing, using only sunlight, rain and natural compost. The coffee beans are almost always shade-grown to protect wildlife habitat and preserve the fragile mountainous places where they are born. 10 oz., \$10

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Equal Exchange Hot Cocoa - A rich chocolate-y flavor that children and adults will love. This product contains organic cocoa from small-scale farmers in the Dominican Republic, organic sugar from farmer cooperatives in Paraguay, and the organic milk powder is from Organic Valley Family of Farms in the United States. 12 oz. canister, \$6.95

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216-206-1003

North Chagrin Nature Center
Mayfield Village
440-449-0511

Rocky River Nature Center
North Olmsted
440-734-7576

Hours

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

Sunday
Noon - 4:45 p.m.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

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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!

Saturday Night Specials

Explore natural history near and far ... from Lake County, Ohio to the remote island of St. Helena. Spend your January and February Saturday evenings from 7:30 until 9 p.m. at North Chagrin Nature Center, as we travel the world exploring the marvels of nature. No reservations required, but seating is limited. See program listings starting on page 24 for full program descriptions. For additional information call, 440-473-3370.

January 5 Ancient Monasteries in Modern Egypt

Explore the art, architecture, and people of the oldest monasteries in the world.



Presenters: Laura Watson and Joseph Foss

January 12 Napoleon's Island of Exile: A Voyage to St. Helena

Visit remote St. Helena Island via a photographic tour to experience its history and beauty.

Presenter: John Gardner

January 19 Little Mountain and Its Hotels (2007 Edition)

Go back in time to the early 1900s and discover Little Mountain of Geauga County.

Presenter: Dr. Ron Taddeo

January 26 A Wee Bit of the British Empire

Experience the historical charm and splendor of the British Empire through photographic journals and music.

Presenter: Hal Mitcheltree

February 2 John Colter's Yellowstone

Retrace Coulter's 1808 route through the Northern Rockies into the Valley of Yellowstone.

Presenter: Karen Beck



courtesy of Find A Grave

February 9 Artists and Headhunters Irian Jaya, New Guinea

Join an expedition into the life of the Dani, a primitive tribe of New Guinea.

Presenter: Loren Naji

February 16 Appalachian Spring

Professional nature photographer Gary Meszaros will combine the color of spring wildflowers with neotropical song birds and scenery, in this most important of seasons.

February 23 Scenes from the Tombs of the Pharaohs: What the Ancient Egyptians knew about the Natural Sciences

Enter the world of Ancient Egypt through science, history, and religious and historical symbolism.

Presenter: Dr. Kenneth J. Stein



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North Chagrin Nature Center

Located in North Chagrin Reservation off Buttermilk Falls Parkway. Use the Sunset Lane entrance off Rt. 91/SOM Center Road in Mayfield Village.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Spring Registration!

Saturday, January 12 • 10 a.m.

It's chilly outside, but think spring! Our spring ten-week sessions begin March 3 and run through May 12, except for spring break, the week of March 24. Our 10-week classes include Frogs & Polliwogs, Small & Tall, Nature Nuts, and Log Cabin Explorer's Club. Other spring classes offered include After School Adventures Club, Log Cabin Discoveries and Adventures, Weekend Explorers and Junior Naturalist classes. Log on to our newly upgraded and improved website, www.lensc.org, for a complete listing of our programs.

Log Cabin Discoveries

Reptiles

For children ages 4 - 6

Friday, January 11 • 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.

Log Cabin Adventures

Winter Birds

For children in Grades 1 - 3

Monday, January 21 • 1 - 2 p.m.

Here's your chance to experience the fun of being out in the cabin. Venture out to our log cabin classroom for an hour of animal encounters, hike explorations and plenty of adventures designed just for kids in Grades 1 - 3!

After School Adventures Club

For children in Grades 1 - 2 and 3 - 4

Grades 1 - 2: Mondays or Tuesdays • 4 - 5 p.m.

Grades 3 - 4: Tuesdays • 4 - 5 p.m.

Fee: 6-week session: \$120, members \$90

After a full day of school are you ready for natural adventure? Hike Huntington Park, meet live animals, conduct science experiments, explore fields and forests and marvel at the night sky in the Schuele Planetarium. Build important skills like nature journaling, field guide use, and making the most of magnifying glasses, binoculars, simple microscopes and other science equipment. We'll also continue to reinforce Ohio Science Content Standards!

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 in the sky.

Happy Anniversary Mars Rovers!

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

Fee: \$2 per person

Saturday, January 5 & 19 • 7 p.m.

Fee: \$3 per person

Celebrate the fourth anniversary of the landing of Spirit & Opportunity. Find out the current status of these rovers as they approach day 1,400 of what was supposed to be a 90-day mission! Evening program on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in January, weather permitting, includes telescope viewing after show.



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.



Winter Program Schedule

The IGO Mission:

To provide a wide range of enjoyable outdoor experiences which enable participants of all abilities to develop or enhance low impact outdoor skills, promote outdoor education and environmental ethics.

Our goals:

To provide learning opportunities which promote personal growth, ethical relationships with nature, and low-impact outdoor experiences.

To offer skill-building and skill-enhancement programs which enable participants to build competency and enjoy safe outdoor experiences.

To present programs in locations outside of Cleveland Metroparks lands which further participants' understanding of the ecology of North America, environmental problems and potential solutions.

Inclusive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

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

Program Registration:

Register immediately for all programs. Programs are filled on a first come, first served basis. Registration will only be confirmed with payment of program fees.

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

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

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

Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors

11350 Broadway Avenue

Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

216-341-1704 / 216-341-8528 fax

igo@clevelandmetroparks.com

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

To register for an IGO program, call 216-341-1704.



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Kim Hinkle



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PERSONAL OUTDOOR SKILLS

How to Take the Photo You Want

Did you get a new digital point-and-shoot or pocket camera for the holidays? Or do you just want to learn how to make your photos more dramatic, and portray your feelings or creativity? Join Chief Naturalist Bob Hinkle and nature photographer Kim Hinkle for a light-hearted look at how to - and not to - compose the photos you take to create the photos you want! This is a class on composure, not on camera operation, though some operation techniques will be discussed. We'll show lots of pictures that were "just a little off" and help you understand how to avoid making the same mistakes!

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

January 29 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$15

Instructor: Hinkle

Knots You Should Know

Trying to tie something down, but just can't seem to get that knot just right? Here is a chance to learn basic knots that everyone can use. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast or an outdoor weekend warrior, having a few good knots in your repertoire can be invaluable. Learn knots like the bowline, half-hitch, trucker's hitch and more.

Ages: 10 and up (with participating adult)

Activity Level: easy

January 23 or February 27 • 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$25 (text and materials)

Instructor: Theodore

Maximum: 10

Map and Compass - Snowshoe Style

It is easy to know where you have been in the winter, but with a blanket of snow on the ground do you know where you are going? Enjoy this "indoor/outdoor" class developing map and compass skills to use during any season. Spend the first half of the class in the historic Look About Lodge in Bentleyville learning how to navigate with a map and compass and then head outdoors to test your new skills while traveling on snowshoes. Plan to spend time hiking over uneven terrain, so bring good hiking boots and warm clothing. No special boots are required for snowshoeing. Class will be held with or without snow. Participants will receive their own compass to use during the program and to take home.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

February 2 • noon - 4 p.m.

Look About Lodge

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Rosenthal

Maximum: 12

"Year of the Frog" Family Snowshoe Night Hike

Where do frogs go in the winter? Don't wait until spring to find out. Begin celebrating "The Year of the Frog" this leap year by learning how frogs survive in northeastern Ohio and why they are so important to the environment. Add to your leap year adventure by learning how to snowshoe. As you explore the snowy trails along the Chagrin River, learn about hibernating animals, what "leap year" means and other "cool" stuff. Warm clothing and good hiking shoes are required. No special boots are required for snowshoeing. Headlamps are available for use.

Ages: 8 and up (with participating adult)

Activity Level: moderate (1 mile hike, some uneven terrain, inclines and declines)

February 27 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Jackson Field Trail, South Chagrin Reservation

Fee: \$10

Instructors: Rosenthal, Martin

Maximum: 10 adults, 10 children

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

Institute of the Great Outdoors

Camp Cooking 1^{1/2}

This intermediate cooking class is designed with the beginner camp cooker in mind. During this two-night class, learn car camping cooking with two-burner stoves, backpacking cooking with single burner stoves and test both “pre-made” and “from-scratch” cooking recipes. Night one includes instruction and food sampling while night two will include hands-on cooking. Equipment, stoves and all food are provided. Upon completion, receive a NOLS Cookery book to take home.

Ages: 12 and up (with participating adult)

Activity Level: easy

March 12 & 19 • 6:30 - 10 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$30

Instructor: Rosenthal

Maximum: 10

Layering for Winter

Would you like to spend more time in the outdoors this winter, but get too cold? Learn good layering techniques and proper clothing selections that will make winter outdoor activities last longer. Discover the importance of base layers, insulation layers and outer layers. Participants will be provided with a clothing item to take home for future use.

Ages: adult

Activity Level: easy

February 6 • 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Lierman

Maximum: 20

Cooking the Backcountry Way

Designed for the backpacker in mind, enjoy an evening learning some basic cooking skills. Spend time discovering the differences between types of stoves used for backpacking and how to choose the right one for your needs. Enjoy discovering how to plan breakfasts, lunches and dinners that are fun and easy. Each participant will receive their own cook book to help plan for future camping trips.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

February 20 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Neal

Maximum: 20

Land Navigation I - Map & Compass Basics

Winter is one of the best times of year to learn basic map and compass skills. New navigators often use the bare leaved trees to their advantage while testing their new skills. While indoors, the class will focus on learning to read topographic maps and use compasses. The class will then go outside and practice combining these tools to navigate themselves through a course especially designed for having fun with a map and compass. Warm clothing and good hiking shoes are required. Participants will receive their own compass to use during the program and to take home.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

February 16 • 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Look About Lodge

Fee: \$25

Instructor: Neal

Maximum: 20

American Red Cross First Aid Class

This course will teach you the skills to become better equipped to respond to first aid emergencies. Lessons taught include proper wound care, splinting broken bones, treating someone for shock and more. All supplies will be provided, but bring a lunch. Upon completion of this course participants will be qualified to receive an American Red Cross First Aid certification good for three years.

Ages: 16 and up (with participating adult)

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

February 16 • 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$35

Instructor: Smith

Maximum: 10

Looking for a custom program? A limited number of custom programs are offered throughout the year to groups at a reasonable price. Depending on group size, program type and instructor availability, IGO may be able to fill your group's recreational skill training needs. Call 216-341-1704 to find out more information.

Family Snowshoe Hikes

Enjoy the beauty of winter using a centuries-old mode of transportation. Put on a pair of snowshoes and join IGO staff and volunteers as we explore various snowy trails this winter (weather permitting). Snowshoes, basic instruction and hot cocoa are provided. Please dress for the weather. No special boots are required for snowshoeing. Locations subject to change dependent on snow conditions.

Ages: 8 and up (with participating adult)

Activity Level: moderate

January 30 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Look About Lodge

February 9 • 2 - 4 p.m.

South Chagrin Shelterhouse

Fee: \$10

Maximum: 12

Wilderness First Aid

Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association are teaming up for this two-day workshop. Designed specifically for groups and their leaders, the workshop stresses preparedness and prevention; includes training on off-road emergencies, wilderness evacuation techniques and long term patient care in prolonged transport situations. Participants will be housed at the campus of the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center where classroom lectures and discussions will be combined with hands-on experiences in the field. The curriculum includes assessment and treatment of specific injuries and evacuation techniques. Mock rescues will be practiced in the field which will allow participants to put to practice skills learned in class such as group decision making, emergency medical assessments and rescue techniques. This course will meet the new 2008 Boy Scouts of America requirements for backcountry training.



Cuyahoga Valley
National Park
Association

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

March 15 - 16 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Fee: \$245 (includes lodging, meals, text, use of first aid supplies and a bonus Saturday night program)

Program Instructor(s): Staff from SOLO
(Stonehearth Outdoor Learning Opportunities)

For Registration Call: 330-657-2796 or
800-642-3297

CPR - Adult/Child/Infant

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

Ages: 16 and up (with participating adult)

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

January 14 & 15 • 6 - 10 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$35

Instructor: Smith

Maximum: 10

Recreation for Everyone

Do you have a disability? Are you recovering from surgery or feel you are avoiding outdoor activities because you are not sure you can do them anymore? Learn how IGO can help. Come to this free class to learn more about how IGO's Outdoor Adaptive Recreation Specialist can help you be included in IGO activities such as hand cycling, canoeing and kayaking. This is your chance to let us know what activities you want. After the presentation, take part in a .5 - 1 mile nature hike on the accessible all purpose trail.

Ages: 16 and up (with accompanying adult)

Activity Level: easy (optional hike on all purpose trail)

February 20 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

North Chagrin Nature Center

March 5 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Canalway Visitor Center

Fee: Free (pre-registration required)

Instructor: Rosenthal

Institute of the Great Outdoors

ESCAPES TO NATURE / EXTENDED TRIPS

Hiking the Appalachian Trail

From Maine to Georgia, the Appalachian Trail encompasses 2,160 miles of beautiful scenery that every year challenges the most physically- and mentally-fit hikers. Enjoy an evening with 2007 Appalachian Trail thru-hiker Belinda Gruska and learn how she completed the trail with proper planning and preparation. Gain valuable knowledge to plan your own Appalachian trail adventure.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

February 19 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$15

Texas Birding Adventure

Based in historic McAllen, Texas, this birding expedition will visit the best of the Texas border birding hot spots. We will focus on finding both common Texas birds and the far southern rarities that make this region famous. Our agenda may include Santa Anna and Laguna Atacosta National Wildlife Refuges, Brownsville, South Padre Island, Falcon Dam and the new World Birding Center. A typical trip to this region for Midwestern birders should provide over a hundred species.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

Pre-trip dates/times: March 5 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip dates/times: April 6 - 10

McAllen, Texas

Fee: \$850 (Non-refundable deposit of \$425 due at sign up. Price includes four nights lodging and on-site transportation. Participants must provide transportation to and from Texas and meals.)

Instructor: Hinkle

Want to become an IGO volunteer? IGO is always looking for volunteers and instructors with outdoor educational experience. Call 216-341-1704 to learn more about becoming a part of the outdoor education family.

Spring In Algonquin - Hiking, Birding, and Wildflowers

Journey along the amazing Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. Algonquin, known for its dramatic rock cliffs, quiet spruce bogs, pristine lakes, scenic forests and spectacular vistas is a hikers paradise in spring. Enjoy exploring the fascinating world of the northern transitional forest as we hike to find spring wildflowers and migrating birds. Wildflowers like twinflower, oxalis and painted trillium abound while boreal chickadees, spruce grouse, broad-winged hawks and warblers fly above. Begin each day hiking on established trails in Algonquin Park, but be prepared for some challenging inclines. Good hiking boots, proper clothing, camera and binoculars are suggested.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

Pre-trip dates/times: April 15 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip Dates/Times: May 4 - 8

Fee: \$429 (Non-refundable deposit of \$215 required at sign up. Price includes four nights lodging with fully equipped shared cottages, on-site transportation, one dinner and instructional materials. Participants must provide meals and transportation to and from Canada. Passports required.)

Instructors: Hinkle and Hosko

Maximum: 12

WOMEN IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS (WEGO)

Programs designed specifically for women

WEGO - Introduction to GPS

Discover how easy it is to navigate using a GPS unit. The program will begin indoors, but most of the afternoon will be spent outdoors on uneven terrain, so bring proper clothing and shoes. Some off trail hiking may be required. Be prepared to surprise your family and friends by learning the basic functions of Garmin GPS units and learn new terminology such as "routes" and "waypoints." Enjoy testing your skills with a short geocaching course. Equipment will be provided.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

March 1 • 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Look About Lodge

Fee: \$25 (includes book)

Instructors: Martin/Smith

Maximum: 16

January Events by Location

Off-Site Programs

- 24 • Bird Or Bust: Winter Gulls
- 12 • Forest Hill Hike

(BeR) Bedford Reservation

- 26 • Polar Bear Brunch in the Park
- 27 • Woodlands of Bedford

(BrR) Brecksville Reservation

- 8 • 22 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 26 • Extreme Hiking
- 30 • After Work Exploration

(BNC) Brecksville Nature Center

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

- 5 • 6 • 12 • 13 • 19 • 20 • 26 • 27 • Hand Feed a Chickadee
- 12 • Drop in Discovery
- 12 • Family Fireside Series - Amazing Amphibians!
- 13 • Drop in Discovery - Box Turtles
- 15 • Hiking for Homeschoolers
- 17 • 18 • 19 • For Adults Only: Meteorology
- 19 • Drop in Discovery
- 20 • Hunters of the Night
- 23 • Animal Crackers
- 27 • Drop in Discovery - Birdfeeders

(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

- 2 - 2/29 • Art Display
- 11 • All About Algonquin
- 12 • CanalWay Triple Play
- 16 • Youth Outdoors Volunteer Orientation
- 17 • CanalWay Kids - Long Winter Sleep
- 23 • History and a Brown Bag Lunch
- 23 • Animals Around the Clock
- 24 • Hidden Valley Homeschoolers - Keeping Warm
- 25 • CanalWay CoffeeHouse
- Cleveland Astronomical Society
- 3 • Monthly Meeting

(ECR) Euclid Creek Reservation

- 6 • What Will Winter Bring?

(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

- 2 • 3 • 4 • Watercolor Sketching
- 3 • Winter Birds
- 8 • Forest Investigation for Home Education: Adaptations
- 9 • Walking After Work
- 16 • Wild Wednesday: Chickadee
- 19 • Just the Basics - A Time of Survival
- 21 • Long Winter's Hike
- 23 • Walking After Work
- 26 • Nature Investigations: Ice

(HiR) Hinckley Reservation

- 5 • Resolution Dog Walk

(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

- 12 • Snakes Alive
- 12 • Wildlife in Winter

(MSRR) Mill Stream Run Reservation

- 27 • Cabin Fever Hike

(NCR) North Chagrin Reservation

- 5 • Half and Half Painting
- 11 • Family Friday Night: Owls
- 13 • Frozen Trails
- 16 • Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers: Animal Tracks
- 20 • Birds and Coffee
- 22 • Full Moon Hike

(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

- 2 -31 • Photography Show
- 5 • Ancient Monasteries in Modern Egypt
- 6 • Sunday Bird Walk
- 9 • Mid-Week Winter Hike
- 9 • Nature Lover's Quilt Block
- 12 • Napoleon's Island of Exile: A Voyage to St. Helena
- 16 • Trail Trackers and Wiggly Worms
- 17 • Western Reserve Wild Ones: Climate Change and Native Plants
- 19 • If Tracks Told Tales
- 19 • Little Mountain and Its Hotels (2007 Edition)
- 21 • Whistles and Quacks
- 22 • Stroller Science
- 24 • 31 • Science Olympiad: Reptiles and Amphibians
- 25 • Family Friday Night: 13 Moons
- 26 • A Wee Bit of the British Empire
- 27 • "July" in January Open House
- Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club East
- 7 • 21 • Bi-Monthly Meeting

(RRR) Rocky River Reservation

- 19 • Monthly Morning with the Birds
- 29 • Nature Walking for Exercise

(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

- 4 • Friday Nights with Nature - *In the Wake of the Bounty: Tahiti to Pitcairn Island*
- 5 • Hike for Your Health
- 6 • Coffee with the Birds
- 6 • Cabin Fever Hike
- 11 • Friday Nights with Nature - *Arizona and New Mexico: Lands of Sun and Enchantment*
- 12 • Reading the Rocks
- 12 • Second Saturday Storytelling
- 13 • Winter Book Review
- 13 • Cabin Fever Hike
- 14 • Mid-Day Chat: Animals from Around the World
- 17 • Homeschool Happenings: Animal Tracks
- 18 • Friday Nights with Nature: *Scandinavia*
- 19 • North Coast Fossil Club Display
- 19 • Red-Eared Slider: Native or Nuisance?
- 20 • Cabin Fever Hike
- 20 • Nature a la Carte
- 20 • "Souper" Sunday
- 21 • 22 • Funday
- 23 • Nature Lover's Quilt Block
- 25 • Friday Nights with Nature - *Art Unseen: Cuba Nature*
- 26 • Cinema Saturday Night: *Raptor Force*
- 27 • Gems & Jewels of the World
- Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club Southwest
- 7 • 21 • Bi-Monthly Meeting
- Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
- 8 • Monthly Meeting

(SCR) South Chagrin Reservation

Look About Lodge

Open for scheduled programs. Miles Rd.,
east of Rt. 91, Bentleyville 440-247-7075

- 11 • 12 • Science Olympiad Study Session: Leaf and Tree I.D.
- 11 • Fireside Concert Series: *Clearfork*
- 12 • Nature Writing in the Woods
- 18 • Fireside Concert Series: *Stone River Band*
- 25 • Sprouts
- 25 • Fireside Concert Series: *Patrick Sweany*
- 26 • Handmade Paper Workshop
- 26 • Pop-Up Card Workshop
- 26 • The Other Beaten Path
- 26 • Hike for your Supper
- 27 • Wild Walkabout
- 27 • School of the Wilds: The Whole Recycling Story
- Cleveland Natural Science Club
- 19 • Monthly Meeting

(WCR) West Creek Reservation

- 4 • Friday Night's a Hoot
- 17 • Winging It Through West Creek

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.

January 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.

2 • Wednesday

Art Display

Kenneth Stein is an accomplished photographer and scientist. He likes to photograph plants early in the morning to catch the optimum ambient light and moisture. Visit and view his fascinating botanical photography. On display through February 29.

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

Photography Show

Stop by North Chagrin Nature Center to enjoy photographs by Hal Mitcheltree. Your eyes will find pleasure in the artistry of his photographic journals from Ireland, England, Scotland, Australia and New Zealand. Through January 31
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. NCNC

Watercolor Sketching

Volunteer Nancy Martin will encourage experimentation in color techniques and composition in interpreting nature's

wonders. The best result is whatever you create in this three-day activity. (Program meets January 2 - 4). You'll be given a supply list when you register.

10 a.m. - noon GPNC
Ages: 10 years & older
Registration required
216-341-3152

3 • Thursday

Winter Birds

Looking for something fun to do on the last few days of winter break? Join us at Garfield Park Nature Center as we learn about our backyard birds. After learning a little bit about our feathered residents, we will create feeders that can be taken home.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. GPNC
Ages: 8 - 12 years
Registration required
216-341-3152

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Astronomical Society

Jay Reynolds from Cleveland State University's Education Department-Science Section will be the guest. Visitors welcome.

8 p.m. CWC

Watercolor Sketching

(see 1/2 for details)

4 • Friday

Friday Night's a Hoot

Enter into the world of elusive owls on this nocturnal journey into their mysterious winter woodland wonderland. Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield as we seek out screech, barred, and great horned owls in the forests of West Creek Reservation. Bring a flashlight; binoculars recommended. Dress for the weather.

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. WCR
Terrain: moderate, 1.5 miles
216-341-9225

Friday Nights with Nature -

*In the Wake of the Bounty:
Tahiti to Pitcairn Island*

On January 15, 1790, Fletcher Christian, eight mutineers from the H.M.S. Bounty and 18 Tahitians landed at Pitcairn Island. The history of the community they established is both violent and inspiring. John Gardner traces that fascinating history featuring slides of present day Pitcairn. Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

7 - 8 p.m. or
9 - 10 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, students

Watercolor Sketching

(see 1/2 for details)

5 • Saturday

Hand Feed a Chickadee

Generations of visitors have experienced the thrill of feeding a free-flying bird that lands in your hand. Now it's your turn! We'll provide a handful of sunflower seeds and instructions.

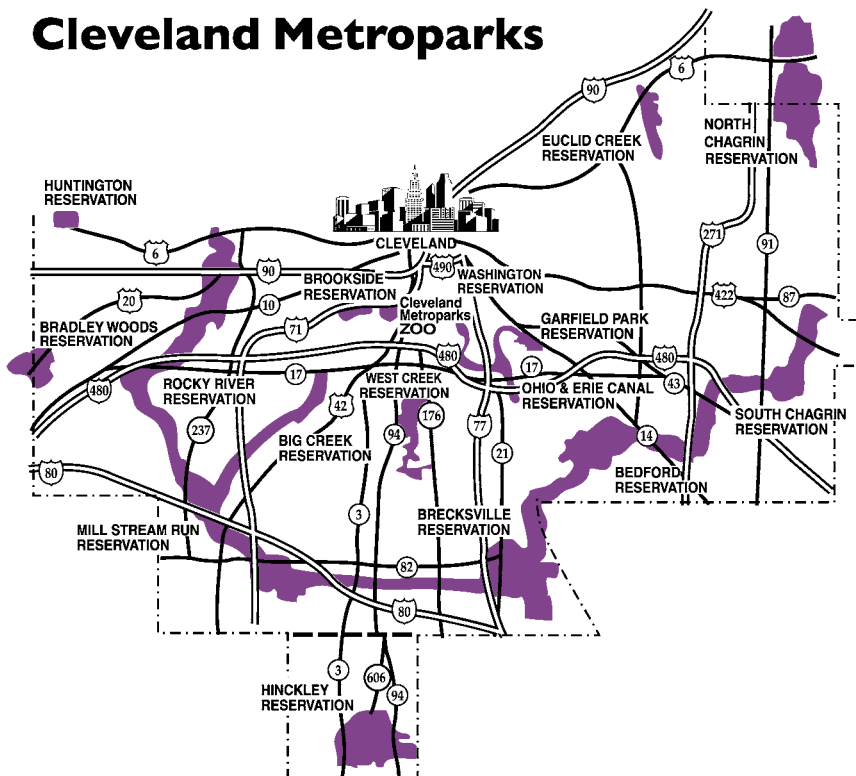
10 a.m. - noon BNC

Hike for Your Health

Enjoy a 4-mile walk through the winter forest with Naturalist David Dvorak and discover what is happening with winter wildlife. We will walk off some of the holiday excess as we go up and down hills.

1:30 - 4 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 10 and older
Terrain: hills and valleys,
2 miles

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Resolution Dog Walk

Resolve to get more physical activity, learn something new, and give your dog needed exercise and social contact. You can do it all on this brisk winter walk with Naturalist Debra Shankland. Walkers without dogs welcome, too. Dress for the weather.

2 - 4 p.m. HiR
Spillway Trail Head
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: some hills, 3.3 miles
Register beginning
December 17
440-526-1012

Half and Half Painting

Come release the artist within you. We will use paints and photos cut out of magazines to create a work of art. Bring a nature photo from an old magazine to use in your painting.

3 - 4 p.m. NCR
Nature Education Building
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Registration required
440-473-3370

Ancient Monasteries in Modern Egypt

The oldest monasteries in the world, founded by the Coptic Christians, are in the desert of Egypt. This exploration of their art, architecture, and people who maintain the faith, is presented by Laura Watson and Joseph Foss who lived in a monastery there.

7:30 - 9 p.m. NCNC

6 • Sunday

Coffee with the Birds

Join us to observe the birds visiting our feeders while you sip a warm cup of coffee. Discover which seeds attract the most birds. You may go home with some ideas of ways to attract birds to your yard. We'll provide coffee, binoculars and birds.

9 - 10 a.m. RRNC
Registration required
440-734-6660

Sunday Bird Walk

It appears that this could be a good year for winter finches! Join us as we search for these treats from farther north as well as more of the common winter birds. Some binoculars will be available to borrow.

9 - 11 a.m. NCNC
Terrain: easy, 2 miles
Ages: adults and families

What Will Winter Bring?

Will it be a warm one or colder than usual? Lots of snow or bare ground? Plants and animals must cope with whatever the winter has in store. Come hike and we'll try to find what animals are still active and which plants are still green.

1:30 - 3 p.m. ECR
Highland Picnic Area
parking lot
Terrain: slope, icy, 2.5 miles
440-473-3370

Cabin Fever Hike

Let's stretch our legs and discover the solitude of Mount Pleasant in the winter, then head down by the river to return to the Nature Center. Dress for the weather.

2 - 3:30 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults and families
Terrain: many steps, 2 miles

Hand Feed a Chickadee

(see 1/5 for details)

7 • Monday

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club Southwest

Professional photographer Dale Kincaid shares his knowledge about digital cameras and how to take better photographs. Visitors always welcome.

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

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East

"Introduction to Digital Photography" - Joe Martines will explore some of the advantages of digital photography and answer you questions.

8 p.m. NCNC

8 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

With snow blanketing Brecksville Reservation, a deeper peace is felt by all. Join us today as we enjoy this peace and tranquility hiking among friends. If the ice formations are hanging around, we'll stop by to see a few.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. BrR
Plateau Picnic Area
Ages: adults
Terrain: hills, ice, 2 - 3 miles
440-526-1012

Forest Investigations for Home Education: Adaptations

Living organisms need to adapt to changes in their environment or they will not survive. There are a variety of ways that adaptations are made and for a variety of reasons. Sometimes the change may be an alteration in behavior, growing a thick coat of fur, building up a

layer of fat or going dormant. Come learn some of the ways that our local plants and animals adapt to changes in their environment.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. GPNC
Ages: 6 - 8 & 9 - 12 years
Register beginning January 2
216-341-3152

Monthly Meeting

Western Cuyahoga
Audubon Society

2008 is the Year of the Frog, or will it be the year of the frog's disappearance? Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's Katherine Krynak presents "Is the Global Amphibian Crisis a Global Warning?" reporting on rapid extinctions of amphibians and what everyone can do to help change the course.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC
Ages: teens, adults

9 • Wednesday

Mid-Week Winter Hike

Don't let old man winter stop you from coming to the park. Bundle up and join Naturalist Angelec Hillsman for a mid-week hike in the park. After our hike, enjoy a warm cup of hot cocoa.

10 - 11:30 a.m. NCNC
Ages: adults
Terrain: hilly, rugged,
1.5 miles

Nature Lover's Quilt Block

Join us with your sewing machine to stitch up our "Nature Lover's Quilt Block" wall hanging. For beginner to advanced sewers. Supply list given upon registration. Kit may be purchased at EarthWords Nature Shops.

6 - 8 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 12 years - adult
Fee: \$5
Register by January 4
216-206-1003

Walking After Work

Getting in the 30 minutes of recommended exercise is sometimes easier said than done, especially once you have gone home for the evening. Let us help. Stop by the nature center on your way home from work, and join us for a brisk walk through Garfield Park Reservation.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. GPNC

11 • Friday

Science Olympiad Study Session: Leaf and Tree I.D. - Part I

In preparation for the Science Olympiad, elementary and middle school students are invited to this two-part study session that focuses on leaf and tree identification. (Part 2 on 1/18).

4 - 6 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge

Family Friday Night: Owls

Come learn about the nocturnal birds of prey, the owls. We will have live owls on display, and owl pellets and biofacts will be available to see and touch.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. NCR
Nature Education Building
Register beginning January 2
440-473-3370

All About Algonquin

Explore Algonquin Provincial Park from the comfort of CanalWay Visitor Center. Join Naturalist Ken Rosenthal to discover the cultural and natural history of Canada's largest provincial park by foot and by canoe.

7 p.m. CWC

Friday Nights with Nature - *A Wee bit of the British Empire*

Indulge your eyes, ears and mind with Hal Mitcheltree as he brings to life the visual, musical, and historical charm and splendor of the British Empire. Enjoy the artistry of his photographic journals and insightful music of British culture and history. Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

7 - 8 p.m. or
9 - 10 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, students

Fireside Concert Series

Clearfork

Bring a friend to rustic Look About Lodge for an evening of bluegrass music. Space is limited.

7 - 8 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Fee: \$4 per person
Registration required
440-247-7075

12 • Saturday

Nature Writing In the Woods

Though the winter woods seem to be sleeping, much is happening "under the bark." Join us to sit by the fire and write about what we discover in the wintry outdoors and under our own skin.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Fee: \$25
Registration required
440-247-7075

Drop in Discovery

Snowflakes come in many shapes and sizes. Stop in Brecksville Nature Center to examine these natural crystals under microscopes. If the snow is falling, we may be able to examine a few new snowflakes as well. Children will make a craft to take home.

10 a.m. - noon BNC

Snakes Alive

Ssssssssomething's up at the Center and we're going to find out what it is! Learn why snakes are wonderful and why we don't need to be afraid of them. Experience a live, hands-on snake encounter as well as stories and crafts.

10 - 11 a.m. LENS
Fee: \$15/child;
member \$10/child
Registration required
440-871-2900

CanalWay Triple Play

Join us at CanalWay today for three great programs. We'll begin at 10:30 a.m. with songs with Hank followed by a craft with Pepe. At 11:30 a.m. we'll break for lunch inside with a movie. At 1 p.m. join Ken for a winter hike. Come out for all three or feel free to join us at one of the times listed. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

10:30 a.m. CWC

Reading the Rocks

Enjoy a walk along the towering cliffs above the Rocky River to discover the geology of the area with Naturalist David Dvorak. We will look at how the river changing course exposes rock layers.

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 8 years and older
Terrain: trail, steps, 2 miles

Wildlife in Winter

BBRRRRR!!!! Find out what wildlife is doing while we're warm and cozy in front of our fireplaces. We will see live animals up close and discuss ways that they cope with the winter. Free program.

3 p.m. LENS
440-871-2900

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.

3 - 5 p.m. Forest Hill
Terrain: rolling hills, 3 miles
440-247-7075

Family Fireside Series - Amazing Amphibians!

Bring the whole family to celebrate the Year of the Frog with Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Amphibian Keeper Kathy Krynak and Naturalist Tim Krynak. Explore Ecuador as they highlight their fieldwork at Reserva Las Gralarias, discover why amphibians are disappearing, learn what you can do to fight this Global Amphibian crisis, and play Tadpole Trivia to "build" a frog from a tadpole.

7 - 8 p.m. BNC
Register beginning January 2
440-526-1012

Second Saturday Storytelling

Celebrate special days on the January calendar. Did you know that Soup Day and Oatmeal Day are two of January's special days? Ellis Island opened on January 1, 1892. These and other special days of the first month will be celebrated in story.

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



Napoleon's Island of Exile: A Voyage to St. Helena

In 1815 Napoleon was exiled to the South Atlantic island of St. Helena, where he died in 1821. St. Helena remains one of the few places in the world so remote that it can be reached only by a long sea voyage. Join John Gardner to explore the fascinating history and natural beauty of this distant island.

7:30 - 9 p.m. NCNC

Hand Feed a Chickadee

(see 1/5 for details)

13 • Sunday

Drop in Discovery - Box Turtles

Stop by the discovery table to learn about box turtles and make a take-home craft.

10 a.m. - noon BNC

Frozen Trails

Join Naturalist Tim Krynak as we hike on frozen trails to explore the swamp and small hemlock ravines. We will focus our efforts on adaptations that make life possible during these coldest months.

1:20 - 3 p.m. NCR

Wilson Mills Road parking lot

Ages: adults

Terrain: hills, 3 miles

Cabin Fever Hike

Hike the swamp forest of Bradley Woods Reservation with Naturalist Chris Larson-McKenzie and see the remnants of the sandstone quarries that are part of its history.

2 - 3:30 p.m. BWR

Codrington Picnic Shelter

Ages: adults, families

Terrain: flat, 1.5 miles

440-734-6660

Winter Book Review

Join Naturalist Joni Norris and the Rocky River Readers as they review journalist Peter Annin's book, *The Great Lakes Water Wars*. Come learn why the 40 million people who live in the Great Lakes Basin should not take their fresh water for granted.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC

Age: adults

Hand Feed a Chickadee

(see 1/5 for details)

14 • Monday

Mid-Day Chat: Animals from Around the World

Join Naturalist Min Keung to see pictures that she has taken of animals from around the world. She will talk about selected animals from Australia, Africa and the United States.

Noon - 1 p.m. RRNC

15 • Tuesday

Hiking for Homeschoolers

What makes weather? Discover weather phenomena and how it can be measured with Naturalist Debra Shankland. Come prepared for today's weather.

1 - 2:30 p.m. BNC

Ages: 6 - 12 years

Terrain: hilly, 1 mile

Register beginning January 2
440-526-1012

16 • Wednesday

Trail Trackers & Wiggly Worms

Winter is often thought of as a resting time, but many animals are still out finding food and shelter. Join us to discover more about our busy winter residents. Trail Trackers and Wiggly Worms are combined this month. Program includes a short hike and craft.

10 - 11 a.m. or

1 - 2 p.m. NCNC

Ages: 3 years - K and adult

Register between January 2 - 14
440-473-3370

Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers: Animal Tracks

What animals have been out and about? Find out how to identify animal tracks and signs. We will use our skills on a walk through the woods. Create a track booklet to take home.

12:45 - 2:15 p.m. NCR

Ages: 6 - 12 years

Terrain: level, moderate, 1 mile

Register beginning January 2
440-473-3370

Wild Wednesday: Chickadee

Join Naturalist Stacey Allen for an after-school hike where we will learn about black-capped chickadees. We will investigate where they live, what they eat and what we could do to help them through the winter.

4 - 5 p.m. GPNC

Ages: grades 1 - 5

Terrain: easy, .75 miles

Register beginning January 2
216-341-3152

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, snowshoeing, 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 January 11

216-206-1010

17 • Thursday

Winging It Through West Creek

Discover the beauty and diversity of your "backyard" reservation on a pleasant winter hike with Naturalist Jen Brumfield. We'll seek out birds, search for animal tracks, learn about different habitats and animal homes, and marvel at all of the 'wilds' that make up West Creek.

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

Terrain: moderate, some small hills, 2 miles

216-341-9225

CanalWay Kids

Long Winter Sleep

Join a naturalist to learn which animals sleep all winter, and which ones just take naps. We will read a story and make a craft.

10 - 11:15 a.m. CWC

Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult.

Register beginning January 2

216-206-1000

Homeschool Happenings: Animal Tracks

Have you ever tracked an animal through the snow? We'll look for tracks and other clues of animal activity as we explore the trails around the nature center. The indoor portion of the program will focus on the identifying features of specific tracks.

1:30 - 3 p.m. RRNC

Ages: 6 - 12 years

Terrain: some steps, .5 mile
Register beginning January 2
440-734-6660

For Adults Only: Meteorology Part I

This three-part program (January 18 & 19 also) will take the mystery out of meteorology and the fiction out of forecasting. Get the lowdown on lows and highs, clouds, and lake effect through hand-outs, multimedia, lecture, and hands-on activity. The final session includes an afternoon field trip to WKYC TV-3. Participants must attend all three parts.

7 - 9 p.m. BNC

Ages: adults

Register beginning January 2
440-526-1012

Western Reserve Wild Ones: Climate Change and Native Plants

Join the Northeast Ohio chapter of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapers to watch a portion of the documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*, followed by discussion about global warming - what is it and what we can do. The second half of the film will be presented next month.

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

18 • Friday

Friday Nights with Nature - Scandinavia

Globetrot with Naturalist Min Keung and explore the fascinating lands of Scandinavia featuring the beautiful countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Visit the land of the midnight sun, where trolls and Hans Christian Anderson come from. Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

7 - 8 p.m. or

9 - 10 p.m. RRNC

Ages: adults, students

Fireside Concert Series

Stone River Band

Come and sit by the fire while enjoying the tunes of the 60s and 70s. Space is limited.

7 - 8 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Fee: \$4 per person

Registration required

440-247-7075

Science Olympiad Study Session: Leaf and Tree I.D. - Part II

(see 1/11 for details)

For Adults Only: Meteorology Part II

(see 1/17 for details)

19 • Saturday

Monthly Morning with the Birds

Meet Naturalist Ken Gober for our monthly hike to survey bird activity near Rocky River Nature Center, and then warm up with a cup of hot cocoa. Bring binoculars and a bird guide. Dress for the weather.

9 a.m. - noon RRR

Rocky River Nature Center parking lot

Terrain: some stairs, 1.75 miles

440-734-6660

Drop-In Discovery

Awww, nuts! Drop in today to discover fun facts about one of the most common animals in Brecksville Reservation - squirrels. You will learn about the fox, gray, red and flying squirrels that call this forest home. Special guest Kim Hinkle will have a live flying squirrel on exhibit this morning. Stop in to visit this night-time glider - a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

10 a.m. - noon BNC

440-526-1012

North Coast Fossil Club Display

Meet members of the North Coast Fossil Club, ask questions, and see educational displays of recent geological finds from Ohio and beyond. If you enjoy finding fossils, don't miss this one-day display!

Noon - 2 p.m. RRNC

Ages: adults, families

Just the Basics - A Time of Survival

Have you ever wanted to sign up for a program, but hesitated because you thought you might not know enough about the subject? This time you have nothing to worry about. Join us for an introduction to the cold weather strategies used by plants and animals. We will start from the very beginning and cover 'just the basics'. After hiking, we will warm up with hot chocolate around the fire.

1 - 2:30 p.m. GPNC

If Tracks Told Tales

We will search for animal tracks and try to understand the stories they have to tell. You will find common ones, but perhaps there may be a surprise or two.

2 - 3:30 p.m. NCNC

Terrain: level, icy, 2.5 miles

Little Mountain and Its Hotels (2007 Edition)

In the early 1900s, area residents became increasingly attracted to Little Mountain, the unique geologic formation located in the northwest corner of Geauga County. Dr. Ron Taddeo will explain how the area became a popular vacation spot for summer visitors seeking to escape the heat and pollution of nearby cities. Little Mountain offered cool, pine scented breezes, unusual rock formations, cold spring water and high promontories providing spectacular vistas of the surrounding countryside and Lake Erie five miles to the north.

7:30 - 9 p.m. NCNC

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Natural Science Club

Jamey Graham from the Ohio Division of Wildlife will talk on "Coyotes in Your Backyard." Public welcome.

7:30 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

440-247-4005 or 440-338-5744

For Adults Only: Meteorology Part III

(see 1/17 for details)

Hand Feed a Chickadee

(see 1/5 for details)

20 • Sunday

Birds and Coffee

Join us as we enjoy the birds visiting the feeders as we sip on hot coffee. We will discuss how to attract birds to your own backyard and behaviors of the birds that are being observed. This is a great opportunity to have your bird questions answered. Space is limited - call for a reservation.

9 - 10 a.m. NCR

Nature Education Building

Ages: adults and families

Register beginning January 2

440-473-3370

Cabin Fever Hike

Let's enjoy the icy wonders surrounding the Rocky River Nature Center. See the pond frozen over, and treasure the beautiful view from the Mount Pleasant Trail. Dress for the weather!

2 - 3:30 p.m. RRNC

Ages: adults, families

Terrain: some hills, stairs,

2 - 2.5 miles

Nature a la Carte

Looking for something to do this afternoon? Stop by Rocky River Nature Center to explore something special from nature. This month's topic is animal tracks. How many local wildlife tracks can you identify? Materials will be provided for kids to make an animal track booklet.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC

Ages: families, adults

"Souper" Sunday

Let's be creative and mix lots of ingredients to make a delicious soup. While our volunteer chefs cook the ingredients, we will go for a brisk walk with some "super" activities before we consume our "soup-er" supper.

5 - 7 p.m. RRNC

Terrain: mostly level, 1.5 miles

Registration required

440-734-6660

Hunters of the Night

Owls have amazing adaptations which help them find prey in the dark. Join Naturalist Kelly McGinnis to learn about these adaptations then venture out to search for an elusive owl.

6:30 - 8 p.m. BNC

Terrain: stairs, .5 mile

Hand Feed a Chickadee

(see 1/5 for details)

21 • Monday

Funday

Let's investigate what sinks and what floats in nature and discover why big ships don't often sink. Bring a small object from home to see if it will float or sink. On our walk, we will look for more objects to test.

10 - 11:15 a.m. or

1 - 2:15 p.m. RRNC

Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult

Terrain: mostly flat, .5 mile

Registration required

440-734-6660

Long Winters Hike

Join Naturalist Stacey Allen for a long cold hike to ward off "cabin fever" on your day off of school. Before we go, we will make a big pot of vegetable soup and leave it to cook in the fireplace while we go on our hike. After we have explored the winter woods we will return for a delicious treat.

10 a.m. GPNC

Ages: 8 - 12 years

Register beginning January 2

216-341-3152

Whistles and Quacks

Like playing with clay? Join us to create duck clay sculptures that whistle! We will also learn about how these animals adapt to our climate in Northeast Ohio. Dress for the weather.

2 - 4:30 p.m. NCNC

Ages: grades 3 - 5

Terrain: easy, .25 mile

Register beginning January 2

440-473-3370

Bi-monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club Southwest

It's Competition Night!
Tonight's categories are
"something old" and "open."
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Bi-monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East

"The Best of '07" - Bring in
some of the best images you
produced in 2007 to share.
8 p.m. NCNC

22 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Don't let cabin fever get to
you. Bundle up and join
Naturalist Kelly McGinnis to
search for signs of life.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. BrR
Brecksville Stables
Ages: adults
Terrain: hills, slippery, 3 miles
440-526-1012

Stroller Science

Bring your little one out to
North Chagrin Nature Center
as we make tracks looking
for animal tracks. We will see
who's decided to weather the
cold of winter and afterwards,
warm up with hot chocolate.
Dress for the weather.

10 - 11:15 a.m. NCNC
Ages: under 3 years and adult
Terrain: easy
Register beginning January 2
440-473-3370

Full Moon Hike

Take a stroll under the light
of the full moon and experi-
ence the solitude of the forest
at night. We will take a hike
through a stand of mature
Eastern white pine trees while
we listen for nocturnal crea-
tures.

7 - 8:15 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area
parking lot
Ages: adults
Terrain: moderate, may be
icy, 1 - 1.2 miles
Register beginning January 2
440-473-3370

Funday

(see 1/21 for details)

23 • Wednesday

Animal Crackers

Bring your preschooler to
explore the world of snow!
We'll discover how snow is
formed and the role it plays
in the winter environment
through a hike and other
hands-on activities.

10 - 11:15 a.m. or
1 - 2:15 p.m. BNC
Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult
Register beginning January 2
440-526-1012

History & a Brown Bag Lunch

Join Hank Mallory for the
documentary *Trains Unlimited*
- *Built for Speed*. Bring your
lunch to enjoy as we contin-
ue our journey of discovery
of trains!

Noon CWC

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216-341-3152

Nature Lover's Quilt Block

Join us with your sewing
machine to stitch up our
"Nature Lover's Quilt Block"
wall hanging. For beginner
to advanced sewers. Supply
list given upon registration.
Kit may be purchased at
EarthWords Nature Shops.

6 - 8 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 12 years - adult
Fee: \$5
Register by January 18
216-206-1003

Animals Around the Clock

Why do some animals sleep
during the day and stay active
at night? Learn about their
adaptations as we go outside
to look for them. We will try
to call owls!

7 p.m. CWC
Ages: 5 years and up.
Terrain: slight hill,
1.5 - 2 miles.
Register beginning January 2
216-206-1000

24 • Thursday

Bird Or Bust: Winter Gulls

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield
in a quest to find rare north-
ern gulls at the East 72nd
overlook from Cleveland
Lakefront State Park. Bring a
warm mug of coffee or tea,
and pick up tips on the "how
to's" of tough gull ID. Call for
specific directions and details.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Ages: adults, older students
Terrain: level, icy pavement,
.25 miles
Register beginning
November 1
216-341-9225





Homeschoolers

Keeping Warm

Join a naturalist to learn how animals stay warm and active in winter, and how we can keep warm as well. We will keep ourselves warm with a craft and hike. Be sure to dress for outside!

10 a.m. - noon
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Register beginning January 2
216-206-1000

Science Olympiad: Reptiles and Amphibians - Part I

In preparation for the Science Olympiad, elementary and middle school students are invited to this two-part study session. Today we will focus on amphibians. (Part II on 1/31.)

4 - 5 p.m. NCNC
Register beginning January 2
440-473-3370

25 • Friday

Sprouts

Preschoolers and their favorite adult will enjoy coming to Look About Lodge to learn more about flying squirrels. We'll hear a story, make a craft and go on a hike.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and
1 - 2 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Ages: 3 - pre-K with adult
Registration is required
440-247-7075

Family Friday Night: 13 Moons

In Native American cultures the 13 cycles of the moon correspond to the 13 scales on a turtle's back. We will explore the stories behind the monthly moons, and make a craft.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 6 years & up and adult
Register beginning January 2
440-473-3370

Friday Nights with Nature - *Art Unseen: Cuba Nature*

Visit the land of salsa, sunshine and cigars to experience its plant and animal life and meet some of its inhabitants. Laura Watson talks about her work with Cuban biologists exploring the island and photographing its animal life. Seating is limited. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

7 - 8 p.m. or
9 - 10 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, students

Fireside Concert Series

Patrick Sweany

Enjoy the fire and an evening of blues music. Space is limited.

7 - 8 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Fee: \$4 per person
Registration required
440-247-7075

CanalWay CoffeeHouse

Kick off 2008 with your host Hank Mallery and local bluegrass band *Crossties!* Once a month we transform CanalWay Center into the best live music venue in the Cleveland area. Bring your own mug!

7:30 p.m. CWC

26 • Saturday

Nature Investigations: Ice

Is all ice the same? Does anything live in ice? Does ice keep the animals and plants warm or cold? Come learn the answers to these questions and some tips about how to stay safe around ice. Cleveland Metroparks and Cleveland Lakefront State Park naturalists will be available to test your ice knowledge.

10 a.m. - noon and
2 - 4 p.m. GPNC

Polar Bear Brunch in the Park

This annual hike for hardy souls will be led by Naturalist Carl Casavecchia through the winter woodland beauty. After an invigorating hike in normally brisk temperatures, we'll satisfy our appetite with a delicious brunch prepared by the vol-

unteers of Garfield Park Nature Center. Dress for the weather.

10 a.m. BeR
Egbert Picnic Area
Terrain: 1 - 2 miles
Register beginning January 2
216-341-3152

Handmade Paper Workshop

Come to rustic Look About Lodge for a morning of learning how to craft your own paper from everyday materials. Paper artist Bill Mahon will give the whole family an opportunity to learn the basic techniques of making your own paper. Participants will go home with their very own hand crafted paper from natural objects.

10 a.m. - noon SCR
Look About Lodge
Ages: 7 years and up
Fee: \$10
Registration required
440-247-7075

Extreme Hiking

While old man winter is blowing at your door, push past him to hike this afternoon in the Cuyahoga Valley. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate shoes for the snow.

Noon - 4 p.m. BrR
Vaughn Road parking lot
(east of railroad tracks)
Ages: adults
Terrain: slippery slopes,
6 - 7 miles
440-526-1012

Pop-Up Card Workshop

Have you ever wanted to make a pop-up card? Bring your imagination and a few supplies to make a simple pop-up card for that special occasion. This unique, three-hour workshop, led by artist Jeff Balazs, will teach you how to make a 3-D, one-of-a-kind card that fits into a standard envelope.

1 - 4 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Ages: 12 years & up
Fee: \$12
Registration required
440-247-7075

The Other Beaten Path

Join Naturalist Carly Martin for a hike off the trails of humans and onto the trails of wildlife. Wear sturdy footwear and be ready for off-trail hiking.

2:30 - 4 p.m. SCR
Squaw Rock parking lot
Terrain: off trail, challenging

Red-Eared Slider: Native or Nuisance?

Join Naturalist Bethany Majeski as we delve into the controversial status of a reptile that's making a big splash in Ohio's ponds. Learn about their troubled history, and explore options for their future. Also, enjoy a live presentation of tips for their captive care.

3 - 4 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, children 10 & over
Registration required
440-734-6660

Hike for your Supper

Come to the Lodge on this cold winter evening and enjoy learning a little more about animals that are active in winter. You can choose between joining an energizing hike or a more relaxed pace hike. When you call to register you will be assigned a food item to bring as your price of admission. When the hikers return to the Lodge, we'll all enjoy a warm supper prepared by our volunteers.

6 - 8 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Terrain: rolling hills, .5 mile
Register by January 24
440-247-7075

A Wee Bit of the British Empire

Indulge your eyes, ears and mind with Hal Mitcheltree as he brings to life the visual, musical, and historical charm and splendor of the British Empire. Your eyes will find pleasure in the artistry of his photographic journals from Ireland, England, Scotland, Australia, and New Zealand. Your ears will enjoy sumptuous (recorded) music that offers insights into the British culture and history. You will delight in the wealth of information and insights he will share with you in a congenial atmosphere filled with good-natured wit.

7:30 - 9 p.m. NCNC

Cinema Saturday Night: Raptor Force

Armed with powerful beaks and razor-sharp talons, raptors are nature's elite killing force. With dramatic original footage, see why falcons, owls, eagles and hawks are masters of the sky. A preview of Rocky River Nature Center's "Birds of Prey Weekend" February 1 - 3. Doors open at 7 p.m.

7:30 - 9 p.m. RRNC
Ages: families with older children, adults

Hand Feed a Chickadee (see 1/5 for details)

27 • Sunday

Wild Walkabout

Naturalist Wendy Weirich will lead you on an exploration of the wild zone on the east side of the Chagrin River.

9 a.m. - noon SCR
Chagrin Boulevard parking lot (off of Chagrin Blvd. near Chagrin River Rd.)
Terrain: difficult, hills, 4 miles

Woodlands of Bedford: Winter Wonderland Trek

Enjoy winter's quiet solitude in Bedford Reservation with Volunteer Naturalist Fred Losi. We will journey up and down the hills surrounding Deer Lick, Silver and Gold creeks in search of the beauty within nature's frosty landscape.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. BeR
Tinkers Creek Gorge Scenic Overlook
Terrain: rugged, moderate, hilly
216-341-3152

Drop in Discovery - Birdfeeders

Come in, warm up, and make your own birdfeeder to attract birds to your yard.

10 a.m. - noon BNC

"July" in January Open House

Is it getting warm in here? Yes - downright tropical! We're celebrating summer in the middle of winter. Bring the entire family and stop by North Chagrin Nature Center for fishing, golf, roasted marshmallows, live animals and other summer fun.

1 - 4 p.m. NCNC

Gems & Jewels of the World

Parma Lapidary Club members return to demonstrate their expertise, including silversmithing, cabbing and other skills. View mineral collections, listen to unique presentations about mineralogy, and watch artisans at work at this annual event.

1 - 4:30 p.m. RRNC

Cabin Fever Hike

Join Naturalist Min Keung as we explore the winter wonders of Mill Stream Run Reservation. Enjoy Strongsville Wildlife Area in its winter finest.

2 - 3 p.m. MSRR
Strongsville Wildlife Area
Terrain: level, some off-trail,
2 - 2.5 miles
440-734-6660

School of the Wilds: The Whole Recycling Story

Come to our monthly seminar program to explore the pathways taken by our recyclable throwaways. Conservationist Nancy Hughes from Cleveland Metroparks Zoo will guide us in the ways of our trash. All are welcome

2 - 4 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge

Hand Feed a Chickadee (see 1/5 for details)

29 • Tuesday

Nature Walking for Exercise

Enjoy a walk through field and forest in winter to discover what is happening in each habitat with Naturalist David Dvorak. Bring your binoculars to spot birds and other wildlife.

10 a.m. - noon RRR
Lewis Road Riding Ring parking area
Terrain: some hills, 3 miles
440-734-6660

30 • Wednesday

After Work Exploration

Cold isn't a good enough excuse to stay home. Put on your boots and bundle up to enjoy a walk through the winter wonderland.

6:30 - 8 p.m. BrR
Brecksville Stables
Ages: adults
Terrain: hills, slippery,
1.5 miles
440-526-1012

31 • Thursday

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216-635-3231

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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
3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland, OH 44109
clemet zoo.com

Office of the Zoo Director
216-635-3330

Education Programs/Volunteers
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216-661-6500, ext. 4421

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4811 Valley Parkway
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Brecksville 440-526-1012

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11350 Broadway Avenue
Garfield Park Reservation
Garfield Heights 216-341-3152

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440-247-7075

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www.lensc.org

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