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Summer Movies by the Water

Cleveland Metroparks Dive-In Movie

Friday, June 27 • 8 p.m.

**Ledge Pool & Recreation Area
Hinckley Reservation
Hinckley Twp.**

Join Cleveland Metroparks for the first of three Dive-In Movies on a warm, summer night - Friday, June 27 at Ledge Pool & Recreation Area in Hinckley Reservation.

Visitors can bring something to sit on and enjoy the movie from a spot on the lawn, or view the movie while relaxing in an inner tube in the heated luxury of Ledge Pool.

Inner tubes are available by reservation only, and are \$4 for single tubes and \$6 for double tubes.

Doors open at 8 p.m. with cartoons starting at 8:30 p.m. It's a great way to kick off summer with the family favorite movie *The Sandlot*, beginning at 8:45 p.m.

All ages are welcome to this great movie, but visitors must be 8 or older to rent an inner tube. Visitors under 8 need to be accompanied by an adult in the pool at all times. No outside floating devices will be permitted in the swimming area.



Reservations for inner tubes can be made 2 weeks or less before the event.

Space in the pool is limited, so be sure to reserve your inner tubes today!

Refreshments will be available through Ledge Rock Café.

For more information and to reserve an inner tube, call 330-239-2911.

Don't forget to mark the calendar for the other two Dive-In Movies:

Friday, July 18 • Dive-In Movie #2 - Home Alone

Friday, August 8 • Dive-In Movie #3 - High School Musical

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

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

In addition, don't miss the Summer Beach Party & Movie on Saturday, July 26 at Huntington Beach in Huntington Reservation. Following a day of fun activities, hang out after the sun goes down to watch *The Great Outdoors*.



Lions are Lurking at Whipp's Ledges!

One of the most remarkable places to hike in Cleveland Metroparks is Hinckley Reservation's Whipp's Ledges. My family and I have spent many summer days exploring these unique sandstone formations, climbing over rocks, sneaking through tunnels, and simply marveling at the towering sandstone conglomerate cliffs. Each summer, however, I am fully aware of the ferocious predator that secretly inhabits these great ledges, setting traps for its unknowing prey.

If you happen to be its prey, and inadvertently saunter into its trap, you are surely doomed. The trap is a pit of loose sand that has eroded from the surrounding cliffs. The harder you try to climb out, the faster the sand caves in and draws you down deeper. As you frantically try to climb out, the waiting assassin pelts you with sand forcing you to fall faster. When you fall to the bottom, the worst is yet to come. It grabs you with monstrous pincers and drags you down under the sand while injecting you with paralyzing toxins. Finally, the brutal creature will suck out your insides for its meal.

Am I afraid? Will I stop bringing my children here? No, and neither should you...unless you are an ant! The "ferocious" beast that haunts Whipp's Ledges is the larva of the antlion, otherwise known as a doodlebug. No bigger than a sunflower seed, it preys on small, crawling insects.

Antlions are a family of insects that belong to the order *Neuroptera*, or nerve-winged insects. The adults are harmless and



Antlion pits, photo by Joseph Berger, Bugwood.org

have two pairs of transparent wings. They look remarkably similar to an adult damselfly, although antlions have long antennae and fly more erratically. The adult lays eggs in sandy ground in summer, where the young larva emerges to create its first pit trap.

Doodlebugs can dig a pit in as little as 15 minutes.



Antlion larva, photo courtesy of Clemson University - USDA Cooperative Extension Slide Series, Bugwood.org

Several pits can be found together at the base of cliffs throughout Whipp's Ledges, and look like small divets in the sand. They range from one half to two inches across, depending on the size of the larva. It may take three years for a doodlebug to mature before forming a cocoon at the base of its pit where it pupates for a month before emerging as a winged adult.

The next time you are exploring Whipp's Ledges, I encourage you to look for antlion pits and witness their amazing survival strategy first hand. Touch the edge of a pit with a pine needle, or gently coax an ant into the trap, then watch the doodlebug capture and devour its prey. It's an experience you will not forget and just one more way to experience the diversity and uniqueness of Hinckley Reservation.

**Jenny McClain, Naturalist
Brecksville Nature Center**

Jenny enjoys seeing what is "lion" around under the rocks at Whipp's Ledges!

It's Your Turn - Show Us How You See Cleveland Metroparks

The gift of vision is often taken for granted unless it is lost. To have vision and not see is yet another thing. In the quick-fix society of today, we are bombarded with visual stimuli, bright, bold, flashy, and often repeated over and over and over until they become part of our subconscious. Like any sense, if the stimuli become too repetitious, we become numb to them, and less likely to absorb or react to new sights. We become less and less connected every day.

I learned to see from many people. From my parents, who let me tag along behind on autumn pheasant

and rabbit hunts in southern Michigan when I was only five or six, I learned to see fields as more than a jumble of weeds. I learned to see wildlife trails and dens, scat and food caches, and the difference between good winter cover

and poor. On hands and knees, I saw that meadow voles create runways as intricate as our interstates, complete with food caches and restroom stops.

From my father, I learned to see rivers as something far more complex than water. The riffles meant one thing and the runs quite another. An upstream V in the water was danger and the downstream V a welcome sight. River pillows held rocks just under them, and the unseeing paddler would likely end up looking for trout at the bottom of the river themselves if the pillows were ignored. I learned to see the difference between a mayfly dipping and a fish rising, and to understand that one was intimately linked to the other.

I learned to see the land as history written from a remarkable man named Gil Mouser, who saw the hand of God and man in every maple and oak. The lack of understory in those days told the story of the ghosts of cattle past, when not just fields but forests were grazing territory, and free-ranging cattle included seedlings and saplings in their daily diet. Old foundations found in the middle of forests were a mystery to be sleuthed, as were purple lilacs growing in the middle of a forest, often with twin Norway maples growing sadly beside them. Both wildlife and people left their marks on the land, and the marks remain over a century later.



I learned to see in a much different way from a friend named Al Bjorkman, a talented photographer at an early age, who made nature live through every photograph. He got me behind the lens of a Minolta SRT-101 SLR camera, and

my life was changed forever. The very act of creating, framing and shooting a pleasing photo created in me a new kind of vision, focused and measured and precise. With all that came a new awareness of light, and its ability to evoke emotion from amongst the most hardened of our peers. Dawns and evening twilights became magical times, filled with rare images that existed only for minutes as shadows changed and colors emerged. Adding a close-up macro lens to the camera only deepened my quest for seeing old things in new ways, as close-up photography requires you to be... well... close up. For someone like me to whom the gift of art was a life present unopened, the camera created a new medium of self-expression, and a new way to see the world.

Times have changed. Digital cameras with incredible resolution are all around us. Great film cameras continue to produce spectacular images. You probably have one? This year, we want you to share your best images with the world. Help our visitors see Cleveland Metroparks from YOUR perspective.

Unlike any photo exhibit we've ever hosted, this one is open for submissions from the people who use the park district every day - the walkers and hikers, boaters and fishermen, bikers and climbers, folks who picnic and just come for the peace that nature offers to all. You are among these, and you see the parks in different ways and at different times than most other people do. Chances are you're one of them. You know the warm rich yellows of the morning sun, and the misty mornings on Hinckley Lake. You've seen ten thousand mergansers just offshore of Huntington Beach, and remember that special place where you discovered an oriole's nest that no one else even saw. You walk each day through the fall color and you know when it peaks. You see the parklands through all seasons, all weather, and all the times between dawn and dusk every day. Now it's time for you to share your special places and times with others.

Only members of the public can submit entries. No professional photographers can submit photos. The show is not open to paid Cleveland Metroparks staff or anyone who has ever sold their photos for any purpose. Each photo must have been taken between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. You may



photo by Jaime Lombardo

submit up to three (3) 8 x 10 photos - color or black and white - suitable for matting and framing (we'll provide mats and standard frames for photos chosen for posting). The subjects may be landscapes, wildlife, wildflowers, people having fun in the parks, historical structures in the park, or any other appropriate activity. Photos must have been taken in Cleveland Metroparks, or in the case of wildlife or other living things, must represent native or naturalized species typical of Cleveland Metroparks no matter where they were photographed. Each photo submitted must have a sticker on the back indicating the name and telephone number of the photographer and the subject or a fun title for the photograph.

Staff from Outdoor Education and Visual Communications will select submissions. Photo exhibits will appear at CanalWay Center in May and June and at Rocky River Nature Center in May, June and July 2009. Photos will be rotated as necessary for maximum exposure.

With your permission, a select number of photographs may be chosen for special 2010 and 2011 calendars created by Cleveland Metroparks and your photo credit will be listed on the calendar. Calendars will be available at EarthWords Nature Shops.

Those of you with new digital cameras, whether simple point-and-shoot or high-end SLR, have discovered that it is the photographer, not the camera, that takes a good picture. Being in the right place at the right time is key to any excellent photograph. Photography is simply painting with light, like nature does. With digital photography, the film is free. Shoot often, and sort them all out and send us your best! This is NOT a time to be shy. If your friends and family tell you it's a great photo, chances are we'll think so too.

Naturalist's Almanac

June

Week 1

Birds

Adult chickadees and tufted titmice grow scarce at bird feeders as they busily tend to their young. June evenings bring the flute-like calls of wood thrushes and veerys as twilight settles on the land.

Wildflowers

Summer flowers begin to dot the open meadows of oranges and yellows of hawkweed and yellows of cinquefoil. Ox-eye daisy adds its tall white blossoms to the colorful mix.

Week 2

Birds

Nighthawks (not true hawks but relatives of whippoorwills) grace the evening skies throughout the region as they hunt for their insect prey. Listen for the "b-z-z-z-t" sound made by their wings as they dive for food.

Mammals

Young woodchucks now emerge to learn the ways of the woodchuck world with their ever-watchful mothers.

Wildflowers

Yellow iris adds a touch of bright color to the green of marsh edges. Cow parsnip as tall as a person appears with umbrella-shaped white blossoms along stream banks and marsh edges. A look-alike plant, water hemlock, is poisonous if eaten. Fortunately its distinctive mouse-like odor keeps most people away.

Trees

Is it snowing in June? No, just uncountable millions of seeds of the cottonwood tree are drifting about in the summer breeze.

Week 3

Birds

Fledgling chickadees begin to appear at bird feeders with their tired parents. Watch the parents' tattered and worn feathers as they are gradually molted and replaced over the summer.

Wildflowers

By tradition, St. John's Wort first blooms on June 21 to ward away evil spirits on mid-summer's night eve. Tiny but delicious wild strawberries ripen in this third week of the "strawberry moon." Watch open fields and roadsides for the first of the pale blue flowers of chicory, some times called blue sailors.

Fishes

Carp begin to thrash along shorelines of local lakes and slow-moving rivers as they spawn and lay eggs in warm shallow water.

Week 4

Wildflowers

Common milkweed unfolds fragrant purple flowers beginning this week and continuing through July. The flowers turn into green dill-pickle-sized pods and are a prized "wild edible" in some parts of the country. Queen Anne's lace begins to bloom. Yellow and orange spotted jewelweed is blooming on moist sites. Later in summer, their "exploding" seed pods delight hikers brave enough to touch!

Amphibians

American toadlets finish their metamorphosis and emerge to live new lives on land. As small as a pencil eraser, they are perfect miniatures of their warty parents.

So, now it's up to you! Share your love of special places in Cleveland Metroparks with us! Get that new camera out, put it in your pocket or pack, and get out there! Look at old things in new ways - never shoot a photo from your own height. Climb up, kneel down, get right down at ground level and see things in a whole new way. Come out just past dawn and photograph the warm rich colors that fade so quickly as the sun rises high. Go to your most special place when the light is just right, and take your best shot.

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

We will accept photographs in person or by mail (no emailed photos please) at the Outdoor Education Administration offices at Garfield Park Nature Center.

They can be mailed to:

Emerald Necklace
Photography Show
11350 Broadway Ave
Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Photos can be sent any time between June 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009.

If you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope of the appropriate size, your photos will be returned.

Questions? Please call Photo Exhibition Curator Louisa Kreider at 216-341-9225, ext. 222, M - F between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate Father's Day with "A Day with Dad" at EarthWords North Chagrin and Rocky River

Make this Father's Day a meaningful one. Kids and dads (or another special man in their life) can spend some quality one-on-one time together on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15 from noon to 2:30 p.m. Together they can:

- Make a craft (choice of wooden train engine, wooden bug, or toad house)
- Have some educational fun outdoors with a naturalist
- Enjoy a lunch (inside or outside) of hot dogs, chips, and beverage
- Visit EarthWords for a Father's Day sale of 15% off everything in the shop (mom might enjoy shopping, too!)
- Dads will get an extra coupon for 25% off one item

Seating is limited. Reservations and a \$2 fee per person are required. Call EarthWords North Chagrin (440-449-0511) or Rocky River (440-734-7576) for reservations.

New Products!

Our popular certified organic Naked Bee product line has come out with new items for the summer, all made in the USA. All Naked Bee products are made from aloe vera, sunflower and palm oils, honey, beeswax, and infused with botanical extracts. All without harsh chemicals and preservatives.

New! Green Tea Hand & Body Lotion. A fresh, clean scent we think you'll love! 2.25 oz., \$4.50

New! Sunblock Stick SPF 30. Vitamin C enriched, easy-to-carry stick is great for extra protection for the face and hot spots (like the nose, tip of ears, neck, top of head). Cocoa butter, beeswax and jojoba moisturize and protect (SPF 30) from the sun's harmful UVA and UVB rays. \$4.99

Lip Balm SPF 15. Our customers are wild about Naked Bee lip balm, and for good reason! It has organic olive oil, beeswax, soybean oil, and honey. Plus, it carries an SPF 15 rating for sun protection. No mineral oils or petroleum products. \$2.95

New! Pewter Wind Chimes

We've had many requests for wind chimes, and we've finally found some we are proud to carry, and we think you'll be proud to own. Made in the USA (Arkansas) by Heritage Pewter, this 16" wind chime is made completely from pewter and has a beautiful tone. Four styles available: Hummingbird, Frog, Butterfly, or dragonfly. \$19.95

New Train Items!

EarthWords will be open for Train Day on Saturday, June 21 at CanalWay Center with many new items for train aficionados of all ages, including Thomas the Train.

Shop at EarthWords at these upcoming events in June & July:

Train Day - Saturday, June 21 - CanalWay Center

BrookStock - Saturday, July 12 - Brookside Event Site

Nature at Night - Saturday, July 19 - North Chagrin Nature Center

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

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



CanalWay Center

Cuyahoga Heights
216-206-1003

North Chagrin Nature Center

Mayfield Village
440-449-0511

Rocky River Nature Center

North Olmsted
440-734-7576

Hours

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

Sunday
Noon - 4:45 p.m.

Shop online at:
clevelandmetroparks.com

Easy Ordering by Phone

Stress-free shopping over the phone! Simply call any EarthWords Nature Shop and give us your order. We'll ship it to you promptly, saving you time and gas.

Knee-High Naturalists



Sunday, June 8
2 - 5 p.m. • Free!
Chagrin River Road Sledding Hill
South Chagrin Reservation
Bentleyville

Knee-high naturalists and nature lovers between the ages of 2 and 6 along with their families are invited for an afternoon of outdoor exploration. The Knee-High Naturalists event encourages children to touch, explore, play, learn, and more! Children can enjoy crafts, hands-on nature exploration, "Nora the Explorer" hikes, live animals, face painting, tree planting, musical entertainment with "Mr. Hatbox," and more. For more information, call 440-247-7075.

Chagrin River Road Sledding Hill

is located at the corner of Chagrin River and Sulphur Springs Roads in South Chagrin Reservation, just off Miles Road, east of SOM Center Rd./Rte. 91 in Bentleyville.

American Girl Summer

Garfield Park Nature Center
Mondays, June 16 - July 28 or
Tuesdays, June 17 - July 29
1 - 4 p.m.

Share in the adventure of an American Girl with Naturalist Stacey Allen! The popular American Girl books depict what life was like for girls, like the character Samantha, in 1904.



We will spend the summer doing activities similar to those that Samantha did in the books. For seven weeks, children ages 9 - 12 years will spend their afternoons learning to make felt, sewing, catching insects and making ice cream! The final meeting will be a tea party showcasing some of the skills they have learned.

Participants are encouraged, but not required, to read the American Girl books about Samantha before the series begins (available in most libraries and local bookstores).

Space is limited and registration begins June 3 at 9:30 a.m. at 216-341-3152 or by stopping in at Garfield Park Nature Center. The fee for the series is \$40.



Train Day

Saturday, June 21
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Free!
CanalWay Center
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Cuyahoga Hts.

All aboard - last stop, Train Day at CanalWay Center!



Check out the elaborate model train displays as they go rolling down the miniature tracks.

More than 40 trains a day rumble over the nearly 2,000-foot long bridge visible high above the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. The bridge, built in the late 1800s, is part of the Cleveland Short-Line Railway. Join the train spotters listening to engineers talking as trains pass over the reservation and the canal.

Children can create train crafts and ride the kids' train (\$1 per person), while the whole family can enjoy learning about trains and listening to the sounds of some toe-tapping, train-related musical entertainment. Take a self-led walk along the 'hobo trail' or join a hike with staff to the Overlook. Enjoy viewing train memorabilia and more!

For more information, call 216-206-1000.

CanalWay Center

is located off Whittlesey Way, off the E. 49th Street entrance of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, between Canal Road and Grant Avenue in Cuyahoga Hts. - just off I-77.



BrookStock - A Celebration of Music & Nature

Saturday, July 12
4 - 10 p.m.

Brookside Valley Event Site
Brookside Reservation
Cleveland



Celebrate a wide array of live music on two stages. Seven bands featuring sounds of blues, country, bluegrass, boogie-woogie, folk and more will fill the air and closing the evening on the main stage at 9 p.m. is *The Alan Greene Blues Band*. Along with great music, enjoy arts and crafts, games, live animals, games, refreshments for sale, and more! For more information, call 216-206-1000.

Brookside Valley Event Site

is located off John Nagy Blvd., off the Ridge Road entrance of Brookside Reservation in Cleveland - north of the I-480/Ridge Road Exit.

CONGRATULATIONS! It's Official!

Cleveland Metroparks recently received the official certificate honoring Cleveland Metroparks Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival for breaking the Guinness Book of World Records Largest Harmonica Play-Along. On September 23, 2007, 1,882 visitors attended the event to help us break the previous record by 176 harmonica players. Thanks and congratulations to all that helped and participated.



Join us at this year's Cedar Valley Settlers Celebration & Music Festival on Sunday, September 21 as we attempt to break the kazoo play-along world record.

Nature At Night

Saturday, July 19
5 - 11 p.m.

North Chagrin Nature Center
and Forest Picnic Area
North Chagrin Reservation
Mayfield Village



Experience Cleveland Metroparks night life and the wonderful world of nocturnal animals when the sun goes down at Nature at Night!

Enjoy live nocturnal animal presentations, campfire music and storytelling, starlab, nighttime animal maze, night hikes, crafts, astronomy and star gazing (weather permitting), and more!

And, be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket for the outdoor concert or outdoor movie. The ever-enjoyable sounds of *Blue Lunch* will be playing in Forest Picnic Area from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. And, at 9 p.m., the movie *Night at the Museum* will be shown outdoors.

For more information, call 440-473-3370

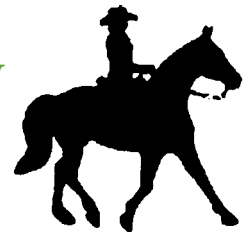
North Chagrin Nature Center

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

Lewis Road Fun Horse Show

Sunday, June 8

Lewis Road Riding Ring
Rocky River Reservation



The Lewis Road Fun Horse Show, sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau Equine Advisory Council, is open to any breed. For more information, log onto www.cuyfb.org or call 440-877-0706

Spectators are admitted free! At intermission, there will be a special reining presentation.

Lewis Road Riding Ring

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

Leonard Krieger Summer Concert Series at BAYarts

This summer BAYarts will offer free concerts on the beautiful BAYarts campus in Huntington Reservation, across from Huntington Beach.



Come out and enjoy the music at one of the following:

Friday evenings • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

- June 13 • Peggy Coyle & Brad Bolton
- June 27 • John Reynolds, multi-media instrumentalist and special guest, Magician Michael Mirth
- July 11 • The Rhondas
- July 25 • Michael Grady & Carolyn Rames with Brittany Reilly and Brent Hopper
- August 8 • Rio Newo and BAYarts poet-in-residence Joseph Psarto
- August 22 • Brian Henke with multi-instrumentalist David Howard
- September 12 • Ryann Guitar Anderson and Smokin' Fez Monkees

Saturday Morning Musicians • 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- June 7 & July 5 • Emerald Frequency
- June 14 & July 12 • Cletus Black
- June 21 & July 19 • Heebie Jeebies
- June 28 & July 26 • Tim Wallace

Third Sunday Jam Sessions • 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Bring your instrument, join in and see what happens. All are welcome to stop by.

Offered June 15, July 20, August 17 & September 21

The Coffee Station at BAYarts and BAYarts gallery will be open during these events.

For more information, call 440-871-6543 or visit www.bayarts.net.

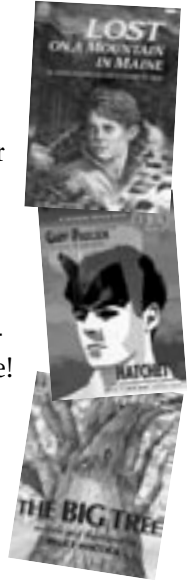
BAYarts

is located off Porter Creek Drive in Huntington Reservation, just off Lake Road in Bay Village.

The Leonard Krieger Summer Concerts at BAYarts are co-sponsored by The Coffee Station at BAYarts and made possible by David and Anne Brennan.

Books Alive! - Summer Reading for Young People

This summer's Books Alive! Series at Rocky River Nature Center will focus on orienteering and survival. On June 10 and 11, *Lost on a Mountain in Maine* by Donn Fendler will introduce compass use and orienteering. On July 9 and 10, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen will teach survival skills and shelter building. These programs are designed for 9 - 14 year olds. A separate Books Alive! for younger readers (age 6 - 10 years old) is *The Big Tree* by Bruce Hiscock, held on July 23. Registration is required. For more information, call Rocky River Nature Center at 440-734-6660.



New and Improved! Free!

Camp Garfield

Garfield Park and Bedford Reservations 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us this summer for an all new and improved day camp! It's an opportunity that you definitely don't want to miss.

Camp Garfield will lead your camper on an array of adventures through Garfield Park and Bedford reservations. Over the course of three fun-filled days, campers will experience outdoor exploration, adventure and time travel. Specifically, our journey will include activities throughout the forests, meadows, and wetlands, all while discovering the natural and cultural history of the surrounding area.

Space is limited so be sure to mark your calendar and call to register beginning May 27. Call 216-341-3152.

Campers who have completed

Grades

Camp Dates

K-1

June 25, 26, 27

2-3

July 9, 10, 11

4-5

July 16, 17, 18

6-8

July 30, 31, August 1

Lunch Time Craze: Wacky Wednesdays

During your lunch hour, stop by Garfield Park Nature Center's Front Porch to discover the wackiness of each and every Wednesday from June 4 - August 27. We'll be there each week from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. highlighting a different subject. This is a drop-in program where you can stay for five minutes or the entire time. Join us for something wacky! Rain location is inside the Nature Center.

For more information, call 216-341-3152.

June: Ohio's Comback Animals; Wildflowers; Squirrels; Frogs

July: History of Garfield Park; Birds; Deer; Raccoons; Butterflies

August: Bugs; Dragonflies; Turtles; Snakes

Garfield Park Nature Center

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

Need a Great Place to Meet This Summer?

The Chalet Recreation Area in Mill Stream Run Reservation offers year-round recreational, social, and business meeting opportunities in the natural beauty of the "Emerald Necklace."

The Chalet Recreation Area can be rented for family outings, group functions, and company meetings/picnics during the spring, summer and fall seasons. The area features charcoal grills, picnic tables, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and swings. The Chalet facility can accommodate up to 80 people in the main lounge and additional 75



in the second floor loft. The back patio area can seat about 80 under a tent, with additional tents and seating available with prior arrangement. There are also tables and grills scattered throughout the picnic grove. A small kitchen area with commercial freezer and refrigerator, coffee maker, sinks, and counter space is also available. The Chalet also features a large screen TV with cd/dvd/vcr/tape player, indoor and outdoor stone fireplaces, and indoor restrooms. The staff is always on-site throughout the private events, as well.

Find out more about renting the Chalet by calling 440-572-9990 (Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Save the Date

Bug City

Saturday, August 9

Garfield Park Nature Center
Garfield Park Reservation

Dog Paddle & More

Saturday, August 23

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area
Hinckley Reservation

Bat Gala

Saturday, August 23

The Shelterhouse Picnic Area
South Chagrin Reservation

Interested in receiving the special events monthly E-Newsletter? Subscribe now and start receiving monthly updates on special events and featured programming from Cleveland Metroparks. Register via email to: klf@clevelandmetroparks.com.

Calling All Quilters:

"Reflections of Nature" Quilt Show Applications Available

Cleveland Metroparks is once again hosting the annual "Reflections of Nature" Quilt Show October 11 & 12 at Rocky River Nature



Center. Nature-themed quilts and wall hangings can be entered into the juried show. Pick up applications at any nature center or download an application online at clevelandmetroparks.com. For more information, call 216-635-3200.

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

Get wet and refreshed this summer by taking a dip at Ledge Pool & Recreation Area. The 2008 swimming season at Ledge Pool continues through August 17. Daily fees to use the pool are \$4.50 - adults, \$3.50 - children, 6 to 11, and free for seniors, 62 & over and children, 5 & under.

For information until May 23, call 440-331-8111. Starting May 24, call 330-239-2911.

“Learn-to-Swim” Programs -

Ledge Pool Water Safety Instructors offer an American Red Cross “Learn-to-Swim” program for preschoolers and beginners to intermediate level swimmers. Classes meet ten times per session. The fees are \$30 for season pass holders and \$50 for all others (per session). Space is limited, so book your swimming lesson session today!

Morning Swim Classes:

Session I - June 9 through 20

Session II - July 14 through 25

Session III - August 4 through 15

Evening Swim Classes:

Session I - June 9 through July 9

Monday and Wednesday evenings

Session II - July 15 through August 14

Tuesday and Thursday evenings

Parent and Child Swim Classes

June 14 - August 16

Pool Party Packages -

Celebrate that special day poolside with Pool Party Packages at Ledge Pool & Recreation Area. Dive into the fun with family and friends and enjoy a special reserved area with picnic tables for up to 3 hours. Food packages can be purchased through Ledge Rock Café'. Parties must have at least ten people and group use policies apply. To schedule a pool party and request pricing on food packages, call 440-572-9990. Reservations for pool parties should be made two weeks in advance.

Season Passes

The season passes cost \$70 for individuals, \$105 for families in the tax district, and \$135 for non-tax district families. The passes are good for unlimited use of the pool for the 2008 season.

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

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

Splash into Summer

Water recreation is a great way to enjoy summer in Cleveland Metroparks. Anything from swimming to boating to fishing can be enjoyed throughout the Park District.

Swimming

The beach swimming areas of Cleveland Metroparks are open June 7 through August 17, and Ledge Pool is open May 24 through August 17. Swimming hours are:

- Huntington Beach, Huntington Reservation, Bay Village - open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Hinckley Lake, Hinckley Reservation, Hinckley Township - open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wallace Lake, Mill Stream Run Reservation, Berea - open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (paddle boat rental is also available)
- Ledge Pool and Recreation Area, Hinckley Reservation, Hinckley Township (daily pool admission fee or season pass access) - refer to Ledge Pool brochure, available at www.clevelandmetroparks.com or by calling Ledge Pool, for swim times; also features reservable picnic shelters, fishing along Ledge Lake shore, volleyball and basketball courts, and swimming lessons.

Lifeguards are on-duty during posted hours at all four swimming areas.

Boating

Cleveland Metroparks offers a number of areas to enjoy boating, including: Emerald Necklace Marina (216-226-3030), Rocky River Reservation, Lakewood; Hinckley Lake Boathouse (330-278-3132), Hinckley Reservation, Hinckley Township; Wallace Lake (440-826-1682), Mill Stream Run Reservation, Berea (non-motorized boats only).

Fishing

Recreational fishing may be enjoyed throughout the Park District. An Ohio fishing license is required for anglers 16 to 65. A variety of fish can be caught, including: bass, trout, walleye, crappie, and bluegill. Major fishing areas include: the Chagrin, Cuyahoga and Rocky rivers, and Bunns, Hinckley, Judge's, Ledge, Ranger, Shadow, and Wallace lakes.

Cleveland Metroparks has brochures available on warm-weather recreation information, entitled “Spring/Summer/Fall Recreation,” “Fishing Areas in Cleveland Metroparks” and the Ledge Pool and Recreation Area publication. The brochures are available at all Park District facilities or by calling 216-635-3200.

Swing into Summer Golf

The Brothers Championship

Saturday, June 14 • Tee times begin at 10 a.m.
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
Brecksville Reservation
440-526-4285

Which brother did Mom and Dad love best? And, more importantly, how did it affect your golf game? Enter the Brothers Championship and find out. The front nine will be a scramble and the back nine will be played as a better-ball competition. Fee is \$120 per team (cart included.) Entry deadline is June 8.

Father/Daughter Tournament

Saturday, June 28 • Tee times begin at 1:30 p.m.
Little Met Golf Course
Rocky River Reservation
216-941-9672

Two-player team event for fathers and daughters ages 6 - 17 plus a new adult daughter division. Nine-hole event will be a drive and select an alternate shot. Fee is \$30 per team. Entry deadline is June 22.

Moonlight Golf

Friday, June 20 • 9:30 p.m.
Shawnee Hills Par 3
440-232-7184

Golfers challenge their night vision and play nine holes with a "Nitelite" golf ball - it glows in the dark! This month, a shotgun start at 9:30 p.m. takes players into a night world of golf, with glowing golf balls, tees and greens. Registration is required, and space is limited. The fee is \$20 per person. Players should plan on arriving 30 minutes before the listed start time.

Moonlight Golf continues on:

July 18 • Mastick Woods Golf Course • 9:15 p.m.
Aug. 15 • Shawnee Hills Par 3 Golf Course • 8:45 p.m.
Sept. 19 • Mastick Woods Golf Course • 7:45 p.m.
Oct. 10 • Little Met Golf Course • 7:15 p.m.

Father/Son Golf Tournaments

Bring your family two-some for these events designed for dads and sons.

Saturday, July 12

Fathers and pee wees, ages 6-9

9-hole play (modified alternate shot) - \$25 per team
Mastick Woods Golf Course, Rocky River Reservation

Saturday, July 12

Fathers and juniors, ages 14 - 17

18-hole play (front 9 - scramble, back 9 - better ball) - \$60 per team
Big Met Golf Course, Rocky River Reservation

Sunday, July 13

Two adult players, 18 & over

8 a.m. shotgun start -18-hole play (front 9 - scramble, back 9 - better ball)- \$135 per team (includes golf cart, hamburger/hot dog roast, continental breakfast)
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, Brecksville Reservation

Sunday, July 20

Fathers and cadets, ages 10 - 13

9-hole play (modified scramble) - \$35 per team
Little Met Golf Course, Rocky River Reservation

Registration is required at least six days prior to the tournament. Space is limited - see the directory on page 32 or call 216-635-3673 (FORE.)

Senior Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship

Friday and Saturday, July 18 & 19

Big Met Golf Course

Rocky River Reservation

\$70 per player • Registration deadline July 13

Women's Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship

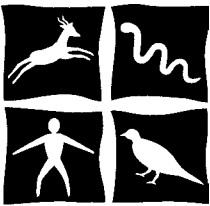
Friday and Saturday, July 18 & 19

Manakiki Golf Course

North Chagrin Reservation

\$60 per player • Registration deadline July 13

Individual event entry forms may be found and printed from Cleveland Metroparks website at www.clevelandmetroparks.com. Click on golf and scroll down to tournament registrations and results. For more information on golf events offered throughout the season, call 440-232-7247.



CLEVELAND
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ZOO
Improving the future
for wildlife

Professor Wylde Stars in Zoo's Animal Show This Summer

Professor WYLDE'S Animal Show

During your next visit to the Zoo this summer, be sure to stop by the Amphitheater for the all-new Professor Wylde's Animal Show. The witty academic will be joined by a cast of characters that includes exotic reptiles, amphibians, mammals and free-flying birds.

New to the Zoo, Professor Wylde will teach "students" about all the thought and work that goes into building a proper zoo exhibit, from making sure all of the animals' needs are being met to finding ways to provide unique learning opportunities for visitors. The show's storyline will reinforce the theme that zoos are important for conservation of endangered wildlife and their native habitats.

"So many people come back to visit us each year, a new show keeps things fresh for them - and for the animals, of course," said Jim Nemet, a senior educational specialist for the Zoo. "And we're hoping the new show will encourage our visitors to advocate for wildlife and wild places."

To illustrate his points, Professor Wylde will introduce a crew of critters and demonstrate some of their trained behaviors. He'll also explain their natural history and enrichment activities designed to keep their minds and bodies active. Among the cast: a white stork, African guinea fowl, greater sulfur crested cockatoo, two-toed sloth, Egyptian vulture, peregrine falcon, fennec fox, scarlet macaw, palm cockatoo, kookaburra, marine toad and a 14-foot Burmese python.



Professor Wylde works with a two-toed sloth during his summer animal show

In addition to the live animals, the show will feature a larger-than-life red-eyed tree frog costumed character to promote the Zoo's ongoing Year of the Frog celebration. The show also will provide audience members with tips for little things they can do at home to protect endangered amphibians and other threatened species.

Professor Wylde's Animal Show is a fun, educational program that involves audience members along the way. And, it all culminates with a discussion of the Zoo's forthcoming African Elephant Crossing exhibit - a state-of-the-art habitat that will quadruple the amount of space dedicated to the species and allow the Zoo to house up to 10 elephants at a time.

Professor Wylde's Animal Show runs three times daily at the Zoo Amphitheater from Memorial Day weekend through Monday, September 1 and weekends only through September 28. It's free with regular Zoo admission.

Also this summer, don't forget to check out the "Mission Possible" animal show at the Ballarat Theater in the Zoo's Australian Adventure. Joining the cast of animals this summer is "Foster," a wallaby joey that's sure to steal the show.

Tom O'Konowitz
Marketing & Public Relations Specialist

With support from Cleveland Public Power

all photos courtesy of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Frogs, Hogs & Dogs

Now through September 28

Presented by



It's a summer of firsts as animals

never before seen at the Zoo spend the season in Cleveland. Dozens of frogs, toads and salamanders will be on display as part of the Year of the Frog celebration, while a pair of African red river hogs and a pack of New Guinea singing dogs take up residence here.



African red river hogs

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind collection of unique creatures.

With support from Bob Evans

TOUCH!

Amazing Rays & Sharks

Now through September 28

Presented by



As the only exhibit of its kind in Ohio, this interactive display returns for another summer of hands-on fun. Visitors can touch a variety of stingrays, small sharks and, new this year, horseshoe crabs in an 11,000-gallon saltwater pool. Admission is only \$1 per person in addition to regular Zoo admission. Children under 2 and Cleveland Zoo members are free.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo

Saturday, June 14

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Presented by

**PET SUPPLIES
"PLUS"**

With over 100 adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo is one of the largest animal adoption events in the area. Dozens of area animal rescue organizations will be on the Zoo's Ticket Plaza to help you find the pet best suited to your lifestyle.

Father's Day

Sunday, June 15

10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Spend a special day with Dad by attending Father's Day at the Zoo. All dads receive FREE admission to the Zoo and the whole family can enjoy special narrated ZooTram rides, Get Close animal programs and information on resident Zoo dads.

With support from WNCX

Senior Safari

Friday, June 27

Presented by

Activities: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Visitors age 55 years or better receive free Zoo admission to this popular event for the young-at-heart. Savvy senior activities include animal enrichment demonstrations, musical entertainment, wellness exhibits and much more.

With support from Ohio Magazine

A-MAZE-ING

Amphibians Maze

Now Open

Presented by



**Children's Hospital
Cleveland Clinic**

In celebration of the Year of the Frog, an 1800 square foot, amphibian-themed maze has been constructed in African Savanna. The A-MAZE-ING adventure begins when guests enter and read panels that cover amphibian-themed questions. Their answers dictate which direction to take.

As part of the challenge, participants can try to leap farther than a frog in the jumping area, or glide like a tree frog on a zip line. Those who navigate their way through are guaranteed to have fun and learn something, too. The A-MAZE-ING Amphibians Maze is free with regular Zoo admission.



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

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

Learn with these "Golf Courses"

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

Look for these upcoming classes:

Beginners - An Introduction to Golf - 200 Series

A hands-on four-week series covering the basics of the full swing, chipping and putting. Basic golf terms, rules and etiquette are reviewed. Loaner equipment available. All participants completing the course receive a pass to a Cleveland Metroparks Par-3 course. A maximum of 7 students per class. Students in this class should be beginners to 25 handicap. Call 216-641-1864 for information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Monday, June 23 - July 14	10 a.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$100	Staker
Monday, June 23 - July 14	6 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$100	Staker

The Golf Swing - The Fundamentals - 500 Series

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

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Thurs., June 12	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Manakiki	\$30	Kochensparger
Tues., June 17	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$30	Fiander
Tues., June 24	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$30	Staker

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

Learn the fundamentals and refine your skills around the green. You'll discover the similarities to pitching and green-side bunker shots. Discussion will also involve the variables of loft and lie that determine what is the best sand wedge for you. Maximum of 7 students per class. Call 216-641-1864 for information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Wed., June 25	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$30	Staker

The Short Game - Putting and Chipping - 500 Series

This session reviews basics of successful "around the green shots." The class will provide general, fundamental and basic instruction that is useful for players of every skill level, gender and age. A maximum of 7 students per class.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Wed., June 11	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Shawnee Hills	\$30	Staker
Tues., June 17	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$30	Fiander
Wed., July 23	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Big Met	\$30	Raby

The Short Game - Sand - 200/300 Series

Covers the fundamentals of hitting effective sand shots. This course is for beginners up to intermediate golfers with 10 to 25 handicaps. A maximum of 4 participants per session. Call 216-641-1864 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Thurs., June 12	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$30	Short

The Golf Swing- Advanced Shotmaking - 300/400 Series

Designed for players wanting to learn how to make shots fade or draw when needed. Also will cover how to control ball trajectory for high and low shots. Shots from side hill lies along with uphill and downhill lies will be covered. Call 440-526-4285 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Wed., June 25	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$30	Fiander

The Golf Swing - Hitting Woods - 200/300 Series

Learn the fundamentals and refine skills. For players who have abandoned using their driver or struggle to use it well. This session will focus more on how to launch a ball with a driver and control its flight. Designed for golfers from beginning to 10 handicap. A maximum of 7 participants per class. Call 216-641-1864 for more information.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Thu., June 26	6 p.m.	1	1.5 hrs.	Shawnee Hills	\$30	Staker

One Day Golf School - 300/400 Series

A comprehensive, one-day program. Instruction in the morning includes full swing to sand shots along with putting and chipping. After a lunch break, receive on-course instruction while playing nine holes. This course is for intermediate or advance golfers with 0 to 25 handicaps. A maximum of 6 participants will be accepted. Fee includes drink break, lunch, nine holes and cart.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Wed., June 4	9 a.m.	1	6 hrs.	Washington	\$85	Staker/Raby
Tue., June 10	9 a.m.	1	6 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$110	Fiander/ Kochensparger

The Golf Swing - Hitting Woods Complete - 200/300 Series

This two-week program will cover all aspects of hitting woods off the tee, in the fairway and rough. The first week will cover hitting your driver off the tee. The following week will cover how to hit fairway woods. Also covered will be effectiveness of hybrids versus fairway woods.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Tue., July 8 & 15	6 p.m.	2	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$60	Fiander

The Golf Swing - Triangle Swing - 200/300 Series

Learn the impact principles of the "Triangle Swing." This is a tried-and-true approach to fixing poor contact. These sessions are heavily drill based and geared for golfers who are having a hard time hitting the ball or not getting it airborne. Video tape analysis will be used to monitor each student's progress. Maximum 7 participants.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Wed., July 16 & 23	10 a.m.	2	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$70	Fiander



2008 Cleveland Metroparks Junior Golf Programs

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

Junior Clinics

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

Washington - Friday, June 13 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Special Guest! Sean "The Beast" Fister,
sponsored by Dunlop



Multi-day Clinics

\$15 for ages 6 to 17 at:

(ages 6 - 9 • 9 - 10 a.m. / ages 9 - 17 • 10:30 - 11:40 a.m.)

Shawnee Hills - June 9 - 11

Manakiki - June 24 - 26

Academy of Golf Junior "Fun"damental Series

Designed like our Adult Beginners classes, junior ages 12 - 17 will get a chance to learn the basics, but have fun too. Full swing, putting and chipping will be covered by our best junior instructors. A maximum of 6 participants will be accepted per class.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Mon., June 9 - 30	4 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$80	Short
Mon., July 14 - Aug. 4	3 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$80	Short
Fri., July 18 - Aug. 8	3 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$80	Short



SUMMER GOLF CAMP FOR JUNIORS

Washington Golf Learning Center • Ages: 8 - 17

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

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

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

For a registration form call 216-641-1864 or visit clevelandmetroparks.com.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Wild Summer Reading Camp Volunteers Needed!

For teens and adults ages 13 & up
July 21 - August 15 - must commit to at least one shift per week
Times: 3-hour shifts, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. and/or 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

We are looking for Summer Volunteers to read to and with children, and to help summer campers with computer quizzes, games and journaling activities. Campers will be children entering Grades 1 - 4 at Normandy, Westerly and St. Raphael schools in Bay Village. Campers also experience in-depth reading and writing lessons with a Reading Specialist, along with other activities. The one-on-one support our volunteers provide makes a huge difference to each child's camp experience! Volunteer training is provided and takes just 1 - 2 hours. Contact Julie Mistur at juliem@lensc.org or by calling her at 440-871-2900.

Sizzling Summer Camps!

The following 3 camps are for children who have completed Grades K - 6 and are ages 6 - 13 years. Pre-registration is required. Please call 440-871-2900 to make your reservation.

Space Camp

Tuesday - Friday, June 17 - 20
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$240/child; members \$200/child

Explore our solar system with new probes and more new hands-on activities! What will it be like when our astronauts return to land on the moon? What will the new spaceship be like? What will they find? There are even some scientists who want to land on an asteroid. What would that be like?! On top of all our new activities, enjoy your favorites: water rockets, vacuum chamber and the Mars Rover movie too!

Aquatic Adventures Camp

Tuesday - Friday, July 8 - 11
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$240/child; members \$200/child

Some animals swim, others dive, while some can only paddle or stride. Some you can catch, others are just too quick, and when it comes to fishing, we'll teach you some tricks! Lakes, streams, and ponds are not only full of water, but also of a wide variety of animals. From the Center's backyard to Lake Erie, splash & splash around Huntington Reservation in search of amazing aquatic animals! Please wear closed-toed shoes made for wading in water.

Amazing Animal Journeys Camp

Tuesday - Friday, July 15 - 18
Fee: \$240/child; members \$200/child

Travel with the animals on some amazing journeys through our natural world. "Swim with the otters" in the ocean and "burrow under the ground" to spy on our subterranean animal friends. Explore Huntington Reservation and beyond with our Amazing Animal Journeys! Take delight in lots of up-close and even some hands-on experiences with our resident wildlife.

Walter R. Schuele Planetarium Family Programs

Twinkle Tots

Thursdays & 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

Fridays • Noon & 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.

Big Explosion in Russia

Saturdays, June 7, 14, 21 & 28 • 2 p.m.
Fee: \$2 per person
Saturdays, June 7 & 21 • 7 p.m.
Fee: \$3 per person

Find out about the largest asteroid impact in modern times - a large rock that exploded and caused massive damage in Russia. Can Earth be struck again? Learn about asteroids and how astronomers are trying to find them before they strike again! See Saturn & Mars in our telescopes. Evening program on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in June includes telescope viewing after the show, weather permitting.



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center is an affiliate of Cleveland Metroparks.



The Gift of Nature

People committed to preserving the natural landscape of Greater Cleveland created Cleveland Metroparks in 1917. The Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund was established within The Cleveland Foundation for people who are passionate about ensuring the future of the Park District for generations to come. Gifts to the Legacy Fund help to create a welcome and healthy environment for wildlife and enhance educational opportunities.

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June Events by Location

Off-Site Programs (check complete program listing for pertinent phone number)

- 7 • Biking the Back Roads: Greenway Corridor Bikeway - (Lake County)
- 11 • Urban Explorations: Ohio City Walking Tour
- 14 • Spring on (not in) the Upper Cuyahoga River
- 19 • Urban Explorations - Tremont
- 21 • Art Safari
- 21 • Young at Art Safari
- 26 • Forest Hill Hike
- 26 • Urban Explorations - Federal Reserve

(BeR) Bedford Reservation

- 10 • Walking After Work
- 14 • Woodlands of Bedford: Burnt Ridge and Tanglewood Forest
- 21 • Woodlands of Bedford: Hemlock Creek Adventure
- 21 • Just the Basics - Tree I.D.
- 24 • Walking After Work

(BrR) Brecksville Reservation

- 12 • Bird or Bust: Station Road
- 14 • Family Creek Stomp
- 25 • After Work Exploration
- 28 • Extreme Hiking
- 28 - 29 • Camping with Kelly and Pam

(BNC) Brecksville Nature Center

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

- 15 • Family Prairie Walk
- 17 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 18 • School's Out Soil Exploration

(BR) Brookside Reservation

- 27 • Brookside Lawnchair Concert - *The Ex-Chromatones*

(CWC) CanalWay Center

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

EarthWords Nature Shop

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

- 1 - 30 • Photo Display
- 13 • 20 • 27 • 28 • CanalWay Cart Tours
- 14 • CanalWay Acoustic Players Circle - Train Songs
- 14 • Saturday Morning Superheroes - Episode 2: Superman
- 17 • Walking in the Hidden Valley - Evening Adventure

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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.

- 20 • CanalWay Sunset Concert - *Third Boxcar*

- 21 • Train Day

Cleveland Astronomical Society

- 5 • Monthly Meeting

(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

- 3 • Walking After Work
- 4 • Wacky Wednesdays: Ohio's Comeback Animals
- 11 • Wacky Wednesdays: Wildflowers
- 12 • Stars and Stripes
- 13 • Wild Superstitions
- 15 • Father's Day "Dig with Dad"
- 16 • 17 • 23 • 24 • 30 • American Girl Summer
- 17 • Walking After Work
- 18 • Wacky Wednesdays: Squirrels
- 19 • Tadpole Trails: Worms
- 24 • Salamander Hunt
- 25 • Wacky Wednesdays: Frogs
- 25 - 27 • Camp Garfield (K-1)

(HiR) Hinckley Reservation

- 1 • Voyageur Canoe Paddle
- 14 • Rock Hound Dog Walk
- 14 • Breeding Bird Survey Walk
- 22 • Stories in Stone
- 27 • Kids Explore!
- 27 • Dive-In Movie
- 28 • Hinckley Habitat Exploration

(HuR) Huntington Reservation

- 21 • 21st Annual Summer Solstice Sunrise

(LENSC) Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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

- 14 • Screech Owl
- 27 • Beginners Rocket Camp

(MSRR) Mill Stream Run Reservation

- 3 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 11 • Books Alive Part 2
- Lost on a Mountain in Maine*
- 21 • 22 • Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(NCR) North Chagrin Reservation

- 6 • Family Friday Night - Cold Blooded Creatures
- 11 • Junior Explorers: Wetland Exploration
- 15 • Sunday Bird Walk
- 17 • 24 • The Trails of North Chagrin Reservation
- 21 • Green Hour Nature Club
- 22 • Welcome Summer - Insects
- 25 • Junior Explorers - Pollinators
- 28 • Summer Hike to Squire's Castle

(NCNC) North Chagrin Nature Center

Open Mon. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Mayfield Village 440-473-3370

EarthWords Nature Shop

- Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m. 440-449-0511
- 1 - 30 • Photography Show
 - 1 • Travel Down the Watershed
 - 7 • Saturday Movie Matinee
 - 8 • Single Parent and Child Outdoor Exploration
 - 13 • Naturepiece Theatre: Growing Up Deer

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- 14 • Hickory Hike
 - 17 • "Strawberry" Moon
 - 18 • Trail Trackers
 - 18 • Wiggly Worms
 - 20 • Movie Night - *Trials of Life "Talking to Strangers"*
 - 21 • Summer Family Overnight
 - 25 • 26 • Stroller Science
 - 27 • Bats at Twilight
 - 29 • 12th Annual Chagrin Valley Butterfly Count
 - 29 • Chasing Dragons and Damsels
- Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club East*
- 2 • 16 • Bi-monthly Meeting

(RRR) Rocky River Reservation

- 11 • Pedaling the Parkway
 - 14 • Monthly Morning with the Birds
 - 20 • Cedar Valley Square Dance
- Olmsted Historical Society*
- 8 • Frostville Annual Car Show

(RRNC) Rocky River Nature Center

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

EarthWords Nature Shop

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

- 1 • Sunday Funday
- 1 • Concert in the Park: *Recorder Consort*
- 4 • 5 • Funday - Fireflies
- 8 • Walk to the Beaver Lodge
- 10 • Books Alive - Part 1

Lost on a Mountain in Maine

- 12 • Hiking for Your Health
- 14 • Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II Blitz
- 14 • Second Saturday Storytelling
- 16 - 20 • Kids' Storytelling Camp
- 18 • Nuts on Nature
- 21 • Summer Book Review
- 21 • Hike and Campfire
- 23 • Beginning Explorers: Part I
- 23 • Advanced Explorers: Part I
- 23 • 24 • Junior Explorers
- 25 • Senior Explorers
- 28 • First-Timers Tour and Hike
- 28 • Cinema Saturday Night: *The Great Parks of Alaska*

Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club Southwest

- 2 • Monthly Meeting
- Cuyahoga Astronomical Association*
- 9 • Monthly meeting

(SCR) South Chagrin Reservation

Look About Lodge

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

- 8 • Knee High Naturalists
- 17 • 19 • 24 • 26 • Kids Club
- 18 • Full Moon Hike
- 25 • Squaw Rock Exploration
- 28 • Wild Nature Challenge
- 29 • Wild Walkabout
- 29 • School of the Wilds: Breeding Bird Survey


Cleveland Natural Science Club

- 21 • Monthly Meeting

(WCR) West Creek Reservation

- 5 • Parma Prowl for Owls
- 11 • Bird or Bust: Wood-Pewees to Woodpeckers
- 18 • Take That! A Photographer's Guide to West Creek
- 25 • Swamp Tromp for Teens

Cleveland Metroparks is celebrating the "Year of the Frog."

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

June Events Calendar

Cleveland Metroparks Maps

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

1 • Sunday

Photo Display

Photographer Greg Terepka brings us his fabulous shots of the Scenic Valley Railroad, just in time for Train Day on June 21! On display through June 30.

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

Photography Show

At the age of eight, amateur photographer George Weidinger was given his first camera by his father who received the "Voigtlaender Award" in 1914 at the Vienna Photo Exhibit for his work with the Bromoil Transfer process. George's love of photography was born then. George has since traveled to 78 countries and has taken over 20,000 photographs. Come view photographs from around the world by George and his late father Ernst's collection on display through June 30.

9:30 - 5 p.m. NCNC

Voyageur Canoe Paddle

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

11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. HiR
Hinckley Lake Boathouse
Ages: individuals, families, groups
Fee: \$5
Registration required
440-786-8530

Travel Down the Watershed

Join this adventuresome group to explore one of the main creeks in North Chagrin Reservation. You will start on high ground, but will quickly find yourself traveling with the water as it makes its way to the Chagrin River. Wear wettable, sturdy foot wear.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 8 years & up with adult
Terrain: uneven, difficult, 3.5 miles

Sunday Funday

Lightning bugs, aka fireflies, are one of summer's wonders. Join Naturalist Gretchen Motts to discover the many things that make them interesting through a story, activities and special craft.

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

Concert in the Park: Recorder Consort

Enjoy music performed by the Recorder Consort from the Institute of Learning in Retirement at Baldwin-Wallace College.

3 - 4 p.m. RRNC
Ages: adults, families

2 • Monday

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club Southwest

Tonight we will judge the best of the best. Members will

submit winning entries from prior competitions to see which images will stand out from the rest. Visitors always welcome.

7 - 9 p.m. RRNC

Bi-monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East

Critique Night - Emphasis on Composition: Time to put the rules into practice again. Bring up to five nature images for some gentle club critique. Come prepared to participate.

8 - 10 p.m. NCNC

3 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Hike the hills and valleys of Mill Stream Run Reservation with Naturalist Kelly McGinnis.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. MSRR
Royalview Picnic Area
Ages: adults
Terrain: hills, 3.5 miles
440-526-1012

Walking After Work

Join us after work for an exhilarating hike. It will be our goal to get your heart rate up for at least 30 minutes. Once finished, you will feel refreshed and ready to tackle anything that awaits you at home.

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

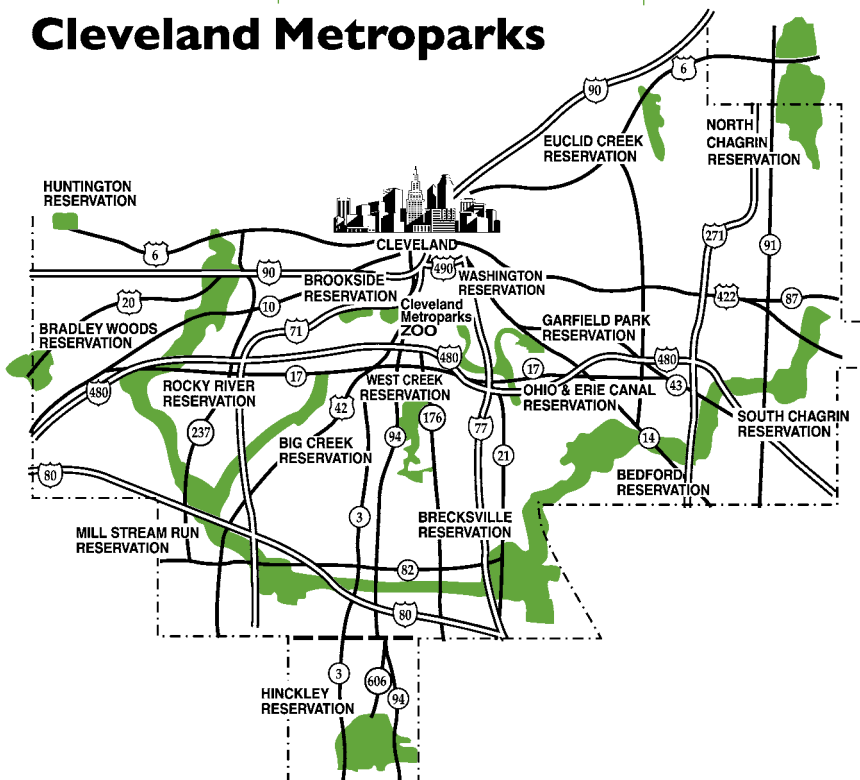
4 • Wednesday

Funday - Fireflies

Lightning bugs, alias fireflies, are one of summer's wonders. Join Naturalist Gretchen Motts to discover the many things that make them interesting through a story, activities and special craft.

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

Cleveland Metroparks



**Wacky Wednesdays:
Ohio's Comeback Animals**

Designed just for you to take a break during your lunch hour. Stop by the Nature Center Front Porch to discover something wacky going on. Stay five minutes or your whole lunch hour, and energize your day!

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (anytime during the hour) GPNC

5 • Thursday

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Astronomical Society

Visitors welcome.
8 p.m. CWC

Parma Prowl for Owls

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield on a special quiet quest to hear and see Eastern screech-owls within their nighttime woodland haunts on the trails of West Creek Reservation. Bring a flashlight and sturdy hiking boots.

9 - 10:30 p.m. WCR
Ages: adults, families
Terrain: moderate, mostly flat, 1,25 miles
216-341-9225

Funday - Fireflies

(see 6/4 for details)

6 • Friday

**Family Friday Night -
Cold Blooded Creatures**

Reptiles, amphibians, and other "cold-blooded" creatures are often misunderstood. Meet some up close and then search for them outside around the marsh.

7 - 8:15 p.m. NCR
Ages: families
Terrain: level, may be muddy, .5 mile

7 • Saturday

**Biking the Back Roads
- Greenway Corridor
Bikeway**

Located in Concord Township, Greenway Corridor Bikeway is a short paved path on the old Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. We will bike the 4.5-mile bikeway and head into the countryside to explore back roads of Lake County towards Madison Village. We will eat

lunch at Hidden Valley Park and wind our way back to the Greenway Corridor, but not before checking out Paine Falls Park. (25 - 30 miles with hills)

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Age: adults
Terrain: hills, moderate skill level
Registration required
440-786-8530

Saturday Movie Matinee

Have you ever seen the high-speed mid-air "wedding flight" of a drone and his queen? Did you know it takes nectar from 10 million flowers to create a single liter of honey? Find out about these and other wonders in *Bees: Tales from the Hive*. Afterwards, you are invited to look, touch, and even taste products at the "bee table".

3 - 4:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: families

Swimming Season Starts

(see page 12 for details)

8 • Sunday

**Frostville
Annual Car Show**

Olmsted Historical Society

Car show for all makes and models featuring 50/50 raffle, door prizes, good and DJ. All museum buildings will be open. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with first 80 cars receiving gift bags and dash plaque.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. RRR
Frostville Museum
Fee: \$8 car registration
440-

**Single Parent and Child
Outdoor Exploration**

Bring your children and meet other single parents as you explore the natural areas around the nature center. There will be time after the program to enjoy the buildings and socialize with other parents.

1:30 - 3 p.m. NCNC
Terrain: level, 1 mile

Walk to the Beaver Lodge

Around Rocky River Nature Center, there are three beaver lodges within walking distance. Meet Naturalist Min Keung to saunter to the lodge.

2 - 3 p.m. RRNC
Ages: families
Terrain: dirt trails, may be muddy, 1 - 1.5 miles

Knee-High Naturalists

(see page 8 for details)

9 • Monday

Monthly meeting

*Cuyahoga Astronomical
Association*

Matt Frandutto will talk on Slooh - the live online observatory. It's easy to use, even for beginners. All you need to use Slooh is a computer, an internet connection, and the curiosity to see what's happening up in space.

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

10 • Tuesday

Books Alive Part 1

Lost on a Mountain in Maine

This book, the true story of Donn Fendler - a boy who became lost while hiking at Mt. Katahdin, is the introduction to the importance of survival skills in the wilderness, especially knowing how to read a map and compass. Reading the book beforehand is required.

9:30 a.m. - noon RRNC
Ages: 9 - 14 years
Terrain: flat, 1 mile
Fee: \$6 to cover book cost
Registration required
440-734-6660

Walking After Work

Join us after work for an exhilarating hike. It will be our goal to get your heart rate up for at least 30 minutes. Once finished, you will feel refreshed and ready to tackle anything that awaits you at home.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. BeR
Sagamore Grove Picnic Area parking lot
216-341-3152





11 • Wednesday

Bird or Bust: Wood-Pewees to Woodpeckers

The forests, grasslands, and riparian corridor of West Creek provide a refuge for nearly 50 species of nesting birds, including spotted sandpiper, belted kingfisher, pileated woodpecker, scarlet tanager, and rose-breasted grosbeak. Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield as we seek out kingbirds, bluebirds, buntings, and other colorful songbirds on breeding territories. Binoculars recommended.

9 - 10:30 a.m. WCR
Ages: young adults, adults
Terrain: moderate trails but slow pace, 1.5 miles
216-341-9225

Pedaling the Parkway

Join Historical Interpreter Foster Brown as we cycle along the all purpose trail from the Emerald Necklace Marina to the North Mastick Picnic Area and back again (approx. 10 miles). This interpretive biking experience will find us stopping periodically at historic and natural sites discussing fascinating facts about our wonderful Emerald Necklace.

9 a.m. - noon RRR
Emerald Necklace Marina
Ages: families and adults (ability to ride 10 miles in a group)
Terrain: rolling hills
Register beginning June 1
440-786-8530

Books Alive Part 2

Lost on a Mountain in Maine

Participation in Part 1 on June 10 is required. Detail given at that program.

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MSRR
Ages: 9 - 14 years
Terrain: hilly, 3 miles
Registration required
440-734-6660

Urban Explorations: Ohio City Walking Tour

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

10 - 11:30 a.m.
Ages: adults
Terrain: city streets, 1.5 miles
Register beginning June 2
216-206-1000

Junior Explorers: Wetland Exploration

Wetlands are important to both people and nature. We will explore Sanctuary Marsh with dip nets and other activities to discover what animals and plants live in the marsh. Wear wettable shoes.

10 a.m. - noon NCR
Nature Education Building
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Terrain: off trail, muddy, .5 mile
Register beginning June 2
440-473-3370

Wacky Wednesdays: Wildflowers

Designed just for you to take a break during your lunch hour. Stop by the Nature Center Front Porch to discover something wacky going on. Stay 5 minutes or your whole lunch hour, and energize your day!

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (anytime during the hour) GPNC

12 • Thursday

Bird or Bust: Station Road

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield in a quest to find nesting warblers, vireos, flycatchers, and woodpeckers. We'll be on special lookout for prothonotary, cerulean and yellow-throated warblers, buntings, grosbeaks, orioles, and red-headed woodpeckers. Binoculars required.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. BrR
Ages: adults, older students
Terrain: mostly level, some railroad tracks
440-526-1012

Hiking for Your Health

Enjoy a hike through varied terrain - field, wetland, and forest - and discover differences in these three habitats with naturalist David Dvorak. Don't forget binoculars for spotting birds and other wildlife. Bring a lunch and beverage to enjoy with the naturalist after the hike.

10 a.m. - noon MSRR
Bonnie Park Picnic Area
Ages: adults
Terrain: some hills, 3 miles
440-734-6660

Stars and Stripes

Flag Day is coming! Dress up in red, white, and blue and join us for a celebration of "Old Glory." Enjoy crafts, music, stories, and tasty treats, all honoring our nation's grand old flag.

6 - 8 p.m. GPNC

13 • Friday

CanalWay Cart Tours

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

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

Naturepiece Theatre: Growing Up Deer

Join the Naturepiece Theatre puppets as they discover the beautiful white-tailed deer; where it lives, what it eats, and how it grows up. After the puppet show, learn more about our native deer with activities and a craft.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 6 years & under with adult
Register beginning June 2
440-473-3370

Wild Superstitions

Spend Friday the 13th talking about some of the superstitions people have about wildlife. Black cats crossing your path are bad enough, but what about if you hear an owl hooting or if a bat roosts in your attic? We will try to figure out why some of these stories began. Recommended for anyone over the age of 8 years.

7 - 8:30 p.m. GPNC
Registration required
216-341-3152

14 • Saturday

Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II Blitz

Join Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society to look for evidence of breeding birds in Hinckley, Mill Stream Run and Rocky River reservations. A great opportunity for birders to join in a statewide citizen science project. To participate call and register for a survey location. Join us at noon in the Rocky River Nature Center auditorium for a potluck lunch to share results.

8 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration required
440-734-6660

Monthly Morning with the Birds

Meet Naturalist Ken Gober for our monthly hike to survey bird activity near Rocky River Nature Center. Bring binoculars and a bird guide. Dress for the weather. Part of the Ohio Breeding Bird Survey.

8 - 11 a.m. RRR

Rocky River Nature Center parking lot

Terrain: on-trail, some stairs, 1.5 miles

440-734-6660

Breeding Bird Survey Walk

Join Naturalist David Dvorak to participate in the Ohio Breeding Bird Survey on a hike through the Rising Valley section of Hinckley Reservation off of Broadview Road. Bring your binoculars and listening ears to discover the breeding birds of this area.

8 - 11 a.m. HiR

Rising Valley Park

Ages: 10 years - adult

Terrain: some hills, 3 miles

Register beginning June 1

440-734-6660

Spring on (not in) the Upper Cuyahoga River

Join Chief Naturalist Bob Hinkle and IGO volunteers for this rare breakfast canoe float on the scenic Upper Cuyahoga River. Volunteer chefs will prepare a hot breakfast before we review our paddling techniques and push

off for adventure. The sounds and sights of spring will be all around us as we enjoy a peaceful paddle downriver. You do not need to enroll with a partner to participate.

8 am. - noon

Ages: adults

Fee: \$17.50

Registration starts May 20

216-341-1704

Woodlands of Bedford: Burnt Ridge and Tanglewood Forest

Join Volunteer Naturalist Chuck Thomas for this exploration of the area made famous by artist/naturalist Joe Jesenky through his travels and adventures in the 1920s. We will visit the Allen property, a Moses Cleaveland parcel and site of one of the last barns in Walton Hills and trek to areas quarried for sandstone and visit old fields and mature forests along the way.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. BeR

Tinkers Creek Scenic Overlook

216-341-3152

Saturday Morning Superheroes

Episode 2: Superman

What animals inspired the creation of Superman, a character created by local writers? Join Naturalist Ken Rosenthal to learn about these and other animals that have abilities that seem superhuman to us!

10 a.m. CWC

Terrain: one hill, moderate,

1-1.5 miles

216-206-1000

Rock Hound Dog Walk

Grab the leash and your "best friend" to explore the beautiful ledges of Hinckley. We'll step back in time to learn how these sandstone outcroppings were formed, while your dog learns how to move as part of a pack.

10 - 11:30 a.m. HiR

Whipp's Ledges Picnic Area

Ages: families, adults

Terrain: hilly, may be wet,

1.5 - 2 miles

Register beginning June 2

440-526-1012

CanalWay Acoustic Players Circle

Train Songs

Calling all strummers, pickers, grinders and pluckers! Bring your instrument(s) down to CanalWay Center's State Boat Landing Room this afternoon and join Hank Mallery for our first Acoustic Players Circle. Break out your favorite train songs to share. Members of *Third Boxcar* will be here to keep things chugging along. Listeners welcome!

1 - 3 p.m. CWC

Hickory Hike

View a scenic ravine and explore a hardwood forest dominated by shagbark hickory. Learn the value of this tree species to humans and wildlife.

2 - 3:30 p.m. NCNC

Ages: adults

Terrain: may be muddy, mostly level, 2 miles

Family Creek Stomp

Bring the family out for a splashing good time exploring Chippewa Creek. We'll search under rocks and shallow pools for salamanders, crayfish, and other aquatic creatures and discover their significance to this important watershed. Wear wettable shoes.

2 - 4 p.m. BrR

Chippewa Picnic Area

Ages: families with children

4 years & up

Terrain: wet, slippery

Register beginning June 2

440-526-1012

Screech Owl

This owl is a common Ohio inhabitant but often overlooked because of its small size. We will have an unusual look at it (in the daylight and indoors) and discuss its life in the wild. Free program.

3 p.m. LENS

440-871-2900

Second Saturday Storytelling

Enjoy featured storyteller Barb Sutton's dynamic storytelling style as we celebrate traditional folk tales and the month of June. Notable June days include Chocolate Ice Cream, Vanilla Milkshake, Frozen Yogurt and Ice Cream Soda Days. Hand-crankers welcome.

7:30 - 9 p.m. RRNC

Ages: Adults, older students

15 • Sunday

Sunday Bird Walk

June marks the official time when we can document breeding bird activity. Join us as we search the pines and hemlocks for common and maybe some not so common nesting birds of North Chagrin Reservation. Some binoculars will be available to borrow.

9 - 11 a.m. NCR

Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot

Ages: adults & families

Terrain: easy, 2 miles

Father's Day "Dig with Dad"

It's Dad's special day! Treat him to a breakfast of pancakes and sausage, along with some fun activities to make him feel like king for a day.

10 a.m. - noon GPNC

Registration required

216-341-3152

A Day With Dad

Father's Day with EarthWords

(See page 7 for details)

Family Prairie Walk

Brecksville's tall grass prairie is a unique ecosystem with incredible plant and animal diversity. Join Naturalist John Miller for an exploration of the beautiful early summer prairie and its fascinating inhabitants. We will stop often for closer looks and a guaranteed face to face encounter with a dragonfly.

2 - 4 p.m. BNC

Terrain: mainly flat, some stairs, .75 mile

16 • Monday

Kids' Storytelling Camp

Traditional tales and nature come together during this week-long experience, with a different nature theme each day. Kids will experience storytelling through theater games, puppetry, interactive stories, group-told tales, tandem and solo stories. Each will choose a tale to learn and tell. Space limited.

3 - 5 p.m. RRNC

Ages: 7 - 17 years

Register beginning June 5

440-734-6660

Bi-monthly Meeting

*Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East*

Summer Potluck Dinner Party - bring a dish to share. Program will start after dinner at 8:30 p.m.

7 p.m. NCNC

American Girl Summer

(see page 8 for details)

17 • Tuesday

The Trails of North Chagrin Reservation

Get your blood flowing from head to toe while you search out the trails in North Chagrin Reservation with Naturalist Angelec Hillsman. Today we will hike the all purpose and bridle trails.

9 - 11:30 a.m. NCR

A. B. Williams Memorial

Woods parking lot

Ages: 16 years and up

Terrain: easy, 6 miles

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Join Naturalist Sharon Hosko for a brisk walk to Pinery Narrows in search of fledging eagles. Bring binoculars, if you have them, so you can get a closer look at our national bird.

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

Ages: adults only

Terrain: hills, moderate,

4 miles



Kids Club

Children entering grades 1 and 2 who love nature will love attending this week's Kids Club. We'll explore pond life through hiking, games and nature activities. This is a two-day program that also meets on June 19.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Ages: entering grades 1 & 2

Fee: \$20

Register beginning June 3

440-247-7075

Walking After Work

Join us after work for an exhilarating hike. It will be our goal to get your heart rate up for at least 30 minutes. Once finished, you will feel refreshed and ready to tackle anything that awaits you at home.

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

Walking in the Hidden Valley

Evening Adventure

Come walk the trails of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation in the evening. This is a more walking-than-talking program, but we will make a few stops along the way. Meet in front of the visitor center and we will head down the hill to see what the valley looks like at twilight. We may hear frogs, see bats or encounter other park inhabitants.

7 p.m. CWC

Terrain: paved, one hill,

2 miles

216-206-1000

"Strawberry" Moon

This month's moon was named after the small wild berries available in natural areas. We will travel through the forest to catch our first glimpse of moonlight, and then return to search the marsh for beaver activity.

8:30 - 10 p.m. NCNC

Terrain: slight hill, moderate,

2 miles

American Girl Summer

(see page 8 for details)

Kids' Storytelling Camp

(see 6/16 for details)

18 • Wednesday

Take That! A Photographer's Guide to West Creek

Calling all photographers: let this naturalist be your guide to having your photos identified! Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield on a slow-paced field trip for the photographer. We'll seek out, identify, and "snap away" at resident amphibians, dragonflies, butterflies, wildflowers, birds, and other wildlife. Pick up special tips on finding your subjects and learn the natural history of the plants and animals you're capturing on film.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. WCR

Ages: adults

Terrain: moderate, some

off-trail, 1 mile

Register beginning May 31

216-341-9225

Trail Trackers

This program is for the birds. Feathers, flight, food, and more await your discovery as we explore the world of our flying friends. This program includes a hike and craft.

10 - 11 a.m. or 1 - 2 p.m.
NCNC
Ages: 4 years - K & adult
Register June 2 - 16
440-473-3370

Wiggly Worms

This program is for the birds. Feathers, flight, food, and more await your discovery as we explore the world of our flying friends. This program includes a hike and craft.

10 - 11 a.m. or 1 - 2 p.m.
NCNC
Ages: 3 years & adult
Register June 2 - 16
440-473-3370

School's Out - Soil Exploration

School is over and summer fun is just beginning! Join Naturalist Claudia Keating as we get our hands and knees dirty exploring what lives on the forest floor.

2 - 3:30 p.m. BNC
Ages: 9 - 12 years
Terrain: hills, stairs,
1.5 - 2 miles
Register beginning June 2
440-526-1012

Nuts on Nature

Discover how to identify sedges and late spring wildflowers with Naturalist David Dvorak. Learn how to use a plant key to identify sedges and wildflowers. This will be the first in a series of programs on plant identification and science related topics.

7 - 9 p.m. RRNC
Ages: 15 years and up
Terrain: level, 1.5 miles
Register beginning June 1
440-734-6660

Full Moon Hike

Join Naturalist Tiffany Tarnowski for a twilight hike as the full moon rises.

8 - 9 p.m. SCR
Jackson Field
Terrain: flat, 1 mile

Wacky Wednesdays: Squirrels

(see 6/4 for details)

Kids' Storytelling Camp

(see 6/16 for details)

19 • Thursday

Urban Explorations - Tremont

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak invites you to stroll along as we explore some of the historic Tremont area.

10 a.m.
Ages: adults
Terrain: city streets
Register beginning June 2
216-206-1000

Tadpole Trails: Worms

Bring your little ones out and join Naturalist Stacey Allen for a short walk around the garden and the forest edge. We will dig in the dirt, hold worms and even see what the worms in our compost bin are eating for dinner.

10 - 11 a.m. GPNC
Ages: 4 years & under with adult
Terrain: easy, paved .5 miles
Register beginning June 2

Kids' Storytelling Camp

(see 6/16 for details)

Kids Club

(see 6/17 for details)

20 • Friday

Movie Night - *Trials of Life* *"Talking to Strangers"*

Humans may be in the "Information Age" but the animal world has always had its own intricate forms of delivering the message. This episode highlights animal communications.

7 - 8:15 p.m. NCNC
Ages: families

Cedar Valley Square Dance

Swing your partner on the grass (or in the barn if wet.) Caller Frank Koenig gets all ages into motion teaching easy square and dline dances. Bring the family for some old-fashioned fun.

7:30 - 9 p.m. RRR
Frostville Museum
440-734-6660

CanalWay Sunset Concert

Third Boxcar

Join Cleveland's favorite Bluegrass Train Band for a great evening of Bluegrass train songs. *Third Boxcar* features Tim Beach on banjo and dobro, Charlie Adams on bass, Jenny O'Neal on fiddle, Mike Chipchak on drums and

Hank Mallery on guitar. Bring a lawn chair. We'll move indoors if it rains.

8 p.m. CWC

Kids' Storytelling Camp

(see 6/16 for details)

CanalWay Cart Tours

(see 6/13 for details)

21 • Saturday

21st Annual Summer Solstice Sunrise

Summer officially began at 7:59 p.m. last night. Join Naturalist Ken Gober to savor the summer's first sunrise, then enjoy a home-baked "solstice muffin" on your way home or to work. Bring your favorite sunrise photograph to share.

5:15 - 6:15 a.m. HuR
Lake Picnic Area Shelterhouse
Terrain: stairs, beach, .3 mile
440-734-6660

Art Safari

Have you ever wanted to sketch a giraffe in motion? Capture a lion on paper? Come to the zoo for a special sketch safari. Bring your favorite drawing tools, a sketchpad, and a snack for this morning adventure.

10 a.m. - noon
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
entrance
Ages: 15 years - adult
Register by June 13
440-247-7075

Just the Basics - Tree I.D.

Have you wondered what kind of trees were in your yard, but you weren't really sure how to determine their identity? Join us for an introductory course on tree identification. The skills you learn will help you identify your favorite tree, whether it is in your own yard or along the trail at your local park. We will start from the very beginning and cover just the basics.

10 - 11:30 a.m. BeR
Tinkers Creek Gorge Scenic
Overlook parking lot
216-341-3152



Voyageur Canoe Paddle

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

11 a.m., 12:30, 2, and 3:30 p.m. MSRR

Wallace Lake

Ages: individuals, families, groups

Fee: \$5

Registration required
440-786-8530

Woodlands of Bedford: Hemlock Creek Adventure

Come discover nature's special gifts in Hemlock Creek gorge with Volunteer Naturalist Fred Losi. Wettable footwear is a must as we splash along this largest tributary of Tinker's Creek. Our return trip will include passing through Button Rd. field and descending steeply at Indian Point. Please bring a lunch.

noon - 4 p.m. BeR

Hemlock Creek Picnic Area
Terrain: water; hills
216-341-3152

Young at Art Safari

Animals in action! What better way to spend an afternoon with a sketchbook in hand? Kids are invited to come on a sketching safari to try and capture their favorite animals on paper. Bring your own drawing tools, a sketchbook, and a snack.

1 - 3 p.m.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo entrance

Ages: 9 - 14 years

Register by June 13

440-247-7075

Green Hour Nature Club

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

1 - 3 p.m. NCR

Rogers Road parking lot

Ages: 8 - 15 years

Terrain: wet and slippery

Register beginning June 2
440-473-3370

Summer Book Review

Join Joni Norris and the Rocky River Readers for a review of *The Captain's Wife* by Douglas Kelley. Set in 1856 during the heyday of clipper ships, this is the true story of Mary Patten's life - an adventure of deception, danger and treachery on the high seas.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC

Age: adults

Summer Family Overnight

Experience an unforgettable overnight at North Chagrin Nature Center. We will spend time both indoors and outdoors exploring and enjoying nature together. The overnight will consist of dinner, craft, breakfast and more. Please join us Saturday evening and stay until Sunday morning.

6 p.m. - 10 a.m. NCNC

Ages: completed grades 3 - 6 & adult

Terrain: moderate, 2 miles

Fee: \$15 per person (due by June 18)

Register June 2 - 15

440-473-3370

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Natural Science Club

Tim Donovan, director of the Ohio Canal Corridor, will present "The Ohio Canal and Towpath Trail."

7:30 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

440-338-5744

Hike and Campfire

Enjoy the beauty of a summer evening with a hike followed by a campfire at our Trailside Amphitheater. Insect repellent or long sleeves are recommended. Our hike will go up Fort Hill then return to the Amphitheater for a marshmallow roast.

8 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Terrain: many steps,
1.4 miles

Train Day

(see page 8 for details)

22 • Sunday

Welcome Summer - Insects

Now that summer is here, spend some time outside with your insect neighbors. Insects have many roles in the natural world, some good, some bad and some neutral as humans view it. We will be netting insects in the fields, so long pants are recommended.

1:30 - 3 p.m. NCR

Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot

Terrain: paved trail, tall weeds, 2 miles

Stories in Stone

Every artist has his or her own style. Learn about Noble Stuart and the artwork he carved into stone. We'll hike down to the ledges, then return to the homestead for a few refreshments.

3 - 4:30 p.m. HiR

Worden Heritage Homestead

Terrain: moderate, 1 mile

440-526-1012

Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(see 6/21 for details)

23 • Monday

Beginning Explorers: Part I

Explore a forest habitat to discover the plants and animals that live in the forest community. Sign up for two mornings of outdoor fun with Naturalists Joni Norris and Chris Larson-McKenzie. Register for either the June 23 & 24 or June 30 & July 1 sessions.

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

Ages: 6 - 7 years

Terrain: dirt trails, stairs,
1 - 1.5 miles

Register beginning June 1

440-734-6660

Junior Explorers

Join Naturalist Gretchen Motts for this two-day program exploring the insect world. We will search for their hiding places, play games and make a craft.

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

Terrain: trails and stairs,
1.5 miles

Ages: 8 & 9 years

Register beginning June 9

440-734-6660

Advanced Explorers: Part I

Explore a forest habitat to discover the plants and animals that live in the forest community. Sign up for two mornings of outdoor fun with Naturalists Joni Norris and Chris Larson-McKenzie. Register for either the June 23 & 24 or June 30 & July 1 sessions.

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

Terrain: dirt trails, stairs,
1 - 1.5 miles

Ages: 13 years and over

Register beginning June 1

440-734-6660

24 • Tuesday

The Trails of North Chagrin Reservation

Get to know the trails in North Chagrin Reservation with Naturalist Angelec Hillsman. Today we will hike Castle Valley, Buckeye and bridge trails. Along the way, we will explore Squire's Castle.

9 a.m. - noon NCR

Squire's Castle parking lot

Ages: 16 years and up

Terrain: hilly, rugged
4.5 miles

Kids Club

Children entering grades 3 and 4 who love nature will love attending this week's Kids Club. We'll explore pond life through hiking, games and nature activities. This is a two-day program that also meets on June 26.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Ages: entering grades 1 & 2

Fee: \$20

Register beginning June 3

440-247-7075

Salamander Hunt

Join Naturalist Valerie Fetzer on an adventure through Garfield Park. We will search under nooks and crannies in search of stream-dwelling salamanders. If we are lucky, we will find other amphibians as well.

2 - 3 p.m. GPNC

Ages: 7 - 10 years

Walking After Work

Join us after work for an exhilarating hike. It will be our goal to get your heart rate up for at least 30 minutes. Once finished, you will feel refreshed and ready to tackle anything that awaits you at home.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. BeR
Sagamore Grove Picnic Area
parking lot
216-341-3152

25 • Wednesday

Stroller Science

Bring your little one out to learn about bees, how they are beneficial to us and learn the real reason behind why they sting.

10 - 11:15 a.m. NCNC
Ages: under 3 years and adult
Terrain: easy, .25 mile
Register beginning June 2
440-473-3370

Senior Explorers

What wonderful creatures lurk under the pond? Join Naturalists David Dvorak and Min Keung to look for frogs, dragonfly nymphs and other fascinating animals. Bring wettable shoes.

10 a.m. - noon RRNC
Ages: 10 - 12 years
Terrain: wet and muddy,
1 mile
Register beginning June 1
440-734-6660

Junior Explorers: Pollinators

Did you know this week is National Pollinator Week? Come learn why people across the United States are celebrating this week. We will take an in depth look at the world of pollinators.

10 a.m. - noon NCR
Nature Education Building
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Terrain: moderate, 2 miles
Register beginning June 2
440-473-3370

Swamp Tromp for Teens

Sleep in and still make it to this field trip on time. Get up close and personal with the wet and wild bugs, frogs, turtles, and snakes of West Creek's wetlands on this hands-on field trip for curious adults and teens. Learn



how to properly catch, identify, and release these captivating aquatic creatures. Microscopes, containers, mesh nets, and other collection tools provided. Bring boots and clothes that you don't mind having soaked and soiled. You may choose to observe and not catch. Snacks and water provided.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. WCR
Ages: teens & adults
Terrain: moderate, uneven,
wet, muddy
Register beginning May 31
216-341-9225

Wacky Wednesdays: Frogs

Designed just for you to take a break during your lunch hour. Stop by the Nature Center Front Porch to discover something wacky going on. Stay five minutes or your whole lunch hour, and energize your day!

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
GPNC

After Work Exploration

After a long day at work, sitting and relaxing sounds nice, however getting out in nature is better. Hike through the less traveled routes in Brecksville.

6:30 - 8 p.m. BrR
Brecksville Stables
Terrain: hills, 2.5 miles
440-526-1012

Squaw Rock Exploration

Join Naturalist Tiffany Tarnowski for an evening exploration of the forest near Squaw Rock.

7 - 8 p.m. SCR
Squaw Rock Picnic Area
Terrain: 1 mile, rolling hills,
steps

Camp Garfield (K-1)

(see page 10 for details)

26 • Thursday

Urban Explorations

Federal Reserve Bank Tour

Cash-in on this rare opportunity to join Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak on a tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland - a national historic landmark. We'll learn Fed functions and get an insider's view of this architecturally impressive building (including main lobby, executive floor, and the original 100-ton vault door).

10 a.m.
Ages: adults (with valid identification)
Register between June 2 to June 15 only
216-206-1000

Forest Hill Hike

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

7 - 8 p.m. Forest Hill Park
Terrain: rolling hills,
1.5 miles
440-247-7075

Kids Club

(see 6/24 for details)

Camp Garfield (K-1)

(see page 10 for details)

Stroller Science

(see 6/25 for details)

27 • Friday

Kids Explore!

Join Naturalist Jenny McClain for a fun-filled adventure exploring the rich diversity around Hinckley Lake. We'll hike through the woods on a wildlife scavenger hunt, eat lunch on a pontoon boat, and explore the water along the shore in search of aquatic creatures.

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. HiR
Hinckley Lake Boathouse
parking lot
Ages: 7 years & up
Register beginning June 2
440-526-1012

Beginners Rocket Camp

Campers will construct and launch a real rocket. Discover how rockets fly, coast and then deploy their recovery system. Take home your very own rocket. Bring a lunch.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. LENS
Ages: must have completed grades 3 - 6
Fee: \$40/child; members \$35/child
Registration required
440-871-2900

Brookside Lawnchair Concert

The Ex-Chromatones

Put on your crazy Hawaiian shirt and join Hank Mallery to welcome the Surf-Rock sounds of *The Ex-Chromatones!* Bring a lawnchair.

8 p.m. BR
Valley Event Site

Bats at Twilight

As the sun sets, bats awake and leave their roosts to search for insect prey. We will view a movie about bats, look at preserved bats, and then watch the local roost of little brown bats fly out for their nightly hunt. Accessible to all.

8:30 - 9:30 p.m. NCNC
Terrain: level, paved, .5 mile

Camp Garfield (K-1)

(see page 10 for details)

CanalWay Cart Tours

(see 6/13 for details)

Dive-In Movie I

(see page 2 for details)

28 • Saturday

Extreme Hiking

Pack your lunch and bring plenty of water as you join Naturalist Pam Taylor for this 12-mile hike. We will hit the hills and valleys of Brecksville Reservation in full force this morning; please wear appropriate footwear.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. BrR
Station Road Bridge parking lot
Terrain: hills, 12 miles
440-526-1012

Wild Nature Challenge

Adventure, discovery, and excitement await you in South Chagrin! Adults and children are invited to a grande-sized scavenger hunt! Teams should consist of 3 - 6 people and include both adults and children / teens. This challenge will send you over trail and stream in search of clues and points and will finish at the Lodge with a campfire supper.

Noon - 6 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Terrain: challenging, 6 miles
Fee: \$5 per person
Registration required by June 10
440-247-7075

Summer Hike to Squire's Castle

Celebrate the arrival of summer with a hike through the dappled forest to Squire's Castle. We will explore some of the things Squire enjoyed doing in the summer months on his estate and enjoy the historic beauty of Squire's Castle.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot
Terrain: hills, 2.25 miles

Hinckley Habitat Exploration

Join Naturalist Claudia Keating on an exploration of three of the major habitats of Hinckley Reservation: ledges, river, and lake. We will discover what lives in these diverse ecosystems.

2 - 4:30 p.m. HiR
Whipp's Ledges Picnic Area
Ages: adults
Terrain: difficult, 5 miles
440-526-1012

First-Timers Tour and Hike

Never visited the Rocky River Nature Center? Take the opportunity to come down and enjoy a naturalist-led tour of the facilities, and become familiarized with some of our beautiful trails!

3 - 4:30 p.m. RRNC
Ages: families
Terrain: trail, some hills, 1 mile

Cinema Saturday Night: The Great Parks of Alaska

Take a spectacular panoramic journey through our largest and least populous state, Alaska, home to more than 60% of America's national parkland - some 54 million acres. This diverse and dazzling array of scenery represents a wilderness treasure second to none. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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

Camping with Kelly and Pam

Did you know that tonight is the Great American Backyard Campout? Join Naturalists Kelly McGinnis and Pam Taylor for a fun evening filled with activities and camp out in "our backyard." Participants must have their own tents and sleeping bags.

7:30 p.m. - 9 a.m. BrR
Meadows Picnic Area
Ages: families
Register beginning June 2
440-526-1012

CanalWay Cart Tours

(see 6/13 for details)

29 • Sunday

Wild Walkabout

Join a naturalist for a woodland hike through the hills of South Chagrin Reservation.

9 a.m. - noon SCR
Shelterhouse Picnic Area
Terrain: 3 miles, rolling hills

12th Annual Chagrin Valley Butterfly Count

Teams of butterfly-spotters will spend the day identifying as many butterflies as time permits. This survey will be part of the monitoring of butterfly population by the North American Butterfly Association. Bring a sack lunch and beverage. Wear long pants and sturdy footwear.

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: adults, 8 years & up with an adult
Terrain: off trail, uneven ground, 2 - 3 miles
Fee: \$3 (for publishing cost)
Register beginning June 2
440-473-3370

Chasing Dragons and Damsels

Summer is a time of sun, fun and BUGS! Join Naturalist Traci Williams as we make nets and then spend time outside chasing those mosquito-eating predators that have been called "flying jewels", the dragonflies and damselflies. Bug repellent, sun block and long pants are suggested. Also, please bring a wire hanger for making your net.

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 10 years & over, adults
Terrain: meadow, moderate, .5 - 1 mile
Register beginning June 2
440-473-3370

School of the Wilds: Breeding Bird Survey

We are in year three of a five-year study to determine what birds are breeding in the state of Ohio. Join bird surveyor Terri Martincic for a closer look at how the breeding bird atlas works and how you can volunteer to watch birds for science. We will survey part of South Chagrin Reservation on our hike. Bring binoculars.

2 - 5 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge

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Cleveland Metroparks Directory

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216-635-3200/general Cleveland
Metroparks information - 24-hours a day.
TTY 216-351-0808
4101 Fulton Parkway
Cleveland, OH 44144
clevelandmetroparks.com

24-hour Job Hotline
216-635-3211

Office of the Executive Director
216-635-3214

Office of the Treasurer
216-635-3231

Human Resources
216-635-3228

Marketing
216-635-3268

Planning/Engineering
216-635-3237

Brochures/Maps/Emerald Necklace
216-635-3200

Permits/Picnic Area Reservations
216-635-3200

Volunteer Services
216-635-3258

Ranger Headquarters

Ranger Chief
4600 Valley Parkway
Fairview Park 440-331-5530

Accidents or Emergencies
440-333-4911

Parkway Alert Line (PAL)
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
216-635-3391

Travel Programs
216-635-3331

Marketing & Public Relations
216-635-3338

School Group Reservations
216-635-3308

**Groups/Parties/Private Events/
Facility Rentals** 216-635-3389

Cleveland Zoological Society
216-661-6500, ext. 4421

Golf

**Golf Tee Reservations (24 hours)
and directions, hours, fees etc.**

216-635-3673
clevelandmetroparks.com

**Golf Services – for general course
info and inquiries**
440-232-7247

Big Met Golf Course
4811 Valley Parkway
Rocky River Reservation
Fairview Park 440-331-1070

Food Service/Catering:
Big Met Grille 440-333-5575

Little Met Golf Course
18599 Old Lorain Road
Rocky River Reservation
Cleveland 216-941-9672

Food Service/Catering:
Fairway Grille 216-671-3510

Manakiki Golf Course
35501 Eddy Road
North Chagrin Reservation
Willoughby Hills 440-942-2500

Food Service/Catering:
Sammy's of Manakiki 440-946-1140

Mastick Woods Golf Course
19900 Puritas Road
Rocky River Reservation
Cleveland 216-267-5626

Food Service/Catering:
Eagle's Nest Cafe 216-362-1731

Shawnee Hills Golf Course
18753 Egbert Road
Bedford Reservation
Bedford 440-232-7184

Food Service/Catering:
Double Bogey Grill
440-439-1068

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
9445 Brecksville Road
Brecksville Reservation
Brecksville 440-526-4285

Food Service/Catering:
Theo's of Sleepy Hollow
440-546-1555

Washington Golf Learning Center
3841 Washington Park Blvd.
Washington Reservation
216-641-1864

Outdoor Education

**Outdoor Education
Administration**
216-341-9225

Institute of the Great Outdoors
216-341-1704

Historical Interpretation
440-786-8530

Voyageur Canoe Paddle
Wallace/Hinckley Lakes 440-786-8530

West Creek Reservation
216-341-9225

Youth Outdoors
216-206-1010

Outdoor Education Facilities

CanalWay Center
E. 49th Street entrance
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Cuyahoga Heights 216-206-1000

Brecksville Nature Center
Rt. 82 entrance
Brecksville Reservation
Brecksville 440-526-1012

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

North Chagrin Nature Center
Sunset Lane Entrance
North Chagrin Reservation
Mayfield Village 440-473-3370

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Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
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Bay Village 440-871-WILD

Boating

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1500 Scenic Park Drive
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Rocky River Reservation
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Hinckley Reservation
Hinckley Township
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south of Bagley Road
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Quarry Rock Café

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Hotline 216-635-3383

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Bay Village

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Hinckley Township
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Mill Stream Run Reservation
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Quarry Rock Café

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Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
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