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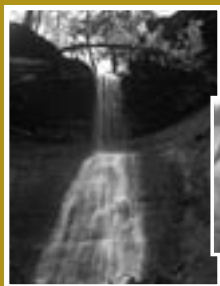
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# Sweet Syrup! It's Maple Sugaring Time!

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This year, discover the history of maple sugaring! The 2008 season brings another year of gathering sap, making syrup, and leading hikes through the Sugarbush at Maple Grove Picnic Area.

On weekends from March 1 through March 16, walk through time along the Sugarbush Trail to see the sap-collecting methods and syrup-making processes used by Native Americans, pioneers and modern sugar farmers. You'll end up at our sugarhouse to watch sap being boiled into delicious maple syrup. Guided hikes leave the sugarhouse every 20 minutes (the last hike leaves at 3:40 p.m.)

The program is all outdoors. Participants should dress for the weather and be prepared for mud, snow and/or ice.

Weekday school field trips by appointment  
March 5 - 7 and 11 - 14. For more information or to schedule, call 440-734-6660 between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

### Maple Grove Picnic Area

is located off Valley Parkway in Rocky River Reservation, between Cedar Point Road and Spafford Road in Brook Park. It is 1/3 mile south of Rocky River Nature Center - follow signs.

# The Buzzards Are Soaring Back To Their Summer Roost!

Experience the annual rite of spring, as the world-famous buzzards return to the Buzzard Roost in Hinckley Reservation on March 15.



Buzzard spotters, young and old alike, will search the sky for turkey vultures with the “Official Buzzard Spotter,” Dr. Bob Hinkle. But you have to get up pretty early in the morning to spot one of the first buzzards. The buzzard watch begins at 7 a.m. and continues until the first buzzard is spotted and everyone cheers their return to the roost (last year the first buzzard clocked in at 10:43 a.m.)

Be sure to bring binoculars, cameras and a sense of humor. But ... remember, *“No one spots a buzzard until the Official Buzzard Spotter spots one first!”*

## Buzzard Sunday!

Sunday, March 16 • 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Buzzard Roost • Hinckley Reservation • Hinckley

Celebrate the return of Hinckley’s famous, high-soaring residents. Thousands of turkey vulture fans from all over the country will flock over to the Buzzard Roost to cheer on the buzzards return and welcome spring back to Northern Ohio.

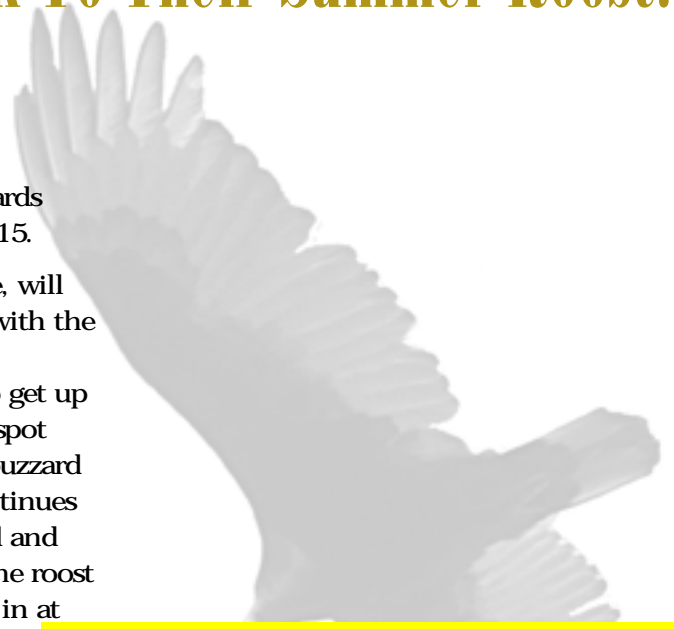
### Buzzard Sunday! activities include:

- Official “Buzzard Scoreboard”
- Naturalist-led hikes and tours
- Storytelling
- Live animal programs
- Buzzard Bingo games for kids
- Music and entertainment
- EarthWords Nature Shop
- Refreshments
- And more!

Plus, a few extra surprises in honor of the annual rite of spring! For more information, call 216-635-3200 or visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com)

### Buzzard Roost

is located in Hinckley Reservation at the corner of State Road and West Drive in Hinckley Township.



# Cycles of the Seasons



I remember a cartoon from the *New Yorker* many years ago that showed a Smoky Bear-hatted national park ranger on a night walk. The ranger said "Ask me anything, I know everything in the park!" Next panel - a little girl points up and said, "Ranger, what's

that star?" Next panel - Ranger and group look up, puzzled. Last panel - Ranger says "Sorry, that's not in the park."

I've never forgotten that cartoon. It speaks in many voices, from the folly of arrogance to the vastness of what little we really know about the universe around us. But, more than anything, it reminds me of the vastness of space and time beyond us, and how humble we must be. March is the month of the spring equinox, when the length of day and night is equal, and the promise of spring comes forth to remind us of the ever-changing circle that is life around us. Our universe is so large, and our vision so short, and we have only begun to learn the slightest minutiae of its existence.

In January, quietly and without fanfare, a great celestial event occurred which will impact our lives, and the lives of many other living things, for the next 11 years. The year of the quiet sun ended, and the first sunspot with reversed magnetic field slid around the edge of the sun, and the first days of sunspot cycle 24 have begun. It may be another five years or more before we can think about regularly delighting in Northern Lights, but everything starts somewhere, and as you read these words, solar storms dance across the boiling mass of hydrogen that is our sun, and the first few coronal mass ejections sputter forth, omens of more spectacular ones to come.

In March, I look up often at the sky. Orion is on the wane now, headed farther west each night, and at 9 p.m., the Big Dipper has climbed half way up the sky, in the 3:00 position from Polaris, our north star. The Big Dipper is a clock in itself, if you know the seasons. By

midnight it will be nearly overhead on its slowly progressing journey into summer. Years ago as a youngster I knew a darker sky, filled with stars every clear night, when street lights were a single incandescent bulb hanging at intersections shaded beneath a green and white metal shade. Our yards were dark, and when we played at night, we were humbled by the dark sky filled with diamond lights, no less than our predecessors must have been thousands of years ago, as we watched the procession of stars move through the night sky.

This month the great migrations begin. Feathered creatures in whose tiny brain impulses we can't yet begin to understand feel the pull of the stars, and restlessly begin their long journeys northward. Sparrows of different sorts make their way here first, and grackles and red-wing blackbirds, and robins here and there. But if you could listen southward, through the clear, star-filled skies, you could hear the feathery roar of millions and millions of others, even now beginning to mass in the tropics, ready to make the April leap over onto the Gulf Coast and back home to the north country that feeds, shelters and sustains them. For many, we are home. The unbroken blocks of forest, becoming so rare everywhere around us, still hold nesting habitat for forest species. Their numbers are much reduced now, not because they've moved elsewhere, but because they are dying out everywhere - no home, no shelter, no food. One of the greatest creations on this great green and blue planet comes back to less and less habitat each year. Cleveland Metroparks has already become an island of hope, a green leafy ark, for those species for whom the forest is home. And there are others as well.

This month, about the third week of March, Kim and I go out to quiet sheltered fields nearby and wait. One evening, when the stars just begin to come into view and the sun has barely set, the quiet of the meadow will be parted by the first "peeeent, peeeent" calls of the American woodcock, the "timberdoodle" of yore. Thousands upon thousands of woodcock generations past have lead it to these few fields, at this one twilight time, to dance and call and fly for a female of its own kind, to create the next generation to come. My ancestors no doubt watched the same stars glow into view, and heard the same "peeeent" that delights me, and the bond is remade with generations past. Each March the woodcocks return to their

chosen fields, and we return to watch. It is part of the cycle.

This year the sunspots have begun their slow but steady climb to their peak in 2010 or 2011. This cycle is predicted to be a big one. At their peak, the solar storms actually rattle the earth's magnetic field, and power grids go down, and satellites wink out, and television goes haywire, and the populations of snowshoe hares will rise with the sunspot numbers. No one knows why. Actually, for now at least, I prefer not to know. I love a planet with great mysteries. I want to know, but in this place in my life, I realize that I don't want to know everything any more. I look forward to spring bird migrations more each year, because I know that I have fewer and fewer of them left.

In the end, it's all about the cycle, isn't it? March is the beginning of spring, of the cycle of birth and fruition and maturation as summer and fall comes. Winter is the long cold link back to spring, an annual cycle we all recognize. And yet we are part of so many other cycles that, neither for good nor ill, are part of nature. We plant our crops and pray, like cultures of old, that the harvest will be good to us. The seeds of today are the yield of tomorrow. A new cycle has begun, overlaid atop countless other cycles short and long. Just over the horizon, the feathered ones chat amongst themselves, restless, pulled by the increasing length of day. Soon another spring begins, the beginnings of another cycle in the endless mystery we call life.

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

# Naturalist's Almanac

## March

### First Week

#### Birds:

Bluebirds may have returned to Hinckley Reservation by now if the winter has not been too harsh and cold.

Early migrating robins feed among the holly berries and crab apples throughout Cleveland Metroparks.

#### Mammals:

Where have all the bucks gone? By early March, all but a few of the bucks in Cleveland Metroparks have lost their antlers. It becomes hard to tell male from female deer until the bucks begin to regrow their antlers in early May.

#### Wildflowers:

Pungent skunk cabbage begins to bloom in low wet places in Cleveland Metroparks valleys. The hooded flower pokes its head up through ice to attract early spring insects.

### Second Week

#### Birds:

Great blue herons reappear as soon as open water makes fish available for them to eat. They first reappear along Cleveland Metroparks rivers, but quickly move to lakes and ponds as soon as the shore ice melts.

The song sparrow, one of the first and most vocal of the spring sparrows, should have arrived by now. The male's calls begin with three sharp notes, then blur into a melodious trill.

#### Wildflowers:

Colorful wildflowers at last! The dandelion-like blossoms of the coltsfoot may even poke their determined heads through the snow to bloom. They prefer recently disturbed soils as blooming places. Watch for them along road cuts and construction sites.

### Third Week

#### Birds:

The first of the migrating woodcocks may begin their spring mating flights in certain secret places this week. Watch the nature centers' program listings and join a naturalist in April to view this spectacle!

The buzzards are back! On March 15, legend has it that the buzzards (turkey vultures) return to Hinckley. Visit the famous "buzzard roost" on the first Sunday after March 15 and watch for the newly arrived migrants.

#### Mammals:

Female woodchucks have awakened to greet the males who awakened in February. Spring comes quickly and summer is only a few weeks away! The rapid changes of April give way to a slower and more stately procession of nature as May begins.

### Fourth Week

#### Birds:

The phoebe's raspy "fee bree" call reassures forest hikers that spring is truly here.

Male goldfinches grow progressively more brilliant yellow each week. Set out fresh thistle seed for them!

Golden-crowned kinglets return to Cleveland Metroparks on their way northward to Canada. Only half the size of chickadees, they flit continuously from branch to branch in search of food.

#### Amphibians:

Spring peepers "peep" and wood frogs "quack" as their spring mating cycle begins. Shallow temporary ponds in Big Creek, Brecksville, Mill Stream Run and North Chagrin reservations are home to these small frogs for only a few days each spring as mates are found and eggs are laid.

*The winds of March bring changes to the natural world of Cleveland Metroparks reservations, but unlike the cold winds of December, these winds begin to blow friendly and warm. March is a month of blue skies and gray; of wind, rain and snow and of the first appearances of wildflowers and migrating birds. March exists as a promise to all creatures of longer days filled with warmth and abundant food and shelter.*

*By month's end pussy willows begin to bloom in low wet places throughout Cleveland Metroparks. Days grow longer. Spring is here. Celebrate the arrival of the new season in Cleveland Metroparks with wood frogs, woodcocks and woodchucks.*

## *Giving With a Purpose*

Do you automatically write a check when making your gift to Cleveland Metroparks Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund? Writing a check is simple, and greatly appreciated. However, other giving options may offer greater benefits to you and your family. For example, when you donate appreciated assets such as publicly traded stocks or mutual funds to the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund, you will reduce your taxes through a charitable deduction, and avoid paying a capital gains tax!

Cleveland Metroparks Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund, established within The Cleveland Foundation, allows individuals to make financial contributions that will ensure the future of Cleveland Metroparks for generations to come. Gifts may be designated for specific projects, or used to protect and preserve all aspects of Cleveland Metroparks. All contributions to the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund will remain within the fund and generate annual income for the Park District.

To learn more about the simple process of donating appreciated assets to Cleveland Metroparks, or other types of giving, contact Karen Kannenberg, manager of gift and donor development, at 216-635-3217 or [kjk@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:kjk@clevelandmetroparks.com) to confidentially discuss giving opportunities.



## *Save the Date:*

### *Children's Fishing Derby*

Saturday, May 3

Ohio & Erie Canal •  
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

### *Children's Fishing Derby*

Sunday, May 4

Wallace Lake • Mill Stream Run Reservation

### *Farm & Garden Day*

Saturday, May 17

Garfield Park Nature Center •  
Garfield Park Reservation

### *Knee High Naturalists*

Sunday, June 8

Chagrin River Sledding Hill •  
South Chagrin Reservation

### *Train Day*

Saturday, June 21

CanalWay Center •  
Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

### *BrookStock - A Celebration of Music and Nature*

Saturday, July 12

Brookside Valley Event Site •  
Brookside Reservation

### *Nature at Night*

Saturday, July 19

North Chagrin Nature Center •  
North Chagrin Reservation

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# Banff Mountain Film Festival

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

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



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

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

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

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

and will be available on-line or at Playhouse Square Center only.

The Edge Films, Inc. brings the Banff Mountain



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Film Festival to Cleveland with the support of Cleveland Metroparks, Geiger's, Balanced Living Magazine and 107.3 The Wave. For more info, call 216-556-0016 or go to [www.theedgefilms.com](http://www.theedgefilms.com).

With spring in full swing, the North Coast Nature Festival offers something for everyone.

Experience nature talks given by renowned authors, naturalist-led hikes, nature programs conducted by Cleveland Metroparks staff, mini-seminars of optics and cameras, peregrine falcon watch, native plant sale, EarthWords Nature Shop, refreshments, and more!



The nature-minded art lover will enjoy "The Nature & Art Show." Local nature organizations will conduct demonstrations and offer exhibits while many local artists and vendors will be displaying their nature-themed arts and crafts for sale during the two-day festival.

This year's featured speaker is nationally-known photographer Rod Planck, who has been involved in nature photography for over 25 years. His images have appeared in such magazines as *Audubon*, *Sierra*, *Natural History*, *Backpacker*, *Birder's World*, *National and International Wildlife*, and *Ranger Rick*, and in numerous calendars and textbooks. Planck will present "South Georgia Island - Antarctic Paradise" on Friday, April 25 at 7 and 9 p.m. and "Modern Bird Photography Techniques" on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

In addition, on Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m., birder Kenn Kaufman will present "Wings of the Imagination: Why We Need Birds" Kaufman, an author who is well known for the Kaufman Field Guides, is also an artist, photographer and speaker.

For more information, call 440-734-6660 or visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com).

## Rocky River Nature Center

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

# Swing Into Spring!

## **Cleveland Metroparks Golf Season Tees Off March 12**

Dust off those clubs because Cleveland Metroparks golf season officially starts March 12, weather permitting. The seven golf courses will be open daily from dawn to dusk through December.

Located throughout Cuyahoga County, Cleveland Metroparks offers golfers of all ages and skills 108 holes of recreational and educational opportunities.

Players should be aware that a slight price increase will go into effect for select courses and for carts 2008. For Manakiki, Sleepy Hollow, Big Met and Shawnee Hills, there will be a \$1 increase on 18 holes and a 50 cent increase on 9-hole play. Carts will be \$12 for 18 holes and \$6.50 for 9 holes, per person, at the same courses. Carts also will be \$6.50 at Little Met, Mastick Woods and Washington Golf Learning Center.

Sleepy Hollow and Manakiki are considered by many to be the ultimate in public golfing in Greater Cleveland. Experienced golfers will enjoy the challenging layouts, plus clubhouses, pro shops, catering and PGA pro golf lessons. Golfers also can enjoy Cleveland Metroparks other five quality courses - Shawnee Hills, Big Met, Little Met, Mastick Woods and Washington Golf Learning Center - which have many of the same accommodation, including:

- Snack bars or vending, cart and club rentals are available at all seven courses.
- Pro shops with a guarantee to meet or beat any locally advertised prices on golf merchandise.
- Driving ranges at Sleepy Hollow, Shawnee Hills and Washington Golf Learning Center.

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18 holes, par 71 & Driving Range  
Brecksville Reservation  
9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville  
440-526-4285

### **Manakiki Golf Course**

18 holes, par 72  
North Chagrin Reservation  
35501 Eddy Road,  
Willoughby Hills  
440-942-2500

### **Shawnee Hills Golf Course**

18 holes, par 71, 9-hole par 3  
course & Driving Range  
Bedford Reservation  
18753 Egbert Road, Bedford  
440-232-7184

### **Big Met Golf Course**

18 holes, par 72  
Rocky River Reservation  
4811 Valley Parkway,  
Fairview Park  
440-331-1070

### **Little Met Golf Course**

9 holes, par 34  
Rocky River Reservation  
18599 Old Lorain Road, Cleveland  
216-941-9672

### **Mastick Woods Golf Course**

9 holes, par 31  
Rocky River Reservation  
19900 Puritas Road, Cleveland  
216-267-5626

### **Washington Golf Learning Center**

9 holes, par 31 & Driving Range  
Washington Reservation  
3841 Washington Park Boulevard,  
Newburgh Heights  
216-641-1864



## *Free Replays Continue in 2008!*

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

## **Hey Golfers!**

Visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) to learn more about how you can get a free driving range token at Shawnee Hills and about Cleveland Metroparks Golf Bonus Rounds - the program that rewards golfers for playing Cleveland Metroparks golf courses! And, stay in touch through the "On the Fairways" golf email newsletter. Subscribe now and start receiving "On the Fairways" periodically from Cleveland Metroparks Golf featuring golf tips, special offers, news from the courses, and more! Register via email to: [klf@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:klf@clevelandmetroparks.com)

# The Coat Hanger Adventure



I needed 30 coat hangers.

I don't like to do it, but I did it anyway: last week I shopped at one of those

behemoth supercenter stores. The experience is a bit nightmarish. Aisle after aisle of products stacked high and tight. One hundred and twenty-three different types of toothpaste. A Hoover Dam-like wall of shampoos and conditioners. Shopping carts outfitted with plastic bumpers in case of collision. I could've really used my binoculars to help me read the different department and aisle signs - perhaps even a store GPS to help guide me through the maze of material mayhem. All I wanted were coat hangers. Instead of roaming around on my own, I decided to cut right to the chase and find a helpful store employee. Why not? I like asking questions. I hunted down an employee and inquired: "Where would I find coat hangers?"

"Housewares," she answered.

"Might you know where, er, what aisle?" I asked, which brought this not-so-helpful response, "All I know is that they're in there, right over there, in housewares."

I thanked her, and I began to head in the direction of "over there." After walking through rows of pillows, some bathroom décor, and other such wares, I finally landed in the office supply department, and wouldn't you know it I found them ... coat hangers.

Cleveland Metroparks is a behemoth of natural resources, comprised of 16 reservations on 21,000+ acres. It is a supercenter of wetlands, creeks, rivers, ravines, deciduous and coniferous woodlands, and meadows. Miles of trail systems run like endless aisles through different departments, or habitats in this case, where you can shop for over 200 species of birds, dozens of reptiles and amphibians, myriads of wildflowers, strange and unique insects, and more. Best of all, there are no price tags on this endless diversity of natural wonders.



To help guide you through Cleveland Metroparks - through its history and wildlife, and through its trails and activities - there exists a team of high-energy interpreters called naturalists. Fanatic in their passion and zeal for outdoor education and for the study of the natural world, they are committed to guiding and leading you through this Emerald Necklace of parks. Though each has a specialty, such as birding, or spider identification, or kayaking, they are all keen on heightening your Cleveland Metroparks experience. Naturalists are 'entrepreneurs' of the outdoors, providing you with everything from directions through trail systems and sightings of wildlife, to training in outdoor activities such as backpacking, mountain-biking, kayaking, and canoeing. Each year, Cleveland Metroparks naturalists offer hundreds of scheduled public and school programs for all ages and all interests. From salamander walks to birding adventures, snowshoeing to land navigation, hand cycling to singing and storytelling, these not-for-the-lab biologists and historians are living and working their passions. Yet the most amazing skill they possess, is not the ability to spit out a pile of facts and figures about your parks, but the mesmerizing talent of eliciting a truly memorable and moving experience filled with sights, sounds, smells, and narrative about your journey into the natural world.

Getting lost in a super center of hemlock-laden ravines, forests full of beech and oaks, and marshes buzzing with dragonflies and damselflies is certainly NOT a "coat hanger adventure." It is phenomenal, stunning, and grand. And when you need to know what aisle or trail to take, or where to find a Northern two-lined salamander, or what types of wildflowers are blooming, or you need tips on wildlife photography - there IS a naturalist that lives and breathes to discover with you and guide you in your quest. Ever hand-feed a chickadee? Or made a nature-lover's quilt? Tracked an animal through the woods? Mastered wilderness first aid?

There are more than plenty of "departments" and "aisles" to "shop" in Cleveland Metroparks. This spring, join our naturalists and historical interpreters on a program or three. They won't just point you to the right way down the trail - they'll guide you there.

Jennifer Brumfield  
Naturalist/Scientific Illustrator

# 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 . . .

## Indoor Spring Training

Get an early jump on the season ahead. This 2-hour session is designed to help you take advantage of practice time before the weather breaks in the spring. You’ll have a game plan in place covering areas of your swing that need work for a better golf experience. A maximum of 10 participants. Fee is \$20.

Date	Time	Location	Instructor
Saturday, March 22	10 a.m.	Manakiki	Tom Kochensparger

## Beginners - An Introduction to Golf

This hands-on series covers the basics of the full swing, chipping and putting. Basic golf terms, rules and etiquette are covered. Loaner equipment available. All participants completing the course will be given a pass to a Cleveland Metroparks Par-3 course. A maximum of 7 students will be accepted in each class. Students in this class should be beginners to 25 handicap.

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Monday, April 7 - 28	10 a.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$100	Jeff Staker
Monday, April 7 - 28	6 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$100	Jeff Staker
Thursday, April 10 - May 8	6 p.m.	5	1.5 hrs.	Shawnee Hills	\$125	Jeff Staker
Saturday, April 12 - May 17	9 a.m.	6	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$150	Jeff Staker
Tuesday, April 15 - May 6	10 a.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$100	Jeff Staker
Tuesday, April 15 - May 6	6 p.m.	4	1.5 hrs.	Washington	\$100	Jeff Staker
Tuesday, April 22 - May 27	6 p.m.	6	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$150	John Fiander
Tuesday, April 29 - June 3	6 p.m.	6	1.5 hrs.	Manakiki	\$150	Tom Kochensparger
Wednesday, April 30 - June 4	6 p.m.	6	1.5 hrs.	Sleepy Hollow	\$150	John Fiander
Wednesday, April 30 - June 4	6 p.m.	6	1.5 hrs.	Manakiki	\$150	Tom Kochensparger

## Novice Golf Learn ‘n’ League – 200/300 Series

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

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



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

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

### Bio Mechanic/Swing Fitness

300/400 Series For avid golfers who want to take their game to the next level. Utilizing SkillTech 3D technology, your swing will be converted into a 3-D model and analyzed to measure the timing and acceleration of your hips, shoulders, arms and club along with any head movement. Based on the session's findings, you will be given specific exercises and swing drills to address recommended swing changes. There are six appointments available each day.

Date	Time	Length of Session	Location	Fee	Instructor
Sat., May 10	9:30 a.m.	50 mins.	Sleepy Hollow	\$90	Sherman/Fiander
Sat., May 17	9:30 a.m.	50 mins.	Sleepy Hollow	\$90	Sherman/Fiander

### Junior "Fun" damental Series

Designed like our Adult Beginners classes, juniors 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 per class. Ages 12 - 17

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

### Junior Day Camp (Ages 8 - 17)

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

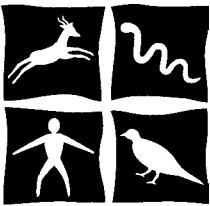
Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Length of Session	Location	Fee
June 23 - 27	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 7 - 11 ( <i>girls only</i> )	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 14 - 18	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 21 - 25	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington	\$175
July 28 - Aug 1	9 a.m.	5	6 hrs.	Washington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



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Classes fill up early. Visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) for class schedules.

**For more information or to register, call 440-232-7247**



**CLEVELAND  
METROPARKS  
ZOO**  
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# Wallaby Joey to Join the Zoo's Wild Animal Shows This Summer

The little wallaby joey named "Foster" faced an uphill battle to survive after his mother abandoned him for unknown reasons in October 2007. But with round-the-clock care from the Veterinary Services staff at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, the marsupial thrived and soon will be starring in one of the Zoo's summer wild animal shows.

When Zookeepers found Foster, a Parma wallaby, separated from his mother, he weighed less than a pound and stood less than six inches high. Because the keepers couldn't determine exactly which wallaby was mother to the joey, Foster was turned over to the team of veterinary technicians at the Sarah Allison Steffee Center for Zoological Medicine.

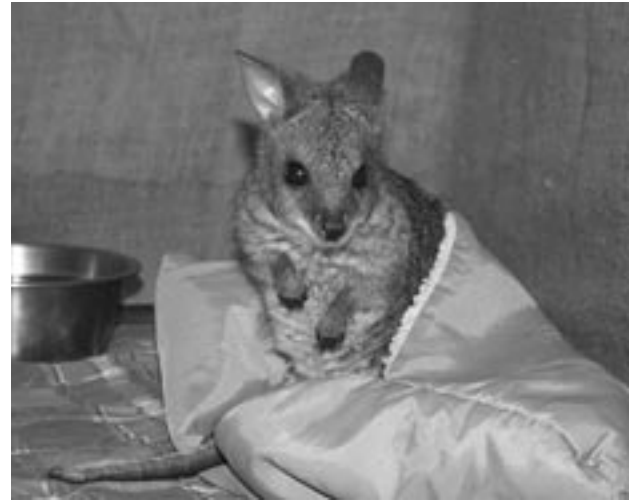
For several months, Foster was hand-raised by the veterinary technicians, who took him home at night for their first few weeks together. Otherwise, he lived in a specially heated room in the Zoo's intensive care unit and was bottle-fed a special formula imported from Australia.

He was given a small, furry papoose meant to mimic his mother's pouch, and he spent most of his time in there during the first few months of his life. As he grew bigger and stronger, the veterinary technicians weaned him from bottle-feeding and his care was transferred to the Zoo's Conservation Education staff, which heads up the summertime wild animal shows at the Amphitheater and Ballarat Theater in Australian Adventure.

The public will get their first chance to see Foster up-close and personal this summer in the "Mission Possible" Wild Animal Shows starting Saturday May 24 at the Ballarat Theater.



*Foster and Veterinary Technician Sheena Koeth*



*Foster, the Parma wallaby, in his papoose*

"Foster will be an important part of our animal shows this summer because he'll be serving as an ambassador for other wallabies and other Australian animals that are endangered," said Jim Nemet, Senior Education Specialist at the Zoo. "People generally shouldn't get too close to wallabies and other wild animals, but because Foster was hand-raised he's much more comfortable being around people. That makes him perfect for our shows."

Once Foster is fully grown, he'll likely weigh around 12 pounds, which is about a tenth the weight of a red kangaroo. The Parma wallaby species, once thought to be extinct, is native to the rainforests and dry forests of Australia and remains endangered.

Visitors can see the Zoo's collection of other wallabies and kangaroos inside the Wallaby Walkabout once Australian Adventure opens for the season on March 14.

**Tom O'Konowitz**  
Marketing & Public Relations Specialist

*all photos courtesy of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo*

## Year of the Frog Continues

Coming soon: Dozens of new frogs will take up residence at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo as part of its ongoing “Year of the Frog” celebration.

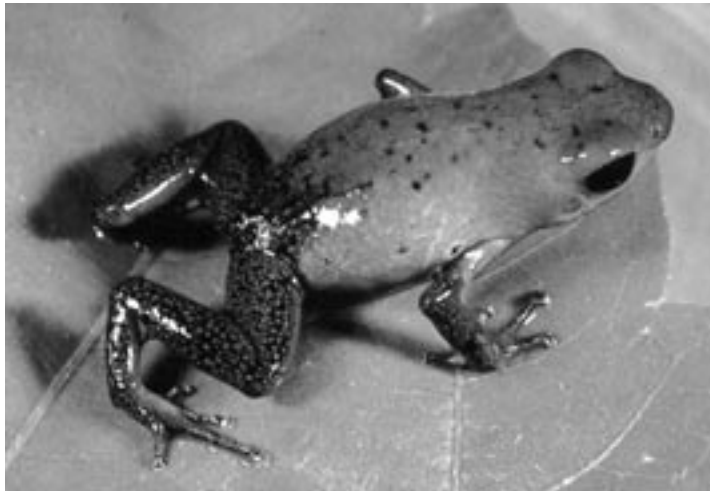


Red-eyed tree frog

The “Year of the Frog” animal exhibits will be scattered throughout the Zoo starting in May, located in The RainForest, Australian Adventure and Wolf Lodge.

“Year of the Frog” is an international conservation

initiative aimed at educating people about endangered amphibians, most of which face extinction in the wild. The Zoo is holding special frog-focused activities all year long. Visit [forfrogs.org](http://forfrogs.org) to learn how you can help.



Poison dart frog

## Sign Up for Summer Day Camp

Registration for the Zoo’s Summer Day Camp starts March 3 for Zoo members and March 17 for non-members. Children ages 5 to 12 can explore the Zoo and participate in fun, educational activities with our experienced camp counselors. To learn more, visit [clemet zoo.com](http://clemet zoo.com) or call 216-661-6500.

Summer Day Camp is supported by Cleveland Clinic Children’s Hospital.

## 2008 Admission Changes

Take advantage of the Zoo’s discounted winter admission rates while they last. Starting Friday, March 14, regular admission rates return.

The discounted winter rate is \$7 per person, \$5 for kids ages 2 to 11 and always free for children under 2 and Zoo members.

Regular admission is \$10 per person and \$6 for kids ages 2 to 11.

## Join the Zoo Crew

The Zoo is now accepting applications for the summer 2008 Zoo Crew Teen Volunteer Program. Zoo Crew volunteers assist the Conservation Education Division by actively participating in various conservation projects and interpretation. The program encourages teens ages 13 to 17 to learn responsibility, develop job and career skills and grow in their personal conservation ethic.

Apply online today at [clemet zoo.com](http://clemet zoo.com)! *Deadline for application is March 21.*

## Travel With the Zoo Director

How would you like to experience the magnificent mountains, lush rainforests and beautiful wildlife of Australia with Zoo Director Steve Taylor? Or maybe join him on an expedition to the plains of the northern Serengeti, where 2 million zebras, wildebeests and gazelles make their annual migration to Kenya.

Well, the International Travel Program sponsored by the Zoo, Cleveland Zoological Society and Cleveland Museum of Natural History is offering you a chance to take those trips. “Deluxe Tanzania Safari” runs from June 15 to 26 and costs \$7,300 per person, plus airfare. “Australian Adventure” runs from October 7 to 19 and costs \$4,995 per person plus international airfare.

You can learn about these trips and others by attending the next Travel Program Preview Night on Wednesday, March 12 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, or by calling 216-635-3329.

For the most up-to-date Zoo information: [clemet zoo.com](http://clemet zoo.com) / 216-661-6500

# Institute of the Great Outdoors

## Spring Program Schedule

### The IGO Mission:

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

### Our goals:

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

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

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

### Inclusive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

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

### Program Registration:

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

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

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

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

Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors

11350 Broadway Avenue

Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

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

igo@clevelandmetroparks.com

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



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Kim Hinkle



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# Institute of the Great Outdoors

## General Information:

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

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

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

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

IGO programs are listed bi-monthly in the January, March, May, July, September and November issues of the *Emerald Necklace*. For more information call 216-341-1704 or visit [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com).

## Registration Policy:

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

## Program Fees:

All program fees must be paid upon registration.

A 50% deposit may be accepted for some programs (see program descriptions).

Registration will only be confirmed with payment of program fees.

Program fees recover the direct program costs.

## Refund Policy:

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



## *Institute of the Great Outdoors Program Registration Form*

I would like to register for the following program(s):

Program Name & Code	Date & Time	Program Fee
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
<b>Total FeesZ</b>		\$ _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (eve): \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Z Payment Information:    MasterCard/Visa    Check    (Make checks payable to Cleveland Metroparks)  
   Discover

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Verification # \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONA O TDOOR S I S

### American Canoe Association Canoe and Kayak Instructor Certification Workshop

This workshop follows standards established by the American Canoe Association and is designed for individuals and programmers interested in offering certified canoe and kayak instruction to all ages. The first day will be spent on the water practicing paddling strokes. On day two participants will start off in the classroom learning topics to teach as instructors and will then split into kayak and canoe instructor groups to spend the afternoon outside. On day three, experienced trainers will evaluate each candidate's paddling skills, knowledge and teaching abilities. Candidates will present a minimum of two subjects both in the classroom as well as on the water and will receive a critique of their on- and off-water teaching and paddling skills. Upon successful completion of the workshop, participants can receive instructor certification through the American Canoe Association. Please specify either the canoe or kayak instructor workshop when registering.

Pre-requisite: previous paddling experience is required. Completion of ACA Intro to Canoe/Kayak course preferred. Additionally, all participants must be members of the ACA & SEIC *prior* to the program. To become a member, visit [www.americancanoe.org](http://www.americancanoe.org)

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

May 16 - 18 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$225 per person (includes instructor manual, text, materials and all necessary paddling equipment). Wetsuits will be available for an additional \$13.

Minimum/Maximum: 8/12 per course

### Knots You Should Know

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

Ages: 10 and up (with participating adult)

Activity Level: easy

April 9 • 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$25 (text and materials)

Maximum: 10

Instructor: Theodore

### Safety in Bear Country

Of all the animals in the North American wilderness, few command as much respect, fear or interest as bears. Spend an evening getting a behind the scenes tour of the bear area at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and enjoy a light dinner and presentation on how to stay safe when visiting "bear country." Participate in a distance learning session with one of the nation's leading authorities on bear ecology and behavior; Stephen Herrero, professor of environmental science and biology at the University of Calgary. During the presentation, participants will be able to learn how to safely enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, backpacking or fishing in bear country.

Activity Level: easy

Ages: all

April 28 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Auditorium

Fee: \$25

Maximum: 20

## *Oil Creek State Park Shelter Backpacking*

Oil Creek Valley in Pennsylvania is the site of the world's first commercial oil well. In contrast to the petroleum industry of the 1860s, Oil Creek State Park now preserves scenic hillsides and wetlands along with clean trout streams. On this trip, hike approximately 24 miles of the Gerard Hiking trail and stay in three-sided rustic Adirondack shelters with outdoor fireplaces. On Friday morning begin the day exploring the visitor center before hiking to the Cow Run shelter. Saturday it's back on the trail and off to Wolfkiel Run shelter. Enjoy scenic vistas, waterfalls and historic sites along the way. Some equipment provided.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate (terrain is hilly)

Pre-Trips: April 30 & May 7 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip: May 16 - 18

Oil Creek State Park, PA

Fee: \$85

Maximum: 10

Instructor: Rosenthal

## ESCAPES TO NATURE / EITENDED TRIPS

### *Magee Marsh Birding Adventure*

This popular bird migration stop-over is one of the hottest spots to watch birds in North America. Whether you are just learning about birds or are a seasoned birder, this day of winged wonders is sure to delight. Bring your binoculars and birding spirit and we will take care of the transportation and lunch.

Ages: adults

Activity level: easy

Trip A: May 2 • 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Trip B: May 9 • 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Trips leave from Garfield Park Nature Center - there will be a west side pickup location at Columbia Road RTA Park-N-Ride off I-90 at 6:15 a.m.

Fee: \$45 (includes transportation, lunch, snacks and field guide)

Minimum/Maximum: 10/15

*Registration begins March 31 (9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at 216-341-1704.*



# Institute of the Great Outdoors

## Eagle Creek Day Adventure

Join Naturalists Wendy Weirich and Stefanie Verish for an IGO day at Eagle Creek State Nature Preserve. This small preserve is loaded with spring ephemeral flowers trying to get energy from the sun and get pollinated before the leaves come out on the trees. There are acres of trillium which you MUST see to believe.

Ages: adults

Activity level: easy

April 28 • 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meet at Look About Lodge

Fee: \$40 (includes transportation, lunch, snacks and field guide)

Minimum/Maximum: 8/15

Instructors: Weirich/Verish

*Registration begins April 7 (9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at 216-341-1704.*

## Spring In Algonquin - iking, Birding, and Wildflowers

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

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

Pre-trip: April 15 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip Dates: May 4 - 8

Algonquin Provincial Park

Fee: \$429 (includes four nights lodging in fully equipped shared cottages, on-site transportation, one dinner and instructional materials. Participants must provide meals and transportation to and from Canada. Passports required.)

Maximum: 12

Instructors: Hinkle and Hosko

## PADDLE SPORTS

### Kayaking II: Fundamentals of Flat Water Kayaking

This is a comprehensive beginner program that covers the basic fundamentals of kayaking. Topics covered include equipment, apparel, basic paddle strokes, and rescues. Participants should prepare to get wet as they will be required to complete wet exits and rescues.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

April 19 • 5 - 8 p.m. and April 20 • 9 a.m. - noon

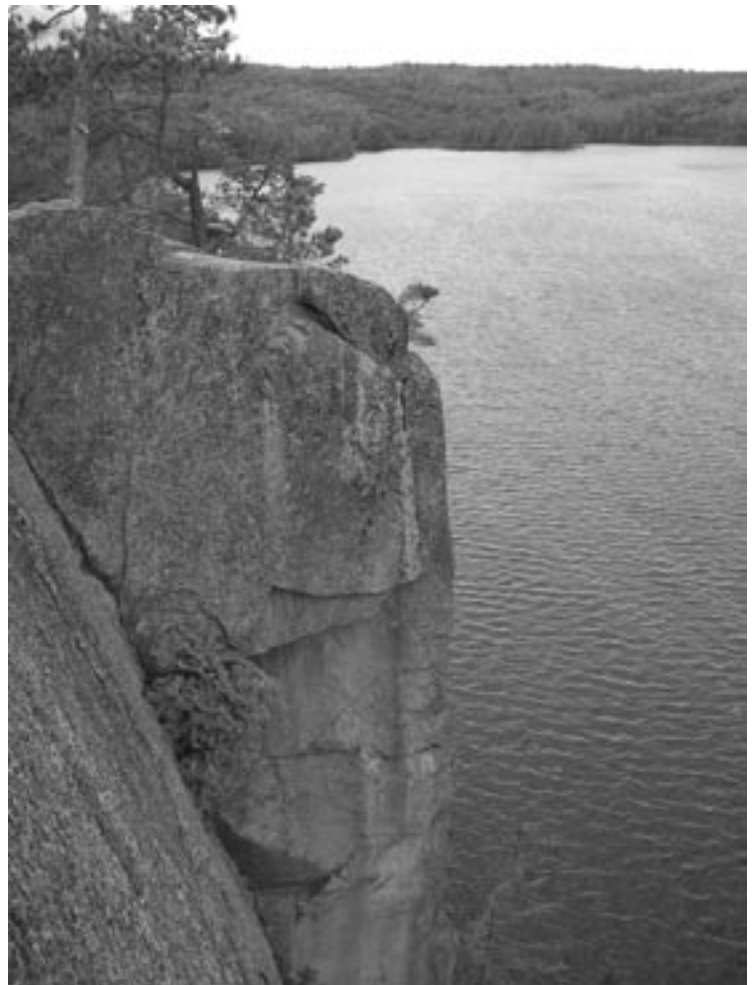
May 3 • 5 - 8 p.m. and May 4 • 9 a.m. - noon

Lakewood High School

Fee: \$65

Maximum: 8

Instructor: Bothel



## **Beaver Creek Kayak Day Trip: State Park to Fredericktown**

New location for 2008! Enjoy a naturalist led kayak trip exploring 7 miles of Little Beaver Creek, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains near East Liverpool, Ohio. Upon arrival at Beaver Creek State Park Pioneer Village the group will paddle 2-3 miles to Gretchen's Lock for lunch, then continue 3-4 miles on to Fredericktown. This national wild and scenic river offers one of the most exciting kayak trips in the state of Ohio. Breathtaking scenery is the highlight of the trip through Little Beaver Creek gorge. There are some small rapids to maneuver through and this trip is dependant on warmer weather and sufficient rainfall during the month.

Pre-requisite: Kayak II or equivalent experience recommended

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

Pre-Trip: April 1 • 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip: April 12

Beaver Creek State Park, East Liverpool, Ohio

Fee: \$45

Maximum: 10

Instructor: Rosenthal

## **Friday Night Float**

Spend your Friday night in a kayak along LaDue Reservoir. This leisurely float will offer an opportunity to discover the vast array of migratory birds coming back to the area along with mating damselflies and other exciting wildlife. Bring waterproof binoculars and search for Eagles and Osprey while enjoying the serenity of being on the water. Equipment for kayaking included.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

May 23 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

May 30 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

LaDue Reservoir, Geauga County

Fee: \$20

Minimum/Maximum: 8/10

## **WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS (WEGO)**

*Programs designed specifically for women.*

### **WEGO Beginner Backpacking**

Join IGO and Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) staff on this rare opportunity to explore backpacking in the National Park. The trip will begin at Hunt Farm and proceed four miles to Saturday night's campsite. Spend the evening learning hands-on backpacking skills such as Leave No Trace camp ethics, cooking, hanging food, knot tying and fire-starting. On Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast, pack out two miles to the starting point. Hike along streams, farm fields, and villages, and travel through succession and mature growth forests, exploring nature in a new way. This easy backpacking excursion is designed to introduce women to the sport of backpacking in a fun, low-impact way. Most camping equipment provided.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy (approximately 6 miles round trip with some hills but relatively flat terrain)

Pre-Trips: April 2 & April 16 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Brecksville Nature Center

Trip: April 19 - 20

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Fee: \$75

Minimum/Maximum: 10/16

Instructors: Rosenthal/Jones/Gruszka

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

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

# Spring Clean Green with Earth Safe Products from EarthWords

This year, be good to the environment and to yourself - do your spring cleaning with non-toxic chemical-free products. Did you know ...

- **90% of all accidental poisonings occur in the home.**
- **The air in the average American home has contamination levels 70 times greater than outdoor air (EPA Study).**
- **More than 150 chemicals found in household products are directly responsible for cancer, allergies, birth defects and more (Consumer Product Safety Commission).**
- **The average American home has 3 - 10 gallons of hazardous materials (Children's Health Environmental Coalition).**

**Not only are chemicals hazardous in our homes, the manufacturing process can wreak havoc on the environment.**

These facts and more are available in *The Naturally Clean Home - Over 100 Safe and Easy Herbal Formulas for Nontoxic Cleansers* by Karyn Siegel-Maier. Learn more about the dangers of household chemicals, get herbal "recipes" for safe cleaning, stain removal, laundry cleaning and more. \$12.95

**EarthWords Nature Shops now carry a line of cleaning products from locally-owned Green Clean, Inc. that are nontoxic, chemical-free and safe for humans, creatures, and the environment.**

**Safe Scrub** - A powder that takes the place of traditional chemical cleansers. Just sprinkle a small amount in your sink, tub, or shower and scrub. Effective, safe and rinses to a beautiful shine.

**Spotless Bowl** - Sprinkle a small amount of this powder in your toilet, and scrub with your toilet brush. Let sit for 10 - 15 minutes then flush. You will see a wonderfully clean and shining bowl. Whitens and brightens without the use of toxic chlorine.

**Sparkly Soap** - A concentrated liquid soap. Pour a teaspoon of Sparkly Soap in a bucket with one gallon of hot water. Soak a clean cloth in the soapy water, wring out cloth and use wet. Use to wash cabinets, counters, shower walls, woodwork, and hard surface floors. No rinsing is necessary if used according to instructions.

**Safe Spray** - A simple yet effective multi-purpose surface cleaner perfect for glass, windows and most counter tops. Safe Spray is also used to shine faucets, toilet surrounds, and mirrors. Just spray on a soft microfiber cloth and clean to shine. Note: Do not use Safe Spray on marble or granite due to possible pitting.

The safe and simple ingredients are listed on every product. All products are in 16 oz. refillable containers, and we strongly encourage you to save space in the landfills and reuse the containers. EarthWords at CanalWay Center has a refill station for economical refills, ready for use. Or, we can provide a list of other refill stations near you.

## Visit EarthWords at Buzzard Days!

We'll be at *Return of the Buzzards* on Saturday, March 15 and *Buzzard Sunday!* on Sunday, March 16 with lots of new and fun buzzard merchandise and apparel.

**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](mailto:hjs@clevelandmetroparks.com), and type "subscribe" in the subject.



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Cuyahoga Heights  
216-206-1003

**North Chagrin Nature Center**  
Mayfield Village  
440-449-0511

**Rocky River Nature Center**  
North Olmsted  
440-734-7576

## Hours

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

Sunday  
Noon - 4:45 p.m.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

**Shop online at:**  
[clevelandmetroparks.com](http://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.*

# Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

There are so many opportunities for you to get involved with Lake Erie Nature & Science Center:

A duck race down Porter Creek and live animal shows, bounce houses and games, nature hikes and crafts, food and music all make our annual Family Fun Fest on Sunday, June 1 an event not to be missed! Can you volunteer on the day of this event that also serves as a Center fundraiser?

We are also putting together a great group of volunteers to assist with our Wild Summer Reading Camp that will take place late summer. Internet savvy? We need a volunteer to help us by entering Center programs into online event databases from home. Neatnik? We need someone weekly to tidy up and organize the toys and books in our Critter Corner. And, we're already thinking of our annual benefit in September, looking for volunteers to seek corporate underwriting and auction donations.

There are many other ways you can help. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Julie Mistur, by calling 440-871-2900, x215 or by emailing [juliem@lensc.org](mailto:juliem@lensc.org) to match your talents with our needs!

## Log Cabin Discoveries

### Animal Babies

For children ages 4 - 6

Tuesday, March 18 • 1 - 2 p.m.

Fee: \$15/child;

members \$10/child

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

## Log Cabin Adventures

### Log Cabin Chemistry

For children in Grades 1 - 3

Tuesday, March 11 • 4 - 5 p.m.

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

## Spring Break Animal Hours

### Feathered Friends

Wednesday, March 26 •

3 - 4 p.m.

### Scales & Tails

Thursday, March 27 • 3 - 4 p.m.

How much animal fun can fit into one hour? Find out as we read a story, meet some Center animals, and have a snack! Recommended for ages 3 - 6 with an adult, but all ages welcome. An adult must accompany children.

Fee: \$8/child, \$4 each

additional child; members \$6/

child; \$3 each additional child

**Special combo rate! Register for both Wednesday**

**Thursday programs and pay a total of only 12/child**

**each additional child**

**members 1 /child**

**each additional child**

## Walter R. Schuele Planetarium Family Programs

### Twinkle Tots!

Thursdays • 11:45 a.m.

Saturdays • 11 a.m.

Fee: \$1 per person (including infants)

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

### Stellar Stars

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. & Saturdays • noon

Fee: children \$2

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

### Backyard Astronomy

Saturdays • 1 p.m.

Fee: \$2 per person

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

### Orion as Seen in Other Cultures

Saturdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 2 p.m.

Fee: \$2 per person

Saturdays, March 1 & 15 • 7 p.m.

Fee: \$3 per person

As Orion takes its final bow of the season, we will see it in the eyes of other cultures. Evening program on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in March 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](http://www.lensc.org)

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



# March Events by Location

- 14 • Forest Hill Hike
- 27 • Urban Explorations: Burke Lakefront Airport

## (BeR) Bedford Reservation

- 20 • Walking after Work
- 22 • Woodlands of Bedford: Sagamore Creek Tour
- 26 • Wild Wednesday: Spring
- 29 • Just the Basics - Vernal Pool Search

## (BrR) Brecksville Reservation

- 25 • Hiking for the Young at Heart

## (BNC) Brecksville Nature Center

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

- 8 • Natural Egg Dyeing
- 8 • Backyard Wildlife Workshop
- 8 • Amphibians on the Move 
- 12 • Animal Crackers
- 18 • Hiking for Homeschoolers
- 26 • Drop in Discovery - Owls
- 27 • Spring Adventures Junior 
- 28 • 29 • For Adults Only: Amphibians 
- 29 • Extreme Hiking
- 30 • Big Adventure Dog Walk

## (BWR) Bradley Woods Reservation


- 27 • Nature Walking for Exercise

## (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 • Photography Show
  - 8 • CanalWay Irish Triple Play
  - 12 • History & A Brown Bag Lunch - Grand Central
  - 14 • CanalWay CoffeeHouse - An Irish Evening with Hank Mallery & Friends
  - 16 • Wet and Wild
  - 19 • Youth Outdoors Volunteer Orientation
  - 20 • Hidden Valley Homeschoolers - Compass 101
  - 26 • Walking in the Hidden Valley
  - 28 • Peeper-palooza 
- Cleveland Astronomical Society
- 6 • 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

- 13 • Walking after Work
- 15 • 29 • Heritage Hobbies: Spinning
- 16 • Leprechaun Hunt
- 17 • GREEN!
- 26 • 27 • Spring Camp

## (HiR) Hinckley Reservation

- 11 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 15 • Annual Return of the Buzzards
- 16 • Buzzard Sunday!
- 22 • Ranger Stable Tour

## (HuR) Huntington Reservation

### (LENSC) Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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

- 15 • The Turkey Vulture: Buzzard, Bird-of-Prey, or Stork?
- 29 • The Boa Constrictor

## (NCR) North Chagrin Reservation

- 8 • Farewell Winter Hike
- 9 • Amongst the Oaks
- 15 • Spring's Hopeful Approach
- 16 • Birds and Coffee
- 19 • Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers:  Swabbing Frogs
- 20 • Full Moon March
- 22 • A Sampling of Amphibians 
- 22 • Leap Into Spring 
- 29 • Finding Frogs along Foster's Run 
- 29 • The Rites of Spring
- 30 • Foster's Run Hike

## (NCNC) North Chagrin Nature Center

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

### EarthWords Nature Shop

- Open Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.,  
Sun. noon - 4:45 p.m. 440-449-0511
- 7 • Family Friday Night: Owl Exploration
  - 9 • Sunday Bird Walk
  - 14 • Family Friday Night: March's Winter Melt
  - 16 • In Search of Spring
  - 19 • Trail Trackers
  - 19 • Wiggly Worms
  - 21 • Movie Night: Australia - Land Before Time
  - 25 • Spring's First Peep 
  - 26 • Stroller Science
  - 28 • Family Friday Night: Froggy Fun 
- Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club East
- 3 • 17 • Bi-monthly Meeting

## (RRR) Rocky River Reservation

- 1 • 2 • 8 • 9 • 15 • 16 • History of Maple Sugaring
- 15 • Books Alive: *Miracles on Maple Hill*
- 22 • Monthly Moming with the Birds  
*Olmsted Historical Society*
- 2 • 9 • 16 • Frostville Pancake Breakfast

## (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

- 8 • Frog Watch Training 
- 8 • Second Saturday Storytelling
- 16 • Luck o' the Irish - Concert in the Park
- 20 • Homeschool Happenings
- 22 • Cinema Saturday Night: *Yosemite: The World's Most Spectacular Valley*
- 24 • 25 • Funday - Celebrate Spring
- 29 • Survival Adventure - Heading West
- 30 • Rocky River Important Bird Area Celebration
- 30 • Spring Book Review  
*Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club Southwest*
- 3 • 17 • Bi-monthly Meeting  
*Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society*
- 4 • Monthly Meeting  
*Cuyahoga Astronomical Association*
- 10 • Monthly Meeting  
*Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists*
- 12 • Monthly Meeting

## (SCR) South Chagrin Reservation

### Look About Lodge

- Open for scheduled programs. Miles Rd.,  
east of Rt. 91, Bentleyville 440-247-7075
- 15 • Plein Air Painting
  - 16 • Wild Walkabout
  - 16 • School of the Wilds: Bluebirds
  - 17 • 24 • 31 • Bird Watchers Primer
  - 21 • Sprouts
  - 22 • Natural Expressions: Beauty in Birds
  - 22 • Young at Art: Beaks, Feathers, and Wings
  - 27 • Woodcock Skydance Hike
  - 28 • Seekers of the Season: Double Lives
  - 29 • Naturalists at the Pond
  - 29 • Hike for your Supper  
*Cleveland Natural Science Club*
  - 15 • Monthly Meeting

## (WCR) West Creek Reservation

- 5 • 26 • Winging It Through West Creek

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

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

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

# March Events Calendar

## 1 • Saturday

### Photography Show

Cleveland photographer Steve Cagan will show his fascinating work from the cultures of El Chocó, Colombia.

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

History of Maple Sugaring  
(see page 2 for details)

## 2 Sunday

### Frostville Pancake Breakfast

Olmsted Historical Society

Join us for pancakes, sausage, orange juice, coffee and hot chocolate - yummy! Free refills on pancakes and most beverages. Takeout available.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. RRR  
Frostville Museum  
Fee: \$6/adults; \$4/children 10 & under (extra sausage or orange juice .35 each)

History of Maple Sugaring  
(see page 2 for details)

## 3 Monday

Bi monthly Meeting  
Cleveland Metroparks  
Photography Club Southwest

Tonight's program, "Spring Wildflowers" will be presented by guest speaker Bruce Mack. Join us for a visually stunning and informative look at wildflowers as you've not seen them before. Visitors welcome.

7 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Bi-monthly Meeting  
Cleveland Metroparks  
Photography Club East  
"John Coulter's Yellowstone"  
- Join Karen Beck as she retraces John Colter's epic

journey through the Bighorns and the Tetons into the valley of Yellowstone ... a bicentennial tribute.

8 p.m. NCNC

## 4 • Tuesday

Monthly Meeting  
Western Cuyahoga  
Audubon Society

When someone mentions "Africa," the word penguin does not generally come to mind. Tom Leiden has spent time with African penguin researchers. In "A Day in the Life of an African Penguin" Tom recounts a typical day of this bird and shares what researchers have learned.

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

## 5 Wednesday

### Winging It Through West Creek

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

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

## 6 • Thursday

### Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Astronomical Society

Guest Dr. Rupali Chandar from the Physics Department at the University of Toledo will speak on how star clusters form and change.

8 p.m. CWC

## 7 • Friday

### Family Friday Night: Owl Exploration

Winter is at its end, and many owls are already on their nests. Join Naturalist Mindy Murdock on an evening hike to discover owls. Afterwards, we will warm ourselves by the nature center fireplace. Dress for the weather and muddy trails.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. NCNC  
Terrain: muddy, 1.5 miles

## 8 • Saturday

### Natural Egg Dyeing

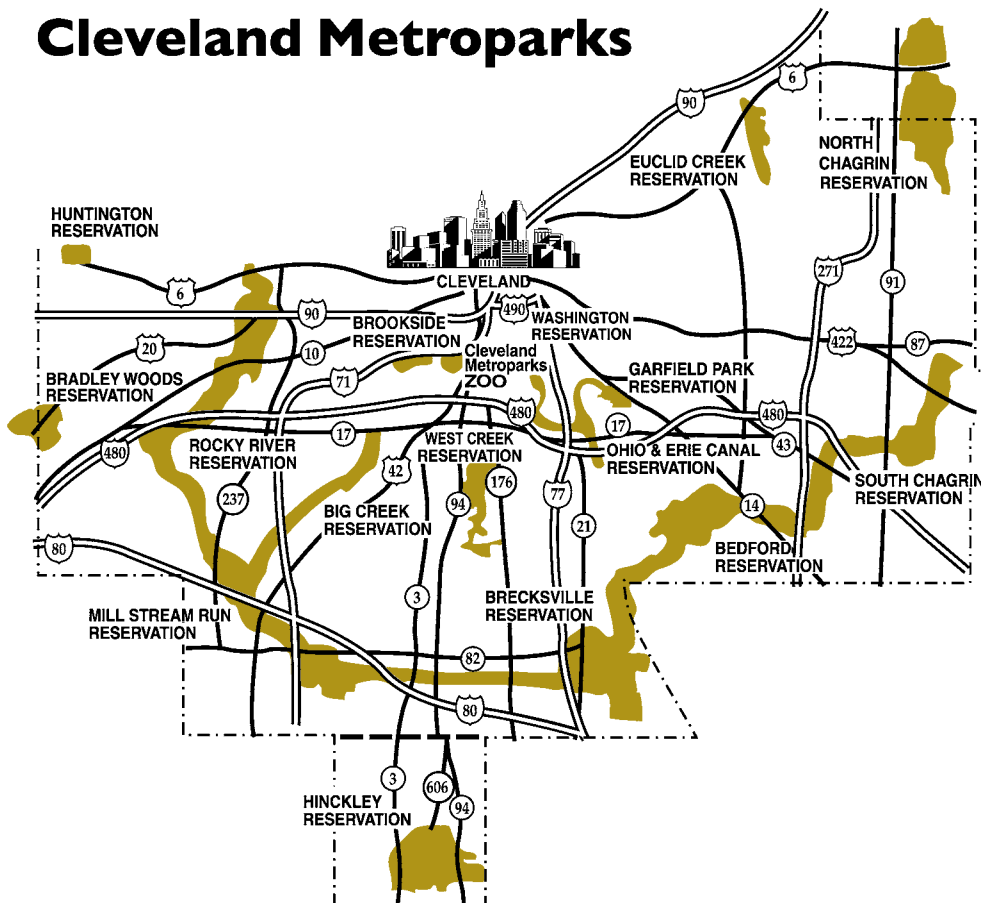
Learn old and new ways of creating color and design on hard-boiled eggs by using plants. You'll achieve rich, earthy and totally non-toxic color. Mary Temesvary, Hungarian folk artist, will also teach her technique of egg artistry. Participants must bring three hard-boiled eggs.

10 - 11:30 a.m. BNC  
Ages: 7 & up with adult  
Register beginning  
February 25  
440-526-1012

## Cleveland Metroparks Maps

Visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) for maps of Cleveland Metroparks 16 reservations. Or, call 216-635-3200 and request a Pathfinder Map & Guide.

## Cleveland Metroparks





Winter has loosened its grasp to give way to spring. On this hike you will help Naturalist Angelec Hillsman look for early signs of spring as we take in the last few days of winter. Boots are recommended.

10 a.m. - noon NCR  
Whispering Woods  
parking lot  
Terrain: muddy, hills,  
2.5 - 3 miles

#### CanalWay Irish Triple Play

Like the three lucky leaves of a Shamrock, Hank and Pepe will provide you with three great programs in a row. We'll begin at 10:30 a.m. with Irish songs with Hank followed by an Irish take-home craft. At 11:30 a.m. we'll break for lunch inside with a movie. At 1 p.m. we'll head out for a hike in search of an early Irish Spring! Come out for all three or feel free to join us at one of the times listed. Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

10:30 a.m. CWC

#### Backyard Wildlife Workshop

Spring is right around the corner, and it's time to turn your yard into a haven for wildlife. We'll discover what all animals need to survive and complete a birdhouse to take home.

2 - 4 p.m. BNC  
Ages: 7 years & up with adult  
Fee: \$4/kit  
Register beginning  
February 25  
440-526-1012

#### Frog Watch Training

Have you heard about declining numbers of amphibians? You can help. We are looking for a few volunteers to go out on spring evenings to listen and look for frogs in the wetlands of the Rocky River Valley. Materials and training provided.

5 - 6 p.m. RRNC  
Ages: 16 years & older  
Registration required  
440-734-6660

#### Amphibians on the Move

Each spring hundreds of amphibians venture from within the forest to vernal or temporary pools to breed. Join Cleveland Metroparks

Naturalist Kelly McGinnis and National Park Service Ranger Paul Motts for a two-part program on migrating amphibians. Part I will introduce the amphibians. Part II is an evening hike when migrating conditions are right.

7 - 9 p.m. BNC  
Register beginning  
February 25  
440-526-1012

#### Second Saturday Storytelling

Dynamic regional storyteller Kharinne Shinaul will delight you with her original tales. We will celebrate a few of March's special events from peanut butter lover's day to "Pi day" (Einstein's birthday.) Plan to stay for pie and other treats following the tale-telling.

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

History of Maple Sugaring  
(see page 2 for details)

#### Sunday

##### Sunday Bird Walk

Song sparrows singing, cardinals a calling and buzzards returning can only mean one thing ... spring is on it way!

Join us as we enjoy the beginnings of migration and celebrate those already setting up territories. Some binoculars will be available to borrow.

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

#### Amongst the Oaks

Have you noticed the oak trees and wondered what is going on? Join us as we discuss why the oaks in this area are dying and what it will mean to the forest. We will also discuss other threats to native trees and the possibility of bringing back some old friends.

1:30 - 3 p.m. NCR  
Strawberry Picnic Area  
parking lot  
Ages: adults  
Terrain: moderate, 2 - 3 miles

Frostville Pancake  
Breakfast  
(see 3/2 for details)

History of Maple Sugaring  
(see page 2 for details)

*Cuyahoga Astronomical Association*

The Messier Marathon involves viewing all 110 Messier objects in one night from sundown to sunup the next morning. This scramble for sightings may or may not involve interesting twists and turns. Join Erik Hall and other CAA members for an update on this interesting project.

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

**11 • Tuesday**

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Help us search for the first signs of early spring as we ramble up and down the hills of Hinckley.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. HiR  
Ledge Lake Trailhead

Ages: adults

Terrain: moderate, muddy,  
3 miles

440-526-1012

**12 • Wednesday**

Animal Crackers

Spring is just around the corner and many animals are beginning to have babies! Today we will learn about baby animals and how their parents care for them. We will also learn about what we should do when we see a baby animal. A short hike and craft will be included today.

10 - 11:15 a.m. or  
1 - 2:15 p.m. BNC

Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult  
Register beginning March 3  
440-526-1012

History & A Brown Bag  
Lunch - Grand Central

Join historian Hank Mallery for this documentary look at America's most famous train station, Grand Central Station in New York City!

Noon CWC

Monthly Meeting

*Northern Association of Herpetologists*

NOAH welcomes everyone to a fun and informative meeting. Learn more about reptiles through interesting speakers, members who bring in their animals to display are experienced in their care and happy

to answer your questions. Door prizes and refreshments are provided.

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

**13 • Thursday**

Walking after Work

With thanks to Daylight Saving Time, the sun is now shining bright after work. Stop by the nature center on your way home and join us for a brisk walk that is sure to get your heart pumping.

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

**14 • Friday**

Forest Hill Hike

Join a naturalist for an exploration of this park owned by the cities of Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland. Spring is poking its head out, come and take a look at the changes in the woods. Call to get directions to the meeting point.

2 - 4 p.m.

Forest Hill Park

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

Family Friday Night:  
March's Winter Melt

March is the month that's associated with the snow melting and of course, mud! Let's trek through some of the muck and discover the night life of North Chagrin Reservation. Dress appropriately for the weather.

6:30 - 8 p.m. NCNC

Terrain: mostly level, may be muddy, 1.5 - 2 miles

CanalWay CoffeeHouse

*An Irish Evening with Hank Mallery & Friends*

Join singer/songwriter Hank Mallery along with his friends Charlie Adams and Tim Beach for a great evening of Irish songs and laughter!

7:30 p.m. CWC

**15 • Saturday**

Plein Air Painting

The Impressionist painters of the 1800s began a radical new movement of painting "en plein air," or out in the open air. Stop by and observe how Plein Air artists create their masterpieces out in the midst of nature. Curious artists who would like to join the venture can bring their own supplies.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Ages: teens, adults

Books Alive:

*Miracles on Maple Hill*

The miracles of nature, especially maple sugaring will be brought to life through this moving Newberry Medal winning book by Virginia Sorensen. Reading the book beforehand is recommended.

1 - 3 p.m. RRR

Maple Grove Picnic Area

Ages: 7 - 14 years

Terrain: flat, may be muddy,  
snowy, icy

Register beginning March 1  
440-734-6660



16 Sunday

*Wild Walkabout*

Join a naturalist for a hike through beautiful South Chagrin Reservation.

9 a.m. - noon SCR Arboretum (off of Arbor Lane, between Hawthorn and Cannon)  
Terrain: rolling hills, 3 miles

*Birds and Coffee*

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

9 - 10 a.m. NCR Nature Education Building  
Ages: adults and families  
Register beginning March 3  
440-473-3370

*In Search of Spring*

Is winter really over? Let's go out on the trails and get a fresh whiff of spring as we go in search of the harbingers announcing its arrival. Wear sturdy footwear and dress appropriately for the weather.

1:30 - 4 p.m. NCNC  
Terrain: hills, steps, muddy  
3.5 - 4 miles

*Wet and Wild*

The Cuyahoga Valley has a large floodplain with interesting aquatic habitats. Join a naturalist to explore these habitats and see who is already active and about in early spring. Be sure to dress for the weather, especially warm, dry footwear!

2 p.m. CWC  
Register beginning March 3  
216-206-1000

*Leprechaun Hunt*

Join Naturalist Stacey Allen for a story about how the leprechauns gave us the trees. Then go on a short self-guided leprechaun hunt. You will be rewarded with gold!

2 - 3 p.m. GPNC  
Ages: 3 - 8 years  
Registration required  
216-341-3152



Come out and discover whether winter's grip has lessened its hold as we hike along Foster's Run. We will look for animal tracks, early amphibians and other signs of spring's approach.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. NCR  
A. B. Williams Memorial Woods parking lot  
Terrain: hill, muddy,  
2.5 miles

*Heritage Hobbies: Spinning*

Come learn to drop spindle the modern way! We will compare modern fibers with traditional fibers. Everyone will get a CD drop spindle, and several fibers to spin. During the first class, we will learn to spin. During the second class (3/29), we will learn to ply and finish the yarn, and try other fibers. No experience necessary.

1:30 - 4 p.m. GPNC  
Ages: 16 years and older and/or adults  
Fee: \$15  
Registration required  
216-341-3152

The Turkey Vulture:  
Buzzard, Bird-of-Prey,  
or Stork?

With the help of "Vern," our live Turkey Vulture, we'll explore the misconceptions and fascinating truths about this commonly misunderstood animal. Director of Wildlife, Dave Wolf, will explain how this animal suddenly changed ancestors. Not for the weak of stomach, but everyone welcome! Free program.

3 p.m. LENS  
440-871-2900

*Monthly Meeting*

*Cleveland Natural Science Club*  
Chery Hame, master gardener, will present "Attractive Landscape", showing how to use native plants to attract wildlife.

7:30 p.m. SCR  
Look About Lodge  
440-338-5744

History of Maple Sugaring  
(see page 2 for details)

*Annual Return  
of the Buzzards*  
(see page 3 for details)



Come to Look About Lodge for our monthly field seminar program. This month we will have a presentation by the Ohio Bluebird Society and then take a hike in our bluebird habitat.

2 - 5 p.m. SCR  
Look About Lodge  
Terrain: flat, may be muddy,  
1 mile

**Luck o' the Irish  
Concert in the Park**

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy its music. Guitarist Chris Ellicott and clarinetist Karen Dael, a.k.a. "Sunday in the Park," share a collection of Irish tunes. Every piece - whether a love song, folk song, dance, or pub song - tells a story about old Ireland and its people.

3 - 4 p.m. RRNC

**Frostville Pancake  
Breakfast**  
(see 3/2 for details)

*History of Maple Sugaring*  
(see page 2 for details)

*Buzzard Sunday!*  
(see page 3 for details)

**17 Monday**

**GREEN!**

Wear your green and go on a walk to look for green. Spring is already beginning to peek through. You never know what we might find hiding in the forest.

1 - 2 p.m. GPNC  
Ages: 2 - 4 years with adult  
Register beginning March 3  
216-341-3152

**Bird Watchers Primer**

Before you know it the migrant birds will be back ... are you ready? Join a naturalist for this review of the birds that you can expect to see this coming bird season. In this first of a three-part series (March 24 & 31 also) we will review bird field marks by looking at slides, reviewing songs and call notes, and discussing behavior and habitat that can help you identify these beautiful, yet tricky creatures who visit our wilds.

7 - 9 p.m. SCR  
Look About Lodge

**Bi-monthly Meeting**  
*Cleveland Metroparks  
Photography Club Southwest*

**Competition Night:** tonight's categories are "Green" and "Night." Visitors welcome.

7 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

**Bi-monthly Meeting**  
*Cleveland Metroparks  
Photography Club East*

**"Print Night - A Spring Fling"**  
Attention all you printers! Here's your opportunity to show off your spring nature prints to use in the season.

8 p.m. NCNC

**18 • Tuesday**

**Hiking for Homeschoolers**  
Join Naturalist John Miller to take a closer look at some common, rarely seen, fellow inhabitants of our world. We will use microscopes with magnifications from 20 to 400x. The program will include a short walk to collect samples.

1 - 2:30 p.m. BNC  
Ages: 6 - 12 years  
Terrain: moderate, steps,  
.5 mile  
Register beginning March 3  
440-526-1012

## 20 • Thursday

Hidden Valley  
Homeschoolers -  
Compass 101

Come and learn how a compass works, and learn to use this basic and very important tool for orientation. Be ready to go for a hike and find your way back using a compass. Dress appropriately for the weather and a one-mile hike.

10 a.m. CWC  
Ages: 7 - 13 years  
Register beginning March 3  
216-206-1000

### Homeschool Happenings

Join Naturalist Min Keung to learn about the wonders of maple sugaring. Go for a walk outside to look for maple trees and enjoy the sweet taste of maple syrup.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. RRNC  
Ages: 6 - 12 years  
Terrain: flat, may be muddy, snowy, and/or icy  
Register beginning March 1  
440-734-6660

Who is often awake now after having so many winter naps? Who is so hungry that he stuffs his cheeks with food? Discover fun things about this mystery mammal with activities, a craft and a walk.

10 - 11 a.m. or  
1 - 2 p.m. NCNC  
Ages: 4 years - K & adult  
Register March 3 - 17  
440-473-3370

### Wiggly Worms

Who is often awake now after having so many winter naps? Who is so hungry that he stuffs his cheeks with food? Discover fun things about this mystery mammal with activities, a craft and a walk.

10 - 11 a.m. or  
1 - 2 p.m. NCNC  
Ages: 3 years & adult  
Register March 3 - 17  
440-473-3370

### Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers: Swabbing Frogs

A deadly fungus is among us and it's killing our frogs. Help Naturalist Angelec Hillsman swab frogs to check if the fungus has reached our local frogs.

12:45 - 2:15 p.m. NCR  
Nature Education Building  
Ages: 6 - 12 years  
Register beginning March 3  
440-473-3370

### Youth Outdoors Volunteer Orientation

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

7 - 9 p.m. CWC  
Ages: adults  
Register by March 17  
216-206-1010

## Walking after Work

Join us for a brisk walk as we celebrate the very first day of spring. Not only will we help you get in your 30 minutes of exercise, but we will also provide you with beautiful scenery and an opportunity to see the first signs of spring.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. BeR  
Egbert Picnic Area  
216-341-3152

## Full Moon March

Enjoy a relaxing evening hike under the light of the full moon. We will listen for owls and other nightlife as we hike the trails of the North Chagrin Reservation.

6:45 - 8 p.m. NCR  
Strawberry Picnic Area  
parking lot  
Terrain: moderate, possible mud, 1.5 - 2 miles

## 21 • Friday

### Sprouts

Pre-schoolers and their favorite adults will love coming to Look About Lodge to learn more about ants. We'll hear a story, make a craft and go on a hike.

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or  
1 - 2 p.m. SCR  
Ages: 3 - pre-K with adult  
Registration required  
440-247-7075

### Movie Night: *Australia - Land Before Time*

Australia, the world's largest island and smallest continent, is an exotic, intriguing place shaped by its isolation from all other lands. From its unique wildlife to its varied habitats, Australia is a place of extremes.

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



photo by Jaime Lombardo



## 22 • Saturday

### Woodlands of Bedford: Sagamore Creek Tour

Enjoy a brisk walk on the uplands above Sagamore Creek to visit a beautiful waterfall with Volunteer Naturalist Fred Losi. Several excursions onto the floodplain are also promised where we will investigate the first signs of spring.

9 a.m. - noon BeR  
Alexander Rd. bike lot  
Terrain: rugged, moderate  
216-341-3152

### Monthly Morning with the Birds

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

9 a.m. - noon RRR  
Rocky River Nature Center  
parking lot  
Terrain: on-trail, some stairs,  
1.5 miles  
440-734-6660

One second they're here, the next they're gone. Birds don't sit still for portraits, but we will attempt to artistically capture our feathered friends on paper. We'll take a short hike outside, then go inside for some drawing!

10 a.m. - noon SCR  
Look About Lodge  
Ages: adults  
Registration required  
440-247-7075

### A Sampling of Amphibians

Join Naturalist Tim Krynak as we search for amphibians to sample for a park wide study. You will learn why this study is being conducted as well as becoming an active participant in the non-invasive sampling. Space is limited - please call for reservation.

1:30 - 3 p.m. NCR  
Strawberry Picnic Area  
parking lot  
Ages: adults and school age  
children  
Terrain: wet and muddy  
Register beginning March 1  
440-473-3370

### Young at Art: Beaks, Feathers, and Wings

Was your kid born with a pencil in hand? Does he/she love nature? We'll focus on capturing our feathered friends on paper inside, and do a little birdwatching outdoors!

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. SCR  
Look About Lodge  
Ages: 9 - 14 years  
Registration required  
440-247-7075

### Cinema Saturday Night: *Yosemite: The World's Most Spectacular Valley*

The magnificence of Yosemite National Park is expressed in many natural wonders: El Capitan and Half-dome mountains, Yosemite and Bridalveil Falls, the high sierra and the giant sequoia trees. Come see why Yosemite is one of America's most popular national parks. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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

## Leap Into Spring

The long winter is over and you're eager to leap into spring. Tonight, travel in search of spring peepers, and possibly wood frogs, the early announcers of spring.

8:30 - 10 p.m. NCR  
Strawberry Picnic Area  
parking lot  
Terrain: muddy, level, 2 miles

### Ranger Stable Tour

Stop in for an informal tour of the Rangers' stable in Hinckley Reservation. Find out how the horses are selected, how many we have and what their role is in law enforcement. Dress for the weather.

10 a.m. - noon HiR  
Ranger Stable (off Bellus  
Road, between Hinckley Hills  
and State roads in Hinckley  
Township)  
330-278-4691

## 24 • Monday

### Funday - Celebrate Spring

Brown, gray and white are winter colors. Now we are yearning for green. We will learn about some plants and animals that are green and go on a search to find some green items outside. Expect a story, activities and craft on this green adventure.

10 - 11:15 a.m. or  
1 - 2:15 p.m. RRNC  
Ages: 3 - 5 with adult  
Terrain: flat, a few steps,  
0.5 mile  
Register beginning March 5  
440-734-6660

### Bird Watchers Primer (see 3/17 for details)

## 25 Tuesday

### Hiking for the Young at Heart

We'll welcome spring by searching for the tell-tale signs as we hike through the pine stands along the bridge trail. Along the way we'll stop to see what is happening at a vernal pool.

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. BrR  
Brecksville Stables  
Ages: adults  
Terrain: moderate,  
2.5 - 3 miles  
440-526-1012



### Nature Walking for Exercise

Enjoy a walk through the forest and wetlands of Bradley Woods to discover signs of the beginning of spring with naturalist David Dvorak. Waterproof footwear is a must.

10 a.m. - noon BWR  
Codrington Shelterhouse  
Picnic Area  
Terrain: level, 3 miles  
Age: adults  
440-734-6660

### Spring Adventures Junior

Even if there is a little snow on the ground, the amphibians begin to move around. We will investigate the life cycle of salamanders, toads, and frogs, and hike to see if we can find any that have ventured out of their protective winter home.

1 - 3 p.m. BNC  
Ages: grades 2 - 3  
Register beginning March 3  
440-526-1012

### Woodcock Skydance Hike

If you have not witnessed the skydance of the woodcock, you must. Join a naturalist to hopefully experience the mating flight of the American woodcock.

7 - 8 p.m. SCR  
Jackson Field  
Terrain: flat, .5 mile

### Spring Camp (see 3/26 for details)

Need a remedy for your child's cabin fever? Celebrate spring's arrival at North Chagrin Nature Center, and discover frogs and other amphibians that will be dancing and singing in the wetlands of Northeast Ohio. Program includes activities and a craft.

1 - 2 p.m. NCNC  
Ages: 6 - 12 years  
Register beginning March 3  
440-473-3370

Funday - Celebrate Spring  
(see 3/24 for details)

## 26 Wednesday

### Spring Camp

Looking for something different to do on your Spring Break? Join us for two days of natural and historical adventure. Our activities will be determined by the March weather - we could be snow shoeing across Windy Ridge or catching salamanders during spring breeding - you never know what Cleveland weather will bring.

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. GPNC  
Ages: 9 - 12 years  
Register beginning March 3  
216-341-3152

### Walking in the Hidden Valley

Join Jo Ann Kubicki as we start up the Walking Works series for 2008. We will meet at CanalWay Visitor Center and head down the hill on the all purpose trail. Walking at a moderate pace we will stop along the way to explore what is coming awake on this spring day.

9:30 a.m. CWC  
Terrain: one hill, paved trail

### Stroller Science

Bring your lil' one out to hear a story about animals waking up for spring. Then, we'll go for a short walk to see if the same animals are beginning to wake up. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

10 - 11 a.m. NCNC  
Ages: under 3 years & adult  
Terrain: level, easy, .5 mile  
Register beginning March 3  
440-473-3370

### Drop in Discovery - Owls

Stop in for a hootin' good time while you learn about these nighttime dwellers. You will even have the opportunity to see a live owl up close this afternoon. A craft will be available for children to do.

2 - 4 p.m. BNC

### Wild Wednesday: Spring

What does it mean that spring is here? Do the plants and animals think that spring is here, or just humans that can read the calendar? Join Naturalist Stacey Allen for a hike looking for signs of spring in the forest.

4 - 5 p.m. BeR  
Egbert Picnic Area  
Ages: grades 1 - 3  
Register beginning March 3  
216-341-3152

### Winging It Through West Creek (see 3/5 for details)

## 27 Thursday

### Urban Explorations: Burke Lakefront Airport

Join Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak to learn about the history and workings of Burke Lakefront Airport, including the International Women's Air & Space Museum.

9:45 a.m.  
Burke Lakefront Airport  
Ages: adults  
Register beginning March 3  
216-206-1000

## 28 Friday

### Family Friday Night: Froggy Fun

Leap into an evening of fun with Naturalist Angelec Hillsman. She looks forward to sharing cool facts about our local frogs with you. Plus you will make a craft, play a game, and go for a walk to search for our moist friends with her.

6:30 - 8 p.m. NCNC  
Age: families  
Terrain: easy, level, .5 mile  
Register beginning March 3  
440-473-3370

Something is happening at Dragonfly Pond. The mysteries of the quiet waters will be revealed as the sky grows dark. Come and learn about the best-kept secrets of spring!

7 - 8:30 p.m. SCR  
Sledging Hill parking lot  
Terrain: flat, .5 miles

For Adults Only:   
Amphibians Part I

In this Year of the Frog, find out what makes frogs and other amphibians so special. You'll learn about their amazing physiology, identification characteristics, and role in the environment through hand-outs, multi-media presentation, and hands-on labs both in the classroom and in the field. Join Naturalist Debra Shankland for this two-night (March 29 also) program.

7 - 9 p.m. BNC  
Ages: adults  
Register beginning March 3  
440-526-1012

Peeper-palooza 

Explore the wetlands of the Hidden Valley for spring amphibians. We will look and listen for spring peepers, wood frogs and other spring amphibians. Be sure to dress for the weather, especially warm, dry footwear!

7:30 p.m. CWC  
Register beginning March 3  
216-206-1000

### 29 • Saturday

Extreme Hiking

Now that spring has officially begun, let's get out and hike the hills and valleys of Brecksville Reservation. Along our journey we may see some evidence that spring is underway in nature. Please wear appropriate footwear for wet trails.

noon - 4 p.m. BNC  
Terrain: slippery slopes,  
6 - 7 miles

Just the Basics -  
Vernal Pool Search

Vernal pools provide habitat for many salamanders and frogs. Join us for a hike in Bedford Reservation as we search for these unique, yet temporary bodies of water. Along our hike we will cover

the basics of vernal pool characteristics and the species that call them home.

1 - 2:30 p.m. BeR  
Hemlock Creek Picnic Area  
216-341-3152

Finding Frogs   
along Foster's Run

Take a leisurely hike up Fosters Run and along the bridle trail. We will check the vernal pools for frogs and salamanders already at their breeding pools.

1 - 2:30 p.m. NCR  
Wilson Mills Road  
parking lot  
Terrain: muddy, uphill,  
2 miles

Naturalists at the Pond

The ponds can be the most exciting place in the park this time of year! Naturalists Carly Martin and Tiffany Tarnowski will be at Dragonfly Pond this afternoon to help you explore and answer your questions. Dragonfly Pond is located on the paved path just a one minute walk from the sledging hill parking area. Stop by the pond anytime between times listed.

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. SCR  
Sledging Hill (Chagrin River Rd.)

The Boa Constrictor

Come ready to touch this "huggable" animal. Snakes are one of our most feared animals and, quite often, this reputation is undeserved. Gain a newfound respect for all snakes by attending this free program.

3 p.m. LENS  
440-871-2900

Hike for your Supper

Come to the Lodge on this evening and enjoy learning a little more about amphibians that may be awakening for spring. We'll all hike over to the pond to see and hear what creatures of spring greet us. When you call to register you will be assigned a food item to bring as your price of admission. When we return to the Lodge, we'll all enjoy a warm supper prepared by our volunteers.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. SCR  
Look About Lodge  
Register by March 27  
440-247-7075

The Rites of Spring

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

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

Survival Adventure -  
Heading West

Play the real "Survival Game". Pioneer families from "back east" in Connecticut decided to pack up and move to the rich new land of Ohio's Western Reserve. Tonight, your family will join the trek. Find out if you will survive the dangers faced on the trail.

7 - 8:30 p.m. RRNC  
Ages: families with school age children  
Registration required  
440-734-6660

For Adults Only:   
Amphibians Part II

During the second night of this Year of the Frog program, adults will continue to find out what makes frogs and other amphibians so special with Naturalist Debra Shankland.

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. BNC  
Ages: adults  
Register beginning March 3  
440-526-1012

Heritage Hobbies: Spinning  
(see 3/15 for details)

### 3 Sunday

Rocky River Important  
Bird Area Celebration

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society helps you learn about citizen science projects in which you can participate, including surveys of forest breeding birds, owls, plants, amphibians and more! Family crafts and short hourly presentations will round out our celebration of the Rocky River Important Bird Area.

1 - 4 p.m. RRNC

Foster's Run Hike

Join Naturalist Tim Krynak as we hike down Foster's Run only to turn around and hike back up! We will be searching

the pools for amphibian activity as we stretch out our legs along the way.

1:30 - 3 p.m. NCR  
A. B. Williams Memorial  
Woods  
Terrain: one long hill, 3 miles

Spring Book Review

Naturalist Joni Norris and the Rocky River Readers will review *American Chestnut* by Susan Freinkel. Ohio chestnut conservationist Dr. Joe Reardon will be our guest speaker. Join us for a wonderful book, a knowledgeable speaker, and a tree worth saving.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC  
Age: adults

Big Adventure Dog Walk

Have you and your dog spent too much time cooped up indoors? Spend Sunday afternoon on a big adventure together! You'll both get some great exercise and social contact on this naturalist-guided hike.

2 - 4:30 p.m. BNC  
Ages: adults, families  
Terrain: hilly, may be wet,  
4 miles  
Register beginning March 4  
440-526-1012

### 31 • Monday

Bird Watchers Primer  
(see 3/17 for details)

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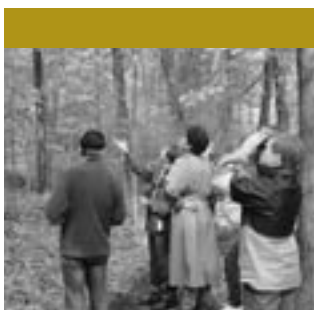
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