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Spend the Day Down at the Farm!

Farm & Garden Day

Saturday, May 17

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Free!

**Garfield Park Nature Center
Garfield Park Reservation
Garfield Hts.**

Garfield Park Nature Center invites you to spend the day down on the farm! At one time most of Garfield Park was farm land. And still today farming still touches all of our lives every day. Whether you have a herd of dairy cattle, or six tomato plants on your patio, there is something for everyone at this event.

We will have displays of live farm animals, antique and modern farm equipment, and about how we can all become productive "mini-farmers" on even the smallest city lot. There will also be demonstrations of spinning, sheep herding, and more!

Free children's hands-on activities and tasting stations will be going on all day. If your garden needs a scarecrow, be sure to bring some old clothes so you can build one here to take home to your garden.

Local vendors will have products available from local farms and items that you could use to enhance your gardens. Some items will be native plants and seeds, honey, and books.

11:30 a.m. Barb Holtz, Wild Ones president, "Gardening with the Earth in Mind"

12:30 p.m. Bob Kehres, Ohio Prairie Nursery, "Why and How to Plant a Rain Garden"

1:30 p.m. Marilou Suszko, Author, *Farms & Foods of Ohio: From Garden Gate to Dinner Plate*, followed by a book signing

So put on your jeans or overalls, jump on the hay wagon and spend the afternoon with us!

For further information please call 216-341-3152

Garfield Park Nature Center

is located off the Broadway Avenue entrance of Garfield Park Reservation in Garfield Heights - north of the I-480/Broadway Avenue exit.



Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

Stay cool this summer by taking the plunge at Ledge Pool & Recreation Area. The 2008 swimming season at Ledge Pool runs May 24 through August 17.

Daily fees to use the pool are \$4.50 - adults, \$3.50 - children, 6 to 11, and free for seniors, 62 & over and children, 5 & under.

“Learn-to-Swim” Programs -

Ledge Pool water safety instructors offer an American Red Cross “Learn-to-Swim” program for preschoolers and beginners to intermediate level swimmers. Classes meet ten times per session.

Morning swim classes:

- Session I - June 9 through 20
- Session II - July 14 through 25
- Session III - August 4 through 15

Evening swim classes:

- Session I - June 9 through July 9
(Monday & Wednesday evenings)
- Session II - July 15 through August 23
(Tuesday & Thursday evenings)

Parent & Child swim classes:

- June 14 through August 16



The fees are \$30 for season pass holders and \$50 for all others (per session). Registration for the “Learn-to-Swim” programs will be held pre-season during open House on May 17 or during regular pool hours starting Memorial Day weekend. Space is limited, so book your swimming lesson session today! For details, call 440-331-8635.

Pool Party Packages -

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

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

is located at 1151 Ledge Road in Hinckley Reservation, between State (Rt. 44) and Kellogg roads in Hinckley Township. To make reservations for the picnic areas, call 216-635-3200.

“OPEN HOUSE”



Join us on Saturday, May 17 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Ledge Pool & Recreation Area “Open House.” While enjoying complimentary refreshments and strolling the grounds, visitors can purchase season passes and sign up for swimming lessons. Visitors are invited to view the area’s attractions, including the heated 80- by 100-foot stainless steel pool, fishing along the Ledge Lake shore, picnic areas, volleyball and basketball courts.

The season passes cost \$70 for individuals, \$105 for families in the tax district, and \$135 for non-tax district families (two or more family members under 21 years of age residing at the same residence). The passes are good for unlimited use of the pool and area for the 2008 season.

For more information on season passes, swimming lessons, and other aquatic programs, call 440-331-8635 prior to Memorial Day weekend. Starting Memorial Day weekend, call 330-239-2911.

Or join us at the “Open House.”

Sacred Spots and Thin Places

Educated many years ago as a wildlife biologist turned university professor turned interpretive naturalist, I always considered myself a scientist at heart. I spent four winters radio-tracking American porcupines through the frozen - VERY frozen - forests of far northern Vermont, and in spring and summer, systematically collected small mammal, reptile and amphibian specimens which became state records for our Lamoille County, so little had it been scientifically mapped before. Summer and fall evenings I watched beavers at work, and learned much about their behavior and ecology. And always, I discovered that the harder I tried, the more I learned, I found the less I really knew.

Recently, an Episcopalian priest in England observed that western society has become so busy, so scheduled, so frenzied, that anything - anything at all - that causes us to slow down and breathe slowly and think about our surroundings is a spiritual event. I have come to believe that. We live in a society today in which we have to schedule appointments with ourselves in order to take time for a hike, or go fishing, or sit somewhere far away and watch a sunrise and sunset in the same day. When I was a freshman at Michigan State University many years ago, our sociology professors predicted a 32 hour work week by 1984, so blessed we were becoming with labor saving technology. Now, in 2008, we discover that the average American work week is closer to 50 hours, and growing. The technology that we thought would give us more leisure has served only to create the ability for faster throughput, faster reaction and turn around time, and more and more demand for our time.



In Celtic writings, there is talk (even today) of what they called “thin places,” special places where the physical world and the spiritual world meet, and the distance between them is very close. Latter day metaphysical scholars give the analogy of nested traffic cones, where they lie intimately close together, but never quite merge. Where is this all going, you might be asking by now?

The search for personal peace does not come from recreational shopping at the mall, where the quest for material goods must be continually fed by the next quest for the next new thing. Nor is it found at clubs, or banks,

or on the interstates. The discovery of those special places and times involves less emphasis on things, and far more thinking about us. No one goes to Public Square to find peace and renewal, nor do they find it in most any other built environment. Cleveland Metroparks shines as one of those very special places where “things” can be replaced by “you” and the spirit of you, who you were, who you are, and if you stay long enough,

and visit often, perhaps help you discover who you could become.

Cleveland Metroparks is full of those special “thin places” where spirituality drifts quietly across the physical world. Nearly all places in Cleveland Metroparks are pleasing to the eye, and many are quite quiet, but there are those special places.

“Thin places” cannot be mapped: like Sedona Arizona, they are places that speak individually to each of us. They are not discovered so much as they are recognized, the juxtaposition of

Naturalist's Almanac

May

trees and shrubs and vines and grasses and water and skyline that all say "this is a place you need to listen to." I cannot tell you where the thin places are, for mine speak differently to me than they would to you. They are reflections of who we are, and what we seek, and where we are on our life's journey.

Years of higher education never could have taught me about "thin places," I had to learn about them on my own. The more we learn, the more we realize that we don't really know all that much about the world around us at all. Unwrapping one layer only exposes another, and another, and another. The fields and forests are filled with mystery and magic, love and laughter, but you have to find them for yourself. May is the perfect month, filled with blue skies and warm rains, fresh grasses and unfolding leaves, and the calls of newly arrived feathered migrants. Come to the marsh deck at North Chagrin and watch the beavers teach their kits to swim. Poke along through the woods of Hinckley Reservation and find hills of wildflowers gracing your path. Find a place in Bedford Reservation where the soft sounds of water spilling across and down a half-dozen cataracts entices your ears. Be open to the natural world around you. When you hear the call, sit there a while and be part of it all. You've found a "thin place" for yourself.

Robert D. Hinkle, Ph.D.
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Week 1

Birds

In safe ponds, newly hatched wood ducklings, mallard ducklings and goslings follow their parents in fuzzy yellow armadas. Canada geese parents share raising the young with a behavior called "gang-brooding" where a single pair may watch as many as 30 goslings. Fortunately for the frazzled geese, the responsibility is soon shifted to another pair.

Mammals

Woodchucks seem to be everywhere along parkways and all purpose trail edges, already stuffing themselves with tender young grasses. Young woodchucks will venture forth with their mothers next month. Cleveland marks the boundary between the central (silver bellied) and eastern (red bellied) races of woodchucks. Are yours red or silver-bellied?

Wildflowers

May apple flowers should be blooming under their umbrella-like leaves by this weekend. Their apple-like fruit is poisonous through most of its growing period.

Shrubs

Redbud is in bloom.

Week 2

Birds

Hummingbirds, rose-breasted grosbeaks, nighthawks and chimney swifts should all be arriving this week or next.

The peak of warbler migration is likely to occur this week. Bird walks in the forests and fields are likely to turn up more birds than you ever knew existed! Many will soon be gone as they continue migration, while others "disappear" in the newly unfolding leaves of the treetops. Visit the Crane Creek Wildlife Refuge near Huron to see warblers at eye-level in migration.

Week 3

Birds

Wood thrushes and veerys return to fill our forests with their haunting flute-like calls each evening through the summer months. Baltimore orioles begin to look for elms to build their hanging nests.

Trees

Tall white flowers of Ohio buckeye stand in sharp contrast to the new green leaves in many places this week.

Apple trees and wild lilacs now in bloom may mark locations of old farmsteads long abandoned in the countryside

Amphibians

Green frogs call at mid-day. Their banjo-like "gunk-gunk" calls are easy to tell from the "jug-o-rum" calls of the larger, look-alike bullfrog.

Week 4

Birds

Many birds are in courtship and some have begun nest building and incubating eggs. Get up early this weekend and listen to the early morning chorus. Naturalists and Audubon groups lead free bird walks throughout our region and offer free and friendly advice in identification. Bluebird houses are sometimes appropriated by tree swallows, house wrens or chickadees. Though they're not bluebirds, each species is a beautiful addition to the world.

Wildflowers

Daisy fleabane, first and smallest of the summer daisies, begins to open its white blossoms this week. It was rumored to be used as an insect repellent when crushed or burned. Dame's rocket, also called "soapwort" adds its lavender and pink flowers to roadsides and stream banks.

Children's Fishing Derbies

Saturday, May 3

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

Sunday, May 4

**Wallace Lake
Mill Stream Run Reservation • Berea**

Fishing Sessions:

Ages 4 - 8 • 9 a.m. - noon

Ages 9 - 15 • 1 - 4 p.m.

Free!

Young anglers can "reel in the big one" at the Children's Fishing Derbies.

While learning the fishing basics, children can enjoy a day of free fishing fun and competing for prizes.

The children's fishing derbies are divided into age groups: kids, ages 4 to 8, can fish from 9 a.m. to noon, and ages 9 to 15 can participate from 1 to 4 p.m. Each session includes some fishing tips and techniques, and the fishing derby contests. There will be plenty of free coaching and fishing guidance from seasoned anglers for participants, too.

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

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

The derbies will hold day-of registration only.

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

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

Ohio & Erie Canal Fishing Area

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

Wallace Lake

▶ is located off Valley Parkway in Mill Stream Run Reservation, south of Bagley Road in Berea - west of the I-71/Bagley Road exit.

Kids for Conservation Series

Rocky River Nature Center

Fridays, May 9, 16, 23, 30 • 7 p.m.

If you're a nature lover, you're invited to the Kids for Conservation series. These presentations will educate children about our wonderful natural world. Through educational characters, children's songs and storytelling, kids and adults alike will leave these programs with a greater appreciation and understanding of our environment.

May 9 • Children's Nature Songs and Stories Concert

May 16 • Professor Horatio Habitat

May 23 • Willie of the Willows

May 30 • Dr. Wildweed

Complete program descriptions can be found starting on page 25 in the Events Calendar.

For more information, call 440-786-8530 or 440-734-6660.

Rocky River Nature Center

▶ Located in Rocky River Reservation at 24000 Valley Parkway in North Olmsted.

Save the Date

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

Summer Beach Party & Movie on the Beach - "The Great Outdoors"

Saturday, July 26

Huntington Beach • Huntington Reservation

Knee High Naturalists

Sunday, June 8

2 - 5 p.m. • Free!

Chagrin River Road Sledding Hill South Chagrin Reservation • Bentleyville



Most children want to explore and try new things, but often they are too young to enjoy the many offerings Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Education staff presents. Well, the “Knee High Naturalists”

event is a great opportunity to encourage children, ages 2 to 6, to touch, explore, play, learn, and more! For more information, call 440-247-7075.

Chagrin River Road Sledding Hill

Located at the corner of Chagrin River and Sulphur Springs roads in South Chagrin Reservation, just off Miles Road in Bentleyville..



Saturday, June 21

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Free!

CanalWay Center • Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation • Cuyahoga Hts.

Can you hear it? It's the clickety clack of the engine rolling down the railroad tracks back to CanalWay Center! Experience the sights and sounds of trains along the Ohio & Erie Canal. Spot trains that cross the bridge spanning the canal or check out the model train displays as they go rolling down the tracks. Children can create train crafts and ride the kids' train (for \$1), while the whole family can enjoy some toe-tapping live musical entertainment and a stroll along the hobo trail. For more information, call 216-206-1000.

CanalWay Center

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

Splash into Summer

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

Swimming

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

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

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

Boating

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

Fishing

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

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



Climb Aboard!

Take an Emerald Necklace Excursion

Saturday, June 7 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Cleveland Metroparks

Spend a day enjoying the beauty of Cleveland Metroparks from the comfort of a luxury coach. Vern Hartenburg, executive director, will lead a special tour of selected locations along the Rocky River. Emerald Necklace Excursions will

begin at Cleveland Metroparks Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation and feature Rocky River and Mill Stream Run reservations. Several stops and surprises will take place along the way including a special luncheon at Big Met Golf Course, and a demonstration by Cleveland Metroparks Ranger Department K-9 Unit.

Ticket prices are \$60 (\$18 is tax deductible); all proceeds benefit the Emerald Necklace Endowment Fund of The Cleveland Foundation that was established to preserve and protect Cleveland Metroparks for future generations.

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



Voyageur Canoe Paddle 2008

Come experience living history in Cleveland Metroparks as you climb aboard the voyageur canoe. This historical adventure begins as you help paddle a 34-foot canoe across local waterways, guided by characters depicting French Canadian voyageurs. As you step back in time, Jean Petit and his merry crew will share lively songs and tales of the fur trade era. This exciting program is an excellent opportunity for individuals, friends, and families to immerse themselves in the Great Lakes Fur Trade Era!



Each participant paddles this huge canoe on either Hinckley Lake or Wallace Lake. Plan ahead and schedule a one-hour trip with Cleveland Metroparks Voyageurs on the following dates:

Hinckley Lake • Hinckley Reservation

May 31 & June 1	September 20
July 5 & 6	October 4 & 5
August 23 & 24	October 18 & 19
September 6 & 7	

Wallace Lake • Mill Stream Run Reservation

June 21 & 22	August 16 & 17
July 19 & 20	

Shove off times are 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. each day. Each program is \$5 per person.

We welcome individuals, families and groups. The canoe can hold 18 people at a time. Life jackets, educational fun and a safe environment are provided.

All Voyageur Canoe Paddle programs require registration. Please call 440-786-8530 to secure a seat.

Ohio Horseman's Council Cuyahoga County Chapter



Love horses, the outdoors, friendly people? Want to learn more about horses and riding? Ohio Horseman's Council welcomes new members that fit this description. Experienced or inexperienced, young or seasoned, we join together to ride, learn and experience the joy of horses. Membership is open to those with interests in all breeds and disciplines from the backyard pet to the fine show horse, yet owning a horse is not required to be a member. Ohio has 58 county chapters of OHC.

We are dedicated to preserving our bridle trails by offering help and friendship to those who work so hard to care for our beautiful and beloved Cleveland Metroparks. We offer educational meetings, guided trail rides in the seven reservations with bridle trails (must have your own horse), clinics, statewide trail rides, picnics, trail training, trail maintenance, newsletter, fun and new friends who talk "horse."

Come join us! For more information: www.cuyahogacountyohc.com or call 330-650-4933.

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Biking the Back Roads 2008

If you enjoy cycling at a leisurely pace, then Biking the Back Roads might be for you. These tours are designed specifically for the casual rider who takes cycling seriously, but not at a race pace. Each ride includes short historical and nature lessons as we pass through gorgeous landscapes, parks, farmland and Ohio historic sites. Each ride is planned to circle back to our cars. We ride as a group to ensure safety and stop periodically for interpretive moments.

May 24 • Wabash Cannonball Trail - Metroparks Toledo Area -

This 30-mile ride will begin within the Oak Openings Preserve. We will make our way to the old Wabash Cannonball Railway converted to trail and then travel east on a paved trail to the Fallen Timbers Monument near Maumee, Ohio. Then we will hop on the South Fork of the Wabash Cannonball Trail and head southeast towards the little town of Whitehouse.

June 7 • Greenway Corridor Bikeway - Lake County

Located in Concord Township, Greenway Corridor Bikeway is a short paved path on the old Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. We will bike the 4.5-mile bikeway and head into the countryside to explore back roads of Lake County towards Madison. We will eat lunch at Hidden Valley Park and wind our way back to the Greenway Corridor, but not before checking out Paine Falls Park. (25 - 30 miles, hills)

July 19 • Mill Creek MetroParks Bikeway - Mahoning County

This picturesque bikeway will take us through the center of beautiful Mahoning County past nature preserves, a MetroParks farm and many historic remnants of the old Erie Railroad. Like the other rides, we will head off the Bikeway and explore the side roads. (25 - 30 miles)

August 16 • Kelley's Island/Johnson Island

We will tour Kelley's Island and get a clearer understanding of the importance this island had in U.S history, state history and Greater Cleveland history. After returning to the mainland we will cycle over to Johnson Island and learn what purpose it served during the Civil War. (25 - 30 miles) Ferry rates: \$14 and \$6 for bike (round trip)

September 13 • Lorain County - Tour of Parks

We will meet at Carlisle Reservation Visitors Center, proceeding to Indian Hollow Reservation. We will stop Caley National Wildlife Woods and enjoy this wetland habitat then eat lunch at Findley State Park. We will soak in the autumn countryside as we pedal our way back to Carlisle Reservation on the outskirts of Oberlin. (25 - 30 miles)

October 11 • Geauga County - Amish Ride

Join us on this annual 35-mile trek through Amish country as we pass by farms, fields and homes of these humble folk of faith. October is a perfect time to admire the changing colors of Geauga County. In keeping with our Amish bike ride tradition, we have planned to eat in an Amish home. Be ready for a wonderful belly-buster meal. Fee: \$15

* All rides scheduled from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information and to register for these rides, call Historical Interpreter Foster Brown at: 440-786-8530

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.

Beginners - An Introduction to Golf - 200 Series

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

Dates	Time	Number of Sessions	Location	Fee	Instructor
Thursday, May 1 - 22	11 a.m.	4	Shawnee Hills	\$100	Staker
Monday, May 5 - June 2	10 a.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Thursday, May 8 - June 5	6 p.m.	5	Washington	\$125	Raby
Monday, May 12 - June 9	6 p.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Thursday, May 22 - June 12	6 p.m.	4	Shawnee Hills	\$100	Staker
Monday, June 23 - July 14	10 a.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker
Monday, June 23 - July 14	6 p.m.	4	Washington	\$100	Staker

Beginners II

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

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

The Golf Swing - The Fundamentals - 500 Series

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

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

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

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

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

The Short Game - Putting and Chipping - 500 Series

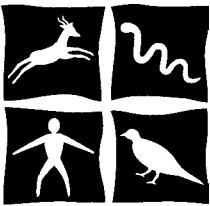
This session reviews basics of successful “around the green shots.” The class will provide general, fundamental and basic instruction that is useful for players of every skill level, gender and age. A maximum of 7 students per class. Call 440-942-2500 for more information.

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

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

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





**CLEVELAND
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Improving the future
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Hop on Down to the Zoo This Summer for Frogs, Hogs & Dogs



New Guinea singing dog

This summer's new attraction at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo promises you'll have a hopping, squealing, singing good time. "Frogs, Hogs & Dogs", presented by TCP, features unique species never before seen at the Zoo, including red river hogs, New Guinea singing dogs and dozens of eye-catching amphibians from around the world.

Frogs, Hogs & Dogs makes its big debut on Thursday, May 22 and remains open daily through Sunday, September 28. You'll find its new exhibits throughout the Zoo.

At the Pachyderm Building, a pair of wily red river hogs will take up residence, with access to indoor and outdoor quarters. Known for their striking reddish-brown coats, these hogs are considered the most stylish of all swine.

Over at Australian Adventure, a pack of young New Guinea singing dogs may be seen - and heard - in their spacious new yard. The crooning canines, known for their melodic howls, are believed to be extinct in their native Australia and are likely the oldest of all dog species - dating back to prehistoric times.



Panamanian golden frog

At various locations at The RainForest, Wolf Wilderness, Australian Adventure and the Exhibit Hall, dozens of frogs, toads and salamanders will be on display as part of the Zoo's Year of the Frog celebration. The new exhibits will feature rare amphibians such as Panamanian golden frogs, Puerto Rican crested toads, Vietnamese mossy frogs, blue poison dart frogs, Oriental fire-bellied toads, golden poison dart frogs, African clawed frogs and more. Also this summer, check out the Zoo's new A-Maze-Ing Amphibian Maze next to the Palava Hut Pavilion and our collection of frog sculptures, which were creatively decorated by local businesses, students and other frog supporters.




Red river hogs


photo courtesy of Bronx Zoo

So remember: Whether you prefer warty toads from Puerto Rico, portly pigs from Africa or crooning canines from the land Down Under, we've got something for everyone this summer at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo - open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with hours extended to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Tom O'Konowitz
Marketing & Public Relations Specialist

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 **TCP** presents *Frogs, Hogs & Dogs*

 **Children's Hospital**
Cleveland Clinic presents *the A-Maze-Ing Amphibian Maze*

Zoo News

International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 10
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Experience this annual migration sensation with a trip to the Zoo. Learn how many species of songbirds travel hundreds of miles from their winter ranges in Central and South America to return to northeast Ohio. Fun and educational activities will teach visitors about migration habits and bird conservation. Activities are free with regular Zoo admission.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11

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

International Plant Conservation Day

Sunday, May 18



The Zoo is home to rare plants from around the world

Join the Zoo in celebrating the importance of plants to people and the planet. The day will feature talks by local plant experts and an invasive plant pull on Zoo grounds. Visitors can participate in the plant pull from 9 to 11 a.m. and receive free admission to the Zoo that day. Participants should wear appropriate clothing and bring their own gloves.

For more information, call 216-635-2526.

TOUCH! & Butterfly Magic

May 22 - September 28

Whether gliding through water or floating in air, graceful creatures will abound this summer with the return of TOUCH! Amazing Rays & Sharks and Butterfly Magic. Back by popular demand, these engaging exhibits allow visitors the chance to touch stingrays and small sharks in a safe, controlled environment, and experience dozens of brightly colored butterflies amid the beauty of the Public Greenhouse.



See tropical butterflies of many species at Butterfly Magic

TOUCH! is only \$1 per person, in addition to regular Zoo admission, and free for Zoo members. Butterfly Magic is free with regular Zoo admission.

Professor Wylde's Animal Show

May 24 - September 28

A new character takes the stage this summer with the premier of Professor Wylde's Animal Show. From free-flying birds and fennec foxes, to a two-toed sloth and an African hedgehog, Professor Wylde's Animal Show is sure to entertain.

Professor Wylde gives "students" a fun look at how the Zoo designs exhibits for its animals and shares tips for doing little things at home to promote conservation.

The show runs daily at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Zoo's Amphitheater and is free with regular Zoo admission. Weekend shows run through the end of September.

Supported by Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital



FIFTH THIRD BANK **Fifth Third Bank proudly supports the summer season at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**

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

2008 Cleveland Metroparks Junior Golf Programs

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

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

Junior Clinics

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

Washington - Friday, June 13

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

Shawnee Hills - June 9 - 11

Sleepy Hollow - June 17 - 19

Manakiki - June 24 - 26



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

Summer Golf Leagues - Pee Wee

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

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



photo by Stephanie Wollman

Summer Golf Leagues - Cadet, Junior & Advanced

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



SUMMER GOLF CAMP FOR JUNIORS

Washington Golf Learning Center • Ages: 8 - 17

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

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

2008 Spring Tour Tournament Series of Golf

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

Four-player Scramble

Saturday, May 3

Tee times: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

Brecksville Reservation

440-526-4285

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

Two-player Scramble

Saturday, May 10

Tee Times: 10 a.m. - noon

Manakiki Golf Course

North Chagrin Reservation

440-942-2500

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

Two-player

Scramble/Better Ball Combo

Saturday, May 17

Tee times: 10 a.m. - noon

Big Met Golf Course, Rocky River Reservation

440-331-1070

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

Family 9-Hole Scramble

Saturday, June 7

Tee times start at 3 p.m.

Little Met

216-941-9672

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

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

Moonlight Golf

Friday, May 30 • 9:15 p.m.

Mastick Woods

216-26756-5626

Golfers challenge their night vision and play nine holes with a "Nitelite" golf ball - it glows in the dark! This month, a shotgun start at 9:15 p.m. takes players into a night world of golf, with glowing golf balls, tees and greens. Registration is required, and space is limited. The fee is \$20 per person. Players should plan on arriving 30 minutes before the listed start time.

Moonlight Golf continues on:

June 20 • Shawnee Hills Par 3 Golf Course • 9:30 p.m.

July 18 • Mastick Woods Golf Course • 9:15 p.m.

Aug. 15 • Shawnee Hills Par 3 Golf Course • 8:45 p.m.

Sept. 19 • Mastick Woods Golf Course • 7:45 p.m.

Oct. 10 • Little Met Golf Course • 7:15 p.m.

Hey Golfers!

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

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

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

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 lands which further participants' understanding of the ecology of North America, environmental problems and potential solutions.

Inclusive Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

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

Program Registration:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Kim Hinkle



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.

Registration Policy:

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

Program Fees:

All program fees must be paid upon registration.

A 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

Please register me for the following program(s):

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

Name: _____ Phone (day): _____
Address: _____ Phone (eve): _____
City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

***Payment Information: MasterCard/Visa/Discover**

Check

(Make checks payable to Cleveland Metroparks)

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

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
Card Verification # _____ Signature _____

Institute of the Great Outdoors

ESCAPES TO NATURE / EXTENDED TRIPS

Backpack Yosemite National Park

John Muir referred to Yosemite as “By far the grandest of all the special temples of nature I was ever permitted to enter.” This trip to California, designed for intermediate backpackers, offers a little bit of everything. Begin the week camping and enjoying ranger-led day hikes from Tuolumne Meadows while acclimating to the 8,570 foot altitude. Then strap on your backpacks and spend four days in the backcountry exploring areas such as Sunrise Lakes, Clouds Rest and Tenaya Lakes. The trip will loop back to Tuolumne Meadows and the group will be treated to a meal at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge. As the group travels back to Reno, visit a ghost town and enjoy a special visit to Mono Lake for an educational tour of this salty inland sea, home to brine shrimp, ancient limestone tufa towers and over 300 species of migratory birds. Registration begins April 1.

Ages: adult

Activity Level: moderate

Pre-trip Dates: May 27 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

June 19 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Ottawa Point, Brecksville Reservation

July 21 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Trip: August 16 - 23 • Yosemite National Park

Fee: \$575 (cost includes all camping permits and entrance fees, one evening dinner, transportation to and from Reno, NV, bear canister rentals, limited camping gear, experienced trip leaders and guides, educational materials, maps and one-night hotel stay in Reno.)

Maximum: 10

Instructors: Smith/Taylor

Year of the Frog: Bogs and Fens Day Trip

Come on an all day adventure to the bogs and fens of Portage and Geauga Counties. These unique habitats only exist because of the ongoing conservation efforts of a variety of natural resource agencies. Unique habitats attract unique animals and plants. We might see a spotted turtle, a four-toed salamander, leopard frogs, carnivorous pitcher plants or even poison sumac. This trip will help you compare and contrast the differences between a bog, fen, and freshwater wetland.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

Date/Time: June 28 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Look About Lodge

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

Maximum: 12

Instructors: Weirich/Dvorak

PERSONAL OUTDOOR SKILLS

Land Navigation I - Map & Compass Basics

Enjoy a day in the great outdoors learning how to use a topographic map and compass to navigate safely through forest and field. These skills make outdoor exploring fun and allow your backyard to become an area of exploration.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

Date/Time: May 10 • 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Mill Stream Run Reservation, Royalview Shelter

Fee: \$25

Instructor: DeRubertis

Maximum: 20

CPR/AED - Adult/Child/Infant

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

Ages: 16 and up (with participating adult)

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

Dates/Times: July 15 and 16 • 6 - 10 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

Fee: \$35

Maximum: 10

Instructor: Rosenthal

Fishing Basics for Youth

This family activity will get adults and children involved in a skill they can enjoy for years to come. Learn the basics for setting up fishing gear, baiting a hook, casting and safe techniques for catch and release fishing. We will provide everything you need and teach you how to get "hooked" on this relaxing and inexpensive sport.

Ages: 5 -15 years (with an attending adult)

Activity Level: easy

Dates/Time: June 14 • 10 a.m. - noon

Wallace Lake

Fee: \$5 (adults fishing must have valid Ohio Fishing License)

Maximum: 20

Instructor: Krynak

Introduction to Fly Fishing

This two-part class will teach you the basics of choosing and setting up fly fishing equipment, casting techniques, fish identification and river reading. Bring your own equipment or use ours. Learn new skills in the classroom then test them out with a day at Sunnybrook Trout Fishing Club. Lunch and equipment rental included.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

Dates/Time: June 18 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Garfield Park Nature Center

June 22 • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunnybrook Trout Club

Fee: \$150

Maximum: 6

Instructor: Grake

PADDLESPORTS (CANOEING & KAYAKING)

Canoe Floats

Join Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Education staff as we paddle and enjoy various local waterways. All necessary canoeing equipment is provided. You do not need a partner.

Ages: adults

Activity level: easy

Dates / Times: May 31 • 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Grand River Run (Harpersfield Dam to Happy Valley)

July 11 • 8 - 11:30 a.m.

Fifth Fabulous Firefly Float (Upper Cuyahoga River)

Fee: \$17.50

Friday Night Floats

Spend your Friday night in a kayak along LaDue Reservoir. Bring waterproof binoculars and search for eagles and ospreys while enjoying the serenity of being on the water. Equipment for kayaking included.

Ages: adults

Activity level: easy

Dates / Times: May 23 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

May 30 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

June 27 • 6:30 - 9 p.m.

LaDue Reservoir, Geauga County

Fee: \$20

Minimum/Maximum: 8 / 10

Kayak I: Kayaking Basics

Interested in learning to kayak but not sure where to start? Join IGO for this entry-level course to learn the basics for having fun and paddling safely on inland lakes and rivers. This on the water class includes all necessary kayaking equipment and will cover kayaking basics, boating safety, proper boat control and wet exits, so come prepared to get wet.

Ages: adults

Activity Level: easy

Date/Time: June 1 • 1 - 4 p.m. OR

July 8 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$40

Instructor: Bothel

Minimum/Maximum: 8/10

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Kayaking II: Fundamentals of Flat Water Kayaking

This is a comprehensive beginner program that covers the basic fundamentals of kayaking including 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

Date/Time: June 8 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$65

Maximum: 10

Instructor: Bothel

Canoeing I: Canoeing Basics

Discover the pleasure of cruising in-land waters by canoe. This program includes all necessary canoeing equipment and covers canoeing basics, boating safety and proper boat control. Participants may be required to complete a capsized drill. All canoeing equipment provided.

Ages: 16 and older

Activity Level: easy

Dates / Time: June 13 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$40 per person

Instructors: Neal

Canoeing II: Flat-water Fundamentals

This is an in-depth program on the art of canoeing. You will learn the essentials of canoe safety and fundamental flat-water paddling skills that will prepare you for daylong canoe trips to weeklong excursions. Participants will be required to complete a capsized drill and rescues.

Ages: 16 and older

Activity Level: moderate

Dates / Time: June 16 & 17 • 6 - 9 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$65 per person

Instructor(s): Neal

Adaptive Paddling Workshop

This course is designed for instructors, educators, outfitters, therapists, and other professionals who want to include persons with disabilities in their paddling programs. Start off with a review of paddling skills, risk management, ADA and other legal considerations; then work hands-on during lab and on-water sessions. Participants will learn how to adapt equipment and instruct novice paddlers with disabilities while applying these skills in a calm water setting. Upon successful completion of the workshop participants with current ACA certification can receive instructor update credit and an Adaptive Paddling Endorsement. Non-ACA instructors will receive a certificate of completion with an option to obtain ACA certification and upgrade to an Adaptive Paddling Endorsement within one year of the workshop. Please specify either the canoe or kayak instructor workshop when registering. Registration begins April 21.

Pre-requisite: Current ACA Instruction certification or completion of an ACA Introduction to Canoe/Kayak course within the past two (2) years, or demonstrated equivalent paddling skills.

Ages: adults

Activity level: moderate

Dates/Time/Location (All four days are required)

June 19 • 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hinckley Reservation

June 20 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. University of Akron Okasek Natatorium

June 21 • 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. University of Akron Okasek Natatorium

June 22 • 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$125 (includes textbook, use of adaptive equipment, boats and boating equipment).

Instructors: Mravetz, Rosenthal, King, MacDonald

Sponsored by: American Canoe Association, The University of Akron, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft

Minimum/Maximum: 8/18

CAMPING AND CANOEING

Great American Backyard Campout Weekend

Bring the family and camp in the backyard of Cleveland Metroparks during the Great American Backyard Campout weekend. Families across the country will be camping out this weekend as this national event encourages everyone to experience the fun of spending a night sleeping under the stars. Learn how to set up camp, how to prepare special knots for camping and much more. Take a hike with the family on Saturday, enjoy dinner and discover new, delicious s'mores recipes around the campfire Saturday night. Camping equipment, dinner and a light Sunday morning breakfast are included.

Dates/Time: June 28 • 10 a.m. - June 29, noon
Hinckley Reservation

Fee: \$25 - adults / \$10 - child (ages 5 - 15)

Maximum: 20

Instructor: Neal

Canoe the Clarion River

Canoe and camp along the Clarion River in Pennsylvania. Once believed to be the most polluted river in Pennsylvania, this river is now distinguished as a National Wild & Scenic River. Explore the natural beauty of virgin white pines, hemlock forests and other inspiring scenery while learning how to "rough it" comfortably. Registration begins April 1.

Prerequisite: Canoe I and Canoe II

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate to advanced

Pre-Trips: May 20 • 7 - 9 pm

Garfield Park Nature Center

May 27 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Hinckley Reservation

Trip: June 6 - 8 • Clarion River, PA

Fee: \$150

Maximum: 10

Instructors: DeRubertis/Neal

Canoe/Camp – The Massasauga

Located in the Ontario, Canada, Massasauga Provincial Park offers the canoe-camper a journey along tranquil waters. River otters, moose and yellow-billed cuckoos are just a few of the inhabitants seen during expeditions to the Massasauga. Enjoy fishing for bass, crappie and perch; taking hikes through bogs and marshes; and exploring the beauty and wildlife of Silver Lake and Clear Lake. Participants must provide their own meals, Canadian fishing license and transportation to Massasauga. Passports are not required. Registration begins April 21.

Prerequisite: Canoe I and Canoe II, or equivalent skills

Ages: adults

Activity Level: moderate

Pre-trips:

May 21 • 7 - 9 p.m. • Garfield Park Nature Center

June 11 • 7 - 9 p.m. • Hinckley Reservation

July 7 • 7 - 9 p.m. • Hinckley Reservation

Trip: July 27 - August 1

Fee: \$295 (includes canoes and paddling equipment, some camping equipment, permits, educational materials and instruction.)

Maximum: 10

Instructors: Brown/Smith



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Family Fun Fest!

Sunday, June 1
Noon - 4 p.m.

Join us for a day of fun at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. There will be activities for everyone, including the Great Rubber Duck Race, Radio Disney, bounce houses, nature crafts for all ages, carnival games and prizes, nature discovery hikes, animal programs, planetarium shows and more. This is a free event, although refreshments and some activities have a nominal cost. For more information, call 440-871-2900 or visit www.lensc.org.

Wild Summer Reading Camp Volunteers Needed!

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

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

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

Sizzling Summer Camps

Ages 5 - 13

Looking for something fun and new this summer? Boys and girls ages 5 - 13 will experience wildlife encounters, planetarium shows, beach walks, nature hikes, games, crafts, journaling and more this summer! Choose from a variety of adventures: Space Camp, Aquatic Adventures Camp, Amazing Animals Journeys Camp, KinderCamps, Nature Nuts, Girl Scout Back-to-Nature Camp and Language Camps. Camps take place June 2 - August 14. Call 440-871-2900 for more information.

Walter R. Schuele Planetarium Family Programs

Twinkle Tots

Thursdays & Saturdays • 11 a.m.
Fee: \$1 per person (including infants)

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

Stellar Stars

Wednesdays • 11 a.m. & Saturdays • noon
Fee: children \$2

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

Backyard Astronomy

Saturdays • 1 p.m.
Fee: \$2 per person

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

Spring Constellations

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 • 2 p.m.
Fee: \$2 per person
Saturdays, May 3 & 17 • 7 p.m.
Fee: \$3 per person

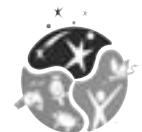
What do flowers, Leo, Virgo & Libra all have in common? You can see them all in spring!! This is a great time to start looking up, finding the Big Dipper, the North Star as well as Mars closing in on a Bee-Hive! Evening program on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in May includes telescope viewing after the show, weather permitting.



Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

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

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



Enjoy a Morning with Mom at EarthWords for Mother's Day

Bring your mom, grandmother or that special woman in your life for a tranquil and relaxing Mother's Day morning with EarthWords on Sunday, May 11 from 10:30 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Light Refreshments

Treat your mom to a peaceful breakfast surrounded by family, nature, soothing music, and tasty refreshments. She'll enjoy it much more than a rushed meal at a crowded, noisy, impersonal restaurant. We'll be serving muffins and crumb cake, Green Mountain shade-grown coffee, and Equal Exchange fair trade tea and cocoa to the serene sound of Naturescape music. Reservations are limited and will be taken for every half-hour between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

15% Off Sale!

Before or after enjoying your refreshments, take your time browsing all the new spring and summer products and apparel at EarthWords. All merchandise will be 15% off for everyone on Mother's Day only. Moms will also receive a coupon for 25% off one non-sale item at a future visit.

Nature Walks!

Enjoy the fresh spring air with a Nature Walk with a naturalist. Walks will be at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at each EarthWords location.

Souvenir Photos!

We'll take a photo of your family to give to mom and have it ready for you to take home as a sweet memory of Mother's Day 2008.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. \$1 fee. Place your reservation by calling the EarthWords at which you would like to attend.

EarthWords - CanalWay Center, Cuyahoga Heights – 216-206-1003

EarthWords - North Chagrin Nature Center, Mayfield Village – 440-449-0511

EarthWords – Rocky River Nature Center, North Olmsted – 440-734-7576

Mother's Day Gift Ideas

Reed Diffusers – Without flames or batteries, the willow reeds gently disperse their rich scent. \$15

Wildflower Mug – A beautiful white mug covered with colorful wildflowers. With every cup of tea or coffee, she'll think of you. \$7.50

And so much more!

Visit EarthWords at these Upcoming Events!

Farm & Garden Day – Saturday, May 17, Garfield Park Reservation

A Day with Dad at EarthWords – Father's Day, June 15. Craft stations to make something with Dad, hot dog lunch, pond-dipping with a naturalist, and Father's Day sale.

Train Day – Saturday, June 21, CanalWay Center



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CanalWay Center

Cuyahoga Heights
216-206-1003

North Chagrin Nature Center

Mayfield Village
440-449-0511

Rocky River Nature Center

North Olmsted
440-734-7576

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

Sunday
Noon - 4:45 p.m.

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

May Events by Location

Off-Site Programs

- 3 • Sneak a Peek at Dike 14 Nature Preserve
- 15 • Urban Explorations: The Alcazar
- 22 • Urban Explorations: *The Plain Dealer* Tiedeman Production & Distribution Center
- 22 • Forest Hill Hike
- 24 • Biking the Back Roads: Wabash Cannonball Trail
- 29 • Urban Explorations: Cleveland's Arcades

(BeR) Bedford Reservation

- 4 • Just the Basics - Wildflowers
- 10 • Woodlands of Bedford - Spring Wildflowers.
- 10 • Wildflowers of Bedford
- 13 • 27 • Walking After Work - Bedford
- 17 • Woodlands of Bedford: Nocturnal Bird Migration
- 22 • Nature Walking for Exercise
- 24 • Woodlands of Bedford - Spring Trek
- 24 • Bedford Blue

(BrR) Brecksville Reservation

- 6 • Bird or Bust: Warblers!
- 10 • Scout Service Day
- 20 • Bird or Bust: Warblers & Woodpeckers
- 24 • The Rocks of Chippewa Creek
- 27 • Bird or Bust: Station Road

(BNC) Brecksville Nature Center

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

- 4 • Help Stop the Invasion
- 7 • Animal Crackers
- 9 • After School Hike
- 16 • 17 • 24 • For Adults Only: Cuyahoga Watershed Tour
- 20 • Hiking for Homeschoolers - Wildflowers
- 24 • Spring Family Scavenger Hunt
- 27 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 31 • Extreme Hiking

(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 - 6/30 • Photo Display
- 3 • Camping Now & Then
- 10 • Let's go Fishing
- 10 • Second Saturday Storytelling
- 17 • Saturday Morning Superheroes - Episode 1: Iron Man
- 20 • Hidden Valley Homeschoolers - Fins and Gills
- 21 • Walking in the Hidden Valley - Harvard Gateway
- 22 • Youth Outdoors Volunteer Orientation
- 28 • History and a Brown Bag Lunch
- 30 • CanalWay CoffeeHouse - An Evening of Originals
- 31 • CanalWay Triple Play
Cleveland Astronomical Society
- 1 • Monthly Meeting

(ECR) Euclid Creek Reservation

- 21 • Trail Trackers and Wiggly Worms
- 21 • Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers

(GPNC) Garfield Park Nature Center

Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Broadway Ave. or Turney Rd. entrance,
Garfield Heights 216-341-3152

- 3 • Scout Service Day
- 6 • 20 • Walking After Work - Garfield Park
- 8 • Victory Gardens Remembered
- 11 • 22 • What Did You Do In the War, Grandma?
- 13 • Forest Investigations for Home Education - Amphibians 
- 17 • Farm & Garden Day
- 28 • Worms!
- 28 • Wild Wednesday: Trees

(HiR) Hinckley Reservation

- 10 • In Search of the West Virginia White Butterfly
- 11 • The Beauty of Spring
- 13 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 17 • Ledge Pool & Recreation Area "Open House"
- 18 • Worden Heritage Tour
- 31 • Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(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

- 10 • Leopard Gecko
- 24 • The Chinchilla

(MSRR) Mill Stream Run Reservation

- 28 • After Work Exploration
- 31 • Wildflower Dog Walk

(NCR) North Chagrin Reservation

- 3 • Five-Mile Hike
- 4 • It's Green Again
- 17 • Migration Bird Walk
- 18 • From Light to Darkness
- 20 • 22 • Stroller Science 
- 23 • Family Friday Night: Finding Frogs at Foster's Run 
- 25 • Spring has Sprung 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

- 1 • May Day Hike
- 9 • Family Friday Night: Spring Wildflowers
- 10 • Learn to Talk with Tussie-Mussies!
- 11 • Animal Mothers
- 16 • Friday Movie Night - The Trials of Life
- 18 • Green Hour Nature Club
- 24 • Evening Forest Hike and Campfire
- 26 • Hike the Holiday
- 30 • Family Friday Night: Plant Parts
Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club East
- 5 • 19 • Bi-monthly Meeting

(RRR) Rocky River Reservation

- 3 • 10 • 17 • Birding for Beginners
- 4 • 11 • 18 • 75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks
- 10 • Wildflower Delights
- 11 • Wildflower Walk
- 18 • Breakfast in the Park
- 24 • Wildflowers and Birds along the River
Olmsted Historical Society
- 17 • 18 • Frostville Trash 'n Treasure & Plant Sale
- 25 • Frostville Military Timeline

(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

- 3 • Photography Workshop
- 4 • Walk up to Fort Hill
- 4 • Sunday Funday - Animal babies
- 5 • 6 • Funday - Animal babies
- 8 • Home School Happenings
- 9 • 16 • 23 • 30 • Kids for Conservation Series
- 10 • Garlic Mustard Weedathon
- 13 • Mid-Day Chat
- 18 • Walk up Mt. Pleasant
- 24 • Cinema Saturday Night: Showdown at Grizzly River
- 25 • Nature a la Carte: Poison Ivy
- 25 • Spring Book Review
- 31 • Evening Walk and Campfire
Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club Southwest
- 5 • 19 • Bi-monthly Meeting
Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
- 6 • Monthly Meeting
Cuyahoga Astronomical Association
- 12 • Monthly meeting.
Northern Ohio Association of Herpetologists
- 14 • Monthly meeting.

(SCR) South Chagrin Reservation

Look About Lodge

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

- 4 • 11 • 18 • 75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks
- 8 • 15 • 22 • 29 • Spring Bird Hike
- 17 • Seekers of the Season: Vernal Venture 
- 18 • School of the Wilds: Amphibian Survey 
- 18 • Naturalist at the Rock
- 23 • Sprouts 
- 24 • Natural Expressions: Rocks and Water
- 24 • Young at Art: Tumble, Splash, and Flow
Cleveland Natural Science Club
- 17 • Monthly Meeting

(WCR) West Creek Reservation


- 7 • West Creek Wild
- 28 • Wings Over 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.

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.

May Events Calendar

Cleveland Metroparks Maps

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

1 • Thursday

Photo Display

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

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

May Day Hike

Join Naturalist Tim Krynak to welcome in the month of May and all the beauty it brings. This leisurely hike will focus on spring wildflowers and migratory birds.

1:30 - 3 p.m. NCNC

Ages: adults

Terrain: easy, 1 - 2 miles

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Astronomical Society

Dr. Donald Terndrup from The Ohio State University Department of Astronomy will speak on stellar rotation and stellar ages.

8 p.m. CWC

3 • Saturday

Sneak a Peek at Dike 14 Nature Preserve

Come to the Dike 14 Nature Preserve on Lake Erie and witness the bird migration and spring on the lake. This 88-acre nature preserve is only open to the public two times a year. Hikes will be every half hour.

7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Dike 14 (Gordon Park Marina parking lot where MLK Blvd. ends)
Terrain: mostly flat, 1 mile

Birding for Beginners

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

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

Photography Workshop

Members of Cleveland Metroparks Photography Club Southwest teach techniques for dynamic close-ups of spring flowers and improved landscape pictures (both film and digital.) Field experience follows classroom session. Bring your camera and owner's manual, tripod, and a lunch.

9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. RRNC
Age: adults, older students
Fee: \$20
Registration required
440-734-6660

Scout Service Day

Are you looking for a community service project? Would you like to learn more about invasive plants in this area? You can do both at Garfield Park Reservation. Register your group for one of the times listed below and we will help you organize a garlic mustard pull. We will provide your group with background

information on garlic mustard, appropriate training, and applicable permits.

10 a.m. - noon
or 2 - 4 p.m. GPNC
Registration required
216-341-3152

Camping Now & Then

Come compare and contrast modern day camping to camping in the early 1800s. We'll have two campgrounds set up side-by-side so you can come out and discover for yourself who was really roughing it.

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. CWC

Five-Mile Hike

May showers have awakened the forest. Join us to see what's stirring as we hike the reservation in search of spring surprises.

1 - 3:30 p.m. NCR
Squire's Castle Picnic Area parking lot
Terrain: moderate, muddy, 5 miles

4 • Sunday

Help Stop the Invasion

Garlic mustard is taking over. Join in the effort to fight back. Learn about these highly invasive plants and help by pulling them out.

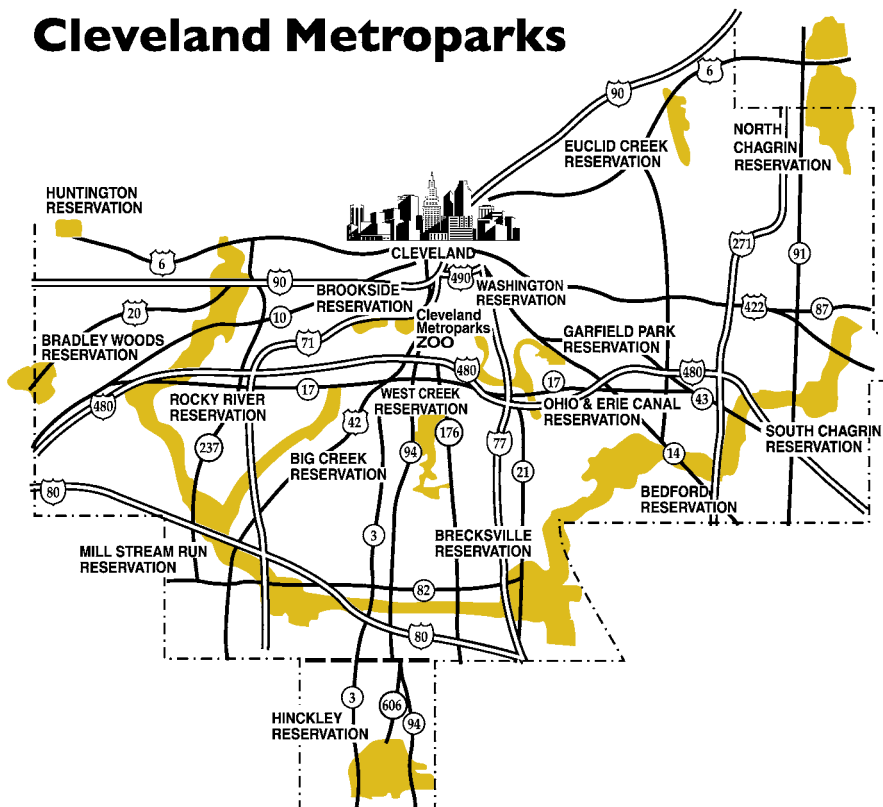
10 - 11:30 a.m. and
2 - 3:30 p.m. BNC
Terrain: hills, 1 mile
Register beginning April 28
440-526-1012

Just the Basics - Wildflowers

Have you ever wanted to sign up for a program, but hesitated because you thought you might not know enough about the subject? This time you have nothing to worry about. Join us for an introduction to spring wildflowers. We will start from the very beginning and cover 'just the basics.'

1 - 2 p.m. BeR
Hemlock Creek Picnic Area parking lot

Cleveland Metroparks



It's Green Again

The natural world is turning green again. Hike through the forest to enjoy the late spring wildflowers and new leaves.

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

Walk up to Fort Hill

Join Naturalist Min Keung to climb the stairs of Fort Hill. Explore the subtle mystery that the Native Americans left behind, and see a beautiful view of the Rocky River.

2 - 3:15 p.m. RRNC
Terrain: 135 steps, 2 miles

Sunday Funday - Animal Babies

Whether they come from eggs or their mommy's tummy, all animals began as babies. Let's investigate what they look like and how they grow up. We will take a walk to see if we can find some out in the woods or on the water.

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

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

(see page 9 for details)

5 • Monday

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

Bi-monthly Meeting

*Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club Southwest*

Join us tonight for a journey into the world of "Macro and Close-Up Photography" presented by club member Paul Goebel. Paul will demonstrate the gear and techniques required to achieve impres-

sive close-up photography results with your camera.

7 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Bi-monthly Meeting

*Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East*

The Color "Purple" - Purple is a royal color. Bring in a few of those regal images that show off nature's kingly color.

8 p.m. NCNC

6 • Tuesday

Bird or Bust: Warblers!

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield in a quest to find nesting warblers and newly-arrived neotropical migrants at the Station Road Trailhead in Brecksville Reservation. Binoculars required.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. BrR
Station Road parking lot
Ages: adults, older students
Terrain: mostly level, some
railroad tracks
Register by May 1
440-526-1012

Funday - Animal Babies

Let's search for ducklings and other baby animals and investigate how they live and grow through a story, craft and short walk.

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

Walking After Work - Garfield Park

Getting in the 30 minutes of recommended exercise is sometimes easier said than done, especially once you have gone home for the evening. Let us help. Stop by on your way home from work, and join us for a high-paced walk. We will provide walking buddies, beautiful scenery, and a convenient time and location.

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

Monthly Meeting

*Western Cuyahoga
Audubon Society*

The College of Wooster Biology Department Professor Sharon Lynn and Ohio Biological Survey's Dean Sheldon present tonight's program, "Blue COWS." Eastern bluebird trail

monitoring gives Wooster students insights into standard scientific research techniques.

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

7 • Wednesday

West Creek Wild

Discover the beauty and diversity of your "backyard" reservation on a pleasant spring hike with Naturalist Jen Brumfield. We'll seek out birds, butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies, salamanders and more. Mesh nets will be available to help us discover the underwater life.

9:30 - 11 a.m. WCR
Ages: adults, older students
Terrain: moderate, may be wet
216-341-9225

Animal Crackers

Spring is here and soon we can plant a garden. What should we do? Discover plant needs and seeds with Naturalist Debra Shankland. You and your little one will enjoy a story, hike, craft and more.

10 - 11:15 a.m. or
1 - 2:15 p.m. BNC
Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult
Terrain: stairs, on-trail
Register beginning April 28
440-526-1012

8 • Thursday

Spring Bird Hike

Join a naturalist for a hike to find more winged migrants.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field (along Chagrin River Rd. between Chagrin Blvd. and Jackson Rd.)
Terrain: flat, muddy, 1 mile

Home School Happenings

Discover how and why some birds migrate with Naturalist David Dvorak.

1:30 - 3 p.m. RRNC
Register beginning May 1
440-734-6660

Victory Gardens Remembered

The first time we had a campaign to "reduce, reuse, and recycle," and to "buy locally grown produce" was during World War II to support our troops overseas. Come discover how Clevelanders contributed to the war effort during the 1940s.

7 - 8:30 p.m. GPNC

9 • Friday

After School Hike

Looking for a way to burn off that after school energy? Naturalist Claudia Keating will lead a fun and educational hike to get the kids moving and learning about the forest ecosystem.

4 - 5 p.m. BNC
Ages: grades 1 - 3
Terrain: easy, stairs, 2 miles
Register beginning May 1
440-526-1012

Family Friday Night: Spring Wildflowers

Spring wildflowers only bloom for a short time. Enjoy a walk along the North Chagrin Reservation trails to explore these spring beauties. Then, return to the nature center to make a wildflower craft in time for Mother's Day.

7 - 8:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: families
Terrain: level, some hills,
1 mile

Kids for Conservation Series

*Children's Nature Songs and
Stories Concert*

Award-winning singer and songwriter Foster Brown will perform songs from his newest children's recording, *Songs From a Naturalist's Notebook*. This will be an evening of high energy sing-alongs and tales that encourage audience participation.

7 p.m. RRNC
440-786-8530 or 440-734-6660

10 • Saturday

Scout Service Day

Bring out your pack, den, or troop of scouts for a service project in Brecksville Reservation. Naturalist Pam Taylor will get your boy and girl scouts started on removing garlic mustard, an alien invasive, from our forest. Please call to reserve your time. Meeting location to be given upon registration.

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.,
11 a.m. - noon, 2 - 3 p.m.,
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. BrR
Register beginning April 21
440-526-1012

Let's go Fishing

If you have ever wondered what is so cool and fun about fishing, come and find out. All you need to bring is good listening skills, patience and your sense of adventure. Equipment provided.

10 - 11:30 a.m. CWC

Ages: 8 -14 years

216-206-1000

Garlic Mustard Weedathon

Bring your garden gloves and help us weed the unwelcome garlic mustard plant. This aggressive alien species has overpopulated some areas of Rocky River Reservation and is easy to pull at this time of year.

10 - 11:30 a.m. RRNC

Ages: 10 years - adults

Terrain: flat, easy

Registration required

440-734-6660

Woodlands of Bedford - Spring Wildflowers

Join Volunteer Naturalist Chuck Thomas for a visit to one of the best bluebell viewing areas in Ohio. We will encounter other spring wildflowers including trilliums, wild geraniums, violets and wild blue phlox. Bring your camera to capture the short-lived beauty of these plants.

10 a.m - 1 p.m. BeR

Hemlock Creek Picnic Area

Terrain: flat

216-341-3152

In Search of the West Virginia White Butterfly

Enjoy a hike through the spring woods as we search for this small white butterfly among the toothworts and other spring wildflowers. Help collect data that will be used to determine population status and discover what might be causing this butterfly's decline.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. HiR

Whipp's Ledges Picnic Area

Terrain: moderate, wet,

2 miles

Register beginning May 1

440-526-1012

Wildflowers of Bedford

Come see what's blooming in Bedford Reservation. The spring wildflowers should be at their peak. We will learn where some of their names came from, who uses these plants and if any of them have secret meanings.

1 - 3 p.m. BeR

Hemlock Picnic Area

Terrain: moderate, 1.5 miles

216-341-3152

Wildflower Delights

Enjoy the beauty of spring wildflowers in the Rocky River Valley with Naturalist David Dvorak. We will also look for spring migratory birds along the trails.

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

Cottonwood Picnic Area

Terrain: moderate, 2 miles

440-734-6660

Leopard Gecko

This colorful, bizarre looking creature is becoming more common in the pet trade. We'll talk about its skin, its predatory behavior, its tongue, and why you might see a tail-less gecko. Learn more about this lizard's fascinating life while enjoying a nose-to-nose look at it. Free program.

3 p.m. LENS

440-871-2900

Learn to Talk with Tussie-Mussies!

A tussie-mussie is a small bouquet of flowers that folks back in Victorian times would make and give to one another. Different flowers conveyed different meanings. Come out and make this delightful "nosegay" and learn about some of the colorful wildflowers surrounding North Chagrin Nature Center.

3 - 4:30 p.m. NCNC

Ages: adults, 12 years and up

Terrain: easy, mostly level,

1 mile

Fee: \$5

Register beginning May 1

440-473-3370

Second Saturday Storytelling

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month, and includes Mother's Day, Mother Goose Day and Memorial Day. Tonight's storytellers will share stories of mothers,

memorials and more. Join us for stories of some of May's many celebrations.

7:30 - 9 p.m. CWC

440-734-6660

Birding for Beginners

(see 5/3 for details)

11 • Sunday

Animal Mothers

Different animal mothers raise their young in a variety of ways. Discover how good parenting gives young animals a good start in life. We will take a hike around the marsh to look for animal families.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. NCNC

Terrain: easy, .5 - 1 mile

What Did You Do In the War, Grandma?

The answers to that question may surprise you! As we approach Memorial Day, come and discover some of the unique, creative and even secret ways in which women have served our country in times of war.

2 - 3:30 p.m. GPNC

The Beauty of Spring

The hills are alive with the colors of spring. Join Naturalist Kelly McGinnis as we hike the hills and valleys of Hinckley. We will admire the beautiful mosaic offered by the variety of spring wildflowers.

2 - 4 p.m. HiR

Hinckley Lake Boathouse

parking lot

Terrain: hills, 3 miles

440-526-1012

Wildflower Walk

Wildflowers make the Rocky River Valley very colorful in the spring. Many different kinds grow in this rich soil. Bring mom along and let's see what is blooming today.

2 - 3:15 p.m. RRR

Willow Bend Picnic Area

Ages: teens, adults

Terrain: level but mud possible,

1.25 miles

440-734-6660

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

(see 5/4 for details)

12 • Monday

Monthly Meeting

Cuyahoga Astronomical Association

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

13 • Tuesday

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Hinckley Reservation this spring morning as you hike. Spring wildflowers will grace the forest floor along our journey. Some areas may be wet, please wear appropriate footwear.

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

Hinckley Lake Boathouse

parking lot

Terrain: hills, 4 - 5 miles

440-526-1012

Mid-day Chat

Join Naturalist Min Keung to view her slides of Peru and the Galapagos Islands. The breathtaking view of Machu Picchu and the whimsical animals of the Galapagos Islands are sure to enchant.

Noon - 1 p.m. RRNC

Ages: adults

Forest Investigations for Home Education - Amphibians

Salamanders, frogs, and toads! Oh my! Don't miss out on this opportunity to explore the amphibian life cycle and the habitats in which they live. Come and meet some of the natives.

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

Ages: 6-8 & 9-12 years

Register beginning May 1

216-341-3152

Walking After Work - Bedford

Getting in the 30 minutes of recommended exercise is sometimes easier said than done, especially once you have gone home for the evening. Let us help. Stop by on your way home from work, and join us for a high-paced walk. We will provide walking buddies, beautiful scenery, and a convenient time and location.

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

Tinker's Creek Gorge Scenic

Overlook parking lot

216-341-3152

14 • Wednesday

Monthly Meeting

Northern Ohio
Association of Herpetologists
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

15 • Thursday

Spring Bird Hike

Join a naturalist for a hike to find more winged migrants.
8:30- 10:30 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field (along Chagrin River Rd. between Chagrin Blvd. and Jackson Rd.)
Terrain: flat, muddy, 1 mile

Urban Explorations: The Alcazar

Join Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak as the Alcazar staff leads a tour of their magnificent 1923 tribute to Spanish-Moorish architecture. This one-time hotel lies nestled in Cleveland Heights. Discover this rare gem listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Directions and map provided at time of registration.

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

16 • Friday

For Adults Only: Cuyahoga Watershed Tour Part I

Discover the Cuyahoga River watershed in this three-part (May 17 & 24 also) workshop. Learn about watersheds in general with discussion and hands-on activities. Learn about the natural and cultural history of this critical resource on the two Saturday field trips via a bus tour and short hikes. Participants must attend all three parts.

7 - 9 p.m. BNC
Ages: adults
Register beginning May 1
440-526-1012

Friday Movie Night -

The Trials of Life

Compared with the natural world's elaborate "buddy" system, humans are curiously detached. Come witness life in the coral reefs, the Galapagos Islands and other extraordinary places as we see how animals "relate" to one another.

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

Kids for Conservation Series

Professor Horatio Habitat

This wacky professor shares the importance of a healthy wildlife habitat through humor, song and audience participation. The four ingredients that ensure a stable habitat are explained and conservation efforts are depicted through a slide presentation.

7 p.m. RRNC
440-786-8530 or 440-734-6660

17 • Saturday

Migration Bird Walk

Neotropical jewels are winging their way through northern Ohio to breeding grounds to the north. Join Naturalist Tim Krynak as we spend a morning searching for these migrants on the trails, hills and ravines to and from our "swamp."

8 a.m. - noon NCR
Wilson Mills Road
parking lot
Ages: adults and teens
Terrain: hilly, 2 - 3 miles

Frostville Trash 'n Treasure & Plant Sale

Olmsted Historical Society

"Something for Everyone" can be found at Frostville Museum's annual spring sale! Trash 'n Treasure proceeds benefit the museum while proceeds from the Plant Sale benefit the Berea Animal Shelter.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. RRR
Red Events Barn
Frostville Museum
440-779-6184

Saturday Morning Superheroes

Episode 1: Iron Man

When Tony Stark puts on his suit of armor he becomes the superhero Iron Man. Like Iron Man, some animals also have protective suits of armor. Join Naturalist Ken Rosenthal to discover and learn about these animals.

10 a.m. CWC
Terrain: one hill, moderate,
1-1.5 miles
216-206-1000

Seekers of the Season: Vernal Venture

Come and take a peek at the rock walls and budding trees to see what spring wildlife we can encounter!

10 - 11:30 a.m. SCR
Quarry Rock Picnic Area
Terrain: difficult, 1 mile

Monthly Meeting

Cleveland Natural Science Club

Join Naturalist Wendy Weirich for a closer look at the interesting history of the Science Club.

All are welcome.
7:30 - 8:30 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge

Woodlands of Bedford: Nocturnal Bird Migration

The nearly full moon will provide an exceptional backdrop for the nighttime observation of spring bird migration. Bring your lawn chair and we will seat ourselves at the field's peak elevation. Alternate activities have been planned in case of bad weather. Space is limited.

8 - 10 p.m. BeR
Circle Emerald Field
Registration begins May 1
216-341-3152

For Adults Only: Cuyahoga Watershed Tour Part II

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. BNC
(see 5/16 for details)

Birding for Beginners

(see 5/3 for details)

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area "Open House"

(see page 3 for details)

Farm & Garden Day

(see page 2 for details)

18 • Sunday

Breakfast in the Park

Bring along your appetite and food contribution so our volunteer chefs can prepare a delicious breakfast while we stroll through the spring woods looking for flowers and brave critters.

9 - 11 a.m. RRR
Lagoon Picnic Area
Ages: families, adults
Terrain: level, mud and poison ivy possible, 1.25 miles
Registration required
440-734-6660

Naturalist at the Rock

Have you ever wondered about the story behind South Chagrin's Squaw Rock? A naturalist will be at Squaw Rock this afternoon to share the story and much more to anyone out for a walk along the Chagrin.

Noon - 2 p.m. SCR
Squaw Rock
Terrain: stairs, narrow trail

Green Hour Nature Club

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

1 - 3 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 8 - 15 years
Terrain: easy
Register beginning April 1
440-473-3370

Worden Heritage Tour

Hinckley Historical Society Curator Susan Batke will guide this tour of the Worden Homestead and Ledges to discover the fascinating history of the people who made their home here.

1 - 4 p.m. HiR
Terrain: hill, mud, 1 mile
440-526-1012

Walk up Mt. Pleasant

Join Naturalist Min Keung for a walk up to Mt. Pleasant to enjoy a lovely spring view. We will look for May flowers and enjoy the scenery!

2 - 3:15 p.m. RRNC
Terrain: Some stairs, may be muddy, 1.5 miles

School of the Wilds: Amphibian Survey

Naturalist Deb Marcinski will help us learn how to identify and document the variety of amphibians we have in the region. Come and learn how to get involved in the effort to judge the health of our wetlands.

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

From Light to Darkness

Let your eyes adapt gradually as night descends and the day comes to an end. You will enjoy listening to the birds settle down for the night and catch a glimpse of the almost full moon.

7:30 - 9 p.m. NCR
Strawberry Picnic Area parking lot
Terrain: slight hill, moderate, 2.5 miles

75th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

(see 5/4 for details)

Frostville Trash 'n Treasure & Plant Sale

Olmsted Historical Society
(see 5/17 for details)

19 • Monday

Bi-monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club Southwest

Join us tonight for a club competition. Visitors welcome.

7 - 9:30 p.m. RRNC

Bi-monthly Meeting

Cleveland Metroparks
Photography Club East

The Nature of...Bridges - Whether they are over troubled water or a babbling brook, spanning chasms great or small, bring in your best images of bridges in natural settings.

8 p.m. NCNC

20 • Tuesday

Bird or Bust: Warblers & Woodpeckers

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield in a quest to find nesting warblers, vireos, flycatchers, woodpeckers - and hopefully catch a good wave of migrating songbirds. Binoculars required.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. BrR
Station Road parking lot
Ages: adults, older students
Terrain: mostly level, some railroad tracks
Register by May 15
440-526-1012

Hidden Valley Homeschoolers

Fins and Gills

Learn about all the inner and outer workings of fish.

Afterwards we will go fishing. All you need to bring is your sense of adventure. Equipment provided.

10 - 11:30 a.m. or
1 - 2:30 p.m. CWC
Ages: 7 - 12 years
Register beginning May 1
216-206-1000

Stroller Science

They can be slimy and wet or bumpy and dry. Their very strong legs are built for hopping and crawling. Bring your little one out to explore North Chagrin Reservation as we go in search of frogs and their relatives. We will be turning over logs and getting dirty.

10 - 11:15 p.m. NCNC
Ages: under 3 years & adult
Terrain: could be muddy, dirt trails, .5 mile
Register beginning May 1
440-473-3370

Hiking for Homeschoolers - Wildflowers

Immerse yourself in the beauties of spring as you hike with Naturalist Pam Taylor. We are likely to find trout lily, trillium, mayapple, Jack-in-the-pulpit, and many more spring wildflowers blanketing the forest floor.

1 - 2:30 p.m. BNC
Terrain: hills, 1.5 miles
Register beginning May 1
440-526-1012

Walking After Work - Garfield Park

(see 5/6 for details)

21 • Wednesday

Walking in the Hidden Valley - Harvard Gateway

Discover what is blooming, singing and happening in the northern end of the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. We will make some stops along the walk to identify the spring flowers and migrating birds that we might see.

9:30 a.m. CWC
Harvard Gateway parking lot, off Old Harvard Road below the Harvard/Denison Bridge
Terrain: paved, 2 hills, possible dirt trail
216-206-1000

Trail Trackers and Wiggly Worms

Trail Trackers and Wiggly Worms are exploring Euclid Creek Reservation this month. Join us for creek exploration, games, activities and a snack. Please bring wettable shoes and a change of clothes for creek exploration.

1 - 2:30 p.m. ECR
Highland Picnic Area parking lot
Ages: 3 years - K and adult
Register May 1 - 18
440-473-3370

Outdoor Education for Homeschoolers

Spend the day exploring Euclid Creek Reservation. We will explore the creek, play games, make a craft and have a snack. Bring wettable shoes and a towel for creek exploration.

1 - 2:30 p.m. ECR
Highland Picnic Area parking lot
Ages: 6 - 12 years
Register May 1 - 18
440-473-3370

22 • Thursday

Spring Bird Hike

Join a naturalist for a hike to find more winged migrants.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field (along Chagrin River Rd. between Chagrin Blvd. and Jackson Rd.)
Terrain: flat, muddy, 1 mile

Nature Walking for Exercise

Enjoy a walk along Tinkers Creek to view late spring woodland wildflowers, then up the ridge to a field and prairie to view more sun loving flowers with Naturalist David Dvorak. Bring a lunch and beverage for after the hike.

9:30 a.m. - noon BeR
Hemlock Creek Picnic Area
Ages: adults
Terrain: hills, 3.5 miles
440-734-6660

Urban Explorations: The Plain Dealer - Tiedeman Production & Distribution Center

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak gets the scoop on how *The Plain Dealer* goes from electronic desktop to atop your desk. One-hour tour includes museum, newspaper

warehouse, paper stripping, presses and distribution. Directions given at time of registration.

1 p.m.
Ages: 8 years - adults
Register beginning May 1
216-206-1000

Forest Hill Hike

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

7 - 8:30 p.m. Forest Hill Park
Terrain: rolling hills, 3 miles
440-247-7075

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. This orientation provides information and insights about our program for potential volunteers.

7 - 9 p.m. CWC
Ages: adults
Register by May 19
216-206-1010

What Did You Do In the War, Grandma?

7 - 8:30 p.m. GPNC
(see 5/11 for details)

Stroller Science

(see 5/20 for details)

23 • Friday

Sprouts

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

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
or 1 - 2 p.m. SCR
Look About Lodge
Ages: 3 - pre-K with adult
Registration is required
440-247-7077

Family Friday Night: 
**Finding Frogs at
Foster's Run**

Foster's Run has become a hot spot for frogs, toads, and salamanders. Spend the evening searching out, identifying and counting the amphibians along Foster's Run.

7 - 8:30 p.m. NCR

Wilson Mills Road
parking lot

Terrain: uphill, muddy,
2 miles

**Kids for
Conservation Series**

Willie of the Willows

This "wetland wise" character brings the outdoors to you. Willie's favorite saying is: "Sit quietly, listen quietly and look quietly." He teaches the value of wetlands and the importance they hold in the present day. Willie captivates listeners through songs accompanied by banjo, stories and audience participation.

7 p.m. RRNC

440-786-8530 or 440-734-6660

24 • Saturday

**Wildflowers and Birds
along the River**

Stroll along the East Branch of the Rocky River with Naturalist David Dvorak to view wild hyacinth and other late spring flowers. Bring your binoculars if you would like to spot birds along the river like Baltimore orioles and yellow warblers.

10 a.m. - noon RRR

Willow Bend Picnic Area

Terrain: moderate, 2.5 miles
440-734-6660

**Spring Family
Scavenger Hunt**

Bring the family out for a morning of fun outdoors! Come test your nature knowledge with a scavenger hunt that is sure to challenge all ages, and then return to the nature center for refreshments and prizes.

10 a.m. - noon BNC

Terrain: steps, .5 mile

Register beginning May 1
440-526-1012

**Natural Expressions:
Rocks and Water**

Nothing is more picturesque than a river or a waterfall at the height of spring. Come and try your hand at capturing the rocks and water of Quarry Rock with a paintbrush!

10 a.m. - noon SCR

Quarry Rock Picnic Area

Ages: adults

Registration required
440-247-7075

**Woodlands of Bedford -
Spring Trek**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Chuck Thomas for a hike over a ridge with hemlocks and downward to the Tinkers Creek floodplain to visit wildflowers in this mature forested area. Pawpaw, violets, wild blue phlox, buttercups and Jack in the pulpit should be in bloom.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. BeR

Lost Meadows Picnic Area
(upper parking area)

Ages: adults

Terrain: hilly; some stream
crossings
216-341-3152

Bedford Blue

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

Noon - 4 p.m. BeR

Egbert Picnic Area
parking lot

Terrain: hills, 7 - 8 miles
216-341-3152

**The Rocks of
Chippewa Creek**

Join Naturalist Claudia Keating for an in-depth investigation of the rocks in and around Chippewa Creek. We will figure out how they got there and what they tell us about the area. Wear wettable shoes.

1:30 - 3 p.m. BrR

Plateau Picnic Area

Ages: adults, 12 & up with
adult

Terrain: wet, slippery, 3 miles
440-526-1012

**Young at Art: Tumble,
Splash, and Flow**

Young artists are invited to "splash" into spring as we attempt to paint the rocks and water of Quarry Rock. Be sure to dress appropriately for outdoor hiking and adventure as well as artistic fun!

2 - 4 p.m. SCR

Quarry Rock Picnic Area

Ages: 9 - 14 years

Registration required
440-247-7075

The Chinchilla

They're more than just coats! Come and visit with one of our most favorite classroom animals. Young and old alike will enjoy learning more about this fascinating animal. Free program.

3 p.m. LENS

440-871-2900

Cinema Saturday Night:

Showdown at Grizzly River

Following the comfortable six-month hibernation taken by the grizzly, the hunt is now on for salmon. The competition for food is fierce. This story of breathtaking beauty offers an insightful look at nature's giants. Doors open at 7 p.m.

7:30 - 9 p.m. RRNC

Ages: families with older
children, adults

**Evening Forest Hike
and Campfire**

Enjoy a hike through the forest as night settles, and nocturnal animals become active. Then relax around a crackling campfire and listen to a story or two as we roast marshmallows.

7:30 - 9 p.m. NCNC

Terrain: level, some hills,
2 miles

**For Adults Only: Cuyahoga
Watershed Tour Part III**

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. BNC

(see 5/16 for details)

Biking the Back Roads

(see page 10 for details)

**Swimming Season Begins
at Ledge Pool**

(see page 3 for details)

25 • Sunday

**Nature a la Carte:
Poison Ivy**

Looking for something to do with family and friends on a Sunday afternoon? Stop by Rocky River Nature Center and explore something special from the natural world. Learn how to identify the poison ivy plant so you can avoid it during your summertime outings.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC

Ages: families, adults

Spring Book Review

Join Naturalist Joni Norris and the Rocky River Readers to review *Grayson* by Lynne Cox. She recounts the story of an amazing encounter with a baby gray whale while long-distance swimming in the Pacific Ocean. Jane Goodall calls *Grayson* a powerful voice for conservation.

2 - 4 p.m. RRNC

Age: adults

Spring has Sprung Hike

Come and search for wildflowers and animal life on one of North Chagrin Reservations scenic trails. Some animals will be busy rearing young, and many spring wildflowers will be visible along the trail.

2 - 3:30 p.m. NCR

Strawberry Picnic Area
parking lot

Ages: adults

Terrain: muddy, some hills,
1.6 miles

**Frostville
Military Timeline**

Olmsted Historical Society

Visit Frostville Museum to honor our nation's war veterans. See military displays and reenactments. Food booth, store and houses will be open.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. RRR

Frostville Museum

440-779-6184

26 • Monday

Hike the Holiday

Bring the family to the park and hike this holiday. We will hike along a cool, wooded ravine, then return along a paved trail through newly green meadows.

1:30 - 3 p.m. NCNC

Terrain: slight hill, moderate
2.5 miles

27 • Tuesday

Bird or Bust: Station Road

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield in a quest to find nesting warblers, vireos, flycatchers, woodpeckers - and catch the region's last wave of migrating songbirds. Binoculars required.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. BrR
Station Road parking lot
Ages: adults, older students
Terrain, mostly level, some railroad tracks
Register by May 20
440-526-1012

Hiking for the Young at Heart

Join Naturalist John Miller for a meandering, but energizing hike through the beautiful and melodious spring woods.

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

Walking After Work - Bedford

(see 5/3 for details)

28 • Wednesday

Wings Over West Creek

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield in a quest to find migrating songbirds, dragonflies and damselflies, butterflies, and other winged delights in the wild woodlands and marshes of West Creek. We'll be on the lookout for reptiles and amphibians too - especially salamanders.

9 - 11 am. WCR
Ages: adults, older students
Terrain: moderate, some small hills & wet ground
216-341-9225

Worms!

Come see what life is like for a worm. They are slimy, fun and twice as smart as many other animals (since they have two brains) and we will explore their world. We will dig in the dirt, crawl on our bellies and more.

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

History & a Brown Bag Lunch

Join Historical Interpreter Hank Mallery as we explore the *Hidden History of Boston* through this History Channel documentary.

Noon CWC

Wild Wednesday: Trees

Aren't all trees the same? How can I tell one tree from another? Come learn a couple of tips for telling the differences between them. How does a tree work? What does it do? There may be more to a tree than you think.

4 - 5 p.m. GPNC
Ages: grades 2 - 4
Register beginning May 1
216-341-3152

After Work Exploration

Relieve the day's stress by immersing yourself in the beauty and tranquility offered by nature. Bring a friend or make a new one as we hike alongside the Rocky River.

6:30 - 8 p.m. MSRR
Pawpaw Picnic Area
Terrain: flat, easy, 2 miles
440-526-1012

29 • Thursday

Spring Bird Hike

Join a naturalist for a hike to find more winged migrants.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m. SCR
Jackson Field (along Chagrin River Rd. between Chagrin Blvd. and Jackson Rd.)
Terrain: flat, muddy, 1 mile

Urban Explorations: Cleveland's Arcades

Join Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak for an exploration of downtown Cleveland's arcades: the Old Arcade, Colonial Arcade, and Euclid Arcade. We'll stroll through a part of Cleveland's grand past en route to understanding their role in Cleveland today. Meeting place and details will be sent in confirmation letter.

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

30 • Friday

Family Friday Night: Plant Parts

Hungry? Did you eat your five daily servings of stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, or roots? We'll use tasty table vegetables to learn about the different parts of plants and their functions.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. NCNC
Ages: 8 years & under and adult
Register beginning May 1
440-473-3370

CanalWay CoffeeHouse

An Evening of Originals

Scott Teodorski from Cumberland Gap, TN, and Chuck DeCroix from Mammoth Cave, KY, return to join Hank Mallery for a great evening of acoustic music. These three have been writing and playing songs together since they all met in the summer of 1990 as park rangers at Mammoth Cave National Park. Special guests this evening will include Mike Chipchak, Dennis Veverka and Levi Mallery.

7:30 p.m. CWC

Kids for Conservation Series

Dr. Wildweed

Come see this old-time herbalist as he shares stories and folklore remedies of common plants that most of us call weeds. Dr. Wildweed says, "Every plant has a purpose, every plant has a story" as he brings to life the plant world by sharing fun legends and tales, and plays the fiddle.

7 p.m. RRNC
440-786-8530 or
440-734-6660

31 • Saturday

Wildflower Dog Walk

Go ahead - bring along the family dog on this naturalist-led wildflower walk. Find out about late-season wildflowers while your dog gets a positive social experience.

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. MSRR
Pawpaw Picnic Area
Terrain: paved and unpaved,
2 miles
Register beginning May 6
440-526-1012

CanalWay Triple Play

Come out for all three or feel free to join us at one of the times listed. Hank and Pepe will provide you with three great programs in a row. We'll begin at 10:30 a.m. with songs with Hank followed by a 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 ...! Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

10:30 a.m. CWC

Voyageur Canoe Paddle

(see page 8 for details)

Extreme Hiking

Spend the afternoon hiking with Naturalist Pam Taylor over hill and valley in Brecksville Reservation. We may catch a glimpse of the last remaining spring wildflowers along the trail. Trails may be wet in the valley.

noon - 4 p.m. BNC
Terrain: hills, 9 miles
440-526-1012

Evening Walk and Campfire

First, we will stroll through the woods as dusk settles searching for daytime animals as they prepare for sleep. Then we will enjoy a campfire, listen to a story, sing a song and roast a marshmallow or two.

7 - 8:30 p.m. RRNC
Terrain: fairly level but mud likely, 1.5 miles

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Cleveland, OH 44144
clevelandmetroparks.com

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216-635-3211

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216-635-3214

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216-635-3258

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4600 Valley Parkway
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3900 Wildlife Way
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216-635-3330

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216-661-6500, ext. 4421

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4811 Valley Parkway
Rocky River Reservation
Fairview Park 440-331-1070

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

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18599 Old Lorain Road
Rocky River Reservation
Cleveland 216-941-9672

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outdoor Education

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Institute of the Great Outdoors
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440-786-8530

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West Creek Reservation
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Youth Outdoors
216-206-1010

Outdoor Education Facilities

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Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
Cuyahoga Heights 216-206-1000

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

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

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

Rocky River Nature Center
24000 Valley Parkway
Rocky River Reservation
North Olmsted 440-734-6660

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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

Look About Lodge
Miles Rd., east of Rt. 91
South Chagrin Reservation
440-247-7075

NatureTracks Education Unit
216-341-1707

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center
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Bay Village 440-871-WILD

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Rocky River Reservation
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Hinckley Boathouse
West Drive, Hinckley Lake
Hinckley Reservation
Hinckley Township
330-278-3132

Wallace Lake
Off Valley Parkway,
south of Bagley Road
Mill Stream Run Reservation, Berea
Quarry Rock Café

Winter Recreation

216-635-3200

Chalet/Tobogganing
Mill Stream Run Reservation
Strongsville 440-572-9990

Swimming

440-331-8111
Hotline 216-635-3383

Hinckley Lake
Hinckley Reservation
Hinckley Township

Huntington Beach
Huntington Reservation
Bay Village

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area
Hinckley Reservation
Hinckley Township
Ledge Rock Café

Wallace Lake
Mill Stream Run Reservation
Berea
Quarry Rock Café

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Brecksville Historical Society
Brecksville Reservation 440-526-7165

Brecksville Stables
Brecksville Reservation 440-526-6767
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Brilla House
Slavic Village Development
Mill Creek Falls
Garfield Park Reservation 216-429-1182,
ext. 116

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South Chagrin Reservation 216-635-3200

Cleveland Archery Club
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www.huntingtonplayhouse.com

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www.olmstedhistoricalsociety.org

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