



Cleveland Metroparks®

# EMERALD NECKLACE®

APRIL Program Guide 2019

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50 years later

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**TIME TO  
EXPLORE**  
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## A LETTER FROM BRIAN ZIMMERMAN



### Signs of Spring throughout Cleveland Metroparks

The arrival of spring each year is a special time for Cleveland Metroparks. The sudden emergence of spring wildflowers often coincides with a rise in walkers, bikers and hikers exploring our trails. Golfers get back to the tee boxes. Over in Brookside Reservation the cherry blossoms bloom. At the Zoo, giraffes, rhinos, elephants and other warmer inclined animals return to their outdoor habitats. In our reservations, amphibians migrate from the forests to vernal pools. And all around us the Emerald Necklace turns green again.

This spring we have several new additions that will help better connect you with the natural world around us. A new half-mile natural surface trail in West Creek Reservation opening this month will offer a great new uphill hike with a real payoff at the top. The Lookout Ridge Trail is family-friendly and leads to an overlook with a unique view of the skyline of Cleveland.

If you're looking to get out in nature, our Spring Bird Walk series in April and May offers a chance to see migratory birds return or travel through our parks towards their summer breeding grounds. The walks are led by experienced birders and participants and help contribute to our understanding of local bird populations. For those interested in celebrating Earth Day, check out our Party for the Planet event April 20 at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Next month we'll be kicking off our popular Edgewater LIVE and Euclid Beach LIVE concert series. This year the free live concert series at Euclid Beach Park will have an added amenity with the Euclid Beach Pier, a brand new 300-foot pier that also serves as an ode to the past. At Edgewater, make sure you check out the new Edgewater Nature Shop and Book Box, a mini-library that was created in partnership with Cleveland Public Library. One of our priorities is to provide real opportunities for people to connect with Lake Erie and we've seen record visitation to our lakefront parks over the past few years. I hope this is our best summer yet.

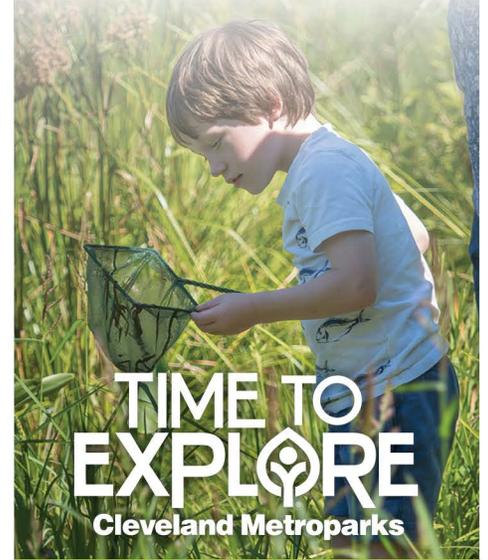
The golf season is officially in "full swing." For seasoned golfers, Manakiki in Willoughby and Sleepy Hollow in Brecksville rank among the top public courses in Ohio. But each of our eight golf courses offers something unique – from the beautiful 9-hole Washington Golf Course minutes from downtown to the renovated Seneca Golf Course that sits at the highest point in Cuyahoga County. If you're looking to hit the greens this year, I encourage you to explore a new course and see what we're all about.

If you're looking to catch the ephemeral wildflowers this spring, make sure you take a look at [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) for upcoming free naturalist-guided hikes. Or, of course, venture out on your own – there's always something new to explore in your Cleveland Metroparks.

As we look ahead toward summer, stay tuned for news on several special events across the Park District. We'll also be offering special discounts on golf and zoo admission the weekend of June 21 as part of Destination Cleveland's #VisitMeInCLE weekend.

See you in the park.

Brian Zimmerman  
Cleveland Metroparks CEO



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# Leave Your Legacy on Cleveland Metroparks

**Y**our legacy is not only what you leave to the world, but also what you give to the world. When you make a planned gift to Cleveland Metroparks, you create your personal legacy. Whether it is protecting wetland habitat, helping a child experience nature or building a new trail, your gift will directly impact Cleveland Metroparks.

Charitable donations such as planned gifts help preserve and protect the Emerald Necklace every day. For example, a gift from the estate of an avid hiker in Rocky River Reservation supports ongoing maintenance of the trails that he cherished every day. Another recent gift from the estate of an educator helped to build the Brecksville Trailside Program Center to provide nature-based programs for people of all ages. And, a generous planned gift from a bridle trail user will support several equestrian projects.

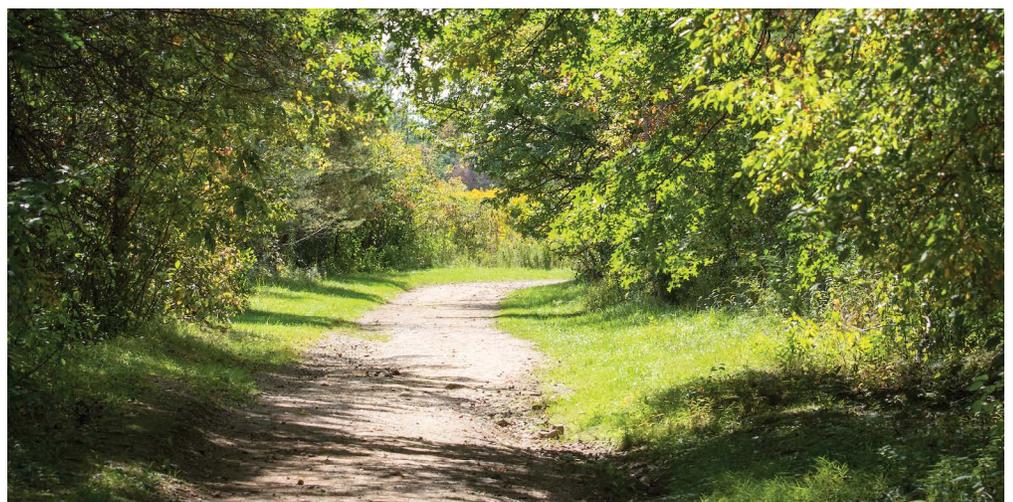
One of the easiest ways to plan your legacy is through a bequest in a will. Bequests may be added to an existing

will or part of a new document. You can name a specific amount of your gift or a percentage of your estate to benefit the program or place in Cleveland Metroparks that is most meaningful to you.

Planned gifts offer a wide range of financial advantages to donors and their heirs. However, for many people the most important benefit is the sense of peace and comfort in knowing their

legacy will live on in Cleveland Metroparks.

For more information on planning your gift to Cleveland Metroparks, including sample bequest language, please contact Karen Kannenberg, Principal Giving Director, at 216-635-3217 or [kjk@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:kjk@clevelandmetroparks.com). Additional information is also available at [clevelandmetroparks.com/donate](https://clevelandmetroparks.com/donate). All inquiries are confidential.



# Spring Safety Tips from Cleveland Metroparks Rangers



Ranger divisions include the bike patrol team, mounted unit, K-9 unit, marine patrol unit, as well as on foot, all-terrain vehicles and plainclothed patrols.

As you take time to explore the Park District this spring, Cleveland Metroparks Rangers want to ensure your park visit is safe and enjoyable.

As temperatures warm up, Cleveland Metroparks Ranger Department will be increasing visibility along the lakefront to enhance security and service to park guests. Ranger divisions include the bike patrol team, mounted unit, K-9 unit, marine patrol unit, as well as on foot, all-terrain vehicles and plainclothed patrols. In addition to their law enforcement duties while on-site, Cleveland Metroparks Rangers are there as a resource for answering questions and assisting guests.

If you decide to hit the trails, it's always a

good idea to take your phone with you in case of an emergency and stay hydrated. When you're away from your vehicle make sure to keep your vehicles locked and do not leave valuables in plain sight.

As more bicyclists begin to enjoy the trails and roadways in the warmer months, Cleveland Metroparks Rangers are reminding bicyclists and motorists that roadways are shared use under Ohio Law. For bicyclists using the roadway stay as far to the right as possible and be aware of motorists also enjoying the roadways. Motorists should also be cautious when passing bicyclists on roadways. Under Ohio Law, motorists passing bicyclists need to allow for at least three feet of distance when passing.

If you need assistance or want to submit a tip, it's now easier than ever to reach Cleveland Metroparks Rangers. Select 'Rangers' at the top of [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) and click to call or submit a tip. Park visitors are encouraged to participate in the national "If you see something, say something" campaign by paying attention to surroundings and reporting suspicious activities.

Numbers to call if you need assistance:



- For injuries or medical response call 9-1-1
- For emergencies within the Park District call 440-333-4911
- For information or non-emergencies call 440-331-5530



## Spring

**April** signals spring's vibrant colors to the forest floor. Spring wildflowers bloom and are pollinated before the leaves of trees fall. Soon to bloom are the yellow of trout lilies amid the whites of squirrel corn and Dutchman's breeches. By the end of the month the color display will be at its peak; white and red trillium will come into bloom and the trees will begin to shade the forest floor, shifting the wildflower's energy to seed production. Sweet songs of neotropical migrant birds along with the first waves of warblers, vireos, flycatchers and thrushes can be heard as they make their journey north—some resting briefly in Ohio. Shorebirds migrating from as far south as Argentina stop at local mudflats to refuel on invertebrates before continuing to the tundra of Canada. Orioles, grosbeaks, tanagers and others return to local Ohio where they begin their nesting cycle. Beneath the forest floor, amphibians spring to life. The early rush to vernal pools is replaced with the prolonged breeding season of leopard and pickerel frogs and American toads. Female American toads are notorious egg layers, laying up to 15,000 eggs per female in a long-coiled string often extending over 10 meters in length. Their tadpoles will develop quickly and emerge as toadlets before the end of summer.

**May** provides the best show of nature's daily changes of flora and fauna. Leaves are rapidly growing, migrant birds are searching for small insects to fuel their journeys and wildflowers' sweet nectar begins drawing beetles, flies, bees and ants. Blankets of Virginia bluebells and wild hyacinth can be viewed along a river in a floodplain forest, but come and go so quickly that they're easily missed. By mid-May oaks, which are one of the last trees to sprout new leaves, are now in full bloom. Their drooping catkins produce a great deal of pollen dispersed on the wind, attracting various insects and songbirds feasting on pollen covered insects. Sunny afternoons bring green darners in wetlands; early in the month they are likely migrants from the south spreading northward on southerly breezes. Mother's Day is the perfect time to view goslings, ducklings and fawns. Waves of songbirds fill Cleveland Metroparks with flute-like sounds, providing the opportunity to see blackburnian warblers and wood thrush as they head further north. Nocturnal migration of some birds can be so impressive that they can be seen on the weather radar.



**June** is full of glorious biodiversity as spring transitions to warmer summer days. The focus of flowers shifts from woodlands to wetlands with amphibians and insects bringing them to life. Water lilies floating on the surface provide a place for dragonflies to rest. Along the edges the purples of native pickerelweed are where pollinating butterflies can be found. Common carp begin to thrash along shorelines of Lake Isaac and the lower reaches of the Rocky River as they spawn and lay eggs in warm shallow water. Snapping turtles and painted turtles can be seen traveling from their wetland homes in search of a warm, open area to lay eggs, the temperature of the nest will determine the hatchling's sex. Green frogs' banjo-like "twang" can now be heard in evenings near any permanent body of water throughout Cleveland Metroparks. Songs of nesting birds fill the woodlands and the meadows. Flute-like calls of wood thrushes echo and hooded warblers, red-eyed vireos, ovenbirds and scarlet tanagers are setting up territories to begin nest building within the rich beech-maple forests. Sycamore-laden riversides are alive with cerulean and yellow-throated warblers, Baltimore orioles, blue-gray gnatcatchers and rose-breasted grosbeaks. Spring migration tapers off with northbound warblers, vireos and thrushes moving on warm nighttime winds.

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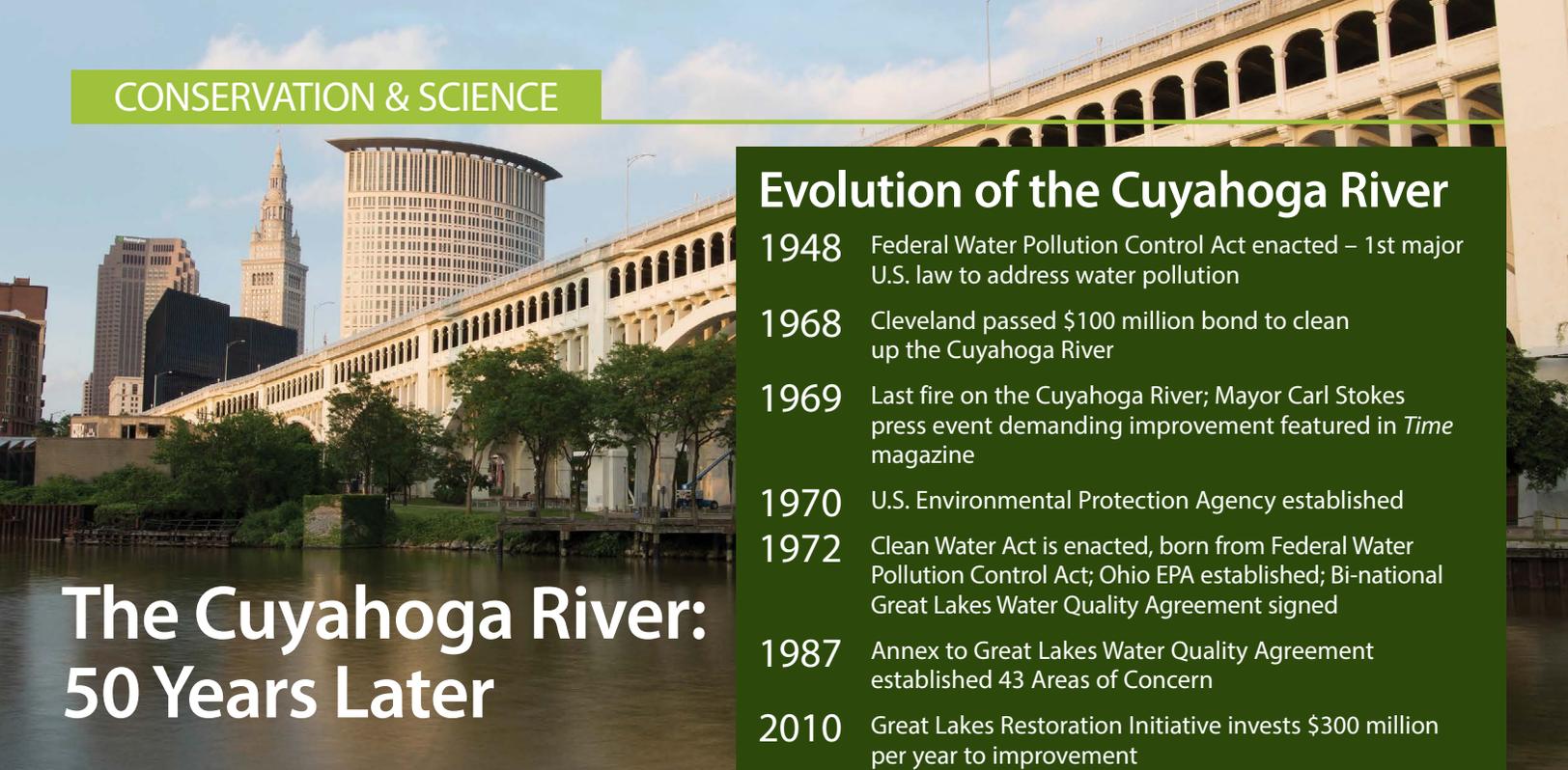
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# The Cuyahoga River: 50 Years Later

## Evolution of the Cuyahoga River

- 1948** Federal Water Pollution Control Act enacted – 1st major U.S. law to address water pollution
- 1968** Cleveland passed \$100 million bond to clean up the Cuyahoga River
- 1969** Last fire on the Cuyahoga River; Mayor Carl Stokes press event demanding improvement featured in *Time* magazine
- 1970** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established
- 1972** Clean Water Act is enacted, born from Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Ohio EPA established; Bi-national Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement signed
- 1987** Annex to Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement established 43 Areas of Concern
- 2010** Great Lakes Restoration Initiative invests \$300 million per year to improvement

**A**s Cleveland prepares to celebrate the recovery of the Cuyahoga River this summer, wildlife and native plants give testimony to the benefits of clean water. Today, Clevelanders seek to explore and experience riverside trails, events, restaurants and water-based recreation. In the warmer months, kayaks, racing sculls, tour boats and other watercraft are seen navigating the river. Year-round, the Cuyahoga River is a driver of industry.

### From Pollution to Recovery

Today's flourishing river tells a story of resilience and 50 years of collaborative work to transform the Cuyahoga River from a national illustration of pollution to a thriving regional asset.

The Cuyahoga River was among several rivers that notably caught fire in the late 1960s, including the Rouge River in Detroit and Buffalo River in Buffalo. The path to recovery was almost as meandering as our beloved Crooked River. Federal laws and local investments eventually charted the course to recovery.

In 1987, the Cuyahoga River was listed among four Areas of Concern for the state of Ohio because it failed to support aquatic life or beneficial uses including public access. These deficiencies were labelled Beneficial Use Impairments (BUI).

A review of the Cuyahoga River resulted in 10 of 14 possible BUIs.

Public and private stakeholders partnered with the shared mission of cleaning up the former 'Burning River.' Through significant efforts to build awareness, education and action, the water quality in the Cuyahoga River began to improve.

### Scranton Flats Transformation

A recent example is the Scranton Flats that transformed a location containing industrial debris into 2,800 feet of natural streambank, two acres of fish habitat, and nine acres of upland meadow habitat featuring native wildflowers, as well as connecting a portion of the Towpath Trail. From a fish-eye view the project, which opened in 2014, has been wildly successful. Between 2010 and 2016, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) surveyed fish at the site and documented 37 species in 11 families, including ten sunfish species, largemouth and smallmouth bass, yellow perch, flathead catfish, and two species of redhorse suckers (golden and shorthead).

Access to the river has also improved over time, with more structured recreation offered in addition to an increase in passive recreation activities such as birding, and opportunities to tour the river, including aboard Cleveland Metroparks eLCee2 Water Taxi.

The future remains strong for our river. The Cuyahoga Area of Concern Advisory Committee, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), and other regional partners including Cleveland Metroparks are working together to remove BUIs on the Cuyahoga and related tributaries.

In January 2019, the fish consumption BUI was removed signaling that consumption restrictions are no greater than nearby lake waters. This is the third BUI removed in the last three years; aesthetics and public access were removed in 2017. In addition, Ohio EPA is leading efforts to remove the canal diversion and gorge dams to restore free flowing conditions to the river.

### Watershed Volunteer Program

While there is much more to accomplish, the recovery and reinvigoration of the Cuyahoga River watershed will continue through the ongoing effort of many agencies and public support! If you are interested in learning how you can get involved, check out the Watershed Volunteer Program at [clevelandmetroparks.com/volunteer](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/volunteer).

Learn more about the evolution of the Cuyahoga River from Cleveland Metroparks historical interpreter Doug Kusak at Music Box Supper Club on May 29. Visit [musicboxcle.com/event/doug-kusak](http://musicboxcle.com/event/doug-kusak)

# Spring into Action at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo



**T**emperatures are warming and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo has wonderful experiences for you and your family to enjoy this spring.

## African Savanna

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's warm habitats spring to life this season giving you the chance to visit some of your favorite animals outdoors. The African Savanna destination offers opportunities to visit giraffes and rhinos. Giraffes can be viewed from the Ben Gogolick Giraffe Encounter deck when temperatures are 50 degrees and higher. Enjoy an up-close encounter and the opportunity to hand-feed 17-foot tall giraffes. Check in on Eastern black rhinoceros babies Lulu and Nia and their parents at the Rhino Deck.

Take a trip down under at Australian Adventure. See kangaroos and wallabies roam, feed the lorikeets, or enjoy a camel ride beginning in early May.

## Celebrate Mom & Dad

If you are looking for a great way to celebrate mom and dad, treat them to a free day at the Zoo for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Each parent enjoys free admission on their respective day courtesy of Wayside Furniture!

## Party for the Planet

Don't miss Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's exciting Earth Day event, Party for the Planet! Visit Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Saturday, April 20 beginning at 10 a.m. for a daylong conservation celebration. Meet animal keepers, view animal enrichment demonstrations, enjoy a dance party and experience hands-on activities to help connect with the natural world.

## KeyBank ZooKeys

Stay tuned for the newest KeyBank ZooKey and unlock your adventure! The new edition, coming in spring, will feature a lion and can be used in more than two dozen designated boxes throughout the Zoo to unlock animal specific educational messages.

Visit Cleveland Metroparks Zoo this spring and explore all of the ways you can join Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's conservation community and help secure a future for wildlife.



## SATURDAY • APRIL 13

### Cleveland Metroparks Waterfall Bus Tour

Join Naturalist Debra Shankland on a tour of Cleveland Metroparks largest waterfalls, as spring showers bring peak flows to these scenic and celebrated waterfalls. This tour will be punctuated with short walks.

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. GPR

GPC parking lot

Age: adults

Fee: \$55 (includes lunch)

Terrain: hard trail surfaces, stairs, 2 miles total

 Register by phone or [online](#)

February 28 – April 2

[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

## THURSDAY • APRIL 25

### April Birding Blitz

Witness raptor and songbird migration along the Lake Erie coastline and interior marshes with Naturalist Jen Brumfield. Join us for a big day of birding to see hawks, eagles, owls, waterfowl and more.

7 a.m. – 5 p.m. RRNC

Rocky River Nature Center parking lot

Fee: \$75 (includes lunch)

Terrain: mostly flat, limited walking

 [Register online](#) beginning April 8

[440-734-6660](tel:440-734-6660)

## FRIDAY • MAY 3

### Remains To Be Seen: Mills

In the 1800s saw/grist mills were as common as today's gas stations and drugstores.

Join historian Judy MacKeigan on a tour to several sites of mill remains within Cleveland Metroparks. Our final stop will be a tour of Fowler's Mill, a working mill and store.

8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. CWC

CanalWay Center parking lot

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

Terrain: stairs, moderate hill, paved, less than one mile.

 [Register online](#) March 20 – April 26

[216-954-3402](tel:216-954-3402)

## THURSDAY • MAY 9

### Warbler Workshop

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield for a full day's course on songbird identification visiting top regional hot spots for warblers, vireos, thrushes, flycatchers, sparrows and more.

7 a.m. – 5 p.m. RRNC

Rocky River Nature Center parking lot

Fee: \$80 (includes lunch)

Terrain: mostly flat, 2 miles

 [Register online](#) beginning April 10

[440-734-6660](tel:440-734-6660)

## FRIDAY • MAY 10

### Beech Creek: Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve

Join us on a botanical adventure. We'll explore several different styles of gardens, stop by the visitor center and walk along the hiking trail. Their Art in Bloom event with spring flowers and an art exhibit will be taking place during our visit. We'll enjoy a picnic lunch surrounded by nature.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CWC

Age: adults

Fee: \$ 66 (includes lunch & admission)

Terrain: paved, natural surface, 1 - 2 miles

 [Register online](#) April 1 – May 3

[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

## SATURDAY • MAY 11

### Spring at Spiegel Grove

Tour the elegant 31-room Victorian mansion of 19th President Rutherford B. Hayes and Lucy Hayes. Visit the recently renovated museum and library and enjoy the beautifully landscaped 25-acre grounds.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CWC

Age: adults

Fee: \$75 (includes lunch and admission)

Terrain: paved, stairs, standing, 1 mile

 Register by phone or [online](#)

beginning April 1

[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

## FRIDAY • MAY 17

### Native Gardens of Cleveland Metroparks Bus Tour

Native gardens are a beautiful way to support our wildlife. Join us on a tour of the feature gardens in Cleveland Metroparks for inspiration and ideas, and enjoy three native plants to take home.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. NCNC

Age: adults

Fee: \$65 (includes lunch and three native plants)

Terrain: mostly flat, up to 1 mile

 [Register online](#) April 22 – May 4

[440-473-3370](tel:440-473-3370)

## SATURDAY • MAY 18

### Farm Fresh Bus Tour

Agriculture is Ohio's largest industry, so farm methods matter. Visit some local farms, meet the people that grow our food, and discover the differences in labels like "natural," "organic," "conventional," "sustainable" and more. Lunch is guaranteed to be "farm fresh"!

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. WCR

WSC parking lot

Age: adults

Fee: \$60 (includes lunch)

Terrain: short walks, gravel may be muddy, some stairs, 0.5 mile

 [Register online](#) or by phone

April 1 – May 2

[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

## SATURDAY • JUNE 1

### Lakefront Look-Outs

Northeast Ohio is home to several scenic views of Lake Erie. Bring your camera along as we visit Lake Erie Bluffs Observation Tower, Painesville Township Park Pier, Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve, Kenneth J. Sims Park Pier, Euclid Beach Pier, and Edgewater Park Pier, all must-see destinations.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CWC

Age: adults

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

Terrain: paved, natural surface, stairs, hills, 2 miles

 Register by phone or [online](#)

beginning April 1

[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

## THURSDAY • JUNE 6

### Barn Owls and Buggies

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield for a special visit to Amish Country on a quest to see Barn Owls at a private Amish farm. We'll cherish the rare opportunity and then enjoy birding at local scenic hot spots.

7 a.m. – 5 p.m. RRNC

Rocky River Nature Center parking lot

Fee: \$80 (includes lunch)

Terrain: mostly flat, natural surface, 2 miles

 [Register online](#) beginning

April 29

[440-734-6660](tel:440-734-6660)

## SUNDAY • JUNE 30

### Lighthouse Tour

We'll travel along Lake Erie's western coast to visit three historic lighthouses. We'll explore the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes, travel by boat to explore another and learn each lighthouse's unique history along the way.

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. CWC

Age: adults

Fee: \$110 (includes lunch, boat fee and admission)

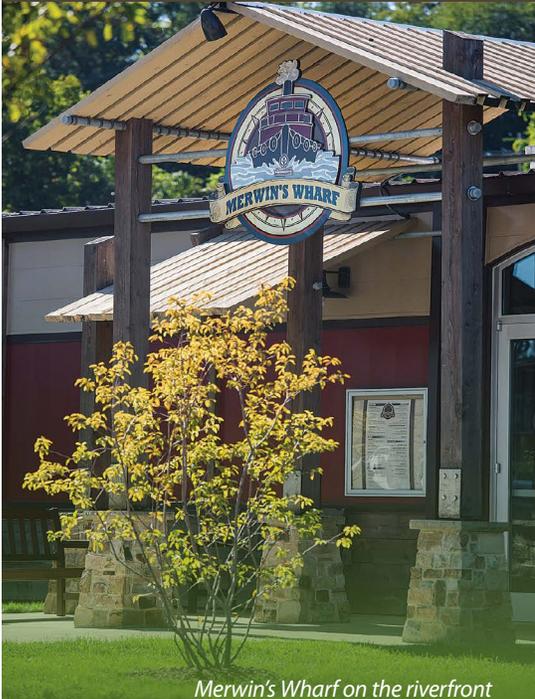
Terrain: paved, sand, stairs, less than 1 mile

 [Register online](#) beginning May 1

[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)



# Rental facilities available for your event needs



Merwin's Wharf on the riverfront

Cleveland Metroparks has 75 rental facilities available to accommodate your event needs. Whether you're planning a family gathering, graduation party or birthday celebration, visit [clevelandmetroparks.com/rentals](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/rentals).



Scenic Valley Room at Emerald Necklace Marina



The Terrace at Big Met Golf Course

## Cleveland Metroparks Golf Clubhouses

Treat your guests to a unique event experience at one of Cleveland Metroparks golf courses. Availability is weather and season dependent with catering services provided by Cleveland Metroparks.

### The Terrace at Big Met

- Capacity 90 guests

### The Donald Ross Room at Manakiki

- Capacity 240 guests (catering provided by Dino's Catering)

### The Valley View Room at Sleepy Hollow

- Under renovation, re-opening in late Spring 2019

## Cleveland Metroparks Marinas

### Scenic Valley Room at Emerald Necklace Marina

- Capacity 90 seated, 150 cocktail style
- All rentals include: tables, chairs, glasses, plates, flatware and a basic linen package.

### E55 on the Lake at E. 55th Street Marina

- Capacity up to 80 guests
- Weekend rental of sand volleyball court and bocce ball courts are available

## Cleveland Metroparks Facilities

### Lock 44 Room at Merwin's Wharf in Cleveland's Flats

- Capacity 45 guests
- 2-hour minimum rental
- Full restaurant rentals available on Mondays

### Chalet Recreation Area in Strongsville

- Capacity 150 guests
- Weekday, weekend and business rates available
- Use of picnic grove included

## Cleveland Metroparks facilities re-opening

RESERVATION	OPENING	PHONE
<b>LAKEFRONT</b>		
Merwin's Wharf (Summer Hours)	Wednesday, May 1	216-664-5696
E. 55 On the Lake	Wednesday, May 1	216-431-3349
Edgewater Beach House	Wednesday, May 1	216-954-3408
The Pier Concession at Edgewater	Saturday, May 4*	216-651-5591
<b>ROCKY RIVER</b>		
Emerald Necklace Marina Cafe	Saturday, May 11*	216-226-3030
<b>HUNTINGTON</b>		
The Hut at Huntington Concession	Saturday, May 4*	440-808-5856
<b>HINCKLEY</b>		
Buzzard's Landing (Hinckley Spillway)	Saturday, May 25	216-704-3439
<b>MILL STREAM RUN</b>		
Wallace Lake Concession	Saturday, May 25	440-243-6103

\* weekends only until Memorial Day

# Golf COURSES

2019 Academy of Golf and Introduction to Golf classes begin in April. Visit [clevelandmetroparks.com/golf](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/golf) for more information and to register.

## There's a Course for Everyone in Northeast Ohio's Emerald Necklace

Cleveland Metroparks eight golf courses lay nestled in a ring of forests, rivers and valleys surrounding the City of Cleveland that's locally coined "The Emerald Necklace." While each course is unique in its own right – Manakiki in Willoughby and Sleepy Hollow in Brecksville rank among the top public courses in Ohio and for good reason.

Located 17 miles east of downtown Cleveland, Manakiki Golf Course is an elegant public course in a classic Donald Ross design. The course offers a variety of challenges including doglegs, water hazards, up-and-down shots, back-to-back par 5s, and two canyon holes. The course is full of picturesque beauty from its maple-lined fairways, elevated tees and greens as well as its historic clubhouse – formerly a summer estate for prominent Cleveland industrialist Howard Hanna.

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Brecksville offers spectacular views of the Cuyahoga River Valley and a classic "out and in" layout. The course, designed by Stanley Thompson, is known for its aesthetic beauty and challenging play. Sleepy Hollow has been the site for many amateur and professional events including qualifying events for USGA championships and every other year hosting the Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship.

While the championship layouts of Manakiki and Sleepy Hollow can challenge the best golfers, all of Cleveland Metroparks golf courses offer a unique experience.

Located at the highest point in Cuyahoga County, Seneca Golf Course in Broadview Heights offers 27 scenic holes, many of them newly renovated. The course is known for some lengthy par fours and fives.

While Cleveland Metroparks courses all offer a fast pace of play, there are several course options for golfers looking to get in just a quick 9-holes. Shawnee Hills Golf Course in Bedford is often noted as Cleveland Metroparks most versatile course with its ability to serve golfers of every skill level on its 18-hole regulation course and 9-hole par 3 course. Shawnee Hills offers hills and large pines, maples and oaks as well as the beautiful Deer Lick Creek.

Cleveland Metroparks Washington Golf Course in Newburgh Heights is a great 9-hole course with a driving range only 10 minutes from downtown Cleveland. With its executive length, Mastick Woods Golf Course in Rocky River Reservation is ideal for juniors, new players or those looking for a leisurely golf experience.

Two additional courses tucked in the rolling hills of Rocky River Reservation include the 9-hole Little Met Golf Course and 18-hole Big Met Golf Course. Little Met offers a longer 9-holes than Mastick Woods but not the length of its larger neighbor Big Met. Big Met, believed to be Ohio's most played golf course, features rolling hills, a moderate length as well as the scenic beauty of the Rocky River valley.

In addition to the varied courses across Northeast Ohio, Cleveland Metroparks also offers golf lessons for golfers of all ages and skill levels. Golf camps, golf leagues and tournaments are also offered throughout the golf season.

Learn more about Cleveland Metroparks golf courses including ways to save on your next round by visiting [clevelandmetroparks.com/golf](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/golf).

### Book your tee time today!

#### Big Met

440-331-1070 | Fairview Park

#### Little Met

216-941-9672 | Cleveland

#### Manakiki

440-942-2500 | Willoughby Hills

#### Mastick Woods

216-267-5626 | Cleveland

#### Seneca

440-526-0043 | Broadview Heights

#### Shawnee Hills

440-232-7184 | Bedford

#### Sleepy Hollow

440-526-4285 | Brecksville

#### Washington

216-641-1864 | Newburgh Heights



Manakiki Golf Course in Willoughby features a Donald Ross design

# NatureSHOPS

## New Spring Merchandise

## Spring into savings with our monthly specials

COUPON

**APRIL**  
DEAL OF THE  
MONTH



**\$12 Tee**

Regular price \$20  
Offer valid 4/1/19 – 4/30/19  
while supplies last.

With this coupon at any Cleveland Metroparks Nature Shops. Must present coupon at time of purchase. Excludes previous sales.



COUPON

**MAY**  
DEAL OF THE  
MONTH



**20% Off**  
All Personal  
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## Locations/Hours

### NEW! Edgewater Beach

Cleveland  
Daily: 10 a.m. – 7p.m.  
Rental Hours 11 a.m. –5:30 p.m.  
Opens Memorial Day

### Hinckley Lake Boathouse & Store

Hinckley Township  
330-278-2160  
Daily: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
\* Summer hours below

### North Chagrin Nature Center

Mayfield Village  
440-449-0511  
Monday – Saturday:  
10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon – 4:45 p.m.

### Rocky River Nature Center

North Olmsted  
440-734-7576  
Monday – Saturday:  
10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Tuesday:  
11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon – 4:45 p.m.

### Watershed Stewardship Center

Parma  
440-253-2170  
Tuesday – Saturday:  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon – 4 p.m.

## New Summer Hours begin May 24 at Hinckley Lake Boathouse & Store

\*Summer hours 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Rental hours 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Rent stand up paddleboards, canoes, single and tandem kayaks, paddleboats and pontoons. Prices and more at [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com).



## Edgewater Beach Nature Shop has what you need for fun on the water!

Edgewater Nature Shop rents stand up paddleboards, kayaks, umbrellas, lounge chairs and cabanas. The facility also offers refreshments including snacks and gift cards, apparel, gifts and more. For more information, call [216-954-3408](tel:216-954-3408) ext 3.



# APRIL PROGRAMS BY LOCATION

## Off Site

- 14 • Kayak 1: Basic Strokes
- 25 • Miled Walks: Towpath Trail Stage 3
- 28 • Monroe Cemetery Walk
- 28 • Kayak 2: Rescues
- 29 • Urban Explorations: Flats Bridges

## (AR) Acacia Reservation

- 2 • Acacia for the Young at Heart
- 14 • Birds of Acacia
- 29 • An Afternoon at Acacia

## (BeR) Bedford Reservation

- 4 • Wildflower Walk
- 7 • Sunday Morning Dog Walk
- 11 • Nature Loop
- 13 • Woodlands of Bedford: Thomas Jefferson's Wildflower
- 13 • Wet and Muddy Hike
- 16 • Birds of Astorhurst
- 18 • Wildflower Walk
- 19 • Spring Blooms
- 20 • Wildflowers & Waterfalls
- 23 • Hike the Hurst
- 27 • Wildflowers and Whitewater

## (BCR) Big Creek Reservation

- 14 • Garlic Mustard Pull
- 19 • Full Moon Hike

## (BNC) Brecksville Nature Center

- 5 • Native Bee Tube Workshop
- 11 • Animal Crackers
- 11 • Nurture with Nature
- 13 • Bowl Burning
- 20 • *Snails and Slugs of Cleveland Metroparks* Book Signing
- 26 • Arbor Day: Beginner Trees
- 27 • Primitive Skills: Find Your Way Part 1
- 28 • Pioneer Living for Kids: Embroidery

## (BR) Brecksville Reservation

- 4 • Backpacking Basics
- 5 • Archery for Beginners: Adults
- 6 • Archery for Beginners: Kids
- 6 • Wilderness First Aid
- 7 • Hike to a Place of Joyful Meeting
- 10 • Bikepacking
- 14 • Family Fun in Nature
- 18 • Outdoor Adventures for Homeschoolers
- 27 • Archery for Beginners: Kids
- 27 • Archery for Beginners: Adults

## (BR) Brookside Reservation

- 6 • Brookside Birds
- 7 • Cherry Blossom Stroll
- 14 • Cherry Blossom Stroll
- 28 • Cherry Blossom Stroll

## (CWC) CanalWay Center

- 1 – 30 • Hunt of the Month
- 4 • Preschool: Lifecycles
- 4 • Cleveland Astronomical
- 6 • Birding the Canal
- 8 • Towpath Trail Tour: Nature
- 8 • Towpath Trail Tour: Evening
- 11 • Rock Climbing: Anchor Building 1
- 13 • Power of the Sun
- 14 • Burning River Requiem: Fires on the Water
- 15 • Family Fun Night
- 17 • Young Explorers
- 22 • Earth Day Morning Hike
- 23 • CanalWay Quick-Step
- 24 • Discovery Day: Snakes Alive!
- 26 • Arbor Day Hike
- 26 • Family Movie Night
- 27 • Towpath Trail Tour: History
- 12 Emerald Necklace April 2019

## (CMZ) Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

- 5 • Tiger Tracks Overnight
- 6 • Tiger Tracks Overnight
- 9 • Homeschool – Nutrition
- 12 • Tiger Tracks Overnight
- 13 • Tiger Tracks Overnight
- 13 • Scout Daytime Adventure: Habitats Badge
- 20 • Educator Open House
- 20 • Party for the Planet
- 22 • Spring Break Camp
- 26 • Tiger Tracks Overnight
- 27 • Tiger Tracks Overnight
- 28 • Zoo Career Day

## (ECR) Euclid Creek Reservation

- 15 • Wildflower Walk
- 20 • Birding at Wildwood
- 24 • Wildflower Walk
- 28 • Wonder of Wildwood

## (GPC) Garfield Park Center

- 23 • Tracy Ridge Backpacking Pre-Trip

## (GPR) Garfield Park Reservation

- 19 • Magnificent Trees
- 27 • Self Defense Training

## (HiR) Hinckley Reservation

- 3 • Woodcock Watch
- 6 • Emerald Necklace Art Club Monthly Meeting
- 14 • Breakfast in the Park
- 16 • Hiking for the Young at Heart
- 20 • Extreme Hiking
- 20 • Walking with Wildflowers
- 22 • Earth Day Hike

## (HuR) Huntington Reservation

- 5 • Nature Baby: Barred Owls

## (LR) Lakefront Reservation

- 6 • CLNP: Hike It
- 7 • Wondering About Wildflowers
- 12 • Historic Cleveland Coast Guard Station
- 13 • Plant Appreciation Hike
- 14 • Bike the Bikeway to Before-the-Bridge
- 14 • Beach Egg Hunt
- 15 • Rebirth of the River Walk: Flats
- 20 • Birds of the Lakefront
- 21 • Hawk Watch
- 24 • Bike Maintenance 1
- 28 • Sunday Morning Dog Walk
- 28 • Urban Birding

## (MSRR) Mill Stream Run Reservation

- 22 • Royalview Ramble
- 27 • For Adults Only: Deciduous Trees II

## (NCNC) North Chagrin Nature Center

- 1 • North Chagrin Nature Photography Club
- 6 • Make an Upcycled Basket
- 6 • Live Animal Lessons
- 7 • Spring Wildflowers 101
- 7 • Woodcock Wander
- 9 • Sprouts: Growing Kids and Wonder, Naturally
- 11 • Ten Things You Should Know: Frogs and Toads
- 13 • Kid's Nature Hour

## North Chagrin Nature Center

### (Cont'd)

- 13 • Dog Hike
- 26 • An Evening of Trees and Watercolors
- 26 • The Worth of Weeds

## (NCR) North Chagrin Reservation

- 3 • Adaptive Camp Cooking
- 5 • Spring Transition Friday
- 6 • Land Navigation 1
- 6 • Land Navigation 2
- 6 • Spring Stroll
- 12 • Spring Transition Friday
- 14 • Step into Spring
- 19 • Spring Transition Friday
- 26 • Spring Transition Friday
- 28 • Family Fun Hike: Trees

## (OECR) Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

- 12 • Rebirth of the River Walk: Industrial Valley
- 17 • Wednesday Walk: Bald Eagles
- 27 • Afternoon Archery for Kids
- 27 • Afternoon Archery for Adults
- 28 • Afternoon Archery for Kids
- 28 • Afternoon Archery for Adults

## (RRNC) Rocky River Nature Center

- 1 • Gallery Wall: Vicki Moiso
- 2 • Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
- 2 • Trout Unlimited
- 7 • Birds by Ear
- 8 • Rocking Chair Birding
- 8 • Cuyahoga Astronomical Association
- 8 • Southwest Camera Club
- 9 • Technology for Birders: An Introduction
- 10 • Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association
- 11 • Little Explorers: Rocky's Raccoons
- 13 • Bird Walk
- 13 • Basic Bird Songs
- 14 • Fishes of the Rocky River
- 14 • Meet the Artist
- 16 • Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing
- 18 • Homeschool Happenings
- 20 • Wild Words: Nature Book Club
- 27 • Wildflower Walk
- 28 • Wildflower & Amphibian Quest
- 28 • Steelhead Fly Fishing Excursion

## (RRR) Rocky River Reservation

- 7 • Oxbow Ecology
- 12 • Dogs of All Wars: Canine Walk & Talk
- 20 • American Red Cross Babysitter's Training
- 26 • Toddler Trek: Puddle Jumping

## (SCR) South Chagrin Reservation

- 4 • Spring Hike
- 6 • Cleveland Natural Science Club
- 11 • Spring Hike
- 13 • Nature Sketching: Wildflowers

## South Chagrin Reservation

### (Cont'd)

- 13 • Nature Journaling
- 13 • Nature Play and Learn
- 13 • Walk between Wetlands
- 14 • Second Sunday in South Chagrin
- 18 • Spring Hike
- 25 • Spring Hike
- 26 • Woodcock Watch

## (WSC) Watershed Stewardship Center

- 3 • Evoking Native Landscape Using Japanese Garden Principles
- 6 • Pysanky Egg Workshop
- 7 • River Revival: Rain Barrel Workshop
- 9 • West Creek Conservancy Annual Meeting
- 13 • Gnome Garden Workshop
- 19 • Build-a-Bird
- 20 • Earth Day Prep Hike
- 25 • Is Our Water Healthy? How do we Know?
- 26 • For Adults Only: Deciduous Trees I
- 27 • Scouts BSA Merit Badge: Mammal Study Part I
- 28 • Scouts BSA Merit Badge: Mammal Study Part II

## (WCR) West Creek Reservation

- 9 • Drop-by: Wetland Wonderland
- 10 • West Creek Night Hike: April Awakenings
- 12 • Wiggling Worms
- 17 • Where the Sidewalk Ends
- 20 • Cavities Aren't Always Bad
- 24 • West Creek Night Hike: Spring Sauntering
- 27 • City Nature Challenge: Floodplain BioBlitz

### ABBREVIATIONS:

AR	Acacia Reservation
BCR	Big Creek Reservation
BeR	Bedford Reservation
BNC	Brecksville Nature Center
BR	Brookside Reservation
BrR	Brecksville Reservation
BWR	Bradley Woods Reservation
CMZ	Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
CWC	CanalWay Center
ECR	Euclid Creek Reservation
GPC	Garfield Park Center
GPR	Garfield Park Reservation
HiR	Hinckley Reservation
HuR	Huntington Reservation
LR	Lakefront Reservation
MSRR	Mill Stream Run Reservation
NCNC	North Chagrin Nature Center
NCR	North Chagrin Reservation
OECR	Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
RRNC	Rocky River Nature Center
RRR	Rocky River Reservation
SCR	South Chagrin Reservation
WR	Washington Reservation
WCR	West Creek Reservation
WSC	Watershed Stewardship Center



*Yoshino cherry blossoms at Brookside Reservation*

# CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!



# PARTY FOR THE PLANET

Learn how you can help the planet, dance in our Earth Day Celebration Zone and create some earth-friendly crafts.

## SATURDAY APRIL 20 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

FREE with paid Zoo admission  
Visit [FutureForWildlife.org](http://FutureForWildlife.org)

## APRIL PROGRAMS BY DATE

### 1 – 30 • APRIL

#### Hunt of the Month

April showers bring May flowers. There are 20 paper wildflowers throughout the center. See if you can find them all. Then go outside to see if you can find any early wildflowers. Through April 30.  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Sat.  
Noon – 5 p.m. Sun CWC

#### Gallery Wall: Vicki Moiso

Vicki is an avid birder and photographer who is excited to share her love of Ohio's amazing birds through the lens of her camera. Through April 30.  
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. RRNC

### 1 • MONDAY

#### North Chagrin Nature Photography Club – From Here to Infinity: Pictures with Great Depth of Field

Bring in seven nature pictures that involve getting a high level of depth of field. This usually involves a high f-stop, but other techniques now exist. Any subject from landscapes to a bug's eye.  
7 – 8:30 p.m. NCNC



### 2 • TUESDAY

#### Acacia for the Young at Heart

Slow down and enjoy a leisurely walk with Naturalist Natalie Schroder as we explore all that Acacia Reservation holds.  
10 – 11 a.m. AR  
Meet at the kiosk  
Terrain: paved, some hills, up to 2 miles  
440-473-3370

#### Trout Unlimited

Taylor Ridderbusch, the Great Lakes Organizer for Trout Unlimited, will speak on the current state of Asian Carp and other issues facing our Great Lake.  
7 – 9 p.m. RRNC

#### Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society

Spring migration is one of the best times to see warblers. We see them for a short time every year and can forget how to identify them. This presentation will help refresh how to identify their appearance, habitat and song.  
7:30 – 9 p.m. RRNC

### 3 • WEDNESDAY

#### Evoking Native Landscape Using Japanese Garden Principles

Thinking of enhancing your landscape? Don't miss this special evening with author and one of America's foremost landscape artists trained in the Japanese garden tradition, Dr. David Slawson. Program includes time for questions and a meet and greet.  
7 – 8:30 p.m. WSC  
Age: adults  
Fee: \$5 (includes refreshments)  
 [Register online](#) or by phone  
February 26 – April 2  
[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

### 4 • THURSDAY

#### Preschool: Lifecycles

Today we are going to discover the different life cycles of animals. We'll learn how tadpoles grow into frogs, how caterpillars become butterflies and how some insects live under water before shedding their skin and learning to fly.  
10 – 11 a.m. CWC  
Age: 2 – 5 years with adult  
Terrain: one hill, 0.5 mile  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning March 20

#### Spring Hike

Hike with a naturalist every Thursday in April and May to explore the development of spring along the Chagrin River. This slow-paced hike will look high and low to track the seasonal changes in our flora and fauna.  
2:30 – 4 p.m. SCR  
Jackson Field parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface trail, 2 miles  
440-473-3370

#### Wildflower Walk

Hemlock Loop is one of the most densely populated wildflower trails in Cleveland Metroparks. We aim to find all the blue, red and yellow hues this spring bloom has to offer.  
3 – 4 p.m. BeR  
Hemlock Creek Picnic Area  
Terrain: natural surface, 1 mile  
216-206-1000

#### Cleveland Astronomical Society

The Great Serpent Mound, a prehistoric effigy mound, in Adams County, Ohio is located on a plateau of the Serpent Mound crater. Dr. Milam from Ohio University will speak on the impact that created the Serpent Mound crater.  
6:30 – 7 p.m. Meeting CWC  
7 – 8:30 p.m. Program CWC

### 5 • FRIDAY

#### Nature Baby: Barred Owls

Let's get baby out to explore nature. We will learn about the owl "who cooks for you" then hike the trail looking for the resident barred owls.  
10 – 11 a.m. HuR  
Wolf Picnic Area  
Age: 3 years & under with adult  
Terrain: natural surface, muddy, 0.5 mile  
 [Register online](#)  
March 22 – April 3  
440-734-6660

#### Spring Transition Friday

Join Naturalist Foster Brown for eight Fridays as we hike a segment of Castle Valley Trail and immerse our senses as spring transitions toward summer. We will identify spring wildflowers, birds, trees, insects, amphibians and reptiles. Bring a sketch book/journal.  
2 – 4 p.m. NCR  
Squire's Castle parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, muddy, hilly, 2.5 miles  
440-473-3370

#### Archery for Beginners: Adults

Not only is archery beneficial for upper arm strength, balance and coordination, but it also helps increase mental focus and concentration. Learn the basics in this fun, non-competitive atmosphere. Equipment provided.  
6 – 7:30 p.m. BR  
York Road Archery Range  
Age: adults  
Fee: \$5  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning March 25  
440-526-1012



See page 23 for a complete listing of all **Outdoor Recreation** activities.

## APRIL PROGRAMS BY DATE

### Native Bee Tube Workshop

Our native bee population is a great source of pollination, and you can easily help them out by setting up a nesting tube in your yard! Learn about native bees, and build a bee tube to take home.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. BNC  
Trailside Program Center  
Age: adults  
Fee: \$5

 [Register online](#)  
beginning March 25

### Tiger Tracks Overnight

Over the course of the evening, campers will track an Amur tiger through the taiga, look for clues that they have been in the habitat and explore the many ways tigers survive in the Russian Far East.

7 p.m. – 10 a.m. CMZ  
Reinberger Education Center  
Age: 6 years & over with adult  
Fee: \$42

 [Register online](#)

## 6 • SATURDAY

### CLNP: Hike It

Formerly Dike 14, Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve offers diverse hiking trails with photo-worthy views of Lake Erie and Cleveland's skyline. Hike the perimeter of this 88-acre wildlife haven with Naturalist Marty Calabrese. 9 – 10 a.m. LR  
Lakefront Administration Building  
Terrain: some stairs, natural surface, 2 miles  
440-734-6660

### Birding the Canal

Join Naturalist Jake Kudrna as we walk the towpath in search of the birds that make Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation their home. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. CWC  
Terrain: paved, 2.5 miles

### Emerald Necklace Art Club

Draw and paint with like-minded artists. Members of the Emerald Necklace Art Club are invited to bring their favorite medium as we appreciate the signs of the season. Not a member? Sign up at [clevelandmetroparks.com/ENAC](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/ENAC) 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. HIR  
Age: adults  
Annual fee: \$30; Renewal: \$20  
440-473-3370

### Make an Upcycled Basket

Join basket weaver Renell Roebuck to transform your creativity, reeds and an old potato-masher into a lovely and functional basket. Materials and instruction are included.

12:30 – 4:30 p.m. NCNC  
Age: 14 years & over  
Fee: \$30

 [Register online](#)  
March 18 – April 3

### Live Animal Lessons

This presentation will highlight a live animal from North Chagrin Reservation. Each lesson will be an up-close look at amazing fauna that usually can only be admired from a distance. This month's live animal will be an American toad. 1 – 2 p.m. NCNC  
Nature Education Building

### Sylvan Stroll

Step back in time and take a relaxing hike through a beech-maple climax forest to get an idea of what Northeast Ohio might have looked like hundreds of years ago. 2 – 3 p.m. NCR  
Forest Picnic Area parking lot  
Terrain: natural surfaces, 1.5 miles  
440-473-3370

### Archery for Beginners: Kids

Archery is a great activity that anyone can do. All the equipment is provided for an afternoon of fun learning the basics of the sport from certified instructors in a non-competitive setting. 2 – 3:30 p.m. BrR  
York Road Archery Range  
Age: 9 – 12 years  
Fee: \$5

 [Register online](#)  
beginning March 25  
440-526-1012

### Brookside Birds

Look for early migrants as we take a stroll through one of Cleveland's oldest parks. Boost your skills so you're ready for the mass migration a few weeks later. 2 – 3:30 p.m. BR  
Meadow Ridge Picnic Area  
Terrain: paved, natural surfaces, stairs, may be muddy, 2 miles  
440-887-1968

### Pysanky Egg Workshop

Spring is a time of rebirth and reproduction in nature. At this workshop, you can learn about Ukrainian pysanky eggs and traditions of egg dying, then try your hand in this intricate, step-by-step process. 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. WSC  
Age: adults, 10 years & over with adult  
Fee: \$5 (includes materials)

 [Register online](#) or by phone  
March 15 – April 4  
440-887-1968

### Tiger Tracks Overnight

(see 4/5 for details)  
7 p.m. – 10 a.m. CMZ

### Cleveland Natural Science Club: How to Attract Bees in your Ohio Backyard

Denise Ellsworth of the OSU Entomology Extension Service will share her knowledge of how to attract bees in our Ohio backyards. 7:30 – 9 p.m. SCR  
Look about Lodge  
440-473-3370

## 7 • SUNDAY

### Wondering About Wildflowers

Take an early morning stroll by the lake to look for signs of spring wildflowers, both native and nonnative. This walk will include beginner-level wildflower identification and information on the growth of plants in the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. 9 – 10 a.m. LR  
Lakefront Administration Building  
Terrain: natural surface, 1.75 miles  
440-734-6660

### Birds by Ear

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield for a slow-paced walk near the nature center while we listen for and identify a plethora of bird species. Gear up on your bird songs as spring migration will bring scores of new birds to the woods. 10 – 11 a.m. RRNC  
Terrain: mostly flat, paved and natural surface, 0.5 mile

### Sunday Morning Dog Walk

Enjoy a springtime walk with your furry friend at this newly acquired park property. We will take in the lovely scenery and early woodland wildflowers as we stroll. Walkers without dogs are welcome too. 10 – 11 a.m. BeR  
Astorhurst Trailhead parking lot  
Terrain: paved, natural surface, hills, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

### Cherry Blossom Stroll

Stroll down "blossom lane" to see Japanese cherry trees blooming. Come for one or all three walks on April 7, 14 and 28. Learn the cultural history of the trees as we track their beauty from bud to bloom through Project Budburst. 11 a.m. – noon BR  
Brookside Valley Event Site  
Terrain: paved, 1 mile  
440-887-1968

### Hike to A Place of Joyful Meeting

Join us on a hike to the former location of the historic Camp Karamu and learn about its history. Come prepared for a challenge – there is a very large, steep hill we will have to traverse to get there. 1 – 3 p.m. BrR  
Oak Grove Picnic Area  
Age: adults  
Terrain: natural surface, 1 steep hill, 1 mile

 Register by phone  
beginning April 1  
440-526-1012

## 2019 Tour of Wildflowers

### Contest runs March 1 – June 1

Between March 1 and June 1, join nature's ultimate scavenger hunt; the Tour of Wildflowers! Spend an afternoon, a weekend, or the whole season traveling through Cleveland Metroparks taking photos of our beautiful flowers. Stop by any Cleveland Metroparks nature center or email your picture to have it verified. NEW FOR 2019: complete your checklist and receive a packet of native wildflower seeds to enhance your own piece of the planet! Sign up for one of our many naturalist-led hikes. Register at [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) to receive your checklist and contest rules.

Call 440-473-3370 or email  
[northchagrinncc@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:northchagrinncc@clevelandmetroparks.com)  
with any questions.

**Spring Wildflowers 101**

Consider this your personal wildflower primer. Naturalist Selby Majewski will discuss where to look, how to find them and why they are so spectacular. This program will be mostly indoors with an optional walk. 2 – 3:30 p.m. NCNC  
Terrain: paved, up to 1 mile

**River Revival: Rain Barrel Workshop**

Harvest rain water for your garden needs and combat stormwater pollution in your community. Each workshop participant will construct a rain barrel to take home. Be ready to transport it. Discounted fee thanks to a River Network grant, while supplies last (limit one per household at discounted rate). 2:30 – 4 p.m. WSC  
Age: adults, 16 years & over  
Fee: \$20 (includes one 55-gallon barrel and all materials)

 [Register online](#) or by phone between March 12 – April 2  
[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

**Oxbow Ecology**

Hike along the oxbow lagoon to learn how it formed and all about the flora and fauna that call it home. We'll discuss how these organisms all interact to produce a unique, vibrant ecosystem. 3 – 4 p.m. RRR  
Lagoon Picnic Area  
Terrain: flat, muddy, fallen logs, 1 mile  
440-734-6660

**Woodcock Wander**

Will we find the elusive male woodcock and see his fascinating aerial display? This spring show is not to be missed. We will walk to the Mayfield Village Wetland in search of these incredible birds. 7:30 – 9 p.m. NCNC  
Terrain: flat, may be muddy, 2 miles

**8 • MONDAY**

**Rocking Chair Birding**

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield for a relaxing morning of "backyard birding" from the rocking chairs inside Rocky River Nature Center. We'll watch the feeders for resident forest species and talk about the latest sightings. 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. RRNC

**Towpath Trail Tour: Nature**

Join a naturalist this afternoon for a cart tour along the Ohio and Erie Canal. We'll discuss the animals both past and present that call the valley home. 1 – 2:30 p.m. CWC  
Fee: \$5  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning March 20

**Towpath Trail Tour: Evening**

Join our naturalist on an evening cart tour along the Towpath. We'll look for signs of wildlife that roam in the evening hours. We'll also discuss the animals both past and present that call the canal home. 6:30 – 8 p.m. OECR  
CanalWay Center parking lot  
Fee: \$5  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning March 20  
216-206-1000

**Southwest Camera Club**

Photographer Jerry Jelinek will present "Black & White Photography." Join us and expand your photography vision through black & white photography. 7:30 – 9 p.m. RRNC

**Cuyahoga Astronomical Association – Rising From the Ashes: Restoration of the Great Melbourne Telescope**

Trudy E. Bell Sky, M.A., talks about how the Great Melbourne Telescope was the world's largest equatorial reflector. Australian opticians are restoring it to become one of the world's largest telescopes for public outreach. 7:30 – 9 p.m. RRNC

**9 • TUESDAY**

**Sprouts: Growing Kids and Wonder, Naturally**

Join Natalie the Naturalist to discover the forest. We will have discovery time and go on a short hike. 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. or 1 – 2:15 p.m. NCNC  
Nature Education Building  
Age: 3 – 5 years with adult  
Terrain: paved, natural surface, may be muddy, 0.75 mile  
 [Register online](#)  
March 15 – April 5

**Homeschool: Nutrition**

Come to find out if the saying "You are what you eat" is also true for animals. 10:30 a.m. – noon CMZ  
Reinberger Education Center  
Age: grades K – 8 with adult  
Fee: \$10 member/\$13 nonmember  
 [Register online](#)

**Interested in becoming a Zoo volunteer?**

Help connect guests to wildlife and become part of the Zoo volunteer community. All are welcome and shifts are available weekdays, weekends, and some evenings. Visit [clevelandmetroparks.com/volunteer](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/volunteer) to register for an info session and learn more about volunteer opportunities.



**Drop-by: Wetland Wonderland**

Join us at West Creek's wetlands to collect and observe the many water-dwelling species thriving in this habitat. 1 – 3 p.m. WCR  
Wetlands behind WSC  
Age: 6 years & over with adult  
Terrain: natural surface, boardwalk  
440-887-1968

**West Creek Conservancy Annual Meeting**

Ever heard of West Creek Conservancy? This is an opportunity to learn what they've been doing to protect land and develop greenways throughout Greater Cleveland for the past 22 years. Refreshments provided by WCC. 6:30 – 8 p.m. WSC  
 Register by phone or email  
[dpetkov@westcreek.org](mailto:dpetkov@westcreek.org)  
[216-749-3720](tel:216-749-3720) x10

**Technology for Birders: An Introduction**

This introductory discussion is on the technology tools that birders and naturalists can apply in the field and at home to increase knowledge and support science and conservation efforts. The speakers will share a light history of technology and tools like eBird and Facebook birding groups. 7 – 9 p.m. RRNC

**10 • WEDNESDAY**

**West Creek Night Hike: April Awakenings**

Join a naturalist to look for leaves bursting, birds flitting and frogs splashing on these longer spring evenings. 6:30 – 8 p.m. WCR  
Monarch Bluff Picnic Area  
Terrain: paved, 1 mile  
440-887-1968

**Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association: Spring Management**

What's going on in the hive right now? Do the bees need some help? Learn what to look for in your hive, overwintered or if you are just getting bees this year and options for care if needed. 7 – 9 p.m. RRNC

**11 • THURSDAY**

**Little Explorers: Rocky's Raccoons**

Bring your little explorer to learn all about the raccoons we see in Rocky River Reservation. We'll have stories, songs and crafts to make learning fun. Program includes a hike around the Rocky River Nature Center. 10 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 2 p.m. RRNC  
Age: 3 – 5 years with adult  
Terrain: mostly flat, some stairs, 0.5 mile  
 Register by phone  
March 30 – April 9  
[440-734-6660](tel:440-734-6660)

**Animal Crackers**

Join Miss Jenny for a fun and fabulous time learning about frogs! 10 – 11:15 a.m. or 1 – 2:15 p.m. BNC  
Trailside Program Center  
Age: 3 – 5 years only with adult  
Terrain: mostly flat, 0.5 mile  
 Register by phone  
beginning April 1  
[440-526-1012](tel:440-526-1012)

**Nature Loop**

Join Naturalist Jake Kudrna on a walk through the woodlands of Bedford to admire the sights and sounds of spring. We'll top it off with a stop at one of Cleveland's most scenic waterfalls. 2 – 3 p.m. BeR  
Bridal Veil Falls parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, hills, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

**Spring Hike**

(see 4/4 for details)  
2:30 – 4 p.m. SCR



## APRIL PROGRAMS BY DATE

### Nurture with Nature

Bring your family for a monthly program to explore nature through books, games, hikes and other activities. This month we'll look at tree buds.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. BNC

Trailside Program Center

Age: 3 years & over with adult

 Register by phone beginning April 1  
[440-526-1012](tel:440-526-1012)

### Ten Things You Should Know:

#### Frogs and Toads

Nature surrounds us but is not always familiar. Join a naturalist to make yourself familiar with ten frogs and toads. This series is recommended for curious students of nature.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. NCNC

## 12 • FRIDAY

### Rebirth of the River Walk: Industrial Valley

Join Historical Interpreter Karen Lakus for a walk alongside the Cuyahoga River to discuss its amazing recovery since the last river fire in 1969. Our destination will be the bald eagle nest where we will hopefully be able to observe activity from these birds that were an Endangered Species 50 years ago.

10 – 11:30 a.m. OECR

Harvard Avenue parking lot

Terrain: natural surface, hills, 2 miles

216-206-1000

### Wiggling Worms

Although they can be beneficial to our plants, not all the worms in our backyards are good for the ecosystem. Join us in unearthing worms on a hunt for invasive species.

2 – 3:30 p.m. WCR

Monarch Bluff Picnic Area

Terrain: natural surface, 0.5 mile

440-887-1968

### Spring Transition Friday

(see 4/5 for details)

2 – 4 p.m. NCR

### Historic Former Cleveland Coast Guard Station

Join Naturalist Jake Kudrna on a stroll through Wendy Park and up to Cleveland's historic former Coast Guard Station. We'll learn why the lakefront is valuable to wildlife and what Cleveland Metroparks is doing to make it a healthier habitat.

3 – 4 p.m. LR

Wendy Park parking lot

Terrain: paved, natural surface, 1 mile

210-206-1000

### Dogs of All Wars: Canine Walk & Talk

This dog-friendly history hike begins with a walk along the All Purpose Trail and ends with a short talk about canine war heroes at the Dogs of All Wars Memorial. Participants without dogs are welcome too.

6 – 7 p.m. RRR

Memorial Field

Terrain: flat, paved, 1 mile

440-734-6660

### Tiger Tracks Overnight

(see 4/5 for details)

7 p.m. – 10 a.m. CMZ

## 13 • SATURDAY

### Woodlands of Bedford: Thomas Jefferson's Wildflower

Celebrate the 276th anniversary of Jefferson's birth with Fred Losi by learning about the wildflower that was named after this great president. We'll explore the floodplain along Tinker's Creek in search of this and other early spring wildflowers.

9 – 11:30 a.m. BeR

Hemlock Creek Picnic Area

Terrain: natural surface, 2 miles

216-206-1000

### Bird Walk

The monthly Second Saturday walks are a great opportunity for birders of all skill levels to enjoy the woods and wetlands around the nature center. Led by Cleveland Metroparks naturalists and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society volunteers. Series supported by Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. Meet in the parking lot.

9 a.m. – noon RRNC

Terrain: natural surface, 2 miles

### Bowl Burning

Create a bowl from a chunk of wood using the ancient technique of controlled burning with coals from a fire. Naturalists Jenny McClain and Kathy Schmidt will guide you to a lovely finished product by sanding and oiling it.

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. BNC

Trailside Program Center

Age: adults

Fee: \$10

 [Register online](#) beginning April 1

### Plant Appreciation Hike

April 13 is International Plant Appreciation Day. Let's take a hike through the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve to discover the important role plants play in this budding ecosystem.

10 – 11:30 a.m. LR

Lakefront Administration

Building parking lot

Terrain: natural surface, 2 miles

216-206-1000

### Basic Bird Songs

Ever wonder what bird is singing in your backyard? Join Beth Whiteley as we learn the sounds of northeast Ohio's most common birds and then practice our new-found skills on a hike through the woods.

10 – 11:30 a.m. RRNC

Terrain: flat; natural surface,

1 mile

### Scout Daytime Adventure: Animal Habitats

Observe animals around the Zoo and explore the behaviors and adaptations that help them survive in unique habitats. Activities work towards earning a Girl Scout Habitat Badge.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. CMZ

Reinberger Education Center

Age: 6 years & over with adult

Fee: \$20 member/\$22

nonmember

 [Register online](#)

### Nature Sketching: Wildflowers

Spring delights us with a spattering of color on the forest floor as ephemeral wildflowers begin to bloom. Learn how to identify and draw these vernal treasures. Bring your sketchbook and favorite drawing materials.

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

440-473-3370

### Gnome Garden Workshop

Learn the history of and reasons for building green roofs, as well as the mythology of these bearded garden-dwellers. Afterward, let your creativity twinkle by making your own gnome garden to take home.

Noon – 2 p.m. WSC

Age: adults, 8 years & over with adult

Fee: \$15 (includes all materials)

 [Register online](#) or by phone by April 10

[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

### Kid's Nature Hour

Join Naturalist Foster Brown as we study, sing, tell stories and make a craft about a featured animal, insect or plant that is found in North Chagrin Reservation. All activities will be suited for elementary age students. Featured friend: spiders

1 – 2 p.m. NCNC

### Nature Journaling

Experience nature through the seasons. We will record our observations in a journal of our own creation. You may want to bring a camera.

1 – 3 p.m. SCR

Look About Lodge

Age: adults

Annual fee: \$20 for supplies

Terrain: natural surfaces, 0.5 – 1 mile

 [Register online](#)

March 20 – April 10

440-473-3370

### Power of the Sun

Learn about the renewable energy of the sun. We'll investigate how the sun can provide us with energy even in cloudy Ohio. Then we'll attempt to build a solar powered fountain.

2 – 3 p.m. CWC

Age: 8 – 12 years

Terrain: paved, less than 1 mile

 [Register online](#)

beginning April 1

### Dog Hike

Bring your best furry friend to the park for some exercise and socialization. We will hike the wooded trails in search of interesting sights and smells.

2 – 3:30 p.m. NCNC

Terrain: natural surfaces,

3 – 3.5 miles

### Wet and Muddy Hike

Have fun sloshing and splashing as we walk the beautiful Sagamore Creek Trail. Prepare to get wet and muddy as we look for spring wildflowers and early migrant birds.

2 – 4 p.m. BeR

Alexander Bike Lot and Trailhead

Terrain: natural surface, hills, stream crossings, 3.6 miles

440-887-1968



**Nature Play and Learn: Pond Visit**

Preschool-aged children and their parents will enjoy a trip to the pond with a naturalist. We'll start at the lodge and then caravan to finish our adventure at a nearby pond.  
4 – 5:15 p.m. SCR  
Look About Lodge  
Age: 3 – 5 years with adult  
Terrain: natural surface trails, 0.5 mile  
440-473-3370

**Walk between Wetlands**

Join Naturalist Carly Martin on a hike to visit several wetlands in search of spring amphibians.  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. SCR  
The Shelterhouse Picnic Area  
Terrain: natural surface, rolling hills, 3 miles  
440-473-3370

**Tiger Tracks Overnight**

(see 4/5 for details)  
7 p.m. – 10 a.m. CMZ

**14 • SUNDAY**

**Spring Bird Walk Series**

(See feature block on page 20)  
Sundays, April 14 – May 19  
7:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Various locations

**Breakfast in the Park**

Join us for a morning hike to view Hinckley Lake. We'll return to a delicious breakfast prepared by our volunteers.  
9 – 11 a.m. HiR  
Redwing Cabin  
Terrain: hills, 1 mile  
 Register by phone beginning April 1  
[440-526-1012](tel:440-526-1012)

**Birds of Acacia**

Join Naturalist Natalie Schroder as we search for birds throughout Acacia Reservation's ever-changing landscape. Bring binoculars, some available to borrow.  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. AR  
Meet at the kiosk  
Terrain: paved trails, up to 2 miles  
440-473-3370

**Bike the Bikeway to Before-the-Bridge**

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak leads a bicycle adventure along the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway, through the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Lake Link Trail, en route to where we'll soon have an iconic bridge to Wendy Park and back. Meeting location given following registration.  
10 a.m. – noon LR  
Terrain: paved, city streets, several hills, 7.5 miles  
 Register by phone beginning March 20  
[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

**Cherry Blossom Stroll**

(see 4/7 for details)  
11 a.m. – noon BR

**Step Into Spring**

Get your heart pumping and add steps to your daily total as we loop back and forth along creeks and ravines.  
1 – 2:30 p.m. NCR  
Squire's Castle Picnic Area  
Terrain: creek crossings, steep ravines, 2.5 miles  
440-473-3370

**Meet the Artist: Vicki Moisio**

Join Vicki Moisio as she shares her love of photographing birds. She invites you to check out her photographic style while anticipating the upcoming spring migration.  
1 – 4 p.m. RRNC

**Family Fun in Nature**

The natural world around us is filled with many amazing things awaiting our discovery. Once a month, we'll meet and explore the forest, fields and waterways. This month, learn about vernal pools.  
2 – 3:30 p.m. BR  
Oak Grove Picnic Area  
Age: 6 years & over with adult  
Terrain: flat, 0.75 mile  
 Register by phone beginning April 1  
[440-526-1012](tel:440-526-1012)

**Fishes of the Rocky River**

Look below the surface of the Rocky River to explore an ecosystem that is teeming with fish. From tiny darters to prize-worthy small-mouth bass, discover the dozens of fish species that make the river home.  
2 – 4 p.m. RRNC  
Terrain: flat, natural surface

**Garlic Mustard Pull**

The invasive plant, garlic mustard, can jeopardize our natural lands. What can be done about it? Put on your boots and join in the fun of improving our parks. Pull and bag your way to a brighter tomorrow.  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. BCR  
Lake Isaac parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, water's edge  
 Register online or by phone by April 10  
[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

**Beach Egg Hunt**

Learn about a few different animals that lay eggs and then join us for an egg hunt on the beach. Each child should bring their own egg hunt bag to collect eggs hidden in the sand. After the hunt children will enjoy a sweet treat.  
3 – 4 p.m. LR  
Edgewater Beach House  
Age: 12 years & under with adult  
Fee: \$3  
Terrain: sand, 0.5 mile  
 Registration online beginning March 20  
[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

**Burning River Requiem: Fires on the Water**

The Cuyahoga River is famous for its feats of fire. Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak waters down the hype and fans the flames of industrial disease while casting a sideways glance at other rivers that burned with envy.  
3 – 4:30 p.m. CWC  
 Register by phone beginning March 20  
[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

**Second Sunday in South Chagrin**

Spring has sprung. Join Naturalist Natalie Schroder to search for signs of this glorious season in vernal pools, throughout the forest floor and hidden in the canopy.  
3 – 5 p.m. SCR  
Look About Lodge parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, hills, may be muddy, 2 miles  
440-247-7075

**15 • MONDAY**

**Wildflower Walk**

A surprising number of spring flowers are hiding on the hillsides of the Euclid Creek Valley. We will search for the early risers.  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. ECR  
Highland Picnic Area  
Terrain: natural surface, some hills, 2 miles  
440-473-3370

**Rebirth of the River Walk: Flats**

Join Historical Interpreter Karen Lakus for a walk near the Cuyahoga River in the Flats to discuss its amazing recovery since the last river fire in 1969.  
5 – 6 p.m. LR  
Heritage Park 1 parking lot  
Terrain: paved, natural surface, uneven, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

**Family Fun Night**

We'll listen to the story of *The Lorax* and the Once-ler. After the book we will make a craft and go on a short hike to visit our trees.  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. CWC  
Terrain: natural surface, 1 mile  
 Register online beginning April 1

**16 • TUESDAY**

**Birds of Astorhurst**

Bring a fresh set of eyes to this former golf course in search of extraordinary views and the birds that have thrived along the links. Bring binoculars, some available to borrow.  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. BeR  
Astorhurst Trailhead parking lot  
Terrain: paved, natural surface, hills, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

**Hiking for the Young at Heart**

Explore the trails of Hinckley as we search for early spring wildflowers.  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. HiR  
Ledge Lake Pool and Recreation Area  
Terrain: hills, rocky, 3 miles  
440-526-1012

**Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing: Tying Dear Hare Dry Flies**

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military personnel and veterans through fly fishing. Program open to disabled veterans or persons interested in volunteering may join.  
5 – 7 p.m. RRNC

**17 • WEDNESDAY**

**Young Explorers**

Spring is the season of nesting birds. Bring your little ones to learn all about bird's nests and eggs. We'll search for nests outside and make a fun craft.  
1 – 2 p.m. CWC  
Age: 3 – 5 years with adult  
Terrain: paved, 0.5 – 1 mile  
 Register online or by phone beginning April 1  
[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

**Where the Sidewalk Ends**

Shel Silverstein made some good points when he wrote *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. Let us take a step back from the daily bustle and enjoy nature as if we are seeing it for the first time. Join us on a peaceful stroll as we take in all nature has to offer.  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. WCR  
Lookout Ridge Loop trailhead  
Terrain: natural surfaces, 1 mile  
440-887-1968

## APRIL PROGRAMS BY DATE

### Wednesday Walk: Bald Eagles

Walk to the eagle's nest along the Cuyahoga River. We'll meet at Harvard parking lot and head south to see if we can spot any bald eagles. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. OECR  
Harvard Road parking lot  
Terrain: paved, hills, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

## 18 • THURSDAY

### Outdoor Adventures for Homeschoolers: Archery

Learn basic archery skills using a compound bow. All equipment will be provided.

1 – 3 p.m. BrR  
York Road Archery Range  
Age: grades 9 – 12  
Fee: \$5  
Terrain: flat, 0.25 mile  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning April 1  
440-526-1012

### Homeschool Happenings: All about Birds

Birds are very busy in spring. Homeschoolers will learn how this kingdom of animals behaves and survives during this season of renewal, through a variety of hands-on experiences and activities. 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. RRNC  
Age: grades 1 – 3, 4 – 6, 7 – 9  
Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township residents register online April 1 – 7, out-of-county register April 3 – 7

 [Register online](#) grades 1 – 3  
[Register online](#) grades 4 – 6  
[Register online](#) grades 7 – 9

### Spring Hike

(see 4/4 for details)  
2:30 – 4 p.m. SCR

### Wildflower Walk

(see 4/4 for details)  
3 – 4 p.m. BeR

## 19 • FRIDAY

### Magnificent Trees

From seeds and fruit to shade and animal homes, trees are vital to us and our natural communities. Learn about these magnificent plants and discover what makes them extraordinary through several activities and games.

10 a.m. – noon GPR  
Garfield Park Center parking lot  
Age: 10 – 14 years  
Terrain: gravel, paved, small hills, stairs, 1.5 miles

 Register by phone  
March 25 – April 18  
[216-341-1707](tel:216-341-1707)

### Wonderful Wildflowers

The annual blooming of spring wildflowers is a glorious sight to behold, yet the timing can be difficult to predict. We'll choose a hike location in Brecksville or Hinckley Reservation based on the best wildflower display at the time.

10 a.m. – noon Location TBD  
Terrain: hills, stairs, 1 – 2 miles

 Register by phone  
April 15 – 19  
[440-526-1012](tel:440-526-1012)

### Build-a-Bird

What makes a bird fly? How do they eat? What do an owl's feathers feel like? Join us in learning about the characteristics of birds. We will create a fun, unique bird of our own to take home. 1 – 2:30 p.m. WSC  
Age: 6 years & over with an adult

### Spring Blooms

Join us for an afternoon in Bedford Reservation searching for beautiful spring wildflowers. We will leisurely walk in search of spring blooms. 2 – 3 p.m. BeR  
Egbert Picnic Area  
Terrain: natural surface, hills, up to 2 miles  
216-206-1000

### Spring Transition Friday

(see 4/5 for details)  
2 – 4 p.m. NCR

### Full Moon Hike

On this hike see how nature is illuminated under the light of the full moon. Learn about how wildlife, water and people are affected by the moon. 8:30 – 10 p.m. BCR  
Lake Isaac parking lot  
Terrain: paved, natural surface, possibly muddy, 1.2 miles  
440-887-1968

## 20 • SATURDAY

### Birds of the Lakefront

The Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve is a well-known haven for birds. Join Naturalist Jake Kudrna on a hike through this man-made oasis in search of our feathered friends. Bring binoculars, some available to borrow.

8:30 – 10:30 a.m. LR  
Lakefront Administration Building parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

### Extreme Hiking

Wildflowers may be lining the trails for us this morning as we hit the hills, valleys and ledges while making our way around the trails of Hinckley Reservation. Bring water and wear appropriate footwear.

9 a.m. – noon HiR  
Whipp's Ledges parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, hills, creek crossings, 7 – 9 miles  
440-526-1012

### American Red Cross Babysitter's Training

Gain skills needed for infant and child care through hands-on activities, videos and discussions. Students will be introduced to CPR/First Aid and how to handle emergencies such as injuries, illnesses and accidents. Learn to solve problems, write resumes and interview for jobs. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. RRR  
Park Operations Hickory Room  
Age: 11 – 15 years  
Fee: \$80  
(\$60 Ledge Pool Season Pass Holder)  
 Registration [online](#) or by phone by April 17  
[440-331-8111](tel:440-331-8111)

### Birding at Wildwood

Explore fields, woods and the water's edge for birds, large and small. Please bring your own binoculars. 10 – 11 a.m. ECR  
Wildwood Picnic Shelter parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, 1-1.5 miles  
440-473-3370

### Cavities Aren't Always Bad

Cavities in trees and snags provide homes for a variety of birds and mammals. Enjoy a hike to discover some of these animals that live in natural and artificial cavities. 10 – 11:30 a.m. WCR  
Bluebird Point parking lot  
Terrain: paved, natural surfaces, may be muddy, 2 miles  
440-887-1968

### Snails and Slugs of Cleveland Metroparks Book Signing

Check out the latest addition to the Fascinated Naturalist Field Guides: *Snails and Slugs of Cleveland Metroparks*. Drop by to purchase your copy, \$5 per book and have it signed by the creators, Joel Kavaras, Stefanie Verish and Stuart Pearl. 10 a.m. – noon BNC  
440-526-1012

### Educator Open House

Explore the educational resources and ideas the Zoo has to share to help you educate and motivate students in your classroom. Activities

include an educational programs showcase as well as mini conservation workshops that address academic content standards.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. CMZ  
Reinberger Education center  
Age: adults

 [Register online](#)

### Party for the Planet

(see feature block on page 13)  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. CMZ

### Wildflowers & Waterfalls

Join us for an afternoon hike through hills and hemlocks. We'll walk along the creeks of Bedford in search of wildflowers and waterfalls. 2 – 3:30 p.m. BeR  
Bridal Veil Falls parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

### Earth Day Prep Hike

How far have we come since the first Earth Day and what else needs to be done? Let's discuss these issues and answer these questions before enjoying our beautiful Earth during a celebratory hike. 2 – 4 p.m. WSC  
Terrain: paved, natural surfaces, may be muddy, 3 miles

### Walking with Wildflowers

Join Naturalist Pam Taylor for a leisurely walk through one of the best wildflower displays in Cleveland Metroparks. You'll learn the names and stories of a few favorite wildflowers along the way. 2 – 4 p.m. HiR  
West Drive parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface,  
2 – 2.5 miles  
440-526-1012

### Wild Words: Nature Book Club

If the weather is nice, we'll sit outside and enjoy a spring evening. Join fellow bibliophiles and nature lovers for a discussion of *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard. 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. RRNC

## 21 • SUNDAY

### Spring Bird Walks

(see page 20 for details)  
7:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Various locations

### Hawkwatch

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield to seek migrant raptors along the lakefront. We'll conduct a survey watching for birds migrating over Lake Erie. Meet by the fishing pier. Canceled if raining. 9:30 – 11 a.m. LR  
Edgewater Park  
Terrain: mostly flat, paved, 0.5 mile  
440-734-6660

22 • MONDAY

**Earth Day Morning Hike**

Get outside this Earth Day for a hike on our mountain bike trail. Look for wildflowers, birds and other signs of spring as you enjoy a beautiful walk outdoors.

9 – 10:30 a.m. CWC  
Terrain: natural surface, uneven, hills, 2 miles

**Spring Break Camp**

At this five day camp, explore the Zoo to see how active our animals are during spring and what we do to keep them comfortable year round. Camp includes small animal encounters, arts and crafts, and conservation-themed games.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CMZ  
The RainForest  
Age: 5 – 10 years  
Fee: \$175 member/\$200 nonmember (half day option available)

 [Register online](#)

**Royalview Ramble**

View the springtime hills and valleys as we hike along the scenic trail near Royalview. Program will be canceled if trail is closed.

10:30 – 12:30 a.m. MSRR  
Royalview Reserved Picnic Area  
Terrain: natural surface, narrow, 4.7 miles  
440-734-6660

**Earth Day Hike**

Celebrate the beauty of our piece of the planet on this fast paced hike through the hills of Hinckley. We'll admire the early spring wildflowers along the way to the carvings at Worden's Ledges.

6 – 7:30 p.m. HIR  
Johnson's Picnic Area  
Terrain: hills, rocky, 3 miles  
440-526-1012

23 • TUESDAY

**CanalWay Quick-Step**

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak leads a short hike from CanalWay Center, down to the Lower 40 Loop Trail and back. Keep a brisk pace while looking for signs of spring.

10 – 11 a.m. CWC  
Terrain: paved, hill, 1.5 miles

**Hike the 'Hurst**

Join Naturalist Jake Kudrna on a scenic stroll through Astorhurst to learn what makes this evolving ecosystem so significant.

2 – 3:30 p.m. BeR  
Astorhurst Trailhead parking lot  
Terrain: paved, natural surface, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

24 • WEDNESDAY

**Discovery Days: Snakes Alive!**

Come meet some of our reptilian friends and learn what makes them unique. We will share discoveries, stories, sing a song and spend time outdoors.

11 a.m. – noon CWC  
Age: 3 – 6 years with adult or in-home daycare provider

 [Register online](#) or by phone by April 23  
[216-341-1707](tel:216-341-1707)

**Wildflower Walk**

Ephemeral blooms cover the landscape, but come and go in the blink of an eye. Join Naturalist Natalie Schroder along Euclid Creek to find these forest gems.

12:30 – 2 p.m. ECR  
Highland Picnic Area  
Terrain: natural surface, road crossings, may be muddy, up to 2 miles  
440-473-3370

**West Creek Night Hike: Spring Sauntering**

The extended daylight hours give us plenty of time to enjoy a leisurely stroll in the park. Let's muse at the joys of nature and enjoy a panoramic view of Cleveland from the new trail spur.

6:30 – 8 p.m. WCR  
Lookout Ridge Loop trailhead  
Terrain: natural surfaces, hill, 1 mile  
440-887-1968

25 • THURSDAY

**Miled Walks: Towpath Trail Stage 3**

Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak mostly walks but occasionally talks in this walking series.

Walking new sections of Towpath Trail from Steelyard Commons to Literary/University, we'll briefly discuss the history of the area, planned trails, area topography, industry and more. Meeting location given following registration.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Off Site  
Terrain: paved, inclines, 5 miles

 [Register online](#) or by phone beginning March 20  
[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

**Spring Hike**

(see 4/4 for details)  
2:30 – 4 p.m. SCR

**Is Our Water Healthy? How Do We Know?**

Learn about three different ways scientists examine our water. Take a look at the creek's chemistry, its surrounding habitat and the animals within the watershed. Come prepared to walk the creek (water-proof shoes are recommended).

4 – 6 p.m. WSC  
Age: adults, 10 years & over with adult  
Terrain: natural surfaces, creek bed, 1 mile

 [Register online](#) or by phone by April 18  
[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

26 • FRIDAY

**Arbor Day: Beginner Trees**

Have you ever wondered what trees you are seeing? Join Naturalist Min Keung to learn the trees in your Cleveland Metroparks. There will be a short indoor class and then a short outdoor portion.

1 – 2 p.m. BNC  
Trailside Program Center  
Terrain: paved, less than 0.5 mile

**Arbor Day Hike**

Arbor Day is a day to celebrate forests and plant trees. On this hike we will admire the remnant forests of the Cuyahoga River Valley and have saplings to take home and plant on your own.

2 – 3:30 p.m. CWC  
Terrain: natural surface, hills, 2.5 miles

**Spring Transition Friday**

(See 4/5 for details)  
2 – 4 p.m. NCR

**Toddler Trek: Puddle Jumping**

We'll have a boot-stomping good time as we hop around the Cottonwood Loop and learn about the weather. April showers were never so fun!

3 – 4 p.m. RRR  
Cottonwood Reserved Shelter  
Age: 5 years & under with adult  
Terrain: flat, wet, 0.5 mile  
440-734-6660

**An Evening of Trees and Watercolors**

In honor of Arbor Day, learn how to paint your own watercolor trees. Naturalist Stefanie Verish will guide you through different techniques to create your arbors.

6 – 8:30 p.m. NCNC  
Age: adults  
Fee: \$20; ENAC members: \$17

 [Register online](#)  
March 20 – April 20  
440-473-3370

**The Worth of Weeds**

Each month in 2019 we will take a look at the worth of common weeds. Every plant has a purpose and a story to be told. Biological and ethno-botanical perspectives will be discussed. Highlighted weeds: common horsetail, evening primrose, ragweed.

7 – 8 p.m. NCNC  
Nature Education Building

**Family Movie Night**

Bring your family and friends to CanalWay Center to watch *The Bee Movie*. This is an excellent example of the important roles bees play in our world. Snacks will be available for purchase or bring your own.

7 – 8:30 p.m. CWC  
 [Register online](#) or by phone beginning April 1  
[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

**For Adults Only: Deciduous Trees I**

From roots to buds, get the tools and practice you'll need to identify trees and understand tree growth in this three-part (parts II and III on April 27 and May 4) program. We'll spend two Saturday mornings in the field putting our new skills to the test. Participants must come to all three sessions. Times and locations vary for each part.

7 – 9 p.m. WSC  
Age: adults  
Fee: \$15 individuals/  
\$25 couples (includes 1 book)  
 [Register online](#) or by phone March 29 – April 23  
[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

**Arbor Day Tree Giveaway Friday & Saturday April 26 & 27**

You may pick up one free sapling per family to plant in your yard in honor of Arbor Day. We have several species to choose from. A naturalist can help you pick the one that is right for you.  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (while supply lasts)  
Any Cleveland Metroparks Nature Center

## APRIL PROGRAMS BY DATE

### Woodcock Watch

Woodcocks are a secretive bird with a rather fantastic mating display. Join Naturalist Natalie Schroder to learn about the special adaptations of this mysterious bird and see their spectacular "sky dance."  
8 – 9 p.m. SCR  
Jackson Field parking lot  
Terrain: natural surface, 0.5 mile

### Tiger Tracks Overnight

(see 4/5 for details)  
7 p.m. – 10 a.m. CMZ

## 27 • SATURDAY

### Self Defense Training

Participate in a visitor training for utilizing any park. Topics covered will include situational awareness and general personal safety. Techniques will be demonstrated with slow movements, but there will be some physical contact. Training will be conducted by the skilled staff of the Cleveland Metroparks Rangers.  
10 – 11 a.m. GPR  
Old Birch Picnic Area  
Ages: adults  
 Register by phone  
April 1 – April 25  
[216-341-1707](tel:216-341-1707)

### Wildflower Walk

Join Naturalist Beth Whiteley for a walk through the floodplain of the Rocky River as we look for spring blooming wildflowers.  
10 – 11:30 a.m. RRNC  
Terrain: mostly flat, some stairs, 1.5 miles

### Towpath Trail Tour: History

Enjoy a tour of Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation on our enclosed, 7 passenger cart. Learn about the history of the park as you enjoy its natural beauty.  
10 – 11:30 a.m. CWC  
Fee: \$5  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning April 1

### For Adults Only: Deciduous Trees II

(see 4/26 for details)  
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. MSRR

### Afternoon Archery for Kids

Bring your child to the valley to discover the fun of archery. Enjoy a new activity surrounded by nature. We'll have all supplies available for you. Follow signs from CanalWay Center parking lot, meet in the valley.  
1 – 2:30 p.m. OECR  
Age: 9 – 17 years  
Fee: \$5  
Terrain: paved surface, one hill, 0.5 mile  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning April 1  
216-206-1000

## City Nature Challenge: Floodplain BioBlitz

Saturday, April 27 • 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. • West Creek Reservation  
Monarch Bluff Picnic Area

Enjoy Arbor Day by taking part in an international citizen science event as we record all the species of plants and animals that we can into iNaturalist – an international database. Help Cleveland top other cities as you explore this gem of the Emerald Necklace.  
Terrain: paved and natural surfaces, possibly muddy, 2 miles  
440-887-1968



### Wildflowers and Whitewater

Bedford Reservation is home to diverse species of wildflowers and the thunderous Tinker's Creek. Join Naturalist Jake Kudrna on a hike into the gorge in search of spring color and surging waters.  
1 – 2:30 p.m. BeR  
Egbert Picnic Area  
Terrain: natural surface, hills, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

### Scouts BSA Merit Badge: Mammal Study Part I

Join our certified Scouts BSA merit badge counselors for an interactive program designed to complete requirements 1-2 & 4-5 of this badge.

Participants must attend both parts (Part II on 4/28).  
1 – 4 p.m. WSC  
Age: scouts with adult  
Fee: \$20 (includes Parts I and II)  
 [Register online](#) or by phone  
by April 19  
[440-887-1968](tel:440-887-1968)

### Primitive Skills: Find Your Way Part 1

Learn the basics of how to find your way in the woods using terrain features, maps and compass. Part 1 will begin indoors with map skills and finish outdoors. Part 2 next month will be held entirely outside.  
2 – 4 p.m. BNC  
Trailside Program Center  
Age: adults  
Terrain: hills, 1.5 miles

## 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

Sundays, April 14 – May 19 • 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we watch migratory birds return or travel through our area towards their summer breeding grounds during the 86th Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks. Walks are led by experienced birders and will be held on Sundays, April 14 through May 19 from 7:30 – 10:30 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.  
216-337-2202

**Bedford Reservation** – Hemlock Creek Picnic Area parking lot, off Button Rd., Bedford.  
330-715-6300

**Big Creek Reservation** – Lake Isaac, Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights.  
440-891-1710

**Brecksville Reservation** – Station Road Bridge Trailhead, off Riverview Rd. south of route 82, Brecksville.  
330-467-3664

**Gates Mills** – Various locations. Call 440-946-0314 for details.

**Geauga Park District** – Various locations. Call 440-286-9516 for details.

**Hinckley Reservation** – Bridge at the south end of Hinckley Lake, on State Rd., Hinckley.  
330-625-5503

**Hiram College** – James H. Barrow Field Station, 11305 Wheeler Road, Hiram.  
330-527-2141

**Holden Arboretum** – Corning Visitor Center parking lot, 9500 Sperry Rd., Kirtland.  
440-946-4400

**Lake Metroparks** – Lake Erie Bluffs, 3301 Lane Rd., Perry Township.  
440-256-1404, ext. 2112

**Mentor Marsh** – parking area on Headlands Rd., Mentor.  
440-257-0777

**North Chagrin Reservation** – North Chagrin Nature Center parking lot, 401 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.  
330-388-9279

**Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation** – CanalWay Center, 4524 E. 49th St., Cuyahoga Hts. 216-206-1000



**Rocky River Reservation** – Rocky River Nature Center parking lot, 24000 Valley Parkway, North Olmsted. 216-924-0188

**Shaker Lakes** – Nature Center at Shaker Lakes parking lot, 2600 South Park Blvd., Shaker Hts. 216-321-5935

Celebrate the oldest Greater Cleveland Area citizen science tradition by joining a Spring Bird Walk. Sightings from this series contribute to our understanding of local bird populations. A total of 6,160 checklists, dating back to 1955, are in eBird, an online database of bird observations.

### Don't miss the migration!

*Cosponsored by Cleveland Metroparks, Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland, Blackbrook Audubon Society, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Geauga Park District, Hiram College, Lake Metroparks, Medina County Park District, The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.*

**Afternoon Archery for Adults**

Have you ever wanted to try archery? Join us in the valley to discover the fun of archery. Enjoy a new activity surrounded by nature. We'll have all supplies available for you. Follow signs from CanalWay Center parking lot, meet in the valley.  
3 – 4:30 p.m. OECR  
Age: adults  
Fee: \$5  
Terrain: paved surface, one hill, 0.5 mile  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning April 1  
216-206-1000

**Tiger Tracks Overnight**

(see 4/5 for details)  
7 p.m. – 10 a.m. CMZ

**28 • SUNDAY**

**Spring Bird Walks**

Various locations  
(see page 20 for details)

**Zoo Career Day**

Explore the professional fields of animal care, veterinary medicine, education and more. Get close with small animals, meet with Zoo staff, take a behind-the-scenes tour and get a closer look at the real work involved with these exciting careers.  
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. CMZ  
Reinberger Education Center  
Age: grades 5 – 8  
Fee: \$47 member/\$52 nonmember  
 [Register online](#)  
216-635-3351

**Urban Birding**

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield for a morning's survey of newly-arrived spring migrant birds at one of the most beloved birding hot spots in the state. Meet in the parking lot just east of Whiskey Island Marina.  
9:30 – 11 a.m. LR  
Wendy Park  
Terrain: mostly flat, natural surface, 1 mile  
440-734-6660

**Sunday Morning Dog Walk**

Bring your dog for a walk around the Flats. We will walk on sidewalks and along the Cleveland Foundation Centennial Trail to see parts of the city that were out of sight for many years.  
10 – 11 a.m. LR  
Heritage Park 1 parking lot  
Terrain: paved, 2 miles  
216-206-1000

**Wonder of Wildwood**

Join Naturalist Natalie Schroder for a walk around the wetland and through the woods in search of early-blooming flowers, mammals and birds.  
10 – 11:30 a.m. ECR  
Wildwood entrance parking lot  
Terrain: paved, natural surface, some inclines, up to 2 miles  
440-473-3370

**Cherry Blossom Stroll**

(see 4/7 for details)  
11 a.m. – noon BR

**Monroe Cemetery Walk**

Join Historical Interpreter Karen Lakus for a walking tour of this old Ohio City resting place. See the graves and hear the stories of some well-known and unknown Clevelanders buried there.  
1 – 2 p.m. Off Site  
Monroe Street Cemetery  
Fee: \$5  
Terrain: natural surface, gravel, uneven, 1 mile  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning April 1  
216-206-1000

**Afternoon Archery for Kids**

(see 4/27 for details)  
1 – 2:30 p.m. OECR  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning April 2  
216-206-1000

**Family Fun Hike: Trees**

Join Naturalist Selby Majewski to celebrate Arbor Day. We will learn about the fascinating lives of trees and identify common species. Each household will receive a free tree seedling to plant at home.  
1 – 2:30 p.m. NCR  
Forest Picnic Area  
Age: 6 years & over with adult  
Terrain: flat, may be muddy, 2 miles  
440-473-3370

**Pioneer Living for Kids: Embroidery**

Join Historical Interpreter Beth Robb for this creative and fun program on embroidery. We'll explore how embroidery was important to Ohio's first settlers, and then create a sampler and an embroidered bookmark to take home.  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. BNC  
Trailside Program Center  
Age: 8 – 12 years  
 Register by phone  
beginning April 1  
[440-526-1012](tel:440-526-1012)

**Scouts BSA Merit Badge:**

**Mammal Study Part II**  
(See 4/27 for details)  
1 – 4 p.m. WSC

**Wildflower & Amphibian Quest**

Join Naturalist Jen Brumfield on a search for newly-risen spring wildflowers and seek salamanders, toads and frogs. Spring is here!  
3 – 4 p.m. RRNC  
Terrain: mostly flat, natural surface, 1 mile

**Afternoon Archery for Adults**

(see 4/27 for details)  
3 – 4:30 p.m. OECR  
 [Register online](#)  
beginning April 2  
216-206-1000

**29 • MONDAY**

**Urban Explorations: Flats Bridges**

Spend an afternoon by hiking in the Flats with Historical Interpreter Doug Kusak. Cleveland is a city of bridges and we plan to span the gamut of the type in the Flats. Meeting location revealed after registration.  
1 – 4 p.m. Off Site  
Age: adults, 8 years & over with adult  
Fee: \$5  
Terrain: city streets, gravel, worn brick, 2.5 miles  
 Register by phone  
beginning March 20  
[216-206-1000](tel:216-206-1000)

**An Afternoon at Acacia**

Join Naturalist Natalie Schroder on a hike through Acacia Reservation. We will hike the perimeter of the park looking for red-headed woodpeckers and hawks.  
2 – 4 p.m. AR  
Meet at the kiosk  
Terrain: paved, steep inclines, up to 3 miles  
440-473-3370

**LOOK AHEAD TO MAY**

**Native Plant Sale**

**May 11 & 12 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (or while supplies last)**

**North Chagrin Nature Center**

Come and shop for a wide variety of native plants at our annual native plant sale. Beautiful native spring wildflowers, stunning summer plants for pollinators and more will set your garden apart from all the rest. Credit accepted; cash or check preferred.

**Garden Gala Native Plant Sale**

**Saturday, May 18 • 10 a.m. • Rocky River Nature Center**  
Attract pollinators, beautify your yard and represent Ohio's beautiful natural heritage! Over twenty species of plants designed to fit all types of sun, soil and water conditions will be available while supplies last. Credit accepted; cash or check is preferred.

**Children's Fishing Derbies**

**Saturday May 18 • Wallace Lake, Mill Stream Run Reservation**

**Sunday May 19 • Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation**

Young anglers can try their luck at catching hungry rainbow trout, catfish and a variety of other fish while competing for prizes. Children can learn to cast or test their skills at the casting challenge.  
Fishing sessions:  
Age: 4 – 8 years | 9 a.m. – noon  
Age: 9 – 15 years | 1 – 4 p.m.  
For more information, visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) or call 216-206-1010

**Ottawa Overlook Beginner Backpacking Trip**

**May 17 – 18 • 6 p.m. – Noon • Ottawa Point Picnic Area**  
Join us for an overnight focused on learning backpacking skills at Cleveland Metroparks backcountry sites. Learn what to bring, how to pack a backpack, filter water and cook different backcountry meals in less than 24 hours. Equipment is provided.

 Cleveland Metroparks is committed to providing quality recreational opportunities to the people of Greater Cleveland. If you need special assistance to attend a program or visit a facility, please call ahead to the number listed for the event or see the directory provided on the back cover. You may also visit [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com).

# Swim SESSIONS

at Cleveland  
Metroparks

**Don't miss out!**

## Swimming season at Ledge Pool starts May 25 and runs through August 18

**\*Online Registration for Learn-to-Swim begins May 1, 2019.**

\*Registration will be online at [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com) only up until one week prior to the start of class. [Register online](#). Registrations will then be taken in person at Ledge Pool during regular pool hours up until the start of class.

Waivers and medical forms are available online at the bottom of each session's page. Bring completed forms to the first day of class (only one medical form per child per season, waivers must be completed for each child each session).

## Learn-to-Swim Programs

Water Safety Instructors offer an American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program for preschoolers and beginner to intermediate level swimmers. Classes meet 10 times per session, weather permitting. The fees per session are \$45 for season pass holders and \$65 for all others.

### Morning Swim Classes

Session I – June 10 through 21

Session II – July 8 through 19

Session III – July 29 through August 9



### Evening Swim Classes

Session I – May 28 through June 27 (T & Th evenings)

Session II – July 8 through August 7 (M & W evenings)

Session II – July 9 through August 8 (T & Th evenings)

### Parent and Child Swim Classes

June 1 through August 3 (Saturday mornings)

### Pool Party Packages

Celebrate your special occasion in a reserved area with picnic tables for up to three hours. Parties must have at least 10 people and group use policies apply.

To schedule a pool party, call [330-239-2911](tel:330-239-2911).

### Advanced Sale Program for Organized Groups

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are available for group organizations to spend a day at the pool. There is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 90 tickets sold per day. Swim tickets must be purchased in advance at the discounted rate of \$5.00 each. Tickets will be printed with the date of the visit and only valid for that date. Tickets must be purchased at least two weeks prior to the event date by calling [440-331-8111](tel:440-331-8111).



## Season Passes & Pool Fees

Season passes can be purchased online by visiting [clevelandmetroparks.com](http://clevelandmetroparks.com)

### Daily pool use fees are:

\$7.00 – adults

\$6.00 – children 3 to 11 years

Free for seniors – 65 years & over

Free for children – 2 years & under

## Ledge Pool & Recreation Area

Located at 1151 Ledge Road in Hinckley Reservation, between State (Rt. 44) and Kellogg Roads in Hinckley Township

For more information call the Aquatics Division at [440-331-8111](tel:440-331-8111) before Memorial Day, or [330-239-2911](tel:330-239-2911) after Memorial Day.



# Outdoor Recreation



Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Recreation offers a series of year-round programs from introductory experiences and skills classes to advanced trips and certification courses. These class levels allow novices interested in an activity to gain the skills and knowledge to safely and confidently participate in these activities on their own while still challenging the avid recreationist.

ADAPTIVE	DAY	DATES	TIME	PARK	AGES	FEE**
Camp Cooking	Wed	<a href="#">April 3</a>	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	NCR	14+*	\$15.00
Handcycling	Wed	<a href="#">May 1</a>	6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	AR	14+*	\$13.00
<b>BACKPACKING</b>						
Backpacking Basics	Thur	<a href="#">April 4</a>	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	BrR	14+*	\$13.00
Land Navigation 1	Sat	<a href="#">April 6</a>	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	NCR	14+*	\$15.00
Land Navigation 2	Sat	<a href="#">April 6</a>	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	NCR	14+*	\$15.00
Tracy Ridge Backpacking Pre-Trip Trip: May 3, 1 p.m. – May 5, 9 p.m.	Tue	<a href="#">April 23</a>	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	GPC	14+*	\$125.00
Gourmet Backcountry Cooking	Thur	<a href="#">May 2</a>	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	NCR	14+*	\$15.00
Ottawa Overlook Beginner Backpacking Trip	Fri – Sat 2 Days	<a href="#">May 17 – 18</a>	Depart 6 p.m. – Return 12 p.m.	BrR	10+*	\$65.00
<b>CLIMBING</b>						
Rock Climbing: Anchor Building 1	Thur Thur	<a href="#">April 11</a> <a href="#">May 9</a>	6 p.m. – 9 p.m. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	CWC GPC	14+* 14+*	\$20.00 \$20.00
<b>CYCLING</b>						
Bikepacking	Wed	<a href="#">April 10</a>	6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.	BrR	14+*	\$13.00
Bicycle Maintenance 1	Wed	<a href="#">April 24</a>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	LR	14+*	\$13.00
Bicycle Maintenance 2	Wed	<a href="#">May 1</a>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	RRNC	14+*	\$15.00
<b>FISHING</b>						
Try-It: Fly Fishing (1 hr sessions)	Sun	<a href="#">May 5</a>	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	RRR	10+*	\$5.00
Steelhead Fly Fishing Excursion	Sun	<a href="#">April 28</a>	7 a.m. – 1 p.m.	RRNC	14+*	\$75.00
<b>KAYAKING</b>						
Kayak 1: Basic Strokes	Sun	<a href="#">April 14</a>	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Off site	14+*	\$45.00
Kayak 2: Rescues	Sun	<a href="#">April 28</a>	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Off site	14+*	\$45.00
<b>SAILING</b>						
Ohio Boating Education Course	Sat	<a href="#">May 11</a>	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	RRNC	13+*	\$15.00 –25.00
Sailing 1 Crewing (Every Monday for 3 weeks)	Mon	<a href="#">May 6, 13, &amp; 20</a>	5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	LR	14+*	\$125.00
<b>CERTIFICATIONS</b>						
Wilderness First Aid	Sat-Sun	<a href="#">April 6 – 7</a>	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	BrR	16+*	\$215.00

## Adaptive

Discover the art of camp cooking with pie irons and Dutch ovens, or try handcycling during these programs specifically designed for people of all abilities.

## Backpacking

Learn the art of backpacking under the guidance of experienced backpackers through a series of classroom programs and multi-day trips. Helping you gain the skills to backpack on your own is the goal.

## Climbing

Take your rock climbing skills outside to natural rock through the principles of anchor building and add a few knots to your “tool box.”

## Cycling

Get prepared for your next trip by bike. Learn the ins and outs of bicycle touring or how to maintain your bike.

## Fishing

Discover the tranquility of fly fishing under the guidance of Jeff Liskay as you learn rigging and casting techniques.

## Kayaking

Learn efficient strokes and rescue techniques that will prepare you for paddling on longer trips or tours.

## Sailing

Embrace Cleveland's lakefront by learning boating laws and etiquette during OBEC, and then put those skills to use during Sailing 1.

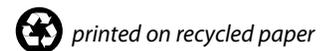
## Wilderness First Aid

This hands-on training course will help you prepare for the unexpected in the backcountry.

\* Must have participating adult accompanying youth. \*\* Fee includes all equipment needed to participate.

[Park abbreviations listed on page 12.](#)

To register for programs, click on the date link. For more details visit [clevelandmetroparks.com/or](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/or)

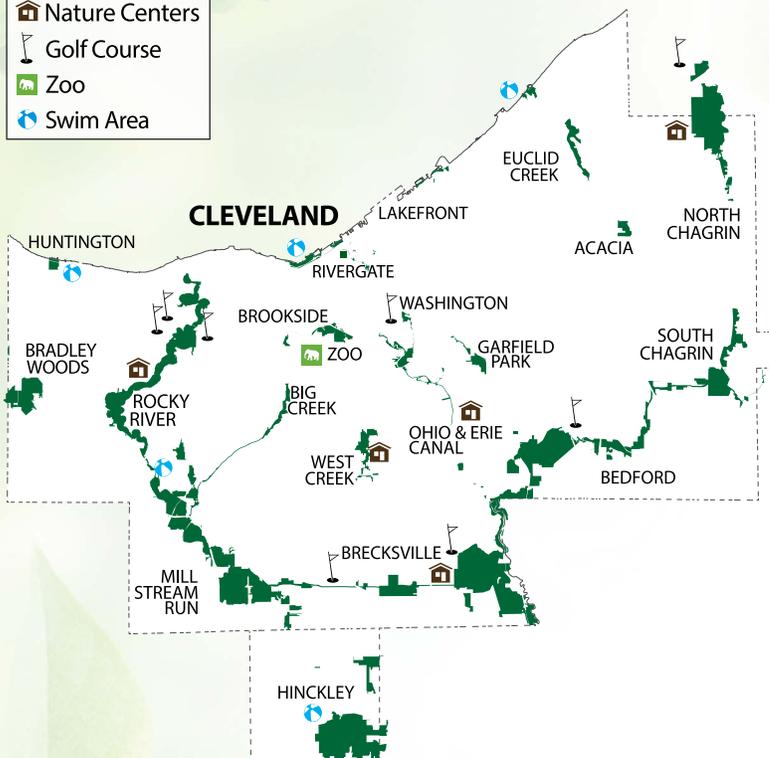


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North Olmsted, OH 44070  
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