



Medina County
Park District

Spring Program Guide 2024



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Basket Weaving 101
Preschoolers in the Garden
In the Garden
Senior Strides

Spring Bird Walks
Duck, Duck, Goose!
Push and Pull Stroller Walks
Forest Therapy Walks

Fishing Derby
Earth Day
Honoring the Traditions Powwow
Tales for Tots



Allardale Park

Park: 401 Remsen Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Bluebell Valley

8500 Richman Rd.
Lodi, OH 44254 (Harrisville Township)

Buckeye Woods Park

6335 Wedgewood Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Buffalo Creek Retreat

8708 Hubbard Valley Rd.
Seville, OH 44273 (Guilford Township)

Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park

4985 Windfall Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Chippewa Inlet Trail North

5803 Lafayette Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Hidden Hollow Camp

8672 Richman Rd.
Lodi, OH 44254 (Harrisville Township)

Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary (no pets)

4023 Beachler Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Green Leaf Park

1674 S. Medina Line Rd.
Sharon Township (use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS)

Holmesbrook Park

660 College Street
Wadsworth, OH 44281

Hubbard Valley Park

8600 Hubbard Valley Rd.
Seville, OH 44273 (Guilford Township)

Krabill Lodge

7597 Ballash Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Lake Medina

3733 Granger Rd.
Medina, OH 44256

Letha House Park

East: 5745 Richman Rd.
West: (Lodge)5800 Richman Rd.
Spencer, OH 44275 (Chatham Township)

**Oenslager Nature Center/
Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary (no pets)**

6100 Ridge Rd.
Sharon Township (use Wadsworth, OH for GPS)

Plum Creek Park North:

2390 Plum Creek Pkwy.
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

River Styx Park

8200 River Styx Rd.
Wadsworth, OH 44281 (Guilford Township)

Schleman Nature Preserve

6701 Wedgewood Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Susan Hambley Nature Center

1473 Parschen Blvd.
Brunswick, OH 44212



Medina County Park District

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Program

Registration

- Register online for programs at www.medinacountyparks.com.
- Not all programs are pet-friendly. Unless otherwise noted, pets are not permitted at park programs.

SPRING 2024 PROGRAMS

Saturday, March 2 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors reduces symptoms of stress and anxiety. Physically, hiking is great for your heart, blood pressure, and muscles. Join a naturalist and volunteers for a three-to-five mile vigorous hike along a different trail each month. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, March 5 - Preschoolers in the Garden: Let's Learn About Cool Season Crops - Krabill Lodge - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Who doesn't want to get out and start planting as soon as spring pops? Gardening can start early in the spring if you know what to plant. Cool-season crops, such as peas and spinach, can tolerate the colder temps of March and April. Come and explore this topic so you can get a jump on gardening. With OSU Master Gardeners, we'll create some take home lists, start some seeds, and learn about cool colors with a painting project. This program is for ages three to nine with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors so please dress accordingly. Register by March 3. There is a \$5 program fee that will be collected on the day of the program.

Wednesday, March 6 - Natural Discoveries - Green Leaf Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, March 9 - Basket Weaving 101: Spring Basket - Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join Emily Smith to make a useful, spring-colored, handwoven basket. There will be several color options for you to choose from. No experience is necessary. All materials are provided. Class size is limited so don't wait to contact Emily Smith at basketmakingfriends@gmail.com or (573) 694-4126 to register before February 24. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$30 program fee.

Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10 - Duck, Duck, Goose! - Susan Hambley Nature Center 12 to 5 p.m. Early spring is a great time to keep an eye on Brunswick Lake and other bodies of water for waterfowl like ducks and geese. Drop by Susan Hambley Nature Center any time between open and close for educational displays, activities, and more! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, March 10 - Indoor Photography - Oenslager Nature Center 1 to 2:30 p.m. Are you looking for something to do during Ohio's inclement weather? Do you want to learn more about indoor photography? Perhaps you are a realtor and want to take professional-looking photos. Or maybe your grandkids or favorite dog or cat are just crying out for a portrait! This class will provide tips and tricks on taking indoor photos without harsh shadows or yellow tints. Create lovely pictures following our guidelines on composition, theory, camera settings, and other gear to make something unique. Bring your camera and tripod (optional) to practice what you've learned in our workshop. There is a \$15 program fee. Payment is due on the day of the program; cash or check only. Ages 16 to adult. Register by March 7.

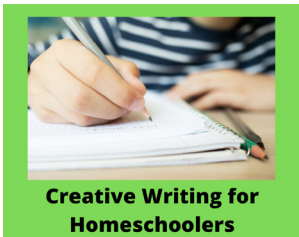


Tuesday, March 12 - Senior Strides - Holmesbrook Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Join park volunteer Connie for Senior Strides, a once-a-month social hike for seniors! It's a great opportunity to make new friends and get your exercise at the same time. Walks are one-to-two-miles in length. Please dress for the weather, and be sure to wear appropriate footwear. Ages 50 and up. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, March 13 - Waterfowl Wednesday - Lake Medina - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Whether you're new to watching waterfowl or a seasoned birder, this "dabblers and divers" adventure is for you! Join naturalists to discover waterfowl in the parks with the help of spotting scopes. Start your adventure at the Granger Road entrance to Lake Medina. When we finish there, we will head over to explore Chippewa Inlet Trail North. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, March 14 - Push and Pull Stroller Walk - Buckeye Woods Park - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Push a stroller, pull a weed, make a difference! OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will guide you and your little one(s) to play "I Spy with my Little Eye" in search of an invasive plant species that threatens habitat. This program is appropriate for parents, caregivers, stroller walkers, and young children who want to learn together and do community service work. We will stay on the trail as we spy and pull the garlic mustard plant. Gardening gloves and hand shovels are optional but helpful. Please register each adult and child aged three and up. Children under three do not need to register and are welcome to attend with their adult. Meet near the large shelter parking lot. Register by March 13. Free.

Thursday, March 14 - Creative Writing for Homeschoolers Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:15 p.m. Nature will serve as the inspiration for homeschoolers who want to improve their writing skills. We'll imitate the styles of skilled authors and use patterns to write poetry. The classes are offered individually but build upon one another to develop skills. Students will need a pencil, journal, and thesaurus. Part of the class may be outdoors so dress appropriately. A writing assignment will be given after each class, and students will be expected to share what they wrote at the following month's class. Class will be cancelled if any school district in Medina County is closed due to inclement weather. Ages 8 to 12. Register by March 12. Free.



Creative Writing for Homeschoolers



Rain Barrel Workshop

Saturday, March 16
Krabill Lodge
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For questions and to register for this program, please call (330) 722-9322. Ages 13 to adult. There is a \$60 program fee.



Saturday, March 16 - Woodland Health Day of Service Volunteers Needed - Schleman Nature Preserve - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come work together with OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and park district volunteers to remove garlic mustard and other non-native plants from sensitive wildflower habitats in the parks. No prior experience is necessary. Please bring your own work gloves. This is an excellent opportunity to give back to your community and ensure a healthy park for future generations. Registration is encouraged but not required. Registered participants will be contacted in the event of a cancellation; others may call the cancellation hotline at (330) 239-3305. Ages eight to adult. Register by March 10. Free.

Saturday, March 16 - Rain Barrel Workshop - Krabill Lodge 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Construct your own rain barrel and take it home! In this workshop, guests will learn the many benefits of collecting storm water via rain barrels. After the presentation, construction will begin. All parts for the assembly are included, and two drills will be available for the class to use. We welcome attendees to bring their own electric drills, if they can. Diverter kits fit standard 2"x 3" downspouts best, but they also work with 3"x 4" downspouts. This kit does NOT work for round downspouts. The program is presented by the Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District. For questions and to register for this program, please call (330) 722-9322. Ages 13 to adult. There is a \$60 program fee.

Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17 - Duck, Duck, Goose! Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Early spring is a great time to keep an eye on Brunswick Lake and other bodies of water for waterfowl like ducks and geese. Drop by Susan Hambley Nature Center any time between open and close for educational displays, activities, and more! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, March 16 - Crafternoon: Clovers - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:30 p.m. It's time to start thinking green! Get in the spirit by joining us for this program to explore crafting clovers from different materials. All supplies will be provided. Ages 13 to adult. Register by March 14. Free.

Thursday, March 21 - Tales for Tots - Oenslager Nature Center 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. A beak is a fascinating tool that is important to a bird's survival. Learn about all kinds of beaks and how birds use them through a story, fun activities, and hands-on examination. For ages three to six with an adult companion. Some or the entire program will be held outdoors, please dress accordingly. Register between February 1 and March 20. Free. Page 3

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March 2024 ** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED	Key: ADP - Allardale Park BWP - Buckeye Woods Park CLMP - Carolyn Ludwig Mgrage Park GLP - Green Leaf Park HBP - Holmesbrook Park LM - Lake Medina KB - Krabill Lodge ONC - Oenslager Nature Center PCPN - Plum Creek Park North SHNC - Susan Hambley Nature Center SNP - Schleman Nature Preserve				1	2 A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - CLMP 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
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24 **Woodland Health Day of Service - ONC - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Invasive Species - HBP 3 to 4 p.m. Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - ONC - 3 to 5 p.m.	25	26	27	28 **Push and Pull Stroller Walk BWP - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Forest Therapy Walk - ADP - 6 to 7:30 p.m.	29	30 **All About Yarrow—2024 Herb of the Year! - ONC 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
31 ONC and SHNC are closed for the holiday.						

March 19 to June 19, 2024

Get outside and fish at your Medina County parks this spring. This self-guided program is the perfect way to spend time with family and friends and can be completed at your convenience.

Participants who fish at five or more designated fishing areas between March 19 and June 19 and turn in their completed forms to the Oenslager Nature Center between June 20 and July 7, 2024 will receive an award (while supplies last). This program is open to all ages; one award per person. Download the form at www.medinacountyparks.com. Click on the *Programs* menu, then on *Public Programs and Events*, then on the *Special Events* icon. You can also pick up a form at Oenslager Nature Center, Susan Hambley Nature Center, or the park office.



Woodland Health Days of Service



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED for
two-hour shifts**

**March 16, 23, and 24
April 6, 7, 13, 14, and 27
May 4, 5, and 11**

Saturday, March 23 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Plum Creek Park North - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/16 program listing for details. Register by March 17.

Saturday, March 23 - Spring Teachings of the Medicine Wheel Playshop - Oenslager Nature Center - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Spring is the cycle of renewal and offers us opportunities for clarity, illumination, blossoming, and creativity. The teachings of Native Americans and the medicine wheel offer us a way to have new perspectives and deepen our relationship with the earth. Through storytelling, music, and movement, Jo Oklessen will guide you through this play shop to celebrate spring. Please dress for the outdoors and bring a journal or notebook. Ages 18 and up. Register by March 20. Free.

Sunday, March 24 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/23 program listing for details. Register by March 17. Free.

Sunday, March 24 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Invasive Species - Holmesbrook Park - 3 to 4 p.m. Invasive plants and animals are threatening Ohio's natural areas by reducing food and habitat for native wildlife. Learn which invasives may be lurking in your home landscape and what you can do about them. We will discuss the value of native species and their necessity for sustaining local ecosystems. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. Please visit the park district's website for a brochure listing complete hike details and dates. Ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, March 24 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - Oenslager Nature Center - 3 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for nature photo enthusiasts of all skill levels to share knowledge with like-minded folks, gain special access to programs and events related to photography, and support the park district. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. Please contact club leadership at medinapotp@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, March 28 - Push and Pull Stroller Walk - Buckeye Woods Park - Meet at the large shelter - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. See 3/14 program listing for details. Register by March 26.

Thursday, March 28 - Forest Therapy Walk - Allardale Park - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationship to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five to adult. Register by March 26. Free.

Saturday, March 30 - All About Yarrow--2024 Herb of the Year! - Oenslager Nature Center - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The International Herb Society has named yarrow the 2024 Herb of the Year! Join the Medina County Herb Society to learn about the benefits of yarrow and how to grow it. Participants will be provided with seeds, supplies, and information for growing and using this versatile plant. Ages 12 to adult. Register by March 27. Free.

Tuesday, April 2 - Preschoolers in the Garden: Seeds, Seeds, Seeds! - Krabill Lodge - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Big seeds, little seeds, white seeds, speckled seeds . . . come explore a fascinating array of seeds, the beginnings of plant growth, with OSU Master Gardeners. We will discover more about these tiny packages and what they hold inside through seed sorting activities, a seed search, and an art project. This program is for ages three to nine with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors so please dress accordingly. Register by March 30. There is a \$5 program fee that will be collected on the day of the program.

Saturday, April 6 - Ohio Division of Wildlife: Hunter Education Course - Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Completion of a hunter education course is required for all first-time hunting license buyers in Ohio (ORC 1533.10). The hunter education course covers topics such as firearms, ammunition, gun handling, archery, hunter responsibilities, outdoor safety, wildlife management and conservation, and other related information. Absolutely NO FIREARMS shall be brought to the class. Lunch is not provided, but there will be a one-hour lunch break. Registration for this class begins on March 4 and can only be done on the ODNR website at <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/hunter-education/huntered-courses>. Ages ten to adult. Free.

In the Garden

Help Medina County Herb Society transform its herb garden to a native shade garden at Green Leaf Park.

**Saturday, April 13 - 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23 - 6 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 28 - 1 to 3 p.m.**



Saturday, April 6 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Letha House Park West - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors reduces symptoms of stress and anxiety. Physically, hiking is great for your heart, blood pressure, and muscles. Join a naturalist and volunteers for a three-to-five mile vigorous hike along a different trail each month. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 6 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - River Styx Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come work together with OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and park district volunteers to remove garlic mustard and other non-native plants from sensitive wildflower habitats in the parks. No prior experience is necessary. Please bring your own work gloves. This is an excellent opportunity to give back to your community and ensure a healthy park for future generations. Registration is encouraged but not required. Registered participants will be contacted in the event of a cancellation; others may call the cancellation hotline at (330) 239-3305. Ages eight to adult. Register by March 31. Free.

Sunday, April 7 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Schleman Nature Preserve - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 4/6 program listing for details. Register by March 31.

Tuesday, April 9 - Senior Strides - River Styx Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Join park volunteer Connie for Senior Strides, a once-a-month social hike for seniors! It's a great opportunity to make new friends and get your exercise at the same time. Walks are one-to-two-miles in length. Please dress for the weather, and be sure to wear appropriate footwear. Ages 50 and up. No registration is required. Free.



Wednesday, April 10 - Natural Discoveries - Allardale Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

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Saturday, April 13 - 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - River Styx Park - 7:30 a.m. Watch as migrating spring birds return or travel through to their summer breeding grounds during the 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks. The Series of Spring Bird Walks is one of the oldest community science partnerships in Northeast Ohio and

is cosponsored by several area organizations. Medina County Park District walks are led by experienced birders. Meet in the main parking lot at River Styx Park. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 13 - Basket Weaving 101: May-Day Basket Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join Emily Smith to make a handwoven May-Day basket. There will be several color options for you to choose from. No experience is necessary. All supplies are provided. Class size is limited so don't wait to contact Emily Smith at Basketmakingfriends@gmail.com or (573) 694-4126 to register before March 30. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$30 program fee.



Saturday, April 13 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Lake Medina - Granger Road entrance - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 4/6 program listing for details. Register by April 7.

Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14 - Nuts About Squirrels Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Squirrels in Ohio come in a variety of shapes and sizes, from flying squirrels to groundhogs. Stop by the nature center this weekend to learn all about these energetic rodents through an assortment of games, displays, and activities. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

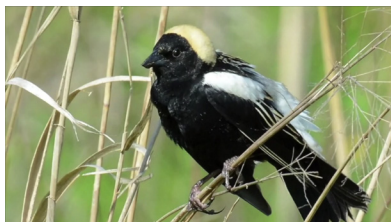
Saturday, April 13 - In the Garden - Green Leaf Park - 1 to 3 p.m. Help the MCHS transition its herb garden to a native shade garden. Participants will help clear overgrown plants and learn more about the native plants that will grow well in the garden plot near the historical cabin at Green Leaf Park. Please bring your own gloves, weeding tools, and water to drink. Some of the removed herbs will be available to take home, so bring your own transport containers, too, if you are interested. Registration is not required but will help us know how many people to expect. Ages 12 to adult. Free.

Sunday, April 14 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 4/6 program listing for details. Register by April 7.

Sunday, April 14 - Natural Dye Workshop - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 4 p.m. Discover the surprising range of rich colors created by making dyes using natural materials from the garden, field, forest, or far away. Flowers, roots, and leaves, nut hulls, the bark from trees, and even bugs provide the natural palette for dyeing prepared wool fibers. Participants will take home six ten-yard skeins of dyed yarn and instructions for future natural dye explorations. Please dress in casual, comfortable clothing (that you won't mind getting splashed by a little dye). All supplies are provided. ****REGISTRATION NOTE--**Keep in mind that this program requires advance preparation of supplies by the instructor. If you sign up, please make every effort to attend or cancel in enough time that we can fill your spot with someone else. Ages 14 to adult. Register by April 9. There is a \$24 program fee that will be collected on the day of the program.



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<p>April 2024</p> <p>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</p>	1 Strolling Through Spring Begins!	2 **Preschoolers in the Garden: Seeds, Seeds, Seeds! KB - 10 to 11:30 a.m.	3	4	5	6 **Ohio Division of Wildlife: Hunter Education Course ONC - 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - LHPW - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Woodland Health Day of Service: Volunteers Needed RSP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
7 **Woodland Health Day of Service: Volunteers Needed SNP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	8	9 Senior Strides - RSP 10 to 11 a.m.	10 Natural Discoveries ADP - 10 to 11 a.m.	11 **Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC - 2 to 3: 15 p.m.	12	13 91 st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m. **Basket Weaving 101: May-Day Basket - ONC - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Woodland Health Day of Service: Volunteers Needed LM/Granger Road - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Nuts about Squirrels - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m. In the Garden - GLP 1 to 3 p.m.
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21 Nuts about Squirrels - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.	22	23 In the Garden - GLP 6 to 8 p.m.	24	25 **Tales for Tots - KB 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.	26	27 91 st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m. **Woodland Health Day of Service: Volunteers Needed ADP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Frog Hike - BWP - 2 to 3 p.m.
28 In the Garden - GLP 1 to 3 p.m. Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Spring Wildflowers HVP - 3 to 4 p.m. Photographers of the Parks Club - ONC - 3 to 5 p.m.	29	30 Tadpole Tuesday ONC - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.	<p>Key:</p> <p>ADP - Allardale Park BCR - Buffalo Creek Retreat BWP - Buckeye Woods Park GLP - Green Leaf Park HVP - Hubbard Valley Park LHPE - Letha House Park East LHPW - Letha House Park West</p> <p>LM - Lake Medina KB - Krabill Lodge ONC - Oenslager Nature Center PCPN - Plum Creek Park North RSP - River Styx Park SHNC - Susan Hambley Nature Center SNP - Schleman Nature Preserve</p>			



91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks

Every Saturday from April 13 to May 18 at River Styx Park - 7:30 a.m.

Watch as migrating spring birds return or travel through to their summer breeding grounds. This series is one of the oldest community science partnerships in Northeast Ohio and is cosponsored by several area organizations. Medina County Park District walks are led by experienced birders. Meet in the main parking lot or shelter if raining. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Tuesday, April 16 - Tadpole Tuesday - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Join a naturalist for this interactive hike and use tools, such as nets, to search for tadpoles! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, April 16 - Forest Therapy Walk - Letha House Park East - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationship to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five to adult. Register by April 14. Free.

Saturday, April 20 - 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walk - River Styx Park - Meet in parking lot or shelter if raining - 7:30 a.m. See 4/13 program listing for details.

Saturday, April 20 - Medina County's 28th Annual Earth Day Festival Buffalo Creek Retreat - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come celebrate Earth Day at Medina County Park District's Buffalo Creek Retreat with earth-friendly exhibits, family fishing derby, kids' activities, food, and much more! Additional parking for this event will be at Hubbard Valley Park with shuttle service provided to Buffalo Creek. All ages are welcome. Free admission. No registration is required.

Saturday, April 20 - Family Fishing Derby - Buffalo Creek Retreat - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fish together with your family, hook some memories, and win prizes! Grab a rod and reel in an afternoon of fishing fun during Medina County Park District's Family Fishing Derby! Parent/child teams can register and fish any time between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration during the derby is required to be eligible to win prizes. Please bring your own fishing pole. A limited amount of fishing poles and bait will be available for use. This derby is held in conjunction with Medina County's Earth Day Festival. All ages are welcome. Free.

Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21- Nuts About Squirrels Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Squirrels in Ohio come in a variety of shapes and sizes, from flying squirrels to groundhogs. Stop by the nature center this weekend to learn all about these energetic rodents through an assortment of games, displays, and activities. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, April 23 - In the Garden - Green Leaf Park - 6 to 8 p.m. Help the MCHS transition its herb garden to a native shade garden. Participants will help clear overgrown plants and learn more about the native plants that will grow well in the garden plot near the historical cabin at Green Leaf Park. Please bring your own gloves, weeding tools, and water to drink. Some of the removed herbs will be available to take home, so bring your own transport containers, too, if you are interested. Registration is not required but will help us know how many people to expect. Ages 12 to adult. Free.

Thursday, April 25 - Tales for Tots - Krabill Lodge - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. This program is eggs-tra special! We will investigate eggs of all shapes and sizes through a story and hands-on examination, then go on an egg hunt! For ages three to six with an adult companion. Some or the entire program will be held outdoors; please dress accordingly. Register between March 21 and April 24. Free.

Saturday, April 27 - 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks River Styx Park - Meet in parking lot or shelter if raining - 7:30 a.m. See 4/13 program listing for details.

Saturday, April 27 - Woodland Health Day of Service Volunteers Needed - Allardale Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 4/6 program listing for details. Register by Sunday, April 21. Free.

Saturday, April 27 - Frog Hike - Buckeye Woods Park - 2 to 3 p.m. In many of our parks, April is the peak month to hear the calls of various frogs. Join a naturalist for a hike through one of the most hopping parks to look and listen for frogs! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, April 28 - In the Garden - Green Leaf Park - 1 to 3 p.m. Help the MCHS transition its herb garden to a native shade garden. Participants will help clear overgrown plants and learn more about the native plants that will grow well in the garden plot near the historical cabin at Green Leaf Park. Please bring your own gloves, weeding tools, and water to drink. Some of the removed herbs will be available to take home, so bring your own transport containers, too, if you are interested. Registration is not required but will help us know how many people to expect. Ages 12 to adult. Free.

Family Fishing Derby

**Saturday, April 20 - Buffalo Creek Retreat
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>May 2024</p> <p>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</p>			<p>1</p> <p>**Push and Pull Stroller Walk BWP - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>StoryWalk: All about Birds - CLMP - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - HVP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>**Woodland Health Day of Service: Volunteers Needed HVP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>**Touch the Earth Playshop ONC - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Key:</p> <p>BBV - Bluebell Valley BCR - Buffalo Creek Retreat BWP - Buckeye Woods Park CITN - Chippewa Inlet Trail North CLMP - Carolyn Ludwig Mudge Park</p> <p>GWWS - Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary HBP - Holmesbrook Park HHC - Hidden Hollow Camp HVP - Hubbard Valley Park LHPW - Letha House Park West KB - Krabill Lodge</p> <p>ONC - Oenslager Nature Center PCPN - Plum Creek Park North RSP - River Styx Park SHNC - Susan Hambley Nature Center SNP - Schleman Nature Preserve</p>						
<p>5</p> <p>**Woodland Health Day of Service: Volunteers Needed HBP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Natural Discoveries BBV - 10 to 11 a.m.</p> <p>**Push and Pull Stroller Walk PCPN - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>**Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC - 2 to 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Family (Get Out & Fish) Fishing BCR – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>K-9 Kapers - BBV 10 to 11 a.m.</p> <p>**Woodland Health Day of Service: Volunteers Needed BWP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>**Preschoolers in the Garden: Let's Grow Salad Bowls KB - 10 to 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Senior Strides HHC - 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series CITN - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Honoring the Traditions Powwow - BCR - 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.</p> <p>Fishing Frenzy! - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Starry, Starry Nights at Letha House – LHPW – 9 to 11 p.m.</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Fishing Frenzy! - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Lichens – PCPN 3 to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Wildlife Walk CITN - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>**Tales for Tots PCPN - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.</p> <p>**Forest Therapy Walk - GWWS 6 to 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Fishing Frenzy! - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Granger Wetlands Perspectives: Yesterday and Today - GWWS - 1 to 4 p.m.</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Fishing Frenzy! - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Photographers of the Park Club Meeting - ONC 3 to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Park office closed in observance of Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Wildlife Walk LHPW - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



April 1 to June 30, 2024

Get outside and explore your Medina County parks on accessible trails! “Strolling Through Spring” is great for strollers, wheelchairs, and walkers of all abilities.

Complete five or more of the designated trails between April 1 and June 30 to qualify for an award. Hikes and awards are FREE for all participants! The award for all hikers is a unique commemorative art print created by local artist and long-time park volunteer George Parmelee. Download the form at www.medinacountyparks.com. Click on the *Programs* menu, then on *Public Programs and Events*, then on the *Special Events* icon. You can also pick up a form at Oenslager Nature Center, Susan Hambley Nature Center, or the park office.

Sunday, April 28 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Spring Wildflowers - Hubbard Valley Park - 3 to 4 p.m. Only a brief window of time exists each year when woodland ephemerals are in their glory. Join us for a hike to discover what delicate beauties are blooming on the forest floor. Prepare for muddy trails and bring your wildflower guide if you have one. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, April 28 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting Oenslager Nature Center - 3 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for nature photo enthusiasts of all skill levels to share knowledge with like-minded folks, gain special access to programs and events related to photography, and support the park district. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. Please contact club leadership at medinapotp@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, April 30 - Tadpole Tuesday - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Join a naturalist for this interactive hike and use tools, such as nets, to search for tadpoles! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, May 1 - Push and Pull Stroller Walk - Buckeye Woods Park - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Push a stroller, pull a weed, make a difference! OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers will guide you and your little one(s) to play "I Spy with my Little Eye" in search of an invasive plant species that threatens habitat. This program is appropriate for parents, caregivers, stroller walkers, and young children who want to learn together and do community service work. We will stay on the trail as we spy and pull the garlic mustard plant. Gardening gloves and hand shovels are optional but helpful. Please register each adult and child aged three and up. Children under three do not need to register and are welcome to attend with their adult. Meet near the large shelter parking lot. Register by April 28. Free.



Thursday, May 2 - StoryWalk: All About Birds Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join a librarian for bird stories and a craft. Then learn from a park naturalist about bird identification, adaptations, and nest-building techniques of Ohio bird species. A rain date for this program will be May 9, same time and location. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 4 - 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - River Styx Park - meet in parking lot or shelter if raining - 7:30 a.m. Watch as migrating spring birds return or travel through to their summer breeding grounds during the 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks. The Series of Spring Bird Walks is one of the oldest community science partnerships in Northeast Ohio and is cosponsored by several area organizations. Medina County Park District walks are led by experienced birders. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 4 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Hubbard Valley Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors reduces symptoms of stress and anxiety. Physically, hiking is great for your heart, blood pressure, and muscles. Join a naturalist and volunteers for a three-to-five mile vigorous hike

along a different trail each month. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 4 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Hubbard Valley Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come work



together with OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers and park district volunteers to remove garlic mustard and other non-native plants from sensitive wildflower habitats in the parks. No prior experience is necessary. Please bring your own work gloves.

This is an excellent opportunity to give back to your community and ensure a healthy park for future generations. Registration is encouraged but not required. Registered participants will be contacted in the event of a cancellation; others may call the cancellation hotline at (330) 239-3305. Ages eight to adult. Register by April 28. Free.

Saturday, May 4 - Touch the Earth Playshop - Oenslager Nature Center - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. In this play shop, Jo Oklessen will help guide you to develop new ways of perceiving and immersing in nature. Through exploration of ecological principles, sensory exercises, gentle movement, breath work, and music, learn to deepen your relationship with the natural world. Join us to experience nature with active senses, related alertness, and awe! Dress for the outdoors and bring a journal or notebook. Ages 18 and up. Register by May 1. Free.

Sunday, May 5 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Holmesbrook Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 5/4 program listing for details. Register by April 28.

Wednesday, May 8 - Natural Discoveries - Bluebell Valley (part of Black River Nature Preserve) - 10 to 11 a.m. Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, May 8 - Push and Pull Stroller Walk Plum Creek Park North - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. See 5/1 program listing for details. Meet near the north parking lot. Register by May 5. Free.



Thursday, May 9 - Creative Writing for Homeschoolers - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:15 p.m. Nature will serve as the inspiration for homeschoolers who want to improve their writing skills. We'll imitate the styles of skilled authors and use patterns to write poetry. The classes are offered individually but build upon one another to develop skills. Students will need a pencil, journal, and thesaurus. Part of the class may be outdoors so dress appropriately. A writing assignment will be given after each class, and students will be expected to share what they wrote at the following month's class. Ages 8 to 12. Register by May 7. Free.

Saturday, May 11 - 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - River Styx Park - Meet in parking lot or shelter if raining - 7:30 a.m. See 5/4 program listing for details.



HONORING THE TRADITIONS POWWOW

Saturday, May 18
Buffalo Creek Retreat
10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Join us for this unique event cosponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 900, Crooked River Foundation, ORMACO, and Medina County Park District.

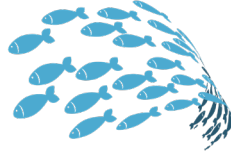
Come and enjoy the rich cultural heritage of a Native American powwow and experience a showcase of traditional dances, songs, music and art. Gates for public open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Grand Entry is at noon. All ages are welcome.



General admission is \$5; Seniors and Active Duty Veterans \$3. Children under 6 are FREE. No registration is required.

Saturday, May 11 - Family (Get Out & Fish)

Fishing - Buffalo Creek Retreat - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by any time between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to fish the ponds at Buffalo Creek Retreat. Fishing is only permitted at this site during this program. No fishing experience is necessary; we'll have staff and volunteer fishermen to assist you and your family. A limited amount of rods and reels and bait will be available for use. Children must come with an adult companion. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Saturday, May 11 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Buckeye Woods Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 5/4 program listing for details. Register by May 5. Free.

Saturday, May 11 - K-9 Kapers - Bluebell Valley (part of Black River Nature Preserve) - 10 to 11 a.m. K-9 Kapers provides dog owners with an opportunity to socialize their pets with other dogs. These alternative hikes will interest both the dog and its owner while offering exercise and fun. All dogs must have an accompanying adult and eight-foot leash (non-retractable). Participants must maintain control of their dogs at all times. We recommend bringing a towel for muddy feet and a water bowl. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Tuesday, May 14 - Preschoolers in the Garden: Let's Grow Salad Bowls - Krabill Lodge - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Mmmm . . . what's crunchy, crisp, cool, and leafy? Yes, it's salad! Salad bowls are great and easy ways to grow different types of lettuce and greens. Join OSU Master Gardeners to learn about the different greens, create

a salad bowl to enjoy at home, and much more. This program is for ages three to nine with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors so please dress accordingly. There is a \$5 program fee that will be collected on the day of the program. Register by May 12.

Tuesday, May 14 - Senior Strides - Hidden Hollow Camp - 10 to 11 a.m. Join park volunteer Connie for Senior Strides, a once-a-month social hike for seniors! It's a great opportunity to make new friends and get your exercise at the same time. Walks are one-to-two-miles in length. Please dress for the weather, and be sure to wear appropriate footwear. Ages 50 and up. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, May 16 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Chippewa Inlet Trail North (State Route 42/Lafayette Road entrance) - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors reduces symptoms of stress and anxiety. Physically, hiking is great for your heart, blood pressure, and muscles. Join a naturalist and volunteers for a three-to-five mile vigorous hike along a different trail each month. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 18 - 91st Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - River Styx Park - Meet in parking lot or shelter if raining - 7:30 a.m. See 5/4 program listing for details.

Saturday, May 18 - Honoring the Traditions Powwow - Buffalo Creek Retreat - 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Join us for this unique event cosponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 900, Crooked River Foundation, ORMACO, and Medina County Park District. Come and enjoy the rich cultural heritage of a Native American powwow and experience a showcase of traditional dances, songs, music, and art. Gates for public open at 10:30 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Grand Entry is at noon. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. General admission is \$5; seniors and active duty veterans \$3. Children under six are FREE.

Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 - Fishing Frenzy! - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Spring is here, and it's a great time of year to go fishing. Join us this weekend to learn about the basics of fishing. You'll learn about the different species of fish that live in our lakes and ponds; what fishing equipment, tackle, and bait works the best; and where to fish around the area. Also, there will be crafts, games, and displays but no actual fishing at this program. This will be a self-guided program. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 18 - Starry, Starry Nights at Letha House - Letha House Lodge (West) - 9 to 11 p.m. Come see deep-sky objects, planets, and the moon up close using the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association's telescopes. The observatory will be open for public viewing, and members will be available to answer your questions. Have a telescope but not sure how to use it effectively? Members will also be on hand one hour before the program begins to show you how to use your own telescope for viewing the night sky. Cancellations will only be made in the event of severe thunderstorms. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Sunday, May 19 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Lichens - Plum Creek Park North - 3 to 4 p.m. Lichens are something that are often seen but seldom noticed. Learn about the delicate balance of this dual organism as we

hike the wooded trails of Plum Creek Park. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, May 21 - Wildlife Walk - Chippewa Inlet Trail North (State Route 42/Lafayette Road entrance) - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Spring has sprung, and the animals have been busy out in the parks. Join a naturalist to learn about what our local wildlife is up to! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, May 23 - Tales for Tots - Plum Creek Lodge - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Do you know the difference between a pet and a wild animal? Learn more about what makes an animal "wild" through a story and fun activities. For ages three to six with an adult companion. Some or the entire program will be held outdoors; please dress accordingly. Register between April 25 and May 22. Free.

Thursday, May 23 - Forest Therapy Walk - Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationship to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five to adult. Register by May 21. Free.

Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 - Fishing Frenzy! - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Spring is here, and it's a great time of year to go fishing. Join us this weekend to learn about the basics of fishing. You'll learn about the different species of fish that live in our lakes and ponds; what fishing equipment, tackle, and bait works the best; and where to fish around the area. Also, there will be crafts, games, and displays but no actual fishing at this program. This will be a self-guided program. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Summer Enrichment in Medina County

July 8-14, 2024

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Granger Wetlands Perspectives: Yesterday and Today



Saturday, May 25

Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary

1 to 4 p.m.

Plein Air painters 8-11 a.m.
Historical stories: 1-2:45 p.m.
Ecologist walk: 3:15-4 p.m.
Historical society: 1-4 p.m.

See the newly-opened Granger Wetlands from several perspectives as the park district and Granger Historical Society come together for this unique one-day event.



Because parking is limited at the site, shuttle service will be provided from the Granger United Methodist Church parking lot at 1235 Granger Road.

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Sunday, May 26 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting Oenslager Nature Center - 3 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for nature photo enthusiasts of all skill levels to share knowledge with like-minded folks, gain special access to programs and events related to photography, and support the park district. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. Please contact club leadership at medinapotp@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, May 29 - Wildlife Walk - Letha House Park West - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Spring has sprung, and the animals have been busy out in the parks. Join a naturalist to learn about what our local wildlife is up to! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Program Registration

- Register online for programs at www.medinacountyparks.com.
- Not all programs are pet-friendly. Unless otherwise noted, pets are not permitted at park programs.