



The Newsletter of the Medina County Park District July 13, 2010

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The Eye-Spy Trail

Saturday, July 17

Plum Creek Park South - 2 p.m.

Vision plays an important role in nature observation. Challenge your sense of sight as we hike down a trail looking for “unnatural” objects. Keep track of what you spotted to determine your level of eye-spy sharpness. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

Letha House Observatory Open House

Saturday, July 17

Letha House Enclosed Shelter - 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 each night to answer your questions. Cancellations will only be made in the case of severe thunderstorms. No registration required. All ages welcome. Free.



Nature Through the Seasons

Wednesday, July 21 - Lake Medina - 10 a.m.

These easy walks explore our different parks while observing the unfolding of nature. No registration required. Ages 7 to adult. Free.

Wild Wednesdays at the Susan Hambley Nature Center



Wednesday, July 21 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Take a walk on the “wild side” at the Susan Hambley Nature Center in Brunswick. Investigate nature through self-lead exploration and naturalist-guided activities on topics such as rocks, reptiles, insects and more. Self-guided activities will be available the whole day and naturalist-guided activities will occur at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. No registration required. Free. All ages welcome.

Tales for Tots

Thursday, July 22

Susan Hambley Nature Center - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

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Tales for Tots

Friday, July 23

Susan Hambley Nature Center - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

See above for description.

Astrophotography

Friday, July 23 - Letha House Enclosed Shelter - 7 p.m.

Witness the beauty of the universe as George Gajdos shares his experiences and pictures from over forty years of his combined hobbies of photography and astronomy. Adults only please. Register by July 22. This program is sponsored by the Photographers of the Parks Club.

Moon Walk

Friday, July 23 - Buckeye Woods Park - 9 p.m.

The sun has set, and nocturnal creatures are stirring. Relax with a naturalist as we take a leisurely stroll admiring the summer moon, stars, and nature’s night music. Hike will go on if cloudy. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

Reptiles of Wolf Creek

Saturday, July 24 - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 10 a.m.

Join us as we learn about reptiles like milk snakes, northern water snakes, and painted turtles. After a short presentation, we’ll take a short hike around Wolf Creek to look for some of these reptiles. Learn about how they live, where they live, and the important role that these animals play in our environment. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

Billions of Beetles

Saturday, July 24 - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 1 to 4 p.m.

It is estimated that there are over 300,000 species of beetles in the world. Although we don’t have that many species here in Medina County, you may be surprised by what does live here. Stop in at the Susan Hambley Nature Center between one and four to learn more about these plentiful creatures through games, crafts, and other beetle activities. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

Photographers of the Park Club

Sunday, July 25 - Wolf Creek - 3 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for nature photo enthusiasts to share knowledge with like-minded folks, gain special access to programs and events related to photography, and support the park district. Both beginner and advanced photographers are invited to participate. No registration required.

All Aboard Sunship Earth

Tuesday, August 3 to Thursday, August 5

Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Get your passport ready for this fun-filled week discovering the concepts of life on Earth: energy flow, cycles, diversity, community, interrelationships, change, and adaptation. We’ll sharpen our senses and deepen our understanding through games, activities, music, math, and language arts. Program fee is \$20 per student. For students in grades 3 to 5. Register by July 30.



Kayak I: Kayaking Basics

Tuesday, August 3 - Hubbard Valley Park - 6 to 9 p.m.

Staff from Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors will help you learn the basics of paddling safely on in-land lakes

and rivers. This class includes all necessary kayaking equipment and will cover kayaking basics, boating safety, proper boat control and wet exits, so come prepared to get wet. **To register, call the Institute of the Great Outdoors at (216) 341-1704, Monday – Friday.** Program fee is \$40 per person. Ages 16 and over (with participating adult).

Wild Wednesdays at the Susan Hambley Nature Center

Wednesday, August 4 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Take a walk on the “wild side” at the Susan Hambley Nature Center in Brunswick. Investigate nature through self-lead exploration and naturalist-guided activities on topics such as rocks, reptiles, insects and more. Self-guided activities will be available the whole day and naturalist-guided activities will occur at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. No registration required. Free. All ages welcome.

Hiking for the Health of It

Saturday, August 7 - Letha House Park - 9 a.m.



This is a hiking series for those adults who want to move at a brisk pace. Walking will be moderate with a limited amount being off-trail. No registration required. Ages 10 to adult. Free. Meet at Letha House Shelter.

All Aboard! Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers (NEOLS)

Saturday, August 7

Lester Rail Trail (Located on Lester Road in York Township ¾ of a mile north of State Route 18) - 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Bring your family and friends out to Lester Rail Trail for train rides around a miniature railroad and station house. Members of NEOLS, a miniature railroad group, will offer this free park program. Adults and children of all ages will delight in this unique experience! No registration required.

Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Butterflies and Skippers

Sunday, August 8 - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 3 p.m.

Join us as we hike around Wolf Creek Environmental Center and learn about the common and not so common butterflies and skippers of the area. Learn about their amazing life cycles and how to identify them based on their behaviors and specific field marks. Also, learn what is being done at Wolf Creek and the surrounding area to survey their population trends. No registration required. Ages 7 to adult. Free.

Stroller Hike

Tuesday, August 10 - Susan Hambley Nature Ctr - 10:30 a.m.

Attention parents, caregivers and grandparents! Bring your little one out for a hike at the park and take a closer look at things along the way using multiple senses. Children can be in strollers, backpacks or can toddle along on their own! Be prepared for some unpaved trails; mid to full-size or jogger-type strollers recommended. Free. All ages welcome.