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# Medina County Park District

## Spring 2012 Calendar of Events



### ONLINE Program Registration

The park district is offering online program registration. The registration feature on the website allows visitors to search for programs by date, age, category or location. Users can register for programs 24 hours a day using the website. An email address, in addition to contact information, is all that is needed. If you do not have an email address, you can still call the park office to register for a program. Visit [www.medinacountyparks.com](http://www.medinacountyparks.com), click on *Programs and Activities*, then on *Programs* to get started.

**Saturday, March 3 - CAA Astronomy Presentation Series: A Close-Up Look at Mars - Letha House Park West - 8 p.m.** On March 3, Mars will be closer to Earth than at any other time during the past two years. Join the CAA members at Letha House for a slide show about the Red Planet and for an opportunity to see it through the 16-inch telescope at the Letha House Observatory. The program will be held rain or shine. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is appreciated. Ages 10 to adult. Register by Friday, March 2. Free

**Saturday, March 3 - Hiking for the Health of It - Buckeye Woods Park - 9 to 11 a.m.** This is a hiking club for those adults who can hike four to five miles at a brisk pace. Walking trails can be mildly strenuous with a limited amount being off-trail. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, March 3 - Happy Trails Hiking Club - Lorain County Metropark's Carlisle Reservation located at 12882 Diagonal Rd., Lagrange, OH 44050 - 10 a.m.** Happy Trails Hiking Club meets on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. to hike one or two miles at a leisurely pace in Medina County parks or other surrounding natural areas. Please come dressed for the weather. If interested, we can stop for a snack at one of the local restaurants after the hike. Questions and ideas? Call John or Dee Mihevic at 330-722-4558. Ages 12 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, March 4 - Ohio Department of Natural Resources - OHIO BOATER EDUCATION AND LICENSE COURSE - Plum Creek Park North - 12 to 5 p.m.** This is an eight-hour class in boating and water safety designed by ODNR Division of Watercraft. It covers the fundamentals of safe boating: state-required equipment, watercraft laws, navigation "Rules of the Road," basic safety and risk management, and aids to navigation. Classes are enhanced with videos, slides, overheads, handouts, and other visual aids. Pre-registration and a prepaid materials fee are required. Attendance and participation in this two-part course are required (class is held

on March 4 and March 18). In Ohio, persons born on or after January 1, 1982 who operate a boat powered by greater than ten horsepower must successfully pass a NASBLA-approved boating education course or proficiency exam. Contact Alan Hallock to register by February 23 at 330-722-3055 or [alan@hallockproperties.com](mailto:alan@hallockproperties.com). Ages 12 to adult. Program fee is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

**Wednesday, March 7 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 to 8 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 and up. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, March 7 - Moon Walk - Hidden Hollow Camp - 7 p.m.** Have you been confined inside all winter long? Stretch your legs as we wiggle along enjoying the Full Worm Moon. Come dressed for the weather. The hike will go on if it is cloudy. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

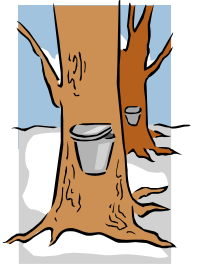
### Fulton Farm Maple Syrup Tour

Saturday, March 24

Buffalo Creek Retreat

Tour times are as follows: 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. or NOON.

Join us as we take a wagon tour of the Fulton Family's Maple Valley Farm sugar woods, owned and operated by five generations of the Fulton Family. See the entire syrup-making process from gathering the sap to boiling and bottling in the sugar house. Tours will begin and end at Buffalo Creek Retreat where you can enjoy complimentary baked goodies and warm refreshments! Space is limited for this FREE event. Register online between February 1 and March 16. Tours will be approximately 90 minutes in duration and will be conducted every 45 minutes in groups of 25. All ages welcome.



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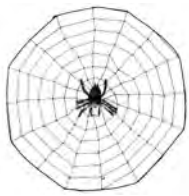
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<p><b>March</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>The key for park abbreviations is located on the last page of the guide.</p> </div>				1	2	<p>3</p> <p>Hiking for the Health of It BWP - 9 to 11 a.m.</p> <p>Happy Trails Hiking Club LCMP - Carlisle Reservation 10 a.m.</p> <p>A Close-Up Look at Mars - LHPW 8 p.m.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Ohio Boater Education and License Course PCPN - 12 to 5 p.m. Part 1</p>	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Moon Walk HHC - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ESS: Spiders Weaving Your Way to Dinner WC - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Full Moon Drum Circle - WC 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Quilling 101 SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Quilling 101 SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Let's Make Music Together WC - 2 p.m.</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>Creative Concoctions for Preschoolers WC - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.</p> <p>Homeschoolers' Outdoor Education: Everybody Scats - WC 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>ESS: Status of Bobcats in Ohio WC - 7 p.m.</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Hiking for the Health of It LCMP - Wellington Reservation 9 a.m.</p> <p>Basket Weaving 101: Tulips in a Row - WC 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>Nature for Families: Everybody Scats WC - 1 p.m.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Ohio Boater Education and License Course PCPN - 12 to 5 p.m. Part 2</p> <p>Digital Photography for Beginners - WC 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>ND: Ice Age in Ohio - KS 3 p.m.</p> <p>K9 Kapers - SNP 3 p.m.</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>Getting to Know Those Ducks, Geese, and Swans - WC 7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Nature Through the Seasons BWP - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Tales for Tots WC - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.</p> <p>ESS: Wildflowers of Our Forests WC - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Tales for Tots WC - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.</p> <p>Eye Spy: Special Edition - PCPN 7 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Fulton Farm Maple Tours BCR - various times</p> <p>Waterfowl Migration - BWP 9 a.m.</p> <p>Starting a Freshwater Aquarium SHNC - 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Digital Darkroom Magic: From Camera to Computer to Printer to Web WC - 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Frog Chorus WC - 8 p.m.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>ND: Voices of Spring - GLP 3 p.m.</p> <p>Photographers of the Parks WC - 3 p.m.</p>	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>Acoustic Wednesday SHNC - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>ESS: Natural Landscaping for Beauty and Harmony in Nature - WC 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Sky Dance of the American Woodcock WC - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Birding for New Birders - WC 10 a.m.</p> <p>Much Ado About Turtles - WC 2 p.m.</p>



**Thursday, March 8 - Environmental Speaker Series - Spiders: Weaving Your Way to Dinner - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7 p.m.** A single spider can spin up to seven different kinds of silk -- some are sticky glues, others are as strong as steel, or even as stretchy as a rubber band. While many scientists aim to emulate spider silk's

incredible properties in synthetic polymers, spiders depend upon their silk to survive by spinning webs that catch their food, help them find mates, shelter their young, and even "fly" through the air. Come learn about how spiders' silk "tool kits" help to make them dominate predators of insects from the depths of the tropical rainforests to arid deserts to your own basement. Todd Blackledge is the Leuchtag Endowed Chair of Biology at the University of Akron. He has studied the evolution and ecology of silk use in spiders for seventeen years. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Friday, March 9 - Full Moon Drum Circle - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7 p.m.** Discover how and why different Earth-based people (Native American, Celtic) celebrate the Full Moon Cycle. We will also do some rhythm games to nurture our musical sensitivity and listening skills. Then we'll "Rock Out" with drum and other percussion instruments. Ages 16 to adult. Register by Thursday, March 8. Free.

**Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11 - Quilling 101 - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** Quilling is the art of rolling thin strips of paper into shapes and designs. Designs can be turned into pieces of beautiful artwork or even into creative greeting cards. Using the beauty of nature as your muse, come by the nature center and let your creativity go wild. All supplies provided. Ages 8 to adult. No registration required. Free.



**Sunday, March 11 - Let's Make Music Together - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 2 p.m.** The program is designed to get young listeners involved and moving to music by clapping, singing, and following instructions. There are familiar songs, new and original songs, and one written especially for the Wolf Creek Environmental Center. We will talk

about how sounds are produced, learn about vibrations, and have some fun with conch shells and animal horns that were early instruments. This program is for younger children and their families, but older children are welcome if you think they would be interested. Ages 3 to 9. No registration required. Free.

**Tuesday, March 13 - Creative Concoctions for Preschoolers - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** Our younger park friends are invited to create mysterious mixtures and make marvelous messes in this fun, hands-on discovery program. Come experiment with combinations of ordinary ingredients to create something fun. All supplies are provided; come dressed for mess! Please note that we cannot accommodate the registration of large groups for this program. Please contact the park office if you would like to schedule a separate program for your group. Ages 3 to 6. Register between February 14 and March 12. Free.

**Tuesday, March 13 - Homeschoolers Outdoor Education: Everybody Scats - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 10 a.m. or**

**1 p.m.** You can find out a lot about an animal by looking at its scat. Come learn what kinds belong to which animals and take a hike to find examples of scat and other things animals leave behind. Dress for the weather! Ages 7 to 12. Registration open until filled. Free for Medina county residents. There is a \$3 fee per non-county resident.

**Wednesday, March 14 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 to 8 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Thursday, March 15 - Environmental Speaker Series - Status of Bobcats in Ohio - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7 p.m.** Bobcats were once found throughout Ohio. As swamps and lowlands were drained and forests cleared to make way for settlements and cropland, the bobcat population declined. By 1850, they were considered extirpated from the state, and from 1850 through the 1960s, there were only occasional reports. Since 1970, there have been 464 verified reports of bobcats in southeastern Ohio, of which 94 percent occurred since 2000. At present, the bobcat is officially classified as an Ohio endangered species and provided full protection under the law. Come and learn about the life history of this beautiful animal and the ongoing research that is being conducted by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Suzie Prange received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri. She completed post-doctoral training at the Ohio State University and is currently employed at the Ohio Division of Wildlife. She serves as the state's fur-bearer biologist and also monitors threatened and endangered forest wildlife species. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, March 17 - Hiking for the Health of It - Lorain County Metropark's Wellington Reservation located at 535 Jones Rd., Wellington, OH 44090 - 9 to 11 a.m.** This is a hiking club for those adults who can hike four to five miles at a brisk pace. Walking trails can be mildly strenuous with a limited amount being off-trail. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, March 17 - Basket Weaving 101: Tulips in a Row - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** 'Tis time to see bright colors in your home! Create this charming pouch basket with a tulip wire handle to celebrate the coming of spring. The basket is 6x6 inches and embellished with tulips formed from pink and green reeds. Stop by Wolf Creek to see an example. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Please call Betty Rettig at 330 336 5951 to register by March 9. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$12 program fee per basket.

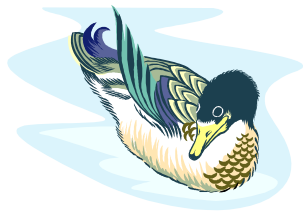


**Saturday, March 17 - Nature for Families: Everybody Scats - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 1 p.m.** You can find out a lot about an animal by looking at its scat. Come learn what kinds belong to which animals and take a hike to find examples of scat and other things animals leave behind. Dress for the weather. All ages. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, March 18 - Digital Photography for Beginners - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 1 to 4 p.m.** Come learn helpful techniques for digital camera use and how to get the most out of the camera you have. This class will cover tips for taking better pictures, how to edit images with and without a computer, and proper storing and printing of your digital images. Please bring your own digital camera with user manual to class. Ages 16 to adult. Register by Friday, March 16. There is a \$25 program fee.

**Sunday, March 18 - K9 Kapers - Schleman Nature Preserve - 3 p.m.** K9 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 8-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 welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, March 18 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Ice Age in Ohio - Krabill Shelter/Chippewa Lake - 3 p.m.** Did you know that 2/3 of Ohio, including all of Medina County, was under an ice sheet about a mile high? We will be talking about how the glaciers in Ohio formed our present landscape and what kinds of animals were found in our region before and after the last ice age. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.



**Tuesday, March 20 - Getting to Know Those Ducks, Geese, and Swans - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7 p.m.**

It is much easier to identify waterfowl in the field if you first see some good photos. We will have a PowerPoint presentation of the waterfowl that we commonly observe at our lakes and wetlands with

tips on their characteristic features. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, March 21 - Nature Through the Seasons - Buckeye Woods Park - 10 a.m.** The Nature Through the Seasons series consists of easy walks that explore our different parks while observing the unfolding of nature from the first spring wildflowers to the last days of winter. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, March 21 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 to 8 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Thursday, March 22 - Tales for Tots - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** People are connected to nature in many ways. Let's find out how we need nature and how nature needs us through a story and fun activities. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or all of the program may be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please dress accordingly. Register between February 16 and March 21. Free.

**Thursday, March 22 - Environmental Speaker Series: Wildflowers of Our Forests - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7 p.m.**

In spring, Ohio's forests come alive with a spectacular display of beautiful wildflowers. Rick Gardner will talk about common wildflowers and a few rarities that you will find in our forests in April and May. Besides providing characteristics to help identify the wildflowers, he will talk about their folklore, ecology, importance to wildlife, and medicinal uses. Mr. Gardner has been studying Ohio's flora for nearly 20 years. He has worked as an ecologist and botanist for the Ohio Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Natural Areas and Preserves. He currently works for the Ohio Division of Wildlife tracking rare plants for the Ohio Biodiversity Database. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Friday, March 23 - Eye Spy: Special Edition - Plum Creek Park North - 7 p.m.** After a long, cold winter, spring has finally arrived.



Now's the time to get back outside for some fresh air. Stop by Plum Creek Park North anytime between 7 and 9 p.m. and venture on the Eye-Spy Trail. Attempt to find all glow-in-the-dark objects to determine your level of nighttime vision. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

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**Saturday, March 24 - Fulton Farm Maple Syrup Tour - Buffalo Creek Retreat** - Join us as we take a wagon tour of the Fulton Family's Maple Valley Farm sugar woods owned and operated by five generations of the Fulton Family. See the entire syrup-making process from gathering the sap to boiling and bottling in the sugar house. Tours will begin and end at Buffalo Creek Retreat where you can enjoy complimentary baked goodies and warm refreshments! Space is limited for this FREE event. Register between February 1 and March 16. Tours will be approximately 90 minutes in duration and will be conducted every 45 minutes in groups of 25. When registering, please register for your preferred choice of tour time. Tour times are as follows: 9 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. or NOON. You will need to print your receipt as confirmation of your tour time and to show that all members of your group are registered. You must bring the receipt with you for admission to the event. If any time slots do not meet the minimum requirement of ten people, you may be called and asked to move to another time slot. All ages welcome. Register by Friday, March 16. Free.

**Saturday, March 24 - Waterfowl Migration - Buckeye Woods Park - 9 a.m.** March is the month to observe those colorful ducks, loons, grebes, and mergansers as they pass through Ohio on their way to Canada. We will begin at the wetland complex at Buckeye Woods and then drive to Lake Medina. It is recommended that you attend the photo presentation at Wolf Creek on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. to learn identification tips. Meet at Chippewa Trail North parking lot on Lafayette Road (Rt. 42). Ages 10 to adult. No registration online. Free.

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8	9	<p>10</p> <p>Homeschooler's Outdoor Education: Growing Up Green - KS 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.</p> <p>Hook, Line and Sinker - WC 6 p.m. Part 1</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hook, Line and Sinker - WC 6 p.m. Part 2</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>Hiking for the Health of It HVP - 9 to 11 a.m.</p> <p>K9 Kapers - AD 11 a.m.</p> <p>Ribbit, Ribbit! SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Nature for Families: Growing Up Green - WC 1 p.m.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Ribbit, Ribbit! SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>ND: Life in a Stream - WC 3 p.m.</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.</p>	19	20	<p>21</p> <p>16th Annual Earth Day Festival - BCR 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Digital Darkroom Magic: Creative Image Modifications WC - 1 to 4 p.m.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>ND: Early Spring Wildflowers HVP - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting WC - 3 p.m.</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Nature Through the Seasons RSP - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Tales for Tots SHNC - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Tales for Tots SHNC - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Youth Fishing Derby - RSP 8 a.m.</p> <p>Spring Scavenger Hunt SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>A Hover of Hummingbirds WC - 2 p.m.</p>
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## Medina County's 16th Annual Earth Day Festival

Come celebrate Earth Day at the Medina County Park District's Buffalo Creek Retreat, just south of Hubbard Valley Park. There will be earth-friendly exhibits, fishing, kids' activities, food and much more, so bring the whole family for a fun-filled day. Additional parking for this event will be at Hubbard Valley Park with shuttle service provided to Buffalo Creek. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, March 24 - Starting a Freshwater Aquarium - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 1 to 4 p.m.** Representatives from the Medina County Aquarium Society will be on hand at the nature center to teach you the basic steps required to set up a fresh-water aquarium. Meet and talk with the Medina County Aquarium Society members who will answer your questions and get you excited about becoming a fish keeper! Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, March 24 - Digital Darkroom Magic: From Camera to Computer to Printer or Web! - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 1 to 4 p.m.** Are you struggling with getting the images from your digital camera into your computer and organizing them so you can find them when you want them? Are you baffled about how to adjust the exposure or tonal value of your pictures? Do your family and friends complain that the pictures you email to them are way too big? Then this class is for you! We will look at techniques for uploading and organizing your images, backup strategies, a workflow that will help you quickly and easily process your images, and simple techniques to prepare your pictures for print or the web/email. Adobe Photoshop Elements will be the main program used for classroom demonstrations though other image browsers and editing packages will be discussed. Each student should bring a laptop computer with digital editing software installed (e.g. Elements Version 8 or better, Photoshop CS3 or better, Lightroom, Aperture, Paint Shop Pro, Gimp, etc.). The instructor will have a spare laptop if needed -- first come, first served. Ages 16 to adult. Register by Thursday, March 22. There is a \$30 program fee.



**Saturday, March 24 - Frog Chorus - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 8 p.m.** Bring your family and friends and learn about the different species of frogs in our area and the calls that each of them make. We'll start inside with a short presentation and then take a hike down to our

wetland to possibly hear some of these amphibians. Please dress for the weather. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, March 25 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Voices of Spring - Green Leaf Park - 3 p.m.** From the wooded wetland of Green Leaf Park come the calls of male frogs including spring peepers, wood frogs, and western chorus frogs. Join us as we listen to this spring chorus and discover the life history of these amazing amphibians. Prepare for muddy trails. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, March 25 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 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. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. No registration required. For more information, please contact Shelley at 330.239.4814 or stender@medinaco.org. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, March 28 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 to 8 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley

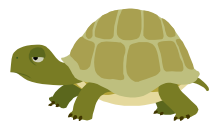
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**Thursday, March 29 - Environmental Speaker Series: Natural Landscaping for Beauty and Harmony with Nature - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7 p.m.** If you would like to reduce the time and care of your landscape; lighten your impact on earth; and help restore fast-disappearing wildlife habitat while, at the same time, increase your enjoyment and satisfaction; then landscaping for beauty and harmony with nature is for you. Join Landscape Architect Richard Heaton while he shares various tips and ideas for transforming your yard into a naturalistic, low-maintenance sanctuary attractive to birds, butterflies, and people. Richard Heaton is the landscape architect for the Medina County Park District. Mr. Heaton has over 30 years of experience as a landscape architect working for agencies that include the city of Cleveland, Cleveland MetroParks, and private sector firms in Ohio and Texas. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Friday, March 30 - Sky Dance of the American Woodcock - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7:30 p.m.** This typically-unseen bird provides a spectacular aerial display as part of his mating ritual. Each year, we attempt to catch a glimpse of this extraordinary air show at twilight along with spotlighting the male on the ground. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, March 31 - Birding for New Birders - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 10 a.m.** Birdwatching is one of the fastest growing recreational activities in the United States. This two-hour class will cover binoculars and field guides, what to wear for function and comfort, and bird identification basics. We'll observe, discuss, and identify birds at the bird sanctuary at Wolf Creek. Optional: class will meet at an upcoming Birds and Breakfast hike to practice bird identification skills. Ages 12 to adult. Free. Register by Friday, March 30.

**Saturday, March 31 - Much Ado About Turtles - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 2 p.m.** Did you know that some turtles can live to be one hundred years old? Or that some can be seen swimming under the ice in the winter? Join us to explore the world of turtles. See some native turtles up close, do a simple turtle craft, and take a short hike over the wetland boardwalk to look for them in their natural habitat. Please dress for the weather. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.



**Sunday, April 1 - April Fools! - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 2 p.m.** Modern "April Fool's Day" traditions may have origins from the 1500s. Join us as we learn about the history of this silly day and discover successful jokes from past and present. Create your own prank to play on others. Ages 5 and up. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, April 4 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 to 8 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

## Photography Classes

(For complete program details, see individual programs listed in this program guide.)



### Digital Photography for Beginners

**Sunday, March 18** - Come learn helpful techniques for digital camera use and how to get the most out of the camera you have.

### Digital Darkroom Magic: From Camera to Computer to Printer or Web!

**Saturday, March 24** - Are you struggling with getting the images from your digital camera into your computer and organizing them so you can find them when you want them? Are you baffled about how to adjust the exposure or tonal value of your pictures? Do your family and friends complain that the pictures you email to them are way too big?

### Glorious Gardens

**Wednesday, April 4** - Jane Rogers, a photographer and member of Akron Garden Club, presents a program featuring glimpses of 42 area gardens in Akron, Richfield, Bath and Wadsworth. You'll view lovely gardens ranging from an 1834 cottage, a formal hillside, and a rural farmhouse and see all their details, nooks and behind-the-garden-gate vistas.

### Digital Darkroom Magic: Creative Image Modifications!

**Saturday, April 21** - Do you struggle with making selections of parts of your images? Are you confused by layers? Do you want to learn how to make targeted adjustments to your images such as making one part lighter, darker, or to apply a blur to only a section of an image?

### Point, Shoot, Capture

**Saturday, May 12** - Children are invited to discover the natural world with a digital camera in this photography class. Students will learn to take better and more interesting photos using a "point and shoot" digital camera. Instruction will include basic camera techniques, composition, and individual guidance.

### Photographers of the Parks Club Meetings

**Sunday, March 25** - Wolf Creek - 3 p.m.

**Sunday, April 22** - Wolf Creek - 3 p.m.

**Sunday, May 27** - Plum Creek Park North - 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 4 - Glorious Gardens - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 7 p.m.** Jane Rogers, a photographer and member of Akron Garden Club, presents a program featuring glimpses of 42 area gardens in Akron, Richfield, Bath and Wadsworth. You'll view lovely gardens ranging from an 1834 cottage, a formal hillside, and a rural farmhouse and see all their details, nooks and behind-the-garden-gate vistas. Come along on an arm chair view as we "tour" 42 gardens all in 35 minutes . . . rain or shine! Sue Klein, another Akron Garden Club member, is the co author of "Glorious Gardens." Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, April 7 - Hiking for the Health of it - Cuyahoga Valley National Park/Kendall Lake Shelter located at 1000 Kendall Park Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264 - 9 to 11 a.m.** This is a hiking club for those adults who can hike four to five miles at a brisk pace. Walking trails can be mildly strenuous with a limited amount being off-trail. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.



**Saturday, April 7 - Happy Trails Hiking Club - Buckeye Woods Park - 10 a.m.** Happy Trails Hiking Club meets on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. to hike one or two miles at a leisurely pace in Medina County parks or other surrounding natural areas. Please come dressed for the weather. If interested, we can stop for a snack at one of the local restaurants after the hike. Questions and ideas? Call John or Dee Mihevic at 330 722 4558. Ages 12 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Tuesday, April 10 - Homeschoolers Outdoor Education: Growing Up Green - Krabill Shelter/Chippewa Lake - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** "Living Green" is a phrase we hear from the media and our peers. How can one person, young or old, live a more sustainable life? The answers are easy, simple, and everyday practices we can change to make our lives at home more "green." Come discover these earth-friendly actions and join us for a fun recycling craft. Ages 7 to 12. Registration open until filled. Free for Medina County residents. There is a \$3 fee for non-residents.

**Tuesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 12 - HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 6 to 8 p.m.** This is a two-day workshop teaching basic fishing skills to beginners. Topics will include equipment and how to use it, types of line, knot tying, proper sizes of hooks, use of live and artificial bait, types and uses of lures, fish handling, how to filet fish and prepare them for the frying pan, basic reel and rod repairs, and local fishing hot spots. The class will be taught by instructors who are involved in the State of Ohio's Passport to Fishing program. No prior fishing experience or equipment is needed. Ages 16 and up. Register by Monday, April 9. Free.



**Wednesday, April 11 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, April 14 - Hiking for the Health of it - Hubbard Valley Park - 9 a.m.** This is a hiking club for those adults who can hike four to five miles at a brisk pace. Walking trails can be mildly strenuous with a limited amount being off-trail. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, April 14 - K9 Kapers - Allardale - 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 8-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 welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15 - Ribbit, Ribbit! - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** Discover the amazing world of frogs and other amphibians. Dress up as an amphibian to learn about their unique body parts, play a game that will take you on a frog's journey through metamorphosis, and take a hike to try and find where these amazing creatures are hiding. Various games and crafts will also be available. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, April 14 - Nature for Families: Growing Up Green - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 1 p.m.** "Living Green" is a phrase we hear from the media and our peers. How can one person, young or old, live a more sustainable life? The answers are easy, simple, and everyday practices we can change to make our lives at home more "green." Come discover these earth-friendly actions and join us for a fun recycling craft. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, April 15 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Life in a Stream - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 3 p.m.** Come along on an adventure to discover salamanders, frogs, crayfish, and aquatic insects found in a woodland stream. Bring the children along and prepare to get wet. Footwear appropriate for shallow wading is needed. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

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**Saturday, April 21 - Medina County's 16th Annual Earth Day Festival - Buffalo Creek Retreat - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Come celebrate Earth Day at the Medina County Park District's Buffalo Creek Retreat, just south of Hubbard Valley Park. There will be earth-friendly exhibits, fishing, kids' activities, food and much more, so bring the whole family for a fun-filled day. Additional parking for this event will be at Hubbard Valley Park with shuttle service provided to Buffalo Creek. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, April 21 - Digital Darkroom Magic: Creative Image Modifications! Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 1 to 4 p.m.** Do you struggle with making selections of parts of your images? Are you confused by layers? Do you want to learn how to make targeted adjustments to your images such as making one part lighter, darker, or to apply a blur to only a section of an image? Do you want to know how to change the perspective in your image? Do you want to learn techniques that give you lots of control for converting your images to black and white? Have you ever wanted to replace a boring sky with a pretty one? This class will teach you all this and more! Adobe Photoshop Elements and Photoshop CS5 will be the software programs used for classroom demonstrations. Each student should bring a laptop computer with digital editing software that supports layers installed (Photoshop Elements 8 or better, Photoshop CS3 or better, Paint Shop Pro, Gimp, etc. Aperture or Lightroom alone are not sufficient.). The instructor will have a spare laptop if needed -- first come, first served. Ages 16 to adult. Register by Thursday, April 19. There is a \$30 program fee.

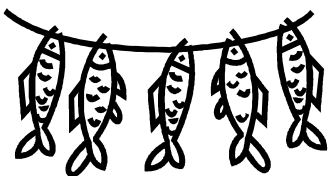
**Sunday, April 22 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Early Spring Wildflowers - Hubbard Valley Park - 3 p.m.** At this time of the year, Hubbard Valley Park is blanketed with a diversity of spring wildflowers including spring beauties, Dutchman's breeches, and large-flowered trillium. Bring your wildflower guide if you have one. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, April 22 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 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. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. No registration required. For more information, please contact Shelley at 330.239.4814 or stender@medinaco.org. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, April 25 - Nature Through the Seasons - River Styx Park - 10 a.m.** The Nature Through the Seasons series consists of easy walks that explore our different parks while observing the unfolding of nature from the first spring wildflowers to the last days of winter. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, April 25 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center at Brunswick Lake - 6 to 8 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

## Youth Fishing Derbies



**Saturday, April 28**  
River Styx Park

**Saturday, May 5**  
Brunswick City's  
North Park

See individual program descriptions for details.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May</b>		1	2 Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.	3	4	5 Brunswick Youth Fishing Derby - North Park - 8 a.m.  Hiking for the Health of It WC - 9 a.m.  Basket Weaving 101: Mother's Day Basket - WC 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  Happy Trails Hiking Club HVP - 10 a.m.  Moon Walk PCPS - 8 p.m.
	The key for park abbreviations is located on the last page of the guide.					
6 K9 Kapers - HVP 3 p.m.	7	8 Creative Concoctions for Preschoolers KS - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.	9 Nature Through the Seasons HVP - 3 p.m.  Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.	10	11	12 Birds and Breakfast 7:30 a.m.  Point, Shoot Capture - WC 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  Eco-Arts Chalk Festival - SHNC 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
13 ND: Mother's Day Wildflower Walk - AD 3 p.m.	14	15	16 Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.	17 Stroller Hike HVP - 10:30 a.m.	18	19 Birds and Breakfast 7:30 a.m.  Discovering Kingfishers - WC 2 p.m.
20 ND: The Wonder of Wetlands BWP - 3 p.m.	21	22	23 Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.	24 Tales for Tots PCPS - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.	25 Tales for Tots PCPS - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.	26 Hiking for the Health of It LHPE - 9 a.m.  Tin Can Knitting SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m.
27 Tin Can Knitting SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m.  Eyes on Eagles WC - 2 p.m.  Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting PCPN - 3 p.m.	28 Park office closed for the holiday	29	30 Acoustic Wednesdays SHNC - 6 p.m.	31		



## Eyes on Eagles

**Sunday, May 27 - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 2 p.m.** The Bald eagle is not only a national symbol but also a majestic creature. Join us as we discover what makes this bird of prey so well known. We will also learn about other species of eagles found worldwide. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Thursday, April 26 - Tales for Tots - Susan Hambley Nature Center at Brunswick Lake - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** Hippity-hop on over to the nature center to learn about rabbits! We will discover more about these cute and furry wildlife friends through a story, craft, and hands-on examination. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or all of the program may be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please dress accordingly. Register between March 22 and April 25. Free.

**Friday, April 27 - Tales for Tots - Susan Hambley Nature Center at Brunswick Lake - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** Hippity-hop on over to the nature center to learn about rabbits! We will discover more about these cute and furry wildlife friends through a story, craft, and hands-on examination. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or all of the program may be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please dress accordingly. Register between March 22 and April 26. Free.

**Saturday, April 28 - Youth Fishing Derby - River Styx Park - 8 a.m.** registration. Young fishermen 15 years of age or younger are invited to participate in our annual River Styx Youth Fishing Derby. Girls and boys, alike, can enjoy catching fish and winning prizes. Please have your children bring their fishing poles. A limited number of poles will be available to borrow, and a limited amount of bait will be supplied. Prizes will be awarded after the derby. Free. No pre-registration required. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Derby is from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free.

**Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 - Spring Scavenger Hunt - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** Aaaaah, it's finally spring! The birds are singing, and the flowers are blooming. What else is going on in nature now that the snow is melting and the temperature is rising? Go on a scavenger hunt on the Susan Hambley nature trail to find out and to discover the beauty of spring. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, April 28 - A Hover of Hummingbirds - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 2 p.m.** A group of hummingbirds may be called a hover, a charm, a glittering, a bouquet, or a shimmer. Come discover all about hummingbirds and learn how to attract them to your yard. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, May 2 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 to 8 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, May 5 - Brunswick Youth Fishing Derby - Sponsored by the Brunswick Optimist Club - Brunswick City Parks' North Park located at 3595 Grafton Road in Brunswick - Check-in at 8 a.m.** Young fishermen 15 years of age or younger are invited to participate in the Brunswick Youth Fishing Derby. Girls and boys, alike, can enjoy catching fish and winning prizes. **Register at [www.medinacountyparks.com](http://www.medinacountyparks.com). Registration is online ONLY and is limited to 200 children.** Your children must be registered in order to participate in the derby. Please have them bring their fishing poles. A limited number of poles will be available to borrow and a limited amount of bait will be supplied. Prizes will be awarded after the derby. Free. Check in starts at 8 a.m. the derby is from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Register by Tuesday, May 1. Free.

## Eco-Arts Chalk Festival



**Saturday, May 12**  
**Susan Hambley Nature**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Enjoy nature activities and displays, go on a naturalist-led hike, and create chalk drawing masterpieces for prizes! All ages welcome. Register by Friday, May 11. Free.

For more details, see the individual program description.



## Birds & Breakfast

**Saturday, May 12 and Saturday, May 19 - 7:30 a.m.**  
**The location will be disclosed at time of registration**

Spring migration brings a host of neotropical migrants through our area from as far away as Argentina. Join us to learn how to identify them by sight and sound. Donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served after the hike. Be sure to bring your binoculars and field guide. Registration is required since birding on our trails is not practical with large groups. Ages 10 to adult. Register by Saturday, May 12 and 19. Free.

## Tin Can Knitting

**Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27**  
**Susan Hambley Nature Center**

**12 to 5 p.m.** Ever wonder how to reuse old tin cans? How about for knitting! Here is a great craft for children or anyone looking to learn how to knit. All materials, including tin cans, will be provided. Ages 6 and up. No registration required. Free.



**Saturday, May 5 - Basket Weaving 101: Mother's Day Basket - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Weave a gift from the heart for your mother, grandmother, or for yourself. The basket is 7x4 inches and is embellished with a row of metal hearts and a bow reed. Handmade makes a great gift! Stop by Wolf Creek to see an example. No experience necessary. All materials provided. Please call Betty Rettig at 330 336 5951 to register by April 27. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$12 program fee.

**Saturday, May 5 - Happy Trails Hiking Club - Hubbard Valley Park - 10 a.m.** Happy Trails Hiking Club meets on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. to hike one or two miles at a leisurely pace in Medina County parks or other surrounding natural areas. Please come dressed for the weather. If interested, we can stop for a snack at one of the local restaurants after the hike. Questions and ideas? Call John or Dee Mihevic at 330-722-4558. Ages 12 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, May 5 - Hiking for the Health of It - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 9 a.m.** This is a hiking club for those adults who can hike four to five miles at a brisk pace. Walking trails can be mildly strenuous with a limited amount being off-trail. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.



**Saturday, May 5 - Moon Walk - Plum Creek Park South - 8 p.m.** Wild geranium, spring beauties, and violets are just a few of the flowers that grace our forest floors in May. Learn about a few more as we take an evening stroll among the Full Flower Moon. Come dressed for the weather. The hike will go on if it is cloudy. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, May 6 - K9 Kapers - Hubbard Valley Park - 3 p.m.** K9 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 8-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 welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Tuesday, May 8 - Creative Concoctions for Preschoolers - Krabill Shelter/Chippewa Lake - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** Our younger park friends are invited to create mysterious mixtures and make marvelous messes in this fun, hands-on discovery program. Come experiment with combinations of ordinary ingredients to create something fun. All supplies are provided; come dressed for mess! Please note that we cannot accommodate the registration of large groups for this program. Please contact the park office if you would like to schedule a separate program for your group. Ages 3 to 6. Register between April 9 and May 7. Free.

**Wednesday, May 9 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere.

The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, May 9 - Nature Through the Seasons - Hubbard Valley Park - 10 a.m.** The Nature Through the Seasons series consists of easy walks that explore our different parks while observing the unfolding of nature from the first spring wildflowers to the last days of winter. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, May 12 - Birds and Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. The location will be disclosed at time of registration**

- Spring migration brings a host of neotropical migrants through our area from as far away as Argentina. Join us to learn how to identify them by sight and sound. Donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served after the hike. Be sure to bring your binoculars and field guide. Registration is required since birding on our trails is not practical with large groups. Ages 10 to adult. Register by Friday, May 11. Free.



**Saturday, May 12 - Eco-Arts Chalk Festival - Susan Hambley Nature - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Come join the Medina County Park District as we host the 7th annual Eco-Arts Chalk Festival at the Susan Hambley Nature Center in Brunswick! Enjoy nature activities and displays, go on a naturalist-led hike, and create chalk drawing masterpieces for prizes! Prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories: best elementary, best middle school, best high school, best adult and best group entries. Pat Catan's Craft Centers sponsors this free community event with chalk and prizes. Online registration is encouraged so we can obtain the appropriate amount of supplies, but registrations will be taken on event day as well. When registering, please indicate your entry preference by choosing from one of the five options. If you are participating as a group, please be sure to register each person in your group individually. All ages welcome. Register by Friday, May 11. Free.

**Saturday, May 12 - Point, Shoot, Capture - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Children are invited to discover the natural world with a digital camera in this photography class. Students will learn to take better and more interesting photos using a "point and shoot" digital camera. Instruction will include basic camera techniques, composition, and individual guidance. Each student must bring his/her own point and shoot digital camera to class and know the basics of how to take a photo. Following the regular class, we will offer an optional 30-minute post workshop on advanced techniques in nature photography and introduction to DSLR cameras. Register by May 4 by CONTACTING THE MEDINA ARTS COUNCIL at 330.725.6443 or by downloading a registration form from [www.medinaartbuzz.blogspot.com](http://www.medinaartbuzz.blogspot.com). Ages 8 to 12. There is a \$20 program fee.



**Sunday, May 13 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Mother's Day Wildflower Walk - Allardale - 3 p.m.** You don't have to be a mother to join us for this hike. In less than a month, the forest floor is transformed from early spring wildflowers to a spectacular display of wild geraniums, May apple, Solomon's seal, and many more. Please bring your wildflower guide. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, May 16 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Thursday, May 17 - Stroller Hike - Hubbard Valley Park - 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 are recommended. Ages 0 to 7 welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, May 19 - Birds and Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. The location will be disclosed at time of registration.** Spring migration brings a host of neotropical migrants through our area from as far away as Argentina. Join us to learn how to identify them by sight and sound. Donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate will be served after the hike. Be sure to bring your binoculars and field guide. Registration is required since birding on our trails is not practical with large groups. Ages 10 to adult. Register by Friday, May 18. Free.

**Saturday, May 19 - Discovering Kingfishers - Wolf Creek Environmental Center - 2 p.m.** The belted kingfisher is a bird that not only flies but hovers, dives into the water to catch fish, and tunnels into the ground to build its nest. Come find out what else they can do. Then take a hike to see if you can spot one swooping over the wetland. All ages welcome. No registration required. Free.

**Sunday, May 20 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: The Wonder of Wetlands - Buckeye Woods Park (meet at the Route 42 entrance) - 3 p.m.** Learn why wetlands are such valuable parts of our environment. We will share the importance for both human and wildlife along with what the park district has done to restore this important habitat to Medina County. You will never look at a wetland the same again. Ages 7 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, May 23 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center at Brunswick Lake - 6 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Thursday, May 24 - Tales for Tots - Plum Creek Park South - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** The underwater world of a pond is a fascinating place! Learn about who lives there and why through a story, hands-on exploration and a short hike around the Plum Creek pond. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or all of the program may be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please dress accordingly. Register between April 26 and May 23. Free.

**Friday, May 25 - Tales for Tots - Plum Creek Park South - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.** The underwater world of a pond is a fascinating place! Learn about who lives there and why through a story, hands-on exploration

and a short hike around the Plum Creek pond. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or all of the program may be held outdoors, weather permitting. Please dress accordingly. Register between April 26 and May 24. Free.

**Saturday, May 26 - Hiking for the Health of it - Letha House Park East - 9 a.m.** This is a hiking club for those adults who can hike four to five miles at a brisk pace. Walking trails can be mildly strenuous with a limited amount being off trail. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. Ages 10 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 - Tin Can Knitting - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** Ever wonder how to reuse old tin cans? How about for knitting! Here is a great craft for children or anyone looking to learn how to knit. All materials, including tin cans, will be provided. Ages 6 and up. No registration required. Free.

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**Sunday, May 27 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - Plum Creek Park North - 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. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. No registration required. For more information, please contact Shelley at 330.239.4814 or stender@medinaco.org. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

**Wednesday, May 30 - Acoustic Wednesdays - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 6 p.m.** The Medina County Park District proudly presents an evening of acoustic music at Susan Hambley Nature Center. Any musician interested in playing with a group of nice folks and having a good time is invited to join in. We welcome listeners, too! Come out and enjoy family-friendly music in a relaxed atmosphere. The nature center is located just east of Buehler's Plaza, next to The Winking Lizard. Ages 16 to adult. No registration required. Free.

## Key

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BCR = Buffalo Creek Retreat	LHPW = Letha House Park West
BWP = Buckeye Woods Park	ND = Natural Discoveries Hiking Series
CVNP = Cuyahoga Valley National Park	PCPN = Plum Creek Park North
ESS = Environmental Speaker Series	PCPS = Plum Creek Park South
GLP = Green Leaf Park	RSP = River Styx Park
HHC = Hidden Hollow Camp	SHNC = Susan Hambley Nature Center
HVP = Hubbard Valley Park	SNP = Schleman Nature Preserve
KS = Krabill Shelter	WC = Wolf Creek Environmental Center
LCMP = Lorain County Metroparks	