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Your Connection to Nature  Medina County Park District

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Woodland Health Days of Service Volunteers Needed

Join us for a day of service pulling an aggressive weed, garlic mustard, from the sensitive habitat in the parks. Park district staff and OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Medina County will educate about the ecology garlic mustard threatens and about some of the wildflowers we are protecting. You will learn everything you need to know about identifying and removing this invasive species.



This is an excellent way to give back to your community and ensure a healthy park for future generations. This volunteer opportunity is for ages seven through adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups, families, and individuals are welcome.

This is an outdoor activity, so dress appropriately. Bring your own work gloves and drink. Social-distancing and wearing a mask is required for the duration of the event. Additional precautions will also be taken.

Online registration is required. Visit medinacountyparks.com.
Saturday, April 17 - Hubbard Valley Park - 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wednesday, April 21 - Hubbard Valley Park - 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, May 1 - Hubbard Valley Park - 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Thursday, May 13 - Hidden Hollow Camp - 12-3 p.m.

Wild About Eggs 4/3/21 - 4/18/21 Susan Hambley Nature Center 1473 Parschen Boulevard Brunswick, OH 44212

This is not your typical egg hunt. As you enjoy a spring walk in the woods along the nature trail, search for hidden signs depicting eggs from all different kinds of native wildlife. This is a self-guided program and will be available Saturday, April 3, 2021 through Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 6 a.m. to one hour past sunset. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Self-guided Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Spring is in Full Swing! 4/10/21 - 4/25/21 Black River Nature Preserve/Bluebell Valley 8504 Richman Rd. Lodi, OH 44254

Spring is always a welcome sight after a long, cold winter. Our senses delight in the sight of spring wildflowers, the smell

of tree blossoms, and the sounds of croaking frogs and singing birds. Enjoy a stroll along the natural trail to discover the wonders of spring. Bluebell Valley is open from 6 a.m. to one hour past sunset.

The popular Natural Discoveries award-based hiking program will continue to be provided in a revised format as long as COVID restrictions are in place. For the 2021 season, a hybrid-program will be offered with both self-guided and in-person hike options. Natural Discoveries is best suited for ages seven to adult.

This is a self-guided hike. Visit the park to hike the trail and read the signs. You will find a code word listed on one of signs. Write the code word down on your Natural Discoveries form next to the hike title.

Monthly Makers: Birds 4/13/21 - 4/24/21 Wolf Creek Environmental Center 6100 Ridge Road, Sharon Center Gate and grounds are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday (closed Sunday and Monday). A portable restroom is available in the parking lot.

Come out to Wolf Creek Environmental Center to enjoy the creative talents of your fellow parkgoers. Walk along the "Monthly Maker" trail to view birds made from a variety of materials by families and individuals from across the county. Get inspired, and consider making your own contribution to next month's Maker series.

Virtual Nature Break: Egg-cellent Explorations 4/20 (register by 4/18) 4/22 (register by 4/20)

Calling all students and families in need of a nature break to join us for this virtual after-school program! Take a break from your day to explore the incredible eggs of native wildlife.

This program will be held online via Zoom, and preregistration is required using a valid and active email address. You will receive an email with a link to join on the day of the event.



Self-guided Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: No Bones

5/8/21 - 5/23/21

Schleman Nature Preserve 6335 Wedgewood Road, Medina, OH 44256

Many animals have skeletons on the inside, and insects have them on the outside. There's a whole group of animals that don't have skeletons at all! Walk the Yellow trail to learn about soft-bodied animals like worms and slugs. Schleman Nature Preserve is open from 6 a.m. to one hour past sunset.

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Fishing Through Spring -- Get Out and Fish! April 1 to May 31

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 April 1 and May 31 and turn in their completed forms on one of the designated days will receive an award (while supplies last.) This program is open to all ages. One award per person.

Download the *Fishing Through Spring* form at www.medinacountyparks.com under *What's New*.

Wild Medina Episode 2 Released -- Learn About Minks, Turtles, Wildflowers, and More

Medina County Park District's Naturalists bring fun and education to you through segments about the wild animals and plants of Medina County on the *WILD Medina* TV show. Other shows will take you around the world, while we will connect you with the wonders in your own backyard. To see "Wild Medina," visit www.WatchWCTV.com for the broadcast schedule. Or find it at www.medinacountyparks.com under the *Nature > Nature at Home* tab.

