



Natural Discoveries

Hiking Series

2021



Natural Discoveries Checklist

Leader's Initials
or Code Word

- _____ Snowflakes (self-guided) - Brunswick Lake
- _____ Love is in the Air (self-guided) - Carolyn Ludwig Mudge Park
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Medina Marsh
- _____ Blue Jays (self-guided) - River Styx Park
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Killbuck Lakes
- _____ Spring is in Full Swing! (self-guided) - Bluebell Valley
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Lake Medina
- _____ No Bones (self-guided) - Schleman Nature Preserve
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Bluebell Valley
- _____ Chasing Dragons (self-guided) - Killbuck Lakes
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Letha House Park West
- _____ Lightning Bugs (self-guided) - Buckeye Woods Park
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Buckeye Woods Park
- _____ Snakes (self-guided) - Letha House Park East
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Carolyn Ludwig Mudge Park
- _____ Plant Foes (self-guided) - Allardale West
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Chippewa Inlet Trail North
- _____ Opossums (self-guided) - Green Leaf Park
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary
- _____ Color Hike (self-guided) - Hubbard Valley Park
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - River Styx Park
- _____ Rocks & Fossils (self-guided) - Princess Ledges Nature Preserve
- _____ Seasonal Discoveries (naturalist-led) - Alderfer/Oenslager Wildlife Sanctuary

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.

Self-guided hikes consist of a series of informational signs on a nature topic displayed along designated trails at specific park locations. Visit the listed park to hike the trail, read the signs, and collect a code word for your form.

In-person hike dates are listed on this brochure and on the park district's website. Please note that, to keep within the guidelines for group gatherings, advanced registration for these hikes is required.

First-time participants who complete any ten hikes in a calendar year earn a hiking staff (one time only). For each year that five hikes in a calendar year are completed, participants will earn a completion patch. Awards are free for Medina County residents. Non-residents pay \$15 for a hiking stick and \$3 for a patch.

Use the checklist provided to keep track of all hikes completed. When completing a self-guided hike, write down the code word collected from the hike on your form. When completing an in-person hike, have the naturalist initial your form. Until park district facilities reopen, awards can be claimed during in-person hikes or during designated pick-up days. Pick-up dates will be listed on the park district's website and social media once they have been scheduled.

Forms are due by December 31, 2021.

Participant Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Age: over 16 7 to 16

Medina County Resident: Yes No

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Hiking stick (one time only)
-Ten hikes in a calendar year

Completion patch
-Five hikes in a calendar year

Seasonal Discoveries

Wednesday, June 9 at 10 a.m.

Letha House Park West - 5800 Richman Rd.

Spencer, OH 44275 (Chatham Township)

Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Advanced registration is required.



Chasing Dragons

Saturday, June 12 through Sunday, June 27

Killbuck Lakes - 7996 White Rd.

Burbank, OH 44214

(Westfield Township)

These are not the dragons of fairytales, though some of their adaptations are like something straight out of a storybook. Step out of the pages and onto the trail at Killbuck Lakes in search of dragonflies and damselflies.



Lightning Bugs

Saturday, July 10 through Sunday, July 25

Buckeye Woods - 6335 Wedgewood Rd.

Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Summer nights might make you think of the twinkling glow of lightning bugs. Discover how they glow and why they don't all glow the same. Follow the Large Lake Loop trail to learn facts that will help you get to know these interesting beetles and how you can contribute to recording the lightning bugs in your backyard.



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Seasonal Discoveries

Wednesday, July 14 at 10 a.m.

Buckeye Woods Park - 6335 Wedgewood Rd.

Meet at the small shelter by the ballfields

Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Advanced registration is required.

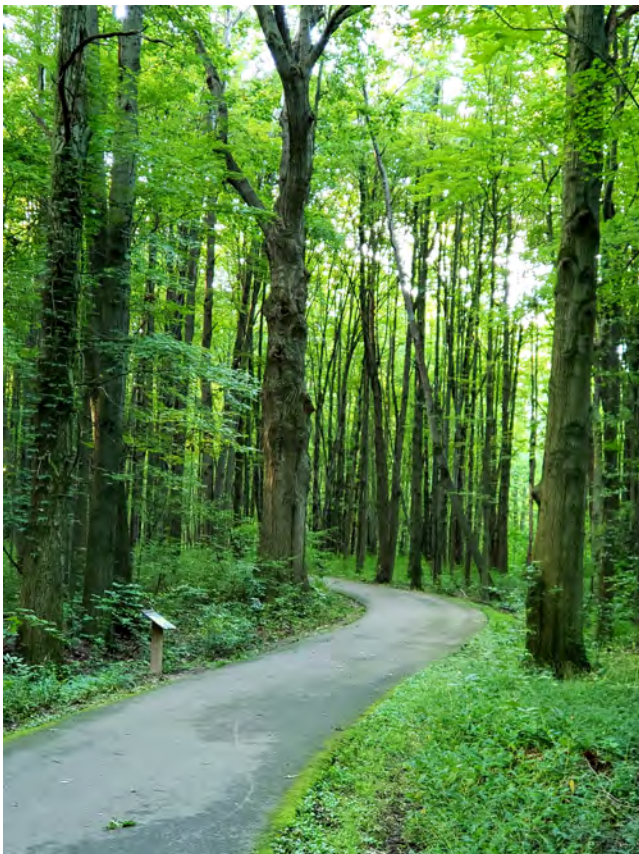
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Wednesday, August 11 at 10 a.m.

Carolyn Ludwig Mugarage Park - 4985 Windfall Rd.

Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Advanced registration is required.



Snakes

Saturday, August 14 through Sunday, August 29

Letha House Park East - 5745 Richman Rd.

Spencer, OH 44275 (Chatham Township)

Take a walk along the trail to learn about reptiles like milk snakes, northern water snakes, and painted turtles. Learn about how they live, where they live, and the important role that these animals play in our environment.



Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, details regarding the remainder of 2021 hikes will be made available in late summer.