



Medina County
Park District

Spring Program Guide 2025

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Medina County Park District

Celebrating 60 Years

Your connection to nature since 1965



Basket Weaving 101
Preschoolers in the Garden
Discovery Drop-In Days
Senior Strides

Spring Bird Walks
Medina's Marvelous Mammals
Push and Pull Stroller Walks
Forest Therapy Walks

Fishing Derby
Earth Day
Starry, Starry Nights
Tales for Tots

Allardale Park - ADP
401 Remsen Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Allardale East - ADE
141 Remsen Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Bluebell Valley - BBV
8500 Richman Rd.
Lodi, OH 44254 (Harrisville Township)

Brunswick Lake Trail - BLT
1473 Parschen Blvd.
Brunswick, OH 44212

Buckeye Woods Park - BWP
6335 Wedgewood Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Buffalo Creek Retreat - BCR
8708 Hubbard Valley Rd.
Seville, OH 44273 (Guilford Township)

Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park - CLMP
4985 Windfall Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Chippewa Inlet Trail North - CITN
5803 Lafayette Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Hidden Hollow Camp - HHC
8672 Richman Rd.
Lodi, OH 44254 (Harrisville Township)

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

Krabill Lodge - KBL
7597 Ballash Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Lake Medina - LM
3733 Granger Rd.
Medina, OH 44256

Letha House Lodge - LHL (West)
5800 Richman Rd.
Spencer, OH 44275 (Chatham Township)

Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve - LiWNP
3005 Avon Lake Road
Litchfield Township, OH 44253

**Oenslager Nature Center/Alderfer-Chatfield
Wildlife Sanctuary (no pets) - ONC**
6100 Ridge Rd.
Sharon Township (use Wadsworth, OH for GPS)

Plum Creek Lodge (North) - PCL
2390 Plum Creek Pkwy.
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

Plum Creek Park South - PCPS
2500 Plum Creek Pkwy.
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

Princess Ledges Nature Preserve - PLNP
4361 Spruce Ave.
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

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

Schleman Nature Preserve - SNP
6701 Wedgewood Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Sharon Nature Preserve - SNPR
6734 State Road
Sharon Township, OH (use Wadsworth, OH for GPS)

Susan Hambley Nature Center - SHNC
1473 Parschen Blvd.
Brunswick, OH 44212



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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.
- Program cancellation hotline: (330) 239-3305

SPRING 2025 PROGRAMS

Saturday, March 1 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park 10 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, March 1 - Owl Prowl - Hidden Hollow Camp - 6 to 7 p.m. Join us for a hike in the forest where we will search for owls! Ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, March 2 - Discovery Drop-In: What do Birds Eat? - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 3 p.m. Discoveries don't happen on a set schedule, so drop by anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to discover what birds eat. This series promotes unstructured exploratory activities, which are perfect for any age to stay for as short or as long as their interest holds. With indoor and outdoor components, participants can make observations from the bird-viewing room, make an enticing treat for the birds, and get hands-on with a seed sensory bin. (Note: seed and nut allergens may be present) All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

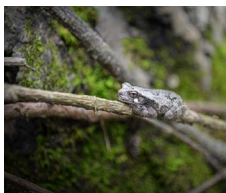
Thursday, March 6 - Spring Alive - Bluebell Valley - 1 to 2 p.m. Join us for a hike to search for signs of new spring beginnings. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, March 8 - Medina's Marvelous Mammals: Bobcats Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Do we have bobcats in Medina County? Where did they get their name? We'll start inside and learn about these fascinating mammals and then we'll go outside for a hike. No live animals will be at this program. All ages are welcome, but interest level is for ages seven and up. No registration is required. Free.



Saturday, March 8 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Schleman Nature Preserve - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Work 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 8. Free.

Saturday, March 8 and Sunday, March 9 Frogs! - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. The shrill cries of spring peepers are a well-known herald of spring, but these tiny choristers are only one of many filling the season with song. Visit the nature center to learn more about our amphibious friends! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Sunday, March 9 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Schleman Nature Preserve - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. Register by March 9. Free.

Sunday, March 9 - Narrating Nature Book Club - Book 2 - Krabill Lodge - 2 to 4 p.m. Dear Gentle Reader, we cordially invite you to join our quarterly Narrating Nature Book Club. Book 2 will be "Falling for Snow: A Naturalist's Journey into the World of Winter" by Jamie Bastedo with the discussion on March 9 at Krabill Lodge. Ages 18 and up. Register by March 6. Free.

Tuesday, March 11 - Senior Strides - Sharon Nature Preserve - 10 to 11 a.m. Join park volunteer Connie for this 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 wear appropriate footwear. Ages 50 and up. No registration is required. Free.

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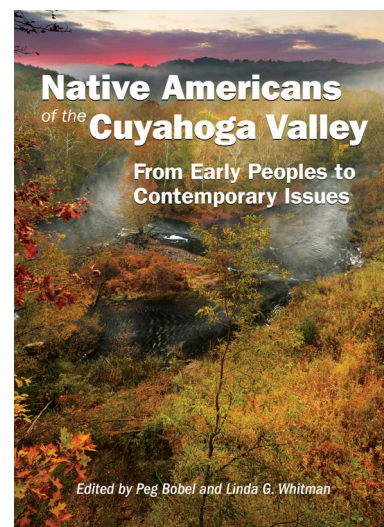


Friday, March 14 - Frog Friday - Buckeye Woods Park - Meet at large shelter by eastern parking lot - 1 to 2 p.m. As spring begins to unfold around us, take a break to join a naturalist for a hike through a hopping park to look and listen for frogs! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, March 15 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Sharon Nature Preserve - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. Register by March 15. Free.

Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16 - Frogs! - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, March 15 - Native Americans of the Cuyahoga Valley - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3 p.m. If you have wondered about the Native American culture of Northeast Ohio, this is the program to attend! The authors of this book, Peg Bobel and Linda Whitman, look beyond myths, legends, and misconceptions and consider the contributions of Native Americans in the area from the Ice Age to the day before yesterday. Books will be available for attendees to purchase if they are interested and to have them signed by the authors. The special book price for the event is \$30. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Sunday, March 16 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Allardale Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. Register by March 16.

Tuesday, March 18 - Homeschoolers Outdoor Education - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Homeschoolers have the opportunity to attend a series of three natural science classes. Each month's activities will build on the previous and ask participants to research a species between sessions. Please register for each class you will attend. This spring, we will dive into the world of birds, starting with SONGBIRDS. Ages 7 to 12. Register by March 16. Free.

Wednesday, March 19 - Waterfowl Wednesday - Chippewa Inlet Trail North - 10 a.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. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, March 20 - Tales for Tots - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. They are the silent, mysterious creatures of the night . . . OWLS! Learn more about these magnificent birds of prey through a story and hands-on investigation. 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 19. Free.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March 2025</p> <p>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</p>						<p>1</p> <p>A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - CLMP 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>Owl Prowl - HHC - 6 to 7 p.m.</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>**Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed HVP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Tree Flowers - ADP 3 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - ONC 3 to 5 p.m.</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>**Preschoolers in the Garden: Let's Grow Bulbs - KBL 10 to 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Waterfowl Wednesday - KBL 10 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>**Push and Pull Stroller Walk - BWP 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>**Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed ONC - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>**All About Chamomile ONC - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>**Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed ONC - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	31					



March 20 through June 19, 2025

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 20 and June 19 and turn in their completed forms to the Oenslager Nature Center between June 20 and July 6, 2025 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 or visit nature centers or park district headquarters for a hard copy. **The challenge form will be available in mid-March.**

Thursday, March 20 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series
Buckeye Woods Park - Meet at the ballfields - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
See 3/1 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Friday, March 21 - Frog Friday - Oenslager Nature Center - Meet in the lab - 1 to 2 p.m. As spring begins to unfold around us, take a break to join a naturalist for a hike through a hopping park to look and listen for frogs! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, March 22 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - River Styx Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. Register by March 22.

Sunday, March 23 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Hubbard Valley Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. Register by March 23.

Sunday, March 23 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Tree Flowers - Allardale Park - 3 to 4 p.m. In spring, we often overlook the flora above us while focusing on the flora at our feet. Join us to discover the flowers in the sky during this early spring hike. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, March 23 - Photographers of the Park 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 18 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, March 25 - Preschoolers in the Garden: Let's Grow Bulbs! Krabill Lodge 10 to 11:30 a.m. Do you know how onions, garlic, and tulips are alike? They're all bulbs! Some plants are grown from seed and others, like garlic, from an underground bud with roots called a bulb. Join OSU Master Gardeners to learn about the different types of spring and summer flowering bulbs as well as participate in many hands-on activities. 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 day of program. Register by March 23.

Wednesday, March 26 - Waterfowl Wednesday - Krabill Lodge 10 a.m. See 3/19 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, March 27 - Push and Pull Stroller Walk
Buckeye Woods Park - Meet at the large shelter near the eastern parking lot - 10 to 11 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



Woodland Health Days of Service



Help us pull garlic mustard from sensitive wildflower habitats in several parks.



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. Register by March 27. Free.

Saturday, March 29 - All About Chamomile - Oenslager Nature Center - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join the Medina County Herb Society to learn about this versatile herb, from planting to harvesting. Participants will receive seed packets to grow their own Chamomile. Ages 12 to adult. Register by March 27. Free.

Saturday, March 29 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. Register by March 29. Free.

Sunday, March 30 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/8 program listing for details. Register by March 30. Free.

Saturday, April 5 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Letha House Lodge (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 5 - Birding Basics
Oenslager Nature Center - Meet in the classroom - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Whether you're new to birding or need a refresher before joining a friend at a spring bird walk, Birding Basics is for you! Review the basics from binoculars to basic identification indoors, then take your skills out for a spin on a short hike. A limited number of binoculars and guides will be available to borrow and share during this program. Ages ten to adult. Register by April 4. Free.



**Family Fishing Derby
Saturday, April 26
Buffalo Creek Retreat
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



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Sunday, April 6 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Buckeye Woods Park - Meet at the large shelter near the eastern parking lot - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 4/5 program listing for details. Register by April 6. Free.

Sunday, April 6 - Discovery Drop-In: Pine Forest Fun - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 3 p.m. Discoveries don't happen on a set schedule, so drop by anytime between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to discover the pines. This series promotes unstructured exploratory activities, which are perfect for any age to stay for as short or as long as their interest holds. Take a short walk out to the Pine Woods outdoor classroom where a naturalist will provide everything you need to investigate critters, bark, needles, cones. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

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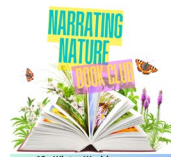
Friday, April 11 - Bird Talk - Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve 9 to 11 a.m. Learn some tips and tricks for birding by ear while we search for local and migratory birds. Ages six to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 12 - 92nd 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 92nd 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 and will be held every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from April 12 through May 17. Meet in the main parking lot at River Styx Park. Spring Bird Walks are a citizen science project, so walks will be slow and stop for periods of time to count birds. Trail conditions may be muddy, and the trail contains hills, boardwalks, stairs, and other terrain features. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 12 - Medina's Marvelous Mammals: Coyotes Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Why are coyotes called tricksters? How do these animals adapt to living around people? We'll start inside and learn about these fascinating mammals and then we'll go outside for a hike. No live animals will be at this program, but great video footage will be shown. All ages are welcome, but the interest level is for ages seven and up. No registration is required. Free.

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

Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13 - Wonderful Waders Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Long spindly legs and long pointed beaks might sound frightening at first, but they're some of the most important features shared by herons, egrets, and cranes. Stop by the nature center to learn about our native wading birds, then take a self-guided walk around the lake to see if you can spot any! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Sunday, April 13 - Narrating Nature Book Club -- Bird Tales 1 - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 4 p.m. Welcome back readers! After a long and dreary winter season, it is time to search for the season's new diamond with The Narrating Nature Book Club! The social season is upon us; which bird will stand out as the shining star amongst the flock? Join us for two lively discussions and an adventurous hike to weed through the colorful world of birds to find our diamond of the season. This is sure to be the ball of the season! On April 13 we will dive deep to engage emotionally, literally, and artistically with the natural world in "The Backyard Bird Chronicles" by Amy Tan. Then, on June 8, we will discover the most cunning of the birds and watch them flaunt their feathers and their intellect in "The Genius of Birds" by Jennifer Akerman. Please say you'll join us as we delight in these two dazzling tales of birds and our fascination with them. Ages 18 and up. Register by April 11.



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20 ONC and SHNC are closed for the Easter holiday	21	22	23	24 Flowers in the Sky BWP - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	25	26 92 nd Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m. Medina County's 29 th Annual Earth Day Festival - BCR 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family Fishing Derby - BCR 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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29th Annual Festival



Saturday, April 26 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, a 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. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, April 13 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Allardale Park - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 4/5 program listing for details. Register by April 13. Free.



Sunday, April 13 - Nature Photography Walk Hubbard Valley Park - 1 to 2 p.m. Take a walk with a naturalist and members of the Photographers of the Park to learn about spring wildflowers in one of our beautiful Medina County parks. See the park through a photographer's eye and receive guidance

on taking nature photos--how to frame them, exposure, lighting, and other simple tips. Bring any type of camera with you (including a cell phone). You may also just come to enjoy the outdoors! Ages 16 and older, but younger photographers are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Register by April 11. Free.

Tuesday, April 15 - Homeschoolers Outdoor Education - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Homeschoolers have the opportunity to attend a series of three natural science classes. Each month's activities will build on the previous and ask participants to research a species between sessions. Please register for each class you will attend. This spring, we will dive into the world of birds, continuing with waterfowl. Ages 7 to 12. Register by April 13. Free.

Tuesday, April 15 - Push and Pull Stroller Walk - Buckeye Woods Park - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 3/27 program listing for details. Register by April 15. Free.

Thursday, April 17 - Tales for Tots - Krabill Lodge - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. What are some things we can learn about animals from the shape of their mouths, beaks, or bills? Let's learn about animal mouths through a story and exploration. For ages three to six with an adult companion. Some or the entire program will be held outdoors; please dress accordingly. Register between March 20 and April 16. Free.

Thursday, April 17 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Brunswick Lake Trail - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 4/5 program listing for details. Meet at the Susan Hambley Nature Center. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Friday, April 18 - Vernal Pool Hike - Carolyn Ludwig Mugarage Park 1 to 2 p.m. Take a hike into the woods in search of the elusive vernal pool, a place where spring magic often goes unnoticed. Once you've arrived, take some time to search with a naturalist for critters like frogs and salamanders. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 19 - 92nd Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - River Styx Park - 7:30 a.m. See 4/12 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Forest Therapy Walk
Join us for a relaxed, sensory experience.

Saturday, April 19 - Forest Therapy Walk - Chippewa Inlet Trail North 9:30 to 11 a.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 relationships to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five to adult. Register by April 17. Free.

Saturday, April 19 - Basket Weaving 101: Happy Spring Basket Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join Emily Smith to make a festive hand-woven basket for your spring decorating. 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 April 5. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$30 fee per basket.



Saturday, April 19 - Wonderful Waders - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Long spindly legs and long pointed beaks might sound frightening at first, but they're some of the most important features shared by herons, egrets, and cranes. Stop by the nature center to learn about our native wading birds, then take a self-guided walk around the lake to see if you can spot any! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 19 - Egg-citing Eggs! Oenslager Nature Center Meet in the lab - 1 to 2 p.m. It is an eggcellent time of year to talk about nature's little bundle of life--the egg! During this program, learn about various egg-laying animals found in the area through activities and exploration. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Thursday, April 24 - Flowers in the Sky - Buckeye Woods Park Meet at large shelter near the eastern parking lot - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. In spring, we often overlook the flowers above us while focusing on the flowers at our feet. Join us to discover the flowers in the sky during this spring hike. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>May 2025</p> <p>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</p>				1	2	3
					Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - LM Granger Road 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	<p>92nd Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Basket Weaving 101: Handy Shopper Basket - ONC 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.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 ONC - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>
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**Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed ONC - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.		Tadpole Tuesday ONC - 1 to 2 p.m.	Natural Discoveries BBV - 10 to 11 a.m.	**Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC - 2 to 3:15 p.m.		<p>92nd Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>K9 Kapers - BBV 10 to 11 a.m.</p> <p>Medina's Marvelous Mammals: Beavers ONC - 10 to 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Flora Galore - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p>
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Flora Galore - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m. **Mother's Day Wildflower Walk - HVP - 2 to 3:30 p.m.		Senior Strides HVP - 10 to 11 a.m.	Meet the Animals SHNC - 10 to 11 a.m. or 3 to 4 p.m.	A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series KBL - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.		<p>92nd Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - RSP - 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Flora Galore - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Discovering Dragonflies LHL (West) - 1 to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Starry, Starry Nights at Letha House - LHL (West) 9 to 11 p.m.</p>
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Flora Galore - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m. Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Migratory Birds RSP - 3 to 4 p.m. Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - ONC 3 to 5 p.m.		**Homeschoolers Outdoor Education ONC - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Rain Barrel Workshop - ONC 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Forest Therapy Walk - HHC - 6 to 7:30 p.m.	Bug Buddies CLMP - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	**Tales for Tots PCL - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.	Let's Talk Turtles ONC - 10 to 11 a.m.	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Family (Get Out & Fish) Fishing HVP - 1 to 4 p.m.	Park office closed for Memorial Day					

April 1 to June 30, 2025

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. You can also pick up a form at Oenslager Nature Center, Susan Hambley Nature Center, or the park office. **The challenge form will be available in late March.**





Celebrate Medina County Park District's 60th Anniversary by taking part in our Park Perks Program! This is a self-guided adventure where you will need to successfully complete challenges to collect perk points to earn park prizes!

Prizes will be awarded at four different levels based on the number of park perk points achieved. The more points you collect, the more prizes you'll get! Prize value increases with point values.

The challenge officially begins on the actual anniversary date of April 19 and runs through October 4. The form will be available to download starting on April 18 at www.medinacountyparks.com. Hard copies will be available at the nature centers or park headquarters in mid-April.

Saturday, April 26 - 92nd Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - River Styx Park - 7:30 a.m. See 4/5 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 26 - Medina County's 29th 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, a 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. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, April 26 - 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.

Sunday, April 27 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Spring Wildflowers - Princess Ledges Nature Preserve - 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 nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, April 27 - Photographers of the Park 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 18 and up. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, April 29 - Preschoolers in the Garden: Let's Plan Our 2025 Garden! - Krabill Lodge - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Do you have plans for your summer garden? Do you want to get some fresh ideas to use at home? Come and share your thoughts on garden design. Bring some pictures, drawings, or anything about your garden for a group show and tell! We'll also hear from OSU Master Gardeners

about their own garden creations, browse through seed catalogs, and create an art project. For ages three to nine with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors so please dress accordingly. A \$5 program fee will be collected on the day of the program. Register by April 27.

Tuesday, April 29 - Tadpole Tuesday - Oenslager Nature Center - 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.

Friday, May 2 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Lake Medina - Granger Road entrance - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Work 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 May 2. Free.

Saturday, May 3 - 92nd 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 92nd 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 and will be held every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. from April 12 through May 17. Meet in the main parking lot at River Styx Park. Spring Bird Walks are a citizen science project, so walks will be slow and stop for periods of time to count birds. Trail conditions may be muddy, and the trail contains hills, boardwalks, stairs, and other terrain features. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 3 - Basket Weaving 101: Handy Shopper Basket Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join Emily Smith to make a hand-woven basket useful for your shopping trips. 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 April 19. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$30 fee per basket.



Saturday, May 3 - 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 3 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 5/2 program listing for details. Register by May 3. Free.

Sunday, May 4 - Woodland Health Day of Service - Volunteers Needed - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 5/2 program listing for details. Register by May 4. Free.

Tuesday, May 6 - Tadpole Tuesday - Oenslager Nature Center - 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 7 - Natural Discoveries - Bluebell Valley - 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 nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, May 8 - 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. **NEW this year. We are opening class up to children in the second grade, but they must have an adult with them who can act as their scribe. Ages 7 to 12. Register by May 6. Free.

Saturday, May 10 - 92nd Annual Series of Spring Bird Walks - River Styx Park - 7:30 a.m. See 5/3 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 10 - K-9 Kapers - Bluebell Valley - 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.

Saturday, May 10 - Medina's Marvelous Mammals: Beavers Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Were beavers ever gone from Ohio? Do they use their tails to slap the mud on their dams? We'll start inside and learn about these fascinating mammals and then go outside for a hike. No live animals will be at this program, but great video footage will be shown. Interest level is for ages seven and up, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11 - Flora Galore - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. From the ephemeral wildflowers of early spring to towering trees and the vines that climb them, the world around us is full of flowers. Plant yourself in the nature center and learn about the flowering plants that call our area home. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day Wildflower Walk - Hubbard Valley Park - 2 to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to observe the expansive wildflowers in bloom on this walk. The naturalist will identify and share information on the abundant spring ephemerals of Hubbard Valley Park. As the name "ephemeral" implies, the blooms are only in peak show for a short time, so don't miss your chance to share this experience it! All ages are welcome. Register by May 10. Free.



Tuesday, May 13 - Senior Strides - Hubbard Valley Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Join park volunteer Connie for this 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.

A red-bordered advertisement for "RAILROAD CAMP". At the top, the words "RAILROAD CAMP" are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the text is a photograph of a blue steam locomotive pulling a passenger car on a narrow-gauge track. A group of people is gathered around the train. To the right of the photo is a yellow circular railroad crossing sign with a black 'X' and the letter 'R' on either side. Below the photo and sign, the text "Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers (N.E.O.L.S.)" is written in black on a yellow background. At the bottom, the dates "June 4-6, 2025" and "Lester Rail Trail" are written in white on a red background, with "9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m." written in white on a black background. The entire advertisement is framed by a black and white striped border at the bottom.

Join the Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers for railroad camp this summer. Campers will have opportunities to experience track and switch construction, track installation, and learning safe operation of electric, diesel and steam locomotives. Learning during the week will be culminated on Friday with campers giving train rides to their relatives. Participants are to provide their own bag lunches and transportation to and from the Lester Rail Trail track site. Please visit the N.E.O.L.S. website at www.neols.net to obtain an application. Fee is \$45 per camper. Open to youth ages 12 – 14 yrs. Registration begins April 1 for first-time campers only. Open registration begins May 1.

Wednesday, May 14 - Meet the Animals at SHNC - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. or 3 to 4 p.m. Come meet the animal ambassadors at Susan Hambley Nature Center. We will learn about these amazing animals and their local habitats. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, May 15 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Krabill Lodge - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. See 5/3 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

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Saturday, May 17 - Discovering Dragonflies - Letha House Lodge (West) - 1 to 2 p.m. Join a naturalist for a stroll around a lake and wetland in search of early and often-overlooked dragonflies. Some will come to stay for awhile, while others may only be here for a short visit. Nets will be available to borrow for those interested in a more interactive experience. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 - Flora Galore - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See 5/10 listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Saturday, May 17 - 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

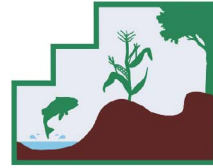
be available to answer your questions. Have a telescope but not sure how to use it effectively? Members will also be on hand one hour before the program begins to show you how to use your own telescope for viewing the night sky. Cancellations will only be made in the event of severe thunderstorms. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, May 18 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Migratory Birds - River Styx Park - 3 to 4 p.m. May is a great time of year to observe migrating song birds including warblers, vireos, and thrushes as they pass through Ohio on their way to Canada to nest. You are welcome to bring binoculars and bird ID books if you have them. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

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class you will attend. This spring, we will dive into the world of birds, continuing with RAPTORS. Ages 7 to 12. Register by May 18. Free.



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722-9322. Ages 13 to adult. There is a \$60 program fee.

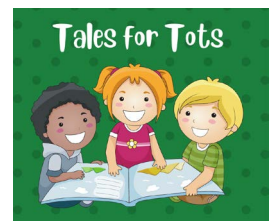
Tuesday, May 20 - Rain Barrel Workshop Oenslager Nature Center - 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Construct your own rain barrel and take it home! In this workshop, guests will learn the many benefits of collecting stormwater 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. So, we welcome attendees to bring 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. This program is presented by the Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District. For questions and to register for this program, please call (330)

Tuesday, May 20 - Forest Therapy Walk - Hidden Hollow Camp - 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 relationships to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five to adult. Register by May 18. Free.

Wednesday, May 21 - Bug Buddies - Carolyn Ludwig Mugarage Park 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Come listen to some wiggly, squiggly bug stories and make a craft with a Medina County District Librarian and learn all about bugs with a Medina County Park District Naturalist. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, May 22 - Tales for Tots - Plum Creek Lodge - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Animal tails come in many shapes and sizes, and each one has its own job. Learn how animals use their tails through a story, craft, 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 17 and May 21. Free.



Friday, May 23 - Let's Talk Turtle - Oenslager Nature Center - Meet in the lab - 10 to 11 a.m. World Turtle Day is no ordinary day. It is a day to shellebrate turtles! Join a naturalist to meet a turtle, go on a turtle walk, and enjoy turtle-themed activities during this turtle-sized shellebration. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Sunday, May 25 - Family (Get Out & Fish) Fishing - Hubbard Valley Park - 1 to 4 p.m. Stop by any time between 1 and 4 p.m. 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.