



Medina County  
Park District

# Summer Program Guide 2024



Learn to Kayak  
Nature Explorers  
Photo Exhibit  
Slo Rolls Bike Rides

All Board! Miniature Train Rides  
Starry, Starry Nights  
Music at The Lodge Series  
Forest Therapy Walks

Senior Strides  
Paper Pie Book Fair  
Teacher/Educator Workshops  
Fishing Camps





## Medina County Park District

### Park Office:

6364 Deerview Lane  
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### Website:

[www.medinacountyparks.com](http://www.medinacountyparks.com)

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### Program Registration

- Register online for programs at [www.medinacountyparks.com](http://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

#### Allardale Park (ADP)

401 Remsen Rd.

**The Lodge at Allardale (ADL):** 141 Remsen Rd.  
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

#### Black River Nature Preserve

**Bluebell Valley (BBV)** 8500 Richman Rd.

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

#### Brunswick Lake Trail (BLT)

**Susan Hambley Nature Center (SHNC)**

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)

#### Chippewa Yacht Club (CYC)

Longacre Ln., Chippewa Lake, OH 44215

#### Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary (GWWS)

4023 Beachler Rd.  
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

#### Green Leaf Park (GLP)

1674 S. Medina Line Rd.  
Sharon Township (use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS)

#### Holmesbrook Park (HBP)

660 College St., Wadsworth, OH 44281

#### Hubbard Valley Park (HVP)

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

#### Killbuck Lakes Nature Preserve (KL)

7996 White Rd.  
Burbank, OH 44214 (Westfield Township)

#### Krabill Lodge (KB)

7597 Ballash Rd.  
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

#### Lake Medina (LM)

3733 Granger Rd., Medina, OH 44256

#### Lester Rail Trail (LRT)

3654 Lester Rd.  
Medina, OH 44256 (York Township)

#### Letha House Park

East (**LHPE**): 5745 Richman Rd.  
West/Lodge (**LHL**): 5800 Richman Rd.  
Spencer, OH 44275 (Chatham Township)

#### Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve (LWNP)

3005 Avon Lake Rd.  
Litchfield Township, OH 44253

#### Medina Marsh Nature Preserve (MM)

4266 Fenn Rd.  
Medina, OH 44256 (Medina Township)

#### Oenslager Nature Center/ Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary (ONC)

6100 Ridge Rd., Sharon Township  
(use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS)

#### Princess Ledges Nature Preserve (PLNP)

4361 Spruce Ave.  
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

#### Plum Creek Park

**North/Lodge (PCL):** 2390 Plum Creek Pkwy.  
**South (PCPS):** 2500 Plum Creek Pkwy.  
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

#### River Styx Park (RSP)

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

#### Sharon Nature Preserve (SNP)

6734 State Rd.  
Sharon Township, OH (use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS)

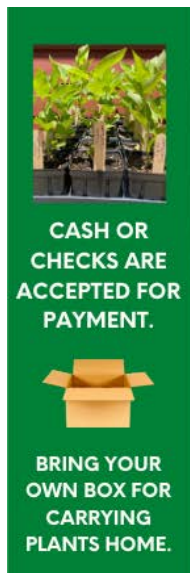
## SUMMER 2024 PROGRAMS

**Saturday, June 1 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - River Styx 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 and up. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, June 1 through Friday, June 21 - Photographers of the Parks Photo Exhibit and Contest - Oenslager Nature Center - Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m.** The talented members of the Photographers of the

Parks invite you to visit the nature center to see their photography exhibit and help vote for the grand prize winners. With dozens of beautiful photos to choose from, your job won't be easy! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6 - Kids Get Out and Fish Camp - Oenslager Nature Center - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Do you love to fish? Learn some new tips and tricks to catch all different types of fish including bluegill and bass. Take advantage of this opportunity to fish the closed ponds at Oenslager Nature Center. Please bring your own fishing rod, tackle, and bait if you prefer, but fishing rods and bait will be provided. This is a three-day program. This class is geared towards all fishing skill levels. Register your 7-12 year-old for this drop-off program. Free. Groups are small, and space is limited. Please only sign up for one three-day program per child since availability is limited. Register by June 3. Free.



CASH OR CHECKS ARE ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT.

BRING YOUR OWN BOX FOR CARRYING PLANTS HOME.



CAMEL CREEK NATIVES  
NATIVE PLANTS OF MEDINA COUNTY PARKS

# Native Plant Sale



Oenslager Nature Center  
6100 Ridge Road  
Sharon Township  
*(use Wadsworth for city if using a GPS)*

**WEEKENDS THIS SUMMER:**

JUNE 15 AND 16  
JUNE 22 AND 23  
JUNE 29 AND 30

JULY 13 AND 14  
JULY 20 AND 21  
JULY 27 AND 28

**SATURDAY HOURS**  
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

**SUNDAY HOURS**  
1 - 4 P.M.

Friends of Medina County Parks has a great opportunity for you to get fabulous native plants for your landscaping. A variety of species in limited quantities are available. Come see what we have to offer! Plants are grown by Camel Creek Natives.



**NATIVE PLANT FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**Thursday, June 6 - Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: Brunswick Lake to Plum Creek Greenway - Brunswick Lake Trail (Meet in Cleveland Clinic parking lot behind Panera, 1405 Parschen Blvd. in Brunswick) - 6:15 to 8 p.m.** Join other bike enthusiasts for guided eight-to-ten-mile rides through parts of Medina County parks and adjacent areas. Slo Rolls are cosponsored by Bike Medina County and Medina County Park District. Bike Medina County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit advocating for cycling safety, education, and infrastructure in Medina County. Children must be accompanied by a parent. All riders must wear helmets and bright clothes. Water bottles and gloves are recommended. Front and rear blinking lights are highly recommended. Waivers will be provided and must be signed before the start of the ride. Meet at 6:15 as rides begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. \*\*Free safety check up and bike maintenance service from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Ages 12 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, June 8 - Learn to Kayak - Chippewa Yacht Club (Entrance is just past the Oaks Restaurant on Longacre Lane) - 2 to 4 p.m.** Whether you are new to kayaking or have experience but would like a refresh, we invite you to join us on the water for this learn to kayak program. Equipment will be available to borrow, but you may choose to bring your own kayak, paddle, and life jacket. A life jacket must be worn during the program. Ages ten to adult. Register by June 6. Free.

**Sunday, June 9 - K-9 Kapers - Brunswick Lake Trail - 3 to 4 p.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. Meet at Susan Hambley Nature Center. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Sunday, June 9 - Wadsworth Community Band Concert - Buffalo Creek Retreat - 7 to 8:30 p.m.** The Wadsworth Community Band, under the direction of Pat Santelli, will present this free, old-fashioned band concert with lively tunes for all to enjoy! The concert will be held outside at Buffalo Creek Retreat or moved indoors if inclement weather. Bring a lawn chair, family, and friends, and join us for a wonderful evening of music and community fellowship. To learn more about the Wadsworth Community Band, follow it on Facebook @wadsworthcommunityband. **This program has been generously sponsored by Friends of Medina County Parks.** All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, June 11 - Senior Strides - Carolyn Ludwig Mugarage Park 10 to 11 a.m.** Join park volunteer Connie for Senior Strides, a 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.


**Tuesday, June 11 - Meet the Animals - Oenslager Nature Center - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Our nature center is home to a few educational animals, including turtles, a snake, and a toad. Come in to learn all about their habits, care, and life histories with a live animal presentation. Seating is limited to the first 50 people. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Wednesday, June 12 - Natural Discoveries - Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve - 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, June 13 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** See 6/1 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Thursday, June 13 - Forest Therapy Walk - Medina Marsh - 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 relationship to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five to adult. Register by June 11. Free.

**Friday, June 14 - Discovery Drop-In: Pond Study - Oenslager Nature Center (Meet on the deck at the pond) - 1 to 3 p.m.** Discoveries don't happen on a set schedule, so drop by any time between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to dip nets into the pond in search of the creatures that call it home. A naturalist will be on the pond deck with nets, supplies, and additional information about pond life. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>June 2024</b></p> <p><b>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</b></p>						<p>1</p> <p>Photographers of the Parks Photo Exhibit and Contest Begins – ONC – During regular business hours through 6/21</p> <p>A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series – RSP – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<p>**Kids Get Out and Fish Camp – ONC 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day 1 of 3</p> <p>**Railroad Camp LRT – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Day 1 of 3</p>	<p>**Kids Get Out and Fish Camp ONC - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day 2 of 3</p> <p>**Railroad Camp LRT – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Day 2 of 3</p>	<p>**Kids Get Out and Fish Camp – ONC 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day 3 of 3</p> <p>**Railroad Camp LRT 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Day 3 of 3</p> <p>Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: BLT to Plum Creek Greenway – 6:15 to 8 p.m.</p>		<p>**Learn to Kayak – CYC 2 to 4 p.m.</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>K-9 Kapers – BLT – 3 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Wadsworth Community Band Concert – BCR – 7 to 8:30 p.m.</p>		<p>Senior Strides CLMP – 10 to 11 a.m.</p> <p>Meet the Animals ONC – 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>Natural Discoveries LWNP – 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series ONC – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>**Forest Therapy Walk – MM 6 to 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Discovery Drop-In: Pond Study ONC – 1 to 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Fun with Fireflies – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Starry, Starry Nights at Letha House – LHL (West) 9 to 11 p.m.</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Fun with Fireflies – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 1 to 4 p.m.</p>		<p>**Learn to Kayak CYC – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>**Playing with the Wind – BWP – 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Park office and ONC closed in observance of Juneteenth</b></p>	<p>**Nature Explorers: Scales and Slime ONC – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>**Tales for Tots HVP – 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: LRT MCCC trailhead 6:15 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Last Day Photographers of the Parks Photo Exhibit and Contest – ONC 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p>**Sunset Paddle CYC – 7:30 to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>**Invasive Species Management at Home – ONC 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>Fun with Fireflies – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: All Aboard! LRT 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>Fun with Fireflies – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Music at The Lodge: Morning Star Bluegrass Band – ADL 2 to 3 p.m.</p>		<p>**Kids Get Out and Fish Camp – ONC 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day 1 of 3</p>	<p>***Kids Get Out and Fish Camp ONC - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day 2 of 3</p>	<p>**Kids Get Out and Fish Camp – ONC 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Day 3 of 3</p> <p>**Nature Explorers: Wildlife Wander HHC - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>**Nature Explorers: Habitat Hike Habitat Hike RSP – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Folk with Friends Concert Steve Free Band: An Evening of Appalachian Folk Sponsored by Friends of the Parks and ORMACO BCR – 7 p.m.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Summer Native Plant Sale ONC - 1 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Decomposers – SNP 3 to 4 p.m.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Photo Exhibit and Contest</b>  Saturday, June 1 to Friday, June 21  Oenslager Nature Center</p> </div> <div style="width: 60%; text-align: right;"> <p>The talented members of the Photographers of the Parks invite you to visit the nature center to see their photography exhibit and help vote for the grand prize winners.</p> </div> </div>					

# RAILROAD CAMP



**Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers (N.E.O.L.S.)**

**June 5-7, 2024**  
**Lester Rail Trail**  
**9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 15 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 4 p.m.** Are you looking to add some diversity to your landscape to increase habitat and biodiversity? Look no further than our annual native plant sale at the Oenslager Nature Center. Stop by during business hours to pick from a nice selection of reasonably-priced, ecologically important native plants. A variety of species in limited quantities will be available. Plants are grown by Camel Creek Natives and sold through Friends of Medina County Parks. Plants are \$5 each, and trees are \$10 each.

**Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16 - Fun with Fireflies - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** It's fun to watch fireflies put on their light show on early summer evenings. Want to learn more about what it's all about? Drop in to the nature center for games, displays and activities all about fireflies. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, June 15 - 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 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, June 16 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 4 p.m.** See 6/15 program listing for details.

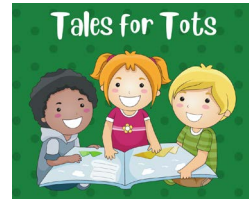
**Tuesday, June 18 - Learn to Kayak - Chippewa Yacht Club (Entrance is just past the Oaks Restaurant on Longacre Lane) - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.** See 6/8 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. Register by June 16. Free.



**Tuesday, June 18 - Playing with the Wind - Buckeye Woods Park - 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 11 to 11:45 a.m.**

Young children are invited to bring an adult and join Amy Winnicki in a creative movement playtime. Wind-themed activities using bubbles, balloons, and parachutes will be the focus of the program. Your child will learn that all of these items need air, and all are fun to play with, too! The program will be cancelled if it is raining. Ages two to six. Register by June 16. Free.

**Thursday, June 20 - Nature Explorers: Scales and Slime - Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spend a morning exploring one of your Medina County parks. Completely outdoors, these drop-off programs are designed for your nature-loving child. Search for and study reptiles and amphibians on this herpetological adventure. Ages 7 to 12. Register by June 18. Free.



**Thursday, June 20 - Tales for Tots**  
**Hubbard Valley Park - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.** Discover more about the fascinating world of a creek and the critters that live there through a story and hands-on examination during a creek walk! Wear close-toed water shoes or rubber boots.

No flip flops or Crocs, please! For ages three to six with an adult companion. Some or the entire program will be held outdoors, please dress accordingly. Register between May 23 and June 19. Free.

**Thursday, June 20 - Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: Lester Rail Trail to DQ (Summer Solstice) - Lester Rail Trail - Meet at the Medina County Career Center trailhead at 1101 West Liberty Street, Medina - 6:15 to 8 p.m.** See 6/6 program listing for details. \*\*Free safety check up and bike maintenance service from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Ages 12 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Friday, June 21 - Sunset Paddle - Chippewa Yacht Club (Entrance is just past the Oaks Restaurant on Longacre Lane) - 7:30 to 9 p.m.** Join a naturalist on the water for an evening paddle, then return with time to enjoy the setting sun from shore at Chippewa Yacht Club. Bring your own kayak, canoe, or SUP; paddle; and life jacket along for this program. A life jacket must be worn for the duration of the program. All ages are welcome. Register by June 20. Free.

**Saturday, June 22 - Invasive Species Management at Home - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Learn different techniques on how to properly remove invasive species from your property, what to expect when removing them, and suggestions for native trees and shrubs to replace them with. This program is for those interested in participating in the Medina County Invasive Species Buy-back Program, but all are welcome. Ages 18 and up. Register by June 20. Free.



**Saturday, June 22 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 4 p.m.** See 6/15 program listing for details.

**Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23 - Fun with Fireflies - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** See 6/15 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, June 22 - Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: ALL ABOARD! - Lester Rail Trail - 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Bring your family and friends to Lester Rail Trail for train rides around a miniature railroad and station house. Members of N.E.O.L.S., a miniature railroad group, will offer this free park program. Adults and children, alike, will delight in this unique experience! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Sunday, June 23 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center- 1 to 4 p.m.** See 6/15 program listing for details.

**Sunday, June 23 - Music at The Lodge: Morning Star Bluegrass Band The Lodge at Allardale - 2 to 3 p.m.** Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the park with free, live musical entertainment. Our summer concert series, sponsored by Friends of Medina County Parks, brings a variety of music the whole family is sure to enjoy. Bring your own chair or blanket to enjoy this concert on the lawn at The Lodge at Allardale! Morning Star Bluegrass Band will fill the lawn with the sounds of bluegrass, gospel, and Americana music in a style reminiscent of the bluegrass sounds of the 1930s and 40s. Join us for a toe-tapping good time as this band's energy is contagious! \*\*In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Sunday, June 23 - Photographers of the Parks 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 and 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](mailto:medinapotp@gmail.com) with questions, or for more information. Ages 16 and up. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, June 25 through June 27 - Kids Get Out and Fish Camp Oenslager Nature Center - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** See 6/4 program listing for details. Ages 7 to 12. Register by June 24. Free.

**Thursday, June 27 - Nature Explorers: Wildlife Wander - Hidden Hollow Camp - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spend a morning exploring one of your Medina County parks. Completely outdoors, these drop-off programs are designed for your nature-loving child. Learn about the wonders of wildlife as you wander the trails with a naturalist looking for animals and their signs. Ages 7 to 12. Register by June 25. Free.

**Friday, June 28 - Nature Explorers: Habitat Hike - River Styx Park 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spend a morning exploring one of your Medina County parks. Completely outdoors, these drop-off programs are designed for your nature-loving child. Join us to explore all River Styx Park has to offer. We will search the fields, forest, and pond for wildlife, insects, and plants. Ages 7 to 12. Register by June 26. Free.

**Saturday, June 29 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 4 p.m.** See 6/15 program listing for details.

**Saturday, June 29 - "Folk with Friends" Concert Steve Free Band: An Evening of Appalachian Folk - Buffalo Creek Retreat - 7 p.m.** Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO), Medina County Park District, and the Friends of the Medina County Parks present An Evening of Appalachian Folk Music with the Steve Free Band. Known as the "Appalachian Jimmy Buffett," Steve draws his music from his Native American (Shawnee/Cherokee) and Appalachian roots. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics to enjoy this award-winning singer/songwriter/recording artist and his band. Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of Medina County Parks. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free admission. The concert will be moved indoors if it rains.

**Sunday, June 30 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center- 1 to 4 p.m.** See 6/15 program listing for details.



**Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: ALL ABOARD!  
Lester Rail Trail  
Saturday, June 22 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, July 27 from 4 to 8 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 30 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Decomposers Sharon Nature Preserve - 3 to 4 p.m.** Decomposers, like fungi, bacteria, and invertebrates, break down organic material and recycle the nutrients. This means, when something dies, it gives new life to something else. Discover some of the most interesting critters in this critical role. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Friday, July 5 - Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: Chippewa Rail Trail - Meet at Chippewa Yacht Club, the entrance is just past the Oaks Restaurant on Longacre Lane) - 6:15 to 8 p.m.** Join other bike enthusiasts for guided eight-to-ten-mile rides through parts of Medina County parks and adjacent areas. Slo Rolls are cosponsored by Bike Medina County and Medina County Park District. Bike Medina County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit advocating for cycling safety, education, and infrastructure in Medina County. Children must be accompanied by a parent. All riders must wear helmets and bright clothes. Water bottles and gloves are recommended. Front and rear blinking lights are highly recommended. Waivers will be provided and must be signed. Meet at 6:15 as rides begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. A s'more and campfire social will follow the ride. Ages 12 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, July 6 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Lake Medina - Granger Road - 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.

**Tuesday, July 9 - Nature Explorers: Wildlife Wander - Plum Creek Lodge (North) - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spend a morning exploring one of your Medina County parks. Completely outdoors, these drop-off programs are designed for your nature-loving child. Learn about the wonders of wildlife as you wander the trails with a naturalist looking for animals and their signs. Ages 7 to 12. Register by July 5. Free.

**Tuesday, July 9 - Senior Strides - Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary - 10 to 11 a.m.** Join park volunteer Connie for Senior Strides, a once-a-month social hike for seniors! It's a great opportunity to make new friends and get your exercise. Walks are one-to-two-miles in length. Be sure to wear appropriate footwear. Ages 50 and up. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2024</h1> <p><b>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</b></p>	1	2	3	4 <b>Park office and ONC are closed for the holiday</b>	5 <b>Park office and ONC are closed for the holiday</b>  Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: Chippewa Rail Trail – CYC – 6:15 to 8 p.m.	6 A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series: LM Granger Road – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
7	8 <b>**Spirit of America CYC</b>	9 <b>**Spirit of America CYC</b>  <b>**Nature Explorers: Wildlife Wander PCL – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>  Senior Strides GWWS – 10 to 11 a.m.	10 <b>**Spirit of America CYC</b>  Natural Discoveries BWP – 10 to 11 a.m.  <b>**Learn to Draw Charlie Harper Style ONC – 1 to 2:30 p.m.</b>	11 <b>**Spirit of America CYC</b>  <b>**Nature Explorers: Creek Critters – LHPE 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>	12 <b>**Spirit of America – CYC</b>	13 <b>**Spirit of America CYC</b>  Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  Damsels and Dragons – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.  Starry, Starry Nights at Letha House – LHL (West) – 9 to 11 p.m.
14 Damsels and Dragons – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.  <b>**Exposure Compensation &amp; Bracketing – ONC 1 to 2:30 p.m.</b>  Summer Plant Sale – ONC 1 to 4 p.m.	15	16 <b>**Adventure Camp Day 1 of 3 – LHL 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>  Discovery Drop-In: Pollinators – GLP 1 to 3 p.m.	17 <b>**Adventure Camp Day 2 of 3 – PCL 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>	18 <b>**Adventure Camp Day 3 of 3 – CYC 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>  <b>**Nature Explorers: Forest and Stream ADL – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>  <b>**Forest Therapy Walk – ONC – 6 to 7:30 p.m.</b>  Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County Spokes Café – 6:15 to 8 p.m.	19 <b>**Nature Fun with Songs, Dances, and Stories ONC – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.</b>	20 Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  K-9 Kapers – KL – 10 to 11 a.m.  Ohio Butterfly Surveys: What's Being Done at ONC? 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  <b>**Picnic Paddle – CYC 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>  Damsels and Dragons – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.  <b>**Learn to Kayak – CYC 2 to 4 p.m.</b>
21 Damsels and Dragons – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.  Summer Plant Sale – ONC 1 to 4 p.m.  Music at The Lodge: Hip to That – ADL – 2 to 3 p.m.	22	23 <b>**Teachers and Educator's Workshop – ONC 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>	24 <b>**Nature Explorers: Hunting Dragonflies BWP – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>	25 <b>**Nature Explorers: Creek Critters – LHPE 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</b>  <b>**Tales for Tots RSP – 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.</b>  A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series HHC – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	26	27 Summer Native Plant Sale ONC – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  Creek Walk – LHPE – 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.  Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: All Aboard! LRT 4 to 8 p.m.
28 Summer Plant Sale – ONC 1 to 4 p.m.  Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Singing Insects GWWS – 3 to 4 p.m.  Photographers of the Parks Meeting – ONC – 3 to 5 p.m.	29	30 <b>**Learn to Kayak CYC – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.</b>	31			

## Get out on the water!

See individual program listings for details and registration information.

**Learn to Kayak - 6/8, 6/18, 7/20, 7/30**  
**Sunset Paddle - 6/21**  
**Spirit of America - 7/8-13**

**Picnic Paddle - 7/20**  
**Paddle the Parks - 8/10**




Summer 2024  
**Slo Rolls with  
Bike Medina County**

Meet at 6:15 p.m., as rides begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and last until approximately 8 p.m.

	Thursday, June 6	Thursday, August 1
	Thursday, June 20	Thursday, August 15
	Friday, July 5	Thursday, August 29
	Thursday, July 18	<a href="http://www.bikemedinacounty.org">www.bikemedinacounty.org</a>

**Wednesday, July 10 - Natural Discoveries - Buckeye Woods Park (Meet by shelter near pond) - 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.

**Wednesday, July 10 - Learn to Draw: Charlie Harper Style Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 2:30 p.m.** Come join park volunteer Walt Wozniak to learn how to draw birds in the style of renowned artist Charlie Harper. We will use simple techniques to create a northern cardinal, black-capped chickadee, great-horned owl, and a warbler. All supplies provided. Ages 7 to 12. Register by July 8. Free.



**Thursday, July 11 - Nature Explorers: Creek Critters - Letha House Park East - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spend a morning exploring one of your Medina County parks. Completely outdoors, these drop-off programs are designed for your nature-loving child. Wade your way through this creek walk adventure as you search above and below the water's surface for all kinds of creek critters! Ages 7 to 12. Register by July 9. Free.

**Saturday, July 13 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 4 p.m.** Are you looking to add some diversity to your landscape to increase habitat and biodiversity? Look no further than our annual native plant sale at the Oenslager Nature Center. Stop by during business hours to pick from a nice selection of reasonably-priced, ecologically important native plants. A variety of species in limited quantities will be available. Plants are grown by Camel Creek Natives and sold through Friends of Medina County Parks. Plants are \$5 each, and trees are \$10 each.

**Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14 - Damsels and Dragons Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** While dragonflies and damselflies are beautiful to look at, they also have fascinating lives before they ornament our ponds and meadows. Come explore all stages of a dragonfly's life cycle, play some games, and do a dragonfly craft! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, July 13 - 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, July 14 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 4 p.m.** See 7/13 program listing for details.

**Sunday, July 14 - Exposure Compensation & Bracketing - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 2:30 p.m.** Have you ever been disappointed by photos that are very dark or overly bright? In this class, we will discuss methods of creating that perfect exposure based on the types of ambient light (outdoors: cloudy or sunny; indoors: florescent or lamplight) by using exposure compensation and/or bracketing. We will also briefly discuss correcting exposure during post-processing. Bring your camera and tripod (optional) to practice what you've learned in the workshop at various stations. Ages 16 to adult. Register by July 12. There is a \$15 program fee.

**Sunday, July 14 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 4 p.m.** See 7/13 program listing for details.

**Tuesday, July 16 through Thursday, July 18 - Adventure Camp Multiple Park Locations, Tuesday: Letha House Lodge, Wednesday: Plum Creek Lodge, Thursday: Chippewa Yacht Club - Additional information provided in registration email - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Whether you're a new or seasoned outdoor adventurer, take advantage of this three-day camp to try new adventures each day. With the help of a naturalist, explore fishing, hiking, kayaking, campfire cooking, and more! Ages 10 to 14. Register by July 11. Free.

**Tuesday, July 16 - Discovery Drop-In: Pollinators - Green Leaf Park (Meet at the shelter) - 1 to 3 p.m.** Discoveries don't happen on a set schedule, so drop by any time between 1 and 3 p.m. to discover what pollinators live within and help to cultivate the native prairie plantings of Green Leaf Park. A naturalist will be at the shelter to provide a hands-on experience, bug jars, and information. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



**Thursday, July 18 - Nature Explorers: Forest and Stream - The Lodge at Allardale - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spend a morning exploring one of your Medina County parks. Completely outdoors, these drop-off programs are designed for your nature-loving child. Look for all things living as we hike the trails and streams of Allardale Park. Discover insects, birds, stream creatures, and interesting plants on this shady adventure. Ages 7 to 12. Register by July 16. Free.

**Thursday, July 18 - Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: South City Park Tour - Meet at Spokes Cafe, 406 S. Broadway in Medina - 6:15 to 8 p.m.** See 8/1 program listing for details.

**Thursday, July 18 - Forest Therapy Walk - Oenslager Nature Center 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 relationship to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five and up. Register by July 16. Free.



July 8-14, 2024

Register at ChippewaSailing.org



Chippewa Yacht Club, in partnership with MCPD, offers Spirit of America, a comprehensive youth boating education program that will keep kids active, outside, and engaged! This year's course is scheduled for July 8-14 and is open to 12-15-year olds.

Find details about the course, including dates, times, locations, cost, and how to register, at [chippewasailing.org](http://chippewasailing.org).



# Music at The Lodge

Sponsored by Friends of Medina County Parks

Sunday, June 23 - Morning Star Bluegrass Band

Sunday, July 21 - Hip to That

Sunday, August 4 - Circle of Friends

The Lodge at Allardale from 2 to 3 p.m.

Concerts are held outdoors; please bring a lawn chair!

\*\*In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors.

All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



## Forest Therapy Walks

6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required.

Thursday, June 13  
Medina Marsh

Thursday, July 18  
Oenslager Nature Center

Tuesday, August 27  
Holmesbrook Park

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>August 2024</b></p> <p>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</p>				<p>1</p> <p>Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County BLT – 6:15 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>A Healthy Dose of Nature Hiking Series: PLNP 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Music at The Lodge: Circle of Friends – ADL – 2 to 3 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series BWP – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Discovery Drop-In: Dragonflies – BWP 1 to 3 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Paper Pie Book Fair – ONC 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>About Bats – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>**Paddle the Parks – KL 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>About Bats – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Ohio Butterfly Surveys: What's Being Done at Killbuck Lakes Nature Preserve? – KL 2 to 3 p.m.</p> <p>K-9 Kapers – LWNP 3 to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Creek Walk – LHPE 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Senior Strides ADP – 10 to 11 a.m.</p> <p>**Teach and Educator's Workshop – ONC 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Natural Discoveries BLT – 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>**Tales for Tots GLP – 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County BWP – 6:15 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>About Bats – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>About Bats – SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Fishing Birds – KL 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Shore-side Sunrise – KBL 6 to 7:30 a.m.</p> <p>Starry, Starry Nights at Letha House – LHL (West) - 9 to 11 p.m.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Mantids – RSP 3 to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>**Forest Therapy Walk – HBP – 6 to 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: LM 6:15 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

## STARRY STARRY NIGHTS AT LETHA HOUSE

**Saturdays:**

**June 15**

**July 13**

**August 24**

**Letha House Lodge  
(West) - 9 to 11 p.m.**

### **Friday, July 19 - Nature Fun with Songs, Dances, and Stories!**

**Oenslager Nature Center - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Join Jo Oklessen for this creative playshop celebrating the beauty of nature! We will use scarves, musical instruments, beanie babies, and a parachute, too! We will also take a short walk outside. This program is generously sponsored by Friends of Medina County Parks. Ages four to six. Register by July 16. Free.

### **Saturday, July 20 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** See 7/13 program listing for details.

**Saturday, July 20 - K-9 Kapers - Killbuck Lakes - 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, July 20 - Ohio Butterfly Surveys: What's Being Done at Oenslager Nature Center? - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Long-term surveys are important because they help to monitor plant or animal populations over many years.

Butterfly surveys are important because they are an indicator species on the overall health of our environment. Join as we hike, catch, and learn about butterflies and the park district's long-term survey at Oenslager Nature Center that started in 2003. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

### **Saturday, July 20 - Picnic Paddle - Chippewa Yacht Club (Entrance is just past the Oaks Restaurant on Longacre Lane) - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Pack a picnic and your paddle craft for this two-part program! Join a naturalist on the water for a paddle, then enjoy your picnic lunch by the water in the Chippewa Yacht Club pavilion! Bring your own picnic; kayak, canoe, or SUP; paddle; and life jacket along for this program. A life jacket must be worn for the duration of the program. All ages are welcome. Register by July 18. Free.

### **Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21 - Damsels and Dragons - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** See 7/13 program listing for details.

**Saturday, July 20 - Learn to Kayak - Chippewa Yacht Club (Entrance is just past the Oaks Restaurant on Longacre Lane) - 2 to 4 p.m.** Whether you are new to kayaking or have experience but would like a refresh, we invite you to join us on the water for this learn to kayak program. Equipment will be available to borrow, but you may choose to bring your own kayak, paddle, and life jacket. A life jacket must be worn for the duration of the program. Ages ten to adult. Register by July 18. Free.

**Sunday, July 21 - Summer Native Plant Sales - Oenslager Nature Center- 1 to 4 p.m.** See 7/13 program listing for details.

**Sunday, July 21 - Music at The Lodge: Hip to That - The Lodge at Allardale - 2 to 3 p.m.** Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the park with free, live musical entertainment. Our summer concert series, sponsored by Friends of Medina County Parks, brings a variety of music the whole family is sure to enjoy. Bring your own chair or blanket to enjoy this concert on the lawn at The Lodge at Allardale! "Hip to That" is a Cleveland-based jazz duo that specializes in tunes from the Great American Songbook, jazz standards, and pop tunes with a jazzy twist. The band plays all over Northeast Ohio--from Cleveland to Canton to Wooster. Hip to That is known for its energy, humor, and hip arrangements. It is also guaranteed to give you a swingin' good time, so bring your dancing shoes and enjoy! \*\*In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, July 23 - Teacher and Educator's Workshop Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The interpretive department offers no-cost field trips to Oenslager Nature Center to preschool through sixth grade classes within Medina County. This workshop is an opportunity for educators to experience elements of the programs, a tour of the facility, and a guided hike on the trails of the wildlife sanctuary. Our environmental education curriculum aligns with Ohio Department of Education science learning standards to help educators and homeschoolers enhance classroom studies with practical application in the natural environment. All programs are taught by a dedicated team of naturalists that actively engages students in hands-on learning and helps to foster in them an appreciation for the natural world. Ages 18 and up. Register by July 21. Free.

**Wednesday, July 24 - Nature Explorers: Hunting Dragonflies Buckeye Woods Park - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spend a morning exploring one of your Medina County parks. Completely outdoors, these drop-off programs are designed for your nature-loving child. Enjoy the beauty of dragonflies as we hunt for them in all of their stages. Find nymphs in the pond and adults in meadow as we investigate these habitats. We will meet at the large eastern pavilion. Ages 7 to 12. Register by July 22. Free.

**Thursday, July 25 - Nature Explorers: Creek Critters - Letha House Park East - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Register by 7/23. See 7/11 listing for details.

**Thursday, July 25 - Tales for Tots - River Styx Park - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.** Butterflies, birds, and bees all help to make our flowers and the trees! Let's find out more about these and other pollination partners through a story and fun activities. For ages three to six with an adult companion. Some or the entire program will be held outdoors. Register between June 20 and July 24. Free.

**Thursday, July 25 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Hidden Hollow Camp - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** See 7/6 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, July 27 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** See 7/13 program listing for details.

**Saturday, July 27 - Creek Walk - Letha House Park East - 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.** Cool off on a warm summer day by dipping your toes into the creek as you learn about the animals that call this place home. Help to search for interesting bugs, fish, frogs, and salamanders along the way. Wear sturdy shoes and expect to get a little wet. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, July 27 - Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: ALL ABOARD! Lester Rail Trail - 4 to 8 p.m.** Bring your family and friends to Lester Rail Trail for train rides around a miniature railroad and station house. Members of N.E.O.L.S., a miniature railroad group, will offer this free park program. Adults and children, alike, will delight in this unique experience! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Sunday, July 28 - Summer Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center 1 to 4 p.m.** See 7/13 program listing for details.

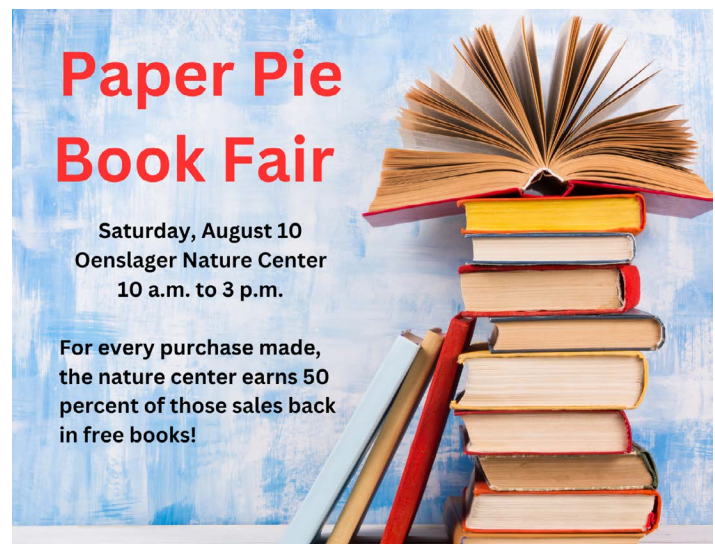
**Sunday, July 28 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Singing Insects Granger Wetlands Wildlife Sanctuary - 3 to 4 p.m.** Summer wouldn't be summer without hearing the amazing sounds of insects. Learn about which insects are producing these sounds and how they produce them. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Sunday, July 28 - Photographers of the Parks 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. Email [medinapotp@gmail.com](mailto:medinapotp@gmail.com) for more information. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, July 30 - Learn to Kayak - Chippewa Yacht Club (Entrance is just past the Oaks Restaurant on Longacre Lane) - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 2 to 4 p.m.** See 7/20 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. Register by July 28. Free.

**Thursday, August 1 - Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: Brunswick Lake - (Meet in Cleveland Clinic parking lot behind Panera, 1405 Parschen Blvd., Brunswick) - 6:15 to 8 p.m.** Join other bike enthusiasts for guided eight-to-ten-mile rides through parts of Medina County parks and adjacent areas. Slo Rolls are cosponsored by Bike Medina County and Medina County Park District. Bike Medina County is a 501(c)3 nonprofit advocating for cycling safety, education, and infrastructure in Medina County. Children must be accompanied by a parent. All riders must wear helmets and bright clothes. Water bottles and gloves are recommended. Front and rear blinking lights are highly recommended. Waivers will be provided and must be signed before the start of the ride. Meet at 6:15 as rides begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Ages 12 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, August 3 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series - Princess Ledges Nature Preserve - 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. Bring along a bottle of water. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.



**Sunday, August 4 - Music at The Lodge: Circle of Friends - The Lodge at Allardale - 2 to 3 p.m.** Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in the park with free, live musical entertainment. Our summer concert series, sponsored by Friends of Medina County Parks, brings a variety of music the whole family is sure to enjoy. Bring your own chair or blanket to enjoy this concert on the lawn at The Lodge at Allardale! This month, enjoy music from Circle of Friends, a group that loves to share positive energy and joy with its rock/folk-inspired music performed on acoustic guitar, stand-up bass, percussion, and keyboard. The group's original and cover songs weave together a tapestry of melodies that inspire and uplift one's spirit. Circle of Friends also celebrates our relationship with the natural world through songs and stories. \*\*In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Thursday, August 8 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Buckeye Woods Park (Meet at ballfields) - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** See 8/3 program listing for details. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required.

**Friday, August 9 - Discovery Drop-In: Dragonflies - Buckeye Woods Park (Meet at the shelter by the pond) - 1 to 3 p.m.** Discoveries don't happen on a set schedule, so drop by any time between 1 and 3 p.m. to check out the dragonflies. A naturalist will be at the shelter with nets, supplies, and additional information about all stages of the dragonfly's life cycle. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, August 10 - Paper Pie Book Fair - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Help earn books for the park district's nature centers by attending this unique event! Paper pie offers a wide variety of unique, interactive, and educational books and activities for children from infant through middle-school. For every purchase made, the nature center earns 50 percent of those sales back in free books! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free admission.

**Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11 - About Bats Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** Bats are scary, ugly, and dangerous, right? Of course not! Stop by the nature center to discover the truth about our furry flying neighbors through displays, games, and activities. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, August 10 - Paddle the Parks - Killbuck Lakes - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Join a naturalist on the water for a paddle in the parks to explore seasonal happenings unfolding in the natural world around us. Bring your own kayak, canoe, or SUP; paddle; and life jacket along for this program. A life jacket must be worn for the duration of the program. All ages are welcome. Register by August 8. Free.

**Sunday, August 11 - Ohio Butterfly Surveys: What's Being Done at Killbuck Lakes Nature Preserve? - Killbuck Lakes - 2 to 3 p.m.**

Long-term surveys are important because they help to monitor plant or animal populations over many years. Butterfly surveys are important because they are an indicator species on the overall health of our environment. Join as we hike, catch, and learn about butterflies and the park district's long-term survey at Killbuck Lakes Nature Preserve that began in 2017. Ages ten to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Sunday, August 11 - K-9 Kapers - Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve 3 to 4 p.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.

**Tuesday, August 13 - Creek Walk - Letha House Park East - 10 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m.**

Cool off on a warm summer day by dipping your toes into the creek as you learn about the animals that call this place home. Help to search for interesting bugs, fish, frogs, and salamanders along the way. Wear sturdy shoes and expect to get a little wet. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, August 13 - Senior Strides - Allardale Park - 10 to 11 a.m.**

Join park volunteer Connie for Senior Strides, a 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.



**Tuesday, August 13 - Teacher and Educator's Workshop - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

The interpretive department offers no-cost field trips to Oenslager Nature Center to preschool through sixth grade classes within Medina County. This workshop is an opportunity for educators to experience elements of the programs, a tour of the facility, and a guided hike on the trails of the wildlife sanctuary. Our environmental education curriculum aligns with Ohio Department of Education science learning standards to help educators and homeschoolers enhance classroom studies with practical application in the natural environment. All programs are taught by a dedicated team of naturalists that actively engages students in hands-on learning and helps to foster in them an appreciation for the natural world. Ages 18 to adult. Register by August 11. Free.

**Wednesday, August 14 - Natural Discoveries - Brunswick Lake Trail 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, August 15 - Tales for Tots - Green Leaf Park - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.** The underwater world of a pond is a fascinating place! Learn about what lives there and why through a story, hands-on exploration, and a hike around the pond. For ages three to six with an adult companion. Some or the entire program will be held outdoors; please dress accordingly. Register between July 18 and August 14. Free.

**Thursday, August 15 - Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: Buckeye Woods Park (Meet in west parking lot) - 6:15 to 8 p.m.** See 8/1 program listing for details.

**Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18 - About Bats - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.** See 8/10 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, August 20 - Fishing Birds - Killbuck Lakes - 10 to 11 a.m.**

Join a naturalist for a morning hike to search for and learn about the fishing birds that call this lake home. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

**Saturday, August 24 - Shore-side Sunrise - Krabill Lodge - 6 to 7:30 a.m.**

Meet at Krabill Lodge to gather and fill a cup with tea or coffee, then join a naturalist for a stroll down to the water for a shore-side sunrise. You are encouraged to bring a mug, but cups will be provided. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



**Saturday, August 24 - 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, August 25 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Mantids River Styx Park - 3 to 4 p.m.**

The praying mantis is one of our most impressive insects. Enjoy the late summer wildflowers as we explore the world of the mantid. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

**Tuesday, August 27 - Forest Therapy Walk - Holmesbrook Park - 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 relationship to the natural world is the main focus of walks. Ages five to adult. Register by August 25. Free.

**Thursday, August 29 - Slo Rolls with Bike Medina County: Lake Medina (Granger Road entrance) - 6:15 to 8 p.m.** See 8/1 program listing for details.