



Medina County
Park District

Winter Program Guide 2023-24



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Medina County Park District

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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.

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Park Program Addresses

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

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

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

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

Killbuck Lakes Nature Preserve
7996 White Rd.
Burbank, OH 44214 (Westfield Township)

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

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

Medina Marsh Nature Preserve
4266 Fenn Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Medina Township)

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

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

**Oenslager Nature Center/
Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary**
6100 Ridge Rd.
Sharon Township
(use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS)

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

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



WINTER GUIDELINES

Programs will be cancelled if a level two or three road emergency warning is issued by the Medina County Sheriff's Department. These warnings could be issued within the "two-hour prior to program" cancellation window.

Program Cancellation Information

To find out if a program has been cancelled due to weather, or any other reason, call the park district's program cancellation hotline at (330) 239-3305 to hear a recorded message. Notification of program cancellations will be made no less than two hours before a scheduled program when possible. If you need to cancel a reservation you made in a park district program, please call the park office at (330) 722-9364.

Give the Gift of Membership

Do you need an idea for that hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list?

Consider giving a gift membership to Friends of Medina County Parks



this holiday season. The recipient will enjoy all of the benefits of Friends membership -- including invitations to members-only events, discounts on shelter rentals, and a subscription to *The Acorn* newsletter. It's a way to share your passion for the parks with your friends and family, all while supporting the work of the Friends. Join online at www.medinacountyparks.com. Click on the *Get Involved* tab, then on *Friends of the Parks*. You can also pick up a brochure at the park office, Oenslager Nature Center, or Susan Hambley Nature Center.

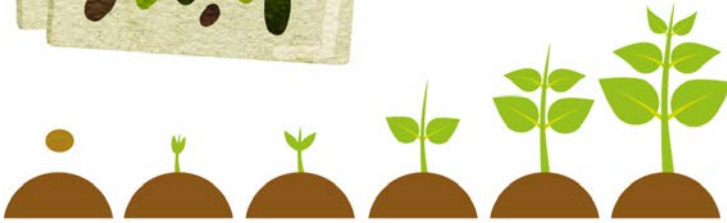


Saturday, December 2 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series
Oenslager Nature Center - 9 to 11 a.m.
 Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors 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 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.



Winter Sowing Workshop
Sunday, December 3
 Oenslager Nature Center
 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 to 5 p.m.
 Ages 8 to adult.
 Register by December 2. Free.



Sunday, December 3 - Winter Sowing Workshop - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 to 5 p.m. Medina County Park District and Wild Ones Greater Cleveland are teaming up to offer this cost-effective, low-maintenance way to add native plants to your landscape! Winter sowing is an outdoor seed-starting technique that requires just two things: miniature greenhouses and Mother Nature. Join us for this informative workshop to learn more about winter sowing and create your own mini-greenhouse of native plants to take home. Please bring one clean, clear, plastic, gallon milk jug with you to the event. All other supplies will be provided. Ages 8 to adult. Register by December 2. Free.

Wednesday, December 6 - Natural Discoveries - Oenslager Nature Center - 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.

Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10 - Holidays at the Cabin - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. The lights have been strung, the halls have been decked, and the stockings have been hung by the fireplace with care. The magic of the holidays has made its way to the cabin. Drop by Susan Hambley Nature Center anytime between open and close to enjoy festive decorations, activities, and more! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Holidays at the Cabin

Saturdays: 12 to 5 p.m.
December 9, 16, 23 and 30

Sundays: 12 to 5 p.m.
December 10, 17, and 31



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2023 ** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED	Key ** = Registration required GLP – Green Leaf Park ONC – Oenslager Nature Center SHNC – Susan Hambley Nature Center				1	2 A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series – ONC 9 to 11 a.m.
	3 **Winter Sowing Workshop ONC – 1 to 2:30 or 3:30 to 5 p.m.	4	5	6 Natural Discoveries ONC – 10 to 11 a.m.	7	8
10 Holidays at the Cabin SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m.	11	12	13	14 **Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC – 2 to 3:15 p.m.	15	16 Yule Lad Outdoor Scavenger Hunt Begins – ONC – 6 a.m. to one hour past sunset everyday Winter Wildlife Walk – SHNC 10 to 11 a.m. Holidays at the Cabin SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m.
17 Holidays at the Cabin SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m. Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Celebrations with Nature – GLP – 3 to 4 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23 Holidays at the Cabin SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m.
Yule Lads Outdoor Scavenger Hunt						
24 ONC and SHNC are closed.	25 Park District Headquarters is closed.	26	27	28	29	30 Holidays at the Cabin SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m.
Yule Lads Outdoor Scavenger Hunt						
31 Holidays at the Cabin SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m. Yule Lads Outdoor Scavenger Hunt						



Seasons' Greetings from Medina County Park District Staff and Board

YULE LADS

Oenslager Nature Center
December 16 to January 7

An outdoor, self-guided
scavenger hunt!



Thursday, December 14 - 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. Class will be cancelled if any school district in Medina County is closed due to inclement weather. Ages 8 to 12. Register by December 12. Free.

Saturday, December 16 through Sunday, January 7 - Yule Lads Outdoor Scavenger Hunt - Oenslager Nature Center - 6 a.m. to one hour past sunset - The Yule Lads are back! Thirteen mischief-making Yule Lads are wreaking havoc along the trail at Oenslager Nature Center. See if you can spot them all on this **outdoor, self-guided scavenger hunt**. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, December 16 - Winter Wildlife Walk - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. Do you ever wonder where animals go for winter or how they survive the colder weather? Join a naturalist to learn about our local winter wildlife! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17 - Holidays at the Cabin - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See December 9 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, December 17 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Celebrations with Nature - Green Leaf Park - 3 to 4 p.m. Discover some of the items our early American ancestors used to decorate for the holidays and learn more about the origins of some of our traditional Christmas customs on this winter hike. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. Free.

Saturday, December 23 - Holidays at the Cabin - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See December 9 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, December 30 and Sunday, December 31 - Holidays at the Cabin - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See December 9 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, January 6 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Killbuck Lakes - 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 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, January 13 - Winter Bird Walk - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. Bundle up, bring a pair of binoculars, and join a naturalist for this walk to search for and observe various bird species, because a winter walk is always enhanced by the sights and sounds of local winter birds! Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, January 13 - Spa-tacular! Oenslager Nature Center 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Treat yourself by learning to make your own spa products! In this class, we will make three different herbal products usable from face to feet! All supplies will be provided. Ages 12 to adult. Register by January 11. There is a \$12 program fee per person. The program fee will be collected on day of the program.



Spa-tacular!

Saturday, January 13

Oenslager Nature Center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Ages 12 and up - Register by 1/11 - \$12 program fee



A snowflake is winter's butterfly. -- Author unknown

Saturday, January 13 and Sunday, January 14 - Where'd They Go? Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Take a journey back in time to learn about wildlife that once roamed around Medina County. Wildlife that used to live here but does not anymore is called "extirpated" wildlife. Did we have wolves, mountain lions, and bison in Medina County? You will learn the answers to these and other questions about extirpated wildlife at this program. There will be crafts, games, and displays. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, January 14 - Tracks Hike - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:30 p.m. Do you ever wonder which animal tracks you are seeing when you take a walk in the woods? What's the difference between squirrel and rabbit prints? Or whether the animal under your deck is a raccoon or an opossum? Come learn about common animal tracks as we hike in search of them. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, January 17 - Birds & Beverages - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. Cozy up in the bird viewing area with a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa and join a naturalist for this indoor opportunity to observe various bird species! Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, January 17 - Natural Discoveries - Schleman 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, January 18 - 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. Class will be cancelled if any school district in Medina County is closed due to inclement weather. Ages 8 to 12. Register by January 16. Free.



Winter Bird Walks

10 to 11 a.m.

**Saturdays:
January 13 and 27
February 10 and 24**

Locations vary



Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21 - Where'd They Go? Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See January 13 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, January 21 Crafternoon: Paper-crafting a Wintry Garland Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:30 p.m. Bring a pal and join us at the nature center to create a charming paper snowflake garland that will add a bit of whimsy to your post-holiday decor. Crafting with friends, sweet treats, and warm beverages will make for a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon. All supplies will be provided. Ages 10 to adult. Register by January 20. Free.

Tuesday, January 23 - Winter Wildlife Walk - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. Do you ever wonder where animals go for winter or how they survive the colder weather? Join a naturalist to learn about our local winter wildlife! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, January 27 - Winter Bird Walk - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. Bundle up, bring a pair of binoculars, and join a naturalist for this walk to search for and observe various bird species, because a winter walk is always enhanced by the sights and sounds of local winter birds! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, January 28 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Owls Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park - 3 to 4 p.m. With their nocturnal nature and excellent camouflage, owls can be difficult to find. Join us for a winter walk through the woods where the shorter days and lack of leaves on trees could make it easier to spot these secretive birds. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.



Where'd They Go?





**Susan Hambley Nature Center
January 13, 14, 20, and 21
12 to 5 p.m.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2024 ** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED	1 Park District Headquarters is closed.	2	3	4	5	6 A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series – KL – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	Oenslager Nature Center is closed for maintenance.					
	Yule Lads Outdoor Scavenger Hunt					
7 Yule Lads Scavenger Hunt (Last Day) – ONC – 6 a.m. to one hour past sunset	8	9	10	11	12	13 Winter Bird Walk – ONC 10 to 11 a.m. **Spa-tacular! ONC – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Where'd They Go? SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m.
Oenslager Nature Center is closed for maintenance.						
14 Where'd They Go? SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m. Tracks Hike – ONC 2 to 3:30 pm.	15 Park District Headquarters is closed.	16	17 Birds and Beverages ONC – 10 to 11 a.m. Natural Discoveries SNP – 10 to 11 a.m.	18 **Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC – 2 to 3:15 p.m.	19	20 Where'd They Go? SHNC – 12 to 5 p.m.
21 Where'd They Go? SHNC 12 to 5 p.m. **Crafternoon: Paper-crafting a Wintry Garland – ONC 2 to 3:30 p.m.	22	23 Winter Wildlife Walk – ONC 10 to 11 a.m.	24	25	26	27 Winter Bird Walk – SHNC 10 to 11 a.m.
28 Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Owls – CLMP 3 to 4 p.m. Photographers of the Park Club Meeting – ONC 3 to 5 p.m.	29	30	31 Birds and Beverages ONC – 10 to 11 a.m.	Key ** = Registration required CLMP – Carolyn Ludwig Mudge Park KL – Killbuck Lakes ONC – Oenslager Nature Center SHNC – Susan Hambley Nature Center SNP – Schleman Nature Preserve		



Are you making a list of resolutions? Choose one new park site or new trail to hike each week.



Crafternoon: Paper-crafting a Wintry Garland
 Sunday, January 21 - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:30 p.m.
 Ages 10 to adult. Register by January 20. Free.

Sunday, January 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. Please contact club leadership at medinapotp@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, January 31 - Birds and Beverages - Oenslager Nature Center 10 to 11 a.m. Cozy up in the bird viewing area with a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa and join a naturalist for this indoor opportunity to observe various bird species! Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Friday, February 2 - Get Up, Groundhog! - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Will the groundhog see its shadow; will you see yours? Join a naturalist for this family-friendly celebration of Groundhog Day! Enjoy indoor activities and a short hike. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, February 3 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Litchfield Wetlands 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. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, February 6 - Preschoolers in the Garden: Prepare to Garden Krabill Lodge - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Though it is still wintry and cold outside, it is good to start thinking about gardening. Gardening is a tough job, and there's much to do before it is time to plant. There are tools to clean, materials to gather, and even seeds to grow! So come join OSU Master Gardeners and get ready for spring. Together, we will prepare for the new year's garden. This program is for ages 3-9 with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors so please dress accordingly. Register by February 4. There is a \$5 program fee. The program fee will be collected on the day of the program.

Wednesday, February 7 - Natural Discoveries - Princess Ledges 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. Ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.



**Princess Ledges
Nature Preserve**

Winter Wildlife Walks

10 to 11 a.m.



Saturday, December 16 - Susan Hambley Nature Center
Tuesday, January 23 - Oenslager Nature Center
Wednesday, February 21 - Hubbard Valley Park

Do you ever wonder where animals go for winter or how they survive the colder weather? Join a naturalist to learn about our local winter wildlife! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Prepare to Garden

Krabill Lodge
Tuesday, February 6
10 to 11:30 a.m.

Together, we will prepare for the new year's garden. Ages 3-9 with an adult companion. Register by February 4. There is a \$5 program fee. The program fee will be collected on the day of the program. See program listing for details.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
February 2024 ** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED	Key ** = Registration required BWP – Buckeye Woods Park GLP – Green Leaf Park HVP – Hubbard Valley Park KBL – Krabill Lodge LWNP – Litchfield Wetlands Nature Preserve MM – Medina Marsh Nature Preserve ONC – Oenslager Nature Center PLNP – Princess Ledges Nature Preserve SHNC – Susan Hambley Nature Center			1	2	3	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			**Preschoolers in the Garden: Prepare to Garden KBL – 10 to 11:30 a.m.	Natural Discoveries PLNP – 10 to 11 a.m.	**Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC – 2 to 3:15 p.m.		A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series – LWNP 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Animal Tracks – SHNC 12 to 5 pm. Little Things Do Matter: A Macroscopic View of the Natural World – ONC 2 to 3 p.m.			Birds and Beverages ONC – 10 to 11 a.m.			Animal Tracks – SHNC 12 to 5 pm.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Animal Tracks – SHNC 12 to 5 pm.			Winter Wildlife Walk – HVP 10 to 11 a.m.			Winter Bird Walk – GLP 10 to 11 a.m. Songs and Tails from the Woods – ONC – 1 to 2 p.m.	
25	26	27	28	29			
Natural Discoveries: Snow Bugs – MM – 3 to 4 p.m.			Birds and Beverages ONC – 10 to 11 a.m.				

Birds & Beverages

**Wednesdays:
January 17 and 31
February 14 and 28**

**Oenslager
Nature Center
10 to 11 a.m.**

**Ages 10 and up
No registration
Free**



Get Up Groundhog!



**Friday, February 2
Oenslager Nature Center
10 to 11:30 a.m.**



Creative Writing for Homeschoolers

Thursday, February 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. Class will be cancelled if any school district in Medina County is closed due to inclement weather. Ages 8 to 12. Register February 6. Free.

Saturday, February 10 - Winter Bird Walk - Buckeye Woods Park Meet by ballfields - 10 to 11 a.m. Bundle up, bring a pair of binoculars, and join a naturalist for this walk to search for and observe various bird species, because a winter walk is always enhanced by the sights and sounds of local winter birds! Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11 Animal Tracks - Susan Hambley Nature Center 12 to 5 p.m. Do you know what rabbit tracks look like? Or how to distinguish rabbit tracks from squirrel tracks? Stop by the nature center for some animal track games and activities. Learn how to tell what's making tracks in your yard and park. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Sunday, February 11 - Little Things Do Matter: A Macroscopic View of the Natural World - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3 p.m. Yes, the tiny parts of our natural world are not only beautiful but very important. Through macro photography images, this program illustrates the amazing beauty of the eyes, bodies, and the purpose of the stunning colors and patterns in the realm of our tiny creatures. Witnessing the close-up views may help to understand and appreciate their immense benefit to our existence. Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, February 14 - Birds & Beverages - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. Cozy up in the bird viewing area with a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa and join a naturalist for this indoor opportunity to observe various bird species! Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18 - Animal Tracks Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See February 10 program listing for details. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Wednesday, February 21 - Winter Wildlife Walk - Hubbard Valley Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Do you ever wonder where animals go for winter or how they survive the colder weather? Join a naturalist to learn about our local winter wildlife! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, February 24 - Winter Bird Walk - Green Leaf Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Bundle up, bring a pair of binoculars, and join a naturalist for this walk to search for and observe various bird species, because a winter walk is always enhanced by the sights and sounds of local winter birds! Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, February 24 - Songs and Tails from the Woods - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 2 p.m. Join Songwriter Sam and Naturalist Sarah as they sing earth-friendly songs and explore plants and animals of Ohio during this unique, interactive musical experience. This is pure enjoyment for the whole family! Afterward, enjoy exploring the nature center and trails on your own. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, February 25 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Snow Bugs - Medina Marsh - 3 to 4 p.m. Insects are usually common but not at this time of year. Do you know that there are a number of insects and spiders that are active even when there is snow on the ground? Come search for these unusual creatures as we enjoy a winter hike. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, February 28 - Birds & Beverages - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11 a.m. Cozy up in the bird viewing area with a cup of coffee, tea, or cocoa and join a naturalist for this indoor opportunity to observe various bird species! Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.



Subscribe to Medina County Park District's YouTube Channel

Do you know that there are hundreds of locally-recorded videos of plants, animals, peaceful park pauses, wildflowers, instructional videos, and much more on MCPD's YouTube channel? Some videos are short, and others last twenty minutes or more. During quiet moments this winter, take some time to learn more about the wildlife in Medina County.




SLED RIDING

Allardale East - 141 Remsen Road, Granger Township 44256

Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park - 4985 Windfall Road, Medina 44256

Green Leaf Park - 1674 S. Medina Line Road, Sharon Township (use Wadsworth for the city and zip code 44281 if using a GPS)

Hubbard Valley Park - 8600 Hubbard Valley Road, Seville 44273



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers are an integral part of Medina County Park District. They contribute time, energy, knowledge, and skills to enhance many of the programs and events offered and help keep the parks clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. There are many volunteer opportunities to fit your passion for the parks.

For questions about volunteer opportunities or the volunteer program, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Judy Soroczak at (330) 239-4814 or jsoroczak@medinaco.org.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, complete a volunteer application and mail to the address listed. Upon receipt of your application, you will be contacted to schedule an interview. If you prefer to have an application mailed to you, please contact the volunteer coordinator.

Group and One-time Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in donating your time and talents to Medina County Park District but don't want to make a long-term commitment? The park district offers group and one-time volunteer opportunities for those seeking to give back to the community. Projects vary by season and need from park staff. Below is a list of projects that groups or individuals have helped with in the past. If you are interested, please contact the volunteer coordinator to ask about available opportunities within the parks.



Independent Park Cleanup

Park cleanups offer great flexibility in scheduling your group. Your group leaders will be in charge of facilitating your group with instructions provided by park district staff. You may perform your cleanup at any of the parks during posted hours. Your help is needed to ensure that this protected land is free of litter and debris that could threaten plants and wildlife. Cleanups involve picking up litter along the trails, ponds, and pavilions; moving small sticks or branches off trails; and alerting park staff to any maintenance issues.

Invasive Species

Help remove invasive plant species in the parks during regularly scheduled pulls in the early spring months. If left untreated, invasive plant species can take over areas in less than ten years, changing the dynamic of ecosystems and creating an unbalanced food chain with detrimental affects to native plant and wildlife species.

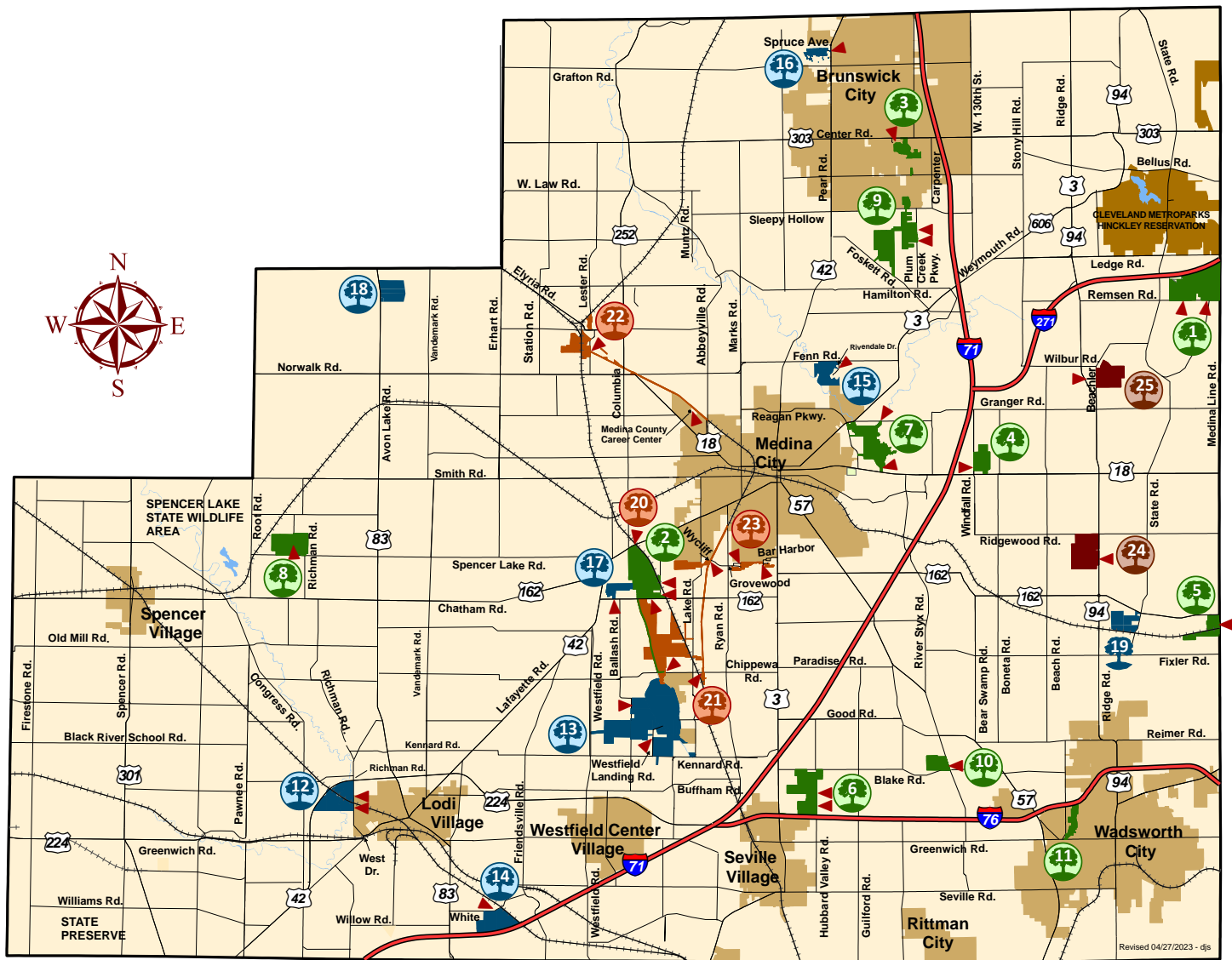


Tree/Seed Plantings

Natural resources staff enlists the help of volunteer groups with plantings in various parks. Numerous acres within the park district have benefited from volunteer tree/seed plantings, and the park district hopes to continue planting native species with the help of group volunteers.

Other

In addition to the above projects, groups have assisted park staff with trail maintenance and construction, building of bridges, and adoption of a garden and/or wildlife habitat station.



PARKS

- 1 Allardale
- 2 Buckeye Woods
Park District Headquarters
- 3 Brunswick Lake
Susan Hambley Nature Center
- 4 Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage
- 5 Green Leaf
- 6 Hubbard Valley/*Buffalo Creek*
- 7 Lake Medina
- 8 Letha House
- 9 Plum Creek
- 10 River Styx
- 11 Holmesbrook Park

NATURE PRESERVES

- 12 Black River
Hidden Hollow Camp
Bluebell Valley
- 13 Chippewa Lake
Krabill Lodge/Boat Ramp
- 14 Killbuck Lakes
- 15 Medina Marsh
- 16 Princess Ledges
- 17 Schleman
- 18 Litchfield Wetlands
- 19 Sharon

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