

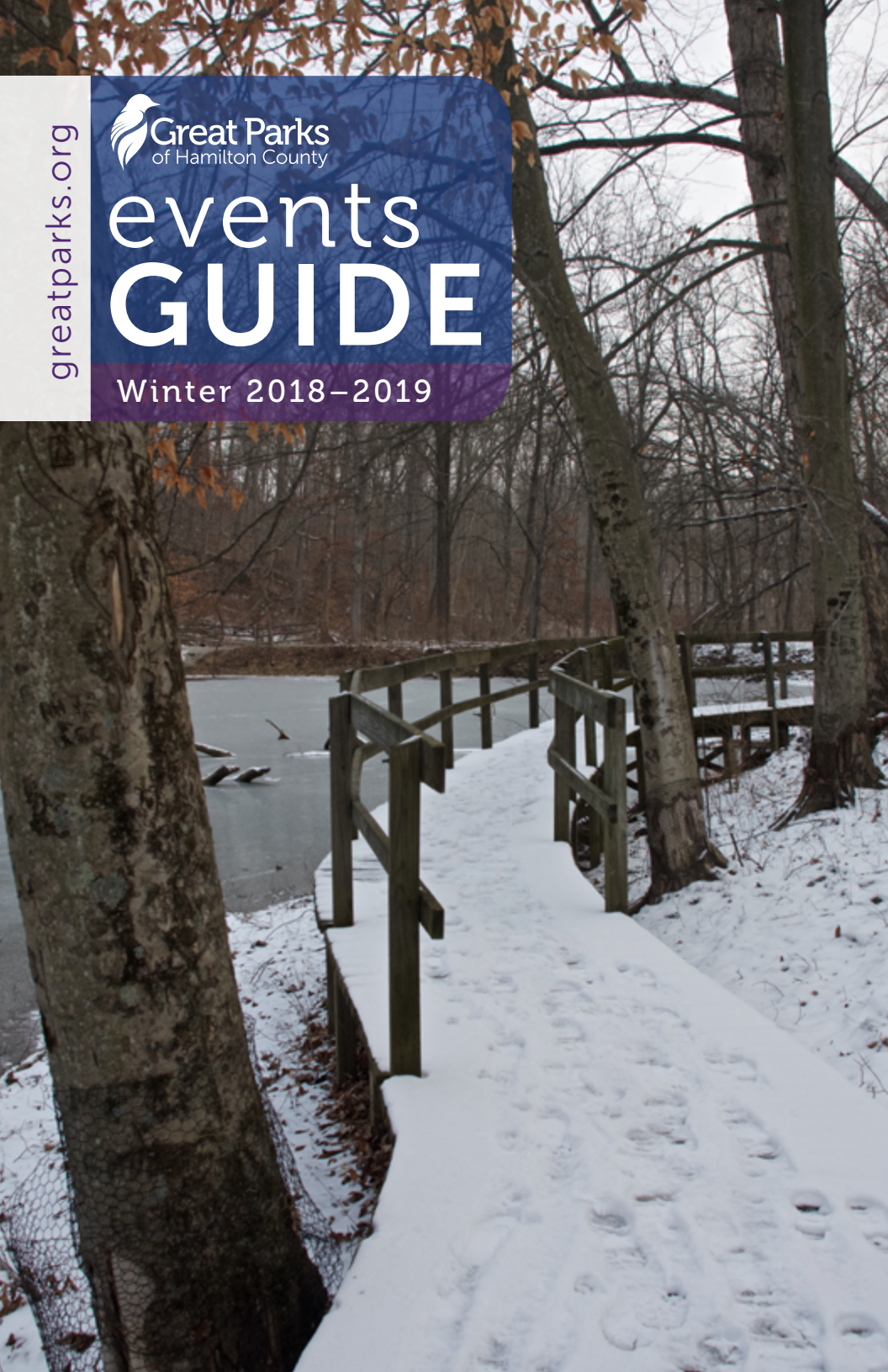
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Vehicle Permit before
the new year!**

Hamilton County Residents:

\$5 daily pass

\$10 annual pass

All Other Park Visitors:

\$8 daily pass

\$15 annual pass

Permits are available for purchase at all visitor centers, boathouses, pro shops, ranger stations and online at **greatparks.org**.

GREAT PARKS

Sat 12/1, 8 a.m.:

Winter Hike Series Registration Opens

Join challenging hikes, ranging from 4–5.5 miles, held at different parks. Every hike starts at 10 a.m. on a Saturday and concludes with a hot bowl of soup and camaraderie. Sign up for one, several or the whole series! Spots fill fast and registration is first come, first served. First timer? Check out Winter Hiking 101 on page 12. (\$9/person ages 12 and up; free for children under 12. Register by 12/20)

Jan 5

Winton Woods
Chicken noodle soup

Jan 12

Sharon Woods
Chicken and wild rice soup

Jan 19

Woodland Mound
Vegetable beef barley soup

Jan 26

Shawnee Lookout
Chili soup and crackers

Feb 2

Miami Whitewater Forest
Bean soup with cornbread

Sat 12/8, 8:30 a.m.:

Birds Count!

Whether veteran or ‘fledgling,’ all birders are invited to join us as we count the birds which call our parks home. Guided groups will bird from 8:30–11 a.m. For a list of birding group locations, visit greatparks.org. After the count, join us at Farbach-Werner for the Birds Count Celebration!

FARBACH-WERNER NATURE PRESERVE

Fri 12/7, 7 p.m.:

Holiday Music Performance

Enjoy live performances of festive holiday music by local groups. At this performance, see the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society, followed by the Colerain High School Chamber Orchestra. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Sat 12/8, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.:

Birds Count Celebration!

Join us for hot drinks, live animals and bird-themed activities during our open-to-the-public bird count wrap-up celebration! You do not need to participate in the Birds Count event to join this celebration. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Tue 12/11 & 12/18, 5:30 p.m.:

Yoga after Work

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. This restorative yoga class is held rain or shine. It is an adult mixed-level class, taught by a certified instructor. Beginners are welcome, especially those who have never tried yoga. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10/class at the door)

Fri 12/14, 7 p.m.:

Holiday Music Performance

Enjoy a delightful live performance of festive holiday music by returning local group, SUAVE – the St. Ursula Academy Vocal Ensemble. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Sat 12/15, noon–3 p.m.:

Winter Scavenger Hunt and Music

Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet in the nature barn, search for answers along the trail to earn a prize and warm up with some live folk music in the barn. Allow roughly one hour for the scavenger hunt. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Sun 12/16, 1:30–4 p.m.:

A Hike for the Sake of a Hike

Purpose: Just to go on a hike. Join a nature interpreter to explore Newberry Wildlife Sanctuary. We will meet at Farbach-Werner at 1:30 p.m. and drive together to Newberry Wildlife Sanctuary. We will return to Farbach-Werner by 4:00 p.m. Registration required. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free, register by 12/13)

Thu 12/28–Sat 12/29, 1–3 p.m.:

Trailside Scavenger Hunt

Pick up your nature scavenger hunt challenge sheet each day between 1–3 p.m. Complete the items on the list by answering questions as you walk along the trail. When you've completed the hunt, turn your list in at the barn for a nature sleuth's prize. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Tue 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 & 1/29, 5:30 p.m.:

Yoga after Work

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. This restorative yoga class is held rain or shine. It is an adult mixed-level class, taught by a certified instructor. Beginners

are welcome, especially those who have never tried yoga. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10/class at the door)

Thu 1/17 & 1/24 (I), 6:30–9 p.m. or

Sat 1/19 & 1/26 (II), 9 a.m.–noon:

Beginners Woodcarving Class

This two-session class is for beginning woodcarvers. Carve a small decorative shelf goose in a natural finish. Wood blank and pattern provided. You must provide your own knife or you may purchase one from the instructor at the time of the program. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$16, 1/12)

Mon 1/21, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Kids Day at the Park

Kids, bring your grown-up to learn all about nature in winter! We'll take a hike, have some hot chocolate and make a craft. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$7.50, payable at the door)

Sat 2/2, 10 a.m.–noon:

Adventure Hike Series: Off-Trail Hiking

Explore off-trail travel techniques at Newberry Wildlife Sanctuary with a Leave No Trace instructor. Learn how not to leave a mark in this undeveloped natural area. Sturdy shoes, water and a snack are recommended for this strenuous hike. For ages 12 and up. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Parking Lot (\$12/person, register by 3 days in advance)

Tue 2/5, 2/12, 2/19 & 2/26, 5:30 p.m.:

Yoga after Work

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. This restorative yoga class is held rain or shine. It is an adult mixed-level class, taught by a certified instructor. Beginners are welcome, especially those who have never tried yoga. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10/class at the door)

Fri 2/15, 7–9 p.m.:

Maple in the Moonlight

Kick off the maple season with the chance to play in the park after dark. Hike the trail, and then warm yourself by the fire to experience the journey of bringing maple syrup to your table. Make a maple syrup-inspired project to take home while enjoying maple tastings and local music. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10, register in advance by 2/10)

Mon 2/18, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Kids Maple Day at the Park

Celebrate this day with a class for kids about the sweet tradition of maple sugaring. We will see a movie, take a hike, taste some yummy maple syrup and more! Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$7.50, at the door)

Sat 2/23 & Sun 2/24, noon–4 p.m.:

Maple Sugar Days

It's maple-sugaring time! This event for the whole family celebrates the awakening of the trees as they prepare for spring with the very traditional craft of making maple syrup. Enjoy this delicious weekend of tastes, crafts, demonstrations and hikes. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn

FERNBANK PARK

Sat 1/12, 8-9:30 p.m.:

Star Dazed

What stars shine bright on a winter night? Join Great Parks and the Cincinnati Astronomical Society as we investigate which stars illuminate our night. Fernbank Park/Fernbank Playground (Free)

Thu 2/14, 7–9 p.m.:

Lovers' Lane

Instead of spending your evening at a crowded restaurant, enjoy a light night hike along the Ohio River. Experience night like you never have, as the sounds of the dark bring you closer together and hearts illuminate your hike. Refreshments and hot chocolate will be available after the hike. Fernbank/Fernbank Lodge (Free)

GLENWOOD GARDENS

Wed 12/5–Sun 12/16, Wed–Sat;
10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & Sun, 1 p.m.:

Winter Plants

Plants are all around us, and we can even enjoy them in winter. Discover what plants are evergreen, and which ones are used as familiar holiday scents and decorations. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Sat 12/15, 10 a.m.–noon:

Wild for Wildlife Art

Join our animal illustrator and explore the science of wildlife art. Create a gift-size pastel painting using a live owl as a model. All skill levels are welcome, and materials will be provided. Ages 12–18. (Glenwood Gardens/Garden View Room, Cotswold Visitor Centre \$20.00/person)

Wed 12/19–Sun 12/30, Wed–Sat,
10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & Sun, 1 p.m.:

Are Reindeer Real?

Reindeer are real animals, but can they really fly? Learn about reindeer and their closely related kin, including their local cousins, the white-tailed deer. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Wed 1/2–Sun 1/13, Wed–Sat,
10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & Sun, 1 p.m.:

Toys of Yesteryear

Go back in time when many of our toys were made from things found in nature. Let's have a little fun playing together with old timey toys and games. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Sat 1/12, 10–11:30 a.m.:

STEM in the Garden: Salt and Air: the Science of Food Preservation

Living in the 21st century, you've probably had food from a shrink-wrapped box. But have you ever wondered what humans have done for millennia to solve the question of what to do with leftovers? Join Dr. Munsford at her lab and take a look at some ancient food preservation techniques. For 1st–6th grades. Glenwood Gardens/Garden View Room (\$10/person, register by 1/10)

Wed 1/16–Sun 1/27, Wed–Sat,
10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & Sun, 1 p.m.:

Dinosaurs

Bone up on dinosaurs! Come share what you know about T-rex, Triceratops, and their fossilized friends. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Wed 1/30–Sun 2/10, Wed–Sat, 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & Sun, 1 p.m.:

Birds at our Feeders

Winter is a great time to watch birds. Learn which birds might visit your backyard feeders and how you can help our feathered friends survive the cold winter months. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Sun 2/10, 2–4 p.m.:

Maple at Glenwood

Meet a nature interpreter along the Garden Loop Trail to learn the value of maple trees: from possible financial freedom for the colonists to sweetening tea. Including knowledge learned from Native Americans, propelled this tree to become a sweet natural resource. See sap being boiled and taste some real maple syrup! Glenwood Gardens/Garden Loop Trail (Free)

**Wed 2/13–Sun 2/24, Wed–Sat,
10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & Sun, 1 p.m.:**

Animal Tracks and Signs

Get ready to be a garden detective and use clues to determine what the garden residents have been up to. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Sat 2/16, 10 a.m.–noon:

Adventure Hike Series: Map and Compass Hike

Join Adventure Outpost staff for an off-trail hike as we learn how to translate what's on the map to what's underfoot. Maps and compasses are provided. Be sure to pack water and dress for the weather. For ages 12 and up. Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter (\$15/person, register by 3 days in advance)

Sun 2/17, 1 p.m.:

Great Parks Nature Photography Club Meeting

Come be part of a community who loves nature photography. Club meetings are an opportunity to learn and be challenged, share photos and enjoy nature. No photography experience needed! Glenwood Gardens/Gardenview Room (Free)

Sun 2/17, 3 p.m.:

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Let's photograph winter in Glenwood Gardens! Photojournalist/instructor Malinda Hartong will share tips for great winter pictures with your smartphone or SLR camera, no experience necessary. Glenwood Gardens/Gatehouse (Free)

**Wed 2/27–Sun 3/10, Wed–Sat,
10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & Sun, 1 p.m.:**

Maple Sugar

This time of year, maple trees produce the sap for nature's sweetest treat. We will explore the process required to turn this sap into everyone's favorite pancake topping: maple syrup. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

MIAMI WHITEWATER FOREST

Sat 12/8, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.:

Winter Wildlife Watching

Wildlife can often be sneaky, but sometimes we may find evidence that gives them away. Drop in to explore the ways wildlife spend their winters and the signs they leave behind. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Sat 12/29 & Sun 12/30, noon–3 p.m.:

New Year's Globetrot

The New Year is celebrated all across the globe, but not everyone celebrates it with a ball drop and black-eyed peas. Experience how various cultures from around the world celebrate one of our favorite holidays with different New Year's activities and cultural fare sampling. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitors Center (Free)

Fri 1/11, 11 a.m.:

All About Winter

You and your 2–4 year old are invited to this exciting program all about this quiet, cold and snowy season! The program will be followed by story time and a craft. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Fri 2/8, 11 a.m.:

All About Squirrels

You and your 2–4 year old are invited to this exciting program all about these fuzzy, scamper-y, funny critters! The program will be followed by story time and a craft. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Sat 2/16, 1 p.m.:

Oh Deer!

How much do you know about Ohio's state mammal? Join us to test your knowledge of this fascinating creature, the white-tailed deer. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Thu 2/21, 1–3 p.m.:

Home-school Science (West): Feeding Frenzy!

Home-schooled students, ages 5–12, and parents are invited to explore what animals eat, how they get their food and how it all fits together in nature. We will do this through interactive learning stations, lessons and games. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (\$7.50/child, register by 9/18)

MITCHELL MEMORIAL FOREST

Sat 1/19, 10 a.m.–noon:

Adventure Hike Series: Meditation and Hiking

Kick your weekend off with a little R&R: rest and recreation. Join certified instructors on the trail to learn quick, easy ways to de-stress with mindfulness and meditation while picking up day hiking tips along the way. Be sure to pack water and dress for the weather.



SNOWFALL AT MITCHELL MEMORIAL FOREST

For ages 12 and up. Mitchell Memorial Forest/Stone Memorial Shelter (\$15/person, register by 3 days in advance)

SHARON WOODS

Sat 12/1, 1–3 p.m.:

Meet The Critters!

Drop in anytime between 1–3 p.m. to meet some of Sharon Wood's animal ambassadors. Don't forget to bring your cameras, as you experience close encounters of the wild kind! Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sat 12/1–Mon 12/31; Sun–Thurs, 6–9 p.m. & Fri–Sat, 5:30–10 p.m.:

Holiday In Lights

Don't miss this classic Cincinnati holiday tradition! Enjoy more than a mile of fantastic seasonal lights all from the warmth of your car. See over 120 moving and standing holiday-themed figures depicting everything from Santa Claus to the 12 Days of Christmas. For more information, call 513-769-0393 or visit holidayinlights.com. Sharon Woods (\$15/car, \$45/bus & 15-passenger vans)

Sat 12/1–Sun 12/23; Sun–Thurs, 6–9 p.m. & Fri–Sat, 5:30–10 p.m.:

Santaland

After your tour of Holiday In Lights, head inside Sharon Centre for even more holiday magic. Enjoy the family-friendly entertainment, share your wish list with Santa, admire the train display, check off holiday shopping at Nature's Niche and indulge in a sweet treat. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free some activities require an additional fee)

Sun 12/2, 2 p.m.:

Intro to Birding

With leafless trees and no distracting insects, winter makes a great time for bird observation. Join the nature interpreters as we explore the basics of birding, and see some birds that call Ohio home. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Tue 12/4, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Nature Stories

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join the nature interpreters for a nature-themed story. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 12/9, noon–1:30 p.m. & 2–3:30 p.m.:

Cadet Girl Scouts: Trees

The winter is a great time to learn about trees! Cadets Girl Scouts are invited to come learn all about these skyscrapers of the forest through hands-on activities and a hike. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sat 12/15, 2 p.m.:

Create a Songbird Feeding Platform

Invite birds to join in on the holiday cheer at your home by creating a simple wooden platform feeder. One per person, while supplies last. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$3/per feeder, payable at the door)

Sat 12/22, 1 p.m.:

Winter Woods Walk

Holiday preparations got you feeling a little 'squirrely'? Join us for a relaxing walk through the woods to discover how wildlife copes with winter. Trail is unpaved and uneven. Dress for the weather. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Fri 1/5, 1 p.m.:

New Year's Nature Walk

Celebrate the New Year with a refreshing walk outside on our beautiful Gorge Trail. Dress for the weather, as we'll be hiking rain or shine. Trail is unpaved and uneven. For ages 8 & up. Sharon Woods/Kreiss Dam parking area (Free)

Tue 1/8, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Nature Stories

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join the nature interpreter for a nature-themed story. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Tues. 1/15, 7 p.m.:

Canoeing the Boundary Waters

Explore the Boundary Waters of northern Minnesota and southwestern Ontario. You will experience the wonder of this 2-million-acre wilderness. We'll explore the area and the specifics of how to set up a trip into this unique Northwood's area. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Thu 1/17, 11 a.m.:

Wee Wonder about Snow

Come learn about snow! Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 3-5. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Sat 1/19 & Sun 1/20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.:

Step into the Ice Age

What would it feel like to walk 20,000 years into the past? Find out as our nature interpreters transform the Nature Station into a Pleistocene forest, take part in ice age crafts, join a scavenger hunt and touch a real mammoth leg bone. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 1/20, 1 p.m.:

Great Parks Nature Photography Club Meeting

Come be part of a community who loves nature photography. Club meetings are an opportunity to learn and be challenged, share photos and enjoy nature. No photography experience needed! Sharon Woods/Upstairs Classroom (Free)

Sun 1/20, 2 p.m.:

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sharon Woods' Gorge Trail will be the site of this month's walk. Join photojournalist/instructor Malinda Hartong for tips to improve your pictures with your smartphone or SLR camera, no experience necessary. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Fri 1/26, 6 p.m.:

Owl Quest

In the vast depths of Sharon Woods, there are creatures that are rarely seen. Join the nature interpreters as we go off trail in search for owls and other nocturnal wildlife. For ages 12 and up. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 1/27, 2 p.m.:

Birds of Prey, Night & Day

Raptors are some of the most amazing animals in nature. We'll learn what hawks and owls have that makes them kings of the day and night skies. Bring your cameras, as we'll also meet some live birds of prey. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sat 2/2, 1–3 p.m.:

Wonderful Woodchucks

Celebrate Groundhog Day by learning all about these amazing animals. Drop in anytime between 1–3 p.m. to dig deeper into the history of the holiday, enjoy a scavenger hunt and more. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Tue 2/5, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Nature Stories

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join the nature interpreters for a nature-themed story. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sat 2/16, 5:45 p.m.:

Timberdoodle Trek

Celebrate Valentine's weekend with the spectacular courtship flight of the American woodcock. After a short program, we'll hike to Great Meadow to watch these unique birds strut their stuff. Trail is uneven and unpaved. For ages 8 & up. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 2/17, 1 p.m.:

Nature of Video Games

Join a nature interpreter as you come in close contact with some of the real-life creatures that inspired Pokémon, Donkey Kong and Super Mario Bros. See how they may be living in your own backyard, and try out some classic nature-inspired video games. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Thu 2/21, 11 a.m.:

Wee Wonder about Hibernation

Come learn about Hibernation! Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 3–5. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Sat 2/23, 8–9:30 a.m.:

Wake Up Lake Walk

The early bird spots the duck ... or goose or heron! Take a guided walk around Sharon Lake and see what the wildlife is up to on a winter morning. Hike/bike trail is paved with some hills. Dress for the weather. Sharon Woods/Harbor parking area (Free)

SHAWNEE LOOKOUT

Sat 1/12, 10 a.m.–noon:

Adventure Hike Series: Day Hike Essentials

Don't let winter keep you indoors! Join a Leave No Trace instructor on the trail to discover 10 essentials for day hiking. Dress for the weather, bring water and your favorite trail snack (optional). For ages 12 and up. Shawnee Lookout/Blue Jacket Trailhead (\$12/person, register by 3 days in advance)

Thu 1/17, 1–3 p.m.:

Home-school Science (West): Early American Winters

Home-schooled students, ages 5–12, and parents are invited to explore the lives of different groups of early Americans, and see how they survived the cold Ohio winters. Please dress for the weather. Shawnee Lookout/Visitor Center (\$7.50/child, register by 1/15)

Sat 1/19, 1 p.m.:

Early American Winters

Winters in the Ohio Valley can be brutal – the birds fly south and the trees lay dormant until spring. Explore the lives of different groups of early Americans to see how they survived frigid Ohio winters, listen to early American tales and put your winter survival skills to the test. Shawnee Lookout/ Log Cabin (Free)

WINTON WOODS

Sun 12/9, 10 a.m.

& 1 p.m. seating times:

Lunch with Santa

Start a new family holiday tradition! Celebrate holiday cheer with family and friends with a delicious buffet lunch. Santa will be making an appearance, so be sure to bring your camera to capture a photo of your children meeting him. Advance registration required. Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center (\$19.35/adult, \$9.75/child ages 2–12 plus tax, free for children under 2)

Tue 12/11 & Wed 12/12, 9:30 a.m.:

Barnyard Bonanza: Holidays on the Farm

Help the farm animals celebrate the holidays. Sing carols to livestock as we tour the farm! Includes a craft and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. Recommended for ages 2–5. Winton Woods/Parky's Farm (\$6/child, \$4/adult, register by 12/9)

Sat 12/15, 10 a.m.:

Winter Hiking 101

Before hitting the trails with the Winter Hike Series, join Adventure Outpost staff for an indoor presentation about winter hiking preparation and tips to help take steps toward an enjoyable experience in the great outdoors ... even in cold temperatures and potential precipitation. Let's get ready to hike! Winton Woods/Winton Centre Auditorium (\$9 person/register by 12/13)

Tue 1/22 & Wed 1/23, 9:30 a.m.:

Barnyard Bonanza: Winter Wonders Hike! Kids Hike Too!

Walk a trail and look for nature. Includes a craft and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. Recommended for ages 2–5. Winton Woods/Parky's Farm (\$6/child, \$4/adult, register by 1/20)

Sat 2/2, 2/9 & 2/16, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.:

Junior Girl Scouts: Playing the Past

Jump into life in the early 1800s. Go to school, complete your farm chores, play some pioneer games and get ready to dance your shoes off in this blast from the past. Winton Woods/Parky's Farm (\$7.50/person, register 2 days in advance)

Sat 2/9, 6:30 p.m.:

Mystery Dinner Series: Cook-Off Calamity

On this week's episode of the Eat Network's #1 show, Cooking with Olaf: find out what trouble is bubbling-over behind the camera. Step into an evening of comedy, intrigue and suspense. This interactive experience features outrageous characters for a Saturday night that will keep you guessing! For ages 18 and up. Advance registration required. Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center (\$39.95/person, plus tax)

Tue 2/12 & Wed 2/13, 9:30 a.m.:

Barnyard Bonanza: Valentine's Day

All the farm animals invite you to celebrate Valentine's Day with them. Includes a craft and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. Recommended for ages 2–5. Winton Woods/Parky's Farm

(\$6/child, \$4/adult, register by 2/10)

Sat 2/16, 9 a.m.–noon:

Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Are you interested in the environment, nature education, outdoor recreation or customer service? All play an important role in connecting people with nature, and you can too. Join us for a Volunteer Orientation to learn about the many ways you can get involved. For ages 18 and up. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (Free, register by 2/14)

Mon 2/18, 9–11:30 a.m.:

Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Learn leadership skills, gain valuable work experience and build lifelong friendships as a Great Parks' volunteer. Join us to learn about volunteer roles available on the trails, golf course, farm and much more. For ages 14–18. Winton Woods/Park's Farm (Free, register by 2/17)

Sat 2/23, 3/2, 3/9 & 3/16, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Daisy Girl Scouts: Bird Bath, Red Robin, Tula Awards

What do Daisies, goats and chickens have in common? Find out while LEARNing about fun farm animals, SEEing them play and DOing your part to care for them. Winton Woods/Park's Farm (\$7.50/person, register 2 days prior)

Sat 2/23, 6:30 p.m.:

Mystery Dinner Series: Magical Mystery

Things are always so peaceful with this high-spirited group of hippies ... or are they? Enjoy an evening of adult humor and fun at a mystery dinner. Advance ticket purchase is required. For ages 18 and up. Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center (\$39.95/person, plus tax)

WITHROW NATURE PRESERVE

Sun 12/30, 1 p.m.:

Winter Stroll

Join the nature interpreters as we take in the sights and sounds of winter and enjoy this 1.6-mile hike on Trout Lily Trail. Withrow Nature Center/Withrow Nature Preserve (Free)

Sat 1/26, 10 a.m.–noon:

Adventure Hike Series: Winter Warmth Hike

Keep warm outside by hiking the Trout Lily Trail. Join Adventure Outpost staff to explore hiking tips, learn about gear to stay warm and dry while enjoying the great outdoors in winter weather and end with hot chocolate. Dress for the weather, bring water and a snack. For ages 12 and up. Withrow Nature Preserve/Highwood Lodge (\$12 person/ register by 3 days in advance)

WOODLAND MOUND

Sun 12/16, 1–3 p.m.:

Holiday Crafts

Children ages 5 to 12 will enjoy making crafts about the holiday season and winter. Make a gift for someone or a decoration to hang at home. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$1/craft, payable at the door)

Sat 12/22, noon–2 p.m.:

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Join us for a 'cool' hunt while keeping warm. Various winter treasures will be hidden inside our nature center. If you find them all, you can win a prize. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Thu 12/27, 11 a.m.:

Animal Tales

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join the nature interpreters for a nature-themed story. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Fri 12/28, 1 p.m.:

Animals Alive!

Discover some of the animals that call Seasongood Nature Center home and meet a few up close. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sat 12/29, 1 p.m.:

Winter Walk

Sound carries farther in crisp, wintry air. Listen for wildlife and breathe in the solitude of the woods. We will traverse just less than one mile over a moderately graded gravel path. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Fri 1/4, 11 a.m.:

Animals Alive!

Discover some of the animals that call Seasongood Nature Center home and meet a few up close. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sat 1/6, 1–3 p.m.:

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Brrrr, it's cold outside! Come and warm up for this winter-themed scavenger hunt. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sun 1/13, 10 a.m.:

Morning Coffee with the Birds

Get up with the birds and relax before the nature center opens. Enjoy the peace and quiet while you sip on some coffee watching the birds. This program is for adults only. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Fri 1/18, 10 a.m.:

Wee Wonder about Snow

Come learn about snow! Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 3-5. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Thu 1/24, 11 a.m.:

Animal Tales

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join the nature interpreters for a nature-themed story. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sat 2/9, 10 a.m.–noon:

Adventure Hike Series: Fuel Your Hike

One benefit to hiking is burning calories. That means eating so you have calories to burn! Join us for a hike, winter nutrition and hydration tips and some hot chocolate. Dress for the weather, bring a water bottle and we'll provide a trail snack. For ages 12 and up. Woodland Mound/ Auditorium (\$12 person/ register by 3 days in advance)

Sun 2/10, 10 a.m.:

Morning Coffee with the Birds

Get up with the birds and relax before the nature center opens. Enjoy the peace and quiet while you sip on some coffee watching the birds. This program is adults-only. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Fri 2/22, 10 a.m.:

Wee Wonder about Hibernation

Come learn all about hibernation. Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 3-5. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Sun 2/24, 2 p.m.:

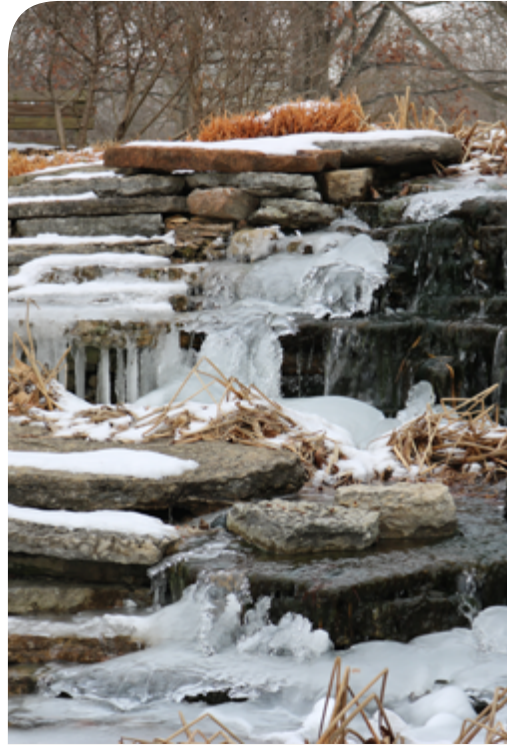
Cabin Fever Reliever Hike

Is old man winter keeping you trapped inside? Come out and join us for a laid-back stroll along the trail to help relieve your cabin fever! Please wear your sturdy hiking shoes for this hike in case of icy conditions. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Thu 2/28, 11 a.m.:

Animal Tales

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