

Spring 2019

# EVENTS GUIDE

Read All About Our  
SPRING *Farm Babies!*





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# IT'S TIME FOR *Farm Babies*

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Spring in Ohio tends to mean chilly temperatures in the morning, then actual spring-like weather by the afternoon. With all the greenery and creatures reclaiming Hamilton County as their homes, it's the ideal time to visit a Great Park.

As the season of growth and renewal, it's the perfect time to try something new. Outdoor hiking, animal ambassador programs, archery, bird watching and more are happening at parks this season. Regardless of which events interest you, one thing you definitely don't want to miss is a visit to Parky's Farm.

As an educational farm in the heart of Cincinnati, there is always something to see and do at Parky's Farm. Of course, being able to see and learn more about cows, horses, llamas and other barnyard creatures makes for a fun time at a park. Everyone will be acting like a kid again when visiting the farm this spring.

This year, Parky's Farm welcomes baby animals to the Great Parks family. Kids are making cozy new homes at the farm. Kids of the four-legged, hoofed, horned, head-butting species, that is. Great Parks is welcoming baby goats for the first time in roughly two years. The moms-to-be are due in March and April.

Don't miss out on the fun; check out the Great Parks' social media accounts for the baby animal watch, via GoatPro cameras placed in the goats' pens. These baby animals will be ambassadors for their species, educating residents, children and adults. Farm Manager Dave Liedhegner and Assistant Farm Manager Moey Babak are excited for the arrival of these babies – there's no *kidding* around!

Be sure to say hi to the newest animal ambassadors next time you visit the farm.

# MARCH

## **Photography Travel Series: Cliff Turrell: Iceland, Land of Fire & Ice**

Fri 3/1, 7:30 p.m.

We will whisk you around a land just 25 miles from the Arctic Circle. Our 13-day trip includes highlights on the island, waterfalls, majestic mountains, hot baths, lava flows and cosmopolitan Reykjavik, Iceland. We will also touch on the costs of the trip. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (Free)

## **Think Spring Scavenger Hunt**



Sat 3/2, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Prepare for warmer weather as you venture in and out of the nature center searching for signs of spring's arrival. Return with your findings and earn a prize. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (✓)

## **Daisy Girl Scout Programs: Bird Bath, Red Robin, Tula Awards**

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

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 by 2 days in advance)

## **Welcome to Golf Orientation**

Sat 3/2, 1 p.m.

Take a tour of the nationally recognized Meadow Links & Golf Academy and see all the features the facility has to offer. Learn about the variety of lesson programs, meet the friendly Meadow Links staff and find out how they can assist you with your golf game. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (✓)

## **Morning Coffee with the Birds**

Sun 3/3, 10 a.m.

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

## **Birds of Prey** ♥

Sun 3/3, 2 p.m.

With powerful wings, large talons and a frosty demeanor, seeing raptors up close is something to behold. Meet some of Ohio's grandest birds of prey during this program for the whole family. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## **Nature Stories** ♥

Tue 3/5, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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

# MARCH 2019

## Junior Master Gardener Program

Tue 3/5–10/15, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Earn your certification as an international Junior Master Gardener! Explore native plants, homegrown foods, gardening techniques, and participate in nature-based experiments. Ages 7–9. Sessions are the first three Tuesdays, Mar– Oct. *Glenwood Gardens/Gardenview Room* (program includes Highfield admission: \$225/child, register by 3/3)

## Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Tue 3/5, 6–9 p.m.

Are you interested in wildlife habitat, nature education, outdoor recreation or customer service? Would you like to make a positive difference in the environment or help connect people to nature? Join us to learn about the many fun and exciting ways you can get involved. For ages 18 and up. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓, register by 3/3)

## Spring Forward ♥

Wed–Sat 3/6–3/30, 10:45 a.m.

March is a month marked by change and action. Explore light and shadows, animals and plants that use the wind, and look for early signs of the garden awakening. There is so much to discover in the natural world! *Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden* (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

## Little Tykes ♥

Wed 3/6, 11 a.m.

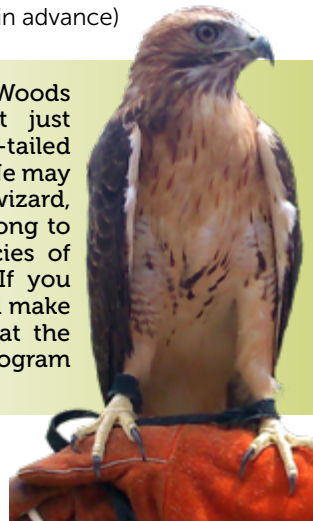
It's that time of year when animals are on the move. Spring is signaling all types of critters to get going. Come explore seasonal migration through active games. For ages 3–6 accompanied by an adult. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## Paddling Film Festival World Tour

Wed 3/6, 6–9 p.m.

Whether you are a boater or a floater, join us for the largest paddling event in the world, the Paddling Film Festival World Tour. You'll be inspired to explore rivers, lakes and oceans, push extremes, embrace the paddling lifestyle and appreciate the wild places. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center* (\$15/person, register by 3 days in advance)

Stop by Sharon Woods and you might just run into our red-tailed hawk, Gandalf. He may not be a white wizard, but he does belong to the largest species of hawk in Ohio! If you are lucky, he will make an appearance at the Birds of Prey program on March 3.





## All About Turtles ♥

Fri 3/8, 11 a.m.

Have you ever wondered what turtles are up to in the woods? Bring your 2-4 year old as we discover all about turtles with hands-on learning followed by story time and a craft. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center* (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

## Animal Tales ♥

Fri 3/8, 11 a.m.

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

## Cincinnati Mineral Society Meeting

Fri 3/8, 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to an educational program on a topic about rocks and minerals. Children's program begins at 7:30 p.m. and a program for both adults and children follows a brief business meeting at 8 p.m. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Photography Travel Series: Ed Soldo: Alberta, Travel up the Spine of North America

Fri 3/8, 7:30 p.m.

We'll explore Banff, Alberta, the site of Canada's first national park. Then drive one of the most scenic roads in North America, the Icefields Parkway, to Jasper National Park. Via the last glass-

domed train of the season, we'll see the fall splendor of Canada's inter-mountain region ending at Vancouver, British Columbia. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## Outdoor Skills: Backpacking 101 🦋

Sat 3/9, 9–11 a.m.

Ready to spend a night out in the wild, but not sure where to start? A Leave No Trace instructor will cover everything from pre-trip preparation to gear selection, to packing and trail etiquette in order to help you camp overnight right. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre Auditorium* (\$8/person, register by 3/6)

## Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Sat 3/9, 9–11:30 a.m.

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* (✓, register by 3/8)

## Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild Demonstration & Exhibit

Sat 3/9, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Ohio Valley Woodturners Guild will show their skills through an exhibit of finished pieces and live demonstrations of works in progress on wood lathes. This unique craft gives wood another life. *Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn* (✓)

## Bear Badge Day

Sat 3/9, 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Cub Scouts, come learn about the environment through games and activities that will also help you complete the "Fur, Feathers, and Ferns" badge. *Glenwood Gardens/Gardenview Room* (\$7.50/person, register by 3/7)

## Spring in Your Step Scavenger Hunt ♥

Sat 3/9, noon–2 p.m.

The anticipation of spring's arrival is evident in birds calling out territory boundaries, early spring flowers and buds on trees. It can be felt in the spring of your step as you become a part of nature's excitement during this hunt that earns you a prize upon completion. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (✓)

## Outdoor Skills: Map and Compass 🗺️

Sat 3/9, 1–3 p.m.

Lost in the wilderness and dehydrated? Not a scenario anyone wants to experience firsthand. Work with an Adventure Outpost instructor to learn how to translate what's on the map to what's underfoot in order to find your way out of sticky situations. Maps and compasses are provided. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Kingfisher Trail* (\$15/person, register by 3/6)

## Mystery Dinner Series: Wedding Waterloo 🍷

Sat 3/9, 6:30 p.m.

Jack and Jenny's wedding day is finally here, and Mamma Mia, has it been a wild ride! Will they Take

A Chance on love or is today their Waterloo? 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)

## Daisy Girl Scout Programs: Bird Bath, Red Robin, Tula Awards

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

Reoccurring event starting on 3/2. For description see page 4. *Winton Woods/Park's Farm* (\$7.50/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Amphibian Awakenings ♥

Sun 3/10, 1 p.m.

Spring is a time of awakening for many animals. Go in search of some of our amphibian friends as they migrate to pools of water in early spring. Wear sturdy shoes or boots that can get wet. A small number of nets and buckets will be available. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (✓)

## Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow 🦋

Sun 3/10, 1–3 p.m.

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! An Adventure Outpost instructor will guide you through the basics of shooting a compound bow and teach you the archery steps to success. All equipment is provided. For ages 10 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$20/person, register by 3/7)

## Winter Golf Clinics

Sun 3/10–3/24, 1–3 p.m.

PGA professionals will lead a different topic each week to keep your skills sharp through winter: computer video swing analysis on 3/10, putting clinic on 3/17 and pitching & chipping on 3/24. Classes are held in the auditorium and at the heated, covered driving range, so weather won't be an issue. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (✓)

## Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 3/10, 3 p.m.

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society invites you to enjoy the sweet music of the mountain dulcimer. All ages are welcome to join in on the jamming and singing. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Beginning Golf I

Wed 3/13–4/10, 5:30 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Wee Wonder about Spring ♥

Thu 3/14, 11 a.m.

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

## Wee Wonder about Spring ♥

Fri 3/15, 10 a.m.

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

## Photography Travel Series: Alan Lloyd: Florida by Boat

Fri 3/15, 7:30 p.m.

Exploring Florida by boat presents a different perspective of the sunshine state. The highlight of the trip is the cruise up the St. Johns River, an American Heritage River, which flows through “old” Florida. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)



## **Women in the Outdoors: Backpacking 101** 🐦

Sat 3/16, 9–11 a.m.

Ready to spend a night out in the wild, but not sure where to start? A female outdoor instructor will cover everything from pre-trip preparation to gear selection, packing and trail etiquette, in order to help you camp overnight right. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre Auditorium* (\$8/person, register by 3/13)

## **Daisy Girl Scout Programs: Bird Bath, Red Robin, Tula Awards**

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

Reoccurring event starting on 3/2. For description see page 4. *Winton Woods/Park's Farm* (\$7.50/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## **Webelos Adventure Day**

Sat 3/16, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Webelos Cub Scout leaders, this is your chance to complete the Into the Wild adventure with your den! Join us for a hike and interactive activities, as we spend two hours accomplishing the necessary requirements. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (\$7.50/person, register by 3/13)

## **Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow** 🐦

Sat 3/16, 1–3 p.m.

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! An Adventure Outpost instructor will guide you through the basics of shooting a compound bow and teach you the archery steps to success. All equipment is provided. For ages 10 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$20/person, register by 3/13)

## **Bald Eagles, A True Success Story**

Sat 3/16, 2 p.m.

These magnificent symbols of our country were once pushed to the edge of extinction by the very people that gave it such an esteemed honor. Join us to learn how these birds have been brought back from the brink and now are soaring higher than they ever have before. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center* (✓)

## **Timberdoodle Trek** 🐦

Sat 3/16, 6 p.m.

Celebrate early spring with the spectacular courtship flight of the American woodcock. After a short program, we will hike to Great Meadow to watch these unique birds strut their stuff. The trail is unpaved and uneven. Be sure to dress for the weather. For ages 10 and up. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 3/17, 10 a.m.

Photojournalist/instructor Malinda Hartong will share tips for catching the early spring bloomers with your smartphone or digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera. No experience necessary. *Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn* (✓)

## Great Parks Nature Photo Club Meeting

Sun 3/17, 11 a.m.

All photography enthusiasts are invited to join us for our monthly club meeting where we share photos we have taken and tips we have learned along the way. *Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn* (✓)

## Wildflowers in the Preserves: Richardson Preserve



Sun 3/17, 1 p.m.

Can't smell it from home? Come out and join the nature interpreter as we sniff around for skunk cabbage – a rare plant with unique features. This is a strenuous hike on uneven terrain. *Richardson Forest Preserve/register for meeting location* (✓, register by 3/15)

## Barnyard Bonanza: Follow the Rainbow ♥

Tue 3/19 & Wed 3/20, 9:30 a.m.

The farm animals have reported seeing leprechauns hiding around Parky's Farm. Follow the rainbow clues and help find the pot of gold. The program includes a wagon ride and time in Parky's playbarn. For ages 2-5. *Winton Woods/Parky's Farm* (\$13.50/child, register by 3/17)

## Home-School Science (Central): Exploring the Science of Migration

Tue 3/19, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Is it survival, instinct or just seasonal cycles? Animal, bird and insect migration is a baffling mystery to some. Home-schooled students, ages 5-12, and parents are invited to explore interactive learning stations, take part in lessons and enter the world of migration. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (\$7.50/per child, register by 3/12)

## Spring Equinox Hike

Wed 3/20, 5:30 p.m.

Ready for spring? Get your hiking shoes on and join us for this first day of spring hike. We will see what critters have awoken from their long winter nap. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (✓)

## Golf Spring Refresher

Wed 3/20–4/3, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

This three-week course reviews and re-emphasizes the stance and swing fundamentals. This is a great session for those who want to get the season started

on the right foot. *Winton Woods/  
Meadow Links & Golf Academy*  
(\$59/person, register by 3/18)

## **Animal Tales** ♥

Thu 3/21, 11 a.m.

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join the nature interpreter for a nature-themed story. *Woodland Mound/  
Seangood Nature Center* (✓)

## **Home-School Science (West): Wacky Weather**

Thu 3/21, 1 p.m.

It's that time of year again, winter one day and spring the next. The weather is doing some wacky things. Home-schooled students, ages 5-12, and parents are invited to explore the science behind this madness. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor  
Center* (\$7.50/child, register by 3/19)

## **Nature Night: Turtle Hurdles**



Thu 3/21, 6:30 p.m.

Step out of your shell and explore the fast-paced life of Ohio turtles. Meet some animal ambassadors and, from carapaces to tails, discover the unique adaptations that enable turtles to survive for up to 40 years or more. *Embschhoff  
Woods/Rivermount Shelter* (✓)

## **Night Owls** ♥

Fri 3/22, 11 a.m.

When darkness falls in the woodlands, a cacophony of rustlings, hoots and howls can be heard coming from the trees. Meet a nocturnal animal and discover

the outdoor world that exists after humans' bedtime. *Woodland Mound/  
Seangood Nature Center* (✓)

## **Photography Travel Series: Cliff Goosmann: Cruise the British Isles**

Fri 3/22, 7:30 p.m.

We begin in Amsterdam at the Flower Auction and an evening dinner cruise on the canals. Our ocean cruise takes us to Brussels and the British Isles, including the Scottish cities of Edinburgh, Inverness and Greenock. Then it's on to Dublin and Cork, Ireland and the Channel Islands. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## **Mystery Dinner Series: Country Chaos** 🍷

Sat 3/23, 6:30 p.m.

Will Buckin' Billy Bob Buford be taken out of the contest before he can win the Possum County Line Dance Competition yet again? 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)

## **Early Spring Hike**

Sun 3/24, 1 p.m.

Spring peepers are peeping, wood frogs are thawing and early wildflowers are possibly blooming on this early spring walk through the woods. *Sharon  
Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Beginning Golf I

Tue 3/26–4/23, 7:30 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette.

*Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## STEM in the Garden: Weather Wonder ♥

Tue 3/26, 3:30–5 p.m.

Are you a young, intrepid climatologist who is in the need of scientific equipment for measuring the weather around you? If interested, join Dr. Madeline C. Munsford for homemade experiments. For ages 6–10.

*Glenwood Gardens/Gardenview Room* (\$7.50/person or \$65/for 10 sessions, register by 3/22)

## Beginner Golf Lessons

Tue 3/26–4/16, 6–7 p.m.

Join the pro for four weeks of beginner golf lessons covering the basic fundamentals of grip, stance and swing. *Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course* (\$75/person, register by 3/19)

## Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Wed 3/27, 6–9 p.m.

Are you interested in wildlife habitat, nature education, outdoor recreation or customer service? Would you like to make a positive difference in the environment or help connect

people to nature? Join us to learn about the many fun and exciting ways you can get involved. For ages 18 and up. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓, register by 3/25)

## Nature Night: Turtle Hurdles ♥

Thu 3/28, 6:30 p.m.

Step out of your shell and explore the fast-paced life of Ohio turtles. Meet some animal ambassadors and, from carapaces to tails, discover the unique adaptations that enable turtles to survive for up to 40 years or more. *Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter* (✓)

## Photography Travel Series: Ernie Martin: African Safari

Fri 3/29, 7:30 p.m.

Out of Nairobi, Kenya on an early morning flight in a 12-passenger, single-propeller plane, to a grass landing strip at Lewa, Kenya; another hour in a Land Cruiser to base camp. Living in a tent, surrounded by wildlife we will see every day – that's where this story begins. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## Women in the Outdoors: Map and Compass 🗺️

Sat 3/30, 9–11 a.m.

Lost in the wilderness and dehydrated? Not a scenario anyone wants to experience firsthand. Work with a female instructor to learn how to translate what's on the map to what's underfoot in order to find your way out of sticky situations. Maps and compasses are provided. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Kingfisher Trail* (\$15/person, register by 3/27)



# MARCH 2019

## Spring Woods Walk

Sat 3/30, 1 p.m.

Come along for an off-trail adventure as we see what's happening in the spring woods. The hike will be through rugged, unpaved terrain. Dress for the weather. For ages 10 and up. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Wildflower Wonders

Sat 3/30, 1 p.m.

April showers may not have arrived just yet, but that doesn't stop these tenacious blossoms from being in full bloom. Join the nature interpreters for a hike as we revel in the beauty of these wildflower wonders. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter* (✓)

## Outdoor Archery: Accuracy and Games 🏹

Sat 3/30, 1–3 p.m.

Already taken a Great Parks' compound bow class and want to further improve your shot? Then this program is right on target! After quickly reviewing the steps to archery success, archers will aim toward increasing accuracy and test their skills with challenging games. For ages 10 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$22/person, register by 3/27)

## Your Pass to Year-Long Fun

The 2019 Motor Vehicle Permit is your exclusive ticket in to all 21 of our Great Parks and Nature Preserves. Still need to grab your MVP? No problem, just purchase yours at a welcome booth, visitor center or online at [greatparks.org](http://greatparks.org).







# WALKING BY Wetlands

Becky Osinski,  
Regional Planning Coordinator

At nearly 5,000 acres, Miami Whitewater Forest is the largest park in Hamilton County. It serves as an enormous backyard for those living nearby and a destination for visitors across the county. Now a new parking lot and connector trail have made it even easier for local hikers, bikers, students and scientists to enjoy one of its most unique features.

Wetlands along the northwestern edge of the park have long been a popular spot for school, scout and civic groups. Fourth and fifth graders from all over the region come to explore an endangered habitat and see ecosystems and food chains in action. But a safer place for visitor and bus parking was needed in order to more easily access the area.

An opportunity for improved access arose in 2018 as a new subdivision was being built nearby. The developer understood the value of connecting people to parks – living near a green space has been shown to improve both

physical and mental well-being and is attractive to many homeowners. So as part of the construction, the developer and Great Parks planned a trail that would lead from the neighborhood into the park, past the wetlands and linking up to the park's existing 8.1-mile Shaker Trace Trail. The parking area was also expanded and improved.

Completed in spring 2018, the project consisted of the trail and parking lot installation, as well as embankment and wetland levee reconstruction and storm drainage improvements. A number of native plants were also restored including red maple, sweetgum and eastern red cedar trees, hummingbird summersweet shrubs and black-eyed Susan flowers. Park visitors are invited to head over to Baughman Road to see this new area for themselves and enjoy a walk along the wetlands.

# APRIL

## Golf Spring Refresher

Mon 4/1–4/15, 6 p.m.

This three-week course reviews and re-emphasizes the stance and swing fundamentals. This is a great session for those who want to get the season started on the right foot. Advance registration is required. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$59/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Beginning Golf I

Mon 4/1–4/29, 7 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 3 days in advance)

## Ladies Morning League

Tue 4/2–5/21, 9 a.m. tee times

This league offers a fun competition for women golfers who have some playing experience. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$10/person league fee + weekly greens fees, register by 4/2)

## Nature Stories ♥

Tue 4/2, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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

## Junior Champions: Player Level

Tue 4/2–7/30, 4–5:15 p.m.

Beginners will have fun learning the basic fundamentals of the game of golf. For ages 10–15. *Little Miami Golf Center* (\$425/person, register by 4/1)

## Junior Champions: Champion Level

Tue & Thu 4/2–7/30, 6–7:30 p.m.

Junior golfers with some tournament experience will gain extensive knowledge of all aspects of the game of golf. For ages 10–15. *Little Miami Golf Center* (\$995/person, register by 4/1)

## Barnyard Bonanza: Pretty Pony ♥

Wed & Thu 4/3 & 4/4, 9:30 a.m.

Brush and decorate a real pony! Learn how to care for ponies. The program includes a wagon ride and time in Parky's playbarn. For ages 2–5. *Winton Woods/Parky's Farm* (\$13.50/child, register by 4/1)

## Beginning Golf I

Wed 4/3–5/1, 6 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette.

*Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 3 days in advance)

## April Showers ♥

Wed–Sat 4/3–4/27, 10:45 a.m.

Puddles and rainbows, spring songs, flowers, frogs and birds return and all bring April alive! Join us outdoors to explore nature's emergence into spring! *Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden* (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

## Little Tykes ♥

Wed 4/3, 11 a.m.

Join Great Parks for our annual festive Earth Day Celebration. Get to know other families as we learn about simple fun ways to give back. Help your little one learn to celebrate the wonders of nature. For ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## Junior Champions: Competitor Level

Wed 4/3–7/31, 4–5:30 p.m.

Juniors entering competitive golf will benefit from this class' intense focus on full swing and short game fundamentals. For ages 10-15. *Little Miami Golf Center* (\$525/person, register by 4/2)

## Golf 101 Clinics & League

Wed 4/3–7/17, 6 p.m.

The Golf 101 program is designed for the beginning adult golfer and offers multiple clinics covering putting, chipping, iron and wood shots before league play begins 4/22. *Little Miami Golf Center* (\$29/person per clinic, \$100/person for four clinics, \$45/person league fee + \$7.50/round, register by 1 day in advance)

## Seniors Morning League

Thu 4/4–5/23, 9 a.m. tee times

This league offers a fun competition for senior golfers with some playing experience. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$10/person league fee + weekly greens fees, register by 4/4)

## Intermediate Golf I

Thu 4/4–4/25, 6 p.m.

The small class size offers individual attention in hitting skill shots, such as approach shots from the fairway, trouble shots, slope shots, uneven lies and short game shots. Video swing analysis is also included in this four-week class. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$79/person, register by 3 days in advance)

### Junior Spring League

Fri 4/5–5/24, 4 p.m.

This weekly league features competitions with different styles of play and format each week, such as scramble and best ball. Tee times range between 4–5:30 p.m. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$80/person, register by 4/5)

### Spring Adult Softball League

Fri 4/5, 6:10 p.m. & 7:15 p.m.

Men's, women's, and coed softball leagues are available for adults looking for some outdoor fun. Leagues are available Sunday–Friday in the evenings. Seven-game session. *Triple Creek* (\$375/team)

### Out of This World! ♥

Fri 4/5, 7–9 p.m. & Sat 4/6, 7–9 p.m.

Enjoy the park after dark and celebrate all things space! Walk along a scale model of the solar system, launch water-powered rockets, explore the constellations in a pop-up planetarium and more! Some activities available for a small fee, payable at the door. Sensory friendly activities offered from 6–7 p.m. on 4/6. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

### Photography Travel Series: Ken Weartz: Cincinnati Downtown - Touring the Inter-City

Fri 4/5, 7:30 p.m.

Take a walk through downtown Cincinnati's historical districts through a photographer's eyes.

We'll visit the area bounded by Central Avenue to Broadway, and Third Street to Central Parkway. We examine the details of the fine architecture of 19th- and early 20th-century buildings and their history and insight into early Cincinnati. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

### Beginner Golf Lessons

Sat 4/6–4/27, noon

Join the pro for four weeks of beginner golf lessons covering the basic fundamentals of grip, stance and swing. *Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course* (\$75/person, register by 3/30)

### Parent/Child Tournament

Sat 4/6, 8 a.m.

This nine-hole tournament is designed for a mom or dad to play with their daughter or son under the age of 18. Three formats will be played to determine the winner: scramble, best ball and alternate shot. Gross and net prizes will be awarded. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$35/team, register by 4/3)

### Junior Golf II

Sat 4/6–5/4, 11 a.m.

Junior Golf II provides time for in-depth, personal attention to concentrate on the individual problem area. Videotaping and simulated course situations are also included in this four-week class. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$69/student, register by 4/4)



## Free Junior Clinic

Sat 4/6, 1 p.m.

This free, one-hour introduction to golf teaches basic safety, etiquette and full swing fundamentals to junior golfers ages 7-17. It is also great preparation for our Junior Golf I class that begins 4/13. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (✓)

## Welcome to Golf Orientation

Sat 4/6, 1 p.m.

Take a tour of the nationally recognized Meadow Links & Golf Academy and see all the features the facility has to offer. Learn about the variety of lesson programs, meet the friendly Meadow Links staff and find out how they can assist you with your golf game. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (✓)

## Wildflower Wonders

Sat 4/6, 1 p.m.

April showers may not have arrived just yet, but that doesn't stop these tenacious blossoms from being in full bloom. Join the nature interpreters for a hike as we revel in the beauty of these wildflower wonders. *Shawnee Lookout/Miami Fort Trail* (✓)

## Mystery Dinner Series: Mayhem at the Music Awards



Sat 4/6, 6:30 p.m.

Will famous rock star and host, Nigel Townsend, be the big winner tonight? What mayhem will ensue when rock's biggest names take the stage? 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)

## Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow



Sun 4/7, 1-3 p.m.

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! An Adventure Outpost instructor will guide you through the basics of shooting a compound bow and teach you the archery steps to success. All equipment is provided. For ages 10 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$20/person, register by 4/4)

Did you know that Great Parks has seven golf courses around Cincinnati? See if you can name them all in fifteen seconds. Ready? GO!

Check your answer at [greatparks.org/golf](http://greatparks.org/golf)



## The Buzz on Native Bees

Sun 4/7, 2 p.m.

Did you know there are more than 500 native bee species in Ohio? Come learn the important role they play in the environment, how much of our food is dependent on them and how to attract them to your yard. *Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn* (✓)

## Golf Spring Refresher

Tue 4/9–4/23, 6:15 p.m.

A reoccurring three week course. See page 16 for the description. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$59/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Beginning Golf II

Tue 4/9–4/30, 7 p.m.

Four weeks of classes include a review of the five-shot fundamentals, plus an introduction to greenside bunkers; putting strategy and strengthening; chipping and pitching skills. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$79/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Beginning Golf I

Wed 4/10–5/8, 10 a.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 3 days in advance)

## Wee Wonder about Earth ♥

Thu 4/11, 11 a.m.

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

## Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Thu 4/11, 6–9 p.m.

Are you interested in wildlife habitat, nature education, outdoor recreation or customer service? Would you like to make a positive difference in the environment or help connect people to nature? Join us to learn about the many fun and exciting ways you can get involved. For ages 18 and up. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓, register by 4/9)

## Wee Wonder about Earth ♥

Fri 4/12, 10 a.m.

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

## All About Flowers ♥

Fri 4/12, 11 a.m.

Does your toddler love springtime and the flowers that come with it? Bring your 2–4 year old as we explore all about flowers with hands-on learning, followed by story time and a craft. Afterward, hike with us on a wildflower scavenger hunt! *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center* (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

## **Cincinnati Mineral Society Meeting**

Fri 4/12, 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to an educational program on a topic about rocks and minerals. Children's program begins at 7:30 p.m. and a program for both adults and kids follows a brief business meeting at 8 p.m.

*Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## **Photography Travel Series: Mike Rank: Fall in the Cuyahoga Valley**

Fri 4/12, 7:30 p.m.

This program is a combination of early American history, beginning with the Connecticut Western Reserve, the Erie and Ohio Canal, and the national park in fall color. It features the Hale Farm & Village, and beautiful Brandywine Falls and Blue Hen Falls. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## **Bass Series**

Sat 4/13, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Teams fish for a five-bass limit. Awards are given to the top three teams at each event based on greatest weight. The top 20 anglers in the point standings will qualify for prizes. The overall points leader will be crowned angler of the year. *Miami Whitewater/Boathouse* (\$70/team, includes boat rental)

## **Early-Bird Bird Hike**

Sat 4/13, 9 a.m.

No need to worry, we'll leave the real worms to the actual birds on this casual mid-morning hike. Practice

your birding skills, nature sketching or just take in the sights and sounds as a natural chorus immerses you.

A limited amount of binoculars will be available. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Tallgrass Prairie Trail* (✓)

## **Winton Woods Cleanup**

Sat 4/13, 9 a.m.–noon

For more than 30 years, Great Parks, Forest Park Environmental Awareness and hundreds of volunteers have removed tons of litter in and around Winton Lake. Join us for the cleanup and stay for a grilled lunch and raffle prizes. A special prize will be awarded to the high school with the largest group! All ages are welcome. *Winton Woods/Kestrel Point* (✓ register by 4/11)

## **Beginning Golf I**

Sat 4/13–5/11, 9:30 a.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 3 days in advance)

## **Wildflower Walk**

Sat 4/13, 1 p.m.

Enjoy a walk through the forest as we discover the beauty of Ohio's spring wildflowers. The trail is unpaved & uneven. Dress for the weather.

*Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

### **Golf Fore Parents**

Sat 4/13–4/27, 1 p.m.

Moms and dads of Junior Golf I students are invited to this three-week group lesson covering the full swing for long shots, short game techniques, putting and course knowledge. Clubs can be provided. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$39/person, register by 4/11)

### **Junior Golf I**

Sat 4/13–4/27, 1 p.m.

Junior Golf I is a must for any child wanting to learn the game of golf. During this three-week lesson, students learn the fundamentals of golf, including swing techniques, course management, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$20/person, register by 4/11)

### **Wildflowers in the Preserves: Trillium Trails** 🐦

Sun 4/14, 1 p.m.

Join us for a hike into the Trillium Trails Nature Preserve as we search for wildflowers and other signs of spring. This two-hour hike involves some steep areas and off-trail walking. We will meet and carpool to the hike site. *Glenwood Gardens/Gatehouse* (✓ register by 4/11)

### **Animals Alive** ♥

Sun 4/14, 2 p.m.

Check out and touch some of the animals that call Ohio home. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Centre* (✓)

### **Cincinnati Dulcimer Society**

Sun 4/14, 3 p.m.

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society invites you to enjoy the sweet music of the mountain dulcimer. All ages are welcome to join in on the jamming and singing. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

### **Painted Pots Week** ♥

Mon–Sat 4/15–4/27, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Come decorate clay pots! There is no charge if you decorate a pot and leave it with us. There will be a fee if you prefer to take it home. Staff will hang the pots in the trees throughout the park where they will remain through the end of May. *Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Nature's Niche* (✓)

### **Golf Fore Women**

Mon 4/15–5/13, 5:15 p.m.

Five weeks of beginner, ladies-only classes cover topics including etiquette, short game and the full swing in a fun, low-pressure environment. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 4/14)

### **Get Golf Ready Classes: Stage III**

Mon 4/15–5/13, 6:45 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for golfers who want to lower their score and take their game to the next level. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 4/14)

## Barnyard Bonanza: Peeps and Squeaks ♥

Tue & Wed 4/16 & 4/17, 9:30 a.m.

Hop down the bunny trail to explore the sights and sounds of springtime on the farm. From eggs to bouncing barnyard babies, get up close and personal with some of the newest arrivals. The program includes a wagon ride and time in Parky's playbarn. For ages 2-5. *Winton Woods/Parky's Farm* (\$13.50/child, register by 4/14)

## Home-School Science (Central): Give Back for Earth Day

Tue 4/16, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

What could be better than joining other families for our annual Earth Day Celebration? This year, we will engage in ways to give back by learning through hands-on learning stations and a group challenge. Home-schooled students ages 5-12 and parents are invited. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (\$7.50/per child, register by 4/9)

## Get Golf Ready: Stage I

Wed 4/17–5/15, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for beginner golfers who want to learn the basics of play from a PGA pro. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 4/16)

## Beginning Golf II

Wed 4/17–5/8, 7:30 p.m.

Four weeks of classes include a review of the five-shot fundamentals, plus an introduction to greenside bunkers; putting strategy and

strengthening; chipping and pitching skills. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$79/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Animal Tales ♥

Thu 4/18, 11 a.m.

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

## Home-School Science (West): What Spring Brings

Thu 4/18, 1 p.m.

Spring is a great time to explore new things growing in the woods and see animals that recently woke from hibernation. Home-schooled students ages 5-12 and parents are invited to explore the sights and sounds of spring. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center* (\$7.50/child, register by 4/16)

## Junior Spring Clinics

Thu 4/18–5/23, 4 p.m.

Get an early start before summer break by attending a Spring Clinic. Each week offers a different focus, with topics that include putting, chipping, iron shots, driver, rules and etiquette and course play. *Little Miami Golf Center* (\$20/person/clinic, \$100/person for six clinics, register by 2 days in advance)



### Intermediate Golf Lessons

Thu 4/18–5/2, 6–7 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level.

*Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course* (\$75/person, register by 4/14)

### Get Golf Ready: Stage II

Thu 4/18–5/11, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 4/16)

### Nature Night: Slithering Snakes

Thu 4/18, 6:30 p.m.

Slide and slither your way to discover the ins and outs of snakes. Meet some animal ambassadors and step into the wonderful world of these often misunderstood reptiles. *Embshoff Woods/Rivermount Shelter* (✓)

### Beginning Golf I

Thu 4/18–5/16, 7:30 p.m. & Tue 4/23–5/21, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette.

*Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 3 days in advance)

### Golf Spring Refresher

Thu 4/18–5/2, 7 p.m.

A reoccurring three week course. See page 16 for the description.

*Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$59/person, register by 2 days in advance)

### Animals Alive ♥

Fri 4/19, 11 a.m.

Discover what kinds of animals may live in your own backyard and meet a few up close! *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (✓)

### Rod-Busting Series

Sat 4/20, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Two-person teams fish for a six-fish limit of catfish and carp. Teams earn points at each tournament based on the total weight of their fish, and the top two teams at each tournament win prizes. A grand prize will be awarded to the series champions after the event on October 26. *Lake Isabella/Boathouse* (\$40/team)

### Get Golf Ready: Stage II

Sat 4/20–5/13, 9 a.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 4/19)

### Outdoor Skills: Stoves and Cooking 🐦

Sat 4/20, 9–11 a.m.

There is nothing better than a hot meal after a long day of hiking. Come sample a few of the many options of backpacking cuisine and

cooking gear following a quick hike with one of the experienced outdoor instructors. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Great Oaks Trail* (\$20/person, register by 4/17)

## Earth Day 2019: Protect our Species!

Sat 4/20, 9 a.m.–noon

Give endangered species a hand on Earth Day. Volunteers will plant trees, remove invasive plants and pick up litter, turning the park into a cleaner and greener wildlife habitat. Afterward, we'll celebrate with a grilled lunch and nature interpreter program. All ages are welcome. *Francis RecreAcres/playground area* (✓ register by 4/18)

## Webelos Adventure Day

Sat 4/20, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Webelos Cub Scout leaders, this is your chance to complete the Earth Rocks adventure with your den! Join us for a hike and interactive activities, as we spend two hours accomplishing the necessary requirements. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (\$7.50/person, register by 4/17)

## Get Golf Ready: Stage I

Sat 4/20–5/18, 10:30 a.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for beginner golfers who want to learn the basics of play from a PGA pro. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 4/19)

## Outdoor Archery: Intermediate Compound Bow 🏹

Sat 4/20, 1–3 p.m.

Looking to improve your ability with a compound bow? Develop your skills further to hit that bullseye consistently. Along with a quick review, we'll refine your technique to give you a more reliable, accurate shot. Basic Compound Bow is a prerequisite for this program. For ages 10 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$20/person, register by 4/17)

## Golf Fore Women

Sat 4/20–5/18, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of beginner, ladies-only classes cover topics including etiquette, short game and the full swing in a fun, low-pressure environment. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 4/19)

## Easter Brunch 🍷 🌸

Sun 4/21, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Bring the family and hop on over for Easter brunch! Celebrate the holiday with the Easter Bunny and enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Visit [greatparks.org](http://greatparks.org) for additional information and reservations. *Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center*

### Intermediate Golf I

Mon 4/22–5/13, 5:45 p.m.

The small class size offers individual attention in hitting skill shots, such as approach shots from the fairway, trouble shots, slope shots, uneven lies and short game shots. Video swing analysis is also included in this four-week class. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$79/person, register by 3 days in advance)

### Beginning Golf II

Mon 4/22–5/13, 8 p.m.

Four weeks of classes include a review of the five-shot fundamentals, plus an introduction to greenside bunkers; putting strategy and strengthening; chipping and pitching skills. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$79/person, register by 2 days in advance)

### STEM in the Garden: Easter Bunny Eggs ♥

Tue 4/23, 3:30–5 p.m.

Lagomorph-lover seeking young, experienced egg hunters to aid in the testing of this year's batch of Easter Bunny eggs. If interested, join Dr. Madeline C. Munsford at Glenwood Gardens for her latest eggs-periments. For ages 6–10. *Glenwood Gardens/Gardenview Room* (\$7.50/person, register by 4/19)

### Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Tue 4/23, 5:30–8 p.m.

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* (✓ register by 4/21)

### Instructional 6-hole League

Tue 4/23–5/14, 6:30–8 p.m.

This four-week golf league is led by PGA pros, who provide a non-intimidating atmosphere for you to become comfortable taking your game to the golf course. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$75/person, \$90/riding, register by 4/22)

### Nature Night: Slithering Snakes ♥

Thu 4/25, 6:30 p.m.

Slide and slither your way to discover the ins and outs of snakes. Meet some of our animal ambassadors and step into the wonderful world of these often misunderstood reptiles. *Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter* (✓)

### Animal Tales ♥

Fri 4/26, 11 a.m.

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

## Photography Travel Series: Neville Duffield: "The Voyage of the Beagle"

Fri 4/26, 7:30 p.m.

In 1831, a young Charles Darwin set out on his voyage on HMS Beagle. Part of his trip took him around Tierra del Fuego, the tip of South America, and up to the Galapagos Islands. Come with us, and we shall follow his journey, seeing the plants and animals he saw. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## Meet the Critters! ♥

Sat 4/27, 1–3 p.m.

Drop in anytime between 1–3 p.m. to meet some of Sharon Wood's animal ambassadors. Don't forget your cameras! *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Mystery Dinner Series: Malice in Wonderland 🧙

Sat 4/27, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this fractured, fairy tale-take of the famous "Alice in Wonderland." Whose heads will roll? 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 is required. *Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center* (\$39.95/person, plus tax)

## Kids' Fishing Derby at Triple Creek ♥

Sun 4/28, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Kids 16 and under can try and catch a tagged fish for a trophy. Each child who catches a fish will receive a certificate, and everyone who participates will receive a derby button. Participants must bring their own equipment. Bait will be available for purchase. *Triple Creek/Pond* (✓)

## My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 4/28, 9 a.m.

Spring wildflowers should be hitting their peak! Photojournalist/Instructor Malinda Hartong will show us how to capture these spring beauties in all their glory with either your smartphone or digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera. *Withrow Nature Preserve/Highwood Lodge* (✓)

## Great Parks Nature Photo Club Meeting

Sun 4/28, 10 a.m.

All photography enthusiasts are invited to join us for our monthly club meeting where we share photos we have taken and tips we have learned along the way. *Withrow Nature Preserve/Highwood Lodge* (✓)

### **Wildflowers in the Preserves: Farbach-Werner**

Sun 4/28, 1 p.m.

Walk the Pin Oak Trail to see and learn about the many kinds of spring wildflowers in our area. *Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Pin Oak Trail* (✓)

### **Spring Crafts ♥**

Sun 4/28, 1–3 p.m.

Children will enjoy making crafts celebrating spring. Kids can make up to two crafts to take home. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (\$1/craft, payable at the door)

### **Fossil Quest ♥**

Sun 4/28, 2 p.m.

Cincinnati is famous for its ancient geology. Join the nature interpreter as we look for fossils in the Sharon Woods Gorge. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

### **Barnyard Bonanza: Udderly Amazing ♥**

Tue & Wed 4/30 & 5/1, 9:30 a.m.

Discover all the things that come from cows and goats as you enjoy activities focused on the dairy world. Be prepared for lots of hands-on animal contact as we meet some barnyard animals and smell the dairy air. The program includes a wagon ride and time in Parky's playbarn. For ages 2–5. *Winton Woods/Parky's Farm* (\$13.50/child, register by 4/28)

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## Room to Play

Gear up for summer with a 2019 All Playgrounds pass. No other pass will get your kiddo into all three of our wet playgrounds and our two indoor playgrounds. Find out where all the playgrounds are located on [greatparks.org](http://greatparks.org) and then purchase your passes at any Great Parks harbor or visitors center.



*Kris Roselle,  
Volunteer Services Manager*

# SPRING *Greening*

Started spring cleaning? When most people contemplate this annual task, we think about knocking down cobwebs, washing windows and cleaning the garage. But spring is also a great time to clean up – and green up – the great outdoors!

Spring is the ideal time to take care of our roadways and waterways. According to a 2014 interview, the Ohio Department of Transportation picks up more than 400,000 bags of litter along Ohio's roadways each year. Melting snow, spring rainfall and floods carry trash and debris down creeks, streams and rivers, depositing litter. It's important to remove as much waste as we can, and as quickly as we can, to keep the debris from polluting our waterways and underground sources of drinking water. Litter can also be very harmful to animals, so it's important to remove trash from our communities.

In addition to removing trash, spring is the season to plant trees and clean up invasive plant species. Invasive

species are one of the leading threats to native plants and wildlife, changing food webs and decreasing biodiversity. Invasive plants like garlic mustard can out-compete native plants and wildflowers by monopolizing light, moisture and nutrients. The animals that depend on the many species of displaced native plants are also eliminated where invasive plants prevail.

Take a step outside and ask yourself what you can do to clean up and improve the environment. If you don't know where to begin, Great Parks has countless volunteer opportunities to get you started. Join the Winton Lake Cleanup on April 13, when hundreds of volunteers will work to remove litter around Winton Lake, or help protect native species on Earth Day, April 20, by planting trees and removing invasive plant species. Start your spring greening adventure now by visiting [greatparks.org/volunteer](http://greatparks.org/volunteer).



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## **Barnyard Bonanza: Udderly Amazing** ♥

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## **May Powers** ♥

Wed–Sat 5/1–5/25, 10:45 a.m.

From the power of a flower to animal locomotion, and even the weather, nature commands our attention. Let's have some fun discovering May's might! *Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden* (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

## **Little Tykes** ♥

Wed 5/1, 11 a.m.

What small creatures delight your little one? You guessed it bugs! Warm days bring all sorts of six-legged insects out. Come be a part of this fun and educational romp in the world of insects. For ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓)

## **Beginning Golf I**

Wed 5/1–5/29, 7:30 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## **Intermediate Golf I**

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## **Brownies Girl Scout Programs: Pets**

Sat 5/4, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Strap on your boots and get ready to dig your hands into some farm chores. Explore the barnyard and learn how to care for different animals. Help feed the cow, clean out a horse stall and check on the rabbits. *Winton Woods/Parky's Farm* (\$7.50/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Junior Golf II

Sat 5/4–6/1, 11 a.m.

Junior Golf II provides time for in-depth, personal attention to concentrate on an individual problem area. Video-taping and simulated course situations are also included in this four-week class. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$69/student, register by 5/2)

## Pioneer Play Day ♥

Sat 5/4, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Jump and skip, with stilts and hoops as you join forces with pioneer students as they try to skirt the wrath of schoolmaster Dooley. Use your wit to avoid lessons and revel in the tomfoolery of frontier fun and games! *Shawnee Lookout/Log Cabin* (✓)

## Birds of Prey, Night & Day

Sat 5/4, 1 p.m.

Raptors are some of the most amazing birds around. Learn all about what makes these incredible animals so special and meet some of birds of prey in person. Don't forget your cameras! *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Free Junior Clinic

Sat 5/4, 1 p.m.

This free, one-hour introduction to golf teaches basic safety, etiquette and full swing fundamentals to junior golfers ages 7-17. It is also great preparation for our Junior Golf I class that begins 5/11. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (✓)

## Mystery Dinner Series: American Icon 🇺🇸

Sat 5/4, 6:30 p.m.

The local singing competition is down to the finals. Will someone's dream come true, or could it be their swan song? 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)

## Bass Series

Sun 5/5, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Teams fish for a five-bass limit. Awards are given to the top three teams at each event based on greatest weight. The top 20 anglers in the point standings will qualify for prizes. The overall points leader will be crowned angler of the year. *Winton Woods/Boathouse* (\$70/team, includes boat rental)

## Spring Two-Person Scramble

Sun 5/5, 10 a.m. tee times

Grab a friend for our first scramble event of the season. Registration includes greens fees, team prizes and contests. Snacks will be available after the round. Riding carts and skins game is optional. *Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course* (\$100/team, register by 4/28)

## Welcome to Golf Orientation

Sun 5/5, 1 p.m.

Take a tour of the nationally recognized Meadow Links & Golf Academy and see all the features the facility has to offer. Learn about the variety of lesson programs, meet the friendly Meadow Links staff and find out how they can assist you with your golf game. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (✓)

## 7-Hole Educational League

Mon 5/6–6/3, 6:30 p.m.

This four-week educational league is designed for new golfers who want to learn about the game of golf while playing out on the course. *Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course* (\$56/walking, \$76/riding, register by 5/3)

## Beginning Golf I

Mon 5/6–6/10, 7:30 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of the five shots encountered on the golf course, including wood shots, iron shots, chipping, pitching and putting. This five-week class covers fundamentals, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$99/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Nature Stories ♥

Tue 5/7, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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

## Intermediate Golf I

Tue 5/7–5/28, 7:30 p.m.

The small class size offers individual attention in hitting skill shots such as approach shots from the fairway, trouble shots, slope shots, uneven lies and short game shots. Video swing analysis is also included in this four-week class. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$79/person, register by 3 days in advance)

## All About Butterflies ♥

Fri 5/10, 11 a.m.

Is your toddler fascinated by the fluttering of butterfly wings? Bring your 2-4 year old as we investigate all about butterflies with hands-on learning followed by story time and craft. Afterward, hike along with us on a spring butterfly hike! *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center* (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

## Nature Night: Tree-mendous Trees ♥

Thu 5/9, 6:30 p.m.

From buds and blossoms to roots and bark, trees have a variety of secrets to share. Learn the basics of tree identification and explore the forest with new eyes as spring awakens these silent giants. *Embshoff Woods/Rivermount Shelter* (✓)

## Animal Tales ♥

Fri 5/10, 11 a.m.

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



## Cincinnati Mineral Society Meeting

Fri 5/10, 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to an educational program on a topic about rocks and minerals. Children's program begins at 7:30 p.m. and a program for both adults and kids follows a brief business meeting at 8 p.m.

*Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Rod-Busting Series

Sat 5/11, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Two-person teams fish for a six-fish limit of catfish and carp. Teams earn points at each tournament based on the total weight of their fish, and the top two teams at each tournament win prizes. A grand prize will be awarded to the series champions after the event on October 26. *Lake Isabella/Boathouse* (\$40/team)

## Women in the Outdoors: Stoves and Cooking 🍳

Sat 5/11, 9–11 a.m.

There is nothing better than a hot meal after a long day of hiking. Come sample a few of the many options of backpacking cuisine and cooking gear following a quick hike with one of the female outdoor instructors. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Great Oaks Trail* (\$20/person, register by 5/8)

## Brownies Girl Scout Programs: Pets

Sat 5/11, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

This is a reoccurring program starting on 5/4. For the description, see page 32. *Winton Woods/Park's Farm* (\$7.50/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Tyke-tastic Nature Play ♥

Sat 5/11, 11 a.m.

Bring your little ones to discover the art of playing in nature. Crawl, walk or run your way to some exciting paths of outdoor exploration and creation. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter* (✓)

## Beginner Golf Lessons

Sat 5/11–6/1, noon

Join the pro for four weeks of beginner golf lessons covering the basic fundamentals of grip, stance and swing. *Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course* (\$75/person, register by 5/4)

## Outdoor Archery: Accuracy and Games 🏹

Sat 5/11, 1–3 p.m.

Have you already taken a Great Parks' compound bow class and want to further improve your shot? Then this program is right on target! After quickly reviewing the steps to archery success, archers will aim toward increasing accuracy and test their skills with challenging games. For ages 10 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$22/person, register by 5/8)

## Golf Fore Parents

Sat 5/11–5/25, 1 p.m.

Moms and dads of Junior Golf I students are invited to this three-week group lesson covering the full swing for long shots, short game techniques, putting and course knowledge. Clubs can be provided. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$39/person, register by 5/8)

## Junior Golf I

Sat 5/11–5/25, 1 p.m.

Junior Golf I is a must for any child wanting to learn the game of golf. During this three-week lesson, students learn the fundamentals of golf, including swing techniques, course management, rules and etiquette. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$20/person, register by 5/8)

## Withrow Wildflower Hike 🐦

Sat & Sun 5/11 & 5/12, 2 p.m.

Join us for this hike as we go in search for spring's finest ephemeral bloomers. These bloomers won't be around long! Please wear sturdy hiking shoes as this is an off-trail hike. The hike will be over unpaved and rugged terrain. For ages 10 and up. *Withrow Nature Preserve/parking lot* (✓)

## Mother's Day Brunch 🍽️

Sun 5/12, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.

What better way to reach mom's heart than with food! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet at Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton

Woods. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Visit [greatparks.org](http://greatparks.org) for additional information and to make reservations. *Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center*

## Beginning Golf II

Tue 5/14–6/4, 8 p.m.

Four weeks of classes include a review of the five shot fundamentals plus an introduction to greenside bunkers, putting strategy and strengthening chipping and pitching skills. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$79/person, register by 5/12)

## Wee Wonder about Animal Babies ♥

Thu 5/16, 11 a.m.

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

## Home-School Science (West): Wetland Exploration

Thu 5/16, 1 p.m.

Grab your waders and get ready to search for birds, frogs and insects in the Shaker Trace wetlands. Home-schooled students ages 5–12 and parents are invited to dip into our wetlands to discover all the cool critters living there. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center* (\$7.50/child, register by 5/14)

## Nature Night: Tree-mendous Trees ♥

Thu 5/16, 6:30 p.m.

From buds and blossoms to roots and bark, trees have a variety of secrets to share. Learn the basics of tree identification and explore the forest with new eyes as spring awakens these silent giants. *Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter* (✓)

## Wee Wonder about Animal Babies ♥

Fri 5/17, 10–11 a.m.

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

## Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Sat 5/18, 9 a.m.–noon

Are you interested in wildlife habitat, nature education, outdoor recreation or customer service? Would you like to make a positive difference in the environment or help connect people to nature? Join us to learn about the many fun and exciting ways you can get involved. For ages 18 and up. *Winton Woods/Winton Centre* (✓, register by 5/16)

## Short Game School

Sat 5/18, 9 a.m.

Designed for players of all skill levels, this class covers short game topics including chipping, pitching, putting and bunker play. Registration includes instruction and lunch. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$149/person, register by 5/17)

## Brownies Girl Scout Programs: Pets

Sat 5/18, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.

This is a reoccurring program starting on 5/4. For the description, see page 32. *Winton Woods/Park's Farm* (\$7.50/person, register by 2 days in advance)

## Super Sleuths ♥

Sat 5/18, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Help celebrate Kids to Parks Day with a mystery-based eco-adventure. Put on your best detective cap, grab your magnifier and see if you can follow the clues to solve this natural whodunit. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center* (✓)

## Super Serpents! ♥

Sat 5/18, 1 p.m.

Meet some of Sharon Wood's scaly ambassadors in person at this fun program all about snakes. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Mystery Dinner Series: Reunion to Remember 🍷

Sat 5/18, 6:30 p.m.

Will this 20-year high school reunion be a blast from the past? Or has trouble been brewing and is about to surface? 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)

## Family Scramble Tournament

Sun 5/19, 9 a.m.

This nine-hole tournament is designed for four related family members of any age. Gross and net prizes will be awarded. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (\$45/team, register by 5/15)

## Free Ladies Clinic

Sun 5/19, 1 p.m.

This clinic allows ladies to learn about the game together with PGA pros in a fun, relaxing environment. The clinic also serves as a springboard into the Lady 9ers Golf League, which begins 6/3. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (✓, register by 5/19)

## Welcome to Golf Orientation

Sun 5/19, 1 p.m.

Take a tour of the nationally recognized Meadow Links & Golf Academy and see all the features the facility has to offer. Learn about the variety of lesson programs, meet the friendly Meadow Links staff and find out how they can assist you with your golf game. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy* (✓)

## Brilliant Bees

Sun 5/19, 2 p.m.

Ohio would be less colorful without its 500 species of native bees. Come join the nature interpreter to learn about these powerful pollinators, and build a mason bee house. *Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre* (✓)

## Historic Buildings Open House

Sun 5/19, 2–5 p.m.

Take a step back in time and catch a glimpse of life in the 1800s. See a two-story log cabin built in 1795 and then take a step inside springhouse and schoolhouse dating from 1800. *Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin area* (✓)

## Maker Trades: Butter Making

Sun 5/19, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Churn up some arm strength as we investigate the process of butter making and explore the history of this delicacy. Take home a sample and the materials to make more. *Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin area* (\$5/kit, payable at the door)

## My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 5/19, 3 p.m.

Enjoy a spring day photographing a gorgeous park. Meet photojournalist/instructor Malinda Hartong for a walk along the Badlands Trail where she will share tips and tricks to getting that perfect shot. No experience necessary, great for either a digital single-lens (DSLR) camera or smartphone. *Miami Whitewater Forest/Badlands Trail* (✓)

## Family Scramble Tournament

Sun 5/19, 4:30 p.m.

This nine-hole tournament is designed for four related family members of any age. It is a great opportunity for families to spend time together and have fun! Gross and net prizes will be awarded. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$60/team + optional \$20/riding cart, register by 5/16)

## Great Parks Nature Photo Club Meeting

Sun 5/20, 5 p.m.

All photography enthusiasts are invited to join us for our monthly club meeting where we share photos we have taken and tips we have learned along the way.

*Miami Whitewater Forest/Miami Whitewater Forest Visitor Center (✓)*

## Home-School Science (Central): The World of Insect Ecology

Tue 5/21, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Habitats, food webs and life cycles all come to play when examining the ecology of insects. Home-schooled students ages 5-12 and parents are invited to explore learning stations, take part in lessons and a challenge of the insect kind.

*Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$7.50/per child, register by 5/14)*

## Intermediate Golf I

Wed 5/22–6/12, 6 p.m.

The small class size offers individual attention in hitting skill shots such as approach shots from the fairway, trouble shots, slope shots, uneven lies and short game shots. Video swing analysis is also included in this four-week class. *Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy (\$79/person, register by 3 days in advance)*

## Animal Tales ♥

Thu 5/23, 11 a.m.

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

## Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Thu 5/23, 5:30–8 p.m.

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/Parkey's Farm (✓, register by 5/22)*

## Nature Night: Amazing Amphibians

Thu 5/23, 6:30 p.m.

Discover the hidden world of frogs, toads and salamanders while meeting some live animals. Afterward, join us on an amphibian hike to find them hiding in plain sight. *Embschhoff Woods/Rivermount Shelter (✓)*

## Container Gardening with Herbs

Thu 5/23, 7 p.m.

Adults are invited to this workshop to learn basic herb-growing techniques. We'll examine the many uses of culinary and medicinal herbs while we create a useful and beautiful take-home container. Container, soil and herbs are supplied. For ages 18 and up. *Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre (\$30/person, register by 5/20)*

### Animals Alive! ♥

Fri 5/24, 11 a.m.

Discover what kinds of animals may live in your own backyard and meet a few up close! *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (✓)

### Frog Week ♥

Fri–Tue 5/24–5/28, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Kick off our summer series of nature weeks with Frog Week! See and learn about some of Ohio's favorite frogs and toads. There will be live animals, activities and a craft for kids for a small fee. *Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn* (✓)

### Kayak Basics: Flatwater 🦋

Sat 5/25, 9–11 a.m.

Learn to kayak on flatwater from our American Canoe Association (ACA) instructors. This class is designed for beginners with a focus on basic safety, gear and paddling techniques. All equipment provided. Participants must fit properly in provided lifejackets and not exceed 275-pound kayak capacity. For ages 10 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$26/person, register by 5/22)

### Off Trail at Oak Glen 🦋

Sat 5/25, 11 a.m.

It's been four years since an oil spill devastated Oak Glen. After years of hard work and restoration efforts, it is finally ready to be opened up to the public. Join a Great Parks nature interpreter on a strenuous off-trail hike and see the beauty of a land reborn. *Oak Glen Nature Preserve* (✓, register by 5/23)

### Kayak Basics: River Fundamentals 🦋

Sat 5/25, 1–4 p.m.

Prepare to kayak on local rivers with our American Canoe Association (ACA) instructors. In this class, learn basic safety and paddling techniques in a river-specific kayak on flatwater. Be ready to get wet as we practice rescues. All equipment is provided. For ages 12 and up. *Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost* (\$38/person, register by 5/22)

### Historic Buildings Open House

Sun 5/26, 2–5 p.m.

Take a step back in time and catch a glimpse of life in the 1800s. See a two-story log cabin built in 1795 and then take a step inside springhouse and schoolhouse dating from 1800. *Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin area* (✓)

### Kids' Mystery Fish Challenge ♥

Mon 5/27, 10 a.m.–noon

Catch the mystery fish! Prizes are awarded in three age groups to each kid who weighs in a fish closest to the mystery weight. Everyone who catches a fish will receive a trophy. Any species can be weighed, and live bait is permitted. For children ages 15 and under, accompanied by an adult. *Lake Isabella/Boathouse* (✓)

### Junior Group Lessons

Tue 5/28–7/23 (no class 6/20, 7/4), 1 p.m.

Junior Group Lessons are designed to offer a wide variety of detailed golf skills. Lesson topics include putting & chipping (5/28, 6/18, 7/9), full swing (6/4, 6/25, 7/16) and pitching (6/11,



7/2, 7/23). Students may attend the lesson covering the topic of their choice or attend several group lessons. *Woodland Mound/The Vineyard* (\$20/clinic or \$50/three clinics, register by 2 days in advance)

## STEM in the Garden: Raising the Bread ♥

Tue 5/28, 3:30–5 p.m.

Eccentric baking scientist seeks young, sous-chefs to aid in her attempts at raising bread. If interested, join Dr. Madeline C. Munsford for her next hair-raising adventure into the culinary arts. For ages 6-10. *Glenwood Gardens/Gardenview Room* (\$7.50/person, register by 5/24)

## 3-6-9 League

Tue 5/28–8/13, 6:30 p.m.

The 3-6-9 League is an on-course learning opportunity. Golfers have the choice to play nine holes with other league members, six holes with on-course instruction or three holes directly with the golf professional. The league is geared for families, core golfers and new students. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$20/person per week)

## Get Golf Ready: Stage II

Wed 5/29–6/26, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level. *Sharon Woods/Golf Course* (\$110/person, register by 5/28)

## Nature Night: Amazing Amphibians

Thu 5/30, 6:30 p.m.

Discover the hidden world of frogs, toads and salamanders while meeting some live animals. Afterward, join us on an amphibian hike to find them hiding in plain sight. *Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter* (✓)

## Owl Encounter ♥

Fri 5/31, 11 a.m.

Silent flight and nocturnal habits veil owls in mystery and lore. Enter the nighttime arena through sensory experiences and find out whooooo is part of that world. *Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center* (✓)

## Nature's Fireworks

Fri 5/31, 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy nature's firefly fireworks while we talk about what makes them light and why they do it. Witness intrigue and deceit in the insect world along this two-mile hike. Meet at the Cotswold Visitor Centre. *Glenwood Gardens/Wetland Loop Trail* (✓)





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# BE NATURALLY Invested

*Alicia Culman,  
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Great Parks Forever*

We are Great Parks Forever. As the philanthropic partner of Great Parks of Hamilton County, we translate an early conservation promise into everyday experiences and lasting legacies. We are proud to play an active role in the success of Great Parks.

Early investments were made to develop our parks, daily investments are made by park guests, donors, staff and volunteers — everyone is naturally invested. With your support, we work to enhance and preserve the parks for current residents and future generations.

## **What Happens When We're All Naturally Invested?**

Naturally invested means we can retreat from the daily routine of the built world, we can discover new experiences in a wide-open world, and we can bond around a shared wonder of the natural world.

## **Gather Places**

By investing our time, talents and resources into natural spaces, we can enrich our lives and strengthen our

social fabric to create opportunities for our paths to cross.

## **Play Spaces**

By cherishing and protecting our shared bigger backyard, we can empower all to explore their own personal frontier.

## **Balance Paces**

By preserving shared natural spaces for our bodies and minds, we can create healthier, happier human experiences for all.

To have Great Parks, we need great people. It takes you — generous, inspired “outsiders” — to transform our shared vision into reality.

Whether it's through a contribution of a day or a dollar, we can protect and fulfill the promise of our parks for years to come.

More information is available at [GreatParksForever.org](http://GreatParksForever.org).



# YOUR GREAT PARKS *your home*

## **Campbell Lakes Preserve**

10431 Campbell Road, Harrison, 45030

## **Embshoff Woods**

4050 Paul Road, Delhi Twp., 45238

## **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve**

3455 Poole Road, Colerain Twp., 45251

## **Fernbank Park**

50 Thornton Avenue, Cincinnati, 45233

## **Francis RecreAcres**

11982 Conrey Road, Sharonville, 45249

## **Glenwood Gardens**

10397 Springfield Pike, Woodlawn, 45215

## **Lake Isabella**

10174 Loveland-Madeira Road,  
Symmes Twp., 45140

## **Little Miami Golf Center**

3811 Newtown Road, Newtown, 45244

## **Miami Whitewater Forest**

9001 Mt. Hope Road, Crosby Twp., 45030

## **Mitchell Memorial Forest**

5401 Zion Road, Miami Twp., 45002

## **Otto Armleder Memorial Park & Recreation Complex**

5057 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, 45226

## **Sharon Woods**

11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, 45241

## **Shawnee Lookout**

2008 Lawrenceburg Road, Miami Twp., 45052

## **Triple Creek**

2700 Buell Road, Colerain Twp., 45251

## **Winton Woods**

10245 Winton Road, Springfield Twp., 45231

## **Withrow Nature Preserve**

7075 Five Mile Road, Anderson Twp., 45230

## **Woodland Mound**

8250 Old Kellogg Road, Anderson Twp., 45255