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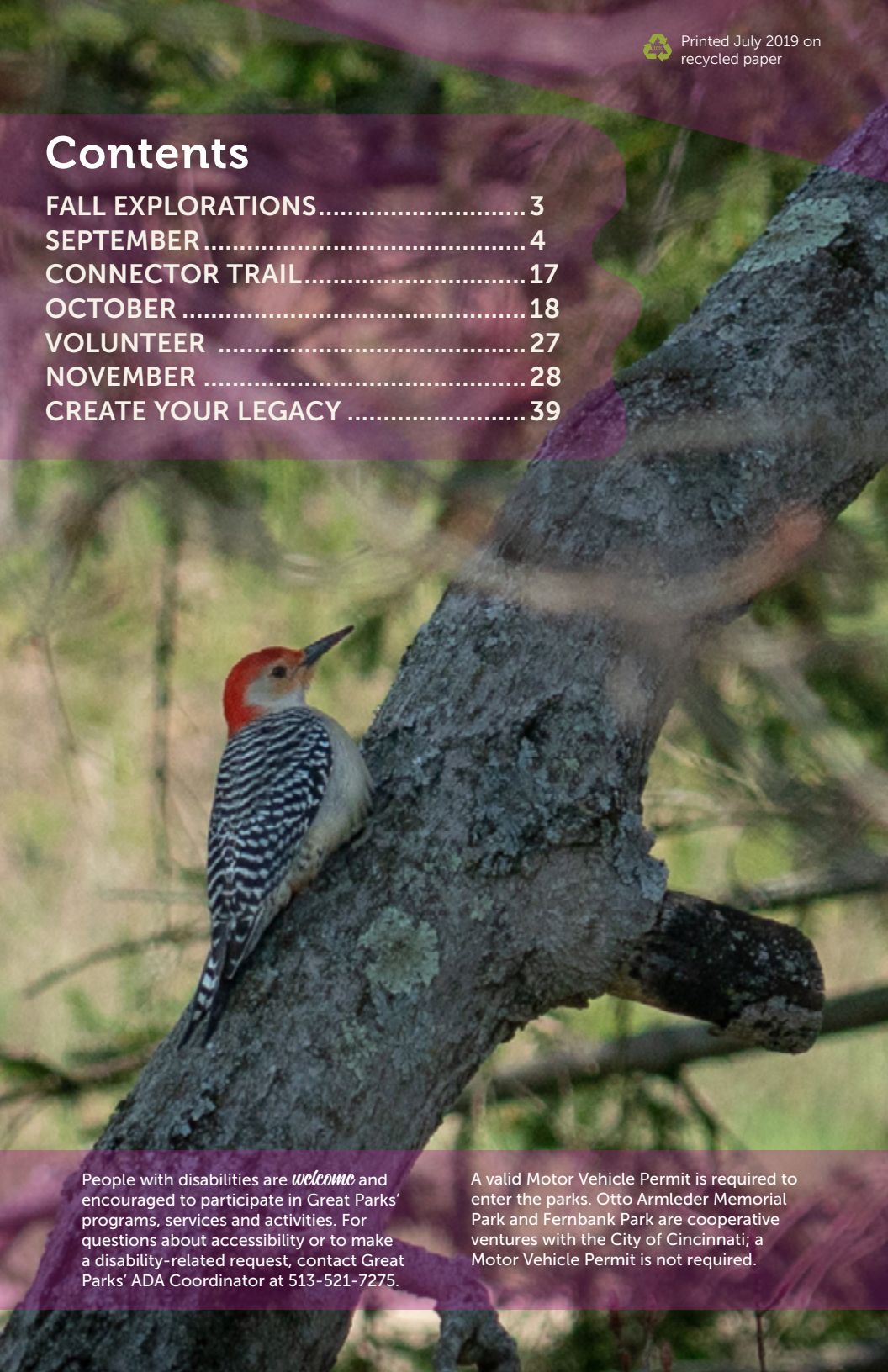
EVENTS GUIDE

Plan your next
Fall *Exploration!*



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People with disabilities are *welcome* and encouraged to participate in Great Parks' programs, services and activities. For questions about accessibility or to make a disability-related request, contact Great Parks' ADA Coordinator at 513-521-7275.

A valid Motor Vehicle Permit is required to enter the parks. Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Fernbank Park are cooperative ventures with the City of Cincinnati; a Motor Vehicle Permit is not required.

NEW PLACES to Explore

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It's not hard to find a picturesque view in a great park. The bright orange and red shades of autumn bring these areas to life, making them perfect for new discoveries.

Wood Duck Trail at Mitchell Memorial Forest

A nature trail, the Wood Duck Trail is a flat loop. This gives way for a canopy of trees overhead that provide ample shade in summer and a beautiful canvas of colorful foliage in fall. It's not uncommon to spot a barred owl during the day along this trail.

Little Turtle Trail at Shawnee Lookout

At two miles, Little Turtle Trail is one of the longer nature trails in the park district and that hike pays off! There are sweeping views of the Ohio River along Little Turtle, which are amplified by the contrast of warm hues of colorful leaves with the greens and blues of the river banks below. Both downy woodpeckers and pileated woodpeckers can be seen flying here.

Weston Overlook at Woodland Mound

This overlook gives guests just that: a full panoramic view of the Ohio River. Head toward the Weston Shelter in Woodland Mound for this accessible-to-all paved overlook. Keep an eye and ear out for raucous blue jays that live near Weston Overlook. Red-bellied woodpeckers can also be heard – and seen – making their homes here.

Otto Armleder Memorial Park

One of the best places to spot birds in Hamilton County is Otto Armleder Memorial Park. With trails that travel along the Little Miami River, there are birds a plenty here, always searching for their next meal from the river. Ospreys, blue birds and even short-eared owls have all been seen swooping through Otto Armleder.

Visit greatparks.org/recreation/trails to explore all 78 miles of trails within your Great Parks.

SEPTEMBER

Native Tree & Shrub Sale

Through Sat 9/14

Add some color to your yard! Plants are already adapted to harsh Midwest weather and provide a rich habitat for wildlife. Order locally grown trees and shrubs online at greatparks.org and pick up at select parks on 9/21. Sale made possible by a partnership with Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve, Miami Whitewater Forest, Sharon Woods & Woodland Mound**

Raptors

Sun 9/1, noon–4 p.m.

A variety of local, native raptors will be on exhibit during this holiday weekend. Cameras and sketchpads are welcome. **Winton Woods/Harbor Pavilion** (✓)

Historic Schoolhouse Open House

Sun 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 & 9/29, 2–5 p.m.

Take a step back in time and catch a glimpse of life in the early 1800s. Visit a historic schoolhouse to explore what early Ohioan life was like. **Shawnee Lookout/ Historic Cabin Area** (✓)

Annual Bird Seed Sale

Mon 9/2–Mon 10/14

Plan ahead for the winter guests at your bird feeder by ordering food during the Annual Bird Seed Sale. The sale benefits all Great Parks and promotes education and awareness of bird species in southwest Ohio. Order online at greatparks.org by 10/14 and pick up at one of two locations on 10/19. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve & Woodland Mound**

Kids' Mystery Fish Challenge

Mon 9/2, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.

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

Amazing Race! 🦋

Mon 9/2, 10 a.m.–noon

Do you love deciphering clues and solving challenges? Come see if your team has what it takes to complete this around-the-park family adventure! **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (✓)

Raptors

Mon 9/2, noon–4 p.m.

A variety of local, native raptors will be on exhibit during this holiday weekend. Cameras and sketchpads are welcome.

Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/ Ellenwood Nature Barn (✓)

Fall Ladies Morning League

Tue 9/3–Tue 10/29, 9–10 a.m. tee times

This eight-week, women-only golf league includes individual competition for ladies with some playing experience. Advance registration is required. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$10/person + weekly greens fees, register by 9/1)

Connect

Tue 9/3–Sat 9/7, 10:45 a.m.

How do we fit into nature's puzzle? Learn about relationships among people, plants and animals. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

Nature Stories

Tue 9/3, 11 a.m.

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

Yoga After Work

Tue 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 & 9/24, 5:30 p.m.

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat.

This adult, mixed-level class is taught by a certified instructor, so beginners are welcome, especially those who have never tried yoga. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn** (\$10/class, payable at the door)

Instructional 6-Hole League

Tue 9/3–Tue 9/24, 6:15 p.m.

This league is open to men and women with little to no experience on the course. Led by a PGA professional, this four-week, six-hole league provides a fun, nonintimidating atmosphere and covers basic rules, etiquette and pace of play. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$75/student walking, \$90/student riding, register by 9/2)

Little Tykes

Wed 9/4, 11 a.m.

Help your little one make sense of senses. Come explore the gifts of touch, taste, feel, smell and sight. Humans have these abilities, and so do animals. Explore how critters use them in very special ways. For ages 3–6 accompanied by an adult. **Winton Woods/Winton Centre** (✓)

Fall Senior Morning League

Thu 9/5–Thu 10/24, 9–10 a.m. tee times

Golfers ages 50 and up who have some playing experience are invited to join this fun, competitive league that lasts eight weeks. Advance registration is required. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$10/person + weekly greens fees, register by 9/3)

Get Golf Ready: Stage II Intermediate

Thu 9/5–Thu 10/3, 6–7 p.m.
These five-week advanced golf classes will help you lower your score while taking your game to the next level. Topics include short game shots and strategies, course management skills and full swing evaluations. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/student, register by 9/4)

Fall Junior League

Fri 9/6–Fri 10/25, 4–5:30 p.m. tee times

Weekly junior golf competitions will feature different styles of play and formats, including scramble, best ball and more. Advance registration is required. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$80/person, register by 9/3)

Stars, Sparks & Stories

Fri 9/6, 7–8 p.m.
Come for a family night where we provide the sparks and stories, and your family is the star. Start your night with an interactive campfire full of songs, games and tales. Then, meet an odd group of judges and play the most popular nature trivia game show in all Great Parks. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Amphitheater** (✓, register by 9/4)

Bass Series

Sat 9/7, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Test your skills in Great Parks' most popular fishing tournament. 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)

Fall Parent/Child Tournament

Sat 9/7, 8 a.m.

This fun nine-hole event changes format every three holes with best ball, scramble and alternate shot. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$35/team, register by 9/4)

Adventure Outpost Kayaking River Trip 🐾

Sat 9/7, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

River Fundamentals class graduates are invited to join American Canoe Association instructors for a day of introductory river skills on one of our scenic local rivers. By the end of this trip, you will eddy turn and peel out like a pro! For ages 14 and up. **Various locations depending on river conditions.** (\$50/person, register by 9/4)

Get Golf Ready: Stage I

Sat 9/7–Sat 10/5, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for beginner golfers who want to learn the basics of play from a PGA professional. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/student, register by 9/6)

Junior Golf II Lessons

Sat 9/7–Sat 9/28, 11 a.m.–noon

After completing Junior Golf I, juniors ages 7-15 who want to improve specific aspects of their game find this five-week program provides time for in-depth personal attention to concentrate on individual problems. Lesson package includes videotaping and simulated course situations. Classes are based on ability and not age. Advance registration required. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$69/person register by 9/5)

Animals Alive

Sat 9/7, 1 p.m.

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

Weekend in the 1800s

Sat 9/7, 2–6 p.m. & Sun 9/8, 2–5 p.m.

Transport yourselves in time to experience life in early Ohio. Interact with real settlers, see how they lived, see what they did for fun and meet our friends from the Society of Northwest Longhunters. This interactive event has something for the whole family. Some activities may have a small fee. **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin-Schoolhouse Area** (✓)

Nocturnal Adventures 🐾

Sat 9/7, 8:30 p.m.

When darkness takes over, the forest becomes inhabited by strange and fascinating wildlife. Join the nature

interpreter as we explore the forest with a bat detector and thermal camera. Trail has uneven terrain. Strollers are not recommended. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Habitat Hike

Sun 9/8, 1 p.m.

Forest, field and ponds are all local habitats. We'll walk the trail and see who lives where and how essential basics are found in all three places. Trail contains steps. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 9/8, 3–4 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** (✓)

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 9/8, 5–6 p.m.

We will walk along the hike/bike trail that overlooks the Ohio River and along one of the wooded trails. Photojournalist/instructor Malinda Hartong will share her favorite tips and techniques to capture wonderful pictures with either your smartphone or digital single-lens (DSLR) camera. No experience necessary. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Great Parks Nature Photography Club

Sun 9/8, 6–7 p.m.

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. All levels of experience welcome. No photography experience needed! **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Connect

Tue 9/10–Sat 9/14, 10:45 a.m.

How do we fit into nature's puzzle? Learn about relationships among people, plants and animals. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

Barnyard Bonanza: Small Fry Fishing

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

Learn the basics of fishing. Go fishing at a catch-and-release pond and see what is splashing around. Bait, poles and equipment are provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program includes a wagon ride and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. For ages 2–5. **Winton Woods/Parky's Playbarn** (\$13.50/child, register by 9/8)

All About Bees

Fri 9/13, 11 a.m.–noon

Bring your 2–4 year old and see what all the buzz is about! From waggle dance to round dance, learn about this prominent pollinator. Children will be participating in fun activities, along with story time and a craft to follow. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Meditation & Kayaking 🐾

Fri 9/13, 6–7:30 p.m.

Kick off your weekend with a little R&R: rest & recreation. Join certified instructors to learn quick, easy ways to de-stress with mindfulness and meditation and gain pointers on flatwater kayaking. All equipment provided. Participants must fit properly in provided lifejackets and not exceed 275-pound kayak capacity. For ages 12 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$20/person, register by 9/10)

Cincinnati Mineral Society Meeting

Fri 9/13, 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 9/14, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Some of the biggest catfish in the tristate live in Winton Lake. Two-person teams fish for a six-fish limit. Teams earn points at each tournament based on their place of finish. The top two teams at each tournament will win prizes. A grand prize will be awarded to the series champions after the event on 10/26. **Winton Woods/Boathouse** (\$40/team)

Three Club Tournament

Sat 9/14, 9 a.m. tee times

This challenging format is sure to bring out your competitive nature and put your strategic skills to the test. Each participant selects three clubs and plays 18 holes according to USGA rules of golf. Entry fee includes golf, cart, prizes and light bites after the round. Advance registration required. **Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course** (\$60/player, register by 9/7)

Kayak Basics: Flatwater 🐾

Sat 9/14, 9–11 a.m.

Learn to kayak on flatwater from American Canoe Association 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 9/11)

Junior Girl Scout Program: Animal Habitats

Sat 9/14, 10 a.m.–noon & 1–3 p.m.

Grab your waders to scout out (and in) a wetland habitat to explore our wild neighbors and their home. With nets and binoculars in hand, be prepared to get down and dirty as we investigate the who's who of this disappearing natural area. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 9/12)

Nature Fun Hunt

Sat 9/14, 1–4 p.m.

Stop in to pick up a fun list of things to hunt for ... in nature! Return your completed sheet to the visitor center for a prize. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Summer Concerts in the Park 🎵

Sat 9/14, 7 p.m.

Enjoy the peaceful and serene setting of Sharon Woods for the final outdoor evening concert of the season. The U.S. Air Force Band of Flight based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio will provide an entertaining mix of patriotic and popular favorites. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs. Refreshments will be available. **Sharon Woods/Cardinal Crest Meadow** (✓, MVP not required)

Pawpaw Pursuit

Sun 9/15, 1 p.m.

With great big smelly leaves and a fruit that tastes like a mix between a mango and banana, the pawpaw is an outstanding tree. On this off-trail hike, we will go on the search for a patch of pawpaw trees, and then enjoy our harvest in Sharon Centre. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Historic Schoolhouse Open House

Sun 9/15, 9/22 & 9/29, 2–5 p.m.

Take a step back in time and catch a glimpse of life in the early 1800s. Visit a historic schoolhouse to explore what early Ohioan life was like. **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin Area** (✓)

Connect

Tue 9/17–Sat 9/21, 10:45 a.m.

How do we fit into nature's puzzle? Learn about relationships among people, plants and animals. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

Historic Nature Journal Trail

Thu 9/19–Sat 10/19, daylight hours

Enjoy strolling through history on the pages of a historic nature journal from 1749, along the self-guided, 2/3-mile, fully-accessible trail. Hamilton County was a vast wilderness in the mid-1700s, inhabited by wolves, bears and bison. Join us as we discover a fur trapper's life traversing the rugged terrain. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Pin Oak Trail** (✓)

Wee Wonder About Apples

Thu 9/19, 11 a.m.

Come learn about apples! 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: Water's Way

Thu 9/19, 1–3 p.m.

Splash around in the creek and stream table to investigate the powerful force of water. Explore how water carves out canyons, moves sediment and much more. Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and parents are invited to dip their toes in this aquatic adventure. Pre-registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 9/17, or payable at the door while supplies last)

Nature Night: Bonfire Bash

Thu 9/19, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the Nature Night series with a bonfire bash! Bring your finest s'more materials to toast as you listen to stories, sing fireside songs and are visited by some favorite animal friends from the season. **Embschhoff Woods/River Mount Pavilion Shelter** (✓)

Wee Wonder About Apples

Fri 9/20, 10 a.m.

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

Women in the Outdoors: Kayak Basics Float

Fri 9/20, 6–7:30 p.m.

Ladies, this evening is for you! Get some pointers on kayaking on flatwater and then head out for a casual group paddle. Participants must fit properly in provided lifejackets. Equipment is provided, 275-pound maximum boat capacity. For adults and children ages 10 and up accompanied by an adult on the water. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$16/person, register by 9/17)

Junior Girl Scout Program: Animal Habitats

Sat 9/21, 10 a.m.–noon & 1–3 p.m.

Grab your waders to scout out (and in) a wetland habitat to explore our wild neighbors and their home. With nets and binoculars in hand, be prepared to get down and dirty as we investigate the who's who of this disappearing natural area. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (\$7.50/person, 1 adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 9/19)

Harper Quilt Show

Sat 9/21–Sun 9/29, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Drop in to enjoy Charley Harper's artwork represented in a unique medium: quilts! Local group River City Quilt Guild has created many quilts over the years featuring his designs. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn** (✓)

Tree ID Hike

Sat 9/21, 1 p.m.

Enjoy a walk as we learn to identify common trees found in Hamilton County. We'll walk the Pin Oak Trail and learn the tools needed to identify local trees while learning a few of the trees along the way, even including identifying pin oaks. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Pin Oak Trail** (✓)

Kayak Basics: River Fundamentals

Sat 9/21, 1–4 p.m.

Prepare to kayak on local rivers with American Canoe Association 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 9/18)

Luminary Night Hike

Sat 9/21, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Take a guided lantern-lit walk along this paved path, encountering characters of nature. Family friendly, first-person interpretation will reveal glimpses into the lives of local flora and fauna on this 1-mile walk. Toast marshmallows over the fire before you depart. Hikes depart every 10 minutes and last roughly one hour. **Glenwood Gardens/Gatehouse** (\$5/person, ages 2 and up, register by 9/19)

Pawpaw Ice Cream

Sun 9/22, 1 p.m.

Ohio's official state native fruit, the pawpaw, has a unique taste, and one of the best ways to enjoy it is in the form of ice cream! We will learn more about this tree and its life cycle as we turn some of its fruits into ice cream with our own hands. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (\$3/person, register by 9/20)

Historic Schoolhouse Open House

Sun 9/22 & 9/29, 2–5 p.m.

Take a step back in time and catch a glimpse of life in the early 1800s. Visit a historic schoolhouse to explore what early Ohioan life was like. **Shawnee Lookout/ Historic Cabin Area** (✓)

Charley Harper for Little Naturalists

Mon 9/23–Fri 9/27, noon

Bring your little nature artists to create an art project in Charley Harper's very child-friendly style of nature art. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn** (\$3, payable at the door)



Connect

Tue 9/24–Sat 9/28, 10:45 a.m.

How do we fit into nature's puzzle? Learn about relationships among people, plants and animals. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

STEM in the Garden: Gee-Ima-Tree!

Tue 9/24, 3:45–5 p.m.

Arborist looking for young, aspiring math foresters who are willing to answer the question: how tall is that tree? If interested in this mathematical endeavor, please register with Dr. Madeline C. Munsford at **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (\$7.50/child, register by 9/20)

Barnyard Bonanza: Round & Round (the Poop Loop)

Wed 9/25 & Thu 9/26, 9:30 a.m.

This program involves animal contact and sustainability on the farm from manure, to garden, and back again. Package includes a wagon ride and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. For ages 2–5. **Winton Woods/Parky's Farm** (\$13.50/child, register by 9/23)

Pawpaw

Ever seen fruit like this on your walk through the woods? This is a pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), a fruit native to Ohio. Experience its unique taste, and even try it in ice cream at Sharon Woods on September 22!

Nature Night: Bonfire Bash

Thu 9/26, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the end of the Nature Night series with a bonfire bash! Bring your finest s'more materials to toast as you listen to stories, sing fireside songs and are visited by some favorite animal friends from the season. **Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter** (✓)

Friday Night Float

Fri 9/27, 6–7:30 p.m.

Kick off your weekend with an evening kayak float. Participants will gain paddling pointers from American Canoe Association-trained instructors. All equipment provided. Participants must fit properly in provided lifejackets and not exceed 275-pound kayak capacity. For ages 8 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$16/person, register by 9/24)

Animal Tales

Fri 9/27, 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** (✓)

Off Trail at Oak Glen 🦋

Sat 9/28, 8 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Five years after a devastating oil spill, life is beginning to return to Oak Glen. Join a Great Parks nature interpreter on a strenuous off-trail hike to hear the story of this tenacious preserve and to see the beauty of a land reborn. **Oak Glen Nature Preserve** (✓, register by 9/25)

National Public Lands Day

Sat 9/28, 9 a.m.–noon

Join us as we work to improve Parky's Farm for the animals that call it home. From planting wildflowers to removing invasive vines and cleaning up the rain garden, we'll have a fun day of work that will positively impact the land while enhancing the farm for years to come. All ages welcome. **Winton Woods/Parky's Farm** (✓, register by 9/27)

Creepy Critters

Sat 9/28, 9:30 a.m.

Come to Glenwood Gardens for a live animal presentation and then hike the paved loop trail to find some creepy (or not-so-creepy) critters in the wild. **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (✓, part of Great Outdoor Weekend, register by 9/26)

Adventure Outpost Kayaking River Trip 🦋

Sat 9/28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

River Fundamentals class graduates are invited to join American Canoe Association instructors for a day of introductory river skills on one of our scenic local rivers. By the end of this trip, you will eddy turn and peel out like a pro! For ages 14 and up. **Various locations depending on river conditions.** (\$50/person, register by 9/25)

The Great Hunt

Sat 9/28, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Lace up your boots and grab your binoculars as you hit the trail to find signs of wildlife. Meet at the visitor center and return with your evidence by 2 p.m. to claim your prize. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (✓)

Adventure Time at The Summit Center

Sat 9/28, noon–3 p.m.

Come see what the nature center in Roselawn is all about! Live animals, crafts, games and a rock climbing wall will be out for you to experience. Enjoy this free, fun-for-all-ages event and check out the newest nature center in Great Parks of Hamilton County. **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

Hives, Holes & Hideaways

Sat 9/28, 1–3 p.m.

Where do squirrels go when it's time for bed? Do beavers have a living room? How many bees live in the same hive? Join a nature interpreter to learn about different types of animal homes. Then, work together to build your own hideaway in the woods. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓), part of Great Outdoor Weekend

Animals Alive

Sun 9/29, 1 p.m.

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

Historic Schoolhouse Open House

Sun 9/29, 2–5 p.m.

Take a step back in time and catch a glimpse of life in the early 1800s. Visit a historic schoolhouse to explore what early Ohioan life was like. **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin Area** (✓)

Maker Trades: Leather Pounding

Sun 9/29, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

From shoes to belts and more, leather was an essential part of frontier life. Grab a hammer and tools to work your own leather masterpiece. **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin Area** (\$5/craft, payable at the door)

Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Mon 9/30, 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 how you can get involved during this last orientation of the year. For ages 18 and up. **Winton Woods/Winton Centre** (✓), register by 9/28



Give back in a big way!

Did you know that we have volunteers who serve in all sorts of positions around Great Parks? We even have volunteers who assist with our special riders program at Parky's Farm. Don't miss our last Adult Volunteer Orientation for the year on September 30!



CONNECTOR TRAIL

Becky Osinski,
Regional Planning Coordinator

in the Works

Regional Trail to Connect Two Great Parks

Finding opportunities to spend time together outside can often be hard for busy families. One solution is to replace a trip traditionally taken in a car with one along a trail. Trails are a healthier, safer and more enjoyable way to get from one place, or one park, to another.

Great Parks is working on connecting two of its most popular parks by trail: Glenwood Gardens and Winton Woods. Technically the two already adjoin – the back boundaries of the combined 2,890 acres of protected green space are seamless to local wildlife. But when people want to get from one park to the other, they are faced with a 10-minute drive. Great Parks is making that trip easier with a 2.8-mile paved path between the two parks.

This new trail is still in the design phase, so it's not ready to ride on just yet. Between design, funding and construction, the trail is still at least five years from completion. A wide off-road design will give plenty of

room for runners, walkers and bikers to all enjoy the space safely away from cars. The length is ideal for kids, with lots of stops for playgrounds, wildlife viewing and even ice cream along the way. For adults wanting more mileage, the trail can be combined with others nearby. Take a detour around Winton Lake or continue out of Glenwood Gardens onto the West Fork Mill Creek Greenway Trail that travels through Woodlawn and Wyoming.

The Glenwood Gardens to Winton Woods multi-use trail will be a new place to play for people all over the TriState. It's one of many steps Great Parks is taking to better connect communities to each other and to their parks in a way that is safe and fun for everyone.

OCTOBER

Investigate

Tue 10/1–Sat 10/5, 10:45 a.m.

Reveal nature's secrets using detection and clues. Use your senses. Solve a nature mystery. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

Nature Stories

Tue 10/1, 11 a.m.

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

Yoga After Work

Tue 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29, 5:30 p.m.

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

Little Tykes

Wed 10/2, 11 a.m.

It's a nature celebration and you're invited! Learn and play during this end-of-the-season gala. Games, a hike and much more await you. Wear an animal costume or fun hat. For ages 3–6 accompanied by an adult. **Winton Woods/Winton Centre** (✓)

Park After Dark

Thu 10/3–Sat 10/5, 6:30–9 p.m.

When the sun goes down, the park gates normally go up. For three nights, experience the park after dark. See the animals that go bump in the night, explore the forest on a nature hike and enjoy fun games and crafts. Some activities may cost a small fee. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center**

Stars, Sparks & Stories

Fri 10/4, 7–8 p.m.

Come for a family night where we provide the sparks and stories, and your family is the star. Start your night with an interactive campfire full of songs, games and stories. Then, become experts in the stories behind the constellations in an inflatable planetarium. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/ Amphitheater** (✓, register by 10/2)

Off Trail at Oak Glen

Sat 10/5, 9 a.m.

Five years after a devastating oil spill, life is beginning to return to Oak Glen. Join a Great Parks nature interpreter on a strenuous off-trail hike to hear the story of this tenacious preserve and to see the beauty of a land reborn. **Oak Glen Nature Preserve** (✓, register by 10/2)

Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow

Sat 10/5, 10 a.m.–noon

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! Instructors 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 10/2)

Brownie Girl Scout Program: Eco-Friend

Sat 10/5, 10 a.m.–noon & 1–3 p.m.

Get outdoors and explore the wild wonders of Great Parks. From building a safe campfire to being a wildlife steward, jump into becoming an eco-friend. **Mitchell Memorial Forest/Pine Meadow Youth Camp** (\$7.50/person, 1 adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 10/3)

Junior Golf II Lessons

Sat 10/5–Sat 10/26, 11 a.m.–noon

After completing Junior Golf I, juniors ages 7–15 who want to improve specific aspects of their game find this five-week program provides time for in-depth personal

attention to concentrate on individual problems. Lesson package includes videotaping and simulated course situations. Classes are based on ability and not age. Advance registration required. **Winton Woods/ Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$69/person register by 10/3)

Macro Mania

Sat 10/5, noon

Macroinvertebrates (or "macros") may be tiny critters, but they can be very important in determining the health of a stream. Join a nature interpreter collecting and identifying macros in a creek and learn about their role in water quality science. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Gardens of Greater Cincinnati Symposium

Sat 10/5, noon–5 p.m.

Whether you're a master gardener or budding novice, there is something for everyone during this fun-filled day led by some of the top gardening experts in our area. Speakers from several of the Gardens of Greater Cincinnati locations will be covering topics from trees and native plants to gardening challenges. **Glenwood Gardens/Gatehouse** (\$20/person, register by 10/2)

Meet the Critters

Sat 10/5, 1 p.m.

Discover what kinds of animals may live in your own backyard and meet a few up close! **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

Outdoor Archery: Compound Bow Accuracy & Games

Sat 10/5, 1:30–3:30 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 10/2)

Fall Two-Person Scramble

Sun 10/6, 10 a.m. tee times

Two-person teams compete in a scramble format. Open to men, women, seniors and junior golfers. Riding carts are additional. Advance registration required. **Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course** (\$100/team, register by 10/2)

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 10/6, 1–2 p.m.

Winton Woods will be the location for this month's photo walk. Malinda Hartong, photojournalist/instructor will share her techniques

to capture the best pictures with either your smartphone or digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera. No experience necessary. **Winton Woods/Great Oaks Trail** (✓)

Great Parks Nature Photography Club

Sun 10/6, 2–3 p.m.

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. All levels of experience welcome. No photography experience needed! **Winton Woods/Winton Centre** (✓)

Investigate

Tue 10/8–Sat 10/12, 10:45 a.m.

Reveal nature's secrets using detection and clues. Use your senses. Solve a nature mystery. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

All About Turtles

Fri 10/11, 11 a.m.–noon

There are plenty of turtle friends crawling around Miami Whitewater Forest. Bring your children, ages 2–4, to see what's behind the shells of turtles with activities, story time and a craft. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Women in the Outdoors: Backpacking 101

Sat 10/12, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Ready to spend a night out in the wild, but not sure where to start? Our female outdoor instructor will cover everything from pre-trip preparation to gear selection, packing and trail etiquette, to helping you camp overnight right. For ages 12 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$10/person, register by 10/9)

Creepy Nature Hunt

Sat 10/12, 1–3 p.m.

Eek! Mysteries await you in this hunt all about investigating nature under logs, beneath rocks and in the soil. Brave participants will receive a prize upon completion and return of their hunt sheet. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Meditation & Archery

Sat 10/12, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Kick your weekend off with a little R&R: rest & recreation. Join certified instructors on the outdoor archery range to learn quick, easy ways to de-stress with mindfulness and meditation and gain pointers on shooting a compound bow. All equipment is provided. For ages 12 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$20/person, register by 10/9)

Cadet Girl Scout Program: Night Owl

Sat 10/12, 7–9 p.m.

Tiptoe into nature at night to explore the world after dark. With the sun down, discover some crazy nocturnal

animals, test your night senses and get ready for some nighttime festivities. **Mitchell Memorial Forest/Pine Meadow Youth Camp** (\$7.50/person, 1 adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 10/10)

The Dog Days Aren't Yet Over

Sun 10/13, 2 p.m.

Dogs, dog owners and dog lovers are invited to come for a socializing walk along the fitness trail. Learn about the domestication of wolves and what species of wild canids call our area home. Dogs must be on a leash. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 10/13, 3–4 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** (✓)

Ghosts of Nature's Past

Mon 10/14–Sun 10/27, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Experience the creatures that once walked, flew and stalked Hamilton County's forests with creepy crafts, ghastly games and alarming activities for the whole family. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Investigate

Tue 10/15–Sat 10/19, 10:45 a.m.

Reveal nature's secrets using detection and clues. Use your senses. Solve a nature mystery. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

Wee Wonder About Bats

Thu 10/17, 11 a.m.

Come learn about bats! 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: Early American Harvest

Thu 10/17, 1–3 p.m.

Winter is coming ... and the crops need to be harvested. The fall harvest is an important time for the different groups that lived on the Ohio Frontier. Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and parents are invited to dig in and sample autumn flavors. Pre-registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin Area** (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 10/15, or payable at the door while supplies last)

Wee Wonder About Bats

Fri 10/18, 10 a.m.

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

Cincinnati Mineral Society Meeting

Fri 10/18, 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** (✓)

Women in the Outdoors: Outdoor Archery Basic Compound Bow

Sat 10/19, 10 a.m.–noon

Ladies, enjoy the afternoon outdoors while learning the basics of shooting a compound bow, then try out your skills with a little target practice! This program is led by a female instructor and all equipment is provided. Participants must wear closed-toe shoes. For ages 10 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$20/person, register by 10/16)

Black Walnut Weekend

Sat 10/19 & Sun 10/20, noon–4 p.m.

Bring the family to celebrate nature's nuttiest harvest in the Midwest – a rain of walnuts! This event has something for the whole family, including games, crafts, tastings and more. Cincinnati's own band, Jake Speed & The Freddies, will perform on Sunday from 12:30–3:30 p.m. Some activities available for a small fee. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn**

Outdoor Archery: Basic Recurve Bow

Sat 10/19, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! Instructors will guide you through the basics of shooting a recurve 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 10/16)

Investigate

Tue 10/22–Sat 10/26, 10:45 a.m.

Reveal nature's secrets using detection and clues. Use your senses. Solve a nature mystery. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)

STEM in the Garden: Frankenstein's Garden

Tue 10/22, 3:45–5 p.m.

Halloween is just around the corner, and doctors Frankenstein and Munsford have been hard at work in the garden. Explore the world of genetic manipulation and hybridization as we delve into this hot topic. For ages 6–10. **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (\$7.50/child, register by 10/18)

Animal Tales

Fri 10/25, 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** (✓)

Rod-Busting Series

Sat 10/26, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Some of the biggest catfish in the tristate live at Lake Isabella. Two-person teams fish for a six-fish limit. Teams will earn points at each tournament based on their place of finish. The top two teams at each tournament will win prizes. A grand prize will be awarded to the series champions after this event. **Lake Isabella/Boathouse** (\$40/team)

Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River

Sat 10/26, 9 a.m.–noon

Join us for Make a Difference Day! We're one of 22 sites along the Great Miami River from Indian Lake to our very own Shawnee Lookout helping to keep the river clean. Come alone or bring your group to get the litter out of this important waterway. **Shawnee Lookout/Canoe-Kayak Launch** (✓, register by 10/25)

Women in the Outdoors: Stoves & Cooking

Sat 10/26, 9:30–11:30 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 10/23)

Fall Leaves Hike

Sat 10/26, 10 a.m.

Enjoy the changing leaves and learn to identify many of the species we find at Glenwood Gardens! A nature interpreter will lead the hike on the 1-mile paved loop trail through field and forest. **Glenwood Gardens/Gatehouse** (✓, register by 10/24)

Un-Natural Hike

Sat 10/26, 1 p.m.

Take a walk with a Great Parks nature interpreter to discover some strange nature sights on the grounds of the Summit Center. **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

Outdoor Archery: Compound Bow Accuracy & Games

Sat 10/26, 1:30–3:30 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 10/23)

Nature at Night: Pumpkin Hike

Sat 10/26, 6:30 p.m.

Jack-o'-lanterns will light your path as you discover the wonder of nature at night along the Pin Oak Trail. Bring a flashlight and arrive any time between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. for this self-guided hike. A limited number of pumpkin tickets will be

sold for the 8 p.m. jack-o'-lantern drawing. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn**

Myths & Urban Legends

Sat 10/26, 7 p.m.

Join a nature interpreter on a night hike along the Gorge Trail to hear some of Ohio's spookiest legends and learn how they tie in to the park. Stories might be scary, so we recommend ages 10 and up, but parents can use their best discretion. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Trail is uneven terrain. **Sharon Woods/Kreis Dam** (✓)

Creepy Critters

Sun 10/27, 1 p.m.

Characteristics of some animals can be shocking, possibly scary and even zany! Meet a few critters up close to see just why they exhibit odd behaviors and possess certain body parts. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Investigate

Tue 10/29–Sat 11/2, 10:45 a.m.

Reveal nature's secrets using detection and clues. Use your senses. Solve a nature mystery. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5/person)



Looking for a field trip for your students?

Teachers, no need to worry – we have a guide just for you. At greatparks.org/discovery/teachers you'll find a downloadable guide that lists all of our field trip options and the content standards they address. Relax and let us do the teaching for a day!



STAY Kris Roselle, Volunteer Services Manager Grounded

Each year, on the fourth Saturday of September, hundreds of thousands of volunteers from across the country join forces on National Public Lands Day, the largest single-day volunteer effort for America's public lands. Individuals, groups, friends, families and businesses all roll up their sleeves and work side by side to improve public parks, forests, waterways and wildlife habitats. Volunteers plant trees, remove invasive plant species, pick up litter, improve trails and more.

Not only do public sites benefit from National Public Lands Day, you do too. It's a great time to unplug, spend time with family and friends and just enjoy nature. According to the American Heart Association, spending time outdoors has many health benefits including improved cardio vascular health, stress relieve, increased creativity and improved short-term memory. It's also a great time to reconnect with family,

friends and your community.

Great Parks will be celebrating this year's National Public Lands Day with free park entry on September 28 and 29, lots of fun activities and a meaningful volunteer project at Parky's Farm. At Parky's, there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities suitable for all ages and abilities. By volunteering, you will have a positive impact on the environment, on the park and on yourself!

Last year on National Public Lands Day's 25th anniversary, 113,000 volunteers contributed more than 450,000 hours of service at 1,776 public sites across the country. Make this the year you get involved in your public lands. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 28, and visit greatparks.org/volunteer to make a difference.

NOVEMBER

Stars, Sparks & Stories

Fri 11/1, 7–8 p.m.

Come for a family night where we provide the sparks and stories, and your family is the star. Start your night with an interactive campfire full of songs, games and stories. Then, follow your guide on a night hike that will play tricks on your senses.

Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/ Amphitheater (✓, register by 10/30)

Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow for Adults

Sat 11/2, 10 a.m.–noon

This one is just for adults! Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try your skills with a little target practice! Instructors 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 18 and up.

Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost (\$20/person, register by 10/30)

Bear Badge Day: Fur, Feathers, and Ferns

Sat 11/2, 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Attention Cub Scout leaders! Bring your den for interactive activities and nature exploration as we help them

complete the necessary requirements for the Fur, Feathers, and Ferns badge. Dress for the weather. **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 10/31)

Predator vs. Prey

Sat 11/2, 11 a.m.

Get an up-close look at a few predators and prey from our area while we look at the features that aid them in survival. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Birds of Prey

Sat 11/2, 11 a.m.–noon

Have you ever wanted to get a closer look at a hawk or maybe an owl? Well, here's your chance! Come and enjoy some of Ohio's unique birds of prey. Cameras and sketch pads welcome.

Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter (✓)

Meet the Critters

Sat 11/2, 1 p.m.

Discover what kinds of animals may live in your own backyard and meet a few up close! **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

Outdoor Archery: Basic Recurve Bow

Sat 11/2, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! Our instructor will guide you through the basics of shooting a recurve 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 10/30)

Interpreter on the Trail

Sun 11/3, 2–4 p.m.

Meet up with the nature interpreter any time during this nature open house. Bring your nature-related questions and curiosities, and the nature interpreter will share some of the secrets of this unique woodland path. Bring your binoculars and stay a spell. **Winton Woods/Kingfisher Trail** (✓)

Nature Stories

Tue 11/5, 11 a.m.

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

Yoga After Work

Tue 11/5, 11/12, 11/19 & 11/26, 5:30 p.m.

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. This adult, mixed-level class is taught by a certified instructor, so

beginners are welcome, especially those who have never tried yoga.

Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/ Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10/class, payable at the door)

Walk Club 5K

Wed 11/6, 9:30 a.m.

End the season on the right foot with a casual, members-only 5K. Then stay to join us for the Walk Club Finale! **Winton Woods/Winton Centre** (✓, register at by 11/3)

Barnyard Bonanza: Pen Pals

Wed 11/6 & Thu 11/7, 9:30 a.m.

What's your favorite farm animal? This farmyard tour includes a variety of livestock to help you decide! Program includes a wagon ride and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. For ages 2–5. **Winton Woods/Parky's Farm** (\$13.50/child, register by 11/5)

Celebrate

Wed 11/6–Sat 11/9, 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate and rejoice in the changing season. Experience harvest traditions. Show your appreciation for nature. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Walk Club Finale

Wed 11/6, 11 a.m.

Walk Club members and folks ages 50 and up are invited to celebrate the end of the Walk Club season by socializing and getting motivated to stay healthy over the winter! Bring a brown bag lunch and optional healthy holiday potluck dish to share.

Winton Woods/Winton Centre (✓)

All About Leaves

Fri 11/8, 11 a.m.–noon

Jump into a pile of autumn colors in this fun filled program. Bring your children, ages 2–4, as we fall into exciting activities along with story time, followed by a craft. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Cold-Blooded Critters

Fri 11/8, 1 p.m.

Discover survival tactics of animals who must rely on their environment to keep warm and meet a few of these critters up close. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Cincinnati Mineral Society Meeting

Fri 11/8, 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 kids follows a brief business meeting at 8 p.m.

Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (✓)

Fall Bird Walk

Sat 11/9, 9 a.m.

Hike the 1-mile paved loop trail through field, forest and creek habitats. Learn about the birds that frequent Glenwood Gardens and see how many species you can find! Bring binoculars if you have them, or share some of ours. Recommended for ages 8 and up. **Glenwood Gardens/Gatehouse** (✓, register by 11/7)

Junior Girl Scout Program: Detective

Sat 11/9, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

This morning, all the farm animals were innocently sleeping in their homes ... but last night, somebody was up to no good! Visit the crime scene, follow the clues, interview the suspects and use your deductive reasoning to solve the mystery. **Winton Woods/Parky's Farm** (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 11/7)

Women in the Outdoors: Map & Compass

Sat 11/9, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Lost in the wilderness and dehydrated? Not a scenario one wants to experience firsthand. Work with a female instructor to learn how to translate what's on the map to what's underfoot to find your way out of sticky situations. Maps and compasses provided. For ages 12 and up. **Winton Woods/Kingfisher Trail** (\$20/person, register by 11/6)

Brownie Girl Scout Program: Outdoor Adventures

Sat 11/9, 10 a.m.–noon, & 1–3 p.m.

Go on an adventure in a Great Park! While hiking, we'll explore nature and learn how to care for the outdoors. We'll also find a spot to play some outdoor games and learn how to build a lean-to shelter.

Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7.50/person, register by 11/5)

Turkey Day Open

Sat 11/9, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

It's the last fishing tournament of the year! Any and all species of fish will be weighed in at this fun tournament. Prize certificates, trophies and two plump turkeys will be awarded to the winning team. Registration begins one hour before the start of the tournament. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Boathouse** (\$40/team)

Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow

Sat 11/9, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! Instructors 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 11/6)

Thanksgiving on the Ohio Frontier

Sat 11/9, 2–5 p.m.

Step back more than 200 years to celebrate Thanksgiving on the Ohio frontier. Enjoy settler games, crafts and even try samples of period fare. Exchanges between Native Americans and settlers will be portrayed by the Society of Northwest Longhunters throughout the event. Some crafts may cost a small fee. **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin Area**

Early Bird Hike

Sun 11/10, 7:30 a.m.

Rise and shine for an early bird hike around Sharon Woods with a nature interpreter to see which of our feathery friends are out and about. Don't forget your binoculars! **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 11/10, 1–2 p.m.

Spend some time outside today soaking in the peace and beauty of nature and then capture that with either your camera or phone! Join us as photojournalist/instructor, Malinda Hartong shares photography tips for both your smartphone and digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera along the trail. **Shawnee Lookout/Little Turtle Trail** (✓)

Farbach Reads

Sun 11/10, 2 p.m.

Join us for the inaugural meeting for what is sure to be a fabulous gathering of folks to begin this reading club. We'll explore how we would like to go about making this reading club a success. Adults welcome. Bring a snack to share if you like. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn** (✓)

Great Parks Nature Photography Club

Sun 11/10, 2–3 p.m.

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. All levels of experience welcome. No photography experience needed! **Shawnee Lookout/Golf Course** (✓)

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 11/10, 3–4 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** (✓)

Celebrate

Wed 11/13–Sat 11/16, 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate and rejoice in the changing season. Experience harvest traditions. Show your appreciation for nature. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Harper Art Show

Wed 11/13–Sun 11/17,
11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Enjoy viewing and purchasing Harper prints at the annual art show. A free print, titled "Once There was a Field," will be given with the purchase of a framed or unframed print. Featured this year is "Lovey Dovey." Brett Harper will be signing books on 11/16 and 11/17 from 1–3 p.m. Presented by Fabulous Frames & Art. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn**

Wee Wonder About Fall

Thu 11/14, 11 a.m.

Come learn about autumn! 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: Prehistoric Plants & Animals

Thu 11/14, 1–3 p.m.

Millions of years ago, Hamilton County looked quite different with plants and animals that cannot be found today. Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and parents are invited to explore and investigate these prehistoric plants and animals through their fossils. Pre-registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 11/12, or payable at the door while supplies last)

Wee Wonder About Fall

Fri 11/15, 10 a.m.

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

Walk & Wine at Holiday in Lights 🍷

Fri 11/15, 6–8 p.m.

Enjoy a walk through the 1-mile loop of seasonal light displays at your own pace. A wine tasting event with heavy hors d'oeuvres immediately follows. Sample a variety of local wines in your commemorative souvenir wine glass. Must be at least 21 years of age to attend. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (\$40/person, \$75/2 people)

Junior Girl Scout Program: Detective

Sat 11/16, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

This morning, all the farm animals were innocently sleeping in their homes ... but last night, somebody was up to no good! Visit the crime scene, follow the clues, interview the suspects and use your deductive reasoning to solve the mystery. **Winton Woods/Parkey's Farm** (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 11/14)

Outdoor Archery: Intermediate Compound Bow 🏹

Sat 11/16, 10 a.m.–noon

Looking to improve your ability with a compound bow? Aim toward hitting that bullseye more

consistently by further developing your skills. Along with a quick review and practice, we'll refine your technique for a more reliable, accurate shot. Basic Compound Bow is a prerequisite. For ages 10 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$20/person, register by 11/13)

Autumnal Afternoon Sound Walk

Sat 11/16, 1 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the sounds of nature with local composer, Rich Bitting. With sight being our most dominant sense, we expect to "hear" what our eyes are focused on. We will expose our ears to surrounding sounds in a woodland habitat. Moderately hilly and about 1 mile in length. Ages 12 and up. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Off-Trail Hike: Preserve Your Mind

Sat 11/16, 1 p.m.

Adults, join the nature interpreters on an off-trail hike as we explore and discover the restorative power of nature. Come prepared for creek crossings and steep terrain. **Richardson Forest Preserve** (✓, register by 11/14)

Outdoor Archery: Compound Bow Accuracy & Games 🏹

Sat 11/16, 1:30–3:30 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 towards increasing accuracy and test their skills with challenging games. For ages 10 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$22/person, register by 11/13)

Holiday in Lights 5K 🎆

Sat 11/16, 5 p.m.

Bring the family out for some fresh air in November. Run or walk 3.1 miles through the park and the lit-up Holiday in Lights pathway in Sharon Woods. Attendance limited to 1,850 participants. For more information, visit holidayinlights.com. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (Pre-register by 11/14; \$32/person, \$28/child, ages 12 and under; late registration \$37/person, \$30/child, ages 12 and under)

Santaland 🎅

Sat 11/16 5:30–10 p.m., Sun 11/17 6–9 p.m., Fri 11/22 & Sat 11/23, 5:30–10 p.m., Sun 11/24, 6–9 p.m.; nightly 11/29–12/23

After your tour of Holiday in Lights, head inside Sharon Centre for some more holiday magic. Enjoy the family-friendly entertainment, share your wish list with Santa, check out the train display, do some holiday shopping at Nature's Niche and pick up a sweet treat. Visit greatparks.org for full schedule. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Holiday in Lights 🎆

Sat 11/16–Tue 12/31, Sun–Thu, 6–9 p.m. & Fri & Sat, 5:30–10 p.m.

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

Autumn Off-Trail Hike

Sun 11/17, 2 p.m.

Join us for an off-trail fall adventure! Venture into new territory and bask in the beauty of the seasonal colors of fall. Be prepared to travel up and down hills. **Winton Woods/Great Oaks Trail Parking Lot** (✓)

Medicinal Plant Series: Herbs & Teas for the Cold & Flu Season

Sun 11/17, 2–4 p.m.

Explore a wide range of medicinal plants and how they are used to treat cold and flu symptoms. We will develop ideas for remedies you can make on your own and put together a tea to take home! For ages 18 and up. **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (\$20/person, register by 11/14)

Barnyard Bonanza: Pretty Pony

Wed 11/20 & Thu 11/21, 9:30 a.m.

Brush and decorate a real pony with bows, braids and beads! Learn how to care for ponies. Program includes a wagon ride and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. For ages 2–5. **Winton Woods/Parky's Farm** (\$13.50/child, register by 11/18)

Celebrate

Wed 11/20–Sat 11/23, 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate and rejoice in the changing season. Experience harvest traditions. Show your appreciation for nature. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Animal Tales

Fri 11/22, 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** (✓)

Winter Wonderland

Fri 11/22–Sun 11/24, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

It's a celebration of everyone's favorite magical Nordic movie! Enter the nature center that's been transformed into a frozen winter wonderland. Create a troll, walk through a snowstorm and try Nordic foods as you explore the nature and culture of Scandinavia. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Animals Alive

Fri 11/22, 1 p.m.

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

Women in the Outdoors: Backpacking With Bears 🐻

Sat 11/23, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Being one of the largest land mammals in North America, there is reason to respect bears. Join Adventure Outpost instructors for

a hands-on crash course in how to explore the wilderness without attracting the attention of these large animals. For ages 12 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$20/person, register by 11/20)

Webelos Adventure Day

Sat 11/23, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Webelos Cub Scout leaders, this is your chance to complete the Into the Wild Elective Adventure with your den! Join us for a hike and interactive activities, as we spend two hours accomplishing the necessary requirements for this outdoor activity badge. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (\$7.50/scout, register by 11/20)

Turkeybration!

Sat 11/23, 1 p.m.

Make some fun turkey crafts, enter a turkey dance contest and make turkey noises at this fun turkeybration program. **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

Meditation & Hiking

Sat 11/23, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Kick off your weekend 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. For ages 12 and up. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter** (\$20/person, register by 11/20)

Autumn Woods Walk

Sun 11/24, 2 p.m.

Winter is on its way, so take a hike with the nature interpreter to learn all about how plants and animals are getting ready for the colder seasons. Trail contains steps. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

Medicinal Plant Series: Herbs for Cooking & Health

Sun 11/24, 2–4 p.m.

Learn how to grow, harvest, prepare and use herbs and wildflowers in cooking and home remedies. We will explore some common, as well as unusual, uses for these plants and make a special treat for you to take home. For ages 18 and up. **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (\$20/person, register by 11/21)

STEM in the Garden: Hidden Colors

Tue 11/26, 3:45–5 p.m.

Ah fall, birds begin to fly south and animals prepare for winter hibernation. The leaves on trees ... hey wait a minute, what happened to the leaves? Join Dr. Munsford as we answer this question. Prepare to get messy as we experiment on the multicolored leaves at Glenwood Gardens. For ages 6–10. **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (\$7.50/child, register by 11/22)

Celebrate

Wed–Sat 11/27–11/30, 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate and rejoice in the changing season. Experience harvest traditions. Show your appreciation for nature. Daily programs vary. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Holiday in Lights: Santa Paws 🐾

Wed 11/27, 6–9 p.m.

Enjoy a leisurely stroll with your pet through this 1-mile trail of seasonal lights featuring more than 120 gleaming holiday figures. Don't forget to get a souvenir keepsake photo of your pet with Santa. **Sharon Woods** (\$5/person, photos \$8/each)

Nature's Niche "Sale-A-Bration"

Fri 11/29–Sun 12/1, times vary by location

This event celebrates Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Museum Store Sunday. Sales totaling \$25, will receive a 15% discount and sales totaling \$50 or more will receive a 20% discount. Items not discountable include Charley Harper, bird seed, MVPs and gift certificates. Find store hours at greatparks.org. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve, Glenwood Gardens & Sharon Woods**

Thanksgiving Classic

Fri 11/29, 10 a.m. shotgun start

Enjoy the holiday with family and friends in this four-player modified scramble. Teams play from all four sets of tee markers with challenging pin placements. Entry fee includes golf, carts, coffee, juice, tee gift, contests, skins game and individual shootout. Registration and range balls available 8:30–10 a.m. Advance registration required. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Golf Course** (\$240/team, register by 11/15)

Opt Outside: Tomahawk Throwing 🪓

Fri 11/29, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

While you're exploring the historic landmarks at Shawnee Lookout, try your hand at this popular, fast-growing sport. Learn the proper techniques and see if you can get your tomahawk to stick! **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Cabin Area** (✓)

Opt Outside: Pioneer Fun & Games

Fri 11/29, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Jump and skip with stilts and hoops as you join forces with pioneer students, who are trying 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/Historic Cabin Area** (✓)



Learn how to throw a tomahawk like a pro at Shawnee Lookout!

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Alicia Culman,
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Donors, volunteers, staff and you — 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.

The story of Great Parks Forever began in 1930, when the visionary mayor of Cincinnati, Murray Seasongood, spearheaded an effort to create a county park district. Inspiration struck after a visit to Cleveland that included a tour of the city's new metroparks. Mayor Seasongood brought home the idea of preserving rural areas. This may seem like a no-brainer now, but at the time, America was only about 20 years into the conservation movement that was sweeping through industrialized cities. Protecting rural land outside city limits was an incredibly forward-thinking idea.

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create a legacy that would live well beyond them. Parks and conservation areas often retained the names of their benefactors, such as Mitchell Memorial Forest, Richardson Forest Preserve, Francis RecreAcres, Otto Armleder Memorial Park and Withrow Nature Preserve. Other land and financial donations of all sizes left a quieter legacy for their donors, but no less significant to our early conservation promise.

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3455 Poole Road, Colerain Twp., 45251

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50 Thornton Avenue, Cincinnati, 45233

Francis RecreAcres

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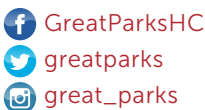
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