

Winter 2019-2020

EVENTS GUIDE

Read all about our
New *Nature Center!*



EXPLORE THE GREAT Indoors

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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.

Though visiting a park in winter may not be the first family activity that comes to mind, it's easy to beat the winter blues at Great Parks' newest nature center located in Roselawn. Nature Center at The Summit is your destination for hands-on crafts, nature-themed activities and live animal experiences.

Immerse yourself in the great indoors while still learning about the great outdoors. Join Great Parks nature interpreters this winter for free programs and events at Nature Center at The Summit. These programs aren't just for kids – come learn about nature's poop superstars or create your own photograph using the sun. Don't have Valentine's Day plans? Adults are invited to learn all about the love connections Ohio animals make. Looking for something more adventurous? Come to Nature Center at The Summit on February 28 to try some exotic

cuisine: insects. Or, help beautify the forest in Roselawn on January 18 when we create one giant piece of artwork made entirely from natural materials.

If laid-back events are more your style, stop by Nature Center at The Summit during open house hours, where you can touch animal pelts, climb into a tent and hear forest sounds, build an eagle's nest and more. Great Parks' newest animal ambassadors also call this nature center home. Say hello to a toad, snake, turtle and other local wildlife during your visit.

The nature center's open house hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

DECEMBER

Celebrate

Sun 12/1, 1 p.m.

Celebrate and rejoice in the changing season. Experience harvest traditions. Show your appreciation for nature. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Medicinal Plant Series: Advanced Herbalism

Sun 12/1, 2–4 p.m.

Already familiar with the basics of medicinal plants and how they are used? Then come and explore the arts and science of herbalism further. We will take a deeper look at various herbal preparations and their uses. You will even get to make an herbal craft to take home! For ages 18 and up. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (\$20/person, register by 11/28)

Holiday in Lights

Sun 12/1–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)

Santaland

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

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. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)



Winter Hike Series Registration Opens

Mon 12/2, 8 a.m.

Join challenging hikes, ranging in distance from 4–5.5 miles at different parks. Each hike starts at 10 a.m. on a Saturday and concludes with a hot, hearty bowl of soup and plenty of camaraderie. Sign up for one, several or the whole series! Spots fill up fast and registration is first come, first served. First timer? Check out the program Winter Hiking 101 on page 8. (\$9/person per hike, ages 12 & up; free for children under 12, must be accompanied by a paying adult; register by 12/20)

Jan 4

Winton Woods
Chicken noodle soup

Jan 11

Sharon Woods
Chicken and wild rice soup

Jan 18

Woodland Mound
Vegetable beef barley soup

Jan 25

Shawnee Lookout
Chili soup and crackers

Feb 1

Miami Whitewater Forest
Bean soup with cornbread

Story Time in the Forest

Mon 12/2, noon

Families are encouraged to attend a nature-themed story under the branches of the Summit Center Tree. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Nature Stories

Tue 12/3, 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 12/3, 12/10 & 12/17, 5:30 p.m.

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

Celebrate Nature Story Time

Wed 12/4, 10:45 a.m.

Celebrate and rejoice in the changing season by listening to a nature story. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (✓)

All Aboard!

Thu 12/5–Sat 12/7, 10:45 a.m. & Sun 12/8, 1 p.m.

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[Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

"Polar Express" Storytelling With Santa

Fri 12/6, 12/13 & 12/20, 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Santa Claus will be stopping at Highfield Discovery Garden to read "The Polar Express." Each child will receive their own copy of the book to take home and have a visit with Santa. Families are invited to visit Highfield Discovery Garden to see the Schott Train Display. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Reservations required. [Glenwood Gardens/Gardenview Room](#) (\$9/person)

Holiday Music Performance

Fri 12/6, 7 p.m.

Enjoy live performances of festive holiday music by local groups. At this performance, enjoy the tunes of Cincinnati Dulcimer Society, followed by the Cardinal String Project. [Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn](#) (✓)

Annual Winter Bird Count

Sat 12/7, 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Bring your binoculars, bundle up and head out to a Great Park for the whole day or just a portion of the time. Then, head back to Winton Centre Auditorium at 4 p.m. for the grand tally. [All parks](#) (✓, register by 12/4)

Webelos Adventure Day

Sat 12/7, 10 a.m.

Webelos Cub Scout leaders, this is your chance to complete the Into the Woods 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/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 12/6)

Keeping Warm With Birds of Prey

Sat 12/7, 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy hot chocolate as you explore how Ohio's raptors stay toasty even in the coldest of wintery blizzards. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Exhibit

Sat 12/7–Sun 12/8 & Sat 12/14–Sun 12/15, 12:30–4:30 p.m.

Come and see the beautiful sights captured by the Great Parks Nature Photo Club members this year. The photographs will be on exhibit during the barn's open hours. A reception with light refreshments and the photographers will be held December 8 at 1 p.m. [Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn](#) (✓)

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Sun 12/8, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Come out and explore Miami Whitewater Forest during the quieter time of year. While others are staying indoors, stretch your legs with a scavenger hunt. Explore to find all of the interesting things happening in nature during this season. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Cadette Girl Scouts: Trees

Sun 12/8, 1 p.m.

Winter is a great time to learn about trees! Cadette Girl Scouts are invited to come learn all about these skyscrapers of the forest through hands-on activities and a hike. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 12/6)

Yoga After Work

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Holiday Music Performance

Fri 12/13, 7 p.m.

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

Winter Hiking 101

Sat 12/14, 10 a.m.

Before hitting the trails with the Winter Hike Series, join Adventure Outpost staff for an indoor presentation about winter hiking preparation and tips to help ensure an enjoyable experience in the great outdoors ... even in cold temperatures and potential precipitation. Let's get ready to hike and meet some new friendly folks! [Winton Woods/Winton Centre Auditorium](#) (✓)

Junior Girl Scouts: Geocacher

Sat 12/14, 9–11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Do you like adventure? How about buried treasure? Perhaps you like seeing new things or going to new places. Geocaching might be the game for you! Sign up your troop for this real life scavenger hunt, find hidden caches, make swag, start a travel bug and even earn a badge. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (\$7.50/person, two leaders free, register by 12/12)

Sensory Overload

Sat 12/14 & Sun 12/15, noon–2 p.m.

Animals hone into their sensory toolbox to outcompete peers, avoid predation and occupy prime territories in their habitat. Experience sensory activities at your own pace during these self-guided, interactive stations set up to mimic unique survival adaptations used in nature. You'll even meet a few animal survivalists during your visit. [Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center](#) (✓)

Victorian Holiday Dinner

Sat 12/14, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m. seating times

Share in the true spirit of the season. Enjoy a traditional tale and caroling performance blended with a four-course buffet meal. Victorian carolers will perform favorite Christmas songs, along with a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Reservations are required. [Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center](#) (\$28.95/person)

Farbach Reads

Sun 12/15, 12/29, 1/12, 1/26 & 2/9, 2 p.m.

Join us for a meeting of the book club. Purchase a book or borrow one from the library. Hang out by the fire, enjoy a tasty snack and share in good conversation. Adults welcome. Bring a snack to share if you like. Call 513-385-4811 for each meeting's book title. [Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn](#) (✓)

STEM in the Garden: The Science of Sauerkraut

Tue 12/17, 3:45–5 p.m.

Nothing beats a hot dog with tasty sauerkraut, but how does cabbage get that way? You'll be surprised to learn the science involved. Explore this ancient cooking technique and find out what sauerkraut and humans have in common. You might even get to make some yourself! For ages 6–10. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (\$7.50/child, register by 12/13)

Yoga After Work

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Barnyard Bonanza: Holiday on the Farm

Wed 12/18 & Thu 12/19, 9:30 a.m.

Make Christmas treats for the farm animals. Walk the farm and sing carols to the animals while they enjoy their snacks. Program includes time in Parky's Playbarn and a snack. For ages 2–5. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$13.50/child, register by 12/16)

All Aboard!

Wed 12/18–Sat 12/21, 10:45 a.m. & Sun 12/22, 1 p.m.

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Animal Tales

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Winter Solstice Star Gazing

Sat 12/21, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

On the shortest day and longest night of the year, experience the stars in the comfort of the great indoors. Learn how to identify a selection of constellations and then make your own twinkling star craft! [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓, register by 12/20)

Are Reindeer Really Real?

Sat 12/21 & Sun 12/22, 2:30 p.m.

Reindeer are real animals, but can they really fly? Learn about reindeer and their closely related kin, including their local cousins, the white-tailed deer. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (✓)

Winter Solstice Hike

Sat 12/21, 3–5 p.m.

Experience the winter solstice through different cultures' folklores, celebrations and stories. Then stroll through a beautiful winter forest to celebrate the shortest day of the year. [Shawnee Lookout/Blue Jacket Trailhead](#) (✓)

Walk the Lights 🎄

Thu 12/26, 6–9 p.m.

Come see Holiday in Lights on foot! Enjoy the lights during this family-fun night, where the road will be closed to vehicle traffic. No coupons accepted during this event, however, free passes are accepted. Kids ages 3 and under are free. Dogs on leashes are welcome. [Sharon Woods](#) (\$5/person)

All Aboard!

Wed 12/26–Sat 12/28, 10:45 a.m. & Sun 12/29, 1 p.m.

Grab your conductor's cap and make tracks to Highfield Discovery Garden! Explore and participate in train activities and enjoy the winter train display. Daily activities vary. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Winter Break: Family Adventure Quest 🦋

Fri 12/27, 10 a.m.–noon

Put on your parka and grab your mittens, we are hitting the trail! Put your heads together to see if you can decode our trailside mystery. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter](#) (✓)

Frosty Fun

Sat 12/28 & Sun 12/29, noon–3 p.m.

Create winter-themed crafts and take part in self-guided activities for the whole family. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Farbach Reads

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DECEMBER 2019



Spring Wedding Season is Coming!

Have your best day ever with us at Mill Race Banquet Center. With sweeping views of the surrounding golf course and a staff dedicated to meeting your needs, there's no better place to have your wedding. Save your date with us at greatparks.org/millraceweddings.



A PLAN FOR Every Park

Becky Osinski,
Regional Planning Coordinator

At 89 years old, you might not think Great Parks of Hamilton County would have many “firsts” left. But, in early 2019, the park district did something we’ve never done before: created a Comprehensive Master Plan. Drawing together a shared vision from the public, partners and staff, the plan is a high-level document that will guide Great Parks for the next 10 years. Now, Great Parks is working on a detailed roadmap of how to achieve that vision.

Where the Comprehensive Master Plan looked across all Great Parks, the Park and Facility Master Plans will look at each park in detail. The final product will include an illustrative master plan for each park with recommendations for specific improvements and programs. Assessing 21 parks and preserves that span nearly 18,000 acres across the county, this process will take approximately two years to complete.

The Park and Facility Master Plan process is already underway! As someone who lives in or visits Hamilton

County, your ideas and experience are essential to understanding the needs of our community. Research and public input for Great Parks in the west region of Hamilton County began in September 2019, with the central and eastern region parks to follow in spring and summer 2020. Join us to share your ideas and be a part of the history – and future – of your Great Parks!

To sign up for project updates and learn how you can get involved in the Park and Facility Master Plans, visit mygreatparks.com.

JANUARY

All Aboard!

Thu 1/2–Sat 1/4, 10:45 a.m. & Sun 1/5, 1 p.m.

Grab your conductor's cap and make tracks to Highfield Discovery Garden! Explore and participate in train activities and enjoy the winter train display. Daily activities vary. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Winter Hike Series: Winton Woods

Sat 1/4, 10 a.m.

Get outside and away from distractions this winter. Come together during the annual Winter Hike Series for a challenging hike that ventures through Winton Woods. Hike concludes with a hot, hearty bowl of chicken noodle soup and plenty of camaraderie. Registration required. [Winton Woods](#) (\$9/person per hike, ages 12 & up; free for children under 12, must be accompanied by a paying adult)

Senior Girl Scouts: Starry Skies

Sat 1/4, 10 a.m.

Senior Girl Scouts have the opportunity to observe the night sky in an inflatable, indoor planetarium while working toward their Senior Sky Badge. We will examine ways to keep the skies safe and people's

connections with the skies and beyond. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 1/3)

Spring Training for Backpacking: Get Ready

Sat 1/4, 10 a.m.–noon

It's cold and dreary outside, so let's start planning ahead and preparing for spring. Learn pre-backpacking trip tips, fit your backpack to your body and hike 1.5 miles. Bring a fully loaded backpack to begin your spring conditioning. For ages 12 and up. [Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost](#) (\$10/person, register by 1/1)

Daisy Girl Scouts: Space Science Explorer

Sun 1/5, 1 p.m.

Daisy Girl Scouts are invited to explore the sun, moon and stars at Sharon Woods. We'll step outside for activities in the sun and then go inside to observe the night sky in the inflatable, indoor planetarium. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 1/3)

Story Time in the Forest

Mon 1/6, noon

Families are encouraged to attend a nature-themed story under the branches of the Summit Center Tree. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Nature Stories

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Yoga After Work

Tue 1/7, 1/14, 1/21 & 1/28, 5:30 p.m.

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

Ignite

Wed 1/8, 10:45 a.m.

Spark your imagination and get fired up for the New Year! Marvel at the moon and stars, be captivated by the birds that brighten backyards and let nature inspire you to try something new. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Ignite

Thu 1/9–Sat 1/11, 10:45 a.m.

Spark your imagination and get fired up for the New Year! Marvel at the moon and stars, be captivated by the birds that brighten backyards and let nature inspire you to try something new. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

All About Stars

Fri 1/10, 11 a.m.–noon

Bring your 2–4 year olds and get lost in stellar constellations. 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)

Owl Moon Hike

Fri 1/10, 6–7:30 p.m.

Begin the evening with a reading of the beautiful story of a girl and her father in search of owls. Continue the adventure on our paved trails while we search for the owls of Glenwood Gardens in the light of the full moon. Flashlights recommended. Dress for the weather. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (✓, register by 1/8)

Winter Hike Series: Sharon Woods

Sat 1/11, 10 a.m.

Get outside and away from distractions this winter. Come together during the annual Winter Hike Series for a challenging hike that ventures through Sharon Woods. Hike concludes with a hot, hearty bowl of chicken and wild rice soup and plenty of camaraderie. Registration required. [Sharon Woods](#) (\$9/person per hike, ages 12 & up; free for children under 12, must be accompanied by a paying adult)

Winter Hibernation Hike

Sat 1/11, noon

Take a walk with a nature interpreter to find signs of animals and learn what happens to nature during these cold days. We will be outside, so please dress for the weather.

[Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Cool Winter Wilderness Cribbs

Sat 1/11, noon–2 p.m.

Winters in Ohio can be as harsh as they come! Avoid those roadside potholes and join Great Parks nature interpreters as we investigate how we can survive the cold winters by creating our own animal-like wilderness shelters. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Adventure Skills Series: Day Hike Essentials 🦋

Sat 1/11, 1–3 p.m.

Don't let winter keep you indoors! Join a Leave No Trace instructor on the trail to discover the 10 essentials for day hiking. Dress for the weather, bring water and bring your favorite trail snack. For ages 12 and up. [Shawnee Lookout/Miami Fort Trailhead](#) (\$10/person, register by 1/8)

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Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 1/12, 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](#) (✓)

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Barnyard Bonanza: Barnyard Friends Puppet Show

Wed 1/15 & Thu 1/16, 9:30 a.m.

Meet some barnyard friends through a puppet show and discover a unique trait that makes each of them special. Afterward, greet real barnyard critters, all in the great indoors! Program includes time to play in Parky's Playbarn and a snack. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$13.50/child, register by 1/13)

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Home-School Science West: Do You Know the Way?

Thu 1/16, 1–3 p.m.:

You're lost in the woods with only a compass and a map, but wait, how do you use a compass? Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and their families are invited to learn the important skill of compass reading though the fun sport of orienteering. Pre-registration encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (\$7.50/person, pre-registration closes 1/14, or pay at the door, while supplies last)

Beginners Woodcarving Class

Thu 1/16 & Thu 1/23 (I), 6:30–9 p.m. or Sat 1/18 & Sat 1/25 (II), 9 a.m.–noon

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

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Spring Training for Backpacking: On the Road Again 🦋

Sat 1/18, 10 a.m.–noon

Get those legs ready for your spring backpacking trips. Adventure Outpost instructors will teach about backcountry campsite selection and lead you on a 2.6-mile hike. Bring a fully loaded backpack to begin (or continue) your spring conditioning. For ages 12 and up. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Overlook](#) (\$10/person, register by 1/15)

Wonderful Winter Weekend Exhibit

Sat 1/18 & Sun 1/19, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Animals are hard to spot during the winter months. Where do they all go? Everyone is invited to learn about where animals go during the coldest period of the year and how they survive this tough time. Play winter-themed games and activities. Complete a craft for a small fee. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Step Into the Ice Age

Sat 1/18–Mon 1/20, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

What would it feel like to walk 20,000 years into the past? Find out as the nature interpreters transform the nature station into a Pleistocene forest, take part in ice age crafts and touch a real mammoth leg bone. Sensory friendly hour from 10–11 a.m. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Winter Weave

Sat 1/18, 2 p.m.

Come together as we use natural materials collected right outside our doors to weave a wall hanging design to take home. Contribute to one giant art piece that will be left to decorate the forest right here in Roselawn. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

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Canoeing the Boundary Waters

Tue 1/21, 7 p.m.

Explore the Boundary Water of northern Minnesota and southwestern Ontario. Williams and Hall Outfitters of Ely, Minnesota will guide you through the wonder of the 2 million-acre wilderness. Through this presentation, we'll explore the area and the specifics of how to set up a trip into this unique Northwood area. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Ignite

Wed 1/22–Sat 1/25, 10:45 a.m.

Spark your imagination and get fired up for the New Year! Marvel at the moon and stars, be captivated by the birds that brighten backyards and let nature inspire you to try something new. Daily programs vary. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Wee Wonder About Snowflakes

Thu 1/23, 11 a.m.

Come learn about snowflakes! 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 Snowflakes

Fri 1/24, 11 a.m.

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

Winter Hike Series: Shawnee Lookout

Sat 1/25, 10 a.m.

Get outside and away from distractions this winter. Come together during the annual Winter Hike Series for a challenging hike that ventures through Shawnee Lookout. Hike concludes with a hot, hearty bowl of chili and crackers and plenty of camaraderie. Registration required. [Shawnee Lookout](#) (\$9/person per hike, ages 12 & up; free for children under 12, must be accompanied by a paying adult)

Webelos Adventure Day

Sat 1/25, 10 a.m.

Webelos Cub Scout leaders, this is your chance to complete the Geology Rocks 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/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 1/24)

Sun Printing

Fri 1/25, noon

Come learn about original photography without even using a camera! Learn the process called cyanotyping and then make your own nature prints to take home. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Adventure Skills Series: Survival Basics

Sat 1/25, 1–3 p.m.

Join an Adventure Outpost instructor for this indoor/outdoor opportunity to discuss priorities and essentials for survival. We will explore some items you can carry with you, skills to help you survive and the importance of improvising to improve your situation. For ages 12 and up. [Winton Woods/Winton Centre Auditorium](#) (\$10/person, register by 1/22)

Mystery Dinner Series: Blood of the Vampire 🧛

Sat 1/25, 6:30 p.m.

Beware! There are vampires among us. Will bad blood disrupt this secret ceremony of initiation? 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)

Up & Moving Nature Games

Sun 1/26, 12:30 p.m.

Baby it's cold outside, but we won't let that stop our fun! Bring the whole family to get some energy out and learn about nature with several recess-style games. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Farbach Reads

Sun 1/26 & 2/9, 2 p.m.

Join us for a meeting of the book club. Purchase a book or borrow one from the library. Hang out by the fire, enjoy a tasty snack and share in good conversation. Adults welcome. Bring a snack to share if you like. Call 513-385-4811 for each meeting's book title. [Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn](#) (✓)

Yoga After Work

Tue 1/28, 5:30 p.m.

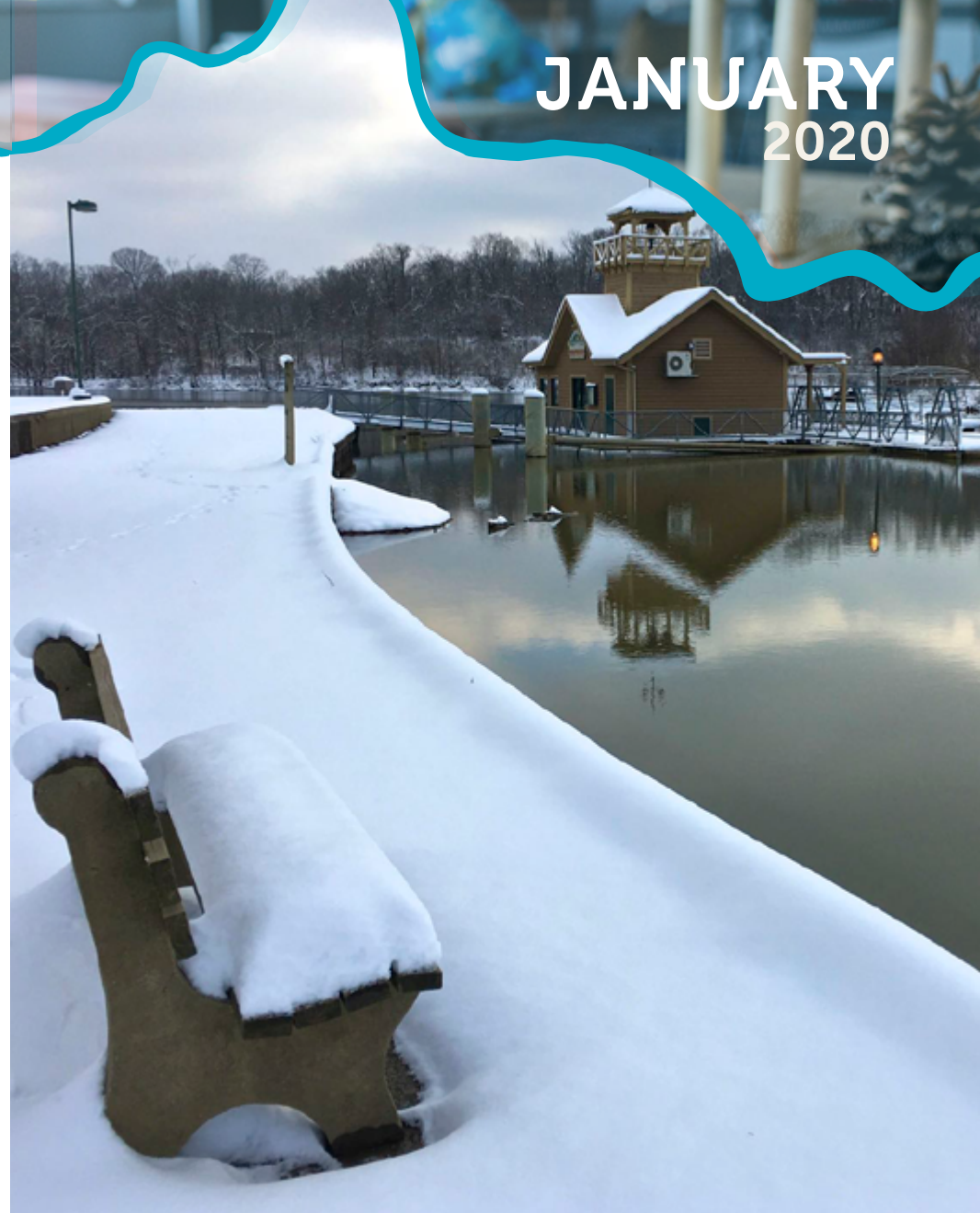
Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. Held rain or shine, this restorative yoga class is an adult, mixed-level class, taught by a certified instructor. Beginners are welcome, especially those who have never tried yoga. [Farbach-Werner Nature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

Ignite

Wed 1/29–Sat 2/1, 10:45 a.m.

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We Love Your Snow Photos!

Take a beautiful pic in one of your favorite parks this winter? Make sure to tag us on Instagram or share it with us on Facebook.

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SEE YA LATER, *Winter Blues*

Winter is most commonly known as a time to hibernate, do some self-nurturing and escape the winter brrrr. This makes the season a perfect time for self-reflection, assessing your previous year's goals and possibly making some new goals for the upcoming year.

If you discover you want to spend more time outdoors, build new relationships, learn something new or make a positive difference in your community, why not consider volunteering? It hits all of these things and it's easy to get started. Once you take these few quick steps, we promise you will immediately feel the winter blues begin to melt away.

Step 1. Visit greatparks.org/get-involved/volunteer

Step 2. Complete an online volunteer application.

Step 3. Sign up and attend an in-person orientation.

Step 4. Complete your online training.

Step 5. Start volunteering!

When you're ready to come out of winter hibernation, Great Parks is here to help you with your volunteer goals. Together, we can make parks a better place for you, the community and generations to come.

Kris Roselle,
Volunteer Services Manager

FEBRUARY

Junior Girl Scout Program: Playing the Past

Sat 2/1, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Jump into life in the early 1800s. Go to school, complete your farm chores, play some pioneer games and get ready to dance your shoes off in this blast from the past. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 1/30)

Winter Hike Series: Miami Whitewater Forest

Sat 2/1, 10 a.m.

Get outside and away from distraction this winter. Come together during the Annual Winter Hike Series for a challenging hike that ventures through Miami Whitewater Forest. Hike concludes with a hot, hearty bowl of bean soup and cornbread and plenty of camaraderie. Registration required. [Miami Whitewater Forest](#) (\$9/person per hike, ages 12 & up; free for children under 12, must be accompanied by a paying adult)

Spring Training for Backpacking: Blowing in the Wind

Sat 2/1, 10 a.m.–noon

Ever found toilet paper stuck to your shoe after leaving the restroom? Imagine how bears feel

when this happens to them in the wilderness. Learn how to leave no trace while backpacking and enjoy a 3.5-mile hike. Bring a fully loaded backpack for spring conditioning. For ages 12 and up. [Withrow Nature Preserve/Highwood Lodge](#) (\$10/person, register by 1/29)

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Sat 2/1 & Sun 2/2, noon–3 p.m.

Bundle up and brave the cold for a scavenger hunt throughout Sharon Woods. Solve all of the clues and then return to Sharon Centre for a warm cup of hot cocoa. Bring your own mug. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Story Time in the Forest

Mon 2/3, noon

Families are encouraged to attend nature-themed story under the branches of the Summit Center Tree. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Nature Stories

Tue 2/4, 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 2/4, 2/11, 2/18 & 2/25, 5:30 p.m.

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

Wonder

Wed 2/5–Sat 2/8, 10:45 a.m.

Be curious, ask questions, ponder the earth and sky and cherish winter's delights. Explore snow and ice, discover what animals do in winter and make your own candy. Daily programs vary. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

A Cold Winter's Night Hike

Fri 2/7, 6 p.m.

Join us for a brisk hike through nature at night with a near full moon. Enjoy night activities along the trail as we listen for creatures braving winter's cold. Maybe a great horned owl will even make an appearance! [Richardson Forest Preserve](#) (✓, register by 2/4)

Junior Girl Scout Program: Playing the Past

Sat 2/8, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Jump into life in the early 1800s. Go to school, complete your farm chores, play some pioneer

games and get ready to dance your shoes off in this blast from the past. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 2/6)

The Scoop on Poop

Sat 2/8, noon

Everybody poops! Come learn about some poop superstars in nature and what happened to scat when it's outside. We will meet a couple of animals who are subject matter experts. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Adventure Skills Series: Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop

Sat 2/8, noon–3 p.m.

Join our Leave No Trace instructor for an indoor/outdoor workshop about Leave No Trace principles and practices. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast, teacher, scout leader or outdoor club leader, this workshop is for you. Let's get ready to enjoy the great outdoors in 2020! For ages 18 and up. [Winton Woods/Winton Centre Auditorium](#) (\$20/person, register by 2/5)

Supermoon: Super Night Hike 🦉

Sat 2/8, 6–7:30 p.m.

Tread lightly and mind your chatter on this moonlit hike. Explore the park after dark, test your senses and immerse yourselves in the sounds of a world shrouded in darkness.

[Fernbank Park/Lee Shelter](#) (✓)

Mystery Dinner Series: Neverland, Nowhereland 🐼

Sat 2/8, 6:30 p.m.

Tinkerbell has met her untimely demise. How far is someone willing to go to get her magic pixie dust? 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)

Let's Explore Scavenger Hunt

Sun 2/9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Come and explore Fernbank Park in an adventurous outdoor extravaganza. While others are staying indoors, stretch your legs with a scavenger hunt. Explore to find all of the interesting things happening in nature during this time.

[Fernbank Park/Lee Shelter](#) (✓)

Farbach Reads

Sun 2/9, 2 p.m.

Join us for a meeting of the book club. Purchase a book or borrow one from the library. Hang out by the fire, enjoy a tasty snack and share in good conversation. Adults welcome. Bring a snack to share if you like. Call 513-385-4811 for each meeting's book title.

[Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn](#) (✓)

Maple at Glenwood

Sun 2/9, 2–4 p.m.

Join a nature interpreter along the Garden Loop Trail to learn the value maple trees had for early colonists, from financial freedom to sweetening tea. Knowledge learned from Native Americans and hard work has propelled this tree to become a sweet natural resource.

See sap being boiled and taste some real maple syrup! [Glenwood Gardens/Garden Loop Trail](#) (✓)

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 2/9, 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](#) (✓)

Yoga After Work

Tue 2/11, 2/18 & 2/25, 5:30 p.m.

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

Barnyard Bonanza: Pretty Pony

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

Brush and decorate a real pony with bows, braids and beads! Learn how to care for ponies. Program includes time in Parky's Playbarn and a snack. For ages 2–5. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$13.50/child, register by 2/9)

Wonder

Wed 2/12–Sat 2/15, 10:45 a.m.

Be curious, ask questions, ponder the earth and sky and cherish winter's delights. Explore snow and ice, discover what animals do in winter and make your own candy. Daily programs vary. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

All About Animal Friendships

Fri 2/14, 11 a.m.–noon

Everyone needs a pal they can count on through thick and thin. Bring your children, ages 2–4, to see how animals can form those close bonds too. There will be fun activities, story time and a craft to follow. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (\$7.50/child, payable at the door)

Love Connections

Fri 2/14, 5 p.m.

Local animals are getting ready for spring – this goes beyond the birds and the bees! Come learn about the mating season in Ohio, while sipping on nature-inspired mocktails for this 18 and up program. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Maple in the Moonlight

Fri 2/14, 7–9 p.m.

Adults, kick off the maple season with the chance to play in the park after dark. Hike the trail and

then warm yourself by the fire to experience the journey of bringing maple syrup to your table. Make a maple syrup-inspired project to take home while enjoying maple tastings and local music. [Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn](#) (\$10/person, register by 2/10)

Great Backyard Bird Count

Sat 2/15, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Help count the birds found in Great Parks! At this annual citizen science event, help researchers learn about changes in bird movement and populations. We will meet at the Cotswold Overlook and walk roughly 2.5 miles along the paved trail and gravel trail. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Overlook](#) (✓)

Junior Girl Scout Program: Playing the Past

Sat 2/15, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Jump into life in the early 1800s. Go to school, complete your farm chores, play some pioneer games and get ready to dance your shoes off in this blast from the past. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 2/13)

Spring Training for Backpacking: Let It Be 🦋

Sat 2/15, 10 a.m.–noon

The wilderness is full of unimaginable sights and sounds, and neat little treasures we would like to remember forever. Join our outdoor instructors to learn how to take only pictures and leave only footprints. Bring a fully loaded backpack for our 4-mile spring conditioning. For ages 12 and up. [Winton Woods/Kestrel Point Shelter](#) (\$10/person, register by 2/12)

Nature Myth Busters

Sat 2/15, 11a.m.–noon

Prepare yourself to have your mind blown and legends busted. Can a snapping turtle really bite off your finger? Are March hares actually mad? Join the nature interpreters and some animal friends as we debunk some of nature's most popular myths. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Nature of Video Games

Sat 2/15–Mon 2/17, 2 p.m.

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

My Great Park in Pictures

Sun 2/16, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

We will walk around the lakes as the sun sets. 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. [Campbell Lakes Preserve](#) (✓)

Kids' Maple Day at the Park

Mon 2/17, 11 a.m.

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

Yoga After Work

Tue 2/18 & 2/25, 5:30 p.m.

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

Wonder

Wed 2/19–Sat 2/22, 10:45 a.m.

Be curious, ask questions, ponder the earth and sky and cherish winter's delights. Explore snow and ice, discover what animals do in winter and make your own candy. Daily programs vary. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.50/person)

Home-School Science West: Mudslingers

Thu 2/20, 1–3 p.m.

Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and their families are invited to join us for a silly debate between two politicians from the 1800s. Learn about the hot topics of early American life. Participate in the debate and decide who wins it all. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 2/18, or payable at the door)

Animal Tales

Fri 2/21, 11 a.m.

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

Make it a Big Year: Bird Hike

Sat 2/22, 9–11 a.m.

Grab your binoculars and your birding buddies and ready yourself for a birding adventure. Hike the trails and lake to see if you can find a dark-eyed junco or maybe even a snowy owl! [Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter](#) (✓)

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Sat 2/22, 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, Parky's Farm and much more. For ages 14–18. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (✓, register by 2/21)

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

Sat 2/22, 9 a.m., 11:30 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/Parky's Farm](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 2/20)

Maple Sugar Days

Sat 2/22 & Sun 2/23, noon–4 p.m.

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

Adventure Skills Series: Winter Trails & Target Practice 🦋

Sat 2/22, 1–3:30 p.m.

Experience a new way to exercise and enjoy the outdoors in winter with this version of a biathlon! Warm up with a short hike before giving archery a shot. An archery instructor will guide you through the basics of shooting a compound bow. All equipment is provided. For ages 12 and up. [Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost](#) (\$20/person, register by 2/19)

**Mystery Dinner Series:
Wedding Waterloo** 🍷

Sat, 2/22, 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 will today be 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)

Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Mon 2/24, 6–9 p.m.

Are you interested in wildlife habitats, 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 2/22)

Yoga After Work

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Wee Wonder About Maple Sugar

Thu 2/27, 11 a.m.

Come learn about maple sugar! 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 Maple Sugar

Fri 2/28, 11 a.m.

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

Bug Appétit

Fri 2/28, 7 p.m.

Have you ever just looked at a grasshopper and thought, "Wow, that looks tasty?" No? Then this is the program for you! Cultures all over the world use insects as a major food staple. Open your mind and find out why while meeting some live insects and tasting some samples. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

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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, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 2/27)

Spring Training for Backpacking: We Didn't Start the Fire 🦉

Sat 2/29, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Fire is a wonder: it provides warmth, cooks our food and plays an important role in nature. Join us to learn how to build a backcountry fire, enjoy a hot snack and hike 5 miles. Bring a fully loaded backpack to continue your spring training. For ages 12 and up. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter](#) (\$20/person, register by 2/26)

**Cadette Girl Scout Program:
Night Owl**

Sat 2/29, 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 Group Camp](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 2/27)





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Alicia Culman,
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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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10397 Springfield Pike, Woodlawn, 45215

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Little Miami Golf Center

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5057 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, 45226

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11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, 45241

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