

Spring 2020

EVENTS GUIDE

Read all about our
New *Wildflower Overlook!*

WILD ABOUT Wildflowers

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Roughly 20 years ago, William Garnett and his late wife Gina began taking walks through Winton Woods every spring to view blossoming plants. This walk became a tradition for the Garnetts when they discovered a quiet, rarely visited area of the park that was full of colorful, native wildflowers. After Gina's passing, William wanted to share the memories they cherished as a couple, taking in the beauty and sweeping views.

The natural world holds a special place in the Garnetts' hearts — William is a retired entomologist and biology professor, and Gina was a laboratory manager and nutrition professor. Not only does this wildflower overlook invite all park guests to take in the same scenery that the Garnetts enjoyed, it fosters their love of teaching. Guests who visit the overlook are greeted with signs that give a glimpse of just some of the wildflowers that can be spotted here. Sit down on the bench and take it all in; you can learn so much about forests, wildflowers and wildlife by passively observing.

Planning a visit to the William and Gina Gerwin Garnett Wildflower Overlook? How

many wildflowers do you think you can spy? From Dutchman's breeches (pictured on the cover) to wild blue phlox (pictured left), hairy sunflower to grape hyacinth and purple coneflower to the aptly named harbinger-of-spring, you can spot all of these and more at what William and Gina always called "this special place."

While these wildflowers begin to bloom in February, you can see them in all their splendor throughout spring. You can access the William and Gina Gerwin Garnett Wildflower Overlook by heading toward the Locust Dell Picnic Area on Lakeview Drive, just past Winton Woods Campground.



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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.

MARCH

Bird Nerds

Mon 3/2, 7:30 a.m.

Join us to sip on some complimentary tea or coffee and while using binoculars, observe local birds when they are most active. Breathe in that fresh morning air and spend some time outside before work or school. You deserve it! **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

Nature Stories

Tue 3/3, 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 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 & 3/31, 5:45 p.m.

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

In Like a Lion

Wed 3/4–Sat 3/7, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 3/8, 1 p.m.

March heralds the coming of spring — and some wild weather! Join us as we unpack the expression “in like

a lion, out like a lamb.” **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.75/person)

Little Tykes

Wed 3/4, 11 a.m.

Have fun with your youngster exploring clouds, rain, sunshine and all things weather related. We will jump into the world of meteorology, Little Tyke-style. For ages 3–6, accompanied by an adult. **Winton Woods/Winton Centre** (✓)

Urban Coyotes

Wed 3/4, 7 p.m.

You can coexist with coyotes! You may have seen some coyotes around your neighborhood, but what impact do they have on you? Learn the facts and folklore surrounding the coyote and how Hamilton County is big enough for all of us. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center Auditorium** (✓)

Nature Tots

Fri 3/6, 11 a.m.

Bring your little ones for nature-based learning. Kids will learn numbers, letters and descriptive words through games, puppets, songs and nature play. For ages 2–4. **Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center** (✓)

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

Sat 3/7, 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/Parkys Farm** (\$8/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 3/5)

Nature Center at The Summit Volunteer Orientation

Sat 3/7, 10 a.m.

Are you interested in education, working with animals and connecting to an urban community? Join us for a volunteer orientation to learn about the ways that you can get involved with the new Nature Center at The Summit. For ages 14 and up. **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓ register by 3/4)

Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow for Adults

Sat 3/7, 10 a.m.–noon

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 3/4)

Raptors: Nature's Ninjas

Sat 3/7, 11 a.m.

They move silently and strike their prey without warning. Necessity has shaped these birds into master hunters, cementing their status as aerial legends. Experience these ninjas of nature up close and personal and explore the specialized characteristics that make them such potent hunters. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center** (✓)

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Welcome to Golf Orientation

Sat 3/7, 1 p.m.

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

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My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 3/8, 9–10 a.m.

We will walk along the shared-use trail, past prairies to the Little Miami River. Photojournalist/instructor Malinda Hartong will share her favorite tips and techniques to capture wonderful pictures with either your smartphone or digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera. No experience necessary. [Otto Armleder Memorial Park/Picnic Shelter 1](#) (✓)

Great Parks Nature Photography Club

Sun 3/8, 10–11 a.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! [Otto Armleder Memorial Park/Picnic Shelter 1](#) (✓)

Winter Golf Clinics

Sun 3/8–3/22, 1 p.m.

Our PGA professionals will lead a different topic each week to keep your skills sharp through winter with computer video swing analysis on 3/8, putting clinic on 3/15 and pitching & chipping on 3/22. Classes will be held in an auditorium and at the heated and covered driving range. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (✓)

Hog Log Nature Jog: Native American Fun & Games

Sun 3/8, 1 p.m.

Kick-start your journey to mile 26 with Great Parks of Hamilton County. Long before racers took to the streets, miles were logged with contests of sport. Join the nature interpreters as we fill your log with ancient games that were once played in the area by native groups. [Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter](#) (✓)

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 3/8, 3 p.m.

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

Spring Into Self-Care

Mon 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 & 3/30, 5:30 p.m.

Do you often feel that you keep going and going, without having any actual time for yourself? In this adult series, everyone can learn creative ways to pamper your body and mind through yoga, making herbal tea, guided meditation and creating scrubs designed for your body. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Mon 3/9, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Learn leadership skills, gain valuable work experience and build lifelong friendships as a Great Parks' volunteer. Join us to learn about volunteer roles available on the trails, golf courses, farm and much more. For ages 14–18. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (✓ register by 3/8)

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Light & Shadows

Wed 3/11–Sat 3/14, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 3/15, 1 p.m.

The sun is rising earlier and staying up longer. Let's celebrate the lengthening days with creative activities and games for little ones! [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.75/person)

Walk Club: Kickoff Celebration

Wed 3/11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Are you age 50 or up? Enjoy walking and meeting friendly folks? Join us to start spring on the right foot as we celebrate the official start of Walk Club. Bring a lunch to enjoy (and an optional side dish to share) before an optional group walk around Winton Lake. [Winton Woods/Winton Centre](#) (✓)

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Mad Science Mania

Thu 3/12, 7 p.m.

Let's get weird! We will put on our scientific goggles and start experimenting with some crazy results. Experience different science stations as we test the laws of physics and push the bounds of nature! [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Nature Pals: Rainbows

Fri 3/13, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Bring your 2–4 year olds and help us on our quest to find the end of the rainbow! Children will be meeting new friends while participating in colorful activities and little outdoor adventures, along with a story time and a rainbow-tastic craft for a small fee. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Photography Travel Series: Wildflowers in the Woods

Fri 3/13, 7:30 p.m.

Ed Soldo features the spring blooming species most familiar to those who live in the Northeast or Midwest. In a sampling of a world too rarely seen, his presentation will touch upon the essential continuity of the historic forest while exploring the sequence of species' time of coming into bloom. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Brownie Girl Scouts: Outdoor Art Creator

Sat 3/14, 9–11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Explore different types of art, patterns and designs while walking through beautiful outdoor landscapes and natural areas. Create your own art inspired by nature that you can take home. Bringing a camera is optional. Be sure to dress for the weather. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult leader per every 10 scouts is free, register by 3/11)

Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Sat 3/14, 9 a.m.–noon

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Spring Training for Backpacking: Respect

Sat 3/14, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

We're in their house now. Want to be welcomed back? Learn how to be better houseguests when visiting the home of native wildlife. We'll hike 7 miles along the earthworks and hills of Shawnee Lookout. Bring a fully loaded backpack to continue your spring training. For ages 12 and up. [Shawnee Lookout/Blue Jacket Trailhead](#) (\$17.50/person, register by 3/11)

Ohio Valley Woodturners Demonstration & Exhibit

Sat 3/14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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

Spring is Almost Here Hike: Part 1

Sat 3/14, 10:30 a.m.

Spring is approaching and the woods are changing. Join a nature interpreter on a morning hike to get a glimpse of all of the natural wonders that spring has to offer. Head to Sharon Woods afterward to continue the fun! [Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center](#) (✓)

Spring is Almost Here Hike: Part 2

Sat 3/14, 1:30 p.m.

Spring is coming and bringing with it wildflowers, baby animals, budding trees and more! Join us on our second hike of the day to see what's changing in the woods. For even more hiking fun, join us at Woodland Mound in the morning before this hike. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Mystery Dinner Series: Magical Mystery

Sat 3/14, 6:30 p.m.

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

Plan Your Parks

Sun 3/15, noon–2 p.m.

Come share your ideas on Great Parks located on the east side of Hamilton County. Your feedback will be used to develop Park & Facility Master Plans for every park! East region parks include Lake Isabella, Otto Armleder Memorial Park, Sharon Woods, Woodland Mound and more. For more information, visit [mygreatparks.com](#). [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Wildflowers in the Preserves: Richardson Preserve

Sun 3/15, 1 p.m.

If you can't smell it from home, come out and join a nature interpreter as we sniff around for skunk cabbage, a rare plant with unique features. This is a strenuous hike on uneven terrain. [Richardson Forest Preserve/Register for meeting location](#) (✓ register by 3/15)

Mini Monet: Sit Spot Still Life

Sun 3/15, 2–3 p.m.

Artists of all skill levels will venture into the field to find their own special place in nature for quiet observation and natural inspiration. They will

discover what captures their interest and create a work of art that can be shared! [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Spring Into Self-Care

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Barnyard Bonanza: Barnyard Friends Puppet Show

Wed 3/18 & Thu 3/19, 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. Program includes a wagon ride and time in Parky's Playbarn. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$14/child, register by 3/16)

The Need for a Nest

Wed 3/18–Sat 3/21, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 3/22, 1 p.m.

Construction is underway. There's a boom in the housing market for the garden inhabitants. What will these "homes" look like and who will move in? [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.75/person)

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Home-School Science West: Flying Dinosaurs

Thu 3/19, 1–3 p.m.

Spring has arrived! So too have some birds, returning from their winter migration. Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and their families are invited to grab some binoculars and learn to identify these new arrivals. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter](#) (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 3/17, or payable at the door)

Photography Travel Series: Cruising the Danube River

Fri 3/20, 7:30 p.m.

Cruise the Danube River and canal on a Viking Long Ship from Nuremberg, Germany to Budapest, Hungary with stops at Regensburg,

Passau, Krems and Vienna. We'll see medieval towns, grand cities and stunning scenery along the way. Riverboat travel allows us to stop at the heart of the old cities. Presented by photographer Cliff Goosmann. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

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Spring Fling

Sat 3/21, 10 a.m.–noon

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of adventure and strategy. Grab your friends, grab you family and meet us at the River Mount Pavilion for instructions on your quest. You and your team will explore through the forest to find and complete the challenges. [Embshoff Woods/River Mount Pavilion](#) (✓)



Woodland Walk and Target Practice: Mindfulness Matters

 Sat 3/21, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Enjoy a break from the daily grind by exploring the basics of archery with a certified instructor, de-stressing in the great outdoors with a short hike and then immerse yourself in the sounds and experience of shooting a bow and arrow on our outdoor range. For adults. [Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost](#) (\$25/person, register by 3/19)

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Out of This World!

Sat 3/21 & Sun 3/22, 7–9 p.m.
Enjoy the park after dark and celebrate all things space! Walk along the path of the solar system, launch water-powered rockets, explore the constellations in our in pop-up planetarium and more! Some activities available for a small fee, payable at the door. Sensory friendly activities offered from 5:30–6:30 p.m. both days. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

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From a Tiny Seed

Wed 3/25–Sat 3/28, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 3/29, 1 p.m.
What is a seed, and how does it work? We'll look at some different seeds and explore how these impressive little packages travel and grow. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$2.75/person)

Spring Refresher

Wed 3/25–4/8, 6:45 p.m.
This three-week course reviews and reemphasizes the stance and swing fundamentals. This is a great session for those who

want to get the season started on the right foot. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$59/person, register by 3/19)

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Photography Travel Series: California

Fri 3/27, 7:30 p.m.

Southern California! Disneyland! Beaches! You won't see any of that on this trip. Well ... maybe some. We'll also check out several of the lesser-known — but not less interesting — sights like one of the largest state parks in the country, a Spanish mission and automobile and aviation museums. Presented by photographer John Lloyd.

Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (✓)

Spring Training for Backpacking: Shiny Happy People 🌿

Sat 3/28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Parents teach us to be mannerly and kind. Believe it or not, this is an important skill for our continued enjoyment of the outdoors. Finish off your spring training with an 8-mile hike and learn the backpacker code of ethics. Bring a fully loaded backpack. For ages 12 and up. Mitchell Memorial Forest/Mountain Bike Trailhead (\$20/person, register by 3/25)

Art in Root Show 🌿

Sat 3/28–Sun 4/5, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. weekends

See beautiful works of art that area high school students created while participating in the Art in Root program. With a theme of 'The Nature of Us,' students were challenged to connect to nature through art. A reception with some of the artists and light refreshments will be held on Sunday, March 29, from 2–3 p.m. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre Auditorium

Hog Log Nature Jog: Animal Olympics

Sat 3/28, 11 a.m.

With Tokyo 2020 just around the corner, our animal ambassadors are limbering up. Hoping, crawling, slithering and jumping are all movements that help make our animal friends excellent athletes. Experience animals up close and personal and see how your skills stack up against theirs through our very own animal Olympics.

Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit (✓)

Mystery Dinner Series: Superhero Shakedown 🦸

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

The competition is fierce and cutthroat. How far are these caped crusaders willing to go to become the world's newest superhero? 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)

Wildflowers in the Preserves: Kroger Hills 🌿

Sun 3/29, 1 p.m.

Join us for a hike through the beautiful hillside. This two-hour hike involves steep areas and off-trail walking. Wear appropriate footwear. We will meet at Avoca and carpool to Kroger Hills. Avoca Trailhead/Parking Lot (✓ register by 3/27)

The Buzz on Native Bees

Sun 3/29, 2 p.m.

Did you know there are more than 500 native bee species in Ohio? Come learn the important role they play in the environment, how much of our food is dependent on them and how to attract them to your yard.

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NEW UPDATES LET *Everyone Fish*

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Next time you visit Lake Isabella, you may not notice new infrastructure changes immediately. That's because most of the hard work happened right beneath your feet! Great Parks updated key framework at this lakeside park, creating an outdoor space that was more user friendly for all park guests.

A newly installed, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramp provides access from the Boathouse and upper deck area to the lower deck, better serving guests with disabilities, as well as making it easier to carry fishing gear right to the water. Guests with disabilities will also find it easier to fish at the Boathouse with a modified rope railing.

The improvements at Lake Isabella don't stop there; the dock was refurbished to expand on the number of recreation opportunities

available at the Boathouse. 6,000 square feet of aging wood decking was replaced with long-lasting, low-maintenance composite decking. The floating dock on the lake was also renovated with the same materials. The composite decking will not wear as easily or as quickly as traditional wood, allowing anglers to continue to enjoy fishing at Lake Isabella for years to come.

Anglers will also enjoy fishing off the upper deck area, thanks to an improved railing that features a convenient, textured surface designed for fishing gear or refreshments to rest upon. Families visiting Lake Isabella for the first time and experienced anglers alike will find these changes to be off the hook.

APRIL

Barnyard Bonanza: Pen Pals

Wed 4/1 & Thu 4/2, 9:30 a.m.

What's your favorite farm animal? This farmyard tour includes a variety of our livestock to help you decide! Program includes a wagon ride and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$14/child, register by 3/30)

Rainbows

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

Have you seen a rainbow after a spring rain? What do you need to make a rainbow? Let's experiment! [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Little Tykes

Wed 4/1, 11 a.m.

You don't want to miss our annual festive Earth Day Celebration. Get to know other families as we learn about fun, simple ways to give back. Help your little one learn to celebrate the wonders of nature. For ages 3–6, accompanied by an adult. [Winton Woods/Winton Centre](#) (✓)

Tall Tails

Wed 4/1, 4–5 p.m.

Interesting developments have taken place with some of our animal ambassadors. Our snakes have grown legs, turtles have left their shells and our rabbit has learned to talk. The veterinarians are confused and scientists perplexed. Investigate the animals up close, learn their stories and determine fact from fiction. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Beginning Golf I

Wed 4/1–4/29, 6 p.m., Wed 4/8–5/6, 10 a.m., Sat 4/11–5/9, 9:30 a.m., Thu 4/16–5/14, 7:30 p.m., Tue 4/21–5/19, 6:30 p.m. & Wed 4/29–5/27, 7:30 p.m.

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

Barnyard Bonanza: Pen Pals

Thu 4/2, 9:30 a.m.

What's your favorite farm animal? This farmyard tour includes a variety of our livestock to help you decide! Program includes a wagon ride and time to play in Parky's Playbarn. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$14/child, register by 3/30)

Intermediate Golf I

Thu 4/2–4/23, 6 p.m. & Mon 4/20–5/11, 5:45 p.m.

The small class size offers individual attention in hitting skill shots such as approach shots from the fairway, trouble shots, slope shots, uneven lies and short game shots. Video swing analysis is also included in this four-week class. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$79/person, register by 2 days in advance)

Junior Spring League

Fri 4/3–5/21, 4 p.m.

This weekly league features competitions with different styles of play and format each week, such as scramble and best ball. Tee times range between 4–5:30 p.m. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$80/person, register by 4/2)

Parent/Child Tournament

Sat 4/4, 8 a.m.

This 9-hole tournament is designed for a mom or dad to play with a daughter or son under the age of 18. Three formats will be played to determine the winner: scramble, best ball and alternate shot. Gross and net prizes will be awarded. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$40/team, register by 4/1)

Wild West Off-Trail Hiking Series: Miami Whitewater Forest

Sat 4/4, 10 a.m.

The largest Great Park of 21 parks and preserves, Miami Whitewater Forest has many acres that are rarely seen by the human eye. Accompany nature interpreters as we traverse

the hidden hills and valleys of this vast park in hopes to spot some of our most reclusive residents. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Beech Bluff Shelter](#) (✓, register by 4/1)

Women in the Outdoors: Outdoor Archery: Basic Compound Bow

Sat 4/4, 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! Archery is led by a female instructor and all equipment is provided. For ages 10 and up. Space is limited; register early! [Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost](#) (\$20/person, register by 4/1)

Fossil Quest

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

Cincinnati is famous for its ancient geology. Join the nature interpreter as we hop rocks and traverse creeks to look for fossils in the Sharon Woods Gorge. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Junior Golf II

Sat 4/4–5/2, 11 a.m.

Junior Golf II provides time for in-depth, personal attention to concentrate on an individual's problem area. Videotaping and simulated course situations are also included in this four-week class. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$69/student, register by 4/2)

Think Spring Scavenger Hunt

Sat 4/4 & Sun 4/5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

Beginner Golf Lessons

Sat 4/4–4/25, noon & Tue 4/28–5/19, 6 p.m.

Join the pro for four weeks of beginner golf lessons covering the basic fundamentals of grip, stance and swing. [Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course](#) (\$75/person, register by 3/30, 4/23)

Welcome to Golf Orientation

Sat 4/4, 1 p.m.

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

Free Junior Clinic

Sat 4/4, 1 p.m.

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

Outdoor Archery: Basic Recurve Bow

Sat 4/4, 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 4/1)

Mystery Dinner Series: What Happens in Vegas

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

Will Gina Lolabrickhouse's first night as head showgirl be the start of a high-stepping career or will her ego trip her up? 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)

Think Spring Scavenger Hunt

Sun 4/5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

Wildflowers in the Preserves: Newberry Wildlife Sanctuary



Sun 4/5, 1 p.m.

Join us for a walk through Newberry Wildlife Preserve to see what wildflowers nature has on display for us. We will meet at Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve and carpool to Newberry. This two-hour

hike involves steep areas, creek crossings and rugged, off-trail walking. Wear appropriate footwear.

[Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Parking Lot](#) (✓ register by 3/29)

Hog Log Nature Jog: Search for the Mysterious Grand Pied

Sat 4/5, 1 p.m.

Legend tells of a creature hidden deep in the woods at Miami Whitewater Forest. Do you have what it takes to track down the Grand Pied beast? Move swiftly as you hit the trails to discover the mysteries that lay deep in the forest. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 4/5, 3 p.m.

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

Bird Nerds

Mon 4/6, 7:30 a.m.

Join us to sip on some complimentary tea or coffee and while using binoculars, observe local birds when they are most active. Breathe in that fresh morning air and spend some time outside before work or school. You deserve it! [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Spring Refresher

Mon 4/6–4/20, 6 p.m., Tue 4/14–4/28, 6:15 p.m. & Thu 4/16–4/30, 7 p.m.

This three-week course reviews and reemphasizes the stance

and swing fundamentals. This is a great session for those who want to get the season started on the right foot. Advance registration is required. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$59/person, register by 2 days in advance)

Ladies Morning League

Tue 4/7–5/26, 9 a.m. tee times

This league offers a fun competition for women golfers who have some playing experience. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$10/person league fee + weekly greens fees, register by 4/6)

Peter Rabbit's Garden

Tue 4/7–Sat 4/11, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 4/12, 1 p.m.

Delight in the tale of Peter Rabbit and other well-loved rabbit stories. What do the rabbits in the stories have in common with local rabbits? Would rabbits enjoy the Highfield Discovery Garden? Let's find out together! [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Nature Stories

Tue 4/7, 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](#) (✓)

Junior Champions: Player Level

Tue 4/7–7/30, 4 p.m.

Beginners will have fun learning the basic fundamentals of the game of golf. For ages 10–15. [Little Miami Golf Center/Golf Course](#) (\$195/person, register by 4/6)

Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Tue 4/7, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Learn leadership skills, gain valuable work experience and build lifelong friendships as a Great Parks' volunteer. Join us to learn about volunteer roles available on the trails, golf courses, farm and much more. For ages 14–18. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (✓ register by 4/6)

Yoga After Work

Tue 4/7, 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28, 5:45 p.m.

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

Junior Champions: Champion Level

Tue & Thu 4/7–7/30, 6 p.m.

Junior golfers with some tournament experience will gain extensive knowledge of all aspects of the game of golf. For ages 10–15. [Little Miami Golf Center/Golf Course](#) (\$995/person, register by 4/6)

Beginning Golf II

Tue 4/7–4/28, 7 p.m., Wed 4/15–5/6, 7:30 p.m. & Mon 4/20–5/11, 8 p.m.

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

Beginning Golf I

Wed 4/8–5/6, 10 a.m., Sat 4/11–5/9, 9:30 a.m., Thu 4/16–5/14, 7:30 p.m., Tue 4/21–5/19, 6:30 p.m. & Wed 4/29–5/27, 7:30 p.m.

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

Junior Champions: Competitor Level

Wed 4/8–7/29, 4 p.m.

Juniors entering competitive golf will benefit from this class' intense focus on full swing and short-game fundamentals. For ages 10–15. [Little Miami Golf Center/Golf Course](#) (\$525/person, register by 4/7)

Seniors Morning League

Thu 4/9–5/28, 9 a.m. tee times

This league offers a fun competition for senior golfers with some playing experience. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$10/person league fee + weekly greens fees, register by 4/8)

Get Golf Ready: Stage II

Thu 4/9–5/7, 6:15 p.m. & Sat 4/11–5/9, 9 a.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (\$110/person, register by 4/7, 4/9)

Nature Pals: Earth

Fri 4/10, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Bring your 2–4 year olds for a chance to meet new friends and explore the fascinating wonders of our beloved planet. Participate in save-the-earth activities that will transform them into little master conservationists, along with a story and a recycle craft for a small fee. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Themed Trivia: Weird Nature

Fri 4/10, 6–8 p.m.

Put all of the knowledge you have gained from binge-watching nature documentaries to use at this nature-themed trivia night. Bring a team of up to six players. Prizes will be awarded to the three top-scoring teams. Food and drinks available for purchase. [Lake Isabella/Boathouse](#) (✓)

Rod-Busting Series

Sat 4/11, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Two-person teams fish for a six-fish limit of catfish and carp. The two teams with the heaviest weight at the end of the tournament will win prizes. Grand prizes will be awarded to the series champions and angler with the largest catch after the seventh event on 10/24. [Lake Isabella/Boathouse](#) (\$50/team)

Get Golf Ready: Stage II

Sat 4/11–5/9, 9 a.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (\$110/person, register by 4/7, 4/9)

Beginning Golf I

Sat 4/11–5/9, 9:30 a.m., Thu 4/16–5/14, 7:30 p.m., Tue 4/21–5/19, 6:30 p.m. & Wed 4/29–5/27, 7:30 p.m.

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

Outdoor Skills: Map & Compass



Sat 4/11, 10 a.m.–noon

Lost in the wilderness and dehydrated? Not a scenario one wants to experience firsthand. Work with an Adventure Outpost 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 4/8)

Get Golf Ready: Stage I

Sat 4/11–5/9, 10:30 a.m. & Wed 4/15–5/13, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for beginner golfers who want to learn the basics of play from a PGA pro. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/person, register by 4/16, 4/19)

Urban Farming Festival

Sat 4/11, noon–5 p.m.

Come say hello to some farm animals at the Summit Center! Meet local artists, beekeepers, taste test from local farms and visit the start of the Roselawn Community Garden. **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

Golf Fore Women

Sat 4/11–5/9, 12:30 p.m. & Mon 4/13–5/11, 5:15 p.m.

Five weeks of beginner, ladies-only classes cover topics including etiquette, short game and the full swing in a fun, low-pressure environment. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/person, register by 4/9, 4/11)

Junior Golf I

Sat 4/11–4/25, 1 p.m.

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

Golf Fore Parents

Sat 4/11–4/25, 1 p.m.

Moms and dads of Junior Golf I students are invited to this three-week group lesson covering the full-swing for long shots, short game techniques, putting and course knowledge. Clubs are provided for those who need them. Learn more details during the Free Junior Clinic on 4/4. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$39/person, register by 4/10)

Plan Your Parks

Sat 4/11, 1–3 p.m.

Come share your ideas on Great Parks located on the east side of Hamilton County. Your feedback will be used to develop Park & Facility Master Plans for every park! East region parks include Lake Isabella, Otto Armleder Memorial Park, Sharon Woods, Woodland Mound and more. For more information, visit mygreatparks.com. **Lake Isabella/Boathouse**

Women in the Outdoors: Stoves & Cooking

Sat 4/11, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

There is nothing better than a hot meal after a long day of hiking. Come join our female outdoor instructors to test out backcountry cooking gear, sample a few of the many options of backpacking cuisine and learn about proper Leave No Trace food storage etiquette. For ages 12 and up. **Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost** (\$20/person, register by 4/8)

Easter Brunch

Sun 4/12, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. seating times

Bring the family and hop on over to Winton Woods for Easter Brunch! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Visit greatparks.org for additional information. **Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center**

Golf Fore Women

Mon 4/13–5/11, 5:15 p.m.

Five weeks of beginner, ladies-only classes cover topics including etiquette, short game and the full swing in a fun, low-pressure environment. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/person, register by 4/9, 4/11)

Get Golf Ready: Stage III

Mon 4/13–5/11, 6:45 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for golfers who want to lower their score and take their game to the next level. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/person, register by 4/11)

Fabulous Flowers

Tue 4/14–Sat 4/18, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 4/19, 1 p.m.

Why do flowers attract attention from so many? Take a close look at a flower and learn why it has an important mission. **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Yoga After Work

Tue 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28, 5:45 p.m.

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

Class is held rain or shine and taught by a certified instructor. Beginners are welcome to this adult, mixed-level class, especially those who have never tried yoga. **Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn** (\$10/class, payable at the door)

Spring Refresher

Tue 4/14–4/28, 6:15 p.m. & Thu 4/16–4/30, 7 p.m.

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

Barnyard Bonanza: Pretty Pony

Wed 4/15 & Thu 4/16, 9:30 a.m.

Brush and decorate a real pony! Learn how to care for ponies. Program includes a wagon ride and time in Parky's playbarn. **Winton Woods/Parky's Farm** (\$14/child, register by 4/13)

Get Golf Ready: Stage I

Wed 4/15–5/13, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for beginner golfers who want to learn the basics of play from a PGA pro. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/person, register by 4/16, 4/19)

Beginning Golf II

Wed 4/15–5/6, 7:30 p.m. & Mon 4/20–5/11, 8 p.m.

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

Beginning Golf I

Thu 4/16–5/14, 7:30 p.m., Tue 4/21–5/19, 6:30 p.m. & Wed 4/29–5/27, 7:30 p.m.

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

Home-School Science West: The Power of Flowers

Thu 4/16, 1–3 p.m.

Spring is in the air. Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and their families are invited to explore the flowers that give the spring air its sweet smell. Take a hike to see how many different flowers you can identify. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter](#) (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 4/14, or payable at the door)

Junior Spring Clinics

Thu 4/16–5/21, 4 p.m.

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

Spring Refresher

Thu 4/16–4/30, 7 p.m.

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

Nature Pals: Seeds to Flowers

Fri 4/17, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Bring your 2–4 year olds and let them experience the fascinating lore of springtime with friends! Children will have an opportunity to grow their green thumb by planting seeds and growing things, along with participating in story time and a flower power craft for a small fee. [Fernbank Park/Fernbank Lodge](#) (✓)

Nature Tots

Fri 4/17, 11 a.m.

Bring your little ones for nature-based learning. Kids will learn numbers, letters and descriptive words through games, puppets, songs and nature play. For ages 2–4. [Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center](#) (✓)

Photography Travel Series: Seattle/Alaska Inside Passage/ Vancouver

Fri 4/17, 7:30 p.m.

A Northwest Passage: Cruising Alaska, with a stay in Seattle before boarding, from Seward aboard the Star Legend to Vancouver with anchorages and port calls from Kenai Fords NP, Sitka, Juneau, Haines, Tracy/Endicott Arm, Wrangell, Misty Fjords to Prince Rupert, BC. Whales and Eagles and Bears, oh my! Presented by photographer Mike Rank. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Spring Two Junior Scramble Tournament

Sat 4/18, 8 a.m.

Juniors age 7–17 compete against each other two junior teams. Registration includes 9-hole greens fee and prizes. Groups will be handicapped by tees and by age. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$40/team, register by 4/15)

Plan Your Parks

Sat 4/18, 8:30–9:30 a.m.

Come share your ideas on Great Parks located on the east side of Hamilton County, and then stick around for a community volunteer project. Your feedback will be used to develop Park & Facility Master Plans for every park! East region parks include Lake Isabella, Sharon Woods, Woodland Mound and more. For more information, visit [mygreatparks.com](#). [Sharon Woods/Pavilion Grove Picnic Shelter](#)

Women in the Outdoors: Fishing Basics

Sat 4/18, 9–11 a.m.

Want a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Enjoy a morning at the lake fishing with female outdoor instructors. Explore topics such as what to know before you go, essential gear and techniques aimed to help you enjoy fishing at one of our local aquatic habitats. For ages 12 and up. [Lake Isabella/Boathouse](#) (\$15/person, register by 4/15)

Junior Girl Scouts: Gardener

Sat 4/18, 9–11 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Walk through beautiful natural and landscaped gardens to discover how design can be used to create inviting outdoor spaces. Learn what is needed to make a garden and how to choose garden plants. Make a simple starter pot and plant seeds to take home. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult leader per every 10 scouts is free, register by 4/15/20)

Green is the New Gold

Sat 4/18, 9 a.m.–noon

We're celebrating the golden anniversary — 50 years — of protecting our planet and we'd love for you to take part! We'll clear out invasive plants, plant new trees and help with many other important tasks that will improve Sharon Woods for years to come. Stick around afterward for a tasty lunch and a special visitor. [Sharon Woods/Pavilion Grove Picnic Shelter](#) (✓ register by 4/17)

Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Sat 4/18, 9 a.m.–noon

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 4/17)

Brownie Girl Scout Program: All About Bugs

Sat 4/18, 10 a.m.

Brownies are invited to explore the park as we go on the hunt for insects and other bugs. Along the way, we'll learn all about these incredible animals, what they eat and the places they call home.

[Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 4/13)

Hog Log Nature Jog: Pig Prep

Sat 4/18, 11 a.m.

With just a few weeks left until Flying Pig Weekend, join Great Parks for our final push to mile 26. Finish off this series surrounded by some of nature's giants as we make final preparations for the weeks to come and celebrate how far we have come. [Embshoff Woods/River Mount Shelter](#) (✓)

Fun on the Farm

Sat 4/18, 1–4 p.m.

Come on out and have some farm fun! Hop on a wagon ride, check out the playbarn, dig in the garden, play field games and meet a variety of

farm animal friends. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (\$8/per person, register by 4/23; \$9/person day of the event)

Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Sat 4/18, 1–4 p.m.

Learn leadership skills, gain valuable work experience and build lifelong friendships as a Great Parks' volunteer. Join us to learn about volunteer roles available on the trails, golf courses, farm and much more.

For ages 14–18. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (✓ register by 4/17)

Mystery Dinner Series: WestCinster Dog Show Shenanigans

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

Will the 69th annual WestCinster Dog Show turn into a dog fight? Who will be named Top Dawg? Who will just roll over and play dead? Enjoy an evening of adult humor and fun at a mystery dinner. Advance ticket purchase is required. For ages 18 and up. [Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center](#) (\$39.95/person, plus tax)



Bass Series

Sun 4/19, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

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

Wild West Off-Trail Hiking Series: Shawnee Lookout

Sun 4/19, 10 a.m.

Long before the Ohio Valley was settled by Europeans, many pre-historic peoples called Shawnee Lookout home. Take a step off the beaten path of this National Archeological District with nature interpreters to explore the ancient ways of the cultures who once inhabited the hilltops. Hike will traverse up and down steep hillsides.

[Shawnee Lookout/Cedar Bend Shelter](#) (✓ register by 4/16)

Amphibian Awakenings

Sun 4/19, 1 p.m.

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

Wildflowers in the Preserves: Trillium Trails

Sun 4/19, 1 p.m.

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

Mini Monet: Turtle Top Model

Sun 4/19, 2–3 p.m.

We're bringing the wilderness indoors! Meet our magnificent model, Lucy the box turtle, and create your very own masterpiece. We will learn about some of Ohio's wildlife and how to draw from life. [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

Painted Pots

Mon 4/20–Sat 5/2, Mon–Sat, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. daily; Sun, 1–3 p.m.

Come decorate clay pots! There is no charge for this craft if you decorate a pot and leave it with us. There will be a fee if you prefer to take it home. Staff will hang the pots in the trees throughout the park where they will remain through the end of May. [Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Nature's Niche](#) (\$5 to take home a craft)

Intermediate Golf I

Mon 4/20–5/11, 5:45 p.m.

The small class size offers individual attention in hitting skill shots such as approach shots from the fairway, trouble shots, slope shots, uneven lies and short game shots. Video swing analysis is also included in this four-week class. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$79/person, register by 2 days in advance)

Beginning Golf II

Mon 4/20–5/11, 8 p.m.

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

Frogs & Toads

Tue 4/21–Sat 4/25, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 4/26 1 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between a frog and a toad? Learn about these amazing amphibians' similarities, differences and their life cycles. Look for frogs and tadpoles in the pond. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Yoga After Work

Tue 4/21 & 4/28, 5:45 p.m.

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. Class is held rain or shine and taught by a certified instructor. Beginners

are welcome to this adult, mixed-level class, 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 4/21–5/12, 6:30 p.m.

This four-week golf league is led by PGA pros who provide a non-intimidating atmosphere for you to become comfortable taking your game to the golf course. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (\$80/person, \$95/riding, register by 4/19)

Beginning Golf I

Tue 4/21–5/19, 6:30 p.m. & Wed 4/29–5/27, 7:30 p.m.

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

Home-School Science West: Earth Day Celebration

Thu 4/23, 1–3 p.m.

Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and their families are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Learn about ways you can help protect the environment with hands-on, kid-powered experiments. [Fernbank Park/Fernbank Lodge](#) (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 4/21, or payable at the door)

Nature at Night: Night Sounds

Thu 4/23, 6 p.m.

Close your eyes and focus on the sounds around you. Do you hear the chirping of a cricket? The screech of a screech owl? Come join us to hear the symphony of the natural world at night on a hike and by witnessing firsthand just *hoo* makes these wonderful — and sometimes frightening — sounds. [Embshoff Woods/Rivermount Shelter](#) (✓)

Photography Travel Series: From Syria to Senegal

Fri 4/24, 7:30 p.m.

Lewis Carroll said, "There is another shore you know upon the other side." Let us show you the side of the Mediterranean you may not know the wonders of, including Syria, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco and down the African coast to Senegal. Presented by photographer Neville Duffield. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Winton Woods Cleanup

Sat 4/25, 9 a.m.–noon

Come out for the community cleanup that has been making a difference for more than 30 years! Afterward, stick around to enjoy a grilled lunch and raffle giveaways with Forest Park Environmental Awareness and Wild Birds Unlimited. Students, gather a group together and participate to win the High School Challenge! Volunteers of all ages welcome. [Winton Woods/Kestrel Point Shelter](#) (✓)

Healthy Kids Day ☀

Sat 4/25, 10 a.m.–noon

Get moving at Healthy Kids Day with fitness class demos, scavenger hunts, inflatables, wagon rides and more! We will be joined by the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati at this day full of fun and fitness. [Winton Woods/Parkey's Farm](#) (✓)

Daisy Journey: Bluebucket, Firefly & Clover Awards

Sat 4/25, 10 a.m.–noon & 1–3 p.m.

Between the Earth and sky of Miami Whitewater Forest lies the Shaker Trace Seed Nursery. Join Great Parks nature interpreters and nursery staff as you travel with the seed of the nursery to complete various activities along your journey. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Shaker Trace Nursery](#) (\$7.50/person, register by 4/23)

Stroll Through the Park

Sat 4/25, 11 a.m.

Join a nature interpreter on a stroll through the park while learning some fun facts about nature. Our trek will take us through a prairie and a meadow. This hike is on a paved trail and good for all ability levels. [Otto Armleder Memorial Park/Shared-Use Trail](#) (✓)

Clover's Spring Tea Party

Sat 4/25, 1–2:30 p.m.

Come join us for a fun and relaxing day of sipping tea, snacking on cookies and rummaging through our herb garden to find the ultimate tea mixture to take home. Then meet the guest of honor, Clover. Make a fancy hat to wear to your next tea party for a small fee. [Shawnee Lookout/Historic Buildings Area](#) (✓)

Kids' Fishing Derby at Triple Creek

Sun 4/26, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Kids ages 15 and under can try and catch a tagged fish for a trophy. Each child who catches a fish will receive a certificate, and everyone who participates will receive a derby button. Participants must bring their own equipment. Bait will be available for purchase. [Triple Creek/Pond](#) (✓)

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 4/26, 9–10 a.m.

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

The Earth Rocks!

Sun 4/26, 1 p.m.

Take a trip back in time and learn about the geology of Sharon Woods. Hike the Gorge Trail as the nature interpreter describes the unique geology and paleontology of the Cincinnati region. [Sharon Woods/Kreis Dam](#) (✓)

Wildflowers in the Preserves: Warren Wells Preserve & Garnett Wildflower Overlook

Sun 4/26, 1 p.m.

Join us for an off-trail wildflower hike up and down slopes through the Warren Wells preserve named after famed naturalist Warren Wells. Catch a glimpse of the newly created Garnett Wildflower Overlook in search of other spring beauties. Meet at Spring Beauty Dell parking lot. Wear appropriate footwear for steep hills. [Winton Woods/Spring Beauty Dell Parking Lot](#) (✓ register by 4/19)

Good Morning, Garden

Tue 4/28–Sat 5/2, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 5/3, 1 p.m.

After a winter rest, new leaves and baby plants are ready to emerge and beautify our gardens, parks and yards. Find out what plants need to grow and how you can help them. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Yoga After Work

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

Beginner Golf Lessons

Tue 4/28–5/19, 6 p.m.

Join the pro for four weeks of beginner golf lessons covering the basic fundamentals of grip, stance and swing. [Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course](#) (\$75/person, register by 3/30, 4/23)

Get Golf Ready

Tue 4/28–5/26, 6:30 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for beginner golfers who want to learn the basics of play from a PGA pro. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Golf Course](#) (\$99/student, register by 4/27)

Barnyard Bonanza: Peeps and Squeaks

Wed 4/29 & Thu 4/30, 9:30 a.m.

Hop over to Parky's and explore the sights and sounds of springtime on the farm. From eggs to bouncing barnyard babies, get up close and personal with some of the newest arrivals. [Winton Woods/Parky's Farm](#) (\$14/child, register by 4/27)

Beginning Golf I

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

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VOLUNTEER FOR THE *Win - Win*

Kris Roselle,
Volunteer Resources Manager

If serving an organization is something you continue to put off, consider this: contributing your time does more than help people or parks in need. Volunteering yields great rewards to those who serve their communities.

Rarely do people think about what they might personally gain from getting involved. Most feel that sharing their time should be a purely selfless act and considering personal benefit would be self-serving. But individuals do reap great rewards through service to others, and it's OK to think of volunteering as a give-and-take relationship. Everyone gets something. The end result just depends on your motivation.

What do you want out of volunteering? Some people give back to simply help others, improve the environment or keep their communities safe and clean. Others get involved to make new friends, stay active or improve their well-being. Still, others want to expand their social connections and enhance college applications

or resumes. Sharing your time may be a great way to get your foot in the door of a favorite organization, which can lead to a paid position. As long as you are truly serving, then both you and those you help come out ahead in the end.

So what are you waiting for? Begin thinking about your skills, talents and how much time you can give. Do your research to find what organizations have to offer that will enrich your life. Look for specialized trainings or leadership opportunities that might add to your business profile. Finally, find an organization or mission that you are passionate about. Following these simple steps will lead to a winning experience for both the organization you choose to serve and you.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a Great Parks team member, visit greatparks.org/volunteer.

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Leaving No Trace: Winton Lake Cleanup

Fri 5/1, 6–8:30 p.m.

Join Great Parks' Adventure Outpost team and Rivers Unlimited for this unique conservation project. While engaging in this on-lake cleanup, participants will develop their canoe skills and learn how to be a safe, conscientious paddler. All equipment provided. Participants must fit properly in provided life jackets. For ages 16 and up. Space is limited. [Winton Woods/Various locations](#) (✓ register by 4/28)

Photography Travel Series: Baltic Sea

Fri 5/1, 7:30 p.m.

Take a cruise down the Baltic Sea, where we'll stop and explore eight very different countries from Copenhagen, Denmark to St. Petersburg, Russia. Presented by photographer Alan Lloyd. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Boy Scout Fishing Merit Badge Clinic

Sat 5/2, 8–10 a.m.

Acquire the Fishing merit badge during this two-hour class. Scouts will be able to explain hazards and safety practices, identify parts of equipment, learn required knots, identify types of bait and learn how to properly hold and release a fish. This clinic is about learning skills and knowledge, though some time is devoted to fishing. [Lake Isabella/Boathouse](#) (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free; register by 4/27)

Brownies Girl Scout Programs: Pets

Sat 5/2, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m., & 2 p.m.

Strap up your boots and get ready to dig your hands into some farm chores. Explore the barnyard and learn how to care for different animals. Help feed the cow, clean out a horse stall and check on the rabbits. [Winton Woods/Parly's Farm](#) (\$8/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 4/30)

Women in the Outdoors: Spring Wildflowers, Wildlife & Woodland Walk

Sat 5/2, 10 a.m.–noon

The woodlands are waking up and hikers are getting spring fever. Join a female nature interpreter and Leave No Trace instructor for a hike in the woods to discover and identify young wildflower emergent

and signs of spring as we carefully explore our natural world around us. [Winton Woods/Kingfisher Trailhead](#) (\$10/person, register by 4/29)

Junior Golf II

Sat 5/2–5/23, 11 a.m.

Junior Golf II provides time for in-depth, personal attention to concentrate on individual problem area. Videotaping and simulated course situations are also included in this four-week class. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$69/student, register by 4/30)

Spring in Your Step Scavenger Hunt

Sat 5/2 & Sun 5/3, noon–2 p.m.

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

Free Junior Clinic

Sat 5/2, 1 p.m.

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

Outdoor Archery: Target Practice

Sat 5/2, 2–3:30 p.m.

Have you participated in a Great Parks Outdoor Archery program and want some more time on the range? This one is for you! Space is limited to a small group size to allow that "extra shot" at fine-tuning steps of shooting and accuracy. Participants must use equipment provided. [Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost](#) (\$20/person, register by 4/29)

Mystery Dinner Series: Luau Lunacy

Sat 5/2, 6:30 p.m.

The highlight at this year's Maui Wowie Luau will be the unveiling of the recently unearthed Makawakahiki Tiki. What good fortune (or *misfortune*) awaits? 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)

Spring Two-Person Scramble

Sun 5/3, 10 a.m. tee times

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

Spring in Your Step Scavenger Hunt

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Welcome to Golf Orientation

Sun 5/3, 1 p.m. & Sun 5/17, 1 p.m.

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

Wildflowers in the Preserves: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

Sun 5/3, 1 p.m.

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

Groundwater: The Hidden Resource

Sun 5/3, 2 p.m.

Learn about where most of us get our drinking water and why groundwater is an important resource. See how groundwater is stored underground and why it is important we protect it from contamination. Hike the creek to see where groundwater

and the land surface meet. [Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre](#) (✓)

Bird Nerds

Mon 5/4, 7:30 a.m.

Join us to sip on some complimentary tea or coffee and while using binoculars, observe local birds when they are most active. Breathe in that fresh morning air and spend some time outside before work or school. You deserve it! [Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit](#) (✓)

7-Hole Educational League

Mon 5/4–6/1, 6:30 p.m.

This five-week educational league is designed for new golfers who want to learn about the game of golf while playing out on the course. [Woodland Mound/The Vineyard Golf Course](#) (\$58/walking, \$80/riding, register by 4/29)

Beginning Golf I

Mon 5/4–6/8, 7:30 p.m., Thu 5/28–6/25, 7:30 p.m. & Sat 5/30–6/27, 9:30 a.m.

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

Nature Craft

Tue 5/5–Sat 5/9, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 5/10, 1 p.m.

Be inspired by Mother Nature and create an artistic piece of your own. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Yoga After Work

Tue 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 & 5/26, 5:45 p.m.

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

Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Tue 5/5, 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 5/4)

Intermediate Golf I

Tue 5/5–5/26, 7:30 p.m. & Wed 5/20–6/10, 6 p.m.

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

Little Tykes

Wed 5/6, 11 a.m.

All living things do it. Kids giggle about it. What could it be? You

guessed it — poop! Become a poop detective in a big way with your little one. Unlock the secrets of poop. For ages 3–6, accompanied by an adult. [Winton Woods/Winton Centre Auditorium](#) (✓)

Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Thu 5/7, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Learn leadership skills, gain valuable work experience and build lifelong friendships as a Great Parks' volunteer. Join us to learn about volunteer roles available on the trails, golf course, farm and much more. For ages 14–18. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (✓ register by 5/6)

Nature Tots

Fri 5/8, 11 a.m.

Bring your little ones for nature-based learning. Kids will learn numbers, letters and descriptive words through games, puppets, songs and nature play. For ages 2–4. [Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center](#) (✓)

Themed Trivia: The Animal Kingdom

Fri 5/8, 6–8 p.m.

Put all of the knowledge you have gained from binge-watching nature documentaries to use at this nature-themed trivia night. Bring a team of up to six players. Prizes will be awarded to the three top-scoring teams. Food and drinks available for purchase. [Lake Isabella/Boathouse](#) (✓ to participate)

Bass Series

Sat 5/9, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Teams fish for a five-bass limit, catch and release. 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; if Winton Woods Lake is flooded, then the tournament will be moved to Miami Whitewater Forest)

Brownies Girl Scout Programs: Pets

Sat 5/9, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Strap up your boots and get ready to dig your hands into some farm chores. Explore the barnyard and learn how to care for different animals. Help feed the cow, clean out a horse stall and check on the rabbits. **Winton Woods/Park's Farm** (\$8/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, 5/7)

Wild West Off-Trail Hiking Series: Embshoff Woods

Sat 5/9, 10 a.m.

Nestled away in the hills of Delhi lays a forested oasis teeming with wildlife. Take a deep breath, exhale and disconnect from the world as you explore the hidden treasures that can be found just minutes from downtown. Hike will traverse up and down steep hillsides. **Embshoff Woods/Mossycup Hill Shelter** (✓ register by 5/6)

Women in the Outdoors: Backpacking 101

Sat 5/9, 10 a.m.–noon

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 5/6)

Junior Girl Scout Program: Fascinating Flowers

Sat 5/9, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Juniors will have the chance to explore the science of flowers and search for some of our native species along the trail. Together, we will learn the importance of flowers to both people and the ecosystem. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (\$7.50/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, register by 5/4)

Mother's Day Tea Party

Sat 5/9, 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 3 p.m. seating times

Treat the mothers in your life to an elegant tea in the Gardenview Room, then explore Highfield Discovery Garden in bloom! We will provide a selection of teas, delectable bites and a small gift for each guest. Cost includes admission to Highfield Discovery Garden. **Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre** (\$7.50/person, register by 5/6)

Beginner Golf Lessons

Sat 5/9–5/30, noon

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

Junior Golf I

Sat 5/9–5/23, 1 p.m.

Junior Golf I is a must for any child wanting to learn the game of golf. During this three-week lesson, students learn the fundamentals of golf, including swing techniques, course management, rules and etiquette. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$20/person, register by 5/9)

Golf Fore Parents

Sat 5/9–5/23, 1 p.m.

Moms and dads of Junior Golf I students are invited to this three-week group lesson covering the full swing for long shots, short game techniques, putting and course knowledge. Clubs are provided for those who need them. Learn more details during the Free Junior Clinic on 5/2. **Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy** (\$39/person, register by 5/8)

Outdoor Archery: Basic Recurve Bow

Sat 5/9, 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 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 5/6)

Kids' Mystery Fish Challenge

Sun 5/10, 9–11 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. Everyone who catches a fish will receive a trophy. Any species can be weighed, and live bait is permitted. For children ages 15 and under accompanied by an adult. **Winton Woods/Boathouse** (✓)

Mother's Day Brunch

Sun 5/10, 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. seating times

Create a new family tradition this Mother's Day. Spend time with mom while enjoying a great meal! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet, share memories and spend your afternoon relaxing. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Visit greatparks.org for additional information and reservations. **Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center**

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

Sun 5/10, 3 p.m.

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

Spring Wildflower Hike 🌿

Mon 5/11, 1 p.m.

Join a nature interpreter for a hike through the woods to check out which flowers are in bloom. Trail is on uneven terrain. [Woodland Mound/Hedgeapple Trail](#) (✓)

Busy Bees

Tue 5/12–Sat 5/16, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 5/17, 1 p.m.

All kinds of bees are busy in the growing season. What are they doing and why? Discover how their work benefits us and other animals. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

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Tue 5/12–6/2, 8 p.m. & Thu 5/28–6/18, 8 p.m.

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Nature Pals: Birds

Fri 5/15, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Bird is the word! Children will meet new pals and have the opportunity to soar into learning all about our feathered friends, participate in birdie activities and create a wacky winged work of art for a small fee. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓)

Rod-Busting Series

Sat 5/16, 8 a.m.–2 p.m.

Two-person teams fish for a six-fish limit of catfish and carp. The two teams with the heaviest weight at the end of the tournament will win prizes. Grand prizes will be awarded to the series champions and angler with the largest catch after the seventh event on 10/24. [Winton Woods/Boathouse](#) (\$50/team)

Get Golf Ready: Stage III

Sat 5/16–6/13, 9 a.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for golfers who want to lower their score and take their game to the next level. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (\$110/person, register by 5/14)

Volunteer Orientation for Teens

Sat 5/16, 9–noon

Learn leadership skills, gain valuable work experience and build lifelong friendships as a Great Parks' volunteer. Join us to learn about volunteer roles available on the trails, golf course, farm and much more. For ages 14–18. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (✓ register by 5/15)

Shawnee Lookout Greenup

Sat 5/16, 9 a.m.–noon

It's transformation time! Great Parks is looking forward to new things on the horizon. We're bringing volunteers to the clubhouse and turning landscaped garden beds into a native plant paradise. We'll also remove some invasive plants. After the work, stay for lunch, REI demos and swag giveaways. [Shawnee Lookout/Shawnee Centre](#) (✓ register by 5/14)

Short Game School

Sat 5/16, 9 a.m.–noon

Designed for players of all skill levels, this class covers short game topics including chipping, pitching, putting and bunker play. Registration includes instruction and lunch. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$149/person, register by 5/14)

Brownies Girl Scout Programs: Pets

Sat 5/16, 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Strap up your boots and get ready to dig your hands into some farm chores. Explore the barnyard and learn how to care for different animals. Help feed the cow, clean out a horse stall and check on the rabbits. [Winton Woods/Park's Farm](#) (\$8/person, one adult for every 10 scouts is free, 5/14)

Bicycle Maintenance & Tips with West Trails Bicycles

Sat 5/16, 10–11:30 a.m.

Celebrate National Bike Month and the joys of fearless biking. Learn bike trail survival skills, how

to use trailside tools and tips for a better riding experience. West Trails Bicycles will show you how to deal with a flat tire and maintenance items often overlooked by casual riders. Boost your riding confidence! [Miami Whitewater Forest/Harbor Parking Lot](#) (✓ register by 5/13)

Get Golf Ready: Stage II

Sat 5/16–6/13, 10:30 a.m. & Wed 5/20–6/17, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (\$110/person, register by 5/14, 5/19)

National Bike Month Group Ride 🌿

Sat 5/16, noon

Celebrate National Bike Month by enjoying a casual 7.8-mile group ride around the Shaker Trace Trail. Bring your bike, helmet, family and friends! For adults and ages 10 and up. Helmets are required and space is limited. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Shaker Trace Trail](#) (✓ register by 5/13)

Meet the Critters!

Sat 5/16, 1–3 p.m.

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

Family Scramble Tournament

Sun 5/17, 9 a.m.

This 9-hole tournament is designed for four family members of any age. Gross and net prizes will be awarded. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (\$50/team, register by 5/13)

Wild West Off-Trail Hiking Series: Oak Glen

Sun 5/17, 10 a.m.

News of disaster reached our homes on the TV and the radio in 2014. Thousands of gallons of oil spilled into this nature preserve wreaking havoc on the wildlife. Join Great Parks' nature interpreters on a strenuous hike to explore the resiliency of Mother Nature as life begins to blossom once again. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center](#) (✓ register by 5/14; meet at Miami Whitewater Forest and carpool to Oak Glen Nature Preserve)

Container Herb Garden

Sun 5/17, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Take a short walk through Highfield Discovery Garden to explore herbal lore and uses. Learn basic herb-growing techniques and create a mini-container herb garden to take home. Plants, soil and repurposed container provided. For age 18 and up. [Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre](#) (\$30/person, includes entrance to Highfield Discovery Garden, register by 5/13)

Welcome to Golf Orientation

Sun 5/17, 1 p.m.

Take a tour of the nationally recognized Meadow Links & Golf Academy and see all the features the facility has to offer. Learn about

the variety of lesson programs, meet the friendly staff and find out how they can assist you with your golf game. [Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy](#) (✓)

Ladies Golf Clinic

Sun 5/17, 1 p.m.

This clinic allows ladies to learn about the game together with PGA pros in a fun, relaxing environment. The clinic also serves as a springboard into the Lady 9ers Golf League. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (✓ register by 5/15)

Family Scramble Tournament

Sun 5/17, 4 p.m.

This 9-hole tournament is designed for four family members of any age. Gross and net prizes will be awarded. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (\$60/team + optional \$20/riding cart, register by 5/14)

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Sun 5/17, 5–6 p.m.

We will walk the wooded Miami Fort Trail, past ancient earthworks to the Ohio River overlook. 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. [Shawnee Lookout/Miami Fort Trail](#) (✓)

Great Parks Nature Photography Club

Sun 5/17, 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! [Shawnee Lookout/Waterhole Meadow](#) (✓)

Garden Gifts

Tue 5/19–Sat 5/23, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 5/24, 1 p.m.

Gardens are the gift that keep on giving. Thank a plant for the air we breathe, the food we eat, the clothes on our back and even our health and happiness. Learn where our food comes from and take a bite out of the veggie garden. [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#) (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Yoga After Work

Tue 5/19 & 5/26, 5:45 p.m.

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

Intermediate Golf I

Wed 5/20–6/10, 6 p.m.

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

Get Golf Ready: Stage II

Wed 5/20–6/17, 6:15 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for students who want to lower their scores, break through a plateau and take their game to the next level. [Sharon Woods/Golf Course](#) (\$110/person, register by 5/14, 5/19)

Home-School Science West: Incredible Insects

Thu 5/21, 1–3 p.m.

What group of creatures can live in almost every environment of Earth? You guessed it: Insects. Home-schoolers ages 5–12 and their families are invited to learn about this large and diverse group that are all around us. [Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter](#) (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 5/19, or payable at the door)

Golf Fore Women

Thu 5/21–6/18, 5:15 p.m.

Five weeks of beginner, ladies-only classes cover topics including etiquette, short game and the full-swing in a fun, low-pressure environment. **Sharon Woods/Golf Course** (\$110/person, register by 5/19)

Nature at Night: Insects

Thu 5/21, 6 p.m.

Flies and spiders and worms — oh my! Meet some of our invertebrate friends and discover the wonderful world of insects. As the sun goes down, grab a net and dive into a bug hunt. **Embshoff Woods/Rivermount Shelter** (✓)

Frog Week

Fri 5/22–Tue 5/26, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

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

Volunteer Orientation for Adults

Sat 5/23, 9 a.m.–noon

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 5/22)

Kayak Basics: Flatwater

Sat 5/23, 10 a.m.–noon

Learn to kayak on flatwater from our 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 5/20)

Giants Among Us

Sat 5/23, 11 a.m.

Grab your hiking shoes and join us on the trail to see which trees are in bloom. Along the way, you'll learn about the natural history of trees, their complex communication systems and the role they play in our world. Trail is on uneven terrain. **Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre** (✓)

Kayak Basics: Flatwater

Sat 5/23, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

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Mini Monet: Lovely Landscapes

Sun 5/24, 2–3 p.m.

See Ohio through the eyes of an artist. Learn how to look at the land and sky for inspiration, mix colors and use light/dark to make your landscape painting pop! **Summit Center/Great Parks Nature Center at The Summit** (✓)

A Grand Jubilee Day

Sun 5/24, 2–5 p.m.

Begin your holiday weekend by marching into the origins of Memorial Day. Take part in common settler celebrations, join in militia formations, experience firearm demonstrations and explore our historic schoolhouse. Some activities may cost a small fee. **Shawnee Lookout/Historic Buildings Area** (✓)

Kids' Mystery Fish Challenge

Mon 5/25, 9–11 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. Everyone who catches a fish will receive a trophy. Any species can be weighed, and live bait is permitted. For children ages 15 and under, accompanied by an adult. **Lake Isabella/Boathouse** (✓)

F.B.I.: Investigation Into Compost

Tue 5/26–Sat 5/30, 10:45 a.m. & 1 p.m., Sun 5/31, 1 p.m.

Grub around and investigate the compost. What will you find? Will you be able to help the F.B.I.? **Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden** (Program included in Highfield admission: \$5.25/person)

Yoga After Work

Tue 5/26, 5:45 p.m.

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

Home-School Science West: Reptile Rendezvous

Thu 5/28, 1–3 p.m.

Home-schoolers aged 5–12 and their families are invited to join the search for Ohio's reptilian friends. Become a master herpetologist by participating in a field study of the invasive Lazarus lizards. **Fernbank Park/Fernbank Lodge** (\$7.50/pre-registration closes 5/26, or payable at the door)

Nature at Night: Insects

Thu 5/28, 6 p.m.

Flies and spiders and worms — oh my! Meet some of our invertebrate friends and discover the wonderful world of insects. As the sun goes down, grab a net and dive into a bug hunt. **Fernbank Park/Tecumseh Shelter** (✓)

Get Golf Ready

Thu 5/28–6/25, 6:30 p.m.

Five weeks of classes are designed for beginner golfers who want to learn the basics of play from a PGA pro. **Miami Whitewater Forest/Golf Course** (\$99/student, register by 5/27)

Beginning Golf I

Thu 5/28–6/25, 7:30 p.m. & Sat 5/30–6/27, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Beginning Golf II

Thu 5/28–6/18, 8 p.m.

Four weeks of classes include review of the five shot fundamentals plus an introduction to greenside bunkers, putting strategy and strengthening chipping and pitching skills.

Winton Woods/Meadow Links & Golf Academy (\$79/person, register by 2 days in advance)

Nature Tots

Fri 5/29, 11 a.m.

Bring your little ones for nature-based learning. Kids will learn numbers, letters and descriptive words through games, puppets, songs and nature play. For ages 2–4.

Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (✓)

Nature's Fireworks

Fri 5/29, 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy nature's firefly fireworks while we talk about what makes them light up and why they do it. Witness intrigue and deceit in the insect world along this 2-mile hike. Meet at the Gatehouse before heading out on the trail.

Glenwood Gardens/Wetland Loop Trail (✓)

Beginning Golf I

Sat 5/30–6/27, 9:30 a.m.

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

Wild West Off-Trail Hiking Series: Kilby Road

Sat 5/30, 10 a.m.

Meandering along the Whitewater River lays an area of protected land brimming with wildlife from bald eagles to beavers. Indulge your senses as you explore this rarely trekked land along with Great Parks' nature interpreters.

Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (✓ register by 5/27)

Wonders of Wind

Sun 5/31, 2–5 p.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled day experimenting with the wind. Bring your own kite or make one to fly. Make your own sailboat to race against friends.

Or, decorate and make your own personal pinwheel, all while learning lots of fun facts about how we use wind every day! Minimum fee for all crafts. **Winton Woods/Park's Farm**



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