

**2022–2023 School Program Guide**  
**Step into a park, leap into nature!**

Welcome to Great Parks of Hamilton County’s school program offerings for the 2022–2023 school year! We’re bringing the best of nature to you, wherever your classroom may be.

Great Parks is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic closely and will make adjustments as necessary with guidance from the Centers of Disease Control and Hamilton County Public Health.

All field trips to Great Parks address Ohio’s Learning Standards and respective content statements for kindergarten through eighth grade. If you don’t see a program that meets your educational requirements, please let us know. We will work with you to adjust the program to do so.

**Pricing**

- \$6/student
- Teachers are free of charge
- One (1) additional chaperone for every 10 children is free
- Additional chaperones: \$6/individual

**Financial Assistance**

Great Parks believes that all members of our community should have access to all that the great outdoors has to offer. Our scholarship fund is a way in which families and organizations can connect a child with nature through financial assistance.

- Partial scholarships are available to teachers and organizations to help offset the cost of a school or group program. All applicants will be considered for a scholarship, but the priority will be given to groups located in Hamilton County. The award can be up to 75% of the cost of the program with a maximum of \$300.
- To learn more, click [here](#) and select Scholarships.

Discounts can be applied based on free and reduced lunch percentages. Please let us know when you contact us.

**Booking a Program**

Ready to book a program? Have a question that’s not answered here? Here are the next steps:

- Email [schoolprograms@greatparks.org](mailto:schoolprograms@greatparks.org)
- Enter in the subject line the program name and grade level
- Give possible dates for when you plan to visit
- Please allow at least 30 days for scheduling. Dates are subject to availability.

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## **Rocks, Minerals & Soil**

**Available September - May**

Location: Sharon Woods

Get down and “soily” as we explore the surface below our feet.



During this program, students will

- Hike to see local rock types and layers in a natural gorge
- Conduct tests on three minerals to identify them
- Find examples of igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks
- Collect soil samples
- Identify 10 or more common uses of rocks, minerals and soil
- Help determine how environments have influenced today’s foundation

*Earth Science Content Statements:*

- *6.ESS.1 Minerals have specific, quantifiable properties*
  - *6.ESS.2 Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks have unique characteristics that can be used for identification and/or classification*
  - *6.ESS.3 Igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks form in different ways*
  - *6.ESS.4 Soil is unconsolidated material that contains nutrient matter and weathered rock*
  - *6.ESS.5 Rocks, minerals and soils have common practical uses*
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## **Building Team Culture**

**Available September-November  
& April-May**

Location: Shawnee Lookout

Think outside the box and explore your team’s culture. With challenges to foster communication, trust and bonding, this exploration of team will wander through an American Indian earthwork and build relationships to achieve your goals.



During the program, students will

- Work together as a team to complete different challenges
- Adapt to different ways of thinking both individually and as a team
- Explore an ancient earthwork, an amazing example of teamwork

*Social Emotional Learning Standards:*

- *Identify and describe how personal choices and behavior impacts self and others.*
- *Describe possible outcomes associated with verbal and nonverbal expression of emotions in different settings.*
- *Plan steps needed to reach a short-term goal.*
- *Identify alternative strategies with guidance toward a specific goal.*

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## Maple Sugaring

**Available February & early March**

Location: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

Learn about the sweet tradition of maple sugaring, including the science, tools, history techniques, and best of all, the taste!



During this program, students will

- Take a hike through the woods to see a variety of collection methods
- Learn how and why maples trees make sap
- Learn about the process of turning sap into syrup
- Taste maple syrup and maple sugar

*Content Statement:*

*Program can be adjusted to meet appropriate content standards for science and social studies.*

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## The Dynamic Forest Ecosystem

**Available March & April**

Location: Winton Woods

Uncover the inner workings of a woodland ecosystem and explore connections between organisms and their physical environment. Learn how this environment is ever-changing, as energy flows through the food webs.



During this program, students will

- Learn about the layers of the forest and discover the interdependence of plants and animals.
- Take a hike
- Learn about energy transfer

*Life Science Content Statements:*

- *5.LS.1 Organisms perform a variety of roles in an ecosystem.*
- *5.LS.2 All of the processes that take place within organisms require energy.*

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