

Pre K - Kindergarten

In Person Programs



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
- 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.

To book a field trip,
email schoolprograms@greatparks.org

Wonders of Nature

Available: September-May

Location: Embshoff Woods, Fernbank Park, Miami Whitewater Forest, Sharon Woods, Shawnee Lookout & Woodland Mound

Encounter animals and explore all things nature.



During this program, students will

- Take a Hike
- Meet a few animals
- Interact with discovery stations based on a theme

Content Statements:

Program can be adjusted to meet appropriate content standards for science.

Leaves for Little Folk

Available: October & November

Location: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

Celebrate trees and leaves! Learn why foliage changes color and why leaves drift to the ground during this season.



During this program, students will

- Take a hike to observe changes in the season and look for a variety of leaves while observing colors, shapes, sounds and textures.
- Learn how and why leaves change color
- Play a matching game

Life Science Content statements:

- *K.LS.1 Living things have specific characteristics and traits.*
 - *K.LS.2 Living things have physical traits and behaviors, which influence their survival.*
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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 maple 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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Hop Into Spring

Available: March & April

Location: Fernbank & Miami Whitewater Forest

Spring into action and discover a season of change. From beautiful spring blooms to growth sprouts, dive into and explore what spring brings!



During this program, students will

- Meet springtime animals to find out where they've been all winter
- Learn about the changes that happen during spring
- Play a four seasons game
- Make a hippity-hoppity craft!

Life Science Content Standards:

- *K.ESS.1: Weather changes are long-term and short-term.*
 - *K.LS.2: Living things have physical traits and behaviors, which influence their survival.*
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Fabulous Frogs & Toads

Available: May

Location: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

Learn about frogs, toads and their neighbors that call Hamilton County home.



During this program, students will

- Take a hike to the frog pond
- Meet live frogs and toads
- Play a learning game

Life Science Content Statements:

- *K.LS.1: Living things have specific characteristics and traits.*
- *K.LS.2: Living things have physical traits and behaviors, which influence their survival.*