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.

Pricing
- $8/student
- Teachers are free of charge
- Chaperones: $8/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 lean more, click here and select Scholarships.

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.

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Glenwood Gardens
In-Person Programs

Gardens and Animals

Grade Level: Preschool to 1st Grade

Explore the themed gardens and giant tree playhouse at Highfield Discovery Garden. Take a break in the workshop and meet some creatures who live in gardens.

During this program, students will:
• Have free time to explore the garden.
• Meet and greet a few live animals and discover their basic needs.

Strand: Life Science: Pre-Kindergarten (3-5)
• With modeling and support, demonstrate an understanding that living things change over time. (e.g., life cycle)
• With modeling and support recognize similarities and differences between people and other living things.

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.
• 1.LS.1 Living things have basic needs, which are met by obtaining materials from the physical environment.
• 1.LS.2: Living things survive only in environments that meet their needs.

Exploring Soil

Grade Level: Preschool to 1st Grade

Explore the dirt that that makes up the earth and learn about some soil dwelling creatures. Explore the themed gardens and giant tree playhouse at Highfield Discovery Garden.

During this program, students will:
• Have free time to explore the garden.
• Sift through compost and see what in it.
• Meet at least one soil dwelling creature.

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Bats and Mysteries

Grade Level: 1st to 4th Grade

Someone has been causing mischief at the park! Take a hike and check out natural clues that have been left, to try to discover who has been lurking about. Take a break and learn some fun facts about bats and find out what role they play in the environment. *No live bat present. Explore the themed gardens and giant tree playhouse at Highfield Discovery Garden.

During this program, students will:
- Have free time to explore the garden.
- Learn about bats and play a bat game.
- Take a hike and solve the mystery.

Live Science Content Statements:
1.LS.1: Living things have basic needs, which are met by obtaining materials from the physical environment.
1.LS.2: Living things survive only in environments that meet their needs.
2.LS.1: Living things cause changes on Earth.
3.LS.1 Offspring resemble their parents and each other.
3.LS.3 Plants and animals have life cycles that are part of their adaptations for survival in their natural environments.
4.LS.1: Changes in an organism's environment are sometimes beneficial to its survival and sometimes.

Sun, Plants and Happy Us

Grade Level: 1st to 2nd Grade

Learn about how we can use gardens and nature to meet our basic needs and improve our physical and emotional health. Explore the themed gardens and giant tree playhouse at Highfield Discovery Garden.

During this program, students will:
- Have free time to explore the garden.
- Explore how the plants we eat grow and how we help them.
- Enjoy nature and learn about ways to relax on a mindfulness nature hike.

Life Science Content Statements:
- 1.LS.1 Living things have basic needs, which are met by obtaining materials from the physical environment.
- 1.LS.2: Living things survive only in environments that meet their needs.
- 1.ESS. 1 The sun is the principal source of energy.
- 2. LS. 1 Living things cause changes on Earth.

Social Emotional
- K – 2: B1. 3.a Identify and begin to use strategies to regulate emotions and manage behaviors

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Gardens, Games and Animals

Available: May

Grade Level: 1st to 4th Grade

Celebrate the end of the school year with some fun filled field games. Take a break in the workshop and meet some creatures who live in our garden. Explore the themed gardens and giant tree playhouse at Highfield Discovery Garden.

During this program, students will:
• Have free time to explore the garden.
• Meet some animals.
• Play some fun games and practice working as a team.

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