

Great Parks 2023 Day Camps



Booking a Camp

Welcome to the Great Parks 2023 Day Camps listings. Here you'll find all offerings of what your children can discover in the great outdoors this summer!

Ready to sign your kids up for a day camp?

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For additional questions, please email us at daycamps@greatparks.org or call 513-521-7275.

Adventure Camps

River Adventure Camp (Tandem Canoe)

Ages: 10-14

Price: \$150

Location: Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost

Dates:

- June 20-21 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- July 18-19 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This camp is all about canoeing! Join our certified American Canoe Association (ACA) instructors and Adventure Outpost staff on a two-day excursion into the world of water sports. Enjoy learning and practicing new canoe skills on flat and moving water! Campers will explore the lake using basic boating maneuvers and build up to an adventure on the river.

You may even spot some of our resident wildlife! All equipment is provided.

River Adventure Camp (Solo Kayak)

Ages: 10-14

Price: \$150

Location: Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost

Dates:

- June 6-7 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- June 13-14 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- June 27-28 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- July 11-12 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- July 25-26 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Aug 1-2 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This camp is all about kayaking! Join our certified American Canoe Association (ACA) instructors and Adventure Outpost staff on a two-day excursion into the world of water sports. Enjoy learning and practicing new skills on flat and moving water! Campers will explore the lake using basic boating maneuvers and build up to an adventure on the river. All equipment is provided.

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Farm Camps

Growing Up a Farm Kid: Barnyard Friends

Ages: 3-5

Price: \$180 (includes one complimentary parent/caregiver)

Location: Winton Woods/Parky's Farm

Dates

- June 5-8 | 9:30 – 11 a.m.
- June 12-15 | 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Get close to the farm animals with your toddler or preschooler. Help with some simple farm chores, read stories, make crafts and play games. One parent or adult caregiver is required to stay, play and learn along with their child.

Growing Up a Farm Kid: Ponies

Ages: 3-5

Price: \$180 (includes one complimentary parent/caregiver)

Location: Winton Woods/Parky's Farm

Dates

- June 19-22 | 9:30 – 11 a.m.
- June 26-29 | 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Discover the world of ponies and their friends as we learn how to care for them. Brush and groom a pony until they shine. Play horsey games and make crafts. One parent or adult caregiver is required to stay, play and learn along with their child.

Farmer for a Week

Ages: 6-12

Price: \$275

Location: Winton Woods/Parky's Farm

Dates:

- July 10-13 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- July 17 -20 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Explore the farm and find out what our farmers do every day to keep our barnyard animals fed, safe and healthy. Clean and feed a variety of farm animals, assist with their training, construct enrichment activities (toys), and plant animal snacks in the garden. After chores are done, take a hike in the woods and enjoy other fun nature activities.

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Farm Camps (continued)

Farm to Table

Ages: 7-12

Price: \$275

Location: Winton Woods/Parky's Farm

Dates:

- July 24-27 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- July 31-August 3 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Food can be fun! Put on your chef's hat and apron in order to help make your own lunch. Visit and care for our farm animals that provide us with the ingredients, gather fresh produce from the garden then create a delicious meal.

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Fishing Camps

Fishing Camp 101: Reeling in the Basics

Ages: 8-12

Price: \$180

Location: Lake Isabella

Dates:

- June 6-9 | 7:30 a.m. —11:30 a.m.
- June 13-16 | 7:30 a.m. —11:30 a.m.

Want to learn the basics of fishing? This camp is perfect for young anglers who are just learning or who have never fished before. Campers will be taught casting skills, proper knot-tying techniques and how to bait a hook and use lures, as well as how to identify the fish they catch. All tackle and gear provided.

Fishing Camp 202: Exploring Deeper Waters

Ages: 8-12

Price: \$180

Location: Lake Isabella

Dates:

- June 20-23 | 7:30 a.m. —11:30 a.m.

Let's learn about the different types of fishing! This camp is perfect for young anglers who already know the basics. Campers will be taught how to make their own lures and take care of their tackle. Campers can bring their own gear or use ours.

Fishing Camp 300: Fishing on the Water

Ages: 10-15

Price: \$180

Location: Lake Isabella

Dates:

- June 27-30 | 7:30 a.m. —11:30 a.m.

Let's take fishing out on the water! This camp is perfect for young anglers who have already mastered the basics. Step into this experience that will build skills from bank fishing and advance to paddling a kayak to cast a line. All tackle and gear provided.

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Horse Camps

Spring Break Horse Camp

Ages: 7–14

Price: \$300

Location: Winton Woods/Riding Center

Dates:

- March 14-16 | 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.
- April 11-13 | 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

Winton Woods Riding Center spring break horse camps are Tuesday–Thursday, full-day camps. Topics covered include horse safety, breeds, grooming and riding. This camp is suitable for beginners to advanced beginner level riders. Registration is accepted on a first-come–first–served basis until camps fill and/or begin.

Summer Horse Camp

Ages: 7–14

Price: \$385

Location: Winton Woods/Riding Center

Dates:

- May 30–June 2 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- June 5–8 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- June 12–15 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- June 26–29 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- July 3–7 | 9 a.m.–4pm (no 4th of July)
- July 17–20 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- July 31–August 3 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Winton Woods Riding Center summer horse camps are four day, full-day camps. Topics covered include horse safety, breeds, grooming and riding. This camp is suitable for beginner to intermediate level riders. Registration is accepted on a first-come–first–served basis until camps fill and/or begin.

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Horse Camps (continued)

Advanced Horse Camp

Ages: 8–17

Price: \$385

Location: Winton Woods/Riding Center

Dates:

- June 19–22 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- July 24–27 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

To qualify for the advanced riding camp, students must have achieved at least Novice level in lessons OR have attended at least four prior horse camps. Topics covered include horse safety, breeds, grooming and a variety of riding styles. Registration is accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until camps fill and/or begin.

Hunt Seat Bootcamp

Ages: 11–20

Regular Price: \$475

Location: Winton Woods/Riding Center

Dates:

- July 10–14 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

This camp is designed for serious riders who are part of an Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) team or who are collegiate Hunt Seat (IHSA) bound. Riders participating in this camp should have an intermediate or better level of riding proficiency with experience in the Hunt Seat/Hunter Jumper style. Campers will receive intensive under-saddle coaching, with a focus on proper equitation, excellent sportsmanship, and horsemanship. There will be no lack of fun along the way, but campers will leave polished and ready for their next show.

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Nature Camps

Wild Encounters at Sharon Woods!

Ages: 6–11

Price: \$180

Location: Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre

Dates:

- June 6–9 | 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A nature adventure is waiting for you! Each day we'll roam forests, fields or creeks of Sharon Woods. Along the way we will meet animal ambassadors, get creative, make messes, and encounter wildlife! Sign up for one session or all three as there's always something new to explore!

Wild Encounters at Woodland Mound!

Ages: 6–11

Price: \$180

Location: Woodland Mound

Dates:

- June 13–16 | 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A nature adventure is waiting for you! Each day we'll roam forests, fields or creeks of Woodland Mound. Along the way we will meet animal ambassadors, get creative, make messes, and encounter wildlife! Sign up for one session or all three as there's always something new to explore!

Survival in the Wild!

Ages: 8–12

Price: \$180

Location: Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre

Dates:

- July 11–14 | 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Does your camper have what it takes to survive in the wild? Campers will be challenged in the art of shelter building, fire starting and exploring unknown areas in the park. By the end of the week, they will have an understanding of our basic needs and what skills it takes to be a survivor.

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Nature Camps (continued)

Dungeons & Deforestation

Ages: 10-14

Price: \$180

Location: Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre

Dates:

- June 20-23 | 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Campers will merge a fantasy role-playing adventure with real-life outdoor feats! We will solve the mysteries of the forest and protect it from nefarious creatures in a Dungeons & Dragons adventure. When we're not playing the game, we'll learn the outdoor skills like navigation, fire building and scientific inquiry that our characters need to succeed. New and experienced players welcome!

Operation Outdoors: Earthly Elements

Ages: 6-12

Price: (varies by date, please see below)

Location: Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center

Before care and/or after care are available for \$25/week per child who registers for Operation Outdoors camps only. When registering your child, please indicate which option you're interested in, if any. Before care is available from 7:30-9 a.m. and after care is available from 4-5:30 p.m.

Dates:

- May 30-June 2 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (\$220)
- July 5-7 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (\$165)

Pottery, plant dyes, and fossils oh my! Come immerse yourself in the wild wonders around us and see how magnificent Earth truly is. Creek stomping, sensory experiments, and animal encounters is just a glimpse into this week full of fun!

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Nature Camps (continued)

Operation Outdoors: HiddenLifeAmongUs

Ages: 6-12

Price: \$275

Location: Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center

Before care and/or after care are available for \$25/week per child who registers for Operation Outdoors camps only. When registering your child, please indicate which option you're interested in, if any. Before care is available from 7:30-9 a.m. and after care is available from 4-5:30 p.m.

Dates:

- June 5-9 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- June 12-16 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Come explore the itty bitty, stinky, and slimy hidden life among us. Get down and dirty through a variety of hikes, investigations, crafts, and animal experiences. From inside sidewalk cracks to underneath rotting logs, who knows what we will find. Grab your magnifying glass and let's get searching!

Operation Outdoors: WondersofWater

Ages: 6-12

Price: \$275

Location: Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center

Before care and/or after care are available for \$25/week per child who register for Operation Outdoors camps only. When registering your child, please indicate which option you're interested in, if any. Before care is available from 7:30-9 a.m. and after care is available from 4-5:30 p.m.

Dates:

- July 10-14 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- July 17-21 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Get ready for this wet, weird, and wild week of exploration! Whether we are searching for critters in the creek, reeling in the next big catch, or diving into aquatic life - this week is sure to have you giddy and intrigued about the wonders of water. Gather your water shoes and sunscreen and let's have some fun!

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Nature Camps (continued)

Operation Outdoors: Life as We Know It

Ages: 6-8

Price: \$275

Location: Fernbank Park

Before care and/or after care are available for \$25/week per child who registers for Operation Outdoors camps only. When registering your child, please indicate which option you're interested in, if any. Before care is available from 7:30-9 a.m. and after care is available from 4-5:30 p.m.

Dates:

- June 19-23 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- June 26-30 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- July 24-28 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

From creepy crawlies to trailing roots, the world around us is exciting and expansive! Uncover the sneaky ways living and nonliving things work together to create life as we know it. This week will be full of crafts, games, and guided explorations!

Operation Outdoors: Wild Wayfarers

Ages: 9-12

Price: \$300

Location: Fernbank Park

Before care and/or after care are available for \$25/week per child who registers for Operation Outdoors camps only. When registering your child, please indicate which option you're interested in, if any. Before care is available from 7:30-9 a.m. and after care is available from 4-5:30 p.m.

Dates:

- June 19-23 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- June 26-30 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- July 24-28 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

With wild investigations, historic undertakings, and crazy nature quests, join our squad of bold trailblazers as we travel from park to park in search of adventure. Make a new friend and lace up your boots as we throw tomahawks, explore ancient earthworks, find the biggest tree in the parks and put the wild back in your day!

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Photography Camps

Digital Photography

Ages: 11–14

Price: \$180

Location: Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre

Dates:

- June 12–15 | 9 a.m. – noon

Campers will spend four days in the park developing creativity and photography skills with professional photojournalist Malinda Hartong. We'll use nature to learn and practice basics such as composition, exposure and flash, macro and fast-action settings and portraits. Campers must bring their own digital camera (point-and-shoot, mirrorless or DSLR) with one lens.

Photos on the Go

Ages: 11–14

Price: \$180

Location: Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre

Dates:

- July 17–20 | 9 a.m. – noon

Join professional photojournalist Malinda Hartong as we explore the parks through photography. Learn how to take stunning photos on a smart phone and then edit them on the fly to create amazing works of art. Campers must bring their own smart phone, iPod Touch or tablet with a camera.