

# Pre K – Kindergarten

2023–2024 School Program Guide



Welcome to Great Parks' school program offerings for the 2023–2024 school year! We're bringing the best of nature to you, wherever your classroom may be.

All field trips with Great Parks address the Ohio Department of Education's Learning Standards for kindergarten through eighth grade. If you don't see a program that meets your educational requirements, or if your group adheres to Next Generation standards, please contact us and we will work to adjust the program to meet your needs.

## Pricing

- \$7/student
- Teachers are free of charge
- One (1) additional chaperone for every 10 children is free
- Additional chaperones: \$7/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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## Wonders of Nature

Available Sept. - May

Locations: 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

*Ohio Department of Education Science Learning Standards:*

- *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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## Leaves for Little Folk

Available Oct. - Nov.

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

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  - *K.LS.1 Living things have specific characteristics and traits.*
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## Animals in Winter

Available Nov. - Jan.

Location: Farbach–Werner Nature Preserve

Explore the three strategies animals use to survive the winter months in Ohio. During this program, students will:

- Meet a bird of prey that is a partial migrant
- Explore different habitats along the trail to look for signs of winter-active wildlife
- Build an indoor bear den and do an experiment to learn about hibernation

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## Maple Sugaring

Available Feb. - early March

Location: Farbach–Werner Nature Preserve

Learn about the sweet tradition of maple sugaring, including the science, tools, history and techniques. 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

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*Ohio Department of Education Social Studies Learning Standards:*

- *Personal history can be shared through stories and pictures.*
- *Humans depend on and impact the physical environment in order to supply food, clothing and shelter.*

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## Hop into Spring

Available March & April

Location: Fernbank Park & 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!

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## Fabulous Frogs & Toads

Available May

Location: Shawnee Lookout

Learn about the frogs and toads 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

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## Explore Spring

Available April

Location: Farbach–Werner Nature Preserve

Learn why spring is an important time of year in the life cycle of many plants and animals. During this program, students will:

- Examine the amazing adaptations of birds' eggs and learn about the diversity of nests that they use
- Participate in a pond study to observe spring changes
- Hike the trail to observe signs of spring in both plants and animals

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