

Second Grade

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

- 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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3-2-1 Impact

Available Sept. - May

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

Every step we take impacts our natural surroundings. We'll head out on the trail to identify how humans and other organisms change the world around us. During this program, students will:

- Observe five ways humans impact nature
- Identify five ways humans impact nature
- Meet animal ambassadors to explore how humans and animals interact

Ohio Department of Education Science Learning Standards:

- *2.LS.1 Living things cause changes on Earth.*
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1803: Life on the Ohio Frontier

Available Sept. - early Nov. & April - May

Location: Shawnee Lookout

Take a leap back in time to explore the life on the frontier of Ohio's early statehood and compare our lives of today to the lives of the pioneers. During this program, students will:

- Meet characters from our past and visit an early schoolhouse
- Engage in the day-to-day life of pioneer children
- Celebrate and play as pioneer children

Ohio Department of Education Social Studies Learning Standards:

- *Time can be shown graphically on calendars and timelines.*
 - *Change over time can be shown in artifacts, maps and photographs.*
 - *Science and technology have changed daily life.*
 - *There are different rules and laws that govern behavior in different settings.*
 - *Resources can be used in different ways.*
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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 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

Ohio Department of Education Science Learning Standards:

- *2.ESS.2 Water is present in the atmosphere.*

Ohio Department of Education Social Studies Learning Standards:

- *Science and technology have changed daily life.*
 - *Interactions among cultures lead to sharing ways of life.*
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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

Ohio Department of Education Science Learning Standards:

- *2.LS.1 Living things cause changes on Earth.*
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Fabulous Frogs & Toads

Available May

Location: Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

Learn about frogs, toads and their neighbors that all call Hamilton County home. During this program, students will:

- Take part in a live pond study
- Meet living frogs and toads
- Play a learning game

Ohio Department of Education Science Learning Standards:

- *2.LS.1 Living things cause changes on Earth.*