The mission of the Wood County Park District is to conserve, enhance, and protect the natural and cultural resources of Wood County, while providing quality outdoor recreational and educational opportunities for Wood County citizens.
March Programs

Fort to Port: An Adventure on the Maumee River
Tuesday, March 3; 7:00 – 8:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
In 2019, four bold kayakers embarked on thru-paddling the entire 137 miles of the Maumee River in 4 days. Join us for tales of the water trail from half of the expedition, as Wood County Parks Senior Naturalist, Bill Hoefflin and Aptitude Outdoors owner Paul Fuzinski share some stories and visuals from their adventure. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Birds and Beer, Avians and Ales
Friday, March 6; 7:00 – 9:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Test your knowledge with a great pairing of microbrew and bird identification. This friendly competition is in a natural setting. Brewmaster Scot Yarnell from Earnest Brew Works will discuss the different beers offered, including the biology of brewing and beer. Prizes will be awarded to the top three groups in the trivia contest. Cost: $20 per person/$15 FWCP. Leader: Jim Witter

Homeschoolers: Orienteering
Thursday, March 5; 1:00 – 2:30 pm
Slippery Elm Trail: Cricket Frog Cove
14810 Freyman Road, Cygnet
Find out what else the magnetic compass can do besides show you which way is north. This tried and true low-tech tool can help you get from point A to point B. We will learn the basics indoors and then take it outside on a short orienteering course. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Kitchen Herbs and Spices for Home Remedies
Saturday, March 7; 9:00 – 11:00 am
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Janis Sankowski, will present tips on how to grow herbs and spices at home. The efficacy of plants in promoting wellness and how they are sometimes used in remedies will be discussed. Cost: $20/$16 Friends of the Parks Leader: Bill Hoefflin

EcoLit Book Group Meeting
Thursday, March 5; 7:00 – 9:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
For this meeting, please read Anthill by Edward O. Wilson. Group meets monthly. Discussion leader: Cheryl Lachowski, Teaching Professor, BGSU English Dept. and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN).

Spring is in the Air: Yoga & Nature Therapy
Saturday, March 7; 1:30 – 3:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve:
Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
A 1-hour nature therapy wander led by Jewels Daugherty allows you to practice your connection with yourself & the Earth using all your senses. Then, Jenn McCullough will lead the group in a 1-hour yoga practice to energize and relax. This is a rain or shine event. Please bring a yoga mat, water & dress for the weather. Cost: $30/$25 Friends of the Parks members

PiPs: What Does the Fox Say?
Friday, March 13; 10:00 – 11:00 am
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve:
Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Children 3-6 years of age enjoy an activity and craft while learning about the mysterious, yet musical, fox! Adult companions must remain with children for this program. Leader: Craig Spicer

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*Most programs require registration at least 48 hours advance.
Register: wc-parks.org
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March Programs

**Wild Self-Defense: Bear**
Friday, March 13; 6:00 – 8:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg

Encountering wildlife is exhilarating, but if you’re not careful, it can turn dangerous quickly! Learn all about this large creature, including how to avoid too-close-encounters, and have a chance at defending yourself from our very own “animal.”

Leader: Craig Spicer

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**Lucky Charms Open Geocaching**
Monday, March 16; 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg

Track down spring at this open geocaching! Stop by anytime between 4:00 and 7:00 pm to borrow one of our GPS units or bring your smartphone with the Google Maps app and search for hidden geocaches in the park. Dress for the weather and be prepared for substantial walking and self-guided exploration. Leader: Craig Spicer

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**Wood County Bicentennial: Spring Equinox Woodcock Wander**
Thursday, March 19; 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Slippery Elm Trail: Cricket Frog Cove
14810 Freyman Road, Cygnet

As the sun sets, a very special bird begins preparing for one of the best aerial courtship displays in North America. He goes by names such as: bogsucker, timberdoodle, mudbat and many more. As part of this new series we will also be learning about the cultural and natural history of the park. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

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**The Art of Wandering**
Saturday, March 14; 1:30 – 3:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg

Wandering is about allowing yourself to see what is already here, and then letting what you see, guide you on where to go. Our experience begins with a slow 1-hour wander. After wandering, Michelle Pelton will guide us on how to use our curiosity & senses to paint what has inspired us. $30

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**Coffee with the Birds**
Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:30 am
March 18; W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg

Enjoy coffee and friendly conversation while checking out the feeders. Afterwards we’ll head into the field to look and listen for spring birds. Bring your own travel mug and fill up to fuel your trip on the trail!

Leader: Jim Witter

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**Archery Skills: M-Archery Madness**
Saturday, March 21; 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Arrowwood Archery Range
11126 Linwood Road, BG

Come anytime between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm for this beginner-friendly skill-builder, where we’ll focus on body posture and aiming, eventually having the opportunity to shoot at moving ball targets! All archery equipment provided, personal gear welcome (inspected at program). We suggest shooters be 7 or older. Minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Leader: Craig Spicer

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**What’s new at Otsego Park?**
Otsego Park
20000 West River Road, Bowling Green

The Thompson Stone Hall at Otsego Park has a new floor. This charming limestone building was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the early 1930s and has been the venue for countless events and, reunions, and weddings. The Marlow overlook (shown above) has a view of the pollinator native plant gardens that have been saved by Master Gardener, Kim Strickland. This is a great location to enjoy the sunset over the Maumee River.

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**iNaturalist App 101**
Wednesday, March 18; 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Freinds’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg

Learn how to use the phone app iNaturalist to identify plants, animals, and more in your Wood County Parks. Bring your own smartphone. Leader: Nicole Sarver

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**What’s new at Sawyer Quarry?**
Sawyer Quarry Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg

The older building on the Sawyer Quarry Preserve property is being renovated for an interpretive space. Learn and explore at this interactive center which will feature a low-level climbing wall and exhibits.
March Programs

**Passport to Paddling: Kayaks & Gear**
Tuesday, March 24; 6:30 – 8:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Hankison Great Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
The amount of options for kayaks, life-jackets and paddles is vast! Learn the reasons behind the diversity of these items as well as other equipment to make educated decisions about your gear and safety. Get connected with our schedule of kayak and canoe trips and classes to take your paddling to the next level! Leaders: Craig Spicer & Bill Hoefflin

**Passport to Paddling: Logistics & Safety**
Tuesday, March 31; 6:30 – 8:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Hankison Great Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
You’ve got the gear, now it’s time to paddle! Learn to plan with cautious consideration for environmental conditions, logistics and personal ability from accredited instructors to ensure future adventures are safe and enjoyable. Get connected with our schedule of kayak and canoe trips and classes to take your paddling to the next level! Leaders: Craig Spicer & Bill Hoefflin

**Wood County Bicentennial: Formation of the Maumee River**
Wednesday, March 25; 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Otsego Park: Thompson Stone Hall
20000 W. River Road, Bowling Green
The northern border of our county is the powerful Maumee River. Join us in learning how this “young” and wild river came to be. Dr. Timothy Fisher of the University of Toledo will lead us on an exploration through time that will leave you with a greater appreciation for this wonderful natural resource. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

**Fishing the Walleye Run in Northwest Ohio**
Wednesday, March 25; 7:00 – 9:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Hankison Great Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Walleye expert Brian Miller, author of *Fishing the Maumee River Walleye Run*, a book on the annual walleye run, will be presenting tips for success on local waterways. Equipment samples and supporting materials will be available. Leader: Jim Witter

**EcoLit Book Group Meeting**
Thursday, April 2; 7:00 – 9:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
April Programs

Mosses of Wood County
Saturday, April 4; 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Join moss and lichen experts Jim Toppin and Janet Traub as they lead us on a classroom introduction to mosses. Afterwards, we’ll head to the field for identification of some moss species. Program facilitator: Jim Witter

Wood County Bicentennial: Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, April 4; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, BG
Join us for a simple pancake breakfast with syrup made on the Farm! We’ll talk the history of making syrup and tools you can use today, plus try syrup samples in their natural habitat – on pancakes! Leader: Corinne Gordon

Rope Rappelling
Sunday, April 5; 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
It’s a day of rope rappelling fun! A brief orientation will cover gear and safety procedures, then it’s over the 30-foot cliff. Safety equipment, instruction/guiding and water are provided. Wear closed-toed shoes, bring a water bottle, and snacks. Cost: $15/$12 FWCP. Leader: Craig Spicer

Wood County Bicentennial: Full Pink Moon Timberdoodle Trek
Tuesday, April 7; 7:45 – 9:15 pm
Black Swamp Preserve
1014 S. Maple Street, Bowling Green
As the sun sets, a very special bird begins preparing for one the best aerial courtship displays in North America. He goes by names such as: bogsucker, timberdoodle, mudbat and many more. This will be a twilight hike under a full moon. As part of this new series we will also be learning about the cultural and natural history of the park. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Personal Finance Tips with BGSU Professor Roc Starks
Wednesday, April 8; 6:00 – 8:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Hankison Great Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Learn how farmers and their families During the Great Depression, farmers were able to avoid financial ruin using what they learned through extension office agricultural accounting classes. While it is not as dire as facing the Great Depression, entering the adult world can be intimidating for recent graduates. Luckily, Carter Historic Farm is here to help! After a brief talk on the ways that farmers and their families learned to budget for success in the 1930s presented by farm staff, we’ll hear about modern-day personal finance from our guest speaker, BGSU Professor of Finance, Roc Starks. From student loans to managing bills and everything in-between, Professor Starks will cover the basics and answer any questions you have about finances to better prepare you for “adulting.” Leader: Alyssa Garland

Visit our booth at these events:
BGSU Poker Walk, Fieldhouse Wednesday, April 1; 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
BGSU Eco Fair, Union Oval Wednesday, April 15, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
BGSU Literacy in the Park, Fieldhouse Saturday, April 25; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Family Day at Blue Week, Metroparks Sunday, May 17; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

New! Tot Lot playground at Cedar Creeks Preserve.
4575 Walbridge Road, Northwood (shown left)

Open Bouldering
Thursday, April 9; 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
Arrange between 5:30 and 8:00 pm to get hands-on with the quarry rock as staff share knowledge, tips, and tricks to get beginners climbing safely in this challenging outdoor sport. Crash pads for safe landing are supplied. Wear flexible, yet sturdy footwear with good grip. Leader: Craig Spicer

PiPs: Hoppy Spring!
Friday, April 10; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Bradner Interpretive Center
11491 N. Fostoria Road, Bradner
Celebrate early spring by looking and listening for frogs and toads! Learn about their life cycle, listen to a short story and meet a live amphibian before heading out on the trail in search of signs of spring. Leader: Jim Witter

Ecopsychology
Thursday, April 9; 7:00 – 8:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Hankison Great Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Ecopsychology studies the relationship between human beings and the natural world through ecological and psychological principles. Join Black Swamp Conservancy ecopsychology guru Laura Rodriguez to learn about ecopsychology and how it might help you understand your relationship with our natural resources.

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Archery Skills: Rainbow and Arrow
Tuesday, April 14; 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Arrowwood Archery Range
11126 Linwood Road, Bowling Green
Improve your archery skills through this short, beginner-friendly instructional program, focusing on the steps of shooting and consistency. All archery equipment provided, personal gear welcome (inspected at program). Must be 10 or older to attend. Minors must be accompanied by legal guardian. Bring a small canvas, shirt, poster, or anything you’d like splatter-painted! Cost: $5/$3 FWCP. Leader: Craig Spicer

Coffee with the Birds
Wednesday, April 15; 10:00 – 11:30 am
Bradner Preserve
11491 N. Fostoria Road, Bradner
Enjoy coffee from a local business and friendly conversation while checking out the feeders. Afterwards we’ll head into the field to look and listen for spring birds. Bring your own travel mug and fill up to fuel your trip on the trail! Leader: Jim Witter

Homeschoolers: Microscope Madness
Tuesday, April 14; 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve:
Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Join us for an introductory course on using a compound microscope. We provide the microscopes and slides to get an up close and personal look at parts of plants and animals around us. Leader: Nicole Sarver

Hiking for Health
Fridays, April 17, May 1, May 15, and May 29; 10:00 – 11:30 am
April 17; Bradner Preserve
11491 Fostoria Road, Bradner
May 1; Cedar Creeks Preserve
4070 Walbridge Road, Northwood
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Join a naturalist for exercise and the wonder of watching the seasonal changes. The hikes will offer a true mind-body connection. Sign up for one week or all. Leaders: Jim Witter, Bill Hoefflin, and Nicole Sarver

Spring Wildflower Walk
Tuesday, April 14; 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
Woodland wildflowers display a brief, but beautiful show on the forest floor. Join us for a naturalist led stroll to see who is starring this month. Learn why these flowers are called ephemerals. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Lichens of Wood County
Saturday, April 18; 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve:
Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Join moss and lichen experts Jim Toppin and Janet Traub as they lead us on a classroom introduction to lichens. Afterwards we’ll head into the field to a Wood County Park to identify some moss species. Program facilitator: Jim Witter

Friends of the Parks Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, April 19; 1:00 pm
Otsego Park
20000 West River Road, Bowling Green
Prospective and current members are welcome to enjoy a lunch and an educational program. Please register at wc-parks.org/programs, or call 419-353-1897. Donations are suggested. The Friends of the Parks are a 501(c)(3) non-profit benefiting the parks.

The Art of Wandering
Saturday, April 25; 1:30 – 3:00 pm
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Wandering is about allowing yourself to see what is already here, and then letting what you see, guide you on where to go. Our experience begins with a slow 1-hour wander. After wandering, Michelle Felton will guide us on how to use our curiosity and senses to paint what has inspired us. Cost: $30

Stargazing
Saturday, April 25; 8:30 pm
Beaver Creek Preserve
23028 Long Judson Road, Grand Rapids
See stars, nebula, and planets. Join the Toledo Astronomical Association on the observation deck at Beaver Creek. You are welcome to bring a blanket and chair and enjoy the night sky.

What’s New?
The Sawyer Interpretive Center at the Sawyer Quarry Preserve is under construction.
May Programs

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**Wood County Bicentennial: Animal Crafts for Kids**
Saturday, May 2; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
This program is a history, science and art lesson all rolled into one! A craft project will engage kids in learning about the animals on the farm and why farmers raised them. Parents and kids can come and go as they please throughout the duration of the event. Leader: Alyssa Garland

**Passport to Paddling: Vehicle Mounting**
Tuesday, April 28; 6:30 – 8:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Hankison Great Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Loading your kayak or canoe onto your vehicle can be as daunting as it is confusing, but don’t overlook this crucial first safety step on your paddling adventure. We’ll showcase a number of different methods, using a variety of equipment and vehicle types to equip you with ideas for your own secure set-up. Leader: Craig Spicer

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**Coaster Crafting**
Tuesday, May 5; 6:00 – 8:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Join us for a spring craft and make a set of cup coasters. We will be using leaves and photos to decorate coasters in our very own way. Feel free to bring your own photos to add a personal touch. Once finished, your coasters are yours to keep! Leader: Nicole Sarver

**Kayaking the Lake Erie Islands**
Thursday, May 7; 7:00 – 8:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Hankison Great Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
A coastal kayaking adventure is closer than you think! Join instructor and avid kayaker Eric Slough as he presents on the Lake Erie Islands Paddle Trail, showcasing the amenities, environment, and community connected by the Paddle Trail. Leader: Craig Spicer

**EcoLit Book Group Meeting**
Thursday, May 7; 7:00 – 9:30 pm
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For this meeting, please read Life Everlasting: The Animal Way of Death by Berndt Heinrich. Group meets monthly. Register for any or all. Discussion leader: Cheryl Lachowski, Teaching Professor, BGSU English Dept. and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN).

**Full Flower Moon Walk**
Thursday, May 7; 8:45 – 10:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Enjoy a gentle stroll under the Full Flower moon as we learn moon lore and look and listen for nocturnal wildlife. No dogs permitted. Leader Bill Hoefflin

**PiPs: The Tales of Scales**
Friday, May 8; 10:00 – 11:00 am
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve: Friends’ Green Room
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
What stories can reptiles tell us? Kids of 3-5 years discover the scaly-world of snakes and turtles and meet two of our animal ambassadors. Adult companions must remain with children for this program. Leader: Craig Spicer

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May

Plant Palooza
Friday, May 8; 4:30 - 7:00 pm
Wood County Fairgrounds: Champion Building
900 W Poe Rd, Bowling Green
Preview and purchase native plants, and pick up your order of annual plants a day early. For Friends members only. New and renewals of memberships available at the door. Leader: Friends of the Parks

Native Plant Sale
Saturday, May 9; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wood County Fairgrounds: Champion Building
900 W Poe Rd, Bowling Green
Purchase local native plants grown by the Wood County Park District stewardship department. Native plants were here before European settlers and have adapted to our soils to create drought and flood resistant areas, and provide habitat for wildlife. Leader: stewardship staff

Rock Climbing
Saturday, May 9; 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Rd, Perrysburg
Elevate your recreation with a day on the rocks, top-rope climbing. A brief orientation will cover gear and safety procedures, then it’s up the 30-foot cliff face. All equipment, instruction/guiding, and water are provided; bring a water bottle and snacks. Cost: $20/$17 FWCP. Leader: Craig Spicer

Wood County Bicentennial:
Lunch “With” Sally
Saturday, May 9; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Help cook several recipes Sally Carter Loomis donated to a Ladies Aid of Sugar Ridge Church cookbook, then share them for a light lunch. Sally and Lyle Loomis donated the Carter Historic Farm to the Wood County Park District on a conservation easement through the Black Swamp Conservancy. Leader: Corinne Gordon

Friends’ Migration Field Trip
Monday, May 11; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Park District Headquarters
18729 Mercer Road, Bowling Green
Join the Friends of the Parks on a tour of the parks in search of migrating songbirds. A light lunch will be provided. There is limited room on the tour bus, but participants may follow along in their own vehicles. Leader: Jim Witter

Hiking for Health
Friday, May 15; 10:00 – 11:30 am
Oak Openings Blue Week Trolley Ride
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Slippery Elm Trail:
Rudolph Savanna
10330 Rudolph Road, Rudolph
Join a naturalist for exercise and the wonder of watching the seasonal changes. The hikes will offer a true mind-body connection. Sign up for one week or all. Leaders: Jim Witter, Bill Hoefflin, and Nicole Sarver

Intro to Nature Photography
Tuesday, May 12; 5:30 – 8:00 pm
Bradner Interpretive Center
11491 Fosteria Road, Bradner
Interested in capturing the wonders of the outdoors in photographs, but unsure of how to use those camera settings to your advantage? Bring your camera and practice honing your skills. This session will focus on how to capture better animal photos. Leader: Zeb Albert

Open Archery
Friday, May 15; 5:00 – 8:00 pm
Arrowwood Archery Range
11126 Linwood Road, Bowling Green
Come anytime between 5:00 and 8:00 pm to give archery a shot! All archery equipment provided, along with brief beginner-friendly instruction from our certified instructors. Children must be at least 7 years of age or older to use our equipment. No registration required. Leaders: Craig Spicer, Zeb Albert

BG Bees Open Beekeepers Group
Meets every third Thursday from 5 - 8 pm. In cold, meetings are at Park Headquarters. Contact Mike Soboleski: sobeehoney@gmail.com
May

Wood County Bicentennial: Historic Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, May 16; 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Do you remember the rotary telephone? How about a record player? Put your knowledge of “old stuff” to the test at Carter Historic Farm! Groups will go on a scavenger hunt to find old-fashioned items using modern clues. Winners will receive a prize! Refreshments will also be provided. Please wear appropriate clothing for outdoor activities. Leader: Alyssa Garland

Down-River Kayaking Venture
Saturday, May 16; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Orleans Boat Launch
E. Harrison Ave, Perrysburg
Explore our scenic Maumee River on this 17-mile trip for experienced kayakers. Meet at Orleans Park, where we’ll be outfitted before the shuttle takes us to our launch in Grand Rapids. Naturalists guide the adventure down river for lunch, before continuing to the landing at Orleans Park. Eagles, turtles, and rapids of at least 1’ are expected. See online description for additional details. Cost: $17/$12 FWCP. Leaders: Craig Spicer & Bill Hoefflin

Coffee with the Birds
Wednesday, May 20; 10:00 – 11:30 am
Otsego Park
20000 W. River Road, Bowling Green
Enjoy coffee from a local business and friendly conversation while checking out the feeders. Afterwards we’ll head into the field to look and listen for spring birds. Bring your own travel mug and fill up to fuel your trip on the trail! Leader: Jim Witter

Wood County Bicentennial: Hike
Wednesday, May 20; 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Cedar Creeks Preserve
4575 Walbridge Road, Northwood
Discover the roots of Wood County with this bicentennial series program. A short hike will be accompanied by history on Wood County Parks and history of the natural area. Leader: Nicole Sarver

Intro to Nature Journaling
Tuesday, May 26; 4:30 – 6:00 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
We provide the sketchbook for your outdoor journaling adventure, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) Sue Frankforther is your guide. She’ll share her passion for nature, writing, and illustration and get you started on your very own nature journal.

Wood County Bicentennial: Spring Nature Tram Tours
Thursday, May 21;
11:00 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Black Swamp Preserve
1014 S. Maple Street, Bowling Green
Take a leisurely ride down the Slippery Elm Trail to Rudolph, Ohio to enjoy the springtime sights and sounds. As part of this new series we will also be learning about the cultural and natural history of the park. Tram is open sided so dress appropriately. Two sessions available. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Stargazing
Saturday, May 30; 8:30 pm
Beaver Creek Preserve
23028 Long Judson Road, Grand Rapids
See stars, nebula, and planets. Join the Toledo Astronomical Association on the observation deck at Beaver Creek. You are welcome to bring a blanket and chair and enjoy the night sky.

Hiking for Health
Friday, May 29; 10:00 – 11:30 am
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Join a naturalist for exercise and the wonder of watching the seasonal changes. The hikes will offer a true mind-body connection. Sign up for one week or all. Leaders: Jim Witter, Bill Hoefflin, and Nicole Sarver

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All tools and materials are provided. Prior experience is not needed.

** Adopt-A-Garden Kickoff  
Help beautify your parks by adopting a garden! Any prospective or returning volunteers should attend.  

** Conservation Volunteer Day  
Help with conservation efforts by removing invasive species like woody plants, garlic mustard and other early invasive plants, pick up trash, and other conservation tasks.

** Greenhouse Help  
Assist with the native plant program by transplanting seedlings and performing other tasks in the greenhouse.

** (Pi Day)  
Celebrate Pi Day (a little early) by enjoying some delicious pie afterward!

** (wrap-up)  
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by enjoying some yummy food afterward!

** Otsego Island Clean-up  
We’re teaming up with Partners for Clean Streams for an island clean-up! Canoe over to Hedges Island from Otsego Park and help us pick up what flood waters dump. We’ll supply all of the clean-up and canoeing supplies and instruction.

** Plant and Butterfly Monitor Training  
Learn to monitor native plants and/or butterflies in the parks. This is a great way to receive your Master Gardener or Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist hours.
Photo Winners from the 2019 Friends of the Parks Contest

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People’s Choice: Landscape

Tony Everhardt, On Frozen Pond

William Garrett, Fall Colors

Tony Everhardt, Sunburst

Kelly Chaltant, Reflections in Autumn

People’s Choice: Plant Life

Jim Mathews, White Fuzzy Seed Pod

William Garrett, Fall Colors

Kelly Chaltant, Reflections in Autumn

People’s Choice: Wildlife

Greg Predmore, Carolina Saddlebags

Greg Predmore, Spotted Skimmer

Ranaye McLaughlin, Monarch

Gynelle Predmore, Scatius

6th annual Photo CONTEST 2020

Enter by: Nov. 30, 2020
prospectus: wcparks.org/friends

Park Expansion
William Henry Harrison Park
644 Bierley Avenue, Pemberville
A 32.8-acre parcel located immediately north of William Henry Harrison Park was purchased in September 2019 with $224,715 in assistance funds from Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant. The land will be preserved in a natural state.
1. Adam Phillips Pond  
Gypsy Lane Road behind the Wood County Community Corrections Center.

2. Arrowwood Archery Range  
11126 Linwood Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

3. Baldwin Woods Preserve  
14080 Range Line Road, Weston, OH 43569

4. Beaver Creek Preserve  
23028 Long Judson Road, Grand Rapids, OH 43522

5. Black Swamp Preserve  
1014 S Maple Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402

6. Bradner Preserve  
11491 N Fostoria Road / State Route 23, Bradner, OH 43406

7. Carter Historic Farm  
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

8. Cedar Creeks Preserve  
4575 Walbridge Road, Northwood, OH 43619

9. Cricket Frog Cove Area  
14810 Freyman Road, Cygnet, OH 43413

10. Otsego Park  
20000 West River Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

11. Park District Headquarters  
18729 Mercer Road Bowling Green, OH 43402

12. J.C. Reuthinger Preserve  
30730 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

13. Rudolph Savanna  
10330 Rudolph Road, Rudolph, OH 43462

14. Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve  
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

15. Slippery Elm Trail  
13-mile trail from B.G. to North Baltimore

16. W.W. Knight Nature Preserve  
29530 White Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551

17. William Henry Harrison Park  
644 Bierley Avenue, Pemberville, OH 43450

18. Wood County Historical Center & Museum  
13660 County Home Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

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