Mission: 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.

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September Programs

Full Corn Moon Walk
Wednesday, September 2; 8:30 – 10:00 pm
William Henry Harrison Park
644 Bierley Ave, Perrysburg
Be sure to catch what is usually one of the most beautiful moonrises of the year. Join us on a moonlit stroll along the river and learn some moon lore. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Enjoy a scenic paddle on the Maumee River around the Audubon Islands State Nature Preserve with naturalists and ODNR stream scientists, who will point out interesting river features. Experience how experts evaluate the health of the river by investigating the critters that call it home.

Crochet for Kids
Saturday, September 5; 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Crochet is not just for Grandmas! It’s not just for girls either! Participants will be taught the basics of crochet and learn how to make a scarf. Through this program, kids can improve their hand-eye coordination, gain a sense of accomplishment, connect to their past, and develop a new hobby. Leader: Alyssa Garland

Paddling trip is roughly 5 river miles. Cost: $10/$7 FWCP. Leader: Craig Spicer

Backpacking 101
Tuesdays, September 8, October 6, October 20 and November 3; 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
Want to learn the basics of backpacking, or just learn about some of the new techniques and equipment that is on the market? Join us for a four-part program to teach everything from how to select the right backpack to how to sleep comfortably in the woods! All programs do not require any personal equipment but feel free to bring it with you if you are interested. Leader: Thomas Worsham

Island Tour Kayaking
Saturday, September 12; 9:00 am – noon
Weirs Rapids Access
21095 Range Line Road, BG
Paddle through the largest island chain in the mighty Maumee with a naturalist. See ecological features, learn about the history of the islands, and search for wildlife like bald eagles, painted turtles, beaver and more! A kayaking safety and skills session will precede the trip. Previous kayaking experience is highly recommended. Paddling trip is roughly 5 river miles. Cost: $15/$10 FWCP. Leader: Craig Spicer

Chicken Harvesting
Saturday, September 12; 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
For those raising chickens for the first time this year, or just curious, learn how to pluck, clean, and butcher humanely killed chickens and put cruelty-free meat on the table. Lunch will be provided, not from the day’s work. Program leader: Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Joy Schall

Program Guidelines

Please do:
+ register first at wcparks.org
+ wear a mask to programs
+ bring a waterbottle with you
+ be courteous to others
+ wash hands frequently
+ let us know if you cannot attend

Please do not:
- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell, or caring for a sick person.

Legend

- OCVN Opportunity
- Registration Required
- Volunteer Opportunity
- Dress for Weather
- Adults
- Youth
- Family

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Spectacular Spider Search
Wednesday, September 16; 6:00 – 7:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Our 8-legged friends are plentiful and busy this time of year. Come with an open mind and learn about these web-spinning wonders. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Catfish Tournament
Saturday, September 12; 7:00 – 9:30 pm
Buttonwood Recreation Area
27174 Hull Prairie Road, Perrysburg
One of the best fighting sportfish in the Maumee River gets active right at dusk. Modest prizes will be awarded in adult and youth classes for most fish and largest fish. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Depression Era Concert
Saturday, September 19; 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Join us for an evening of Depression Era music on the lawn! Local musicians Jodie and Russ will be providing live music for

Clean Up the World Weekend
Sunday, September 20; 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, BG
End this summer with a good deed for the beautiful environment we all so very much enjoy! Meet in the barn to go over safety procedures, gather supplies and get excited about protecting and celebrating nature! Kids are encouraged to take part and must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. Leader: Stephanie Ross

Composting 101 Series
Sunday, September 27; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Join us for part four of our composting journey, and watch as our compost transforms into an organic “black gold” that helps plants thrive! Learn the fundamentals of what composting is, the various forms of composting, how to make a successful compost, and why composting is important. This will be a hands-on event for those interested in getting a little dirty, but you are welcome to simply observe as well. Leader: Stephanie Ross

Hibernate, Hike or Hunker
Tuesday, September 22; 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Streaming Teleconference
As winter approaches there are a myriad of strategies that our local animals use to deal with our sometimes-harsh Ohio winters. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Homeschoolers: Orienteering
Friday, September 18; 10:00 – 11:15 am and 1:00 – 2:15 pm
William Henry Harrison Park
644 Bierley Road, Pemberville
Learn how to use a compass and navigate a simple orienteering course. Leader: Jim Witter

The Songs of Nocturnal Insects
Thursday, September 24; 8:00 – 9:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
Insects of all kinds fill the humid nighttime air with their songs. Look and listen for these six-legged critters and learn how they make these noises. Maybe we’ll even sneak up on a couple! Leader: Jim Witter

Are you a Friend?
The Friends of the Wood County Parks are a 501(c)(3) non-profit supporting parks, nature and programs. Membership and benefits information available at wcparks.org/friends

Check out Turtle Time on the website.
October Programs

Full Hunter’s Moon Archery
Thursday, October 7; 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Arrowwood Archery Range
11126 Linwood Road, Bowling Green
Hone your archery skills under the Hunter’s Full Moon in this instructional archery program. Learn shooting fundamentals and build your skills through progressive challenges, eventually shooting at lifelike 3D animal targets. Leader: Craig Spicer

Masked Hero GeoChase
October 5 – 11; W.W. Knight Preserve
29530 White Road, Perrysburg
October 12 – 18; Bradner Preserve
11491 Fostoria Road, Bradner
October 19 – 25; Cedar Creeks Preserve
4575 Walbridge Road, Northwood
October 26 – 31; Sawyer Quarry Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
Embark on a hero’s adventure, tracking a villain’s path and thwarting their diabolical plans to ruin nature! Using your smartphone or personal GPS device, “chase” our virtual villain by being led from one coordinate clue to the next within the park, eventually leading to your success and an opportunity for a prize. Complete all four for a greater reward! Register for direct information on starting clues or simply stay connected to our social media platforms. Share your adventure by tagging us on Facebook or Instagram with photos of your masked hero. @woodparkdist #geochase

Crochet Basics for Adults
Saturday, October 3; 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Connect with your past and develop a new hobby at Carter Historic Farm! Learn the basics of crochet and make your very own scarf. Crochet hook and yarn will be included. Leader: Alyssa Garland

Wonderful Wooly Bears!
Tuesday, October 6; 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Sawyer Quarry Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
Do these cute fuzzy “bears” have the ability to forecast our winter? We will search out the answer as we look for them on the trail and in the quarry. All winter prognostications are the responsibility of the larvae of the Isabella tiger moth and are not necessarily the view point of the Wood County Parks. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Pumpkin Picking
Sunday, October 4; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Join us to pick your own pumpkin from the garden, then take it home to carve! Leader: Chris Dauer

Register: wcparks.org
419-353-1897
Hikes are one mile or less. Programs are FREE unless noted. Please register 48 hours in advance to ensure we have enough program materials, and can contact you in case of a cancellation.

Program Symbol Legend

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19th Annual Scarecrow Contest & Workshop
Tuesday, October 13; 4:00 – 7:30 pm
Wood County History Museum
13660 County Home Rd, BG
Join in on the fun of the fall tradition of building scarecrows. This year, build your scarecrow at home and show it off at the Wood County Historical Center to enter it in our 18th Annual Scarecrow Contest to win cash prizes! Find full contest details at wcparks.org. Contest scarecrows will be left on display at the History Museum through October 25, allowing time for your retrieval and at-home display during Halloween!

Fall Foliage Fun Walk
Thursday, October 22, 10:00 – 11:30 am
Bradner Interpretive Center
11491 Fostoria Road, Bradner
Everyone is welcome to enjoy the most colorful time of year in the woods of Bradner Preserve. Learn a little about why some leaves turn red, orange, yellow, purple or brown. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

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Jack – O’ – Lantern Archery: Quick-Shots
Saturday, October 24; 10:00 – 11:00 am, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Arrowwood Archery Range
1126 Linwood Road, Perrysburg
Register for one of these sessions to give this eerie archery program a shot! Carve your own pumpkin-target or use arrows to make a “holey” jack-o’-lantern for a scary-good time! Pumpkins, carving tools and archery gear are provided.
Leader: Craig Spicer

Fall Color Hike
Saturday, October 24; 10:00 – 11:30 am
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg
Join a naturalist for a hike to admire the seasonal show and take in some scenic views from the cliff’s edge. Be prepared with footwear to navigate the rugged terrain of the quarry.
Leader: Jim Witter

Trick-or-Tree Identification Game
Sunday, October 25; 12:00 – 3:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
As the trees are getting ready for winter and losing their leaves, there is so much for us to play with and learn about them and their homes. We will be meeting at the schoolhouse to gather for a walk in the woods to collect some leaves, then taking them back to the schoolhouse to compare and learn about the different types of trees. Leaf and tree craft stations will be set up inside to create art from the nature you’ve collected! Children and adults alike are welcome to bring leaves from home to learn about and create with as well.
Leader: Stephanie Ross

November

Who, Who, Who’s There Owl and Moon Walk
Tuesday, October 27; 6:45 – 8:15 pm
Cedar Creeks Preserve
4575 Walbridge Road, Northwood
We will be on the hunt for owls, especially Ohio’s largest resident owl. Meet at the shelter for a short talk and then hit the trail for some owl calling. Dress for the weather, cancelled for high winds or rain.
Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Composting 101 Series
Sunday, November 1; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
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Join us for part five of our composting journey as we get ready for winter, and watch as our compost transforms into an organic “black gold” for plants to thrive in! You will learn the fundamentals of what composting is, the various forms of composting, how to make a successful compost, and why composting is important. This will be a hands-on event for those interested in getting a little dirty, but you are welcome to simply observe as well.
Leader: Stephanie Ross

Project Feederwatch
Saturday, November 7; 10:00 – 11:00 am
Teleconference
Join citizen scientists around the world to count wintering birds. A teleconference presentation about how to identify and count the birds will be followed by information on how to participate in this program at your residence.
Leader: Jim Witter

Canning for Kids
Saturday, November 14; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green
Learn canning basics while making a seasonal chutney, then take a jar home to share with family. For ages 10+.
Leader: Corinne Gordon

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Certification Program
Tuesday, November 10; 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Teleconference
This virtual information session will explain the details of this excellent natural resources education program. This certification program is coupled with community-based volunteer service. Sessions include many topics such as birds, interpretation, ecology, native plants, mammals, insects, geology and more! Certification co-sponsored by OSU Extension. Leader: Jim Witter

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO PROGRAMS
November

Beaver Full Moon Walk
Monday, November 30; 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Beaver Creek Preserve
23028 Long Judson Road, Grand Rapids
What better park for this month’s full moon! Join us for a short walk along Beaver Creek for a break from Cyber Monday. We’ll call owls and learn some moon lore.
Leader: Bill Hoefflin

WOOD COUNTY MUSEUM

Wood County Museum News:
The museum is open for self-guided tours M-F 10 am - 4 pm & weekends from 1 - 4 pm. Please wear a mask and socially distance.

Exhibits: I love the 80s porch exhibit, For Comfort & Convenience, Utopia, and the new People, Places, & Things

Visit the Museum and walk around the 50-acre grounds. Find educational adventures, galleries, and videos online at woodcountyhistory.org

Get a great t-shirt and other special items at the Museum gift shop.

Help preserve our rich and unusual history with a donation. Membership and support information online & 419-352-0967, museum@woodcountyhistory.org

The Wood County Park District manages the grounds, while the Wood County Museum is the cultural entity that interprets and preserves our history. We are great community partners!

Volunteer

Volunteer Guidelines and registration at www.galaxydigital.wcparks.org

Adopt-a-Garden
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve, Bradner Preserve, Beaver Creek Preserve, Black Swamp Preserve, Otsego Park, William Henry Harrison Park

Park Ambassadors
For Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists only: walk trails, audit park, and greet people.

Carter Farm Garden
Help in the Farm Garden going in summer. Produce is donated to a local food pantry.

Native Nursery Cultivator
Help care for native plants in the gardens at the Reuthinger Preserve.

SCARECROW CONTEST

While at home, with a little straw and some imagination, make your creation “come to life.” Once completed, bring your finished creation to be put on display to celebrate the season!

PRIZES:
$100
$50
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$25

19th Annual
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
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Scarecrows on display October 14-25.

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What’s New

Check park district status updates at: wc parks.org/whats-new
+ Parks open daily 8:00 am - 30 min. past sunset.
+ Restrooms are open. Please wear a mask inside.
+ Playgrounds are open. Please wash hands immediately before & after.
+ Please observe 6-10 feet of social distancing.
+ Water fountains are off. Please bring water.
+ Please wear a mask to in-person programs.

Landscape | Flora | Fauna
Enter by: Nov. 30, 2020
prospectus: wcparks.org/friends

PHOTO CONTEST 2020

Enjoy the storywalks displayed on each end of the Slippery Elm Trail in Bowling Green and North Baltimore.

In Loving Memory of Cody Clayton
Jeffrey and Lee Anne Snook and Family
K&K Construction

You’re the hero!
Experience a self-guided geocaching adventure October 5 - 31 in the parks.

How to participate: Each Monday in October, check our social media to find a new video about the Geochase and the villain at each park.

Bringing your smart phone/GPS with you for an outdoor excursion and solve the clues to defeat the villain and win the Geochase.

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SAFETY TIPS:
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2. Arrowood 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 Bike Park *Coming Soon*, 14038 Main Street, Rudolph, OH 43462
14. Rudolph Savanna, 10330 Rudolph Road, Rudolph, OH 43462
15. Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve, 26940 Lime City Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551
16. Slippery Elm Trail, B.G. to North Baltimore
17. W. W. Knight Nature Preserve, 29530 White Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551
18. William Henry Harrison Park, 644 Bierley Avenue, Pemberville, OH 43450
19. Wood County Museum, 13660 County Home Road, BG, OH 43402

Open daily 8:00 am until 30 minutes past sunset.

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