

PROGRAM GUIDE

FEBRUARY – MAY 2024



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WALKING STICK PROGRAM

Attend 4 qualifying hikes and earn your walking stick. For every additional 4 hikes, earn a medallion or patch. Three hikes are offered each month—the Nature Walk Bird Talk, Day Hikes and the Full Moon Walks qualify. Just sign in with the naturalist. No time limit for earning your walking stick. Benefits include: getting some exercise, seeing awesome wildlife, meeting new people, and just having FUN! **Register for a walk or hike to get started.**

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKES



Friday, February 23 at 7PM

Bowen Nature Preserve

Monday, March 25 at 7:30PM

Schekelhoff Nature Preserve

Tuesday, April 23 at 8PM

Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 lot)

Thursday, May 23 at 8:30PM

Mercy Community Nature Preserve



DAY HIKES

ANIMAL COURTSHIP HIKE

Tuesday, February 13 at 4:30PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

FIRST DAY OF SPRING HIKE

Tuesday, March 19 at 2PM
Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 lot)

SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE

Friday, April 12 at 2PM
Howard Collier State Nature Preserve

EVENING HIKE

Thursday, May 16 at 7:30PM
Steyer Nature Preserve

Registration Required
for ALL Walking Stick programs:
Day Hikes, Full Moon Night Hikes,
and Nature Walk Bird Talks.

NATURE WALK BIRD TALKS

These Saturday morning walks are held at **8AM at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve**. Walks last approximately 1 ¼ hours and qualify for the Walking Stick Program. Binoculars & field guides are helpful.

February 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th, & May 4th

PROGRAMS

BACKPACKIN' BABIES

Infants birth to 18 months with an adult companion.

Bring your front pack, stroller or just carry your little one as we discover nature through the environment, finger-plays, stories, and puppets. Registration required.

BACKYARD BIRDS

Thursday, February 1 at 4PM
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

SPRING WALK

Tuesday, March 5 at 5PM
Schekelhoff Nature Preserve

SKUNKS!

Tuesday, April 2 at 10:30AM
Tiffin University Nature Preserve

STORYBOOK TRAIL

Friday, May 3 at 2PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve



TODDLER TROTS

Ages 18 to 36 months with an adult companion.

Learn about each topic through outdoor exploration, stories, puppets, and more. Registration required.

GROUNDHOGS

Friday, February 2 at 2PM
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

OWLS!

Monday, March 11 at 5PM
Tiffin University Nature Preserve

SPRING HAS SPRUNG WALK

Thursday, April 4 at 6PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

WONDERFUL WIGGLY WORMS

Wednesday, May 8 at 5PM
Zimmerman Nature Preserve



PRESCHOOL PALS

Ages 3 to 5 years with an adult companion.

Each month is a different topic and is held outdoors. Registration required.

VALENTINES FOR THE BIRDS

Monday, February 12 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

FANTASTIC FURS

Thursday, March 14 at 6PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

EXCITING EAGLES

Wednesday, April 10 at 5PM
Clinton Nature Preserve

DANDELIONS

Monday, May 13 at 5PM
Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 lot)



YOUNG ADVENTURERS

For ages 6 to 12 years.

Each program is outdoors. All supplies are provided. Each month is a different topic and location. Registration required.



MAPLE SYRUP MAKING

Monday, February 19 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

A GREEN WALK

Wednesday, March 20 at 5PM
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

SALAMANDER SEARCH

Monday, April 15 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

BAT BUSINESS

Thursday, May 9 at 7PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

DISCOVERY SERIES

For youth ages 12 to 17 years and older

Join a naturalist as we discover new and exciting things in the nature preserves each month. Registration Required.

ANIMAL ORIGAMI

Wednesday, February 21 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

VULTURE CULTURE

Tuesday, March 19 at 5PM
Schekelhoff Nature Preserve

SPRING WILDFLOWER PRESSING

Thursday, April 18 at 6PM
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

WETLAND EXPLORATION

Wednesday, May 15 at 7PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve



COMING SOON: Stay tuned to our website for **2024 SUMMER CAMP** info!

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Register online at www.senecacountyparks.com/calendar

CRAFTY CREATIONS

Join Linda Rose for a crafty creation. All supplies provided unless otherwise noted.

Registration required

WINTER BOUQUET

Tuesday, February 27 at 2PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

CANNING LID CREATION

Wednesday, March 27 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

SPRING FLOWER PAINTING

Thursday, April 25 at 3PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

WILD EDIBLES

Tuesday, May 14 at 11AM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

FAMILY FUN EVENTS

For the whole family, come explore the education center and outdoors as a new topic and activities are available for exploration one Saturday each month.

All of these programs are hosted at
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve from 11AM – 2PM.
Registration required.

WHITE-TAILS OF OHIO

Saturday, February 3rd

EAGLES OF SENECA COUNTY

Saturday, March 2nd

AWESOME AMPHIBIANS

Saturday, April 6th

FISHING FUN

Saturday, May 4th

Earth Day Scavenger Hunt

Monday, April 22 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



Join Linda Rose for an
A to Z SCAVENGER HUNT
while learning about Earth-friendly tips!



Registration required.

MOTHER - DAUGHTER - GRANDDAUGHTER

Outdoor Morning

Saturday, May 11th
9AM to 12PM

Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

Any combination of mother-daughter-granddaughter can join Linda Rose for a fun-filled morning of outdoor experiences—fishing, hiking, canoeing/kayaking, and open-fire cooking. Fun for all ages. **Registration required.**



Storybook Trails



FRUTH WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE

A Storybook Trail combines the joy of reading with the great outdoors! Read a book one page at a time as you walk the stations along the trail at Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve. Stories are provided and updated by the **Kaubisch Memorial Public Library** of Fostoria.

GARLO HERITAGE NATURE PRESERVE

Each month a new Storybook Trail will be created around Alma Pond for you to walk and read at your leisure. Read six books and at the end of the year, turn in your card to the library to receive a prize! Cards available at the beginning of the trail and at the library. Co-sponsored with **Bliss Memorial Public Library** of Bloomville.

SNOW BUNNY IS HERE!

Sasquatch has moved on, allowing "Snow Bunny" to move into the Seneca Parks! Will you be able to spot him? Snow Bunny will be moving through various county parks. Locate Snow Bunny and keep track of the letters he is holding. At the end of the challenge, unscramble the letters and submit your answer to Linda Rose at Lrose@senecacountyparks.com. *The first 30 people to submit their correctly unscrambled letters will receive a special winter surprise!*

LOCATION CLUES:

JANUARY 16 - 31: This nature preserve has five ponds and is home to the nature-based preschool.

FEBRUARY 2 - 14: A "sweet creek" runs through this county park, having an upper and lower entrance - use the upper entrance.

FEBRUARY 16 - 29: A mile loop and three bridges keep your feet dry in this nature preserve.

MARCH 2 - 14: This nature preserve connects to a city park and parallels the Sandusky River.

MARCH 16 - 28: Wetlands, woods and trails, this is the most western nature preserve.

*** Do not remove the letters or touch snow bunny ***

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: April 15th, 2024

CAN YOU FIND SNOW BUNNY?



Seneca County Park District Locations

Park Office: 3362 S. TR 151, Tiffin OH 44883

Bowen Nature Preserve

11891 E. CR 24, Republic, OH 44867

Clary-Boulee-McDonald Nature Preserve**

400 E. TR 132, Tiffin, OH 44883

Clinton Nature Preserve

400 E. TR 132, Tiffin, OH 44883

Forrest Nature Preserve

701 E. CR 6, Tiffin, OH 44883

Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

10130 W. SR 18, Fostoria, OH 44830

Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

6777 S. SR 19, Bloomville, OH

Mercy Community Nature Preserve*

45 St. Lawrence Drive, Tiffin, OH 44883

Opportunity Park*

780 E. CR 20, Tiffin, OH 44883

Steyer Nature Preserve

5901 N. CR 33, Tiffin, OH 44883

St. John's Mill River Access

2320 W. CR 6, Tiffin, OH 44883

Tiffin University Nature Preserve*

2375 W. CR 26, Tiffin, OH 44883

Zimmerman Nature Preserve

680 E. SR 18, Tiffin, OH 44883

* are cooperative parks with other organizations

** future park location