# **PROGRAM GUIDE**

#### June – September 2025



# Walking Stick Program

Attend 8 hikes and earn your walking stick! For every additional 8 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 wildlife, meeting new people, and just having FUN! Hikes last approximately 1 ¼ hours. REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL WALKS & HIKES

# Nature Walk Bird Talks

These Saturday morning walks are held at **<u>8AM at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve</u>**. Walks last approximately 1 ¼ hours and qualify for the Walking Stick Program. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.









# Day Hikes & Walks

**FIRST DAY OF SUMMER HIKE** Saturday, June 21 at 7PM Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

> PRAIRIE HIKE Monday, July 28 at 2PM Clinton Nature Preserve

A SUMMER'S MORNING HIKE Wednesday, August 20 at 8AM Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve

FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN HIKE Monday, September 22 at 5PM Bowen Nature Preserve

# Full Moon Night Hikes

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10 at 9PM** Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 entrance)

> **THURSDAY, JULY 10 at 9PM** Tiffin University Nature Preserve

**FRIDAY, AUG 8 at 9PM** Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 at 8:30PM Clinton Nature Preserve

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# 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** 

MUD Monday, June 2 at 10AM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

WATER Wednesday, July 2 at 11AM Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

BUTTERFLIES Friday, August 1 at 6PM Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

**TURTLES** Tuesday, September 2 at 4PM Clinton Nature Preserve

## 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

NATURE'S ART Friday, June 6 at 4PM Mercy Community Nature Preserve

BIRDING 101 Wednesday, July 9 at 4PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



FISHING FUN Wednesday, August 5 at 2PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

**RIVER WALK** Friday, September 5 at 4PM St. John's Mill River Access

## **TODDLER TROTS**

For ages 18 to 36 months with an adult companion. Learn about each topic through outdoor exploration, stories, puppets, and more. Registration Required

FISHING FUN Wednesday, June 4 at 5PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

FROG HUNT Monday, July 7 at 4PM Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

PUDDLE STOMPING Monday, August 4 at 6PM Clinton Nature Preserve

CATERPILLARS Thursday, September 18 at 5PM Bowen Nature Preserve

## **DISCOVERY SERIES**

For youth ages 12 to 17 years & older Join a naturalist as we discover new and exciting things in the nature preserves each month. Registration Required

> IT'S A SMALL WORLD Friday, June 13 at 4PM Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 entrance)

THE WORLD OF HUMMINGBIRDS Thursday, July 10 at 7PM Opportunity Park

SEASHELL CREATIONS Thursday, August 14 at 4PM Clinton Nature Preserve

ART IN THE PARK Monday, September 15 at 5PM Tiffin University 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

> **BLUEBIRDS** Monday, June 9 at 10AM Clinton Nature Preserve

FISHING FUN Monday, July 14 at 2PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

**CREEK EXPLORATION** Tuesday, August 12 at 2PM Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

BUGS & SLUGS Wednesday, September 10 at 5PM Tiffin University Nature Preserve



## **SASQUATCH RETURNS!**

The sightings are confirmed—Sasquatch is back in your Seneca Parks this summer! Beginning August 1st, Sasquatch will be moving through the Seneca Parks with a puzzle for you to solve! Check our website for clues and complete information.

# **FAMILY FUN EVENTS**

For the whole family, come explore the nature center 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 to 2PM**. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

June 7—Butterflies and Moths July 5—Spiders September 6—Log Home Living All programs are **FREE** and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. **Registration is required** by email to Linda Rose at Lrose@senecacountyparks.com or online at www.senecacountyparks.com

## **AMERICAN GIRL**

Learn about the American Girls at various times in our history. Read a small section of an American Girl book, and then relive that event through a fun hands-on activity! **Registration Required** 

**Tuesday, June 24, at 4PM** Mercy Community Nature Preserve

Wednesday, July 30 at 2PM Opportunity Park

**Thursday, August 21, at 6PM** Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

## TOM SAWYER DAYS

Read excerpts from the book "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and then re-create his life along the Mississippi River. Dress to get wet and muddy. Registration Required

**Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30PM** Forrest Nature Preserve (*CR 6 lot*)

Tuesday, July 15 at 2PM St. John's Mill River Access

Monday, August 11 at 4PM Tiffin University Nature Preserve

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## **KIDS SUMMER CAMPS**

Seneca Parks offers a variety of summer camps which provide outdoor experiences for all ages.

> ADVENTURE'S EVE June 30-July 3 (6-9PM) \$60

WORKING FOR WILDLIFE June 23-27 (9AM-12PM) \$60

**NATURE CAMP** July 14-18 (9AM-12PM) *\$60* 

LITTLE ONES NATURE DAYS July 8-10 (9AM-12PM) *\$40* 

Registration form available at: <u>www.senecacountyparks.com/programs-</u> <u>and-events/summer-camps</u>

# Father – Son Outdoor Day

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 14th at GARLO HERITAGE NATURE PRESERVE

Spend the afternoon learning about the great outdoors with any combination of grandpa, dad, son, or grandson. For all ages. **Registration Required**.

#### Join us from 5PM to 8PM for:

- Fishing
- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Kayaking
- Campfire Cooking & more!

#### Canoes, paddles & life jackets provided. Registration Required.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 at 11AM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 at 6PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



# Canoe/Kayak Floats

**FRIDAY, JULY 18 at 2PM** Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 at 5PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

# Storybook Trails

Seneca Parks Storybook Trails combine the joy of reading with the great outdoors. Two locations for you to walk and read at your leisure. Stories are provided in cooperation with Kaubisch Memorial Public Library of Fostoria, and Bliss Memorial Public Library of Bloomville. Self guided.

#### Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

All supplies provided. Registration Required.

SPOON TULIPS Tuesday, June 24 at 2PM Zimmerman Nature Preserve

PINECONE ZINNIAS Monday, August 18 at 10AM Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

#### Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

# **Craft Creations**

DECORATE A WALKING STICK Tuesday, July 8 at 2PM Bowen Nature Preserve

KNITTING 101 Wednesday, September 24 at 5PM Opportunity Park

# FAMILY FUN EVENT FUN IN THE SUN Saturday, August 9 10AM to 1 PM

Steyer Nature Preserve

Join Linda Rose and the park staff for an afternoon of "fun in the sun," wagon rides, canoe and kayak floats, stream quality monitoring, kid's activities, bluebird info and much more

# **2025 PHOTO CONTEST**

#### PHOTO CONTEST EXHIBITION

Sunday, July 13 from 1PM-4PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

Spend the afternoon viewing the photo contest entries at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve from 1PM-4PM on Sunday, July 13.



All amateur photographers ages 5 & up are invited to enter the Seneca Parks' 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Contest! Adults may submit up to 8 photos (\$10 entry fee) Youths may submit up to 5 photos (no entry fee)

Drop off or mail your photos and registration fee to the Seneca Parks Main Office 10130 W. State Route 18, Fostoria OH 44830.

Find complete information on our website: <u>www.senecacountyparks.com</u> or email: Lrose@senecacountyparks.com

Deadline for entry is Tuesday, July 1 at 4PM



#### ARCHERY 101 🗯

Join Linda Rose this summer at Steyer Nature Preserve to learn the basics of archery and then try to hit the target! All supplies provided. Ages 10 years and older. Limited availability – Registration Required

#### **STEYER NATURE PRESERVE**

Monday, June 23 at 2PM

Wednesday, July 16 at 6PM

Wednesday, August 13 at 4PM

# Seneca County Park District Locations

Park Office: 10130 W. State Route 18, Fostoria OH 44830

Bowen Nature Preserve 11891 E. CR 24, Republic, OH 44867

**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

Clary Boulee McDonald Preserve\*\* West SR 12, Kansas, OH 44841

Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve 6777 S. SR 19, Bloomville, OH 44818

\* cooperative parks with other organizations

**Mercy Community Nature Preserve\*** 45 St. Lawrence Drive, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Opportunity Park\*** 780 E. CR 20, Tiffin, OH 44883

> St. John's Mill River Access 2320 West CR 6, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Steyer Nature Preserve** 5901 N. CR 33, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Tiffin University Nature Preserve\*** 2471 W. CR 26, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Zimmerman Nature Preserve** 680 E. SR 18, Tiffin, OH 44883

\*\* planned future park locations