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Walking Stick Program

Attend 8 qualifying 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 awesome wildlife, meeting new people, and just having FUN! **Register for a walk or hike to get started.**

Full Moon Night Hikes

Sunday, February 1 at 7PM

Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve



Monday, March 2 at 7PM

Schekelhoff Nature Preserve

Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30PM

Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 lot)

Friday, May 1 at 8:30PM

Clary Boulee McDonald Nature Preserve



Day Hikes

SWEET TREATS HIKE

Friday, February 13 at 2PM

Tiffin University Nature Preserve

FIRST DAY OF SPRING HIKE

Friday, March 20 at 4PM

Mercy Community Nature Preserve

SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE

Saturday, April 18 at 12PM

Howard Collier State Nature Preserve

**ANOTHER SPRING
WILDFLOWER HIKE**

Friday, May 8 at 6PM

Steyer Nature Preserve

Nature Walk Bird Talk

These Saturday morning walks are held at **8AM at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve**. Walks last approximately 1 1/4 hours and qualify for the Walking Stick Program. Binoculars & field guides are helpful.

February 7th, March 14th, April 4th, & May 2nd

**Registration Required for
ALL Walking Stick programs**

PROGRAMS

BACKPACKIN' BABIES

Infants birth to 18 months with an adult companion.

Discover nature through stories, finger-plays, and puppets! Bring a front pack, stroller, or just carry your little one.

Registration required.



WINTER BIRDS

Thursday, February 5 at 11:30AM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

BUNNIES

Wednesday, March 4 at 5PM
St John's Mill River Access
(CR 6 entrance)

STORYBOOK TRAIL

Thursday, April 2 at 11:30AM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

FROGS!

Monday, May 4 at 5PM
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

TODDLER TROTS

Ages 18 to 36 months with an adult companion.

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

Registration required.

OWLS

Tuesday, February 10 at 4PM
Tiffin University Nature Preserve

SPRING WALK

Monday, March 9 at 5PM
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

WIGGLY THINGS

Tuesday, April 7 at 4PM
St John's Mill River Access
(CR 6 entrance)

FIND THE FOX

Thursday, May 7 at 12PM
Clinton Nature Preserve



PRESCHOOL PALS

Ages 3 to 5 years with an adult companion.

Each month features a unique nature topic and corresponding outdoor activities.
Registration required.

GROUNDHOGS, WOODCHUCKS OR WHISTLE PIGS

Monday, February 2 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

STICK WALK

Tuesday, March 17 at 4PM
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

BIRDIE TREATS

Tuesday, April 14 at 4PM
Bowen Nature Preserve

WONDERFUL WORMS

Wednesday, May 13 at 5PM
Tiffin University 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.

VALENTINES FOR THE BIRDS

Wednesday, February 18 at 4:30PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

ANIMAL SAFARI

Thursday, March 19 at 4PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

SALAMANDERS

Monday, April 20 at 5PM
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

MUD KITCHEN

Monday, May 18 at 5PM
Garlo Heritage 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.

RUG BRAIDING

Monday, February 16 at 4:30PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

RUSTIC STARS

Wednesday, March 25 at 5PM
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

SPRING FLOODPLAIN EXPLORATION

Thursday, April 23 at 6PM
Clary-Boulee McDonald Nature Preserve

SOAP CARVING

Monday, May 11 at 7PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

OPEN HOUSE

Plan Your Perfect Event at the Teach Nature Education Center!

Join us on the following
Mondays from 4-6 pm
for building tours and to explore
our rental facilities.

FEBRUARY 23rd

MARCH 23rd

APRIL 20th

MAY 18th

Private showings also available by appointment. Call to schedule.

Perfect for weddings, graduations
showers, birthdays, reunions,
retreats , and more!



COMING SOON: Stay tuned to our website for **2026 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

POINTY PAINTING

Thursday, February 26 at 2PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

FLOWER MAGNETS

Tuesday, March 10 at 4PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

FLOWER POT COLLAGE

Monday, April 27 at 4:30PM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

ROCK PAINTING

Wednesday, May 27 at 2PM
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 entrance)

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.

SKUNKS

Saturday, February 7th

UN-NATURAL HIKE

Saturday, March 14th

DANDELIONS

Saturday, April 4th

SEEDS & SPRING PLANTING

Saturday, May 2nd

4-H NATURAL RESOURCE CLINICS

Ohio 4-H and the Seneca Parks are joining together to offer these outdoor learning activities and experiences!

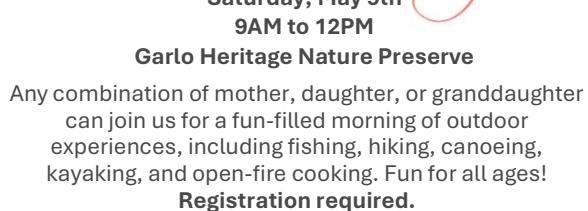
Registration required

FISH

Saturday, April 18 from 9AM to 10:30AM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

BIRDS

Saturday, May 16 from 9AM to 10:30AM
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



Come visit our Storybook Trails...where stories and seasons meet!

FRUTH WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE

Each season a new Storybook Trail will be created around the woodland trail for you to walk & read at your leisure.

Co-sponsored with
Kaubisch Memorial Public Library, Fostoria.

GARLO HERITAGE NATURE PRESERVE

Each month a new Storybook Trail will be created around Alma Pond for you to walk & read at your leisure.

Co-sponsored with
Bliss Memorial Public Library, Bloomville.



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www.SenecaCountyParks.com



CELEBRATE AMERICA 250 & SENECA PARKS 30th ANNIVERSARY

2026 marks two major milestones: the United States' 250th anniversary
and the Seneca County Park District's 30th anniversary!



We invite the community to join us for these celebratory activities held on the 30th of every month (February event will be held on the 28th).

NATURE GAME NIGHT

Friday, January 30 from 5PM to 7PM

Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

Take a short hike, then go inside to play nature games.

PARK SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, February 28 at 10AM

Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 entrance)

Look for natural items along the trails and in the woods

CAMPFIRE S'MORES AND MORE

Monday, March 30 at 5PM

Steyer Nature Preserve

Hike back to the hunters' cabin and enjoy campfire & s'mores

NATURE CRAFT

Thursday, April 30 at 6PM

Zimmerman Nature Preserve

Create your own nature craft using materials found in nature

PARK SCRABBLE

Saturday, May 30 at 10AM

Tiffin University Nature Preserve

Walk the trails collecting letters to make a giant scrabble board

PARK BINGO

Tuesday, June 30 at 6PM

Bowen Nature Preserve

Get a bingo card and try to mark all the spaces on the trail

UN-NATURAL HIKE

Thursday, July 30 at 7PM

Opportunity Park

Look for un-natural critters or items while on the trail

TRACKS, SCAT AND OTHER FACTS

Sunday, August 30 at 2PM

Clinton Nature Preserve

Take a hike, look for tracks, scat, and other facts

ART IN THE PARK

Wednesday, September 30 at 5:30PM

Mercy Community Nature Preserve

Use creativity to design a piece of art. All supplies provided.

PARK TRIVIA

Friday, October 30 at 5:00PM

Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

Take a short hike and then play a game of park trivia

STARRY NIGHT

Monday, November 30 at 6PM

St John's Mill River Access (CR 6 entrance)

Meet in the parking lot for a short walk and a starry night craft

A TO Z HIKE

Wednesday, December 30 at 4PM

Clary-Boulee MacDonald Nature Preserve

Can you find something in the park that starts with every letter?

Seneca County Park District Locations

Park Office: 10130 W. State Route 18, Fostoria OH 44883

phone: (419) 447-8091 email: info@senecacountyparks.com

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

Clary-Boulee McDonald Nature Preserve
5090 W. Township Road 36, Kansas OH 44841

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 44818

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

Opportunity Park *
780 E. County Road 20, Tiffin OH 44883

Steyer Nature Preserve
5901 N. County Road 33, Tiffin OH 44883

St. John's Mill River Access
2320 W. County Road 6, Tiffin OH 44883

Tiffin University Nature Preserve *
2471 W. County Road 26, Tiffin OH 44883

Zimmerman Nature Preserve
680 E. State Route 18, Tiffin OH 44883

**cooperative parks with other organizations*