PROGRAM GUIDE

June – September 2023





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Walking Stick Program

Attend 4 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!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL WALKS & HIKES

Day Hikes

SUMMER SOLSTICE HIKE

Wednesday, June 21 at 7PM Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 lot)

MORNING HIKE

Monday, July 17 at 7:30AM Tiffin University Nature Preserve

PRAIRIE HIKE

Tuesday, August 8 at 10AM Clinton Nature Preserve

MARSH HIKE

Wednesday, September 20 at 5PM Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve

Mature Walk Bird Talks

These Saturday morning walks are held at

8AM at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve.

Walks last approximately 1 ½ hours and qualify for the Walking Stick Program. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

JUNE 3rd
JULY 8th
AUGUST 5th
SEPTEMBER 2nd

Full Moon Might Hikes

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 at 9PM

Mercy Community Nature Preserve

MONDAY, JULY 3 at 9PM Steyer Nature Preserve

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 at 9PM Bowen Nature Preserve

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 8:30PM
Clinton Nature Preserve

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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

BUTTERFLIES & BLOSSOMS

Thursday, June 1 at 5PM
Opportunity Park

NATURE TEXTURES

Wednesday, July 5 at 3PM Zimmerman Nature Preserve

WATER BABIES

Tuesday, August 1 at 6PM Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

TERRIFIC TURTLES

Thursday, September 7 at 10AM Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

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

Monday, June 12 at 6PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

DIGGIN' IN THE DIRT

Wednesday, July 12 at 2PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

A HOPPIN' WE WILL GO

Thursday, August 10 at 10AM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

CREEPY CRAWLY CATERPILLARS

Tuesday, September 5 at 5PM Clinton 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**

MUD KITCHEN

Tuesday, June 20 at 10AM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

BUG HUNT

Thursday, July 6 at 5PM Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

FISHING FUN

Thursday, August 3 at 2PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

CREEK CRAWL

Tuesday, September 12 at 5PM Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 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

MUD CONSTRUCTION

Friday, June 2 at 5PM Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

FISHING FUN

Tuesday, July 18 at 5PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



RIVER EXPLORATION

Wednesday, August 9 at 4PM Clinton Nature Preserve

SENSORY HIKE

Monday, September 18 at 5PM Tiffin University 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

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED

Friday, June 23 at 7PM
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

BATS

Friday, July 21 at 9PM
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

STREAM/RIVER ECOLOGY

Wednesday, August 23 at 6PM St. John's Mill River Access (corner of CR 6 & TR 131)

FANTASTIC FUNGUS

Thursday, September 14 at 6PM Steyer Nature Preserve

"WALK & WREAD"

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, Bloomville.

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 3—Snappers, Painted & Boxes
July 8—Insect Safari

August 12—Steyer Spectacular (10AM–1PM at Steyer Nature Preserve)

September 2—Sensational Spiders

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

Thursday, July 13 at 7PM
Opportunity Park

Thursday, August 3 at 7PMFruth Wetland 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

Thursday, July 20 at 7PM
Tiffin University Nature Preserve

Monday, August 14 at 7PM
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

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

ADVENTURE'S EVE

June 26-30 (6-9PM) \$50

WORKING FOR WILDLIFE

June 12-16 (9AM-12PM) \$50

NATURE CAMP

July 10-14 (9AM-12PM) \$50

LITTLE ONES NATURE DAYS

July 18-20 (9AM-12PM) *\$30*

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





CRAFTY CREATIONS

All supplies provided. Registration Required.

PINECONE ZINNIAS

Monday, June 12 at 2PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

CREATE YOUR OWN PET ROCK

Tuesday, July 25 at 5PM Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 entrance)

NATURE TILES

Thursday, Aug 17 at 6PM Zimmerman Nature Preserve

RUG BRAIDING

Wednesday, Sept 27 at 5PM Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

CANOE/KAYAK FLOATS

Spend some time on the pond at Garlo Heritage Nature
Preserve paddling around in nature.
(Canoes, paddles and life jackets provided)
Registration Required

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 AT 4PM

MONDAY, JULY 17 AT 4PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 7PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 5PM



Family Fun Spectacular

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th

from 10AM-1PM Stever Nature Preserve

Join Linda Rose and park staff as we end summer vacations with a variety of activities in the preserve, including:

Canoe & Kayak Floats





Stream Quality Monitoring

Info on the Bluebird Trail 🦃





Wagon Rides

Hotogs over an open fire





Self-guided Hikes

and so much more

Registration is required.

Photo Contest

PHOTO CONTEST EXHIBITION

Sunday, July 9 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 9.



All amateur photographers ages 5 & up are invited to enter the Seneca Parks' 23rd Annual Photo Contest!

Each person may submit up to 5 photographs. The entry fee is \$5 for adults & free for the youth contest. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category, Best of Show, and People's Choice will be awarded.

Drop off or mail your photos and registration fee to the Seneca Parks Main Office at

3362 S. Township Road 151, Tiffin OH 44883.

Complete information and rules for entry can be found on our website:

> www.senecacountyparks.com or email: Lrose@senecacountyparks.com

Deadline for entry is Tuesday, June 27 at 4PM

Seneca County Park District Locations

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

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
- ** planned future park locations

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