



**Medina County
Park District**

Fall Program Guide 2022



**First-aid/CPR Classes
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Forest Therapy Walks
Senior Strides**

**All Aboard! Mini Trains
K-9 Kapers
Monarch Butterfly Tagging
Homeschool Writing Course**

**Nature Art Fest
Photography Club/Class
Tales for Tots
Basket Weaving**





Medina County Park District

Park Office:

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Medina, OH 44256
(330) 722-9364
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Website:

www.medinacountyparks.com

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parks@medinacountyparks.com

Program Registration

- Register online for programs at www.medinacountyparks.com.
- Programs are rarely canceled. If the weather is uncertain and you question whether a program will occur, call the program cancellation hotline at (330) 239-3305 to hear a recorded message.
- Not all programs are pet-friendly. Unless otherwise noted, pets are not permitted at park programs.

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Park Program Addresses

Allardale Park
401 Remsen Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township)

Black River Nature Preserve/Hidden Hollow Camp
8672 Richman Rd.
Lodi, OH 44254 (Harrisville Township)

Brunswick Lake Park/Susan Hambley Nature Center
1473 Parschen Blvd.
Brunswick, OH 44212

Buckeye Woods Park
6335 Wedgewood Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

Holmesbrook Park
660 College St.
Wadsworth, OH 44281

Killbuck Lakes Nature Preserve
7996 White Rd.
Burbank, OH 44214 (Westfield Township)

Lester Rail Trail
3654 Lester Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (York Township)

Letha House Park
East: 5745 Richman Rd.
West: 5800 Richman Rd.
Spencer, OH 44275 (Chatham Township)

Medina Marsh Nature Preserve
4266 Fenn Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Medina Township)

Plum Creek Park
South: 2500 Plum Creek Pkwy.
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

Princess Ledges Nature Preserve
4361 Spruce Ave.
Brunswick Hills, OH 44212

River Styx Park
8200 River Styx Rd.
Wadsworth, OH 44281 (Guilford Township)

Schleman Nature Preserve
6701 Wedgewood Rd.
Medina, OH 44256 (Lafayette Township)

**Oenslager Nature Center/
Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary**
6100 Ridge Rd.
Sharon Township (use Wadsworth, OH 44281 for GPS)

Show off your MCPD Pride

Purchase t-shirts, hoodies, mugs, water bottles, a variety of hats, and more on the MCPD online store. These items also make great gifts for friends and family.



Give the Gift of Membership

Do you need an idea for that hard-to-buy-for person on your gift list? Consider a giving a gift membership to Friends of Medina County Parks this holiday season. The recipient will enjoy all the benefits of Friends membership -- including invitations to members-only events, discounts on shelter rentals, and a subscription to The Acorn newsletter. It's a way to share your passion for the parks with your friends and family, all while supporting the work of the Friends. Join online at www.medinacountyparks.com. Click on the *Get Involved* tab, then on *Friends of the Parks*. You can also pick up a brochure at the park office, Oenslager Nature Center, or Susan Hambley Nature Center.



Saturday, September 3 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series
Buckeye Woods Park (meet by large shelter) - 9 to 11 a.m. Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors reduces symptoms of stress and anxiety. Physically, hiking is great for your heart, blood pressure, and muscles. Once per month, join a naturalist and volunteers to hike at a vigorous pace. This healthy hike will take place on a different trail each month and will be between three-to-five miles in length. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Meet by the main shelter. Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, September 3 - Sunday, September 11 - Fall Native Plant Sale - Oenslager Nature Center - Tuesday through Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday hours are 1 to 4 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for you to get fabulous native plants for your landscaping that will help promote biodiversity. Stop by our native plant sale at the Oenslager Nature Center to pick from a nice selection of reasonably-priced, ecologically- important native plants for fall planting. A variety of species in limited quantities will be available. Come see what we have to offer! No registration is required. Free admission. The center is closed on Mondays.



Sunday, September 4 - Monarch Tagging
Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 4 p.m.

It's time, again, for monarchs to begin their long migration to Mexico. Come out between 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 4 or 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 10 to catch and tag monarch butterflies and contribute to the research on declining populations. Nets will be available to borrow, and a naturalist will be at the building to

identify any butterflies and tag any monarchs you catch. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, September 7 - Natural Discoveries - Princess Ledges Nature Preserve - 10 to 11 a.m. Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. Themed hikes are held on Sundays, and hikes that explore seasonal happenings are offered on Wednesdays. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, September 8 - Creative Writing for Homeschoolers
Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:15 p.m. Nature will serve as the inspiration for homeschoolers who want to improve their writing skills. We'll imitate the styles of skilled authors and use patterns to write poetry. The classes are offered individually but build upon one another to develop skills. Students will need a pencil, journal, and thesaurus. Part of the class may be outdoors so dress appropriately. A writing assignment will be given after each class, and students will be expected to share what they wrote at the following month's class. Class will be cancelled if any school district in Medina County is closed due to inclement weather. Ages 8 to 12. Register by September 6. Free.

Thursday, September 8 - Forest Therapy Walk - Brunswick Lake Trail (meet near the nature center) - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationships to the natural world is the main focus of these walks. Ages 5 to adult. Register by September 6. Free.

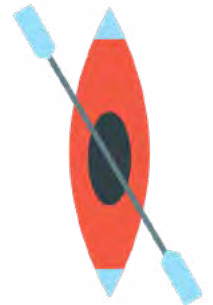
Saturday, September 10 - Harvesting and Preserving Herbs
Oenslager Nature Center - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Whether you grow your own or purchase fresh herbs, this class will show you how and when to start picking, drying, or freezing herbs for best uses throughout the year. Ages 12 to adult. Register by September 8. Free.



Saturday, September 10 - Monarch Tagging - Oenslager Nature Center - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. See 9/4 program listing for details.

Saturday, September 10 - S'more Paddling
Chippewa Yacht Club located at 5878 Longacre Lane in Chippewa Lake - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us for s'more paddling as the summer boating season comes to an end. Launch from Chippewa Yacht Club for a naturalist-led sunset paddle on Chippewa Lake, followed by s'mores over a fire courtesy of the Chippewa Yacht Club. Bring your own kayak, canoe, or SUP; paddle; and life jacket for this program. Life jackets must be worn for the paddle portion of this program. Register by September 8. Free.



Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11 - Spiders
Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Spiders are beneficial in nature and are creatures we should not fear. Join us this weekend to learn about the different species of spiders living in this area and some of their amazing adaptations that include their ability to spin silk. There will be crafts, games, and displays. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

FALL Native Plant SALE

September 3 through September 11
 Except September 5
 Oenslager Nature Center
 Sale Hours
 Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.
 Closed on Mondays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>September 2022</p> <p>** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</p>				1	2	3 A Healthy Dose of Nature Hike BWP (meet by large shelter) 9 to 11 a.m. Native Plant Sale - ONC 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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11 Spiders - SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m. Native Plant Sale - ONC 1 to 4 p.m. Discovery Drop-In: Dragonflies ONC - 1 to 3 p.m.	12	13 Fungi for Families PCPS - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Senior Strides - SNP 10 to 11 a.m.	14	15 **Hands-only CPR ONC - 6 to 7:30 p.m.	16	17 K-9 Kapers - BLT - 10 to 11 a.m. Spiders - SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m. All Aboard! Mini Train Rides LRT - 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Starry, Starry Nights LHL (West) - 8 to 10 p.m.
18 Spiders - SHNC - 12 to 5 p.m. **Photography Workshop: Photo Composition Tips & Tricks - ONC - 1 to 2:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22 **Tales for Tots LHL (West) 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. **Forest Therapy Walk - LHPE - 6 to 7:30 p.m.	23	24 **Basket Weaving 101: Patriotic Basket - ONC 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
25 ND Hiking Series: Spiders ADP - 3 to 4 p.m. Photographers of the Parks Club - ONC - 3 to 5 p.m.	26	27	28	29	30 Key: ADP - Allardale Park BLT - Brunswick Lake Trail BWP - Buckeye Woods Park LHL - Letha House Lodge (West) LHPE - Letha House Park East LRT - Lester Rail Trail PCPS - Plum Creek Park South PLNP - Princess Ledges Nature Preserve ONC - Oenslager Nature Center SHNC - Susan Hambley Nature Ctr. SNP - Schleman Nature Preserve	



Basket Weaving 101: Patriotic Basket

Saturday, September 24 - Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join expert basket makers Betty Rettig and Emily Smith to try your hand at basket weaving. You will create a charming patriotic basket to add a little red, white, and blue to any holiday or event. This basket will be one you will treasure for years to come. No experience is necessary. All materials are provided. To register, call or email Emily at 573-694-4126 or basketmakingfriends@gmail.com by September 3. This is the only way to register, and payment for the class is required before your registration is complete. Space is limited. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$25 fee per basket.

Sunday, September 11 - Discovery Drop-In: Dragonflies Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 3 p.m. Discoveries don't happen on a set schedule, so drop by anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. to discover one of nature's aerial acrobats and expert fliers: the dragonfly. A naturalist will be at the pond with nets and additional information to aid in your discoveries. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, September 13 - Fungi For Families - Plum Creek Park South - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Have you ever been curious about mushrooms but don't know where to start? Hike with a naturalist to pick up a few mushroom ID tips and enjoy the colorful variety of fungus. This walk will focus on categories of mushroom and not edibility. Interest level ages 7 and up. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, September 13 - Senior Strides - Schleman Nature Preserve - 10 to 11 a.m. If you are part of the 55 and over crowd and love to hike in the park but would prefer the company of others to feel comfortable doing so, the Senior Strides program is for you! The series aims to build a support system for both novice and veteran hikers who would love to hike but may not have anyone to hike with. Retired nurse and park volunteer Connie B. will lead the one-to-two-mile casual walks each month. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, September 15 - Hands-only CPR - Oenslager Nature Center - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Learn how to save a life by performing hands-only CPR! In this class, you will learn how to recognize sudden cardiac arrest, perform an assessment to determine if CPR is needed, then go through the steps to perform hands-only CPR. You will also learn how to use an AED. This is an active class, so participants must be physically able to perform CPR. Ages 9 to adult. There is a \$25 program fee per person. Please use the following link to register and pay: <https://cprenroll.me/CQ2itpResG>.



Saturday, September 17 - K-9 Kapers Brunswick Lake Trail (meet in Winking Lizard parking lot) - 10 to 11 a.m. K-9 Kapers provides dog owners with an opportunity to socialize their pets with other dogs. These alternative hikes will interest both the dog and its owner while offering exercise and fun. All

dogs must have an accompanying adult and eight-foot leash (non-retractable). Participants must maintain control of their dogs at all times. We recommend bringing a towel for muddy feet and a water bowl. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, September 17 - Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: ALL ABOARD! Lester Rail Trail - 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends out to Lester Rail Trail for train rides around a miniature railroad and station house. Members of N.E.O.L.S., a miniature railroad group, will offer this free park program. Adults and children, alike, will delight in this unique experience! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, September 17 - Starry, Starry Nights at Letha House Letha House Lodge (West) - 8 to 10 p.m. Come see deep-sky objects, planets, and the moon up close using the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association's telescopes. The observatory will be open for public viewing, and members will be available to answer your questions. Have a telescope but not sure how to use it effectively? Members will also be on hand one hour before the program begins to show you how to use your own telescope for viewing the night sky. Cancellations will only be made in the case of severe thunderstorms. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18 - Spiders Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Spiders are beneficial in nature and are creatures we should not fear. Join us this weekend to learn about the different species of spiders living in this area and some of their amazing adaptations that include their ability to spin silk. There will be crafts, games, and displays. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, September 18 - Photography Workshop: Photo Composition Tips & Tricks - Oenslager Nature Center - 1 to 2:30 p.m. Photo composition determines the difference between an okay picture and a great picture. Learn general rules to improve your photos. Class includes viewing comparisons, discussion of what works and what doesn't, and personal preferences. Ages 16 to adult. Register by September 14. There is a \$15 program fee.

Thursday, September 22 - Tales for Tots - Letha House Lodge (West) - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Seeds are important for both animals and people. Learn more about the "need for seeds" through a story, hands-on examination, and a seed walk. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors, please dress accordingly. Register between August 25 and September 21. Free.

Senior Strides

For hikers ages 55+



10 to 11 a.m.

9/13
Schleman
Nature Preserve

10/11
Allardale Park

11/8
Oenslager
Nature Center

Visit medinacountyparks.com to download trail maps, make a shelter reservation, register for programs, and more!

Thursday, September 22 - Forest Therapy Walk - Letha House Park East - 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationships to the natural world is the main focus of these walks. Ages 5 to adult. Register by September 20. Free.

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Sunday, September 25 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Spiders Allardale Park - 3 to 4 p.m. Spiders are beneficial in nature and are creatures we should not fear. Join us to learn about the different species of spiders that live in this area and some of their amazing adaptations that include their ability to spin silk. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required.

Sunday, September 25 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting Oenslager Nature Center - 3 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for nature photo enthusiasts of all skill levels to share knowledge with like-minded folks, gain special access to programs and events related to photography, and support the park district. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. Please contact club leadership at medinapotp@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required.

Saturday, October 1 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series River Styx Park - 9 to 11 a.m. Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors reduces symptoms of stress and anxiety. Physically, hiking is great for your heart, blood pressure, and muscles. Once per month, join a naturalist and volunteers to hike at a vigorous pace. This healthy hike will take place on a different trail each month and will be between three-to-five miles in length. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.



A Healthy Dose of Nature Hiking Series

**9/3 - Buckeye Woods Park
10/1 - River Styx Park
11/5 - Plum Creek Park South**

Join us for a vigorous 3-5 mile hike from 9 to 11 a.m.



**September 8
October 13
November 10**

Ages 8 to 12

**Registration is required.
Free**

Saturday, October 1 - Searching for Snakes - Allardale Park - 2 to 3 p.m. This can be a great time of year to look for snakes in open places where they are searching for warmth on cooler fall days. Join a naturalist for this hike to search for snakes. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, October 2 - Discovery Drop-In: The World of Woolly Bears - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 1 to 3 p.m.



Discoveries don't happen on a set schedule, so drop by anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. to discover The World of Woolly Bears. A naturalist will be located at Susan Hambley Nature Center with supplies and additional information to aid in your discoveries. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, October 6 - Forest Therapy Walk - Holmesbrook Park - 5 to 6:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationships to the natural world is the main focus of these walks. Ages 5 to adult. Register by October 4. Free.

Saturday, October 8 and Sunday, October 9 - Rooted in Nature Oenslager Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. The land upon which Oenslager Nature Center sits was once a farm. Learn about the transformation from farm to wildlife sanctuary and the connection to the Chatfield and Oenslager families. Nature activities, hikes, games, and crafts will keep you entertained throughout the weekend. Rooted in Nature is stop #8 on the Medina County Fall Foliage Tour. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, October 11 - Senior Strides - Allardale Park - 10 to 11 a.m. If you are part of the 55 and over crowd and love to hike in the park but would prefer the company of others to feel comfortable doing so, the Senior Strides program is for you! The series aims to build a support system for both novice and veteran hikers who would love to hike but may not have anyone to hike with. Retired nurse and park volunteer Connie B. will lead the one-to-two-mile casual walks each month. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, October 12 - Natural Discoveries - Killbuck Lakes 10 to 11 a.m. Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required.

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<p>2</p> <p>Discovery Drop-In: The World of Woolly Bears - SHNC 1 to 3 p.m.</p>	3	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>**Forest Therapy Walk – HBP 5 to 6:30 p.m.</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>Rooted in Nature - ONC 12 to 5 p.m. Stop #8 on Medina County Fall Foliage Tour</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Rooted in Nature - ONC 12 to 5 p.m. Stop #8 on Medina County Fall Foliage Tour</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>Senior Strides - ADP 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Natural Discoveries KL - 10 to 11 a.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>**Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC - 2 to 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>All Aboard! Halloween Mini Train Rides - LRT 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>**Certified CPR, AED, and First Aid - ONC - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for CPR/AED and 1 to 4 p.m. for First Aid</p> <p>Masked Bandits - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>All Aboard! Halloween Mini Train Rides - LRT - 2 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Starry, Starry Nights - LHL (West) - 8 to 10 p.m.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Masked Bandits - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>K-9 Kapers - ADP - 3 to 4 p.m.</p>	17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>**Tales for Tots ONC - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m.</p> <p>**Forest Therapy Walk - RSP - 5 to 6:30 p.m.</p>	21	<p>22</p> <p>**Basket Weaving 101: Autumn-themed Basket - ONC 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.</p> <p>Masked Bandits - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Masked Bandits - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.</p> <p>Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Foxes - HHC 3 to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Photographers of the Parks Club - ONC - 3 to 5 p.m.</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>30</p> <p>Creature Feature: Spiders ONC - 2 to 3 p.m.</p>	31	<p>KEY:</p> <p>ADP - Allardale Park HBP - Holmesbrook Park HHC - Hidden Hollow Camp KL - Killbuck Lakes</p>		<p>LHL - Letha House Lodge (West) LRT - Lester Rail Trail ONC - Oenslager Nature Center RSP - River Styx Park SHNC - Susan Hambley Nature Center</p>		



Rooted in Nature

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Friday, October 14 - Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: Halloween ALL ABOARD! Lester Rail Trail - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring your family and friends to Lester Rail Trail for this "spooktacular" event! Members of the N.E.O.L.S. miniature railroad group will offer free train rides during this special park program. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes, but for safety, avoid long, flowing garments. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and close promptly at 8:30 p.m. (or when the parking lot is full). All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.



Saturday, October 15 - Certified CPR, AED, and First Aid - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. LEARN CPR is offering an opportunity to become CPR and AED certified or first-aid certified or BOTH! The AM session is the certified CPR and AED

class from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The PM session is the certified First-Aid class from 1 to 4 p.m. In these courses, you will learn how to properly employ a variety of necessary lifesaving actions. This interactive course will leave you feeling encouraged, confident, and empowered to save a life! Certification is completed through required in-class, practical exams. Purchasing the book listed in the registration link is HIGHLY recommended. **DISCLAIMER:** The first-aid portion has material that may be sensitive to some viewers. Please use the following links to register and pay for the classes. Ages 13 to adult. Program fees are \$50 for one session or \$100 for both. Register here: CPR and AED: <https://cpnroll.me/VZf5BbvQU9> and First Aid: <https://cpnroll.me/MvclKS31Hp>.

Saturday, October 15 - Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers: Halloween ALL ABOARD! Lester Rail Trail - 2 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. See 10/14 program listing for details. Gates will open at 1:30 p.m. and close promptly at 4 p.m. (or when the parking lot is full).

Saturday, October 15 and Sunday, October 16 - Masked Bandits
Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Raccoons are famous for stealing your trash, but these creatures are also bright, adaptable survivalists. Come by the Susan Hambley Nature Center for games, displays, and activities all about these backyard critters. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

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Thursday, October 20 - Tales for Tots - Oenslager Nature Center 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. You may think they are creepy, but bats are our friends! Find out what makes bats special through a story, craft, and hands-on examination. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors, please dress accordingly. Register between September 22 and October 19. Free.

Thursday, October 20 - Forest Therapy Walk - River Styx Park 5 to 6:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationships to the natural world is the main focus of these walks. Ages 5 to adult. Register by October 18. Free.

Nature Art Fest

Oenslager Nature Center

11/12 and 11/13



Featuring unique artists with beautiful artwork!



Saturday, October 22 - Basket Weaving 101: Autumn-themed Basket
Oenslager Nature Center - 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join expert basket makers Betty Rettig and Emily Smith to try your hand at basket weaving. You will create a nice autumn-themed basket to add a bit of fall color to your indoor space.

This basket will be one you will treasure for years to come. No experience is necessary. All materials are provided. To register, call or email Emily at 573-694-4126 or basketmakingfriends@gmail.com by October 1. This is the only way to register, and payment for class is required before your registration is complete. Space is limited. Ages 14 to adult. There is a \$25 program fee per basket.

Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23 - Masked Bandits
Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Raccoons are famous for stealing your trash, but these creatures are also bright, adaptable survivalists. Come by the Susan Hambley Nature Center for games, displays, and activities all about these backyard critters. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Sunday, October 23 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Foxes Hidden Hollow Camp - 3 to 4 p.m.

Foxes have a reputation for being sly and intelligent. On this hike, we'll discuss some of the incredible ways this beautiful creature survives and thrives. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required.



Sunday, October 23 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting
Oenslager Nature Center - 3 to 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for nature photo enthusiasts of all skill levels to share knowledge with like-minded folks, gain special access to programs and events related to photography, and support the park district. The club will emphasize, but not be limited to, nature photography. Please contact club leadership at medinapotp@gmail.com with questions or for more information. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required.

Sunday, October 30 - Creature Feature: Spiders - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3 p.m. Join us as we learn about spiders such as orb weavers, wolf spiders, and nursery web spiders. After an inside presentation, we'll take a hike around Oenslager Nature Center to look for some of these arachnids. Learn about how spiders live, where they live, and the important role that these animals play in our environment. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, November 3 - Forest Therapy Walk - Medina Marsh 5 to 6:30 p.m. Join Jason of Whisper Shifter for a relaxed, sensory experience on a forest therapy walk. Non-strenuous movement in a natural setting coupled with the goal of guiding participants through the experiencing of sensing, embodiment, and appreciation for their relationships to the natural world is the main focus of these walks. Ages 5 to adult. Register by November 1. Free.



Back for its 16th year, Medina County Park District's popular annual hiking program offers participants the opportunity to enjoy the splendor of the season and earn awards by completing at least eight designated hikes between September 1 and November 30. Download the form at www.medinacountyparks.com or pick up a brochure at the park office or nature centers.

Saturday, November 5 - A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series Plum Creek Park South - 9 to 11 a.m. Hiking outdoors in Medina County Park District has plenty of perks! There are beautiful views, fresh air, the sounds and smells of nature, AND it's good for you, too. Mentally, being in the outdoors reduces symptoms of stress and anxiety. Physically, hiking is great for your heart, blood pressure, and muscles. Once per month, join a naturalist and volunteers to hike at a vigorous pace. This healthy hike will take place on a different trail each month and will be between three-to-five miles in length. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages 10 to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, November 5 - Mysterious World of Owls - Buffalo Creek Retreat - 2 to 3 p.m. Come discover the amazing adaptations of

Mysterious World of Owls



these nocturnal birds of prey and see live owls up close! The Medina Raptor Center will offer a presentation of the unique features and abilities of these beautiful birds. The Medina Raptor Center can always use assistance in the form of monetary or supply donations. Please consider bringing a donation to the program. The center's most-used

supply items include paper towels, Kleenex, Dawn dish soap, bleach, Ziplock baggies, bird seed, suet, peanut butter, and garbage bags. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Tuesday, November 8 - Senior Strides - Oenslager Nature Center 10 to 11 a.m. If you are part of the 55 and over crowd and love to hike in the park but would prefer the company of others to feel comfortable doing so, the Senior Strides program is for you! The series aims to build a support system for both novice and veteran hikers who would love to hike but may not have anyone to hike with. Retired nurse and park volunteer Connie B. will lead the one-to-two-mile casual walks each month. Please dress for the weather and be sure to have appropriate footwear. No registration is required. Free.

Wednesday, November 9 - Natural Discoveries - River Styx Park - 10 to 11 a.m. Join us for an easy walk to observe the unfolding of nature all year long in the parks. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, November 10 - Creative Writing for Homeschoolers Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3:15 p.m. See 10/13 program listing for details. Register by November 8. Free.

Saturday, November 12 - Nature Art Fest - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 13 from 12 to 4 p.m. Join us for the 21st Annual Nature Art Fest featuring unique items inspired by nature from professional artists! From paintings to stained glass, you'll find unique holiday gifts for everyone on your list. Bring the family and spend the day in one of the most beautiful parks in Medina County. No registration is required. All ages are welcome. Free admission.

Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13 - Talkin' Turkey Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. Do you know that wild turkeys have beards, sleep in trees, and can change the color of their faces? Stop in at Susan Hambley Nature Center to learn all about these interesting birds through a variety of wild turkey activities. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Thursday, November 17 - Tales for Tots Oenslager Nature Center 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. Gobble! Gobble! It's time for turkey. Learn more about this special bird through a story, hands-on examination, and craft. For ages 3-6 with an adult companion. Some or the entire program may be held outdoors, please dress accordingly. Register between October 20 and November 16. Free.



Thursday, November 17 - Pinterest Projects: Festive Jar Lids Oenslager Nature Center - 7 to 8:30 p.m. Add a little festive, fall decor to your Thanksgiving table with this upcycled jar lid project. Create your own pumpkin and turkey to take home. All supplies will be provided. Ages 13 to adult. Register by November 16. Free.



Saturday, November 19 - Autumn Centerpiece - Oenslager Nature Center - 10 to 11:30 a.m. Using dried, fresh, and silk materials, create a centerpiece that will look great on your Thanksgiving table and last through the holiday season. All supplies are provided. Ages 12 to adult. There is a \$40 program fee. Register by November 17.



Spiders

Saturdays: September 10, 17
Sundays: September 11, 18
12 to 5 p.m.



Saturday, November 19 - K-9 Kapers - Holmesbrook Park - 10 to 11 a.m. K-9 Kapers provides dog owners with an opportunity to socialize their pets with other dogs. These alternative hikes will interest both the dog and its owner while offering exercise and fun. All dogs must have an accompanying adult and eight-foot leash (non-retractable). Participants must maintain control of their dogs at all times. We recommend bringing a towel for muddy feet and a water bowl. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, November 19 - It's Time to Feed the Birds Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3 p.m. Winter is around the corner, and it is time to dust off your bird feeders and put them outside. What kinds of birds visit our feeders during late fall and winter? What types of bird feeders and bird seed works the best? We'll answer these questions and more at this program. We'll also talk about our participation in Project Feeder Watch, a program operated by Cornell Lab of Ornithology. After a short presentation, we'll watch birds at our bird feeding areas. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 - Talkin' Turkey - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See 11/12 program listing for details.

Sunday, November 20 - Natural Discoveries Hiking Series: Nature Close Up - Schleman Nature Preserve - 3 to 4 p.m. Beautiful fall landscapes can make it easy to overlook the little details in nature. On this hike, we will enjoy nature up close. Natural Discoveries is an award-based series of free nature programs designed for ages seven to adult. No registration is required.

Sunday, November 20 - Photographers of the Parks Club Meeting - Oenslager Nature Center - 3 to 5 p.m. See 10/23 program for details. Ages 16 to adult. No registration is required.

Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27 - Talkin' Turkey - Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m. See 11/12 program listing for details.

Sunday, November 27 - The Benefits of Beavers - Oenslager Nature Center - 2 to 3 p.m. Beavers, our busy builders, bring benefits to habitats. Come out for a hike to learn all about beavers and how they help the environment. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Masked Bandits

Saturdays: October 15, 22
Sundays: October 16, 23
12 to 5 p.m.



Talkin' Turkey

Saturdays: November 12, 19, 26
Sundays: November 13, 20, 27
12 to 5 p.m.



Susan Hambley Nature Center is located at 1473 Parschen Blvd. in Brunswick. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2022 ** REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED		1	2	3 **Forest Therapy Walk - MM - 5 to 6:30 p.m.	4	5 A Healthy Dose of Nature Hike PCPS - 9 to 11 a.m. Mysterious World of Owls BCR - 2 to 3 p.m.
	6	7	8 Senior Strides - ONC 10 to 11 a.m.	9 Natural Discoveries Hike - RSP - 10 to 11 a.m.	10 **Creative Writing for Homeschoolers ONC - 2 to 3:15 p.m.	11
13 Nature Art Fest - ONC 12 to 4 p.m. Talkin' Turkey - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m.	14	15	16	17 **Tales for Tots ONC - 10 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. **Pinterest Projects: Festive Jar Lids - ONC 7 to 8:30 p.m.	18	19 **Autumn Centerpiece – ONC 10 to 11:30 a.m. K-9 Kapers - HBP - 10 to 11 a.m. Talkin' Turkey - SHNC 12 to 5 p.m. It's Time to Feed the Birds ONC - 2 to 3 p.m.
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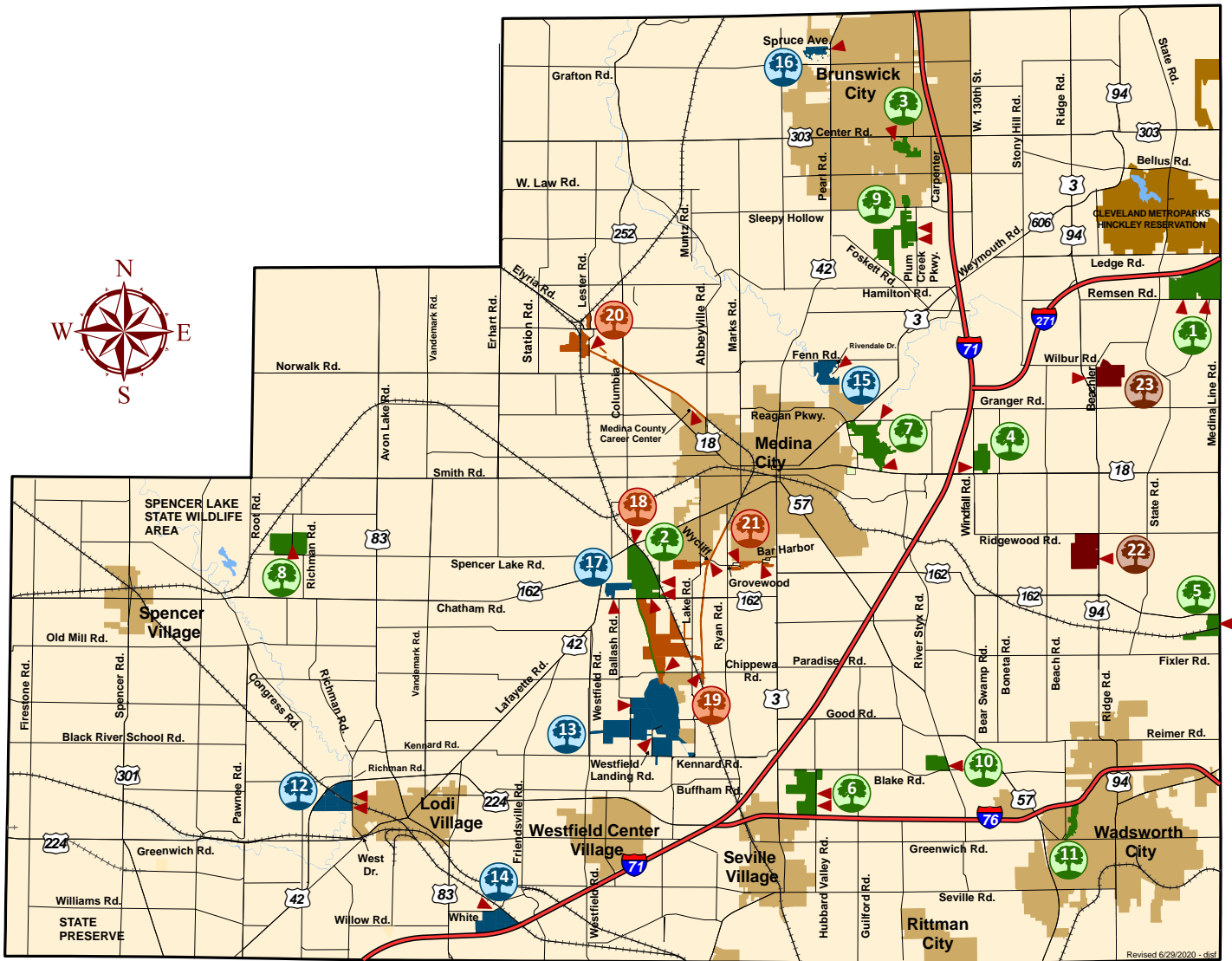
- 9/8 - Brunswick Lake Trail
- 9/22 - Letha House Park East
- 10/6 - Holmesbrook Park
- 10/20 - River Styx Park
- 11/3 - Medina Marsh

Ages five to adult. Registration is required. Free. See individual program dates for details.



Club Meetings
Oenslager Nature Center
3 to 5 p.m.
Sunday, September 25
Sunday, October 23
Sunday, November 20

Photography Workshop: Photo Composition Tips & Tricks
Sunday, September 18
Oenslager Nature Center
1 to 2:30 p.m.
Registration required/\$15 fee



PARKS

- 1 Allardale
- 2 Buckeye Woods
Park District Headquarters
- 3 Brunswick Lake
Susan Hambley Nature Center
- 4 Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage
- 5 Green Leaf
- 6 Hubbard Valley/*Buffalo Creek*
- 7 Lake Medina
- 8 Letha House
- 9 Plum Creek
- 10 River Styx
- 11 Holmesbrook Park

NATURE PRESERVES

- 12 Black River
Hidden Hollow Camp
Bluebell Valley
- 13 Chippewa Lake
Krabill Lodge/Boat Ramp
- 14 Killbuck Lakes
- 15 Medina Marsh
- 16 Princess Ledges
- 17 Schleman

MULTIPURPOSE TRAILS

- 18 Chippewa Inlet Trail
- 19 Chippewa Rail Trail
- 20 Lester Rail Trail
- 21 Montville Trail

WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES

- 22 Alderfer -Oenslager
Wolf Creek Environmental Center
- 23 Granger Wetlands



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