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Spring Program Guide

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Support the work of the Park District through the Friends of the Parks while enjoying member benefits like discounts on facility rentals and programs. Also, receive mailed program guides and invitations to member-only events and activities. Be a friend! wcparks.org/friends

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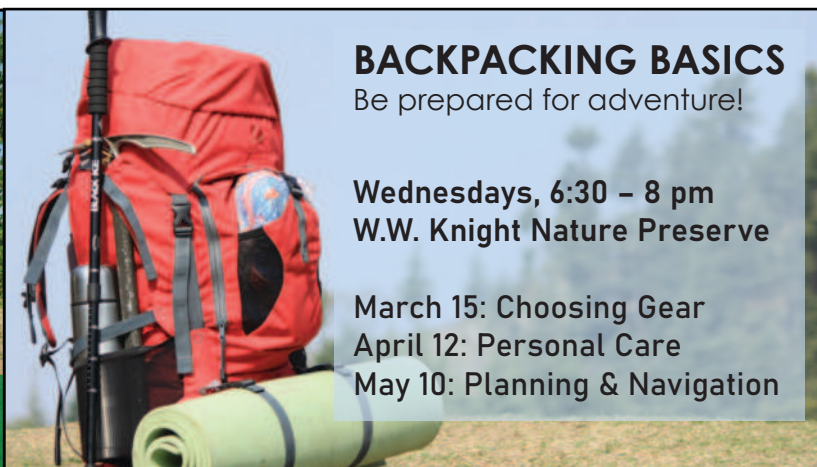
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Visit Carter Historic Farm
Depression-era living history & working farm

18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402
Open Hours: Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 1 - 4 pm



BACKPACKING BASICS
Be prepared for adventure!

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W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

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April 12: Personal Care
May 10: Planning & Navigation

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COMMUNITY EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

APRIL 22, 2023
2- 4 PM



515 Sand Ridge Road, Bowling Green, Montessori School BG

Sunday

Monday

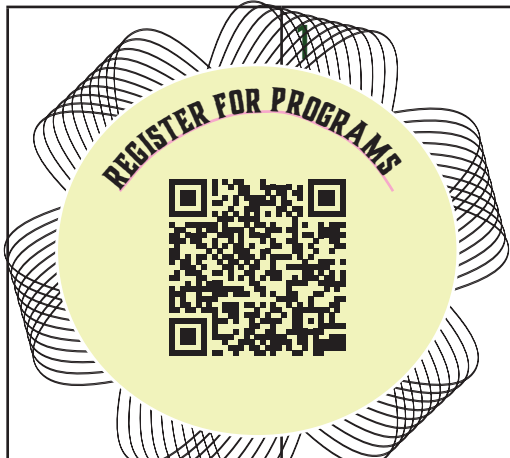






























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Kayak Demo Day


   Sunday, June 4; 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Three Meadows Pond, Perrysburg



Thinking about kayaking this paddling season? Try out kayaks of all shapes and sizes! Experienced kayakers and instructors will point out differences between boat types and features, outfit you with PFDs and paddles, and teach safe-kayaking. 11 years+. FREE! Contact: Craig Spicer

Paddle the Pond




  2nd & 4th Mondays, June – August
4:00 – 7:30 pm; W.W. Knight Nature Preserve



Canoe or kayak the pond! Boats, life-jackets, paddles, and instruction are provided. Call ahead for special accommodations. No registration. FREE!




Youth Programs

Homeschoolers

    **Tuesdays, March 28 & April 18; 10 am – 12 pm**
March 28: Nature Journaling
April 18: Animal Handler
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve





Join us to learn about a variety of nature topics, each day with a different theme. This program is designed for children age 6 and older. Parents must stay with the group. Registration required. Register the participating children only.
 Leader: Emma Taylor

Nature Play

   **Thursdays, March 16 & April 27; 10 – 11 am**
March 16: Worms!
April 27: Pond Discovery
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Activate your imagination and creativity! Join us in the Nature Play Area for an hour of nature-based exploration and play. This experience is ideal for ages 3 and up. Every week we will focus on a specific outdoor activity or animal. Registration is required. Leader: Emma Taylor

Preschoolers in the Parks

    **10:30 – 11:30 am; W.W. Knight Nature Preserve**
Tuesday, March 28: Welcome Spring!
Tuesday, April 18: Insects
Saturday, May 27: Fish



For ages 3-6, we'll be discussing a different topic each month. A story and a brief walk afterwards will be a part of the experience. Register the participating child only. Adults must stay with children for the duration of the program.
 Leader: Jim Witter

Toddlers Spring Cleaning

  **Saturday, April 1; 10 am – 12 pm**
Carter Historic Farm




Need a little helper in the house? Do you have a little helper that is more of a mess maker than a cleaner? We can help! Kids will improve their fine motor skills, learn about the importance of cleaning and begin to understand how we all can contribute to our households. Snacks and juice will be provided.
 Leader: Alyssa Garland

May the 4th Celebration with the Way Library

  **Thursday, May 4; 6 – 8 pm**
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Calling all Star Wars fans! Join the Way Library and Wood County Park District for an evening celebrating one of the world's most beloved sci-fi stories. Stop by the W.W. Knight Nature Center for some self-guided activities like Star Wars crafts, games, and an Ewok search in the forest! The library will be leading a story time at 6:30 pm. At 7, join park naturalists to meet animals like those in the Star Wars universe. Costumes are highly encouraged! Registration required.
 Leader: Emma Taylor

Baby Animals

   **Saturdays, May 6 & 20; 10 am – 12 pm**
May 6: Chicks
May 20: Lambs
Carter Historic Farm

Learn about the baby animals on the farm and see them in person!
 Leader: Alyssa Garland

Blue Week: Wetlands

    **Monday, May 15; 10 – 11 am**
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Wood County Park District is proud to be a partner with the Green Ribbon Initiative to highlight the natural treasures of the Oak Openings Region. Celebrate Oak Openings Blue Week by learning about the importance of wetlands and the creatures that call it home. We'll be heading out to the wetlands for hands-on collection of critters, so be prepared for wet and mud! Find other Blue Week programs at through community partners at <https://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week/>. Leader: Jim Witter

Volunteer Programs

Greenhouse Help

   **Tuesdays; 10 am – 12 pm**
March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28,
April 4, April 11,
Friday, April 14: Pi Day!,
Tuesdays, April 18, April 25, and May 2
J.C. Reuthinger Memorial Preserve

Assist the stewardship department with the native plant program by transplanting seedlings and performing other tasks in the warmth of the greenhouse. All tools and materials provided. Leader: Sanja Jennings

Growing Milkweeds

    **Tuesday, March 21; 6 – 7:30 pm**
J.C. Reuthinger Memorial Preserve

Learn about the importance of the incredible milkweed plant and have fun working with them inside the greenhouse. Take your knowledge, along with some seeds, home with you to watch them grow! All tools and materials provided. Leader: Sanja Jennings

Plant and Butterfly Monitor Training

    **Thursday, March 30; 6:30 – 8 pm**
Park District Headquarters




Learn to monitor native plants and/or butterflies in Wood County Parks. This is a great way to receive your Master Gardener or Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist hours. This program kicks off the 2023 monitoring season for new and returning monitors. Leaders: Zeb Albert and Emma Taylor

Adopt-A-Garden Info Meeting

    **Tuesday, April 4, 6 – 7 pm**
J.C. Reuthinger Memorial Preserve

Do you have a green thumb? Are you curious to work with and help promote native plants? Learn about the native gardens within your Wood County Parks in need of adoption and what you can do to help! Leader: Zeb Albert

Woody Plant Removal

   **Wednesday, April 12; 6 – 7:30 pm**
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
Tuesday, April 18; 6 – 7:30 pm
Otsego Park
Thursday, May 18; 6:00 – 7:30 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Help restore balance to the ecosystem by removing invasive woody species from the park. Loppers, hand-saws and gloves will be available for volunteers. No experience needed. Leader: Justin Siler

Volunteer Banquet

   **Monday, April 24; 5 – 7 pm**
Otsego Park

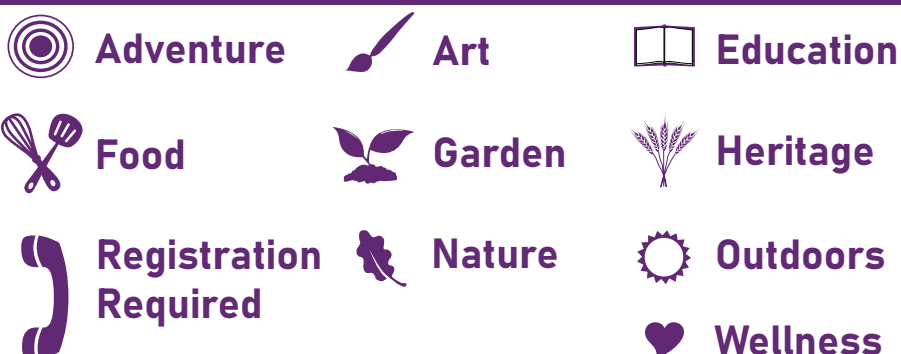
Volunteers with 2+ hours with the Wood County Park District in 2022 are invited to share an evening of food and festivities with the staff of the Wood County Park District. Register through the monthly volunteer email, or follow the prompt on the volunteer

Otsego Island Clean-Up

    **Wednesday, May 17; 6 – 8:30 pm**
Otsego Park

We're teaming up with Partners for Clean Streams for an island clean-up! Canoe over to Hedges Island from Otsego Park and help us pick up what flood waters dump. We'll supply all of the clean-up and canoeing supplies and instruction. Contact Craig Spicer with questions 419-661-1697 x3 cspicer@wcparks.org

Register for Programs



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Register for Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer with us and be an important part of the team.



wcparks.org/volunteer 419-353-1897

Community

Full Worm Moon

 **Monday, March 6; 7 – 8:30 pm**
Black Swamp Preserve


Enjoy a gentle stroll under the Full Pink moon as we learn moon lore and look and listen for nocturnal wildlife. No dogs permitted. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Making Maple Syrup & Wood County District Public Library

 **Saturday, March 11; 1 – 2 pm**
Carter Historic Farm


The parks and the Wood County District Public Library are teaming up for some maple syrup making! We will share information about making maple syrup along with the Library's Children's Place staff sharing the story of 1957 Newbery Award-winning novel *Miracles on Maple Hill*. This nostalgic story is available to checkout from the library and digital services. Leaders: Corinne Gordon and Librarian Maria Simon

Leprechaun Open Geocaching

 **Tuesday, March 14**
4:30 – 7 pm
Sawyer Quarry Preserve

Solve riddles to find the hidden leprechauns' secret treasure caches! Stop by anytime between 4:30 and 7:00 pm to borrow one of our GPS units or bring your smartphone with the Google Maps app to search for hidden geocaches. Previous tech or geocaching experience is suggested to navigate this multi-cache course challenge. Leader: Craig Spicer

NW Ohio Equinox Walk to See a Sky Dance

 **Saturday, March 18**
7:30 – 9 pm
Cricket Frog Cove

Time to get into the swing for spring! As the sun sets on the 1st day of the year with 12+ hours of sunlight locally, a very special bird begins preparing for one the best aerial courtship displays in North America. Going by names such as: bogsucker, timberdoodle, mudbat and more. This will be a twilight hike. We will listen for nocturnal wildlife and gaze at a sky full of stars. No dogs permitted. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Magic in the Greenhouse

 **Saturday, March 25; 10 – 11 am**
Reuthinger Memorial Preserve
AND Zoom Video Conference

This is the time of year when magic happens in the greenhouse. Join us to learn about our plant conservation efforts, the benefits of native plants, and how you can incorporate what you learn into your gardening. Leaders: Sanja Jennings & Jim Witter

Full Pink Moon and Woodcock Wander

 **Wed., April 5; 8 – 9:30 pm**
Cricket Frog Cove

As the sun sets, a very special bird begins preparing for one the best aerial courtship displays in North America. He goes by names such as: bogsucker, timberdoodle, mudbat and many more. This will be a twilight hike under a full moon. We will listen for nocturnal wildlife, and gaze at a sky full of stars. No dogs permitted. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Friends of the Parks Photo Exhibit

 **Friday April 7 – April 14**
8 am – sunset
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve


See the nature photos entered into the Friends of the Parks photo contest in 2020. The Great Room in the Nature Center filled with nature photos is an inspiring experience. For information on how to participate, visit wcparks.org/friends.

Photo Exhibit Reception

 **Friday, April 14; 5 – 8 pm**
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve


Enjoy light refreshments, see and purchase nature photos, meet photographers, and learn about the Friends of the Parks. Free and open to all.

Rain-Bow & Arrow Quick-Shots

 **Saturday, April 15**
1 – 2 pm & 2:30 – 3:30 pm
Arrowwood Archery Range

Improve your archery skills through this short, beginner-friendly instructional program. We'll be focused on the steps of shooting and consistency. Make progress you can see, as we create some archery-art using our newfound skills. All archery equipment provided. Must be 10 or older with a legal guardian. Canvas available, but bring a small canvas, shirt, poster, or anything you'd like splatter-painted! Cost: \$8, or \$5 for FWCP members. Leader: Craig Spicer

Listening for Frogs and Toads

 **Thurs., April 27; 7:30 – 8:30 pm**
Sawyer Quarry Preserve


Learn the sounds that our local amphibians make and then listen for them as the sun sets on a mid-spring evening. If we're lucky we may even catch a glimpse of one of the singers! Leader: Jim Witter

Animal Nutrition & Showmanship Prep

 **Wednesday, May 3; 6 – 8 pm**
Carter Historic Farm


If you're thinking about raising or showing animals, feeding the proper nutrition to your animal is the key. Presenter Levi Richards will provide guidance and some basic showmanship skills, so bring your notebook! Leaders: Chris Dauer and Levi Richards

Full Flower Moon Walk

 **Thursday, May 4; 8:30 – 10 pm**
Sawyer Quarry Preserve


Enjoy a gentle stroll under the Full Flower moon as we learn moon lore and look and listen for nocturnal wildlife. No dogs permitted. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Mountain Bike Skills Camp

 **Sundays, 10 – 11:30 am**
May 7, June 4, July 2,
August 6, and September 3
Rudolph Bike Park


Every first Sunday of the month from May through September, take your bike-ability to the next level with instructors from The Right Direction Youth Development Program! Techniques will be broken down into manageable steps with challenges designed to build confidence and biking skill. A properly-fitting helmet and mountain bike are required. Contact: Craig Spicer

Native Plant Sale

 **Saturday, May 13**
10 am – 1 pm
Wood County Fairgrounds

Purchase native plants for your garden. Held at the Champion Building, there will be a pre-sale for Friends of the Parks members. \$5 per plant.

Spring Nature Tram Tours

 **Tuesday, May 16**
11 am – 12:30 pm & 1:30 – 3 pm
Black Swamp Preserve

Take a leisurely ride down the Slippery Elm Trail to Rudolph, Ohio to enjoy the springtime sights and sounds. Tram is open-sided, so dress for the weather. Two sessions available. Leaders: Bill Hoefflin and Emma Taylor


Full Moon Walk

 **Friday June 2; 8:30 – 9:45 pm**
William Henry Harrison Park

Enjoy a gentle stroll under the Full Strawberry moon as we learn moon lore and look and listen for nocturnal wildlife. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Adult Programs

Hiking for Health

 **Fridays, March 3, April 14 and**
May 26; 10:30 – 11:30 am


March 3: Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve

April 14: Bradner Preserve

May 26: W.W. Knight Nature Preserve


Join a naturalist for exercise and the wonder of watching the seasonal changes. The hikes will offer a true mind-body connection. Sign up for one week or all. Leader: Jim Witter

Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

 **Saturday, March 4;**
10 am – 12 pm
Carter Historic Farm


Not sure how to prune those newly planted fruit trees in your yard? Learn the basics of fruit tree pruning by engaging in a hands-on fruit tree pruning workshop. You will learn how to shape and train young fruit trees to improve their long-term health, increase fruit quality, and manage the overall crop load. Leaders: Corinne Gordon and Michelle Wallace

Skunk Cabbage Walk

 **Saturday, March 4**
10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Bradner Nature Center

Meet Wood County's earliest blooming wildflower and learn how it can melt its way through snow and attract pollinators in late winter. We will start indoors for a short introduction to this amazing plant and then hit the boardwalk and march forth to find it. Dress for the weather. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Paddling Prep: Kayaks & Gear Informational

 **Wednesday, March 8**
6:30 – 8 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve


The options for kayaks, life-jackets and paddles are vast. Learn the reasons behind the diversity of these items as well as other equipment to make educated decisions about your gear and safety. Get connected with our schedule of kayak and canoe trips and classes to take your paddling to the next level. Leaders: Craig Spicer & Bill Hoefflin

Safe Transport of Farm Equipment

 **Sunday, March 12; 1 – 3 pm**
Carter Historic Farm

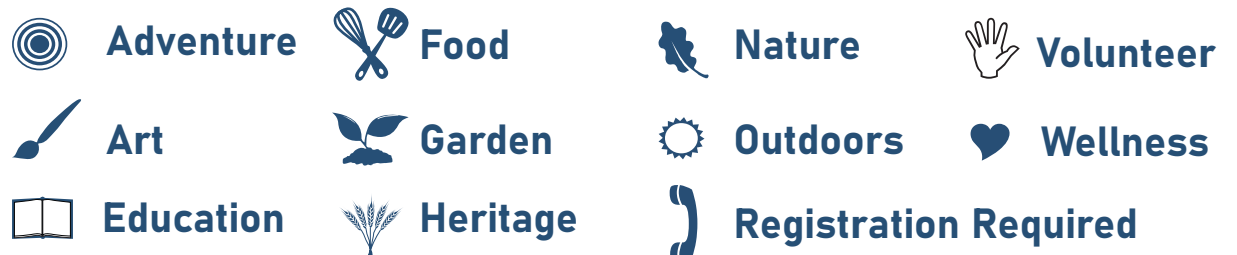
Join Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper Will Richardson to learn, or refresh your memory, on the safe transport of farm equipment and machinery on the roads. Topics will include subjects such as chaining, width/height/length/weight requirements, lights and flags, reflective tape, transporting large quantities of fuel and more. Improve your compliance with Ohio's laws and regulations for equipment transport. Time will be provided for Q&A. Leaders: Chris Dauer and Will Richardson

Tree Fruit Production

 **Wednesday, March 15**
6 – 7 pm
Carter Historic Farm

Learn the basics of fruit tree production, how to select the right tree for the right spot, how to prepare the tree for planting, and an overview of management. Consider registering for this training and the Saturday, March 4th fruit tree pruning workshop to get the most out of both so that you can be successful at growing fruit. Leader: Michelle Wallace

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Adult Programs

Backpacking Basics

 Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

March 15: Choosing Gear

April 12: Personal Care

May 10: Planning & Navigation

Designed for the aspiring backpacker, this series will empower beginners with knowledge and confidence to embark on backpacking adventures. Choosing gear can be a daunting task, but knowing what to look for can help filter selections. We'll cover packs, footwear, clothing and specialty items for safety and convenience. Leader: Craig Spicer

Coffee with the Birds

 Wednesdays, 8:30 – 10 am

March 15: Sawyer Quarry Preserve

April 12: Bradner Preserve

May 31: W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Enjoy a birding stroll with coffee! We'll be visiting a different park and starting with a warm drink before heading out on the trail. Register for one or all monthly programs. Leader: Jim Witter

Art in the Park: Mini Loom Weaving

 Friday, March 17; 7 – 9 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Bring yourself and friends to an evening of crafting. Using yarn, upcycled fabric and a cardboard loom, create a small craft for your home. Craft options include coasters or wall hangings. Participants will take their cardboard loom home so they may continue to create. This class is for teens and adults.


Registration required. Leader: Emma Taylor

Advanced Knitting – Purl Stitch

 Saturday, March 18
10 am – 12 pm
Carter Historic Farm

Improve your knitting skills and learn how to do the purl stitch! Participants will also learn how to alternate the knit and purl stitch, and how to read a pattern. Yarn and needles will be provided. This program is recommended for those with some basic knitting skills or those that have taken 'Knitting for Beginners.' Leader: Alyssa Garland

Monthly Mindfulness

 Wed., March 29; 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Sat., April 8; 9:30 – 11:00 am
Thurs., May 11; 7:00 – 8:30 pm

W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Get away to reconnect and relax with this monthly series. Join naturalist and meditation teacher Emma Taylor for a nature-based mindfulness session. Classes are a combination of seated and walking mindfulness practices and nature awareness activities. This class is appropriate for teens and adults. Registration required. Leader: Emma Taylor

Timberdoodle Trek

 Wed., March 29; 7:45 – 9:00 pm
Baldwin Woods Preserve

As the sun sets, a very special bird begins preparing for one the best aerial courtship displays in North America. He goes by names such as: bogsucker, timberdoodle, mudbat and many more. There will be walking on grassy uneven trails that may have shallow standing water. No dogs allowed.

Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Art in the Park: Make a Hiking Stick

 Thursday, April 6; 7:00 – 9:00 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Bring yourself and some friends to join us for an evening of crafting. Using buckthorn removed by our stewardship volunteers, create a hiking stick for your next hiking adventure. This class is appropriate for teens and adults. Registration required.


Leader: Emma Taylor

Chick Tips

 Saturday, April 8; 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm

If you're considering getting chicks for the first time this spring, now's a great time to learn what you need! We'll show you what's worked for raising healthy chickens. Leader: Corinne Gordon


Archery Skills: The Complete Archer

 Part 1: Tuesday, April 11
Part 2: Wednesday April 12
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Arrowwood Archery Range

Transform into an arrow-slinging archer! The complete archer is two sessions for the novice. Get the tools to safely navigate the range, become familiar with basic archery equipment and start working on precision and accuracy. Registration includes both sessions. Cost: \$5. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Beekeeping Basics

 Wednesday, April 19
6 – 7 pm

Carter Historic Farm


Thinking about becoming a beekeeper? There is a lot to know, a lot of stuff to buy, and a lot of things to learn before you get started. Learn about resources available including the local beekeeping clubs in Northwest Ohio, Ohio Department of Agriculture apiary registration requirements and an overview of raising bees. This is just the tip of the iceberg and you will just get a taste of what you need to know to "bee" successful. Leader: Michelle Wallace

Paddling Prep: Logistics & Safety Informational

 Wednesday, April 19; 6:30 – 8 pm
W.W. Knight Nature Preserve

Paddling without planning could make for a serious situation very quickly. Equip yourself with knowledge of environmental conditions, logistics and personal ability from Wood County Parks accredited instructors and trip leaders to ensure your future adventures are safe and enjoyable. Also, get connected with our schedule of kayak and canoe trips and classes to take your paddling to the next level. Leaders: Craig Spicer and Bill Hoefflin


Tractor Safety

 Wed., April 26; 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Carter Historic Farm

Join educators from both OSU and CSU extension offices for an in-depth talk about farm safety!

Leaders: Corinne Gordon & Michelle Wallace

Spring Wildflower Walk


 Wed., April 26; 6:30 – 7:45 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve

Woodland wildflowers put on a brief, but beautiful show on the forest floor. Join us for a naturalist-led stroll to see who is starting this month. Learn why these flowers are called ephemerals.

Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Eco Explorers: Off-Trail


Discovery Series

 6 pm 8:30 pm
Tues., May 2: Cricket Frog Cove
Wed., May 10: Bradner Preserve

Thurs., May 18: Sawyer Quarry Preserve


If you are up for challenging terrain, hostile woodland vegetation, and no amenities other than what you bring with you, then join us as we explore the least travelled parts of the Wood County Parks. There is no set agenda for how we will choose to explore. We may wander a half mile or 3 miles. There will be spring wildflowers blooming so feel free to bring a camera. Leader: Bill Hoefflin

Native Plants in Your Yard

 Thursday, May 4; 7 – 8 pm
Videoconference program

Get ready for the WC Parks native plant sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Parks! Learn about how to incorporate native plants into your yard, and tips on local sources of plants. Leader: Jim Witter


College Prep: Personal Finance Q&A

 Thursday, May 11; 5 – 6 pm
W. W. Knight Nature Preserve

Inflation and recession and student loans. OH MY! Just like farmers during the Great Depression, it may seem scary to jump out on your own and make a large financial decision in times of hardship. Carter Historic Farm wants to help! Parents and students are welcome to attend a lecture on how to prepare for college and the world of "adulting" featuring guest speaker Roc Starks, a professor of personal finance at BGSU. Q&A will follow!

Leader: Alyssa Garland

Zombie Apocalypse Survival Skills Workshop

 Friday, May 12; 6 – 9 pm
W.W. Knight Preserve

Do you think you could survive a zombie apocalypse? Join Wood County Park naturalists in this outdoor skills workshop to help increase your chances of surviving a plague of zombies. Skills covered will include: fire-starting, building natural debris shelters & zombie barricades, and apocalypse first-aid essentials. Program for human teens and adults, pre-registration required.


Leaders: Emma Taylor and Craig Spicer

Pickled Asparagus

 Saturday, May 13; 1 – 3 pm
Carter Historic Farm

Join us to harvest some asparagus from the asparagus bed, then pickle and can it! Participants take home a jar of their own. Leader: Corinne Gordon

Summer Vegetable Production Basics

 Wednesday, May 17, 6 – 7 pm
Carter Historic Farm

Tomatoes, peppers, okra, squash - it's time to get the vegetable garden started! We will go over plant spacing, staking, scouting for the most common pest problems, and recommended varieties based on taste and reduced susceptibility to insects and disease. Learn how to estimate and project your yields. Leader: Michelle Wallace

Blue Week: Bradner Preserve and the Oak Openings Region

 Thursday, May 18; 7 – 8:30 pm
Bradner Preserve

Celebrate Oak Openings Blue Week with a hike that speaks to the connection of Bradner Preserve and its unique geology that relates to the Oak Openings Region. Leaders: Jim Witter and Bill Hoefflin

Friends' Migration Field Trip

 Saturday, May 20; 9 am – 12 pm
Cedar Creeks Preserve

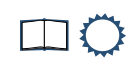
Join the Friends of the Parks on a tour in search of migrating songbirds. We'll be traveling to Cedar Creeks Preserve and Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve before concluding the trip at W.W. Knight Nature Preserve. Leader: Jim Witter

Down-River Kayaking Venture

 Saturday, May 20; 10 am – 3 pm
Otsego Park

Explore our scenic Maumee River on this 12-mile trip for experienced kayakers. Meet at Otsego Park, where we'll be briefed, outfitted with gear and boats, and launched. Naturalists guide the adventure down river to Farnsworth Metropark for lunch, before continuing to the landing at Orleans Park. A shuttle will return the group to Otsego Park. Eagles, turtles, and rapids of at least 1' are expected. NOT recommended for novice kayakers. See online description for important details. Cost: \$25, or \$20 Friends of the Parks members. Leaders: Craig Spicer and Bill Hoefflin

Intro to Nature Photography

 Tuesday, May 23; 5:30 – 8 pm
Bradner Nature Center

Interested in capturing the wonders of the outdoors in photographs, but unsure of how to use those camera settings to your advantage? Bring your camera and practice honing your skills! This program will begin with an indoor presentation followed by a practical hands-on session and will focus on taking better close-ups. Leader: Zeb Albert

Portage River Water Trail Canoe Paddle

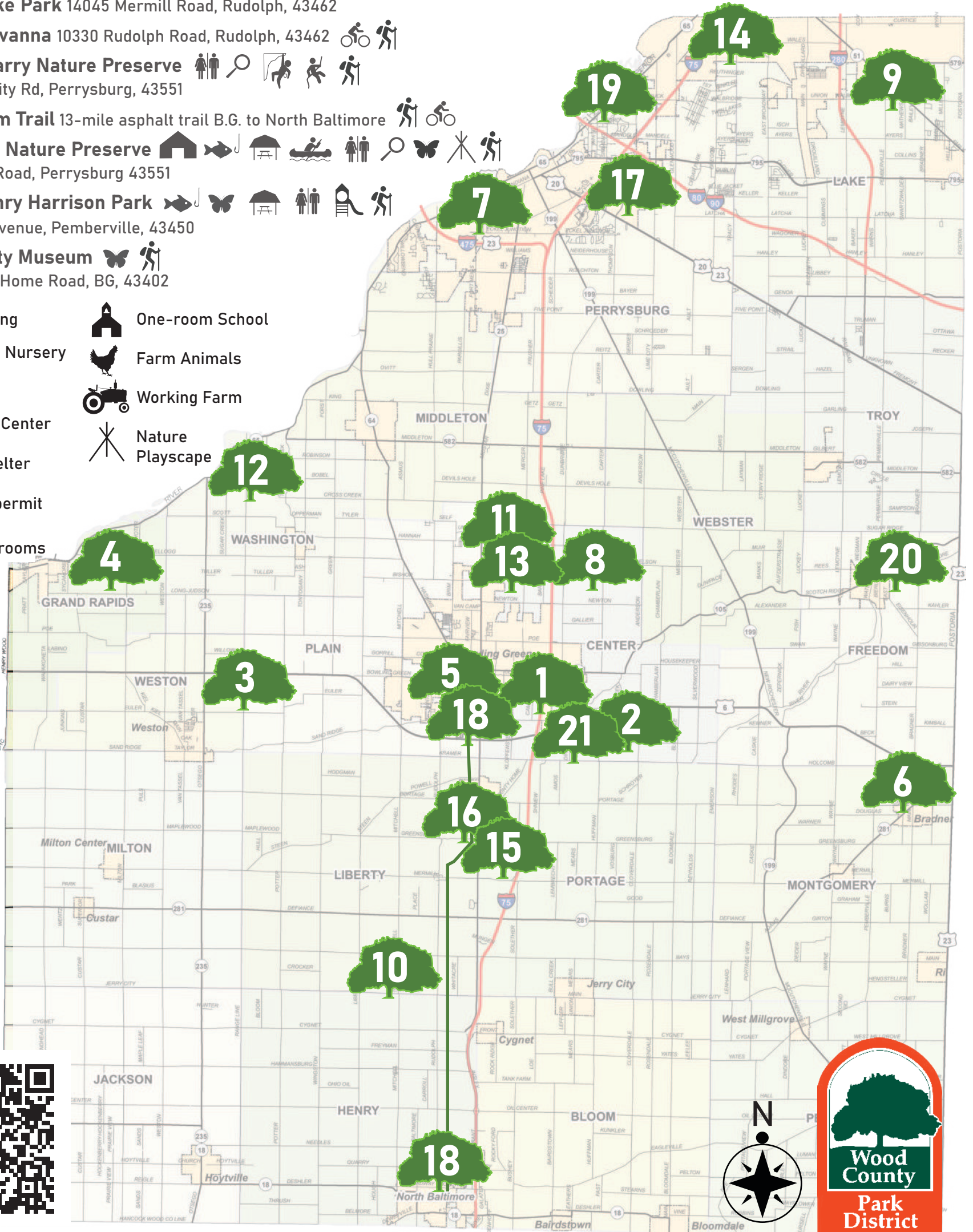
 Thursday, May 25; 6 – 9 pm
William Henry Harrison Park

Experience a section of one of Ohio's newest designated Scenic Water Trails, the Portage River! After meeting at the park you'll be briefed on the trip, outfitted with gear and boats and prepared to launch. Naturalists will guide the adventure down river 7.5 miles to Trail Marker Park in Woodville. A shuttle will return the group to the starting point. This trip is not recommended for new or novice paddlers. See online description for important details. Cost: \$15/\$10 FWCP. Leaders: Craig Spicer and Bill Hoefflin

Wood County Park District

1. Adam Phillips Pond 1740 E Gypsy Lane Road behind the Northwest Ohio Community Corrections Center in Bowling Green
2. Arrowwood Archery Range 11126 Linwood Road, Bowling Green, 43402
3. Baldwin Woods Preserve 14080 Range Line Road, Weston, 43569
4. Beaver Creek Preserve 23028 Long Judson Road, Grand Rapids, 43522
5. Black Swamp Preserve 1014 S. Maple Street, Bowling Green, 43402
6. Bradner Preserve 11491 Fostoria Road/ State Route 23, Bradner, 43406
7. Buttonwood Park/Betty C. Black Recreation Area 27174 Hull Prairie Road, Perrysburg, 43551
8. Carter Historic Farm 18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green, 43402
9. Cedar Creeks Preserve 4575 Walbridge Road, Northwood, 43619
10. Cricket Frog Cove Area 14810 Freyman Road, Cygnet, 43413
11. Fuller Preserve 12153 Cross Creek Road, Bowling Green, 43402
12. Otsego Park 20000 West River Road, Bowling Green, 43402
13. Park District Headquarters 18729 Mercer Road, Bowling Green, 43402
14. J.C. Reuthinger Memorial Preserve 30730 Oregon Road, Perrysburg, 43551
15. Rudolph Bike Park 14045 Mermill Road, Rudolph, 43462
16. Rudolph Savanna 10330 Rudolph Road, Rudolph, 43462
17. Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve 26940 Lime City Rd, Perrysburg, 43551
18. Slippery Elm Trail 13-mile asphalt trail B.G. to North Baltimore
19. W.W. Knight Nature Preserve 29530 White Road, Perrysburg 43551
20. William Henry Harrison Park 644 Bierley Avenue, Pemberville, 43450
21. Wood County Museum 13660 County Home Road, BG, 43402

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