

Greene County
PARKS

SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE 2011



Resident Registration Begins April 11

Non-resident Registration: April 13

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The Miami Valley Cycling Summit - *Cycling Sells Cities* is your chance to further engage in the cycling movement and support the future of cycling in the region. Bruno Maier, Vice President of Bikes Belong, will be the keynote speaker.

May 19, 7pm Bike Film Nite at The Neon

The Neon, 130 E. Fifth St., Dayton

Feature Movie: *Veer*

\$5 Proceeds benefit Bike Miami Valley

May 20, 10 am - 4 pm Cycling Summit

Kroc Center, 1000 N. Keowee St., Dayton

Registration is FREE and includes lunch and a cycling hat while supplies last.

Register now! www.cyclingsummit.com

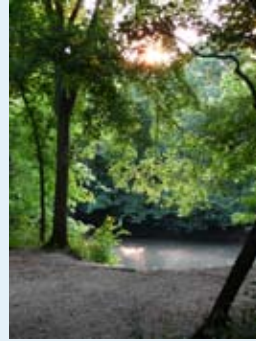
May 20, 4:30 pm Grassroots Social

Brixx Ice Co., 500 E. First St., Dayton

No Cover - Live Music - Food & Drinks available for purchase

Proceeds benefit Bike Miami Valley

Little Miami River Celebration



Try your hand at fly-fishing, get up close with live fish from the river, experience the newest in canoes and kayaks, learn about water and boat safety and explore the river for water critters. ODNr Division of Watercraft, ODNr Division of Wildlife, Rivers Edge

Outfitters and others will be on hand for this hands-on family event. Activities scheduled throughout the day.

Saturday, June 25, 9:30 am - 2 pm
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd, Beavercreek
Free



July 14 - 17, 2011

- Great Family Cycling Event
- Tour your nationally known & award winning trails with cyclists from across the US
- "Design a Ride" to fit your family's busy schedule



Local Rider Rate Available
www.greentrailsclassic.com



- Canine Sprayground
- Canine Contests
- King & Queen Contest
- Dog Performances & Demonstrations
- Pet-related Exhibitors
- Concessions

Saturday, August 20

10 am - 5 pm

Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia

Free Admission, \$5 Parking Donation
All proceeds benefit the Scout Burnell-Garbrecht Dog Park
www.dashsplash.com

Nestlings



Enjoy a nature hike and story. For ages 2 1/2 - 4 and their adult companion.

■ **Section # 210324**
A: Wed, May 18 - Feathers and Song
B: Wed, June 22 - Discovering Fossils

C: Wed, July 13 - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

D: Wed, Aug 24 - Fish are Fish
10 am - 11 am

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
 \$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child/per class

Nature Nuts

Enjoy a nature hike and story. For ages 4 1/2 - 6 and their adult companion.

■ **Section # 210327**

A: Wed, May 18 - Feathers and Song

B: Wed, June 22 - Discovering Fossils

C: Wed, July 13 - Bugs, Bugs, Bugs

D: Wed, Aug 24 - Water Wonders
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
 \$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child/per class

Toads 'n Tadpoles Night Out

Each month the group will play games, take a night hike and enjoy a snack. Tadpoles (ages 5-7) Section A and Toads (ages 8-12) Section B.

■ **Section # 210319 A # 210319 B**
Friday, May 20, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 210320 A # 210320 B**
Friday, June 10, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 210321 A # 210321 B**
Friday, July 8, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 210322 A # 210322 B**
Friday, August 26, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
 \$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per child/per class

Kids Fishing Derby



Participants ages 6 – 14 are invited to bring along their bait and tackle for some fishing fun! Prizes will be awarded for the most fish over 4" and largest fish

(bass or blue gill) caught in various age categories.

■ **Section # 220301**

Saturday, June 4, 9 am - 1 pm,
onsite registration begins at 8 am
 Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
Free

Preschool Nature Play



This unique preschool program incorporates a preschool curriculum but in a nature setting. Children will learn to interact with other children, work

on their developmental skills, numbers, letters, colors, math and spelling all while experiencing the outdoors. Climbing logs, catching butterflies, searching for insects are just some of the ways this class will stay active. Exercise and nutrition will be part of each program through a snack and active educational games. Songs, nature crafts and stories will tie into the topic for the day. Let your child's wonder of nature be filled while learning and playing with friends. Sessions are six weeks in length. For ages 4-6, must be potty trained.

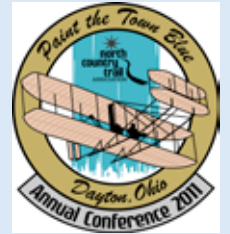
■ **Section # 310304**

Mondays, September 12 - October 17
9:30 am - 11:30 am
 Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
 \$60 (R), \$70 (NR) per child

North Country Trail Annual Conference

August 11 - 14

The North Country Trail Annual Conference is coming to Dayton; the largest town on this 4,500 mile trail! Join the hiking community who will be coming from New York to North Dakota and throughout the 7 states of this National Scenic Trail. You're invited to participate in this program; from exciting speakers, to hikes and kids programs, the lineup has something for everyone.



937-277-4374

www.northcountrytrail.org

Andrew Skurka

Skurka shares his Alaskan journey's most important and powerful stories, supplemented with stunning photos and entertaining video. He also reflects on the broader significance of this experience and of his other adventures, with particular attention to setting goals, seizing opportunities, stepping outside comfort zones, and finding humility and happiness in life.



August 11, 7 pm

Memorial Hall

125 E. First St., Dayton

Open to the Public

\$5 donation benefits North Country Trail



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



Five Alive



Can you use your tongue to smell like a snake does? Or are you like a butterfly and feel with your

antennae? Campers will explore nature by using their senses and learn about how animals use theirs. Our sense of taste will be explored by the snack campers need to bring daily. Two sessions available: 9:30 am - 11:30 am (A) or 1 pm - 3 pm (B). For ages 5-6.

■ **Section # 210202 A # 210202 B**
Mon - Fri, June 27 - July 1

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$40 (R), \$45 (NR) per child, per session

Wet-n-Wild

Prepare to be wet as we explore the creek, hunt for critters and learn more about how plants use water. Bring a snack daily. Two sessions available: 9:30 am - 11:30 am (A) or 1 pm - 3 pm (B). For ages 5-6.

■ **Section # 220201 A #220201 B**
Mon-Fri, August 1 - 5

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$40 (R), \$45 (NR) per child, per session

Outdoor Survival Skills

Campers will learn survival skills including campfire building, cooking, use of pocket knife, plants along with knot and lashing techniques. Each camper will receive their own pocket knife. For ages 9+.

■ **Section # 220202**
Mon-Fri, June 20 - 24, 9:30 am - 3 pm

Narrows Reserve, Sperling
Lane entrance, Beaver creek
\$80 (R), \$90 (NR) per person

Advanced Outdoor Skills



Campers will build and sleep in a lean-to, learn how to use a map and compass, tracking skills

and more. Dinner, snack and breakfast will be provided. *Must complete Outdoor Survival Skills prior to taking this camp.*

■ **Section # 220203**
Mon-Wed, June 20 - 22, 9 am - 2:30 pm,
Th, June 23, 9 am - Fri, June 24, noon
Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance,
Beaver creek
\$90 (R), \$100 (NR)

All About Animals

Do toads have warts? How many teeth does a deer have? How can an opossum hang by its tail? We will not only explore under rocks, in rotten logs, but in the woods and ravine for animals large and small. For ages 7-12.

■ **Section # 220310**
Mon-Fri, June 27 - July 1, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Bike Camp

Greene County Parks Trail Sentinels will lead a ride to a different destination each day. At the end of camp, a mini bike rodeo will test your bicycle skills and bicycle maintenance you have learned throughout the week. For ages 9-13.

■ **Section # 520210**
Mon - Thur, June 27 - 30, 9 am - 1 pm

Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia
\$35 (R), \$45 (NR)

Ancient Archeologists Artifacts

Try your hand at an archeological dig, draw a map of buried treasure, unearth how the native Americans lived, campers will search the gorge for stories left from long ago. Transportation is available for an additional \$15. We will leave the Narrows promptly at 9 am and return by 3 pm. For ages 7-12.

■ **Section # 220200**
Tues-Fri, July 5 - 8, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Indian Mound Reserve, log cabin parking
lot, 2750 SR 42 E., Cedarville
\$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Art in Nature



Art projects will be inspired by nature. Participants will go for short nature hikes, meet animals, and try many different art techniques.

All of the campers art work will be part of an art show at 2:30 pm on Friday. For ages 9 - 15.

■ **Section # 220224**
Tues-Fri, July 5 - 8, 9 am - 2:30 pm
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$80 (R), \$90 (NR)

Photo Camp

Close ups, wildlife, black and white, exposures, and lighting will all be part of camp. Some of the students' best pictures will be part of the nature centers' photo display beginning in late August. A digital camera is necessary for this hands-on nature photography class. For ages 9+.

■ **Section # 220213**
Mon-Fri, July 18 - 22, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek
\$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Summer Camps have a maximum instructor/child ration of 1:12, except campers for ages 5-6, which have a ration of 1:8. Campers should bring a lunch and drink if enrolled in full day camps and a snack for half day campers. Campers should also wear appropriate clothing, bring rain gear, bug repellent (lotion), and sunscreen. Open-toed shoes are not permitted. These camps are held rain or shine.



YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS



I Spy - Feathers, Fossils, Fungi & Fun

Did you see that? Can you find the spider hiding in its web? Campers will play a giant game of I Spy with some of nature's fantastic treasures. Are you up for the challenge? *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220205**

Mon-Fri, July 18 - 22, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Nature's Playground



This was one of our most popular camps last year. This week is full of things that campers' parents and grandparents use to do as a child

such as building mud and twig forts, off trail games of capture the flag and climbing trees. *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220232**

Mon-Fri, July 25 - 29, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Predator Prowl

How many different ways can a spider catch her prey? How do coyotes find their food? Stalking, tracking and learning about prey will all be a part of this fun week in the woods. *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220206**

Mon-Fri, August 1 - 5, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Ultimate Challenge Camp

Campers will be challenged to work together as a team, blaze new trails, build a fort and more in the fashion of Survivor or the Amazing Race. Are you up to the challenge? *For ages 12-15.*

■ **Section # 220207**

Mon-Fri, August 8 - 12, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

All My Friends Are Insects

Insects get a bad wrap because they are creepy and crawly, they have thousands of eyes, some of them even smell funny. But this week we will explore life as an insect, see how many different kinds there are and some of the cool adaptations they have and that we wish we really could do. Can you hear through your feet? Can you change colors to hide from everyone? *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220210**

Mon-Fri, August 8-12, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Wet 'n Wild



Explore how water oozes, squirts, squishes and makes its way around the world. *For ages 7-12.*

■ **Section # 220211**

Mon-Fri, August 15-19, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek \$70 (R), \$80 (NR)

Nature on the Go



Greene County Parks Naturalists are bringing nature exploration to your community. Children can spend the summer creekin', fishing, exploring for critters, hiking, crafts and more. Camps are held from 9 am - 3 pm. *For ages 7 and up.* \$35 (R), \$45 (NR) per child, per week

Wetland Wonders

■ **Section # 220228**

- A: June 20 - 24 Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
- B: June 27-July 1 Cemex Reserve, 1100 Sanctuary Dr., Fairborn
- C: July 5 - 8 Massie Creek Park, 3422 Barber Rd., Cedarville
- D: July 18 - 22 Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Rd., Beaver Creek
- E: July 25 - 29 Community Park East, 691 E. Dayton-YS Rd., Fairborn
- F: August 1 - 5 Glen Helen, 405 Cory St., Yellow Springs
- G: August 8 - 12 James Ranch Park, 177 Fairground Rd., Xenia
- H: August 15 - 19 Phillips Park, 1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek

Forest Explorers

■ **Section # 220229**

- Phillips Park, 1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek
- Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Rd., Beaver Creek
- Frank Seaman Park, 4730 Cottonville Rd., Jamestown
- James Ranch Park, 177 Fairground Rd., Xenia
- Rotary Park, 2260 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek
- Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
- Wright State University, 3640 ColGlenn Hwy, Fairborn
- Crooked Creek Nature Sanctuary, 2565 Spahr Rd., Sugar Creek Twp

Community Gardens at Karohl Park

Want fresh produce but don't have the space for a garden? Or are you concerned about where your fresh produce is coming from? Well, then reserve a plot in the Community Garden at Karohl Park.

Plots

- 20' x 20' plot
- now available for planting
- reserve as many plots as you prefer
- first come, first serve

Amenities on-site

- FREE mulch on-site for community gardeners only
- No water available on-site

Cost

- Only \$20 per 20' x 20' plot

Location

- Karohl Park, 2940 Hohl Dr., Beaver creek



Frog Chorus

From the tiny spring peeper to the large bull frog, each species makes a different sound. Learn more about what is making that spring chorus, how they are able to emanate such a long distance and see some of these fantastic critters close up.

■ Sunday, May 1, 2 pm

Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook

Free

Morning Bird Hike

The beginning of May is prime migration time for orioles, tanagers, vireos and warblers. Join us as we hike the various habitats of the golf course. Be sure to bring binoculars.

■ Wednesday, May 4, 7 am

Beaver creek Golf Course, 2800 New Germany Trebein Rd., Beaver creek

Free

Spring Hike in the Gorge

Spring wildflowers including Virginia Bluebell, trillium and more should be in full bloom. This hike will take us along the Upper and Lower Gorge trails.

■ Saturday, May 7, 2 pm

Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson Mound parking lot, 2750 St Rt 42 N, Cedarville

Free

Native Plants and Wildflower Gardens

With our gardens just beginning to bloom and the summer drought on its way, this hands-on session will help with how to cope with both. Participants are encouraged to bring native plants to exchange. Topics will include why natives are easier to tend and how they can make a colorful, showy garden.

■ Sunday, May 8, 2 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek

Free

International Migratory Bird Day



Join this world wide celebration of birds on a morning bird hike along the Little Miami River. Colorful species such as: Scarlet Tanagers, Rose-

breasted Grosbeaks, and warbler species have all been seen in this habitat.

■ Sunday, May 15, 8 am

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek

Free

Hebble Creek Hike

Bring your binoculars and learn more about bird migration and which birds nest along creeks and wetland habitats.

■ Thursday, May 19, 9 am

Hebble Creek, Spangler Rd., Fairborn

Free

Sunset Hike

As the sun slowly sets, watch the day time animals as they find a bedding spot and the nocturnal animals as they begin to stir.

■ Saturday, May 21, 8 pm

Cemex Reserve, 1100 Sanctuary Dr., Fairborn

Free

Family Fun Day

All about owls! Can you see as well as an owl? Can you hoot like an owl? Have some great family fun with activities and crafts. Learn all about Ohio's owls.

■ Section # 250322 A

Sunday, May 22, 2 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver creek \$20 per family of 4 (R), \$25 per family of 4 (NR); each additional person \$5



FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Summer Critters Geocache

This geocache will help you welcome summer. Each cache will be a series of clues to help you find the next cache. The catch is you will also have some fun hunting for some of summer's water critters. Hand-held GPS is needed.

■ **Saturday, May 28, 10 am - 1 pm**
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Rain Barrels



Rain barrels are great ways to conserve energy and recycle. The water from a rain barrel can be used to help water your lawn and gardens during the summer drought. Learn how best to place barrels,

cleaning instructions and all fittings and supplies will be included. Registration required by May 15th.

■ **Section # 250101**
Sunday, June 5, 2 pm
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$35 (R), \$40 (NR) per barrel

Family Fun Day

Explore the world of butterflies and other insects, through a scavenger hunt, insect activities and games. Fun for all ages.

■ **Section # 250322 B**
Sunday, June 12, 2 pm
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$20 per family of 4 (R), \$25 per family of 4 (NR); each additional person \$5

Father's Day Geocache

Have some family fun and celebrate dad's day with this scavenger hunt in one of your county parks. Clues and puzzles will help you find some of dad's favorite things to do outside. Hand held gps units are needed.

■ **Saturday, June 18, 1 pm - 4 pm**
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Summer Solstice Hike

Celebrate summer and the change of the seasons with this afternoon nature hike. Learn more about how important the solstices were to the Native Americans.

■ **Sunday, June 19, 5 pm**
Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson
Mound parking lot, 2750 SR 42 E.,
Cedarville
Free

Hebble Creek Hike

Join us for this evening hike in the wetlands. Learn more about how this area is being restored, and the spectacular plants once non-native invasives are removed.

■ **Thursday, June 23, 7 pm**
Hebble Creek, Spangler Rd., Fairborn
Free



Summer Butterfly Hike

The heat of the summer brings out a variety of butterflies. Skippers, swallowtails, comas and question marks are a few of the species that can be found feeding on meadow wildflowers.

■ **Sunday, June 26, 1:30 pm**
Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson
Mound parking lot, 2750 SR 42 E.,
Cedarville
Free

Snakes 'n Such Festival

Have some summer time fun through games, crafts and see live animals close up. Animals include turtles, snakes and other reptiles and amphibians. Have fun while learning about local wildlife.

■ **Saturday, July 2, 1 pm - 4 pm**
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Learn to Canoe



Learn the basics of canoeing, boating regulations, paddling, proper pfd's and more. Registration is

required, please indicate the number of people in your group.

■ **Section # 250313 A**
Thursday, July 7, 7 pm
■ **Section # 250313 B**
Wednesday, July 27, 7 pm
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Summer River Clean Up

Join the Sugarcreek Township River Keepers and help clean up this National and Scenic River. The group will be picking up all of the trash that litters the river between the Narrows Reserve and Mill Bridge Canoe Launch. Registration for canoes is required, experienced canoers recommended. Participants need to wear shoes to get wet and bring along gloves. Check-in time is 8:15. A potluck lunch will be held at the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Center beginning at 12:30, please bring a covered dish for those who choose to attend.

■ **Saturday, July 9, 8:30 am**
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free



FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Summer Bug Fest



This family fun event includes a bug hike, making your own insect eyes, getting a close up look at

different insect adaptations, and more. Great for all ages.

■ **Sunday, July 10, 7 pm - 9 pm**

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Hebble Creek Wetland Hike

Enjoy a summer morning hike in the wetlands. Join this naturalist led hike as we learn more about wetland plants and their special adaptations. Binoculars are recommended to help identify any nesting waterfowl.

■ **Saturday, July 23, 10 am**

Hebble Creek, Spangler Rd., Fairborn
Free

Family Fun Day

This family fun scavenger hunt will help you learn more about the park and learn to use a map and compass. You will need the expertise of each person in your group to help you follow the treasure.

■ **Section # 250322 C**

Sunday, July 24, 1:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$20 per family of 4 (R), \$25 per family of 4 (NR); each additional person \$5

Summer Bird Nesting Survey

Join the naturalists as we survey the variety of habitats around the golf course for nesting bird species. This Audubon certified site will have many species surprises. Be sure to bring binoculars.

■ **Saturday, July 30, 7 am**

Beavercreek Golf Course, 2800 New Germany Trebein Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Plants of the Prairie

Amber waves of grain could refer to this restored wetland prairie with acres of Indian Grass, Little and Big Blue Stem and more. Enjoy this afternoon walk as we learn about how prairies played an important role in the history of Ohio.

■ **Sunday, July 31, 2 pm**

Cemex Reserve, 1100 Sanctuary Dr., Fairborn
Free

Let's Go Creekin'

Join us for this fun annual event. Families are encouraged to wear water shoes or tennis shoes, since we will be exploring Old Town Creek for fish, turtles and macroinvertebrates. Sorry no one is allowed in the water barefoot. Dip nets will be provided.

■ **Sunday, August 7, 2 pm**

Sara Lee Arnovitz Preserve, 350 Kinsey Rd., Xenia
Free

Full Moon Night Hike

Listen to the sounds of summer. The insect symphony is made up of katydids, crickets and more. Flashlights are not recommended; the moon will light our way.

■ **Saturday, August 13, 8:30 pm**

Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson Mound parking lot, 2750 SR 42 E., Cedarville
Free

Family Fun Day

Spend some time creekin' and looking for salamanders and other water critters. We will spend time learning more about these animals through activities and crafts.

■ **Section # 250322 D**

Sunday, August 14, 2 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$20 per family of 4 (R), \$25 per family of 4 (NR); each additional person \$5

Down River Canoe Float

Register now for this end of the summer down river float. This leisurely float will take us approximately 2.5 hours. Canoes, paddles and pfd's will be provided. Experience canoeing recommended.

■ **Section # 250324**

Sunday, August 21, 6 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$10 per person; two adults maximum per canoe

Hebble Creek Hike

Late summer is the best time for wildflowers in the wetlands. The summer's heat has encouraged them to bloom. Learn more about wildflowers and other plants of a wetland.

■ **Thursday, August 25, 10 am**

Hebble Creek, Spangler Rd., Fairborn
Free

Honey Harvest

Join the Greene County Beekeepers as they harvest honey and honey comb off of this year's hives. Help spin the honey off of the comb and watch as it is bottled for sale. Honey will be for sale the day of the harvest.

■ **Saturday, August 27, 10 am - 2 pm**

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Fishing Derby

Contests will include biggest fish caught (bass or bluegill), most creative bait and most fish over 4" caught. Participants fishing during derby hours are not required to have a fishing permit unless they plan on keeping the fish caught or fishing outside of derby hours. The bait house will be open for permit sales, bait, snacks and fishing supplies. For ages 14+.

■ **Section # 250312**

Sunday, August 28, 6 pm - 8:30 pm

Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
Free



ADULT ACTIVITIES



Spring Bird Hikes

We will watch the progression of migration, help with identification of spring warblers, and hope to catch a glimpse of something new. All skill levels are welcome. Be sure to bring binoculars.



■ Tuesday, May 3, 7 pm

Russ Nature Reserve, 2380 Kemp Rd., Beavercreek

■ Wednesday, May 11, 7 pm

Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson Mound parking lot, 2750 St Rt 42 N., Cedarville

■ Tuesday, May 17, 7 pm

Beaver Creek Wetland Reserve, park at Phillips Park, 1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beavercreek

■ Thursday, May 26, 7 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Sportsman's Seminar Series

These seminars incorporate local outdoor pros from Stamper's Boat Barn of Miamisburg and the surrounding area to bring you tips, pointers and the "how-to's" on fishing, boating, hunting and more. All seminars begin at 7 pm.

■ **Tuesday, May 3** - *What's New in Crappie Fishing with Charlie Hildreth, Touring Crappie Pro*

■ **Tuesday, June 7** - *Concealed Carry Update with Bob Burda*

■ **Tuesday, July 5** - *National Association of Professional River Anglers with Pete Ziehler*

■ **Tuesday, August 2** - *Tips, Tactics and Equipment to get you ready for Squirrel Season*

7 pm

Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
Free

Night Riders

Enjoy an evening ride by the light of the moon. All riders must be 18+, wear a helmet and have lights on their bike. All rides are less than 20 miles round trip and begin at 7 pm.

■ **Sat, May 14** - Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia to Cedarville

■ **Sat, May 28** - Old Town Reserve, 1360 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia to Young's Jersey Dairy

■ **Sat, June 11** - Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia to Spring Valley

■ **Sat, June 25** - Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia to Cedarville

■ **Sat, July 9** - Jamestown Connector - Beginning Location TBA

■ **Sat, July 23** - Old Town Reserve, 1360 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia to Young's Jersey Dairy

■ **Sat, Aug 6** - Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia to Fifth Third Park

■ **Sat, Aug 20** - Yellow Springs Station, 101 Dayton St., Yellow Springs to I-70 to Young's Jersey Dairy

Free

Volunteer Naturalist Training

Training sessions are available to anyone interested in becoming a volunteer naturalist and current volunteers. All trainings are 9 am - noon.

■ Mon, May 2 - Spring Birds and Migration

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

■ Mon, June 6 - Trip to Woodman Fen - Dave Nolin, Five Rivers MetroParks

Meet at 9 am at Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek to ride in van - pre-registration required

■ Mon, July 11 - Bugs, Butterflies and other Fantastic Insects

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

■ Mon, August 29 - Don't Be Afraid of School Programs

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

Free

Shutterbugs

John Sheehan, local photography instructor, will be teaching a variety of techniques about digital cameras.

■ Section # 230300

A: Sat, May 21 - Lighting, Shadows and Spring Wildflowers

Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson Mound parking lot, 2750 SR 42 E., Cedarville

B: Sat, June 18 - Summer in the Wetlands

Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve, meet at Phillips Park, 1981 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beavercreek

C: Sat, July 23 - Gemwood Horse Trials

Twin Towers Park, 501 Yellow Springs-Fairfield Rd., Fairborn

D: Sat, August 20 - Animals & Action

Doggie Dash 'n Splash, Fairgrounds Rec. Center, 210 Fairground Rd., Xenia

10 am - noon

\$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per person, per class

Photo Contest on Display

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

Greene County Parks held a Photo Contest earlier this year. Local photographers, novice and experienced, submitted beautiful photographs of many of Greene County Parks. The focus of this contest was "People in Parks". Visit the Narrows Reserve Nature Center June through August to admire the winning photographs.





PARKS & FACILITIES



	Acreage	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Multi-Purpose Trails	Canoe Access	Dog Park	County Permit Required for Fishing	Drinking Water	Fishing w/State License	Handicap Access	Hiking Trails	Equestrian Facilities	Horseshoe Pits	Picnic Area	Playground	Primitive Camping w/Permit	Limited Access-Permit Only	Restrooms	Shelter, Lodge or Gazebo	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	
Beaver Creek Wetlands <i>Thru Phillips Park, Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beavercreek</i>	77								✓		✓												
Cemex Reserve <i>Sanctuary Dr. off of Garland Ave., Fairborn</i>	164										✓												
Clifton Reserve & Lodge <i>2762 S. River Rd., Clifton</i>	10								✓	✓				✓				✓	✓				
Constitution Park <i>SR 42 & SR 725, Spring Valley</i>	4				✓				✓	✓				✓		✓							
Creekside Reserve <i>US 35 b/w Factory & Fairfield Rds., Beavercreek</i>	136								✓		✓												
Creekside Trail	122			✓						✓													
Crooked Creek Nature Sanctuary <i>2565 Spahr Rd., Sugarcreek Township</i>	18																✓						
Fairborn's Wright Brothers' Huffman Prairie Bikeway	16			✓						✓													
Fairgrounds Recreation Center <i>210 Fairground Rd., Xenia</i>	58		✓	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Frank Seaman Park <i>4730 Cottonville Rd., Jamestown</i>	40	✓		✓				✓		✓				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		
Glenn Thompson Reserve <i>US 35 at Trebein Rd., Beavercreek</i>	49				✓				✓		✓			✓									
Indian Mound Reserve <i>2750 SR 42 N., Cedarville</i>	169								✓		✓			✓				✓	✓				
Jacoby Road Canoe Launch <i>Off of Clifton Rd., Xenia Township</i>	22				✓				✓	✓				✓		✓		✓					
James Ranch Park <i>177 Fairground Rd., Xenia</i>	4			✓					✓	✓				✓				✓	✓				
Jamestown Connector	94			✓						✓													
Little Miami Scenic Trail	108			✓						✓													
Massie Creek Park <i>3422 Barber Rd., Cedarville</i>	16	✓		✓				✓		✓				✓				✓	✓	✓			
Mill Bridge Launch <i>Washington Mill Rd., Bellbrook</i>	11				✓				✓	✓	✓					✓							
Narrows Reserve & Nature Center <i>2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek</i>	162				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓					
Ohio To Erie Trail	170			✓						✓													
Old Town Reserve <i>1360 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia</i>	7			✓				✓		✓				✓	x	✓		✓	✓				
Pierce Park <i>618 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia</i>	33					✓		✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓				
Sara Lee Arnovitz Nature Preserve <i>350 Kinsey Rd., Xenia</i>	43								✓	✓	✓												
Spring Lakes Park <i>2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook</i>	23						✓	✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓				
Twin Towers Park <i>501 Yellow Springs-Fairfield Rd., Bath Twp.</i>	102			✓				✓		✓		✓		✓				✓	✓				



REGISTRATION INFORMATION



3 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

Please note: Residents may begin registering on Monday, April 11; Non-residents on Wednesday, April 13.

1. MAIL IN

Check/Money Order/Household Credit
Fill out the registration form in this guide, include your payment via check or money order and mail to:

Greene County Parks
Activity Registration
651 Dayton-Xenia Road
Xenia, OH 45385

2. WALK IN

Check/Cash/Money Order/Household Credit

Walk-in registration begins on the dates as noted in #1 above. You are welcome to come to our administrative office and register for your chosen activities during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

3. DROP OFF

Check/Money Order/Household Credit

Our secure Registration Drop Box is located at our administrative office on the right side of the front door located on the large, covered porch for those who wish to drop off registrations after hours, instead of using the Mail or Walk In options. Drop Off registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received.

CONFIRMATIONS

After processing your registration, we will mail you a confirmation listing the activities in which you are enrolled. If we are unable to place you in an activity, we will notify you by phone.

COST OF ACTIVITIES

Full payment for activities must be made at the time of registration. Resident costs are for participants residing in Greene County and are designated by (R); (NR) for non-residents. Our activity fees are put in place to cover costs incurred when activities are offered. Fees are not charged to use the parks and/or park facilities.

PAYMENT METHODS

Greene County Parks accepts cash, personal checks, money orders or household credits for activity registrations. *A \$25 service fee will be charged for all checks not honored for any reason by the bank.* Checks or money orders should be made payable to **GREENE COUNTY PARKS**.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS

1. NO CASH REFUNDS

All refunds will be in the form of a household credit or check to be paid according to Greene County's payment schedule.

2. CANCELLED ACTIVITY

If an activity is cancelled due to insufficient registration, you will receive a full refund in the form of a household credit (see below) or check. In the event of inclement weather, watch local television stations, listen to local radio stations or call 937-562-7440 for program updates or cancellations.

3. REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS

Household credits, refunds or transfers will only be made prior to the start of an activity for the following reasons:

- When the refund is requested at least 7 days in advance of the first class, provided the request does not drop the enrollment below the required minimum.
- When a participant becomes ill.

You must present a written doctor's statement and notify Greene County Parks prior to the start of class.

4. HOUSEHOLD CREDIT

Household credit is only valid 12 months after the date it was issued.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

REGISTER EARLY to be sure to get the activities that you want. On occasion, due to insufficient registration, programs may be cancelled.

It is our desire to provide you with safe, exciting, and fun opportunities that you can enjoy with your friends and family. Please recognize that all activities of a physical nature involve some risk and by registering for an activity of this nature, there is an assumption of risk by the participant. We are dedicated to providing safe facilities and equipment for all participants, as well as qualified, trained staff. Every effort is made to ensure the safety of the participants and to provide them with first-class recreation and nature activities, facilities and parks.

PHOTO POLICY

On occasion, members of the park staff or park volunteers will take photos of participants in our activities and at our events, people in parks, or on park properties. Please be advised that these photos are for Departmental use only and may be used in future activity guides, web sites, brochures, media releases or flyers.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Family Leisure Assistance Trust Fund was established in 1981 through donations to assist youth to participate in leisure activities, including nature and recreation programs, who are financially unable to do so otherwise. These programs encourage growth of self-esteem, interpersonal skills, confidence and teamwork, as well as good physical health and coordination. For more information and to find out if you qualify, please call 937-562-7440 and ask about the FLAT fund.

PLEASE NOTE: A 25% or \$5 fee (whichever is greater, not to exceed \$10) will be charged to cover processing costs on all refunds unless a household credit is utilized.



REGISTRATION FORM



One form per registrant, please. This form may be duplicated. Please print clearly and fill out completely to ensure a smooth transaction. You are not officially registered for any activity until your completed form and fee is received by Greene County Parks. Mail or drop off registration form and payment to address below. A drop box on front porch is available after hours.

Name of Registrant: _____

Date of Birth: _____ M / ___ F Grade (if applicable): _____ First time Registrant: ___ Y / ___ N

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Alternative Emergency Contact & Phone: _____

Title of Activity	Section #	Activity Fee(s)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____

___ Greene County Resident ___ Non-Resident **Cash/Check/Money Order/Household Credits Only** **TOTAL FEES:** _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY CONSENT:

By signing this form, I agree to hold harmless and release the Board of Greene County Commissioners and the Greene County Park District, their individual members and all of their officers, agents, assigns and employees from any and all loss, damage, liability, injuries, medical conditions, and costs or expenses as may arise, or may be caused in any way by participation in Greene County operated park programs or activities in which I or my child/ward may participate. I further understand that I assume all responsibility for any loss, damage, liability, injuries or medical complications from participation in Greene County operated park programs in which I or my child/ward may participate. I have read and understand the above conditions for participation in Greene County Parks programs and activities.

MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT:

I also consent to emergency medical treatment for me or my child/ward if necessary. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims of medical treatment against the Greene County Park District and the Board of Greene County Commissioners.

PHOTO CONSENT:

By participating in a Greene County Parks program or event, I agree to allow publication of any photo/media taken, in future program publications or local newspapers.

I recognize that my fax signature will be deemed the same as an original. I have read and fully understand the program waiver and the emergency medical treatment consent. This waiver form is completed and signed of my own free will.

Signature of registrant (parent or guardian if under age 18): _____ Date: _____

Please make checks or money orders payable and mail with completed form to:

Greene County Parks, 651 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia, OH 45385

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

www.co.greene.oh.us/parks | 937-562-7440 | 937-562-7441 (fax)

Your completed waiver and payment is due at the time of registration.

For Office Use Only: Receipt # _____ Cash _____ Check/MO # _____ Confirmation Sent: _____

SHELTER & FACILITY RENTAL INFORMATION

SHELTERS & GAZEBOS

Rental hours are 8 am - Dusk



Small Shelters

\$25 (R), \$50 (NR)

Medium Shelters

\$35 (R), \$70 (NR)

Large Shelters

\$50 (R), \$100 (NR)

Gazebos w/ Electric
\$35 (R), \$70 (NR)

Gazebos w/out Electric
\$25 (R), \$50 (NR)



CAMPING

Primitive camp sites (no running water or restrooms) are available by advance reservations only. Cost is \$15 for up to 4 people and \$2 for each additional person.

SPRING LAKES FISHING PERMITS

1 Day Permit.....	\$10 (R), \$15 (NR)
Annual Individual Permit.....	\$30 (R), \$35 (NR)
Annual Senior Permit (age 60+).....	\$20 (R), \$25 (NR)
Kids (12 and under w/paid adult).....	FREE
Annual Family of 4.....	\$80 (R), \$100 (NR)
Each addtl member.....	\$10 (R), \$15 (NR)
Groups.....	\$100 (R), \$110 (NR)

SPORTS FACILITIES

Sports facilities are available at various parks (see next page for listing).

- Tennis (per court, per hour) - \$15 (R), \$20 (NR)
- Soccer (per field, per 2 hours) - \$20 (R), \$25 (NR)
- Volleyball (per court, per hour) - \$15 (R), \$20 (NR)
- Baseball (per diamond, per hour) - \$25 (R), \$30 (NR)
- Basketball (per court, per hour) - \$15 (R), \$20 (NR)

HOBSON FREEDOM PARK

Fourteen tournament quality soccer fields (or similiar sports fields) are available for reservations. Contact Robin Gregory at 937-562-7446 or rgregory@co.greene.oh.us.



EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES

Equestrian facilities are available at Twin Towers Park. Facilities include a show ring, two dressage rings, temporary stabling facilities, cross country course with water feature available for schooling and events. Contact Robin Gregory at 937-562-7446 or rgregory@co.greene.oh.us.



THE LODGE AT CLIFTON RESERVE

This rustic lodge with its magnificent wood ceiling beams would provide the perfect backdrop for an indoor wedding ceremony, renewal of vows, anniversary celebration, holiday gathering, birthday party, dance, business retreat or seminar. Nestled in an inviting park setting next to the Little Miami Scenic River, this premier lodge offers:



- Kitchenette/bar area
- Refrigerator & microwave
- Gas fireplace
- Seating for 60 (10 round tables, 2 rectangular tables)

■ **Non-Prime Time Hours (Mon - Thur)**
\$200 (R), \$225 (NR)

■ **Prime Time (Fri - Sun & Holidays)**
\$275 (R), \$300 (NR)

■ **Refundable Deposit to be paid upon key pick-up for all rentals**

For more information on Shelter & Facility Rentals visit www.co.greene.oh.us/parks

Little Miami River Celebration

Try your hand at fly-fishing, get up close with live fish from the river, experience the newest in canoes and kayaks, learn about water and boat safety and explore the river for water critters.

Hands-on activities scheduled throughout the day.

Saturday, June 25, 9:30 am - 2 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd, Beavercreek
937-562-7440 • www.co.greene.oh.us/parks

Free



**Canine Sprayground • Canine Contests • Dog Performances • Dog Demonstrations
King & Queen Contest • Pet-related Exhibitors • Concessions**

Saturday, August 20, 10 am - 5 pm

Fairgrounds Recreation Center, 210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
\$5 Parking Donation - Proceeds benefit Scout Burnell-Garbrecht Dog Park
937-562-7440 • www.dashsplash.com • Find us on Facebook