

Sportsman's Seminar Series



These monthly 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.

- **Tuesday, January 4** - Greater Dayton Fishing Association
 - **Tuesday, February 1** - What's New in Crappie Fishing
 - **Tuesday, March 1** - Fishing Forecast by ODNR and Boat Inspections by Division of Watercraft
 - **Tuesday, April 5** - Caesars Creek Lake Preview and Boat Inspections by Division of Watercraft
- 7 pm**
Greene County Highway Department,
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
Free

Night Riders



Enjoy the beauty of spring on an evening ride along the bike trails. 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.

- **Saturday, April 9** - Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia to Cedarville - 15 miles
 - **Saturday, April 23** - Old Town Reserve, 1360 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia to Young's Jersey Dairy - 18 miles
 - **Saturday, May 14** - Xenia Station, 150 Miami Ave., Xenia to Fifth Third Park, Beavercreek - 20 miles
 - **Saturday, May 28** - Yellow Springs Station to I-70 to Young's Dairy - 15 miles
- Free**

Star Gazing and Astronomy Workshop

Winter is the best time to explore the night sky. Although the nights may be crisp, the air is clear and the stars are easily seen. This series of classes includes constellations, planets, unusual astronomical phenomenon's, telescopes and more. Weather permitting, part of each class will be held outdoors. Please dress appropriately. *For ages 14+*



- **Section# 130511**
- Wednesdays, January 19 - March 16,**
(no class March 2) 7 pm
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$50 (R), \$60 (NR) per person

Shutterbugs

This class is for beginning and intermediate level of photographers. Everyone will learn something new and share their blunders. John Sheehan, local photography instructor, will be teaching these classes. Each month the class will be learning different photography techniques. Please bring your camera to class. Students may be asked to share their photos with Greene County Parks for use in promotional pieces.

- **Section# 430500**
 - A: Saturday, January 22** - Basic Camera Functions
 - B: Saturday, February 19** - Maple Syrup Making - Photographing Winter Scenes*
 - C: Saturday, March 26** - Lenses & Their Effects - Apertures & Exposures
 - D: Saturday, April 16** - Lighting & Using a Flash
- 9 am - 11 am**
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
*The February class will be held at the Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance
\$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per person/per class

Volunteer Naturalist Training

These training sessions are open to anyone interested in becoming a volunteer naturalist and current volunteers. Each session will be held both indoors and outdoors.

- **Monday, January 24** - Winter Birds & Their Habitats
 - **Monday, February 7** - Maple Sugaring
 - **Monday, March 14** - Bees
 - **Monday, April 11** - Worms, Slugs, Snails, Nature in an Inch
- 9 am - noon**
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Rick McMahan Owner/Operator of Denali Fly Fishing Guides, Cantwell, Alaska will be sharing his expertise on fly fishing. Participants are encouraged to bring along their rod and equipment to class. Class will cover types of equipment, how to set up rods, and types of flies. A good part of the class will be spent on learning the basics of casting. Equipment will be available to try if you do not have your own.

- **Tuesday, February 1, 7 pm**
Media Room, 541 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia
Free

Beginning Beekeeping Workshop

This 6-week course will include everything from raising bees and setting up hives to equipment, products of the hive and more. Featuring hands-on experience with the on-site apiary. Instructed by Bill Starrett. *For ages 14+.*

- **Section# 130525**
- Thursdays, February 3 - March 17**
(no class March 2) 7 pm - 8:30 pm
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$40 (R), \$50 (NR) per person



ADULT ACTIVITIES



Intermediate Beekeeping Workshop

Need a little more beekeeping instruction? This class is for those who already have hives or have taken our beginning workshop. We will answer some of the questions and concerns you have experienced, provide additional information to better hives and cover harvesting the honey. Instructed by Bill Starrett. *For ages 14+.*

■ **Section # 130526**

Thursday, March 24 - April 7

7pm - 8:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$40 (R), \$50 (NR) per person

Naturalist Workshops

This series is for those that want to learn



more about Ohio's wildlife and to volunteer as a naturalist.

Classes will cover mammals, birds, fish and other wildlife, as well as plants, habitats and teaching techniques. Classes will be taught by a combination of our staff naturalists and local experts. Once completed, participants are asked to assist with a minimum of 5 naturalist programs. For ages 16+. For more information on the program, contact our Chief Naturalist, Cris Barnett, at 937-562-7469.

■ **Section # 130515**

Tuesday's, March 15 - May 3

9 am - 3:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$75 (R), \$100 (NR)

Spring Bird Workshops



The woods are alive with spring bird song and the vibrant colors of migrating birds. Join the naturalist to learn how to identify these birds by both sight and song. Binoculars are recommended.

■ **Section # 130410**

Wednesday, March 23 - Early Spring Migrates & Songs

■ **Section # 130411**

Wednesday, April 20 - Orioles, Tanagers, Vireos & More

7 pm - 9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$25 (R), \$30 (NR) per class

Narrows Reserve

Situated along the Little Miami State and National Scenic River, the Narrows Reserve has much to offer outdoor enthusiasts of all types. The main parking lot contains a convenient canoe launch complete with a set of steps and boat shoots. Primitive camping is available in two locations by permit. Fishing is allowed along the river with a valid state fishing license. Other amenities at the main lot include picnic tables, a drinking fountain and restroom facility.

One of the best ways to fully enjoy the Narrows Reserve is on foot. Over 4 miles of hiking trails lead through a variety of habitats and terrains. By following the River Trail, hikers will parallel the Little Miami River. This corridor of riparian habitat is a prime location to spot migratory birds. The Meadow Trail encircles a meadow habitat where deer, rabbits and many songbirds can be seen. The Big Woods Trail contains some of the parks' oldest trees. The Sugar Bush Trail leads to the grove of Sugar Maple trees which are tapped each winter by the park staff to make sweet maple syrup. A natural spring that was once part of an old homesite in the park can be found along the Cold Springs Trail. The Vista Trail leads hikers up a steep hill and along a ridge through oaks, maples, and hickories. The Old Road Trail provides a short paved hike overlooking one of the park's scenic ravines.

No visit to the Narrows Reserve is complete without a visit to the nature center located just up the hill from the main lot. The nature center houses a collection of native Ohio wildlife such as snakes, turtles, and salamanders. There is a bird viewing room for indoor bird watching, educational displays, an outdoor raptor center and honey bee apiary. Many nature programs are offered for all ages by the naturalist staff.

The Narrows Reserve is located at 2575 Indian Ripple Road in Beaver Creek. For more information contact the nature center at 937-429-9590.

