



YOUTH and FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Toads 'n Tadpoles Night Out

Each month the group will play games that teach them about our environment, take a night hike and enjoy a snack. Tadpoles (ages 4-6) Section A and Toads (ages 7-12) Section B.

■ **Section # 120312 A # 120312 B**
Friday, January 21, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 120313 A # 120313 B**
Friday, February 11, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 120314 A # 120314 B**
Friday, March 18, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

■ **Section # 120315 A # 120315 B**
Friday, April 15, 7 pm - 9:30 pm
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per child/per class

Nestlings



Each month children will explore nature while enjoying a hike and a story. For ages 2 1/2 - 4 and their adult companion.

■ **Section # 110312**

A: Wed, January 26 - Winter Birds

B: Wed, February 16 - Maple Sugaring

C: Wed, March 30 - Everything is Turning Green

D: Wed, April 20 - Earth Day
10 am - 11 am

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

Nature Nuts

Open children's eyes to nature. Each month we will take a hike, read a story and explore on a preschool level. For ages 4 1/2 - 6 and their adult companion.

■ **Section # 110313**

A: Wed, January 26 - Where do I go in winter?

B: Wed, February 16 - Maple Sugaring

C: Wed, March 30 - It's Spring

D: Wed, April 20 - Earth Day

1:00 pm-2:00 pm

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\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child/per class

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. Parents are not required to stay. For ages 4-6, must be potty trained.

■ **Section # 110316**
Mondays, January 24 - March 7
(no class Feb 21)

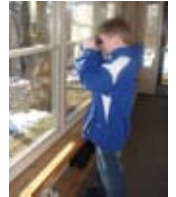
■ **Section # 110317**
Mondays, March 14 - April 18

■ **Section # 110318**
Mondays, April 25 - June 6 (no class May 30)

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

Project Feeder Watch

Ever wonder what types of birds those are at your bird feeders? The naturalist staff has teamed up with Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology to monitor the type and number of birds that stay in the Greene County area over the winter. Join us to learn more about birds and bird feeding.



■ **Saturdays, January 8, 22, February 5, 19, 26, March 12, 26, April 2**
1 pm - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
Free

Winter Bird Watch

With a cup of hot coco and a fire in fireplace enjoy learning more about winter birds and bird feeding. Binoculars are recommended but not necessary. Young participants are welcome but as quiet participants.

■ **Saturday, January 29, 10 am**
Crooked Creek Nature Sanctuary, Spahr Rd., Sugar Creek Twp.
Free

Frozen Falls Hike



Enjoy the beauty of the falls and the crisp winter air on a hike along Massie Creek. This hike will take you

by the waterfall and into the limestone gorge. Cameras are recommended.

■ **Saturday, February 5, 10 am**
Indian Mound Reserve, Cedar Cliff Falls parking lot, 2750 SR 42 E, Cedarville
Free

Events and activities may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If Beaver Creek Schools are cancelled due to inclement weather, activities at the Nature Center will also be cancelled. Stay tuned to your local radio and television stations for updates or call the office at 937-562-7440.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Family Fun Day



Spend a fun day at the nature center with the whole family. The naturalists have put together hands-on activities, experiments and exploration.

■ **Section # 120301**

A: Saturday, February 12, 1 pm

Geology

B: Sunday, March 27, 2 pm

Frogs, Turtles, Oh My!

C: Sunday, April 17, 2 pm

Fun with Science

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

\$20 per family of 4 (R); \$25 (NR) each additional person \$5 per class

Full Moon Hike

By the light of the Snow Moon join the naturalist to enjoy a snowy winter evening in the woods. Flashlights are not necessary.

■ **Friday, February 18, 7 pm**

Sara Lee Arnovitz Preserve, 350 Kinsey Rd., Xenia

Free

Beaver Hike

Although it is winter, beaver are still active, busily building dams. This morning hike will take us past two active beaver dams. Learn more about this fascinating rodent and how easily they can change a habitat.



■ **Saturday, February 19, 10 am**

Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve, park at Phillips Park, Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek Twp.

Free

Vernal Pool Hike

Join us for a hike around this amazing habitat. Without this temporary stand of water many of our amphibians and invertebrates would have no place to breed. Salamanders, fairy shrimp, toads and even some frogs can be found in this temporary wetland.

■ **Saturday, February 26, 10 am**

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

Free

Let's Go Geocache

Enjoy the coming of spring with a treasure hunt in the park. Geocaching requires a gps unit. Once given a set of coordinates, participants then search for clues. The final clue will lead to a treasure. Geocaching is great for all ages.

■ **Saturday, March 12, 9 am - 1 pm**

Narrows Reserve Nature Center,

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

Free

Snow Trillium Hike

One of the first sure signs that spring is just about here is when the snow trillium begins



to bloom. This protected state flower blooms for only a short time just as the last of the winter snow melts away.

■ **Sunday, March 13, 1:30 pm**

Indian Mound Reserve, log cabin parking lot, SR 42 E, Cedarville

Free

Full Moon Hike

With winter behind us and spring just beginning to warm the ground, many animals are stretching from their winter torpor. Enjoy this evening hike in the wetlands as we look and listen for local wildlife beginning to establish new territories and build new homes.

■ **Saturday, March 19, 8 pm**

Beaver Creek Wetlands, park at Phillips Park, Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beaver Creek Twp

Free

Knock, Knock, Knocking - Woodpecker Hike



Whose knocking? Woodpeckers use their drumming to communicate, to locate a mate, to tell others their location and to find nesting cavities. Each species of woodpecker has a different sound.

Binoculars are recommended but not necessary.

■ **Sunday, March 20, 2 pm**

Indian Mound Reserve, log cabin parking lot, SR 42 E, Cedarville

Free

Spring Beekeeping Clinic

Join the Greene County Beekeepers Association during their spring beehive management clinic. Demonstrations include spring housecleaning, inspection, treatment for mites, swarm prevention and methods of honey production.

■ **Saturday, April 9, 12 pm**

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

Free

Earth Day Park Clean Up

Celebrate Earth Day by greening up the park. Help us remove some of those unwanted "treasures" that have made their way into the park over the winter. Long sleeves and gloves are recommended.



■ **Saturday, April 23, 10 am**

Creekside Reserve, meet at Beaver Creek Community Park, Factory Rd., Bvrck

Free