

Greene County

PARKS 2010



- ▶ winter astronomy series: *january - march*
- ▶ ohio boater's education course: *january & april*
- ▶ beginning beekeepers: *starts february*
- ▶ maple sugaring at the narrows: *february - march*
- ▶ gardening series: *april*

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GREENE COUNTY PARKS

Your Guide to Winter & Spring Fun in 2010



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www.dashsplash.com

HOW TO CONTACT A PARK RANGER

M-F, 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM call 562-7440
after hours call dispatch at 376-5111

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Monthly e-Newsletters

Get the Monthly e-Newsletter via e-mail! Log on to the website to sign up. Just put "E-Newsletter Sign Up" in the subject line.

Inclement Weather

Programs and activities may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If Beavercreek 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.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for individuals to volunteer to assist with programs, work on special projects in the parks, office assistance, etc. For more information on volunteering, call Cris Barnett at 937-562-7469 or email her at cbarnett@co.greene.oh.us.

Financial Assistance

The Family Leisure Assistance Trust (FLAT) 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.

Access to All

Reasonable accommodations for persons with a known disabling condition will be considered in accordance with State and Federal Law. Any person needing a reasonable accommodation should notify the Department when registering for a program at least 72 hours prior to a special event or activity.

Gift Certificates

A great gift idea for any occasion! You can purchase gift certificates in any amount for most of our activities and programs at the main office located at 651 Dayton-Xenia Road in Xenia.

Register Early!

Please consider registering as early as possible for programs that interest you and your family. *Note: Fee-based activities will be cancelled for insufficient registration.*

How to Contact a Park Ranger

Greene County Parks Rangers may be contacted by calling our administrative office at 937-562-7440 during regular business hours (M-F, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm). If after hours or on the weekends, contact dispatch at 937-376-5111 and ask for a Park Ranger.

Mark Your Calendar

Summer Camps

June - August at various locations
We've got what the kids want...FUN STUFF TO DO!

7th Annual Greene Trails Cycling Classic

Thursday-Sunday, July 15-18, 2010

Fairgrounds Recreation Center, Xenia



A four day family bike tour through Greene County and beyond. Featuring fun activities, a Century Ride, great food and good friends. Visit www.greentrailsclassic.com for 2009's photos and more information as it becomes available.

5th Annual Doggie Dash 'n Splash Fest

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Fairgrounds Recreation Center, Xenia

www.dashsplash.com



Bring your dog and enjoy a day at the canine sprayground, canine contests, pet-related exhibitors, demonstrations and more. You can even enter your pooch in the 2010 Canine King & Queen Contest. Free admission; \$5 parking donation. Proceeds benefit the dog park. Visit www.dashsplash.com for details and deadlines for contest entry.

Volunteer (vol-uhn-teer):
Someone who willingly contributes time, effort and talent to meet a need, or further a mission without pay.



Did you know that according to recent research conducted by the Corporation for National and Community Service on volunteering in America, despite our current economic crises, Ohio ranks 21st nationally for an average volunteer rate of 29.9%, and 31st nationally with 34.7 hours per resident? In 2008, 29.4% of adults volunteered in Ohio contributing over 271 million hours of service.

As of December 11, 2009, Greene County Parks volunteers have contributed over 3,969 hours. Volunteers are indeed our backbone, without them as team members, we could not do what we do.

Greene County Parks Needs YOU

Volunteering is a rewarding, fun way to meet new friends and gain new experiences. Get involved in our programs, recreation activities and operations as a volunteer, and join our team. You will find satisfaction being of service to your community, developing your interests, making new acquaintances. Call our office today at 562-7440 or visit our website at www.co.greene.oh.us/parks to learn how you can volunteer!



GREENE COUNTY PARKS PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have a favorite winter scene? Are you anxious for that first flower of the spring to appear, or do you just like taking photos while enjoying nature? Photographers of all ages are encouraged to take photos in any of your Greene County Parks until April 20th. Photos need to be no larger than 8.5 x 11, taken again in any Greene County Park, and be nature related. Each photo submitted must be labeled on the back with the contestant's name, phone number, and name of the park where the photo was taken.

All photos should be submitted at the Narrows Reserve Nature Center located at 2575 Indian Ripple Road in Beavercreek **no later than April 20th at 4:30 pm.**

The top ten photos will be displayed at the Narrows Reserve Nature Center June thru August 2010. Any photo not displayed may be picked up between May 15th and 30th, 2010.



MAPLE SUGARING



From Sap to Syrup.... Experience the Magic!

Winter at the Narrows Reserve always means Maple Sugaring season. For years, we have been tapping maple trees along the Sugar Bush Trail and preparing our own maple syrup. Take advantage of the variety of ways to experience the magic of creating delicious maple syrup from tree sap.

Rent-a-Sugar Bucket

Enjoy the excitement of seeing your own sugar bucket collecting sweet sap by renting a sugar bucket. A maple tree will be tapped

and a sugar bucket labeled with your family name and placed in the Sugar Camp. Families are encouraged to tour the camp to see how much sap their bucket is collecting. At the annual Pancake Breakfast, families who rented buckets will receive a free breakfast for up to four (4) people.

■ \$50 per bucket/year

School, Scout & Group Opportunities

Do you have a group (10 or more) that would like a private tour of the Sugar Grove? The sweet smell of maple syrup lingers through the sugar camp inviting you to see how this sweet treat is created. From how sap is formed to how it becomes sweet syrup to Native American techniques to modern sugaring methods will all be part of this winter walk. Samples of homemade syrup will reward you at the end of the tour. To schedule a tour, please call Cris Barnett at 937-562-7469. *School Note: Proficiency requirements are met during this tour.*

■ **Weekdays, February 16 - March 10**
Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance
Beavercreek
1 1/2 hour tours available; must be completed by 5 pm
\$2 (R), \$3 (NR) per person

Maple Syrup Cooking Contest

What can you do with maple syrup to create the most incredible, delectable treat? Participants can choose the type of syrup they would like to use; we encourage real syrup. **All samples including complete recipe must be submitted to the Greene County Parks administrative office between February 25 and 26, 8 am – 4 pm or on Saturday, February 27, 8 am to 12 pm at the Narrows Reserve Nature Center.** Judging will be held Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 pm at the Narrows Reserve Nature Center. Contestants need not be present to win. The winner will receive breakfast for four at our annual Pancake Breakfast and one gallon of real Ohio Maple syrup. All submitted recipes will be used to create a Maple Syrup recipe booklet that will be available for sale at the breakfast (see details below).



Annual Maple Sugar Pancake Breakfast

Bring the family for a winter breakfast treat. Enjoy a hot breakfast with real maple syrup made at the Narrows Reserve. Real Ohio maple syrup will be available for sale as will our recipe book featuring recipes from the Maple Syrup cooking contest. After breakfast, take a hike in the sugar camp. Tours are available throughout the day with the last walk beginning at 2 pm. The trails are not accessible to strollers or wheelchairs. Please park at Russ Research Center and our free shuttle bus will take you either to the breakfast or the sugar camp. Handicap parking only is available at the Narrows Reserve Nature Center.



The sugar camp tour is FREE with the purchase of breakfast, Saturday, March 6th (see details below). *Reservations are not required. All costs are per person.*

■ **Saturday, March 6**

8:30 - 11:30 am Breakfast; 8:30 am - 2 pm Sugar Camp Tours

Narrows Reserve, parking at Russ Research Center on Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek.

Breakfast: \$5 (R), \$7 (NR), ages 7+; \$3 (R), \$5 (NR) for ages 3-6; under age 3 is free

Sugar Camp Tours: \$2 (R), \$3 (NR) ages 6+; under 6 is free

Special Brunch

Enjoy a special brunch with family and friends served special to you in our sugar camp. Brunch includes: hot pancakes or waffles, sausage, fruit, freshly made syrup, coffee, tea and juice. Enjoy the sights and smells of sugar camp at your own private seating. *There is a minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 per group and reservations required.*

■ **Saturday, March 6**

8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am and 1 pm

Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance

\$10 per person (R), \$12 per person (NR)



JANUARY



Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities

Toads 'n Tadpoles Night Out

Toads ages 7-12 (B) and tadpoles ages 4-6 (A) are invited out for a night of fun without mom or dad. Children will play games that educate them about our environment, take a night hike, and enjoy a snack at the nature center.

■ **Section #120312 A #120312 B**
Friday, January 15, 7-9:30 pm
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$10 (R), \$14 (NR) per child

Exhibits To Go - Traveling Boonshoft Exhibits

They say we are what we eat! Students will see how to brighten their day with colorful foods and experience exciting, new ways of eating, exercising and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Through direction from the Children's Medical Center, this exhibit will enlighten the students to an alarming trend in America -- obesity. Proper food choices, portion control and exercise will be offered as solutions to this problem. Each child will receive something to take home as well as a letter to the parents which contains one (1) free child admission to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. *Ages 7 - 11 and parents are required to stay.*

■ **Section #420303 A**
Saturday, January 30, 10 am - 11 am
Topic: Food, Fitness and Fun
Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
\$5 (R), \$7 (NR) per child

Big Backyard

Preschoolers are invited to join a park naturalist for nature exploration, go for a hike, hear a story, or create a nature craft. Each month we will focus on a different aspect of nature.

Two sessions are available: 9:30 am (A) and 1 pm (B) *Ages 3-6 only with an adult companion.*



■ **Section #110312 A #110312 B**
Wednesday, January 20
Topic: Owls - *Whose Hoot!*
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child

Family Activities

Project Feeder Watch

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 during the winter. We will monitor population numbers, any rare or unusual birds that normally do not winter in Ohio, along with learning more about woodpeckers, finches, cardinals and other feeder birds. Binoculars are not necessary, but could be helpful.

■ **Saturdays, January 2, 16 and 30**
1 pm - 2:30 pm
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free, no registration required

Animal Tracks and Winter Homes

Whose toes are those and where do they lead? Follow the signs of wildlife as we explore how animals stay warm during the crisp winter chill. Learn what amazing architect's animals are and their special winter adaptations.



■ **Saturday, January 9, 1 pm**
Cemex Reserve, off Garland Ave., Fairborn
Free, no registration required

Winter Astronomy Series

This series includes constellations, planets, unusual astronomical phenomena, telescopes and more. Weather permitting, part of each class will be held outdoors; please dress appropriately. *Ages 14+*

■ **Section #130511**
Wednesdays, January 20-March 31, 7 pm
(no class March 3)
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$50 (R), \$60 (NR) per person

Letterboxing

Are you up for a challenge? Letterboxing is an intriguing mix of treasure-hunting, art, navigation and exploring interesting, scenic and sometimes remote places. A waterproof box will be hidden somewhere within the Greene County



Parks system. Participants will make a stamp and journal. No other materials needed. **Note: Families making stamps prior to class should arrive no later than 1:30 pm to allow for timely completion.**

■ **Section # 450310 A**
Saturday, January 23, 10 am - 2 pm

Fairground Recreation Center Lg. Shelter
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
Advanced registration requested, but not required if making a stamp. \$5 stamp fee payable in class

preschool, youth, teen and family activities - january



Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities-cont'd

Ice Age Hike

As the frost glistens in the crisp winter air, ice forms along the crevices of the limestone ravine. What role did this frozen feature have in forming this fantastic gorge? Join us for this winter hike along Massie Creek gorge.

■ **Saturday, January 23, 1 pm**

Indian Mound Reserve, Cedar Cliff Falls parking lot, 2750 SR 42 N., Cedarville
Free, no registration required.

Full Moon Night Hike

By the light of snow moon, enjoy this evening hike listening for



owls and watching for signs of wildlife. Learn how animals adapt to the crisp winter and hear the "Who Cooks for You" call of the nesting Barred Owl.

■ **Saturday, January 30, 6:30 pm**

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
Free, no registration required

Kids and K-9's Play Day

Does your family, including the dog, have the winter blues and ready to shake your cabin fever? Join Dr. Brown, DVM and Animal Behaviorist, for a monthly play day. Each play day will feature different games that will help your kids and dogs develop a better relationship. Greene County Animal Control Officers will also be on-hand to answer questions and assist families with proper socialization techniques. Refreshments for humans and dogs will be served. *Children must be ages 9- 13 only and accompanied by an adult.*

■ **Section # 450301 A**

Saturday, January 30, 10 am - 11:30 am
Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
\$5 (R), \$7 (NR)

JANUARY

Adult Activities

Sportsman's Seminar Series

This series incorporates 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. This month's seminar will feature Shawn Brewer sharing his secrets on how he successfully hunts deer on public lands.

■ **Tuesday, January 5, 7 pm**

Topic: How to Hunt Public Lands and Be Successful

Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
Free, no registration required

Volunteer Naturalist Training

This training session is open to current volunteer naturalists or anyone interested in becoming a volunteer naturalist. Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists can utilize any training session to fulfill advanced training requirements. Each session will be held both indoors and outdoors. Please call ahead to let us know you will be attending.

■ **Monday, January 11, 9 am - 12 pm**

Topic: Ohio's Threatened and Endangered Wildlife

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
Free, no registration required

Shutterbugs

Have a digital camera and want to learn how to use it? John Sheehan, local photography instructor can help! Each month students will learn various photography techniques. Students will be asked to share their photos with Greene County Parks for use in promotional pieces. This class will cover refining photographs using digital editing software including color control, balance lighting, cropping and resizing.

■ **Section #430500 A**

Saturday, January 16, 9 am - 11 am
Topic: Digital Darkroom
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$7 (R), \$10 (NR)



Ohio Boater's Education Course (OBEC)



This 8-hour course, developed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Watercraft, includes Ohio boating laws, safety equipment, accident prevention and operating laws. Experienced boaters who have completed the course are surprised by how much they did not know prior to taking this course. Graduates will gain increased confidence and knowledge resulting in better boating experiences.

■ **Saturday, January 23, 8 am - 5 pm**

Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
\$5 payable the day of class

Ages 16+ with boating license

To pre-register, contact the Division of Watercraft at 937-323-1582



FEBRUARY



Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities

Toads 'n Tadpoles Night Out

Toads ages 7-12 (B) and Tadpoles ages 4-6 (A) are invited for a night of fun without mom or dad. Each month, children will play games that educate them about our environment, take a night hike, and enjoy a snack at the nature center.

■ **Section #120313 A** #120313 B

Friday, February 12, 7-9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$10 (R), \$14 (NR) per child

Big Backyard

Preschoolers are invited to join a park naturalist for some nature exploration, go for a hike and hear a story or create a nature craft, each month focusing on a different part of nature. Please dress for the outdoors. Two sessions are available: 9:30 a.m. (A) and 1 p.m. (B) For ages 3-6 only with an adult companion.



■ **Section #110313 A** #110313 B

Wednesday, February 17

Topic: Maple Sugaring
Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child

Homeschool Science Days

This science session, held once a month, is for individual home-schooled children (not groups). Children will explore a different part of the environment, so please be prepared for the outdoors. Two sessions run concurrently: 1st-3rd (A) and 4th-6th (B).

■ **Section #120532 A** #120532 B

Tuesday, February 23, 9 am - 12 pm

Topic: Maple Sugaring
Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per person

Family Activities

Beginning Beekeepers

This 8-week course will cover 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
Ages 14+.

■ **Section #130525**

Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 (no class March 4), 7-8:30 pm

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

Winter Bird Watch

With a cup of hot chocolate and a fire in fireplace, enjoy a morning learning more about winter birds and bird feed. We will be feeding birds just outside the observation window. Binoculars are recommended but not necessary. Young participants are welcome but as quiet participants.

■ **Saturday, February 6, 10 am**
Crooked Creek Nature Sanctuary
Spahr Rd., Sugar Creek Twp.

Free, no registration required

Project Feeder Watch

The naturalist staff has teamed up with Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology to monitor both the type and number of birds that stay in the Greene County area during the winter. We will monitor population numbers, rare or unusual birds that normally do not winter in Ohio along with learning more about woodpeckers, finches, cardinals and other feeder birds. Binoculars are not necessary but could be helpful.

■ **Saturdays, February 13 and 20 1 pm - 2:30 pm**

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

Letterboxing

Are you up for a challenge? Letterboxing is an intriguing mix of treasure-hunting, art, navigation and exploring interesting, scenic and sometimes remote places. A waterproof box will be hidden somewhere within the Greene County Parks system.



Participants will make a stamp and journal.

No other materials needed. **Note: Families making stamps prior to class should arrive no later than 1:30 pm to allow for timely completion.**

■ **Section # 450310 B**

Saturday, February 20, 10 am - 2pm
Twin Towers Park (Large shelter)
501 Yellow Springs-Farfield Rd., Bath Twp.
Advanced registration is requested but not required if making the stamp. A \$5 stamp fee is payable in class

Skunk Cabbage Hike

The first sign of spring happens to be one of nature's most unusual plants. Come stretch your winter legs and enjoy a naturalist-led hike through the woods in search of this unique plant.

■ **Saturday, February 20, 10 am**
Sara Lee Arnovitz Nature Preserve
350 Kinsey Rd., Xenia
Free, no registration required

Salamanders in the Winter Hike

Even under the winter snow these tiny amphibians know that it is time to make their way to their spring breeding grounds. This hike will explore the edges of the breeding grounds and some possible migration trails.

■ **Friday, February 26, 6:30 pm**
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

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FEBRUARY



Family Activities

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Kids and K-9's Play Day

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■ **Section #450301 B**

Saturday, February 27, 10 am - 11:30 am
Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
\$5 (R), \$7 (NR)

Adult Activities

Sportsman's Seminar Series

This series incorporates 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. This month's seminar will focus on hearing loss. We will discuss what outdoor activities and sports cause hearing loss, how to protect yourself and what types of hearing enhancements and protection devices can help.

■ **Tuesday, February 2, 7 pm**

Topic: Hearing Loss and How to Prevent It
Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
Free, No registration required

Volunteer Naturalist Training

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■ **Monday, February 8, 9 am - 12 pm**

Topic: Maple Sugaring
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
Free, No registration required

Shutterbugs

Have a digital camera and want to learn how to use it? John Sheehan, local photography instructor, can help! Each month students will learn various photography techniques. Students will be asked to share their photos with Greene County Parks for use in promotional pieces. Held in the Narrows Reserve Sugar Camp, you will learn about winter photography and capture photos of maple syrup being made. Note: A map to the sugar camp will be included in your class confirmation.

■ **Section #430500 B**

Saturday, February 27, 9 am - 11 am
Topic: Maple Sugaring
Narrows Reserve, Sperling Lane entrance, Beaver Creek
\$7 (R), \$10 (NR)

Announcing the Relocation of Scout Burnell-Garbrecht Dog Park

The Scout Burnell-Garbrecht Dog Park currently located at the Fairgrounds Recreation Center will relocate to Pierce Park, 618 Dayton-Xenia Road in Xenia effective Spring 2010!

This new dog park, funded solely by donations, offers improved amenities such as:

- **Board and wire woven fencing
- **Shaded benches
- **Water fountains
- **Flat, woven terrain
- **Mature trees





MARCH



preschool, youth, teen and family activities - march

Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities

Big Backyard

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■ **Section #110314 A #110314 B**
Wednesday, March 17

Topic: *Rabbit! Frogs and Toads*
Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child

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■ **Section #120314 A #120314 B**
Friday, March 19, 7-9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$10 (R), \$14 (NR) per child

Homeschool Science Days

These science sessions, held once a month, are for individual homeschooled children (not groups). Children will explore a different aspect of the environment, so please be prepared for the outdoors. Two sessions run concurrently: 1st-3rd (A) and 4th-6th (B).

■ **Section #120533 A #120533 B**
Tuesday, March 23, 9 am - 12 pm

Topic: *Vernal Pools*
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per person

Family Activities

Letterboxing

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■ **Section # 450310 C**
Saturday, March 13, 10 am - 2pm

Glady Run Spur
2381 Bellbrook Avenue, Xenia
Advanced registration requested but not required if making the stamp. \$5 stamp fee payable during class

Sunrise in the Park

The calm of the morning, the beautiful sunrise, watching the birds fly to the marsh for food... Can you think of a more relaxing way to start the day? Binoculars and lawn chairs recommended; hot beverage and danish will be provided.

■ **Saturday, March 13, 6:30 am**
Cemex Reserve, off Garland Ave., Fairborn
Free, no registration required

Project Feeder Watch

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■ **Saturdays, March 13 & 27**
1 pm - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
Free, no registration required

Kids and K-9’s Play Day

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■ **Section #450301 C**
Saturday, March 20, 10 am - 11:30 am

Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
\$5 (R), \$7 (NR)

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 frogs can be found in this temporary wetland.

■ **Sunday, March 21, 2 pm**
Narrows Reserve, main parking lot
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek
Free, no registration required

Woodcock Walk

This unusual flight only happens for a short time each spring. Watch and listen as courtship causes this bird to strut, flutter and whistle...a sure sign that spring is here.

■ **Saturday, March 27, 7 pm**
Cemex Reserve, off Garland Ave.,
through Sanctuary Glen, Fairborn
Free, no registration required



MARCH



Family Activities-

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Full Moon Hike

Although the calendar still says it is winter, many animals have begun to emerge from hibernation. Join us for this hike in the Indian Mound meadow as we look and listen for sounds of spring, courtship and new young life.

■ **Sunday, March 28, 7:30 pm**

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

Free, no registration required

Adult Activities

Motorcycle Ohio

This is a great course for beginners as well as the experienced rider. Please visit our website at www.co.greene.oh.us/parks for additional information and a current list of available classes. *Ages 15 1/2 and up; this is a state required course for individuals under 18.*

■ **March - April**

Greene County Parks Administrative
Office, 651 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
\$25 per person

Sportsman's Seminar Series

This series incorporates local outdoor pros from Stamper's Boat Barn of Miamisburg and the surrounding area to bring you tips, pointers and the "how-to's" of fishing, boating, hunting and more. This month's seminar features Doug Malonie from the ODNR Division of Wildlife with your Fishing Forecast for Ohio including what to expect, and where to fish.

■ **Tuesday, March 2, 7 pm**

Topic: Fishing Forecast for Ohio
Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
Free, no registration required

Volunteer Naturalist Workshop

This 8-week series is for those that want to learn more about Ohio's natural history 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 staff naturalists and local experts. Once completed, participants will assist with a minimum of 5 naturalist programs. All volunteers are required to be fingerprinted. Coffee and tea will be provided; please bring a sack lunch. All materials will be provided. *Ages 16+.*

**Please note, this is NOT part of the Ohio State Certified Volunteer Naturalist course. You will not receive certification. For more information on the program, contact our Naturalist Supervisor, Cris Barnett at 937-562-7469.*

■ **Section #130515**

**Mondays, March 15 - May 3
9 am - 3:30 pm**

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$120 (R), \$130 (NR) per person

Shutterbugs

Have a digital camera and want to learn how to use it? John Sheehan, local photography instructor, can help! Each month the class will be learning different photography techniques. Please bring your camera to class. Students will be asked to share their photos with Greene County Parks for use in promotional pieces. This class will cover the use of filters, selecting color space, and camera color options.

■ **Section #430500 C**

Saturday, March 20, 9 am - 11 am

Topic: Controlling Color
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$7 (R), \$10 (NR)

Adults Waterfowl Workshop and Field Trip

Spend a fun afternoon learning about ducks, geese and other waterfowl. The group will spend time learning bird identification before venturing to area lakes searching for waterfowl. Binoculars are recommended. Those 14 to 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

■ **Section #130411**

Sunday, March 14, 1 pm - 6 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$35 (R), \$40 (NR)

Volunteer Naturalist Training

This training session is open to current volunteer naturalists or anyone interested in becoming a volunteer naturalist. Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists can utilize any training session to fulfill advanced training requirements. Each session will be held both indoors and outdoors. Please call ahead to let us know you will be attending.

■ **Monday, March 29, 9 am - 12 pm**

Topic: Vernal Pools and Amphibians
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free, no registration required



The Greene County Healthy Lifestyles Coalition presents

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

HEALTHY FAMILIES 5K RUN/WALK

MARCH 20, 2010

health families 5K run/walk - march

- Walkers & runners begin at 9:00 a.m.; Race starts and finishes at the Greene County Combined Health District beside GMH in Xenia
- “Diaper Dash” Fun Run for ages 5 and younger
- Greene County schools may compete for the most race participants (win a plaque)
- Prizes awarded in 12 age categories; participation ribbon for every participant
- Medals for the top 3 male/female in each age category
- Grand prize for top male/female overall
- T-shirts for all entries received by March 10, 2010
- Healthy refreshments available
- Great opportunity & fun for the whole family, as well as first-time runners/walkers
- \$15.00 per person if pre-registered by March 10, 2010
\$20.00 per person after 3/10, including day of race



FOR MORE INFO:

Visit www.gcchd.org in January 2010 for a registration form or contact Laurie Fox at 937-374-5669 or email lfox@gcchd.org



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Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities

Exhibits To Go - Traveling Boonshoft Exhibits

They say we are what we eat! Students will see how to brighten their day with colorful foods and experience exciting, new ways of eating, exercising and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Through direction from the Children's Medical Center, this exhibit will enlighten students to an alarming trend in America -- obesity. Proper food choices, portion control and exercise will be offered as solutions to this problem. Each child will receive something to take home as well as a letter to the parents which contains one (1) free child admission to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. *Ages 7 - 11 and parents are required to stay.*

■ **Section #420303 B**

Saturday, April 10, 10 am - 11 am

Topic: Food, Fun and Fitness
Spring Lakes, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook \$5 (R), \$7 (NR) per child

Come Fly With Us



Have you ever been told to 'go fly a kite?' Well, here is your opportunity to do so. Come make and decorate a kite, then fly

your customized kite with us. Open to boys and girls ages 5 & up. Materials and supplies are included. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

■ **Section #420302**

Saturday, April 17, 10 am - noon

*Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
\$8 (R), \$12 (NR) per child*

Big Backyard

Preschoolers are invited to join a park naturalist for nature exploration; go for a hike, hear a story or create a nature craft. Each month focuses on a different aspect of nature. Please dress for the outdoors. Two sessions are available: 9:30 am (A) and 1 p.m. (B) *Ages 3-6 only with an adult companion.*

■ **Section #110315 A** #110315 B

Wednesday, April 21

Topic: *Animal Babies*
*Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child*

Toads 'n Tadpoles Night Out

Toads ages 7-12 (B) and tadpoles ages 4-6 (A) are invited for a night of fun without mom or dad. Children will play games that educate them about our environment; take a hike, and enjoy a snack at the Narrows Nature Center.

■ **Section # 120315 A** #120315 B

Friday, April 23, 7-9:30 pm

*Narrows Reserve Nature Center,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$10 (R), \$14 (NR) per child*

Homeschool Science Days

Held once a month, Homeschool Science Days is geared for individual homeschooled children (not groups). Students will explore a different part of the environment, Be prepared for the outdoors. Note: Two sessions run concurrently: 1st-3rd (A) and 4th-6th (B).

■ **Section #120534 A** #120534 B

Tuesday, April 27, 9 am - 12 pm

Topic: *Reptiles and Amphibians*
*Narrows Reserve, main parking lot
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per person*

Family Activities

Kids and K-9's Play Day

Does your family, including the dog, have the winter blues and are ready to shake your cabin fever? Join Dr. Brown, DVM and Animal Behavioralist for a monthly play day. Each monthly play day will feature various games that will help your child and dog develop a better relationship. Greene County Animal Control Officers will also be on-hand to answer questions and assist families with proper socialization techniques. Refreshments for humans and dogs will be served. *Children must be ages 9- 13 and accompanied by an adult.*

■ **Section #450301 D**

Saturday, April 3, 10 am - 11:30 am

*Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairground Rd., Xenia
\$5 (R), \$7 (NR)*

Egg-citing

Have some fun with those Easter eggs. Families need to bring along at least a dozen hard-boiled eggs or more as we experiment with natural dyes. Nuts, onion skin, and other plants create a beautiful rainbow of colors.

■ **Section #120621**

Saturday, April 3, 2 pm

*Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$10 per family of 4, \$2 for each additional family member (R), \$12 per family of 4, \$3 for each additional family member (NR)*

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 10, 12 pm**

*Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free, no registration required*

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Early Spring Park Clean up

Before everything turns green and our plants begin to enhance the landscape, join us for this spring park clean up. 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.

■ **Sunday, April 11, 2 pm**
Glenn Thompson Reserve, US 35 at Trebein Rd., Xenia
Free, no registration required

Native Wildflower Gardens

Are you tired of planting year after year? Looking for new, actually old, plants that thrive in our ever changing climate conditions? This class includes information on where to best plant certain wildflower plants, their preferred soil types, expected height, color and much more.

■ **Sunday, April 17, 10 am**
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
Free, no registration required

Fungus, Mushrooms and Toadstools Hike

With the warming of spring and early spring rains, several fungi have begun to grow. Various fungus species thrive during winter months in leaf litter, rotting logs, and just below the ground surface. We will NOT be hunting morels on this hike, but learning about the other fungi of the forest.

■ **Saturday, April 18, 2 pm**
Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson Mound parking lot, SR 42 N., Cedarville
Free, no registration required

Frog Fun

Get hoppin! Spring around the pond is full of peepers, toads, green and tree frogs, each with a different tune to add to the chorus. Join a naturalist to search for these music makers.

■ **Sunday, April 25, 6 pm**
Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook

Free, no registration required



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Touch a Truck

This Spring, you and your children can climb in a big truck, emergency vehicle, ranger cruiser, or other large vehicle and get some "hands-on" experience. Sit in the driver's seat and explore how large vehicles work. See, touch, interact and learn how large vehicles operate. Moms and Dads, be sure to bring the camera! Concessions available.



■ **Saturday, April 24, 10 am - 2 pm**
Fairgrounds Recreation Center
210 Fairgrounds Rd., Xenia
Free Admission

Adult Activities

Motorcycle Ohio

This is a great course for both beginning and experienced motorcyclists. Please visit www.co.greene.oh.us/parks for additional information and a current list of available classes. *Ages 15 1/2 and up and state required for individuals under 18.*

■ **March - April**
Greene County Parks Administrative Office, 651 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
\$25 per person

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-tos" on fishing, boating, hunting and more. This month's seminar will feature Calvin Pyle's Spring Muskie Fishing report and a Watercraft Boat Inspection.

■ **Tuesday, April 6, 7 pm**
Topic: Spring Muskie Fishing and Watercraft Boat Inspection
Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
Free, no registration required

Gardening Series Workshop

This four part series will introduce, or re-energize you for this spring's gardening season. With concerns about where our food comes from, and the current price of fresh, healthy produce, it may be time to grow your own.

- **Section #130512**
- A. Thursday, April 8, 7 pm**
- **Vegetable Gardens** - plants, seeds, when and how to plant.
- B. Thursday, April 15, 7 pm**
- **Annuals or Perennials** - how both can work in any garden.
- C. Thursday, April 22, 7 pm - Container Planting** - patio or basket planting, what works and what does not.
- D. Thursday, April 29, 7 pm - Plants, Pests & Other Garden Questions**
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$20 per class, \$70 for series (R)
\$30 per class, \$110 for series (NR)

Volunteer Naturalist Training

This training session is open to current volunteer naturalists or anyone interested in becoming a volunteer naturalist. Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists can utilize any training session to fulfill advanced training requirements. Each session will be held both indoors and outdoors. Please call ahead to let us know you will be attending.

■ **Monday, April 19, 9 am - 12 pm**
Topic: Wildflowers
Indian Mound Reserve, Williamson Mound parking lot, 2750 SR 42 N., Cedarville

Shutterbugs

Have a digital camera and want to learn how to use it? John Sheehan, local photography instructor, can help! This class will cover the use of electronic flash, controlling flash exposures and modifying flash lighting.

■ **Section # 430500 D**
Saturday, April 24, 9 am - 11 am
Topic: Working with a Flash
Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$7 (R), \$10 (NR)



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Adult Activities- con't...

Women's Retreat

Greene County Parks, the ODNR Division of Wildlife and the local chapter of the national Turkey Federation have teamed up to bring to women exclusively, a day in the outdoors. Learn archery skills and techniques, outdoor survival skills, fire building techniques, campfire cooking, and Ohio Wildlife laws. You will also be pampered with a reflexology massage and much more. Enjoy this girls day out! Lunch and dinner are included. Dress for the weather and outdoors.

■ **Section # 130201**

Saturday, April 10, 9am - 7pm,
Russ Nature Preserve, 2380 Kemp Rd.
\$30-R, \$40-NR



Letterboxing

Are you up for a challenge? Letterboxing is an intriguing mix of treasure-hunting, art, navigation and exploring interesting, scenic and sometimes remote places. A waterproof box will be hidden somewhere within the Greene County Parks system. All you have to do is wait for the first unique clue to arrive in the mail (or email, if provided) and then, the hunt begins. Participants will make a stamp and journal. No other materials needed. **Note: Those making stamps prior to class should arrive no later than 1:30pm to allow for timely completion.**

■ **Section # 450310 D**

Saturday, April 17, 2pm

Spring Lakes Park (Small shelter)
2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook
Advanced registration requested but not required if making stamp. \$5 stamp fee payable in class

Ohio Boater's Education Course (OBEC)

This 8-hour course, developed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Watercraft, includes Ohio boating laws, safety equipment, accident prevention and operating laws. Experienced boaters who have completed the course are surprised by how much they did not know prior to taking this course. Graduates will gain increased confidence and knowledge resulting in better boating experiences.



■ **Saturday, Tuesday evenings, April 13th, 20th, 27th 6 pm - 9 pm**

Greene County Highway Department
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia
\$5 payable the day of class

Ages 16+ with boating license

To pre-register, contact the Division of Watercraft at (937) 323-1582



MOTORCYCLE OHIO



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MOTORCYCLE OHIO

This **Basic Rider Education Course** is designed for beginner and experienced riders. The State of Ohio requires that any 15 1/2 - 17 year old rider that wishes to ride a motorcycle successfully complete this course. If you live, work or are a dependent on any military installation, you must take this course to ride on the installation per Department of Defense directive.

Classes for 2010 begin in March and will run through the end of October; please check our web site for the first available class. You can begin registering for classes on January 4, 2010.

MOTORCYCLES & HELMETS: Provided

REQUIREMENTS: A valid Ohio motorcycle endorsement or a validated temporary motorcycle learner's permit.

OBTAINING A PERMIT: Purchase a motorcycle permit packet from your local Deputy Registrar's office. You must take and pass a written test provided by the State Examiner's office before the examiner can validate the permit in your packet. This becomes your temporary permit and is valid for one year.

OUT OF STATE: Call 1-800-83RIDER to check validity for the State of Ohio.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: NO REFUNDS OR TRANSFERS.

CLOTHING: Proper riding clothing will be covered the first night of class.

CLASS SCHEDULE: The first night of class is held 6 - 10 p.m. **at the administrative office of Greene County Parks located at 651 Dayton-Xenia Road in Xenia. The riding portion is held at the parking lot beside the office.** Saturday and Sunday classes are divided into Morning (AM) 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Afternoon (PM) 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. sessions*. Please indicate your first two choices of class on the registration form. You will receive a confirmation letter to notify you of the class for which you are registered. *The first two classes in March and the first class in April are Morning (AM) sessions only. Please refer to our website for a full schedule.

COST: \$25 for Ohio residents ages 18+ Minors age 15 1/2 - 17 will receive their \$25 deposit returned by mail upon completion of the course. Deposit (check or money order) should be made payable to Greene County Parks. Please mail to: Greene County Parks, 651 Dayton-Xenia Road, Xenia, OH 45385. Cash is also accepted at the administrative office located at the address above.



Greene Trails  **Cycling Classic**

Tour Greene County's nationally known and award-winning trails

JULY 15-18, 2010

- A different trail featured each day
- Fun for all ages & skill levels
- Entertainment for the whole family
- Begin and end each day at the same place
- "Design-A-Ride" to fit your family's busy lifestyle
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Local Rider Rate Available in 2010!
Nothing compares to the simple pleasure of a bike ride.
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SHELTER & FACILITY RENTAL INFORMATION



Shelters and Gazebos

You can reserve a shelter or gazebo for your special event, reunion, birthday celebration, graduation party, business retreat or wedding - just give us a call.

No refund for any shelter, gazebo, facility or park area will be given for a cancellation 30 days prior to the rental date.

SMALL SHELTERS

Rental hours are 8 a.m. - Dusk

- Fairgrounds Recreation Center
- Pierce Park
- Spring Lakes Park
- Massie Creek Park
- Old Town Reserve
- Indian Mound Reserve



LARGE SHELTERS

Rental hours are 8 a.m. - Dusk



- Fairgrounds Recreation Center (features a smaller room with electric)
- Twin Towers Park
- Frank Seaman Park

GAZEBOS

Perfect for an intimate wedding ceremony or renewal of vows. Rental hours are 8 a.m. - Dusk



- James Ranch Park
- Peterson Park (part of Indian Mound Reserve)
- Frank Seaman Park

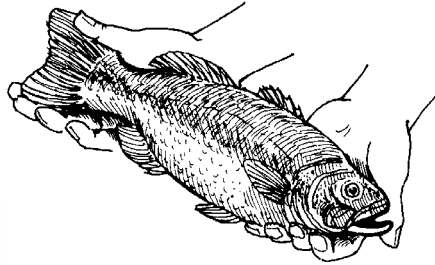
Camping

We have primitive camp sites (no running water or restrooms) available by advance reservations only. Please call us for information, available dates and rental fees.

- Constitution Park
- Jacoby Road Launch
- Mill Bridge Launch
- Narrows Reserve
- Old Town Reserve

Go Fishing This Spring!

Now is the time to buy or renew your annual fishing permit for Spring Lakes Park, as well as visit our new bait house featuring a fine selection of bait, tackle, and snacks. We encourage you to utilize our self-permitting program to obtain your fishing permit; instructions are available at the park. The lakes are stocked once per month with trout October - February and catfish March - September.



Mark Your Calendar!

Activity registration begins on Monday, January 11 for Greene County residents and Wednesday, January 13 for non-residents!

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:

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

You are free to bring in your own food, drink and decorations (*there are regulations on decorating - please call ahead*). Clean up is the responsibility of the renter.

■ Non-Prime Time (Mon.-Thurs.)

■ Prime Time (Fri.-Sun. & Holidays)

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

Refund Policy: No refund will be given for a rental cancelled 1-30 days prior to the rental date. A refund of 1/3 the rental amount will be given 31-60 days prior to the rental date; 2/3 the rental amount will be given 61-90 days prior to the rental date. A fee will be charged for all other cancellations.



shelter and facility rental information



PARKS & FACILITIES



parks and facilities

	Acres	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	Swimming	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				✓				✓	✓				✓		✓								
County Pool in Fairborn <i>750 Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd., Fairborn</i>	2							✓		✓				✓				✓			✓			
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			✓				✓		✓				✓		✓		✓	✓					
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			✓				✓		✓		✓		✓				✓	✓					



SPONSOR & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



It's that time of year again when we recognize how fortunate we are to have so many wonderful friends in the business world and private sector. From our individual volunteers to our event sponsors....these people have gone above and beyond what it means to be good corporate citizens who care about the welfare of Greene County Parks. Our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks goes out to those listed below. Through their generous gifts of time and financial support, Greene County Parks was able to achieve great things in 2010 including the successful Maple Sugaring program & annual breakfast, Greene Trails Cycling Classic, Doggie Dash 'N Splash Fest, Settlers Celebration and Santa's Holiday in the Park, just to name a few.

We also would like to thank the local and regional businesses for the many donations provided for various programs and events throughout the year - there simply are too many businesses to list here - but our gratitude goes out to you just the same!

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The Lodge at Clifton Reserve



Escape to the beautiful serenity of nature's wonder and enjoy the view of the Little Miami Scenic River and abundance of flora and fauna. The Lodge at Clifton Reserve is located at 2762 South River Road just outside of Clifton off of SR 72. The Lodge provides an intimate, nature setting for your event and is available year round.



Located in the heart of nature, this premiere rental facility features:

- Seating for 60
- Kitchenette/Bar area
- Gas Fireplace
- Outside Scenic Deck
- Picnic Area
- Oversized Grill
- Handicap accessible



The Lodge at Clifton Reserve is the perfect setting for:

- Weddings
- Anniversary Parties
- Birthday Parties
- Reunions
- Business Retreats



Call today to book your special event...

We offer competitive rates!

Contact Greene County Parks for more information
651 Dayton-Xenia Road, Xenia
937-562-7440 or kbarley@co.greene.oh.us

Greene County Parks Lodge at Clifton Reserve First-Time User Coupon

Receive 10% off the Lodge rental price when you book and use the Lodge at Clifton Reserve in 2010.

NOTE:

One coupon per first-time customer, per rental date, per contract. Coupon must be mentioned at time of reservation and presented at signing of contract, no exceptions.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION



3 Easy Ways to Register for Activities

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



1. MAIL IN

Check/Money Order/ or Household Credit. Complete the enclosed registration form, 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 above.

You may come to our administrative office and register during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4 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. Drop-off registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received.

Confirmation

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

Activities with fees will be cancelled for insufficient registration seven (7) days prior to the activity start date. If an activity is cancelled or closed for any reason, you will receive a full refund in the form of a household credit (see below) or check, or you may transfer your fee to another activity. Watch your local television stations, listen to the local radio stations or call 937-562-7440 for cancellations or program updates during inclement weather. Registrants will also be called in the event of a cancelled activity.

3. REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS

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

- When the refund is requested at least 7 days in advance of the first class meeting, providing 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.

- When a participant moves from the area and requests a refund 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

It is in your best interest to **REGISTER EARLY** to be sure to get the activities that you want as they tend to fill up quickly. We make every effort to conduct the activities we publicize; however, in fairness to our instructors, we will cancel fee-based activities due to insufficient registration seven (7) days prior to the initial start date of the activity.

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.



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.

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: _____