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CLARK COUNTY FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2023





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LEANN'S LITTLE BIT

The Clark County Park District and National Trail Parks and Recreation District, provide our community with parks and facilities that offer special events, family activities, history and nature programming, camps, aquatics, multi-use trails, fitness and wellness programs and athletic opportunities such as tennis, pickleball, softball, soccer, basketball and volleyball. This fall we are offering a wide range of activities and opportunities for all ages from preschool to older adults at our 30 parks and facilities.

At some point in your life you will be impacted and benefit from parks and recreation, whether it is walking to a nearby playground, attending a festival, watching a sporting event or even driving through a park on a sunny fall day. Some of the benefits of participating in programs and visiting parks include: learning something new, improving your health, reducing stress, and increasing self-esteem. Socially, parks and the programs and activities that we provide, help families to build strong bonds through the activities and parks where they spend time together. Economically, parks and recreation benefits positively impact our community in many ways such as promoting community spirit, increasing property values and attracting new

business to locate within a community. The residents of Clark County make thousands of visits to our parks, facilities and nature areas each month. These visitors are a daily reminder of the importance of having park and facilities available in our community. As you enjoy the cooler temperatures and brilliant colors of the fall season, be sure to visit one of our local parks and participate in the many events listed in this activity guide. These opportunities will allow you to create positive and memorable experiences for you and your family and bring you back again and again.



Leann J. Castillo

Leann Castillo,
Director - National Trail Parks &
Recreation District
Interim Director - Clark County
Park District

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

HOW

Registration is on a “first come, first serve” basis up to the maximum enrollment. Late registrations and transfers are only possible when there are openings. A late registration fee of \$5 will be charged after regular deadlines. You may register online, by mail, walk-in or phone. Early registration is encouraged as many programs fill up fast. Preregistration is required for all programs that have a deadline date noted.

PAYMENT

Payment of fees are due when you register. Phone registrations must be paid by credit card. Please make checks payable to: NTPRD. Note: \$25 service fee on all returned checks.

CONFIRMATION

Upon receipt of registration form and fee, that individual is automatically enrolled (space permitting). You will receive an email confirmation with available program details. Please show up for the first class at the appointed time and place unless you are notified otherwise. Athletic League participants will be contacted by a coach with practice and game information once they have had their initial meeting.

IF PROGRAMS ARE FULL

If the program is full, you may request to be put on a waiting list. You will be contacted if a space becomes available.

REFUNDS

All customer-initiated program or activity withdrawals are entitled to receive a household credit for the program fee minus a 15% refund processing fee if requested in the allotted time:

Camps • Two days following the original registration deadline.

Athletics • One month following the original registration deadline.

Special Events - Single Day Events or Instructor-Provided Classes • Prior to original registration deadline.

NTPRD and CCPD reserves the right to cancel or postpone any program or activity upon which the customer is entitled to a full refund of the program fee in the form of a check.

ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

National Trail and CCPD recognizes that recreation is beneficial to all persons. To meet this need, NTPRD and CCPD are committed to providing assistance and reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities to access all services and programs offered by the District. If accommodations are needed due to disability, please tell us at least two weeks before the event. Every reasonable effort will be made to provide adaptations and accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities.

ACTIVITY/PROGRAM WAIVER

I, the undersigned, hereby assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of activities and transportation to and from NTPRD and CCPD while participating in this program. I do further hereby resolve, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the NTPRD and CCPD, its Boards, organizers, sponsors and instructors appointed by them. I grant NTPRD and CCPD permission to publish in print, electronic or video format the likeness or image of my child or myself. I release all claims against NTPRD and CCPD with the respect of copyright ownership and publication, including any claim for compensation related to use of the materials.

INFORMATION ACCURACY

Occasionally there may be an error in dates, times, fees or other pertinent information in our activity guide. When such errors occur, our staff will do everything possible to correct the situation promptly. We thank you for your patience and understanding when those situations arise. For updated information on any program, please consult the National Trail at website: ntprd.org.

WAYS TO REGISTER

ONLINE

Visit ntprd.org and select the programs and events tab to find available upcoming programs, events or leagues and click the registration button. If you are a prior customer, your email address is your username.

IN PERSON

Stop by our administrative office located at 1301 Mitchell Blvd. in Springfield during business hours.

BY PHONE

(937)328-7275 only if paying by credit card.

BY MAIL

Send registration form along with check to:
National Trail Parks & Recreation
District, 1301 Mitchell Blvd.
Springfield, OH 45503

Registration forms available online at <https://ntprd.org/forms/>





The Clark County Park District encompasses land teeming with natural beauty and echoes of historical events. The Park District manages over 800 acres of parkland at six nature preserves and 16 miles of bike trails throughout Clark County, Ohio. The focus includes natural habitat and greenway protection, historic house and Battlesite, nature and bike trails, natural rock cliffs, river access, outdoor education/historical interpretation programs, and hosting historical re-enactment events such as The Fair at New Boston.

5638 Lower Valley Pike • Springfield, Ohio 45502

Phone: (937)882-6000

Website: clarkcountyparks.org

Email: info@clarkcountyparks.org

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30pm • Closed Holidays

PARKS & FACILITIES

Battle of Peckuwe Site
Davidson Interpretive Center
Estel Wenrick Wetlands
George Rogers Clark Park
Hertzler House
Leadingham Farm
Leadingham Prairie
Mad River Gorge &
Nature Preserve
Spangler Nature Preserve

5638 Lower Valley Pike, Springfield
5638 Lower Valley Pike, Springfield
2855 Union Rd., Medway
930 S. Tecumseh Rd.
930 S. Tecumseh Rd.
3656 Spangler Rd., Medway
Intersection Union & Spangler Rd.
2710 Dayton-Springfield Rd.
3656 Spangler Rd.

TRAILS

Little Miami Scenic Trail
Prairie Grass Trail

Interstate 70 to Greene County Line
Madison County Line to
Greene County Line

CCPD BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

President - Pam Bennett, Vice-President - Tim DeVore,
Secretary - Andy Elder, Kim Fish & Hal Goodrich



Falls at George Rogers Clark Park

SHELTER RENTAL

Shelter rentals are available at George Rogers Clark Park. Please call (937) 882-6000 to reserve a shelter.
Demint Shelter - 48 Person Capacity
Silverheels Shelter - 36 Person Capacity
Braman A-Frame Shelter - 24 Person Capacity
Campbell A-Frame Shelter - 24 Person Capacity

THE HERTZLER HOUSE MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD

The Hertzler House was built in 1854 by Daniel Hertzler for his wife and eight children. The building is currently used as a interpretation of pre-Civil War life, seen through the eyes of this local legend, Mennonite pioneer and wealthy entrepreneur. The Hertzler House Museum Advisory Board seeks to preserve the historic house and interpret its past to visitors.

FIRST MAD RIVER LIGHT ARTILLERY

The First Mad River Light Artillery was founded in 2003 to participate in the 225th commemoration of the Battle of Peckuwe fought on August 8, 1780, between George Rogers Clark, with 1000 Kentucky militia and Virginia Regulars, and the Shawnee leader Catahecassa, "Black Hoof", and his approximately 400 Native troops.

The battle is the largest battle of the American Revolution fought west of the Allegheny Mountains, and the battlefield is located five miles west of the present city of Springfield, Ohio, at the current site of the George Rogers Clark Historic Park.

GROUP PROGRAMS & TOURS

The Clark County Park District also offers scheduled history and nature programs for school groups, senior centers and other organizations. Call us for pricing and other details.





The National Trail Parks and Recreation District is an extensive parks and recreation system encompassing a multitude of facilities and program opportunities for Clark County residents. This Joint Recreation District was formed when the City of Springfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Clark County Recreation Department joined as one agency.

The District manages over 1,100 acres of beautiful parks and facilities and nearly 20 miles of multi-use trails. Our staff members are dedicated to providing quality parks, facilities, services and programs. We share the vision to create community through people, parks and programs.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1301 Mitchell Boulevard • Springfield, Ohio 45503

Phone: (937)328-PARK (7275) • **Fax:** 937-328-3966

Website: ntprd.org

Email: nationaltrail@springfieldohio.gov

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 am-5 pm • Closed Holidays

PARKS

Administration Building	1301 Mitchell Boulevard
Buck Creek Nature Park	1101 Mitchell Boulevard
Davey Moore Park	600 South Western Avenue
Jack Hemry Park	400 Elk Avenue
Layne Addition Park	Cortland Drive & Leland Drive
Kirby Preserve	Entrance in Old Reid Park
Municipal Stadium Wetlands	Buck Creek Trail
New Reid Park	3144 East Leffel Lane
Northern Estates Park	Northern Estates Neighborhood
Old Reid Park	Entrance on Croft Road
Perrin Woods Park	Parkwood & Southern Parkway
Rebert Pike Nature Park	1696 Rebert Pike
Selma Road Park	724 York Street
Sherman Avenue Park	760 Sherman Avenue
Skateboard Park	1425 Mitchell Boulevard
Snider Valley Recreation Complex	1801 Snider Road, Medway
Snyder Park	Plum St., Bechtel Ave., SR 40
Standpipe Park	32 North Greenmount Avenue
Veterans Park	Cliff Park Road
Virgil A. Mabra Park	1413 Oakleaf Avenue
Warder Fit Stop	226 Warder St, Buck Creek Trail

FACILITIES

Annex Baseball Field	1425 Mitchell Boulevard
Carleton Davidson Stadium	1101 Mitchell Boulevard
Eagle City Soccer Complex	500 Eagle City Road
Lagonda Fields	1975 Mitchell Boulevard
NTPRD Chiller	301 W. Main Street
Snyder Park Clubhouse	1900 Snyder Park Drive
Splash Zone	300 Eagle City Road
Veterans Park Amphitheater	107 Cliff Park Road

TRAILS

Buck Creek Trail	Plum Street East to the Reservoir
Little Miami Scenic Trail	Jefferson St. to Interstate 70
Simon Kenton Trail	Jefferson Street, North to Urbana
SKATE PARK	1301 Mitchell Boulevard

DOG PARKS

Wiggley Field	Old Reid Park
Central Bark	Snyder Park

NTPRD BOARD MEMBERS

Chair - Sabrina Tackett, Vice-Chair - Lea Elliott,
Secretary - Derek Alvarado, Debbie DeWitt, Jim Gay,
Randy Yontz and Jack Simonton

FIELD RENTAL

Groups, organizations, teams and individuals can rent baseball and softball diamonds, soccer and football fields for their use.

SHELTER RENTAL

April 1-Sept. 30 (Prices Vary)

Shelter rentals are available at the following locations:

Davey Moore Park	1 shelter
Eagle City Soccer Complex	1 shelter
Lagonda Fields Park	1 shelter
New Reid Park	2 shelters
Old Reid Park	2 shelters
Snyder Park	7 shelters
Virgil A. Mabra Park	2 shelters

FACILITY RENTAL

Groups, organizations and individuals can rent the Splash Zone, Veterans Park Amphitheater, Carleton Davidson Stadium and other National Trail facilities for their private or public functions. Call us at (937)328-7275 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities are also available for members of the community that want to support our park system. Volunteering allows for a flexible schedule and is a great way to earn service hours, gain experience and learn job skills. Volunteers must attend training sessions.



Rebert Pike Nature Park

Call 24 Hours a Day for Weather Information & Cancellations • 937-324-7645

BACKGROUND

For years, community members have been studying and exploring the possibility of combining the two existing Parks and Recreation agencies in Clark County. Each of the current agencies serves the residents of Clark County. Clark County is an anomaly in the State of Ohio by having two countywide park agencies serving the population. A smooth transition to one county-wide agency will protect the values and missions of the two separate organizations. The District will continue to promote a commitment to be socially, culturally, historically, and economically responsible to the residents of Clark County. Realigning better positions us for a stronger future, allowing a single agency to ensure our community is a trendsetter, offering unique services, programs, and opportunities in our parks and facilities.

Together we're BETTER!

COMBINED PARK SYSTEM COMPOSITION



MANAGING AUTHORITY

The newly combined organization would operate as the Clark County Park District under the ORC 1545, Park District structure. Through the code, a Park District is empowered to levy taxes within specified limits, acquire and develop parks, build and operate recreation facilities and trails, and conduct programs. The park district will be governed by a five-member Board of Park Commissioners, appointed by the Clark County Probate Judge. National Trail Parks & Recreation District would be dissolved following the district combination.

SAFETY & SECURITY

The Law Enforcement Division is responsible for providing a safe environment for park guests and employees. Park Rangers are customer service focused, enhancing the park experience and educating park users while maintaining a safe park environment. They will also assist with maintenance and operations as needed.

Additional questions or concerns regarding the district consolidation? Feel free to reach out to one of our Executive Directors, Carol Kennard at the Clark County Park District, 937-882-6000 or ckennard@clarkcountyparks.org or Leann Castillo at National Trail Parks & Recreation District, 937-328-7275 and lcastillo@springfieldohio.gov.

FUNDING

The primary source of funding for the two agencies is a 0.6 mill, 10-year parks, trails and greenspace levy approved by voters in 2015. National Trail also receives significant funding through contracts with the City of Springfield, Springfield Conservancy District and Clark County which would be maintained. Each agency also receives income from facility rental, program fees, donations, and grants. The State of Ohio contributes annually to CCPD through the Local Government Fund.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Strategic, regular maintenance ensures the on-going quality and longevity of the parks, facilities and trails within the District. Professional maintenance practices are a key factor in the long-term success of district-wide goals for maintaining high quality parks for resident satisfaction in programs and events as well as general drop-in use of parks and trails. Maintenance not only determines the outward appearance of our parks, it supports the daily use of parks and contributes to consistent user experiences. Park and Facility Operations employs full-time staff trained and educated in natural resources, recreation, land management, construction methods, cultural resources, and ecology, who, along with seasonal staff members, complete maintenance activities to support park use.

PARTNERSHIPS

CCPD and NTPRD have very strong reputations as good community partners with each other and outside groups on a local, statewide and regional level. We have a history of tackling projects and developing programs that would not have been possible without the partnerships that were developed. The combined District would continue maintaining our many current relationships while developing new and innovative ones.

PROGRAMS & EDUCATION

The two agencies provide over 400 programs and special events each year. In 2018, all residents combined spent over 275,000 hours of recreational/programming fun in the parks. This includes recreation programs, outdoor education, historical re-enactment, and athletics for preschool through adults. Top priorities will be to combine efforts and identify gaps in program services.



► ATHLETICS

Register for NTPRD Chiller programs in person at the NTPRD Chiller or online at NTPRDChiller.com. Skate and helmet rental are included with Chiller classes. There are no NTPRD Chiller classes the week of November 21 - 26.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY CLASSES 1 - 4

Ages: 6 & Older
Saturdays • 10:15 - 11:00am
October 21 - December 16
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125

Learning to Skate is the foundation for building a successful hockey player. This class progression will start with proper technique at the most fundamental level working on balance, skating forward, stopping, turning and more while skating in hockey skates. As students progress through the series, additional skating elements will be added, eventually moving into full hockey drills and skills including sticks and pucks with full gear required.

HOCKEY PREP 1 - 4

Ages: 6 & Older
Saturdays, October 21 - December 16
10:15 - 11:00am
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125

Learning to Skate is the foundation for building a successful hockey player. This class will focus on proper technique at the most fundamental level working on balance, skating forward, stopping, turning and more while skate in hockey skates. Skate and helmet rental included.

ICE SKATING

LEARN TO SKATE - ADULT & TEENS

Ages: 13 & Older
Mondays • 6:15 - 7:00pm
Saturdays • 9:00 - 9:45am
October 16/21 - December 11/16
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125

This class is the foundation of all skating disciplines. Upon completion, skaters will have the basic skills necessary to advance to more specialized areas of skating. Skaters will be grouped by skating experience. Skate and helmet rental included.



PICKLEBALL

PICKLEBALL FOR BEGINNERS

Ages: 18 & Older
Saturdays, September 9 - 30
9:30 - 11:00am
Dredge Tennis Courts Snyder Park
Deadline: Sept. 6
Fee: \$50

Want to learn the latest craze on a court? Each week will include instruction of rules, specific skills and the basic game of pickleball followed by round robin games. Players should bring his or her own paddle. Balls will be provided. Instructions provided by NTPRD instructor Alex Sarihan.

► FITNESS

HIKE WITH A HOUND

Ages: 18 & Older
Friday, September 8
4:30 - 6:30pm
George Rogers Clark Park
FREE

Enjoy this independent walk through the beautiful park on a designated trail with your 4-legged friend. Looking to make a new friend? The Clark County SPCA will be on site with dogs available for walking and adoption.

PILATES

Ages: 18 & Older
Wednesdays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 18
9:00 - 10:00am
NTPRD Administration Building
Deadline: September 7
Fee: \$50

Pilates is a low-impact form of exercise that aims to strengthen and tone muscles as well as build strength and balance. Pilates focuses on the core and low back muscles using flowing movement patterns.

YOGA

Ages: 18 & Older
Wednesdays, Sept. 20 - October 25
6:00 - 7:00pm
NTPRD Administration Building
Deadline: September 13
Fee: \$50

This yoga class is suitable for both beginners and experienced yoga students. Most postures can be modified for those with physical limitations. Participants will need a yoga mat.

TRAIL ROLLERS

Ages: 18 & Older
Fridays, September 1 - October 27
9:00 - 10:00am
Eagle City Soccer Complex
FREE

Trail Rollers is a program designed for those on wheels and their care givers. Any and all non-motorized wheeled rides are welcome to stroll along our trails. Great for parents or care givers looking to get out of the house, get some exercise and meet new people. Only pets in strollers are permitted on this walk.

► FITNESS CONT.

TRAIL HIKERS

Ages: 18 & Older

Wednesdays

10:00 - 11:00am

Rebert Pike Nature Park • September 6,

October 4 & November 1

Kirby Preserve • September 13,

October 11 & November 8

New Reid Park • September 20,

October 18 & November 15

Gallagher Fen • September 27

Mad River Gorge •

October 25 & November 29

Spangler Nature Preserve • Nov. 22

FREE

These guided, self-paced hikes allow you to explore our local natural environment. Wear hiking boots, all trails are natural. Hikers must complete a yearly registration form before their first hike.



CLARK PARK HIKERS

Ages: 18 & Older

Thursdays

9:00 - 10:00am

George Rogers Clark Park

FREE

Join Park District volunteers each Thursday morning to enjoy a walk through the woods. Meet at the lower parking lot below the dam and experience the beauty and camaraderie found in the outdoors.



TRAIL WALKERS

Ages: 18 & Older

Tuesdays

10:00 - 11:00am

FREE

Trail Walkers is a walking program, which highlights the multi-purpose trail system while promoting fitness, fellowship and fun. These guided self-paced walks will get you moving outdoors while you learn more about local trails. Before the first walk participants are required to complete a yearly registration form.

TRAIL WALKER'S SCHEDULE

DATE

September 12

September 19

September 26

October 3

October 10

October 17

October 31

November 7

November 14

November 21

November 28

TRAIL

Simon Kenton Trail

Little Miami Scenic Trail

Buck Creek Trail

Simon Kenton Trail

Ferncliff Cemetery & Arboretum

Buck Creek Trail

Buck Creek Trail

Simon Kenton Trail

Little Miami Scenic Trail

Buck Creek Trail

Simon Kenton Trail

MEETING POINT

Eagle City Soccer Complex

Beatty Station Staging Area

Old Reid Park

Eagle City Soccer Complex

Ferncliff Cemetery

Old Reid Park

Carleton Davidson Stadium

Splash Zone Waterpark

Beatty Station Staging Area

Old Reid Park

Eagle City Soccer Complex

TRAIL RIDERS

Ages: 18 & Older

Mondays

10:00 - 11:30am

FREE

These guided rides are a 10-12 mph pace and explore Clark County's local bike trails while promoting fitness and fun. Registration is required. Bike helmets must be worn. Before the first ride participants are required to complete a yearly registration form.

TRAIL RIDER'S SCHEDULE

DATE

September 11

September 18

September 25

October 2

TRAIL

Simon Kenton Trail

Little Miami Scenic Trail

Simon Kenton Trail

Little Miami Scenic Trail

MEETING POINT

Eagle City Soccer Complex

Beatty Station

Eagle City Soccer Complex

Beatty Station



► PROGRAMS

YARN CLUB

Ages: 18 & Older

Friday, September 8

Friday, September 22

Friday, October 13

Friday, October 27

Friday, November 3

Friday, November 17

9:00 - 11:00am

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: Wednesday Prior

FREE

Work on your latest yarn project while enjoying company and coffee. This is a social group for people of all skill levels. No instruction will be provided, but friends can certainly share their crafting secrets.

PARKS FOR POLLINATORS BIOBLITZ

Ages: 16 & Older

September 5 - 15

Dawn to Dusk

Old Reid Park, Kirby Preserve &

George Rogers Clark Park

FREE

In celebration of pollinators, participate in the Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz to create a snapshot of the variety of local wildlife in our parks. It is a fun challenge to see how many pollinators and pollinator friendly plants you can find. It is easy to participate; simply make observations on your own using the iNaturalist app. Take pictures of a pollinator (bee, butterfly, insects or bat, etc.) or plants to see what wildlife is present, and contribute to a scientific inventory of pollinator species. Participate on any of the scheduled dates from dawn to dusk.

CRAFTY CARDS

Ages: 16 & Older

Monday, September 11

Monday, October 2

Monday, November 6

6:00 - 8:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: Thursday Prior

Cost: \$15 per class

Crafty Cards is a fun filled time out with friends or if you just need some 'me' time. Supplies and instructions are provided for 4-5 projects. Participants work at their own pace and skill level.

YAPPY HOUR

Ages: 21 & Older

Tuesday, September 12

5:00 - 7:00pm

Snyder Park Clubhouse

FREE

After a long day at work and a longer day at home, bring your 4-legged friend out to enjoy live music, dinner and a cold beverage. Vendors will be on hand with services and information. No pet, that's ok. Come on out and enjoy the festivities and beautiful park. Sponsored by Wet Your Whiskers.



NATURE DISCOVERY HIKE

Ages: 18 & Older

Friday, September 15

10:00 - 11:00am

George Rogers Clark Park

Deadline: September 13

FREE

Discover trees and plants along the trails at George Rogers Clark Park. This hike is a great time to get outside in nature and learn together. You can even participate in the Parks for Pollinators challenge during this hike. Hike is not fast paced.

SIMPLY SALSA

Ages: 16 & Older

Friday, September 15

6:00 - 8:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: September 11

Fee: \$15 per person

Homemade is best! Learn to make three different simple salsas with fresh ingredients. Each participant will leave with a sample of each and the recipes to make more.

HISTORY CHAT

Ages: 16 & Older

Thursday, September 21

6:00 - 7:00pm

Davidson Interpretive Center

Deadline: September 18

FREE

Author Dave Nolin will discuss his book "Discovery and Renewal on Huffman Prairie". Learn about the natural history of prairies and restoration efforts. Dave has helped to protect and preserve natural spaces in our region. He has been actively involved in the protection and restoration of the Huffman Prairie State Natural Landmark since 1984 and the Beaver Creek wetlands. He served as director of conservation for Five Rivers MetroParks, where he led the land acquisition and habitat management programs.

RECYCLING ROCKS!

Ages: 10 & Older

Thursday, September 28

6:00 - 7:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: September 25

FREE

Learn how to reduce, reuse, recycle and re-purpose during this informative class. Did you know you can recycle styrofoam? Use materials destined for the trash to make a treasure. This program is held in partnership with the Clark County Solid Waste District. Youth must be accompanied by adults.

YAPPY HOUR HOWL-O-WEEN

Ages: 21 & Older

Tuesday, October 10

5:00 - 7:00pm

Snyder Park Clubhouse

FREE

Join us as we wrap up the Yappy Hour season with our Howl-o-Ween costume contest. Prizes awarded for best costumes. No pet, that's ok. Come on out and enjoy the festivities and beautiful park. Sponsored by Wet Your Whiskers.



► PROGRAMS CONT.

GHOST TOURS OF SPRINGFIELD

Ages: 13 & Older

Thursdays, October 5, 12 & 19

7:00 - 8:15pm

7:45 - 9:00pm

Springfield News-Sun Building

Deadline: Monday Prior

Tickets: \$15

Journey into the realms of the unknown on this one mile walking tour through historic downtown Springfield. Hear local legends and folklore, tales of mystery and ghosts blended with historic facts. Tours are led by 19th-century costumed guides with a lantern to light your way. Our 2023 tours will feature some fan favorites and new thrills. The stories being told on these tours are the same stories being told on Ghost Tours of Springfield tour series. These walking tours are offered in partnership with the Springfield Arts Council.

SIPS & SPIRITS GHOST WALKING TOUR

Ages: 18 & Older

Wednesdays, October 11 &

October 18

7:00 - 8:15pm OR

7:45 - 9:00pm

Mother Stewart's Brewery

Deadline: Week Prior

Tickets: \$20

Hear sinister and scary stories from a 19th-century costumed tour guide with a lantern to light your way. This tour starts and ends at Mother Stewart's Brewery. Each ticket includes a beer or soda after your tour. Our 2023 tours will feature some fan favorites and new thrills. The stories being told on these tours are the same stories being told on Ghost Tours of Springfield tour series. These walking tours are offered in partnership with the Springfield Arts Council.

FIRESIDE FRIGHTS

Ages: 13 & Older

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 - 8:15pm

Davidson Interpretive Center

Deadline: October 20

Tickets: \$15

Gather round the fireplace as a 19th-century costumed storyteller shares frightening stories from the past. The stories being told at this program are the same stories being told on Ghost Tours of Springfield tour series. This program is preferable for those with mobility issues and offered in partnership with the Springfield Arts Council.



SWEETEST DAY NIGHT OUT

Ages: 21 & Older

Saturday, October 21

6:00 - 7:30pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: October 13

Fee: \$45 per person or \$65 per couple*

Bring your sweetest, significant other, friend, family member or just your own sweet self to create a beautiful floral arrangement. Learn basic arranging techniques and care for your flowers from local florist Flourish. Complimentary snacks and champagne punch will be provided. *Couples will make one arrangement to take home.

STAMP-A-STACK

Ages: 16 & Older

Monday, November 13

6:00 - 8:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: November 3

Fee: \$35

Wow your friends this holiday season with hand-made Christmas Cards!! All supplies and instructions will be provided to complete 12 cards. Light snacks will also be provided.

► PROGRAMS CONT.

HISTORY CHAT

BATTLE OF PECKUWE

Ages: 16 & Older

Wednesday, November 15

6:00 - 7:00pm

Davidson Interpretive Center

Deadline: November 13

FREE

On August 8, 1780 General George Rogers Clark and his militia fought in the largest battle of the American Revolutionary War West of the Allegheny Mountains, known as the Battle of Peckuwe. Learn about the battle from Living Historian, Bill Smith.

NATURE DISCOVERY HIKE

Ages: 18 & Older

Friday, November 17

10:00 - 11:00am

George Rogers Clark Park

Deadline: November 13

FREE

Celebrate National Take a Hike Day as we explore the wooded trails. This hike is a great time to get outside in nature and learn together. This hike is not fast paced.

TALKIN' BASEBALL

Ages: 18 & Older

Wednesday, November 1

7:00 - 8:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

FREE

"Talkin Baseball" is the Hot Stove Baseball discussion program. November's topic will be a review and discussion of the 2023 MLB season. The monthly trivia contest will be held and attendees are encouraged to bring a baseball book or video to exchange. This program is presented by the Springfield / Clark County Baseball Hall of Fame.

NEEDLE FELTED PAINTING

Ages: 18 & Older

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30

6:00 - 7:30pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: October 27

Fee: \$75

Needle felting is a dry felting technique using a barbed needle to manipulate wool fibers. In this class, students will learn to create needle-felted paintings using a new technique of transferring an image to the pre felt background. Each student will finish the class with the skills to create needle-felted paintings on their own.

STAINED GLASS CLASS: WINTER TREES

Ages: 18 & Older

Saturday, November 18

10:00am - 1:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: November 9

Fee: \$75

Create a beautiful Winter Trees art piece with a wooden base to display. Learn the process of working with stained glass and decorative trimming. One-day events are projects that is completed in one class. The glass pieces are pre-cut. These classes are for those who want to dip their toes into the world of stained glass to see if they enjoy it. Learn the basic techniques of working with stained glass, or build on skills you have already acquired. Price includes personal instruction and all supplies to make one stained glass piece.



REVIVING HISTORY

RENOVATION OF DREDGE TENNIS COMPLEX & JUDGE RICHARD T. COLE COURTS

Nestled in the heart of Springfield, Snyder Park has long been a cherished gathering place for residents and visitors. Its lush greenery, beautiful waterways, and recreational facilities have provided countless moments of joy for generations. Among its many attractions, the historic Dredge Tennis Complex holds a special place in the hearts of sports enthusiasts and history aficionados. Now, with a recent renovation that blends the charm of yesteryears with modern recreational trends, the Dredge Tennis Complex are ready to serve the community for years to come.

Originally constructed in 1905 and last renovated in the mid-1980s, the Dredge Tennis Complex carries a rich history spanning over 100 years. These courts

have witnessed the laughter of friends, the excitement of tournaments, and the determination of players perfecting their game.

Over time, however, the wear and tear of constant use and exposure to the elements had taken its toll. The renovation of the Dredge Tennis Complex is not just a restoration of a physical space but a tribute to the community's commitment to preserving its heritage. The project focused on two main aspects: restoring the existing tennis courts to their former glory and introducing a new recreational trend, pickleball, to cater to a wider range of players.

The three existing tennis courts were carefully resurfaced, preserving their classic layout while incorporating modern materials to ensure durability. The surrounding fencing received a facelift, blending seamlessly with the park's natural ambiance. The restoration process retained the courts' original dimensions, paying homage to the players who once graced these very same grounds.

In a nod to changing recreational preferences, the renovation also saw the addition of six pickleball courts adjacent to the tennis courts. Pickleball, a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, has been gaining popularity for its accessibility

and social nature. By integrating pickleball courts, the renovation project aims to cater to a wider demographic, from young beginners to seasoned athletes looking for a new challenge.

Snyder Park's Tennis Complex now stand as a harmonious blend of history and progress. The meticulous renovation ensures that the essence of the original courts remains intact, while the introduction of pickleball courts heralds a new era of diverse recreational opportunities.

As the community gathers once again on these courts, the memories of bygone matches are sure to resurface. The laughter, the competition, and the camaraderie that have defined this space for generations will continue to flourish, now more vibrant than ever. The renovated Complex serve as a testament to the enduring spirit of Springfield and its dedication to preserving its past while embracing the future.



ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund supports National Trail's efforts in providing healthy, safe, nurturing parks and recreation programs in our community. A portion of the funds raised will go toward scholarships for local underprivileged youth. We want to ensure that all children have the

opportunity to participate in and attend our programs and activities. Please consider supporting this vision by making a gift directly to the Fund. Checks should be payable to the Springfield Foundation with National Trail Endowment in the memo line or

in correspondence accompanying the gift. Checks can be sent to the Springfield Foundation, 333 N. Limestone St., Springfield, Ohio 45503. Please consider a donation.



LITTLE BROWN BAT

UNMASKING THE ENCHANTING
WORLD OF OHIO'S LITTLE
WINGED HERO

Picture a fall night in your backyard, when the stars twinkle and the moon casts a gentle glow on the landscape. As you step outside, you might just catch a glimpse of the enchanting creatures that take flight in the twilight hours – the adorable and extraordinary little brown bats. These unassuming mammals, native to Ohio, are more than just your average backyard residents; they're the unsung heroes of pest control and possess a uniqueness that is worth celebrating.

The little brown bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) is aptly named, as it is one of the smallest bats in Ohio. However, don't let its size fool you – this creature is a powerhouse of ecological benefits. Weighing in at just .29 ounces and measuring around 3 to 4 inches in length, the little brown bat makes up for its small stature with big contributions to our ecosystems.

Bugs beware, for the little brown bat is the ultimate pest control partner! In a single night, these bats can devour hundreds of insects, including mosquitoes, moths, and beetles, helping to keep pesky populations in check. As fall nights draw Ohioans outdoors, these bats are silently patrolling the skies, making those evening picnics mosquito-bite free and contributing to the natural balance of their surroundings.

While they may not build the most elaborate of homes, the little brown bat's choice of residence is nothing short of remarkable. These bats roost in a variety of locations, from tree crevices to human-made structures like barns, attics, and even under bridges. Their ability to adapt to various environments highlights their

resilience and adaptability in the face of changing landscapes.

The life of an Ohio little brown bat takes a fascinating turn come winter. When temperatures drop and food becomes scarce, these bats enter a state of hibernation. Some bats cluster together in caves or mines, while others seek refuge in attics or other secluded spots. During hibernation, the bats' body temperature and metabolism plummet, allowing them to conserve energy for months on end. It's a survival strategy that showcases their remarkable ability to endure our chilly winters.



So, the next time you venture out into the night, take a moment to appreciate the little brown bat's contribution to the ecosystem. They might not wear capes, but their impact on pest control is heroic in its own right. From their nightly insect-hunting escapades to their quirky roosting choices, these bats offer a whimsical glimpse into the world of wildlife that's right in our own backyards.

11 OCTOBER 2023 • 4:30 - 7:00PM
MOTHER STEWARTS BREWERY



Pints & PARKS

CELEBRATE OUR LOCAL PARKS & RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES BY BECOMING A MEMBER

Joining Partners for the Parks provides a vital opportunity to actively contribute and support the well-being of our community's outdoor spaces while collectively working towards preserving and enhancing these valuable recreational resources. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more and join us on October 11.



Snyder Park's
Yuletide
CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 1 5 - 8 PM

Start off the festive weekend by stopping by the Snyder Park Clubhouse to get into the holiday spirit. Kids of all ages can listen to holiday music, warm up with hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows, do a little shopping, enjoy the beautiful holiday displays, and, of course, visit Santa. Bring the family for photo opportunities throughout the surrounding areas.



What adults need to know

KNOW THAT YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE IS NOT INEVITABLE

Most teens do not use substances

BE BRAIN DEVELOPMENT SAVVY

The young brain is vulnerable to dependence, 9 out of 10 adults with a disorder started drinking, smoking or using other drugs before age 18

BE SUBSTANCE SAVVY

For teens, all substance use is related: using any one substance dramatically increases the likelihood of using other substances



Your opinion counts, please complete our 2023 parent survey



ATHLETICS

Register for NTPRD Chiller programs in person at the NTPRD Chiller or online at NTPRDChiller.com. Skate and helmet rental are included with Chiller classes. There are no NTPRD Chiller classes the week of November 21 - 26.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY CLASSES 1 - 4

Ages: 6 & Older
Saturdays • 10:15 - 11:00am
October 21 - December 16
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125

Learning to Skate is the foundation for building a successful hockey player. This class progression will start with proper technique at the most fundamental level working on balance, skating forward, stopping, turning and more while skating in hockey skates. As students progress through the series, additional skating elements will be added, eventually moving into full hockey drills and skills including sticks and pucks with full gear required.

HOCKEY PREP 1 - 4

Ages: 6 & Older
Saturdays, October 21 - December 16
10:15 - 11:00am
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125

Learning to Skate is the foundation for building a successful hockey player. This class will focus on proper technique at the most fundamental level working on balance, skating forward, stopping, turning and more while skate in hockey skates. Skate and helmet rental included.

ICE SKATING

LEARN TO ICE SKATE - STINGER 1

Ages: 3 - 5
October 16/21 - December 11/16
Mondays • 5:45 - 6:30pm
Saturdays • 9:00 - 9:45am
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125
 Designed for kids 3 - 5 to build confidence while learning to skate incorporating fun and games.

LEARN TO ICE SKATE - BASIC 1

Ages: 6 - 12
October 16/21 - December 11/16
Mondays • 6:15 - 7:00pm
Saturdays • 9:00 - 9:45am
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125
 This class is the foundation of all skating disciplines. Upon completion, skaters will have the basic skills necessary to advance to more specialized areas of skating. Skills taught: First steps, balance, gliding, stopping and introductory edges. Skaters will be grouped by age and skating experience.



LEARN TO SKATE - ADULT & TEENS

Ages: 13 & Older
Mondays • 6:15 - 7:00pm
Saturdays • 9:00 - 9:45am
October 16/21 - December 11/16
NTPRD Chiller Ice Rink
Deadline: October 13
Fee: \$125
 This class is the foundation of all skating disciplines. Upon completion, skaters will have the basic skills necessary to advance to more specialized areas of skating. Skaters will be grouped by skating experience.

BASKETBALL

DRIBBLERS BASKETBALL

Grades: 1st & 2nd
Deadline: December 3
Fee: \$45
 Dribblers Youth Basketball is an instructional league teaching the basic skills of the game through drills, stations and games. This program will be held twice a week starting in January. Days, times and location are to be determined. Teams will be organized by schools if possible.

JUNIOR JAMMERS BASKETBALL

Grades: 3rd & 4th
Deadline: December 3
Fee: \$45
 Junior Jammers Youth Basketball is a highly instructional league with an emphasis on skill development. This program will be held twice a week starting in January. Days, times and location are to be determined. Teams will be organized by schools if possible.

BUCKET BUSTERS BASKETBALL

Grades: 5th - 7th
Deadline: December 3
Fee: \$45
 Bucket Busters Youth Basketball is a co-ed recreational league with an emphasis on improving skill development through practices and games. Participants of this program will have two practices and one game a week starting in January. Days, times and locations are to be determined. Teams will be organized by schools if possible.



► ATHLETICS CONT.

BASKETBALL CONT.

START SMART PRESCHOOL BASKETBALL

Ages: 3 - 6 (as of Jan 1, 2023)

Tuesdays OR Thursdays

January 10/12 - February 14/16

Ages 3 - 4 • 5:30 - 6:15pm

Ages 5 - 6 • 6:30 - 7:15pm

Deadline: December 3

Fee: \$70

Start Smart Preschool Basketball is a developmentally age appropriate introductory basketball program. The program prepares children and their parents for organized basketball without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Age appropriate equipment is used in teaching dribbling/ball handling, passing/catching, shooting and running/agility. All children will receive a mini basketball, a Teslon basketball, a scrimmage vest, four cones and other practice materials. Parent/Guardian participation is required for this program.

SOCCER

WITTENBERG SOCCER CLINIC

Ages: 8 - 15

Date & Time TBA

Wittenberg Steamer

Fee: \$40

Join the Wittenberg Men's Soccer Team in Early December and learn new skills through drills and games. Participants will receive a t-shirt.

► PROGRAMS

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JOHNNY APPLESEED

Ages: 5 - 12 (along with caregiver)

Thursday, September 14

6:00 - 7:30pm

Davidson Interpretive Center

Deadline: September 8

Fee: \$10

Learn about the life of John Chapman AKA Johnny Appleseed. Participants will also also make a craft.

LET'S CHALK ABOUT IT

Ages: 8 - 17

Wednesday, September 13 •

Davey Moore Park

Wednesday, September 27 •

Clark State Performing Arts Center

Parking Lot

4:00 - 5:00pm

FREE

Have you always wanted to participate in Chalkfest and didn't know where to begin? Join us for these fun, informal programs that will help teach you all the basics of chalk art. Not interested in competing but love making art? You are welcome to join. All supplies will be provided. Chalkfest competition details on page 19. This program is held in partnership with Project Jericho.

WETLAND WARRIORS

Ages: 7 - 12

Tuesday, September 19

3:30 - 5:00pm

George Rogers Clark Park

Deadline: September 13

FREE

Wetland Warriors is an outdoor program where youth explore outdoors, make new discoveries, foster new friendships, and develop leadership skills while learning about nature. Explore our native trees located at the park, which are producing ripe seeds and fruits in September. Search for our state fruit. Help to repopulate our forests by collecting seeds to plant. This is a drop off program. Please dress in weather-appropriate gear and closed-toe shoes.

ACT ON IT!

Ages: 3 - 5

Tuesdays, September 19 - October 24

4:00 - 4:45pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: September 15

Fee: \$40

Participants will explore children's stories ranging from familiar fairy tales to modern day favorites while learning the basics of presenting for an audience, improvising, and acting in character. Participants will also work on classroom skills such as following directions, listening, and working with others. This program is held in partnership with the Springfield Arts Council and led by Eleni Linardos.

TRAIL TOTS

Ages: 3 - 5 (with adult)

Thursday, September 21

10:00 - 11:00am

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: September 18

Fee: \$8

Explore and learn about nature with stories, music and activities. Welcome and discover autumn together with fun activities along with an autumn walk.

MAKE A CHIA FRIEND

Ages: 6 - 12 (with adult)

Saturday, September 23

10:00 - 11:00am

Snyder Park Kiwanis Children's Garden

Deadline: September 18

FREE

Come to the Nature Hut to make your own "Chia" friend with potting soil and grass seed. Complete your friend with googly eyes, pipe cleaners, pom poms, etc. Then take it home to watch as "the hair" grows. All materials will be provided. This program is offered by the Springfield Kiwanis Club.



YOUNG BIRDERS

Ages: 11 - 17

Tuesday, September 26

4:00 - 5:00pm

George Rogers Clark Park

Deadline: September 22

FREE

Bird watching and identification is a fascinating subject. This program will introduce youth to the wonder and joy of birds and bird watching. September is a great month for seeing a wide variety of migrating songbirds so join us on a walk to look for them. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Demint Shelter.



PROGRAMS CONT.



The CROW series, Children Respecting Our Wildlife, is a collaboration with the New Carlisle Library. Delve into the lives of the wildlife that live right in our own "backyard." Each month, hear a story, learn some cool facts, and do a craft or other interactive activity.

ALL ABOUT BATS

Ages: 6 - 12 (with a caregiver)
Wednesday, October 4
1:00 - 2:00pm
Smith Park, New Carlisle
Deadline: September 29

FREE

Learn about bats and the need for bat conservation.

THE MORE YOU KNOW THE MORE YOU CROW

Ages: 6 - 12 (with a caregiver)
Wednesday, November 1
1:00 - 2:00 pm
New Carlisle Library
Deadline: October 27

FREE

Crows are smart, quirky and mysterious. Learn about these interesting and intelligent birds. Listen to a story, make a craft and play a trivia game.



HISTORY EXPLORATION THE HISTORY OF BASKET WEAVING

Ages 7 - 12
Thursday, October 12
3:00 - 4:30pm
Davidson Interpretive Center
Deadline: October 6

FREE

Learn the history of basket weaving and how early settlers used this traditional craft. Use the art of weaving to make your very own weaved mat.

COMPOST IN A CONTAINER

Ages: 6 - 12 (with adult)
Saturday, October 14
10:00 - 11:00am
Snyder Park Kiwanis
Children's Garden
Deadline: October 9

FREE

Join us at the Nature Hut to learn about composting by making your own compost in a container to take home. Observe as the magic happens overtime. The finished product could be used in a pot for planting. All materials will be provided. This program is offered by the Springfield Kiwanis Club.



WETLAND WARRIORS

Ages: 7 - 12
Tuesday, October 17
3:30 - 5:00pm
Mad River Gorge
Deadline: October 11

FREE

Discover the weird side of nature that is seldom celebrated. Learn about mysteries in nature. Wetland Warriors is an outdoor program where youth explore outdoors, make new discoveries, foster new friendships, and develop leadership skills while learning about nature through fun activities and games. This is a drop off program. Please dress in weather-appropriate gear and closed-toe shoes.

TRAIL TOTS

Ages: 3 - 5 (with adult)
Thursday, October 19
10:00 - 11:00am
NTPRD Administration Building
Deadline: October 16
Fee: \$8

Explore and learn about nature with stories, music and activities. Activate your critter camouflage and discover some of nature's best disappearing acts. Disguise yourselves and costumes are encouraged.

RISING STARS THEATRE ACADEMY

Ages: 6 - 9
Saturday, October 21
9:00am - 12:00pm
NTPRD Administration Building
Deadline: October 17
Fee: \$35

Participants will learn tips and gain skills for auditioning. They will also learn basic theatre and improvisation through a variety of fun games and exercises. It is a great program for the beginning actor or for the more experienced actor who wants to refresh his or her tools. This program is held in partnership with the Springfield Arts Council and led by Eleni Linardos.

HISTORY EXPLORATION DEFENDING HEARTH & HOME: MILITARY SERVICE ON THE FRONTIER

Ages: 7 - 12
Wednesday, November 8
3:00 - 4:30pm
Davidson Interpretive Center
Deadline: November 3
FREE

Experience living and natural history in a unique way. Join the King's American Regiment and Allison's Company of Kentucky Militia, the First Mad River Light Artillery, and Native American interpreters. Learn about uniforms, weapons, and camp life of the soldier of the 18th century.



► PROGRAMS CONT.

TRAIL TOTS

Ages: 3 - 5 (with adult)
Thursday, November 9
10:00 - 11:00am
NTPRD Administration Building
Deadline: November 6
Fee: \$8

Trail Tots is a nature-based outdoor program designed for children ages 3-5 along with an adult. Explore and learn about nature with stories, music and activities. It is Turkey Time. Learn about Ohio's gobblers with fun activities.

WETLAND WARRIORS

Ages: 7 - 12
Tuesday, November 14
3:30 - 5:00pm
George Rogers Clark Park
Deadline: November 8

FREE

Wetland Warriors is an outdoor program where youth explore outdoors, make new discoveries, foster new friendships, and develop leadership skills while learning about nature. The wild turkey is an adaptive, native Ohio bird that has an amazing comeback story. Learn all about this interesting bird through a variety of fun activities. This is a drop off program. Please dress in weather-appropriate gear and closed-toe shoes.

YOUNG BIRDERS

Ages: 11 - 17
Tuesday, November 21
4:00 - 5:00pm
Old Reid Park
Deadline: November 17

FREE

Bird watching and identification is a fascinating subject. This program will introduce youth to the wonder and joy of birds and bird watching. Waterfowl migration is a main feature of November with many ducks and geese. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Campbell shelter.



SEED Roundup

National Trail needs your help in restoring our forests. Collect seeds from mature native tree species during the months of September through November. Trees should start producing ripe seeds by early September, and they fall into early November. Then collect and prepare your seeds to help us repopulate our forest. For collection procedures and tips visit <https://ntprd.org/seed-roundup/>.



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U.S. Department of Transportation
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MEET ME IN THE GARDEN

SNYDER PARK GARDENS & ARBORETUM *2023*

Join Master Gardener Volunteers of Clark County each month for a variety of garden educational programs, events, good music, and yoga in the heart of beauty and nature!

FREE EDUCATIONAL SERIES
MUSIC (May-September)
SPECIAL EVENTS (Each Month)

TREE ID FOR KIDS
Saturday, September 9th
10:00AM - 12:00PM

MUSIC IN THE GARDEN
German Sauerkraut Band
September 11th | WingertTossey Pavilion
7:00PM

TOOL SHARPENING WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH | 9:00 - 11:00AM

SEED SAVING PROGRAM
Thursday, September 21th
Garden of Eatin' | 6:00 - 7:30PM

ALL THINGS LANDSCAPING
Friday, September 29th | 8:00AM - 3:00PM
Derby at Windy Knoll Golf Course



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COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

CFAES provides research and related educational programs to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis. For more information, visit cfaesdiversity.osu.edu. For an accessible format of this publication, visit cfaes.osu.edu/accessibility. Registration and additional program information are available at <https://clark.osu.edu/program-areas/master-gardener-volunteers>.

FOR EVERYONE

THE FAIR AT NEW BOSTON

Saturday, September 2 &

Sunday, September 3

10:00am - 6:00pm

George Rogers Clark Park

Fee: \$8 Pre-Sale (12 & Older)

\$10 Gate (12 & Older)

\$8 (First Responders, Active & Retired Military)

\$3 Children (6 - 11)

FREE Children (5 & Under)

Step back in time to enjoy historic food, shop at local merchants, and meet various historic characters. Roam the streets of New Boston in the country's most authentic 18th-century market fair. See the works of world-renowned historic artisans and experience the past like never before. This program is provided by the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association. For more information about the event, call 937-882-9216 or visit grcha.org.

PROJECT SCARE-A CROW

All Ages

National Road Commons Park

Deadline: September 22

Scarecrows On Display: Oct. 7 - 27

FREE

Scare away the crows by putting your very own Scarecrow on display in downtown Springfield. We invite entries to create a scarecrow representing a performer or performance that has been on the Clark State Performing Arts Center stage over the last 30 years or will be coming to the stage this season. The public will select its favorite scarecrow. Winners will receive a project Trophy. This competition is open to submissions from local businesses, non-profits and government/ agencies. For rules and guidelines, visit NTPRD.org. Project Scare-A-Crow is presented in partnership with Project Jericho.

WÜFFSTOCK

All Ages

Saturday, September 23

9:30am - 2:00pm

Snyder Park Clubhouse Area

FREE

Wüffstock is a celebration of all things canine. Check out local pet services and pet-friendly vendors. A pet memorial will begin at 9:30 am and hosted by Littleton & Rue Funeral Home. Project Jericho will present a Pup Portrait Kids Station. Enjoy music, dog performances, food trucks, face painting and more at this historic dog friendly event. The Performance Dogs of Ohio will perform at 11:00 am and 12:30 pm. A Pet Costume Contest will be at 1:00 pm. Registration is required for the pet costume contest and will be available at the NTPRD information table. Vendors interested in booth space should call (937)328-7275.

PUZZLE PALOOZA

Ages: 5 & Older

Friday, September 29

6:00 - 8:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

Deadline: September 15

Fee: \$20 per team

Puzzle Palooza is a race to finish a 500 piece puzzle. Teams of up to four people will all begin working at the same time and the first team to finish will be crowned the winners.

CHALKFEST CHALK ART COMPETITION

All Ages

Saturday, October 7

9:00am - 3:00pm

National Road Commons Park

Deadline: September 23

Fee: \$30

This community competition is for artists of all ages and levels of ability to create their own chalk art masterpiece and put it on display at Chalkfest in downtown Springfield. Additional event details, rules and application are available at ntprd.org. Participants will receive an assigned space, Chalkfest t-shirt and a set of standard chalk pastels. It is recommended participants bring additional materials if needed. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to winners.

CHALKFEST

All Ages

Saturday, October 7

11:30am - 4:00pm

National Road Commons Park

FREE

Spend the afternoon listening to live music by Adelee & Gentry and watching professional and amateur chalk artists chalk the streets in downtown Springfield. Attendees will also enjoy offerings from food trucks. Have a chance to create your own chalk art masterpiece and engage in other free, fun activities. Chalkfest is held in partnership with Project Jericho.

FALL STAR GAZE

All Ages

Saturday, October 7

8:00 - 10:00pm

Davidson Interpretive Center

Deadline: October 5

FREE

Come explore the night sky! Volunteers from the Miami Valley Astronomical Society will set up telescopes and astronomical binoculars to view various planets, galaxies, open clusters, globular clusters and point out several constellations and asterisms. This program is held in partnership with the Miami Valley Astronomical Society. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. In the event of cloudy skies, this event unfortunately will be cancelled.



HERTZLER HOUSE TOURS

Sunday, October 8

1:00 - 3:00pm

Hertzler House

Fee: \$5 Tour Donation

Tour the historic 1850's home and learn about the Hertzler family and everyday life in that time period as shared by Hertzler House Museum docents.



HAUNTED DRIVE-IN

Ages: 6 & Older

Friday, October 20

Saturday, October 21

7:30 - 10:30pm

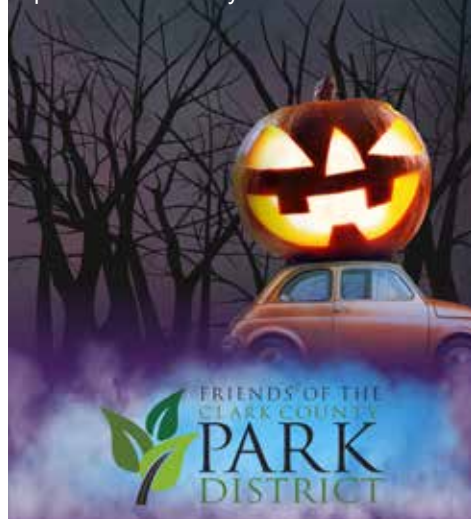
George Rogers Clark Park

Fee Presale: \$15 Per Carload

Presale Deadline: October 19

Gate Cost: \$20 Per Carload

Family friendly Halloween scenes will delight as you slowly drive through the park. Of course, there may be frights along the way. For safety, no one is permitted to leave their car while in the park. Fee is for any size car.



FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING

All Ages

Wednesday, October 25 OR

Thursday, October 26

5:30 - 6:30pm

Davidson Interpretive Center (Oct. 25)

Snyder Park Clubhouse Shelter (Oct. 26)

Deadline: October 18

Fee: \$2 per participant

Participate in the timeless tradition of pumpkin carving with your family and friends in a safe, fun environment without the messy clean-up. Each child participant will receive a pumpkin to carve and decorate. All pumpkin-carving supplies will be provided. Staff will clean up the mess after. A parent or guardian must attend with child and must register to receive a pumpkin. The Young Women's Mission is the sponsor of this program.

THANKSGIVING SHOEBOX PARADE FLOAT ENTRY

All Ages

Deadline: November 10

FREE

Enter our Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Shoebox Parade. You can enter as a family, business, organization, or individual! Create a float using a shoebox or something similar and drop it off at our office by November 10. Your float will be pulled along our road and city backdrop while the parade announcers read its description, just like in our favorite holiday parades. All of the parade floats will be filmed and put together to create a video parade. The parade will be aired on our Facebook page at 10:00am on Thanksgiving morning. Be sure to read all of our rules and regulations on our website before submitting your float. The special theme this year is "Saturday Cartoons."

MIRACLE ON MITCHELL ~ HOLIDAY BAZAAR OPEN HOUSE

All Ages

Sunday, November 12

1:00 - 4:00pm

NTPRD Administration Building

FREE

Looking for a unique gift for your child's teacher or babysitter or maybe a little something nice for yourself? Come to the Miracle on Mitchell Holiday Bazaar Open House. The event is free and open to the public and will feature many different items from local vendors. Great way to get a jump start on (or maybe finish) your holiday shopping.

** Anyone interested in setting up a table at this event should contact the Administration Office AT 937-328-7275.

OWLS OF OHIO

Ages: 5 & Older

Friday, November 17

6:30 - 7:30pm

Davidson Interpretive Center

Deadline: November 13

Fee: \$5

Learn about the species of owls found in Ohio. Discover their unique adaptations that make them masters of the night. Meet three Ohio native owls from the Glen Helen Raptor Center. Child must have Caregiver.

PILGRIM PLUNGE

All Ages

Wednesday, November 22

10:00am - 12:00pm

Wittenberg University Natatorium

Pre-Registration Deadline: Nov. 21

Pre-Registration Fee: \$3 Per Swimmer

Fee At Door: \$5 Per Swimmer

Get a jump start on the holiday season with a dip in the pool. Join us at Wittenberg University for a little fun time in the water. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult in the water.

FURRY FAMILY PHOTOS

All Ages

Thursday, November 30

4:00 - 7:00pm

Snyder Park Clubhouse

Fee: \$15

Wish all your friends and family Yappy Holidays with a picture of ALL the family, including the 4 legged members! Fee includes three different pictures (photographers choice) emailed directly to you to print as many as you wish. Use for gifts, greeting cards or just to display proudly at home. Pre-registration is strongly recommended to secure a spot. This program is in partnership with the Clark County SPCA.

FOOL TOM THE TURKEY

All Ages

November 6 - 11 •

Smith Park - New Carlisle & George Rogers Clark Park

November 13 - 18 •

Snyder Park & Old Reid Park - Kirby Preserve

FREE

Tom the turkey will be hiding in three different locations at local parks and will ask questions and try to fool you. Search the park to find Tom the Turkey along with a sign with a question. Submit your answers by emailing to nationaltrail@springfieldohio.gov. Each correct answer counts as an entry into our drawing for a gift certificate from Bowman and Landess Turkeys, which takes place November 20. The sponsor of Fool Tom the Turkey is Bowman and Landess.



Springfield, join us at YOUR rink!

- ☆ **Public Skate**
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