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events guide

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Hamilton County Residents:
 \$3 daily pass
 \$10 annual pass

Other Visitors:
 \$5 daily pass
 \$14 annual pass

Permits are available for purchase at park facilities or online at **greatparks.org**.

GREAT PARKS

Fri 12/1, 8 a.m.:

Winter Hike Series

Registration Opens

Challenging hikes, ranging in distance from 4–5.5 miles, are held at different parks for a new experience each week. Every hike concludes with a hot bowl of soup and plenty of camaraderie. Sign up for one, several or the whole series! This series fills up fast, and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. (\$7/person ages 12 and up, Free for children under 12, register by 12/22)

Jan 6: Winton Woods

chicken noodle soup

Jan 13: Sharon Woods

chicken & wild rice soup

Jan 20: Woodland Mound

vegetable beef barley soup

Jan 27: Shawnee Lookout

chili & crackers

Feb 3: Miami Whitewater Forest

bean soup & corn bread

Sat 12/9, 7 a.m.–noon:

Annual Winter Bird Count

Calling all advanced and wannabe birders! Join us as we count the wild and wonderful birds that call Great Parks home. Beginners can sleep in and start at 9 a.m. or join the advanced birders at 7 a.m. For a list of meet-up locations, visit greatparks.org. (Free)

Sat 12/9, Noon–3 p.m.:

Bird Count Tally & Celebration

After the bird count, our brave and exhausted birders will meet up for a grand tally of all the birds seen throughout the parks. Those who could not make it for the bird count are also welcome to join us for games, a live animal program and hot drinks. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Mon 1/8, 8 a.m.:

Summer Day Camps

Registration Opens

Kids ages 2–17 can spend their summer outdoors at Great Parks' adventure, farm, fishing, horse and nature day camps. Spots fill fast, and registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. For a full list of camps, costs and descriptions, visit greatparks.org/daycamps.



FARBACH-WERNER NATURE PRESERVE

Fri 12/1, 7–8:30 p.m.:

Holiday Music Performance

Enjoy live performances of festive holiday music by local groups. Tonight the Cincinnati Dulcimer Society will be followed by the Colerain High School Chamber Orchestra. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Tue 12/5, 12/12, 12/19
& 12/26, 5:30–6:30 p.m.:

Yoga After Work

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. Taught by a certified instructor, this mixed-level class is for all adults, including those who have never tried yoga before. Outdoor class moves indoors for rain or cold. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10/person, payable at the door)

Wed 12/6, 10 a.m. & Noon:

Live Holiday Wreath Luncheon

Make a wreath of evergreens and enjoy a catered soup and salad lunch. You may register to attend the 10 a.m. or the noon workshop. Both groups will eat lunch together at noon. Bring pruners if you have them. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$35/person, register by 12/1)

Fri 12/8, 7–8:30 p.m.:

Holiday Music Performance

Enjoy a delightful live performance of festive holiday music by the returning local group SUAVE, the St. Ursula Academy Vocal Ensemble. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

Wed 12/27–Sat 12/30, 1–3 p.m.:

Trailside Scavenger Hunt

Pick up your nature scavenger challenge sheet each day between 1–3 p.m. Complete the items on the list by answering questions as you walk along the trail. When you've completed the hunt, turn your list in for a nature sleuth's prize. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (Free)

**Tue 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23
& 1/30, 5:30–6:30 p.m.:**

Yoga After Work

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. Taught by a certified instructor, this mixed-level class is for all adults, including those who have never tried yoga before. Outdoor class moves indoors for rain or cold. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10/person, payable at the door)

Mon 1/15, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Kids' Day at the Park

Kids, bring your grown-up to learn all about nature in winter! We'll take a hike, have some hot chocolate and make a craft. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$7/person payable at the door)

Thu 1/18 & 1/25, 6:30–9 p.m.:

Beginner's Woodcarving Class

This two-session class is for beginning woodcarvers. Carve a small decorative shelf goose in a natural finish. Wood blank and pattern provided. You must provide your own knife or you may purchase one from the instructor at the time of the program. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$16/person, register by 1/12)

Sat 1/20 & 1/27, 9 a.m.–noon:

Beginner's Woodcarving Class

This two-session class is for beginning woodcarvers. Carve a small decorative shelf goose in a natural finish. Wood blank and pattern provided. You must provide your own knife or you may purchase one from the instructor at the time of the program. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$16/person, register by 1/12)

**Tue 2/6, 2/13, 2/20
& 2/27, 5:30–6:30 p.m.:**

Yoga After Work

Join us to reduce stress, increase awareness and learn to be comfortable both on and off the mat. Taught by a certified instructor, this mixed-level class is for all adults, including those who have never tried yoga before. Outdoor class moves indoors for rain or cold. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$10/person, payable at the door)

Mon 2/19, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Kids' Day at the Park

Kids, bring your grown-up to learn all about the sweet tradition of maple sugaring! We will see a movie, take a hike, taste some yummy maple syrup and more. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn (\$7/person, payable at the door)

Sat 2/24 & Sun 2/25, Noon–4 p.m.:

Maple Sugar Days

It's maple sugaring time! Bring your family to celebrate the awakening of the trees as they prepare for spring with the very traditional craft of making maple syrup. Enjoy this delicious weekend of tastes, crafts, demonstrations and hikes. Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve/Ellenwood Nature Barn



GLENWOOD GARDENS

Sun 12/10, Noon–1:30 p.m.:

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Join us on a 1.1-mile walk along the Garden Loop Trail. Photojournalist Malinda Hartong will share tips for getting great pictures with your smartphone or SLR camera. No photography experience is necessary! Glenwood Gardens/Gatehouse (Free)

Wed 12/13–Sat 12/23,

Wed–Sat, 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

& Sun, 1 & 4 p.m.:

Are Reindeer Really Real?

Reindeer are real animals – but can they really fly? Learn about reindeer and their closely related kin, including their local cousins, the white-tailed deer. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included with admission: \$2/person)

Wed 12/27–Sun 1/7,

Wed–Sat, 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

& Sun 1 & 4 p.m.:

Winter Plants

Even though it may be cold outside, plants are still all around us. Learn what plants stay green in the winter and which ones are used for crafts and decorations. Even most of those familiar holiday smells come from plants! Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included with admission: \$2/person)

Wed 1/10–Sun 1/21,

Wed–Sat, 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

& Sun, 1 & 4 p.m.:

Animal Adventures

If you want to learn all about our local wildlife and what they do in the winter, then come out of the cold and join us in the Garden Workshop. We may even get a visit from one of our animal ambassadors! Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included with admission: \$2/person)

Sat 1/13 & Sun 1/14, Noon–4 p.m.:

Animal Adventures (Special Edition)

Join us to learn about local wildlife. We will then have a simple craft available from noon to 4 p.m. each day and a live animal presentation at 2 p.m. Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre (Free)

Wed 1/24–Sun 2/4,
Wed–Sat, 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
& Sun, 1 & 4 p.m.:

Who's Been Here?

While we are sleeping and keeping warm inside, the garden's residents are living their lives and leaving clues in the snow and mud. Get ready to be a garden detective and see what they have been up to. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included with admission: \$2/person)

Wed 2/7–Sun 2/18,
Wed–Sat, 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
& Sun 1 & 4 p.m.:

Dinosaurs & Fossils

Winter is the perfect time to bone up on every kid's favorite family of historical animals and their fossilized friends. Join us to learn about these extinct wonders. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included with admission: \$2/person)

Fri 2/9, 5:30 p.m.:

Sunset Stroll

Looking for the perfect place to watch the sun set and learn about some fun sun facts? Meet us at the visitor center, and we'll take a short stroll to the Legacy Dome for the best view in the park. Be sure to bring your favorite cup to fill with a warm beverage before we head out! Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre (Free)

Wed 2/21–Sun 3/11,
Wed–Sat, 10:45 a.m., 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
& Sun, 1 & 4 p.m.:

Maple Sugar

This time of year maple trees produce the sap for nature's sweetest treat. We will explore the process required to turn this sap into everyone's favorite pancake topping. Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden (Program included with admission: \$2/person)

Sun 2/25, 2 p.m.:

Kids Make & Take: Hiking Stick

Children are invited to come and personalize a hiking stick to take home. Time and weather permitting, we may take a hike to try out our new sticks! All materials provided. For ages 10 and up. Glenwood Gardens/Cotswold Visitor Centre (\$10/child, register by 2/23)



MIAMI WHITEWATER FOREST

Sat 12/2, Noon–3 p.m.:

Bird Scavenger Hunt

Shape, size, color and behavior are all important clues when identifying birds. Learn some basic bird observations skills while searching for some of our most common backyard birds during this engaging indoor scavenger hunt. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Sun 12/3, 1 p.m.:

Birds of Prey

Explore the high-flying world of raptors during this live animal program. Cameras welcome! Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Fri 1/12, 11 a.m.:

All About Trees

Join us for an exciting program all about the giants of the forest. Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 2–4. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (\$7/child, payable at the door)

Sun 1/14, 1:30 p.m.:

Winter Tree ID

Winter is the best time to learn how to identify trees. Come see how you can learn to recognize our native trees by their bark and buds. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Thu 1/18, 1–3 p.m.:

Homeschool Science (West):

Tales From the Trees

Home-schooled students and parents are invited to explore interactive learning stations, lessons and a guided outdoor exploration. For ages 5–12. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (\$7/child, register by 1/16)

Sat 1/20, 2 p.m.:

Nature Fact or Fiction

Do toads really freeze solid in the winter? Is it true that beavers eat fish? Test your knowledge on local wildlife as we separate myth from truth in this interactive program. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Sun 1/21, 1–2:30 p.m.:

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Join us for a 1.7-mile walk along the rugged Badlands nature trail. Photojournalist Malinda Hartong will share tips for getting great pictures with your smartphone or SLR camera. No photography experience is necessary! Miami Whitewater Forest/Badlands Trail (Free)

Sun 1/28, 2 p.m.:

Ohio Wildlife Past & Present

Ohio's wildlife has changed dramatically over time, including recently. Join us for a presentation on animals that called Ohio home in the past and the ones that still do. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Sun 2/4, 1 p.m.:

Wildlife Tracking

The ground holds a collection of stories about animals that have passed by. Learn to decipher the language that tracks, scat and signs can tell us. Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter (Free)

Fri 2/9, 11 a.m.:

All About Animal Coverings

Join us for an exciting program all about furs, feathers and scales. Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 2–4. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (\$7/child, payable at the door)

Sat 2/10, 1 p.m.:

Oh Deer!

How much do you know about Ohio's state mammal? Join us to test your knowledge of the fascinating, white-tailed deer. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Sun 2/11, 3 p.m.:

Salamanders

Join us for a presentation on the amazing amphibians that brave the cold to continue their lifecycle. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (Free)

Thu 2/15, 1–3 p.m.:

Homeschool Science (West):

Fur, Feathers & Scales

Home-schooled students and parents are invited to explore interactive learning stations, lessons and a guided outdoor exploration. For ages 5–12. Miami Whitewater Forest/Visitor Center (\$7/child, register by 2/13)

Sat 2/17, 1–2:30 p.m.:

Walk With a Doc

Take steps for a better you and learn health tips from a local doctor along the way. You can challenge yourself on the fitness stations on the Shaker Trace Inner Loop trail. Miami Whitewater Forest/ Visitor Center (Free)

Sat 2/24, 9 a.m.:

Miami Whitewater Forest Trail Run

Give trail running a try! Meet up with other runners to start enjoying the trails at a quicker speed. Runners are responsible for their own water and gear. For ages 12 and up. Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Trail (Free, register by 2/23)

Sat 2/24, 1–3 p.m.:

Map & Compass Hike

Join Adventure Outpost staff for an off-trail hike as we learn how to translate what's on the map to what's underfoot. Maps and compasses provided. Be sure to pack water and dress appropriately. For ages 12 and up. Miami Whitewater Forest/Timberlakes Program Shelter (\$15/person, register by 2/22)



MITCHELL MEMORIAL FOREST

Sun 2/11, 2–4 p.m.:

Maple at Mitchell

Drop in to learn about the maple tree. From possible financial freedom for the colonists to sweetening tea today, this tree has been a very valuable resource for generations! You'll get to see sap being boiled and taste some real maple syrup. Mitchell Memorial Forest/Wood Duck Trail (Free)



SHARON WOODS

Fri 12/1–Sun 12/31, Sun–Thu, 6–9 p.m.
& Fri–Sat, 5:30–10 p.m.:

Holiday in Lights

Come out for a Cincinnati holiday tradition! Enjoy more than a mile of fantastic seasonal lights all from the warmth of your car. See more than 120 moving and standing holiday-themed figures depicting everything from Santa to the 12 Days of Christmas. For more information, call 513-769-0393 or visit holidayinlights.com. Sharon Woods (\$13/car, \$45/buses & 15-passenger vans)

**Fri 12/1–Sat 12/23, Sun–Thu, 6–9 p.m.
& Fri–Sat, 5:30–10 p.m.:**

Santaland

After your tour of Holiday in Lights, head inside Sharon Centre for some more holiday magic. Enjoy live family-friendly entertainment, share your wish list with Santa, check out the train display, do some holiday shopping at Nature's Niche and pick up a sweet treat. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre

Sat 12/2, 1 p.m.:

Birds of Prey, Night & Day

Meet two of our raptor ambassadors as we learn all about these amazing hunters of the sky. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 12/3, 2 p.m.:

Intro to Birding

With leafless trees and no distracting insects, the winter makes a great time for bird observation. Join us as we explore the basics of birding and spot some birds that call Ohio home. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Tue 12/5, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Nature Stories

Parents and children, join us for stories, songs and activities about the natural world. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sat 12/16, 10 a.m. & Sun 12/17, 1 p.m.:

Webelos Adventure Day

Webelos Cub Scout leaders, this is your chance to complete the "Into the Wild" adventure with your den. Join us for a hike and interactive activities, as we spend two hours accomplishing the necessary requirements. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7/scout, register by 12/12)

Sat 12/16, 11 a.m.:

In Search of Signs

Bring the family to search for signs of wildlife as they cope with the cold of winter. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Thu 12/21, 11 a.m.:

Wee Wonder About Animals at Night

Learn all about what comes out when we go to sleep. Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 3–5. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7/child, payable at the door)

Wed 12/27, 6–10 p.m.:

Walk the Lights Night

Start your New Year's resolution early with some festive exercise! Join us for a family fun night as we walk through Holiday in Lights. Strollers and leashed pets are welcome. For more information, visit holidayinlights.com. Sharon Woods (\$5/person, Free for children under 2)

Thu 12/28 & Fri 12/29, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Animal Meet & Greet

Stop by for a short meeting with a local animal and learn about how they survive the winter. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sat 12/30, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.:

Walk With a Doc

Take steps for a better you and learn health tips from a local doctor along the way. Enjoy a scenic creek, nestled in a gorge formed by glacial melt water. Sharon Woods/Gorge Trail (Free)

Sat 12/30, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.:

Winter Crafts

Drop by to take a break from the cold and make a winter-themed craft. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$1/craft, payable at the door)

Tue 1/2, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Nature Stories

Parents and children, join us for stories, songs and activities all about the natural world. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 1/14, 2 p.m.:

Winter's Wanderers

The arrival of winter means most wildlife has gone to sleep or moved away, but there are still those who wander in the cold and snow. Learn about the creatures that are tough enough to stay awake in Ohio's winter. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 1/14, 3 p.m.:

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society invites you to enjoy the sweet music of the mountain dulcimer. All ages are welcome to join in on the jamming and singing. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Mon 1/15, 1 p.m.:

Winter Woods Hike

Take a stroll through the winter forest and find out how our wild neighbors cope with the cold. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Thu 1/18, 11 a.m.:

Wee Wonder About the Ice Age

Learn all about what Cincinnati was like during our last ice age. Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. For ages 3-5. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7/child, payable at the door)

Sat 1/20, 10 a.m. & Sun 1/21, 1 p.m.:

Webelos Adventure Day

Webelos Cub Scout leaders, this is your chance to complete the "Geology Rocks" adventure with your den. Join us for a hike and interactive activities, as we spend two hours accomplishing the necessary requirements. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7/scout, register by 1/16)

Sat 1/27, 1-2:30 p.m.:

Walk With a Doc

Take steps for a better you and learn health tips from a local doctor along the way. Sharon Woods/Fitness Trail (Free)

Sat 1/27, 5:30 p.m.:

Owl Quest

In the deep depths of Sharon Woods, there are creatures that are rarely seen. Join us to go off-trail in search of owls and other nocturnal wildlife. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free, register by 1/26)

Sun 1/28, 3 p.m.:

Howl & Growl

Learn all about the wild canines – both past and present – that have called Ohio home. For ages 8 and up. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Wed 1/31, 6:30 p.m.:

Full Moon Walk

For centuries people have been sharing stories of the effects of the full moon. Join us for a walk under the stars as we separate fact from fiction. Sharon Woods/Harbor (Free)

Sat 2/3, 1 p.m.:

Wake up Groundhog!

A wild cast of animal puppets will entertain young and old alike. Be sure to stay after the show to meet one of our animal ambassadors. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Tue 2/6, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.:

Nature Stories

Parents and children, join us for stories, songs and activities about the natural world. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 2/11, 3 p.m.:

Cincinnati Dulcimer Society

The Cincinnati Dulcimer Society invites you to enjoy the sweet music of the mountain dulcimer. All ages are welcome to join in on the jamming and singing. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Thu 2/15, 11 a.m.:

Wee Wonder About Tracks & Signs

Learn all about signs left behind by animals. Children will enjoy an activity, craft and story. Part of this program will be outdoors, so please dress appropriately. For ages 3–5. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (\$7/child, payable at the door)

Sat 2/17, 6:30 p.m.:

Timberdoodle Trek

Take a sunset hike with us to catch the cool courtship displays of the American woodcock. For ages 8 and up. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)

Sun 2/18, 10–11:30 a.m.:

My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

Join us for a winter walk along one of the most scenic nature trails around. Photojournalist Malinda Hartong will share tips for getting great pictures with your smartphone or SLR camera. No photography experience is necessary! Sharon Woods/Kreis Dam Parking Lot (Free)

Sun 2/25, 1 p.m.:

Backyard Maple Sugaring

Celebrate the sweetest time of year by learning how to make maple syrup in your own backyard. From identifying a

maple tree to producing finished syrup, you will with all the knowledge you need to make this sweet treat at home. This program is outdoors, so please dress appropriately. Sharon Woods/Sharon Centre (Free)



SHAWNEE LOOKOUT

Fri 2/16, 6–7:30 p.m.:

A Cold Winter's Night Hike

Join us for a brisk hike through nature at night. Enjoy night activities along the trail as we listen for creatures braving winter's cold. Hopefully a great horned owl will make an appearance! Shawnee Lookout/Blue Jacket Trail (Free)



WINTON WOODS

Sat 12/2, 9 a.m.:

Leave No Trace: Putting it to Practice

Join a Leave No Trace instructor to explore ways to leave less of an imprint on the outdoors. We'll review principles of Leave No Trace, learn some of the skills first-hand and put them into practice on a short hike. For ages 12 and up. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$15/person, register by 11/30)

Sat 12/2, 1 p.m.:

Backcountry Cooking & Nutrition

Don't be limited to your standard "just add water" meals on your next backpacking trip. Join us to explore the many options of backpacking cuisine and cooking gear. For ages 14 and up. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$20/person, register by 11/29)

Sun 12/3, 12:30 p.m.:

Great Oaks Trail Hike

Begin December by exploring one of the trails of Winton Woods. Travel up and down hills through a mature hardwood forest where active woodpeckers and beaver evidence have been spotted. Winton Woods/Great Oaks Trail (Free)

Sun 12/3, 2:30 p.m.:

Harbor Loop Hike

Begin December by exploring Winton Woods in winter and discover new friends along the way. We will travel on the paved trail in search of signs of secretive nocturnal animals and winter birds. Winton Woods/Harbor Pavilion (Free)

Sat 12/9, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
& Sun 12/17, 1 p.m.:

Outdoor Archery

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! Our archery instructor will guide you through the basics of shooting a compound bow while explaining the archery steps to success. All equipment is provided. For ages 8 and up. Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost (\$15/person, register by 3 days in advance)

Sun 12/10 & Sun 12/17,
10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. seating times

Brunch With Santa

Start a family holiday tradition! Celebrate holiday cheer with Santa and enjoy a delicious buffet of more than 25 items. Santa will greet children and listen to wish lists. Each child will receive one complimentary photo. Advance registration is required. Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center (\$18.35/adult, \$8.75/child ages 2–12 plus tax, Free for children under 2)

Sun 12/10, Noon–4 p.m.:

Craft-a-thon

Come to an open house afternoon of crafting galore. Bring friends and family and relax and nurture your creative side. Paint, glue and glitter a gift for the holidays or that special someone. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$0.50–\$5/craft, payable at the door)

Tue 12/12 & Wed 12/13, 9:30–11 a.m.:

Growing Up a Farm Kid:

Farm Holidays

Help the animals on the farm celebrate the holidays. For children ages 2–5 accompanied by an adult. Winton Woods/Park's Farm (\$10/child + one free adult, \$5/additional adult, register by 12/10)

Sat 12/16, 1–2:30 p.m.:

Walk With a Doc

Take steps for a better you and learn health tips from a local doctor along the way. Work off some pent-up energy on the fitness equipment stations. Winton Woods/Fitness Trail (Free)

Sun 12/17, 9 a.m.:

Trail Tips Hike

Join us on a 1.1-mile moderate hike along Kingfisher nature trail as we discuss some hiking tips and enjoy the great outdoors. Winton Woods/Kingfisher Trail (Free, register by 12/15)

Tue 12/19, 11 a.m.:

**Homeschool Science (Central):
Creative Nature Writing**

Home-schooled students and parents are invited to explore interactive learning stations, take part in creative writing lessons and enjoy a hike all with a focus on nature observation and a sense of wonder. For ages 5–12. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$7/child, register by 12/14)

Sat 1/6, 9 a.m.:

Leave No Trace: Putting it to Practice

Join a Leave No Trace instructor to explore ways to leave less of an imprint on the outdoors. We'll review principles of Leave No Trace, learn some of the skills first-hand and put them into practice on a short hike. For ages 12 and up. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$15/person, register by 1/4)

Sun 1/14, 9 a.m.:

Wilderness Skills: Survival in a Bottle

Everything that you need to survive can all fit in a 32-ounce bottle. Fire, water, shelter, food and signal will all be discussed as we explore the essentials of survival on the go. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$6/person, register by 1/11)

Sun 1/14, 1 p.m.:

**Wilderness Skills:
Fire & Marshmallow Challenge**

The skill to create fire is crucial for survival by providing heat, water purification, signaling, food preparation and comfort. We'll go over different fire-starting techniques before participants take on a s'more challenge! For ages 8 and up. Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost (\$10/person, register by 1/11)

Mon 1/15, 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.:

1803 Farmstead

Hop into history at Parky's Farm. From work boots to dancing shoes, discover life as an 1800s farmer with crafts, animals and more. Program will be held inside and outside, so dress for the weather. For children in Kindergarten–6th grade. Winton Woods/Parky's Farm (\$5/child, \$3/adult, register by 1/16)

Tue 1/16 & Wed 1/17, 9:30–11 a.m.:

Growing Up a Farm Kid: Downy Duck

Ducks like to go swimming in the winter. Explore why they can, but you get too cold. For children ages 2–5 accompanied by an adult. Winton Woods/Parky's Farm (\$10/child + one free adult, \$5/additional adult, register by 1/14)

Tue 1/16, 11 a.m.:

**Homeschool Science (Central):
Rock & Fossil Fest**

Home-schooled students and parents are invited to explore interactive learning stations, take part in lessons and learn negotiating skills in the rock and fossil swapping zone. Bring items to swap. For ages 5–12. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$7/child, register by 1/9)

Sat 1/20, 9 a.m.:

Canoe & Kayak Jump Start

Are you prepared to enjoy the open waters while canoeing or kayaking? Well, prior planning does prevent poor paddling. Visit Great Parks and work with a certified American Canoe Association instructor as you plan your 2018 paddling season. For ages 14 and up. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$8/person, register by 1/17)

Sat 1/20, 6:30 p.m.:

Mystery Dinner Series:

Lost in Fool's Paradise

April is lost on her family's Island. Will she ever find her way off? Step into an evening of comedy, intrigue and suspense at a mystery dinner. This interactive experience features outrageous characters for a Saturday night that will keep you guessing! For ages 18 and up. Advance registration is required. Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center (\$35.50/person, plus tax)

Sun 1/21, 1–3 p.m.:

Writers' Afternoon

Putting pen to paper can heal and renew your spirit. Winter is a perfect time to spark inspiration and foster camaraderie with other budding writers and experienced authors. For ages 18 and up. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$7/person, register by 1/16)

Sat 1/27, 9 a.m.:

Winton Woods Trail Run

Give trail running a try! Meet up with other runners to start enjoying the trails at a quicker speed. Runners are responsible for their own water and gear. For ages 12 and up. Winton Woods/Fitness Trail (Free, register by 1/26)

Sat 1/27, 1 p.m.:

Backcountry Cooking & Nutrition

Don't be limited to your standard "just add water" meals on your next backpacking trip. Join us to explore the many options of backpacking cuisine and cooking gear. For ages 14 and up. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$20/person, register by 1/24)

Sat 2/3, 2/10 & 2/17,

9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.:

Junior Girl Scouts: Playing the Past

Jump into life in the early 1800s. Go to school, complete your farm chores, play some pioneer games and get ready to dance your shoes off in this blast from the past! Winton Woods/Park's Farm (\$5/child, \$3/adult, register by 2 days in advance)

Sat 2/3, 6:30 p.m.:

Mystery Dinner Series: Cruise Ship Conundrum

Will our cruise staff have smooth sailing or will making waves send someone overboard? Step into an evening of comedy, intrigue and suspense at a mystery dinner. This interactive experience features outrageous characters for a Saturday night that will keep you guessing! For ages 18 and up. Advance registration is required. Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center (\$35.50/person, plus tax)

Mon 2/5, 10 a.m.:

Spring Riding Lessons Registration Begins

Winton Woods Riding Center's spring session is 12 weeks of horseback riding lessons that run early March through late May. Students ride one day per week, at a set day and time for the entire session. Group, semi-private and private options are available. Winton Woods/Riding Center (\$270–360/person, registrations accepted until classes fill and/or session begins)

Sat 2/10, 1–2:30 p.m.:

Walk With a Doc

Take steps for a better you and learn health tips from a local doctor along the way. Winton Woods/Kingfisher Trail (Free)

Sun 2/11, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
& Sun 2/25, 1 p.m.:

Outdoor Archery

Aiming for a new way to enjoy the great outdoors? Try out your skills with a little target practice! Our archery instructor will guide you through the basics of shooting a compound bow while explaining the archery steps to success. All equipment is provided. For ages 8 and up. Winton Woods/Adventure Outpost (\$15/person, register by 3 days in advance)

Sun 2/11, 2 p.m.:

All Things Chocolate

Chocolate is the natural choice for many on Valentine's Day. Why do we have such a fascination with this luscious food? Come find out and share in some special treats. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$7/person, register by 2/6)

Tue 2/13 & Wed 2/14, 9:30–11 a.m.:

Growing Up a Farm Kid: Valentines

All the farm animals invite you to celebrate Valentine's Day with them. For children ages 2–5 accompanied by an adult. Winton Woods/Park's Farm (\$10/child + one free adult, \$5/additional adult, register by 2/11)

Sat 2/17, 9 a.m.:

Intro to Backpacking

Are you interested in learning more about backpacking? This indoor presentation will cover everything from basic pre-trip preparation to some on the trail tips and essentials to help make your time in the great outdoors enjoyable and safe. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$6/person, register by 2/15)

Sat 2/17, 6:30 p.m.:

Mystery Dinner Series: American Icon

The local singing competition is down to the finals. Will someone's dream come true or could it be their swan song? Step into an evening of comedy, intrigue and suspense at a mystery dinner. This interactive experience features outrageous characters for a Saturday night that will keep you guessing! For ages 18 and up. Advance registration is required. Winton Woods/Mill Race Banquet Center (\$35.50/person, plus tax)

Sun 2/18 & 2/25, 1–3 p.m.:

Winter Star Quest

Prepare for an out-of-this world experience in an inflatable planetarium. Marvel at the night sky in winter as we spot some of the brightest stars and constellations. Programs begin on the half hour. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$2/person, payable at the door)

Tue 2/20, 11 a.m.:

Homeschool Science (Central): Winter Star Quest

Home-schooled students and parents are invited to explore the stars in our inflatable planetarium and visit learning stations. For ages 5–12. Winton Woods/Winton Centre (\$7/child, register by 2/14)

Sat 2/24, 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.:

Daisy Girl Scouts: Birdbath, Red Robin & Tula Awards

What do Daisies, goats and chickens have in common? Find out while LEARning about fun farm animals, SEEing them play and DOing your part to care for them. Winton Woods/Park's Farm (\$5/child, \$3/adult, register by 2/22)

Sun 2/25, 9 a.m.:

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WOODLAND MOUND

Sat 12/2, 10–11 a.m.:

Bird Count Warm Up

Brush up on your birding skills as we head outside to do a one-hour “practice” count together. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sun 12/10, 2 p.m.:

Evergreen Centerpieces

Make a beautiful holiday centerpiece with fresh evergreens while enjoying light refreshments. Bring gloves and pruning shears if you have them. For ages 18 and up. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$25/person, register by 12/7)

Sat 12/16 & Sun 12/17, 1–3 p.m.:

Holiday Crafts

Drop by to make crafts all about the holiday season and winter! Kids can make up to two crafts to take home. For ages 5–12. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$1/craft, payable at the door)

Sat 12/23, Noon–3 p.m.:

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Join us for a cool hunt while keeping warm. Various winter treasures will be hidden inside our nature center. Find them all to win a prize! Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Thu 12/28, 11 a.m.:

Animal Tales

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join a naturalist for a nature-themed story. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Fri 12/29, 2 p.m.:

Animals Alive

Discover some of the animals that call Seasongood Nature Center home and meet a few up close! Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sun 1/7, 2 p.m.:

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Fri 1/12, 10 a.m.:

Bunny Jamboree

Join us for a nature jamboree. Through crafts and activities, we will learn all about bunnies. For ages 3–5. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$7/child, register by 1/9)

Sat 1/13, 1–2:30 p.m.:

Walk With a Doc

Take steps for a better you and learn health tips from a local doctor along the way. Enjoy woodland and prairie vistas, along with some spectacular river views. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sun 1/14, 1–3 p.m.:

Winter Crafts

Drop by to make some winter-themed crafts. Kids can make up to two crafts to take home. For ages 5–12. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$1/craft, payable at the door)

Thu 1/25, 11 a.m.:

Animal Tales

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join a naturalist for a nature-themed story. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Fri 1/26, 10 a.m.:

Owl Jamboree

Join us for a nature jamboree. Through crafts and activities, we will learn all about owls. For ages 3–5. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$7/child, register by 1/23)

Sun 1/28, 2 p.m.:

Cabin Fever Reliever Hike

Does old man winter have you trapped inside? Come out and join us for a laid back stroll along the trail to help relieve your cabin fever! Please wear your sturdy hiking shoes for this hike in case of icy conditions. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Fri 2/2, 10 a.m.:

Groundhog Jamboree

Join us for a nature jamboree. Through crafts and activities, we will learn all about groundhogs. For ages 3–5. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$7/child, register by 1/30)

Sun 2/4, 1–3 p.m.:

Indoor Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet and go in search of many winter-themed facts and animals around the nature center. Return by 3 p.m. for a prize. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sat 2/10, 9 a.m.:

Woodland Mound Trail Run

Give trail running a try! Meet up with other runners to start enjoying the trails at a quicker speed. Runners are responsible for their own water and gear. For ages 12 and up. Woodland Mound/Fitness Trail (Free, register by 2/9)

Sun 2/11, 1–3 p.m.:

Valentine's Crafts

Make some crafts to in celebration of Valentine's Day. Kids can make up to two crafts to take home. For ages 3–12. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$1/craft, payable at the door)

Fri 2/16, 10 a.m.:

Hedgehog Jamboree

Join us for a nature jamboree. Through crafts and activities, we will learn all about hedgehogs. For ages 3–5. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (\$7/child, register by 2/13)

Sun 2/18, 1–3 p.m.:

Indoor Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet and go in search of many winter-themed facts and animals around the nature center. Return by 3 p.m. for a prize. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Thu 2/22, 11 a.m.:

Animal Tales

Nature has many stories to tell. Families are invited to join a naturalist for a nature-themed story. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

Sun 2/25, 10 a.m.:

Morning Coffee With the Birds

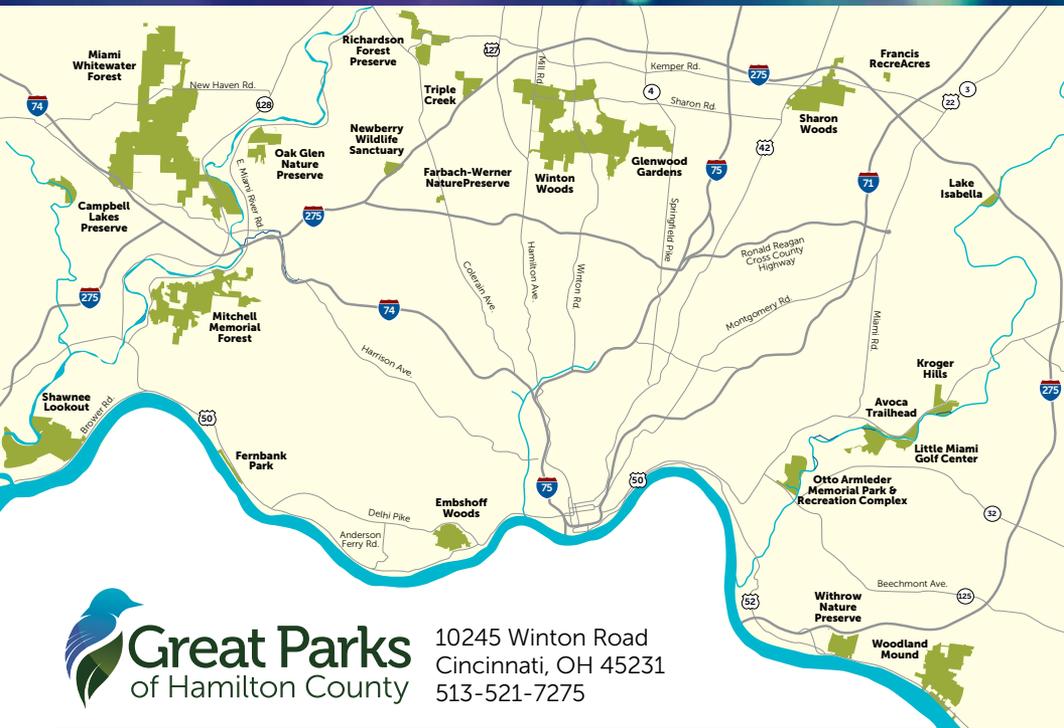
Enjoy the peace and quiet of the nature center before it opens while you sip coffee and watch the birds outside. For ages 18 and up. Woodland Mound/Seasongood Nature Center (Free)

TRAIL GUIDE

Trail	Type	Level	Miles
Embshoff Woods			
Fitness	Fitness	Moderate	1.0
Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve			
Pin Oak	Nature	Easy	0.6
Fernbank Park			
Shared-use	Shared-use	Easy	1.2
Sycamore	Nature	Easy	1.0
Francis RecreAcres			
Shared-use	Shared-use	Easy	1.0
Glenwood Gardens			
Garden Loop	Nature	Easy	1.1
Wetland Loop	Nature	Moderate	1.6
Little Miami Golf Center / Bass Island Trailhead / Avoca Trailhead			
Little Miami Scenic Trail Access	Shared-use	Easy	78.0
Miami Whitewater Forest			
Badlands	Nature	Moderate	1.7
Oakleaf	Nature	Moderate	0.8
Shaker Trace Outer Loop	Shared-use	Moderate	7.8
Shaker Trace Inner Loop	Fitness	Easy/Moderate	1.4
Shaker Trace Horse Trail	Horse	N/A	7.0
Tallgrass Prairie	Nature	Moderate	0.6
Timbertakes	Nature	Moderate	1.4
Wooded Horse Trail A	Horse	N/A	3.0
Wooded Horse Trail B	Horse	N/A	3.2
Wooded Horse Trail C	Horse	N/A	1.9
Mitchell Memorial Forest			
Mountain Bike	Mt. Bike	Difficult	8.1
Wood Duck	Nature	Moderate	1.0

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Trail	Type	Level	Miles
Otto Armleder Memorial Park & Recreation Complex			
Shared-use	Shared-use	Easy	1.9
Lunken Trail/Ohio River Trail Access	Shared-use	Easy	10.0
Sharon Woods			
Gorge Trail	Nature	Moderate	0.7
Shared-use	Shared-use	Easy	2.6
Fitness	Fitness	Moderate	1.0
Shawnee Lookout			
Blue Jacket	Nature	Moderate	1.3
Little Turtle	Nature	Moderate	2.0
Miami Fort	Nature	Moderate	1.4
Triple Creek			
Fitness	Fitness	Moderate	0.8
Winton Woods			
Great Oaks	Nature	Moderate	0.7
Harbor Trail	Shared-use	Easy	1.7
Kingfisher	Nature	Moderate	1.1
Fitness	Fitness	Moderate	1.1
West Branch	Shared-use	Easy	0.9
Winton Woods Riding Center	Horse	N/A	2.6
Woodlot Trail/Parky's Farm	Nature	Easy	0.15
Withrow Nature Preserve			
Trout Lily	Nature	Moderate	1.6
Woodland Mound			
Hedgeapple	Nature	Moderate	0.6
Shared-use	Shared-use	Easy	1.2
Fitness	Fitness	Moderate	1.0
Seasongood	Nature	Moderate	0.8



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Avoca Trailhead

8063 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, 45227

Campbell Lakes Preserve

10431 Campbell Road, Harrison, 45030

Embshoff Woods

4050 Paul Road, Delhi Twp., 45238

Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve

3455 Poole Road, Colerain Twp., 45251

Fernbank Park

50 Thornton Avenue, Cincinnati, 45233

Francis RecreAcres

11982 Conroy Road, Sharonville, 45249

Glenwood Gardens

10397 Springfield Pike, Woodlawn, 45215

Lake Isabella

10174 Loveland-Madeira Road,
Symmes Twp., 45140

Little Miami Golf Center

3811 Newtown Road, Newtown, 45244

Miami Whitewater Forest

9001 Mt. Hope Road, Crosby Twp., 45030

Mitchell Memorial Forest

5401 Zion Road, Miami Twp., 45002

Otto Armleder Memorial Park & Recreation Complex

5057 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, 45226

Sharon Woods

11450 Lebanon Road, Sharonville, 45241

Shawnee Lookout

2008 Lawrenceburg Road, Miami Twp., 45052

Triple Creek

2700 Buell Road, Colerain Twp., 45251

Winton Woods

10245 Winton Road, Springfield Twp., 45231

Withrow Nature Preserve

7075 Five Mile Road, Anderson Twp., 45230

Woodland Mound

8250 Old Kellogg Road, Anderson Twp., 45255

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