



Nature Activities

FALL
2010

Fall 2010 Public Programs

Unless otherwise noted, public programs are FREE.

OCTOBER

Grossology 101

Sat., Oct. 2, 10:00 a.m. - noon – Rapid Run Park

How do flies eat their food? Why are snails slimy? What happens when an animal dies in the woods? If you like to get your hands dirty and pick up small creepy crawlers, this program is for you! Dress for the weather and for exploring. Meet at the shelter building. Call 861-3435 for more information.

Honeybees: Dependable Pollinators

Sat. Oct. 2, noon - 5:00 p.m. – Krohn Conservatory

Enjoy the Fall display all about pollination. See an observation hive with live bees and ask a beekeeper all your questions. Beekeeping equipment and pictures will also be on display.

At 2:00 or 3:30p.m., weather permitting, you can watch from inside a screen tent a beehive presentation.

For more information call 542-2909 or 352-4080.



Wolff Planetarium Show in Burnet Woods

Come join us at Trailside Nature Center for an introduction to the constellations and some of the legends connected to them. Programs are open to adults and children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$3.00 per person. Reservations required. Seating is limited. Call 751-3679 to register.

Autumnal Skies

Sat., Oct. 2, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. *Monster in the Sky*

Native Tree ID

Sat., Oct. 9, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. – Burnet Woods

Come meet some of our older local residents as we learn the finer points of identifying our native trees.

Meet at the Trailside Nature Center. For more information, call 751-3679.

Mushroom Trek

Sat., Oct. 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. – California Woods Preserve

Some fungi can cure you, some fungi can kill you, and some of them nourish your body. Learn about this often overlooked biological kingdom while assisting with the biological survey of fungi in California Woods. **This partially off-trail, sometimes rigorous walk is geared towards adults.** Meet at the center. Call 231-8678 for more information.



Wolff Planetarium Show in Burnet Woods

Fri., Oct. 15, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. *Monster in the Sky*

See Oct. 2 for details.

Art in the Park

Sat., Oct. 16, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. – Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park

Filled with public art from around the world, TMBIFP is a gem of a park along the banks of the Ohio River. Join us on this guided walk as we discover the fascinating stories behind these beautiful creations. Meet at the flag court next to the parking lot. For more information, call 751-3679.



Magic Forest Halloween Hikes

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 22 - 23 – Caldwell Nature Preserve

Walk through a pumpkin-lit trail meeting costumed characters from nature and history. This is a nonscary holiday walk best suited to children ages 3-10 years. Hikes start at 7:00 p.m., and leave every 15 minutes until 8:30 p.m. Each hike lasts about 1 hour.

Reservations are required; register online at <https://parks.cincyregister.com/halloweenhikes>

Fee: \$5.00 per person. Call 321-6208 for information.



NOVEMBER

The Creatures of Harry Potter

Fri., Nov. 5, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. – Ault Park

Attention Harry Potter fans, come discover some of the creatures from the Harry Potter series. We may not see hippogriffs or dragons but explore real life creatures as featured in the book series. Program is entirely outdoors. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Reservations requested. Meet at the pavilion. Call 761-4313 for information.



Cincinnati's Wild Dogs

Sat., Nov. 6, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. – Otto Armleder Memorial Park

Stop by with your own dog to discover the other members of the dog family that make Cincinnati their home. From our native foxes, to the newly arrived coyote, this program has it all. Drop in at the shelter. For information, call 761-4313.

Wolff Planetarium Show in Burnet Woods

Sat., Nov. 6, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Harry Potter**

See Oct. 2 for details.

Birds of Buttercup Valley

Sun., Nov. 7, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. – Buttercup Valley Preserve

Join us in the beautiful woods of Northside to see who is still flying around as the season slows in anticipation of winter. Many interesting birds remain in Cincinnati through the Fall and Winter while migrants are still passing through. Meet at the Stanford Dr. dead-end. Call 231-8678 for information.



Magnificent Mt. Storm

Sat., Nov. 13, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. – Mt. Storm Park

Located in Clifton, this endearing park has a long history. We'll travel through the main portion of the park and down its only trail. Meet at the parking lot. Call 861-3435 for more information.

Wolff Planetarium Show in Burnet Woods

Fri., Nov. 19, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Harry Potter**

See Oct. 2 for details.



Vermicomposting at Home

Sat., Nov. 20, 10:00 a.m. - noon – LaBoiteaux Woods

An indoor worm bin can be a fascinating way to recycle your kitchen waste into rich compost for your favorite plants. Thanks to the Solid Waste Management District, Hamilton County residents can start vermicomposting for a fraction of the usual cost. You get everything you need, including instruction, the bin with worms and a helpful book for a \$20 fee. Prepaid registration required. Email Pat.agnew@cincinnati-oh.gov

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Adult participation in activities is requested. All programs require advance registration and have a minimum attendance requirement. Fee: \$5.00 per participant per program (this may include siblings and adults.)

Weather 101, Ages 5 to 9

Wed., Sept. 22, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Caldwell Preserve

A lively series of demonstrations introduces students to how air, water and heat produce Earth's weather. Air pressure, convection currents, weather maps and much more will be investigated. Pack a lunch. Register by Sept 17. Call 761-4313 for information and registration.

Life of An Ohio Native American Child, Ages 5 to 10

Fri., Oct. 8, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Avon Woods

This interactive program focuses on the everyday life of an Ohio Native American child in the late 1700's, including food, clothing and shelter. Students will try some daily life skills, pictographs, games, and dances. The hike stresses Native Americans' historic uses of forest resources. Pack a lunch. Register by Oct. 4. Call 861-3435 for information and registration.

A Pioneer Experience, Ages 8 to 12

Tues., Nov. 9, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – California Woods

Experience daily life and make decisions as pioneers in the Ohio Valley just after the Louisiana Purchase. On an interactive hike, children meet characters of the time period. Pack a lunch. Register by Nov. 4. Call 231-8678 for information and registration.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Annual Holiday Craft Workshop

Fri., Dec. 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. – LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Preserve OR

Sat., Dec. 4, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. – LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Preserve

Bring the family to enjoy crafts with natural materials or a nature theme. Choose what you want to make from selections suited to all ages. Staff will instruct and advise, but the personal touches are up to you. Go home with several completed projects to brighten your home for the holidays. Fee: \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Paid reservations are required for this popular event. Call 542-2909 for more information.

Winter in the Woodlands

Sat., Dec. 11, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. OR 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. – California Woods

Families and adults can follow a luminaria-lit trail on a leisurely self guided walk, make crafts and enjoy lively music by a crackling fire. **Paid reservations required by Dec. 10.** Fee: \$5 per person. Call 231-8678 for reservations and information.

