March, April, May 2025

**Nature Center**

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**March**

**Saturday. March 1**

Reptiles and Amphibians at Frogman Fest

* 9:30 am – 6:00 pm
* Join us at the Naturalist’s demonstration table in the Loveland Frogman Fest to learn about reptiles and amphibians in our area.
* Go to frogmanfestival.org for more information.

**Sunday. March 2**

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**Friday, March 7**

Signs of Spring Near the Day Lodge

* 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
* Join Park Naturalist Erin Shaw for a 5-mile hike. This part of the trail includes hills, a stream crossing, steps, and scenic views.
* Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Trails can be muddy.
* Meet at the Day Lodge.

Spring Peepers

* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
* Call the Corps of Engineers for confirmation. 513-897-1050
* Partnership program

**March 8**

Springing into the Campground

* 11:00 am – 11:45 am
* Join the Naturalist we as discover signs of spring in the campground.
* Learn about trees, plants and wildlife in the park.
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Salamanders and Woodcock Walk in the Wetland

* 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
* Meet the Naturalist in the Wildlife Parking Lot for a brief presentation on spotted salamanders and woodcocks.
* Join us for a flashlight walk as we search for signs of migrating wildlife in the wetlands.
* You do not need to stay the whole time; however, the salamanders generally start to move after sunset.
* Wear layers, waterproof muck boots and bring a flashlight. Bring an extra pair of dry socks for your ride home.
* Dress for the weather. It may be chilly and damp.
* Meet in the Wildlife Area near the Day Lodge.

**Thursday March 13**

Invasive Plants in Native Habitats, Walk and Talk

* 10:00 am – 11:30 am
* Learn how invasive plants disrupt native habitats.
* Learn why native habitats are important to wildlife.
* Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and dress for the weather.
* Meet at Pioneer Village.

**Friday March 14**

*Warren County’s Best Awards 8am - noon*

**Saturday, March 15**

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Fly Your Kite with the Birds at the Beach

* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
* Join the Naturalist to learn about flight in wind, weather, and feathers. Take a closer look at how birds fly as they migrate in spring.
* Bring your kite as we compare shapes to bird wings that create lift needed for flight.
* People of all ages and abilities are welcome.
* Meet at the public beach shelter house.

**Thursday, March 20**

What is the Spring Equinox – Sunset Walk and Talk

* 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
* Learn about the spring equinox and why it’s an important time of year. Join us for a 20-minute talk followed by a 3-mile guided hike as we watch the sunset.
* Wear sturdy shoes, bring a flashlight and dress for the weather.
* Meet at the Nature Center.

Blacklight Night Walk

* 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
* Meet the naturalist and take a unique night hike to see the world in a different light as animals may see it.
* Bring your blacklight flashlight or borrow one of ours (supplies are limited).
* Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Walking distance is less than half a mile.
* Meet at the Nature Center.

**Friday March 21**

Archery

* 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
* Join us for archery with the Naturalist.
* Equipment and instruction provided. Free.
	+ Meet at the Nature Center before 1:00pm to participate.

**Saturday, March 22**

Birding Walk in the Campground

* 11:00 am – 11:45 am
* Join the Naturalist for a one-mile guided walk. Learn about birds you may see in the campground.
* Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
	+ Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Birdbox Building Workshop

* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
* Join us for a free 30 minute program about bird box building. Learn why and how to build bird boxes for your yard.
* Pre-register to stay afterwards and build your own birdbox with the NCACC from a pre-cut kit to ‘make and take’ after the presentation. Kits are ready to assemble. All materials needed will be available as a pre-sale or supplied during the workshop for a donation of $35 (limited kits available). All required tools will be provided during the workshop. All proceeds go to the NCACC Friends Organization, and all profits are used to help care for the Nature Center Wildlife and to help support other park programs.
* 2 different kits are available (Bluebird & Wren). Pre-register here; [Bird Box Workshop 2025 Tickets, Sat, Mar 22, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bird-box-workshop-2025-tickets-1205981817079?aff=oddtdtcreator)
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

**Thursday, March 27**

Invasive Plants in Native Habitats, Walk and Talk

* 10:00 am – 11:30 am
* Learn how invasive plants disrupt native habitats.
* Learn why native habitats are important to wildlife.
* Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and dress for the weather.
* Meet at Pioneer Village.

Archery

* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
* Join us for archery with the Naturalist.
* Equipment and instruction provided. Free.
	+ Must be onsite at the Nature Center before 1:00 pm to participate.

**Friday, March 28**

Signs of Spring Near the Day Lodge

* 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
* Join Park Naturalist Erin Shaw for a 5-mile hike. This part of the trail includes hills, a stream crossing, steps, and scenic views.
* Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Trails can be muddy.
* Meet at the Day Lodge.

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* Wear layers, waterproof muck boots and bring a flashlight. Bring an extra pair of dry socks for your ride home.
* Dress for the weather. It may be chilly and damp.
* Meet in the Wildlife Area near the Day Lodge.

**Saturday, March 29**

Sunshine Appreciation Hike in the Campground

* 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
* Spending time in the sunshine is important for health and wellbeing.  Join us as we are reminded why this is as we enjoy the sun safety outdoors.
* Join Park Naturalist Erin Shaw for a guided moderate 3-mile hike. This is a general naturalist hike, all ages welcome.
* Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and dress for the weather.
* Trails can be muddy.
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Night Hike in the Campground

* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
* Meet the Naturalist to learn why the night is important to wildlife.
* Bring a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Distance will be based on participants ranging from half mile to two miles.
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

**April**

**Thursday, April 3**

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* 10:00 am – 11:30 am
* Learn how invasive plants disrupt native habitats.
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* Meet at Pioneer Village.

Bushcrafting for Kids

* 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
* Meet at Pioneer Village

**Saturday, April 5**

How to identify Trees and Plants in the Campground

* 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
* Learn different ways to identify trees and plants in the park. Join us for a presentation followed by a hands-on demonstration.
* Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Stargazing at John Bryan

* 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
* Join the Naturalist at John Bryan to learn why the night is important for wildlife.
* Join MVAS for stargazing – Will post more info here

**Thursday, April 10**

Spring Fishing Gear Prep Workshop

* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
* Join the naturalist as we discuss and demonstrate ways to prepare fishing gear for spring.
* Meet at the Youth Pond.

**Friday, April 11**

Spring Perimeter Hike

* 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
* Our goal is to hike 75 miles to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Ohio State Parks.
* Take a 13-mile guided hike with the Park Naturalist around the Perimeter Trail.
* This hike is considered difficult. There are steep hills, steps and stream crossings.
* Hiking shoes are required. Dress in layers.  Bring water and snacks.
* Trails can be muddy.
* Meet in the first parking lot in the 50 Springs Group Camp Area.

**Friday, April 18**

 Signs of Spring Near the Day Lodge

* 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
* Join Park Naturalist Erin Shaw for a challenging 3-mile hike. This part of the trail includes hills, a stream crossing, steps and scenic views.
* Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Trails can be muddy.
* Meet at the Day Lodge.

Night Sky Tour

* 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
* Join the park naturalist to take a closer look at constellations and the night sky.
* Bring your binoculars or borrow one of ours.
* Dress for the weather.
* Weather dependent.
* Check our facebook page the day of the event for confirmation – Caesar Creek State Park facebook page.
* Meet near the campground boat ramp.

**Saturday, April 19**

Earth Day Special Event

* Learn about Caesar Creek Lake, the land and the sky.
* See separate flyer for details.
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

 **Thursday, April 24**

 Fishing For Kids

* 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
* Join us for a family friendly fishing program designed for kids.
* People of all ages and abilities are welcome.
* Learn how to attach a bobber and catch a fish.
* Practice casting in the grass.
* We will not be using hooks or fishing in the water.
* Meet at the Youth Pond

**Friday, April 25**

Spring Fishing Gear Prep Workshop

* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
* Join the naturalist as we discuss and demonstrate ways to prepare fishing gear for spring.
* Meet at the Youth Pond.

**Saturday, April 26**

Youth Fishing Event

* 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
* Hey kids! Go Fish! Bring your parents for a special youth fishing event.
* Poles and fishing gear available to borrow.
* The Youth Pond is a special place for kids ages 15 and younger.
* Children must be accompanied by an adult.
* Meet at the Youth Pond near the Marina.

**May**

**Thursday, May 1**

Wildflower Walk for Kids Near the Marina

* 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
* Hey kids! Bring your parents to learn about the wildflowers you may see in the park.
* Join us for a guided, slow-paced walk to see what’s blooming.
* Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Meet in the Marina parking lot.

**Saturday, May 3**

Marathon Hike

* 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
* Walk a marathon with us as we go around the perimeter trail twice.
* Join us for our annual 26-mile guided hike, or carpool parking with a friend to go fewer miles.
* This is a challenging hike. Participants must be prepared.
* Wear sturdy shoes, bring food, water and a flashlight. Dress for the weather.
* Meet at Pioneer Village.

**Thursday, May 8**

Fly Your Kite with Birds at the Beach

* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
* Join the Naturalist to learn about flight in wind, weather and feathers. Take a closer look at how birds fly as they migrate in spring.
* Bring your kite as we compare shapes to bird wings that create lift needed for flight.
* People of all ages and abilities are welcome.
* Meet at the public beach shelter house.

**Saturday, May 10**

Mother’s Day Wildflower Walk in the Campground

* 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
* Meet the naturalist for a one-mile guided hike to learn about spring wildflowers.
* Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

How to identify Trees and Plants in the Campground

* 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm
* Learn different ways to identify trees and plants in the park. Join us for a presentation followed by a hands-on demonstration.
* Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Meet at the campground amphitheater.

**Friday, May 16**

Night Hike in the Campground

* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
* Join the park naturalist for a one-mile guided night hike in the campground.
* Bring a flashlight. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Meet at the campground shelter house, located near the boat ramp.

**Friday, May 23- Memorial Day Weekend Celebration**

Night Sky Tour

* 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
* Join the park naturalist to take a closer look at constellations and the night sky.
* Bring your binoculars or borrow one of ours.
* Dress for the weather.
* Weather dependent.
* Check our facebook page the day of the event for confirmation – Caesar Creek State Park facebook page.
* Meet near the campground boat ramp.

**Saturday, May 24- Memorial Day Weekend Celebration**

Trees in the Campground

* 10:00 am-10:45 am
* Trees are important for many reasons. Join us for a discussion followed by a one-mile, slow-paced walk as we take a closer look at trees along the way.
* Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather.
* Meet at the campground shelter house.

Kayak / Canoe Wildlife Excursion in the Campground

* 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
* Learn the basics of canoeing and kayaking.
* Meet at the Yak Shack near the Campground Boat Ramp.
* Wear water shoes (not flip-flops) and clothes that can get wet. Length of excursions will vary. Equipment and instruction will be provided. Equipment is limited. First come, first serve. Weather dependent. Free.

Stand-Up Paddle Board in the Campground

* 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
* Learn the basics of stand-up paddle boarding.
* Meet at the SUP Hut near the Campground Boat Ramp.