



2011 AUTUMN ACTIVITY GUIDE

Join Greene County Parks and Trails on Nov. 12 for its “Life On The Underground Railroad” re-enactment to raise funds for the Indian Mound Cabin restoration project.



Register TODAY for programs as space is limited.

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Hours: Vary; please call ahead



OUR WEBSITE

www.co.greene.oh.us/parks

FACEBOOK

Greene County Parks

New Name, New Logo, New Location!

With a new identity and new office headquarters, Greene County Parks and Trails is ready to meet the needs of the community it serves.

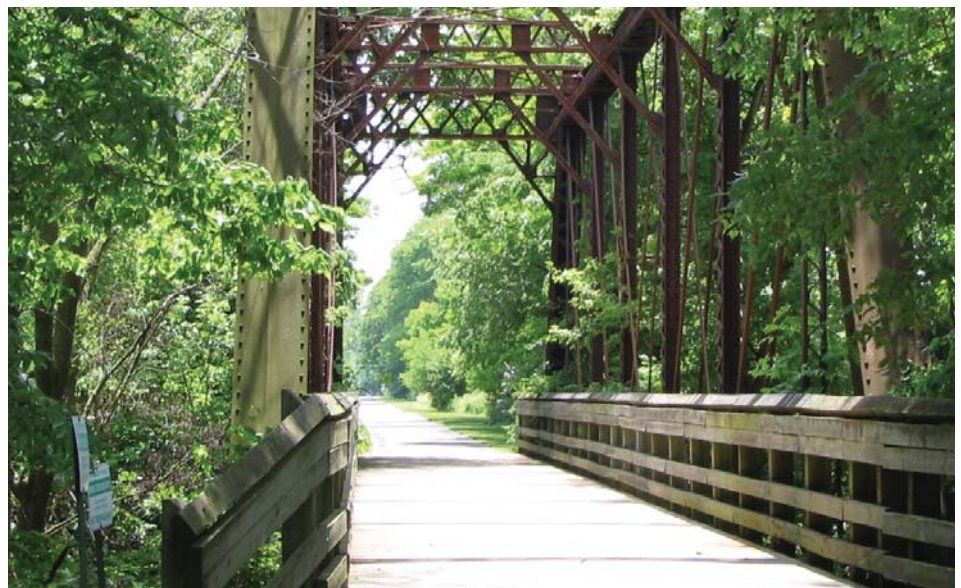
"Our new name reflects our renewed dedication to preserving our 2,600 acres of parkland and 62 miles of paved multi-use trails within Greene County," says Greene County Parks and Trails Director Chrisbell Bednar.

The office headquarters has recently relocated to 575 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia, for increased visibility and accessibility to guests, she adds.

"Our new headquarters will feature vintage Greene County Parks and Trails signage, an aquarium with native fish from the Little Miami River, barnwood from the Caesars' Ford Reserve and more to honor our past while we prepare for the future," Bednar says.



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SHOWN ON THE COVER: The Indian Mound Cabin on US 42 N, Cedarville, was originally built in South Charleston during the 1800s as part of a wedding dowry for a young woman. Restoration fund-raising efforts include the Life on the Underground Railroad re-enactment program on November 12 at Indian Mound Reserve.



GENERAL INFORMATION



GIFT CERTIFICATES

A great gift idea for the coming holidays. Gift certificates are available in any amount for most activities and programs at the agency headquarters located at 575 Ledbetter Rd., in Xenia.

REGISTER EARLY

Activities with fees will be cancelled for insufficient registration seven (7) days prior to the start date, unless otherwise noted. So please, consider registering as early as possible for programs.

ACCESS TO ALL

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

AUTUMN NATURE CENTER HOURS

Hours are Sunday to Saturday, September 1 to November 27, 8 am to 4:30 pm. Beginning November 28, the Nature Center will be closed Sundays. Be sure to call before you visit as the naturalists may be away from the building for a program or hike. The Nature Center will be closed September 5, November 11, 24 and 25, and December 25 for holidays.

VISIT US AT LOCAL FALL FESTIVALS

Our mobile nature unit, naturalists, administrative staff and volunteers will be on hand during the Xenia Community Days, Jamestown Bean Festival, Spring Valley Potato Festival and Yellow Springs Street Fair. Be sure to stop by the display, see live animals and say hello!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Family Leisure Assistance Trust (FLAT) Fund was established in 1981 through donations to assist youth to participate in leisure activities who are financially unable to do so otherwise. These programs encourage growth of self-esteem, interpersonal skills, confidence and teamwork, as well as good physical health and coordination. For more information and to find out if you qualify, please call 937-562-6440 and ask about the FLAT Fund.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals to volunteer for the following events:

- Settlers Celebration
- Owl-O-Ween
- Howl-O-Ween Dog Pawty
- Santa's Holiday in the Park

We are also always looking for volunteers to assist with programs, work on special projects in the parks, office assistance, etc. For more information on volunteering, call Cris Barnett at 937-562-6474 or email her at cbarnett@co.greene.oh.us.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Come join our team of Naturalists and Park Maintenance. Applications for the summer of 2012 will be accepted after the first of the new year. Various positions will be available including camp leaders and maintenance personnel. These positions are perfect for college students at home for the summer, teachers on break or retirees. Applications can be obtained from:

- Greene County Parks and Trails
575 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia
- Greene County Office of Personnel
105 E. Market St., Xenia
- Online at www.co.greene.oh.us/parks

coming up...

ANNUAL MAPLE SUGAR PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

This annual event has drawn people from all over the Miami Valley region. Start your day off right with a hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage and your choice of coffee, milk or juice, then take a hike through the sugar camp.

SUGAR CAMP TOURS

Mid-February - Mid-March

Narrows Reserve

Schedule a private tour of the Sugar Grove to learn the magic of how sap is turned into sweet syrup. Samples of homemade syrup will reward you at the end of your 90-minute tour. *School Note: Proficiency requirements are met during this tour.*

BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP

This course will cover everything from raising bees and setting up hives to equipment, products of the hive and more. Featuring hands-on experience with the on-site apiary. Instructed by Bill Starrett. For ages 14 years and older.

Section #130525

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 8, 15 and 22 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

\$40 (R), \$50 (NR) per person

SECOND YEAR BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP

This class is for those who already have hives or have taken our beginning workshop. We will answer some of the questions and concerns you have experienced, provide additional information for better hives and cover harvesting the honey.

Section #130526

Thursdays, March 29, April 5 and 12 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

\$40 (R), \$50 (NR) per person

Register TODAY!

Don't wait;---space is limited and programs do fill up quickly.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Settlers Celebration

September 24

Saturday (Only) 11 am - 6 pm

NEW: Storytelling Celebration
from 6 to 9 p.m.

Indian Mound Reserve, 2750 St. Rt. 42 E.,
Cedarville, Ohio

Celebrate our earliest settlers and their heritage during this historical and cultural festival filled with discovery, fun and adventure for the whole family! From Native Americans and early Ohio Settlers to African Americans during the Underground Railroad era, there's something for everyone at this family-friendly event!

- Lots of hands-on activities for all ages including candle-making, woodworking
- Period games, crafts & activities for kids
- Local storytellers & historians
- Medicine show & staged entertainment
- Native American Music
- Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Period artisans including broom makers, tinsmiths, flint knappers, weavers & more
- Vendors
- Hikes to the Adena Mound; exploration of a Hopewell enclosure

FREE ADMISSION • \$5 PARKING DONATION

NEW this Year!

Join us for our first ever celebration of storytelling! Hike with us to the Adena Mound beginning at 6 p.m. for tales ranging from Native American to Pioneer. At 8 p.m., we'll head back to a campfire near the Indian Mound Cabin as storytellers will weave their magic with a special emphasis on 'ghost stories!' Come join us for this one-of-a-kind evening of entertainment!

Howl-O-Ween Dog Pawty

Sat., Oct. 29, 10 am - 2 pm, Pierce Park (Scout Dog Park)

- Dog Costume Contests (scariest, most creative & general)
- Doggie "Tricks for Treats" (talent contest)
- Best Radio Voice (barking contest) - Winner will host a show on WYSO Radio
- Hot Dog Bobbing Contest
- Pet-related exhibitors
- Concessions



FREE ADMISSION!

\$1 DONATION PER DOG

Proceeds benefit the
Scout Dog Park, Xenia, &
WYSO 91.3 FM

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Public Radio for the Miami Valley

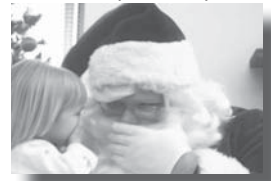
Santa's Holiday In The Park

December 2,3,9,10,16,17

Friday & Saturday nights, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

James Ranch Park, 177 Fairground Rd., Xenia, Ohio

Bring the whole family for this festive annual event that captures and celebrates the magic of the season!



- Visit with Santa
- Holiday displays & thousands of lights
- Wagon rides
- Live reindeer on selected days
- Concessions available for purchase
- Souvenir photos for a nominal fee
- Bring your camera/video device

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

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Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities

BIG BACKYARD

Parents will explore nature with their preschooler. Enjoy the autumn colors, listen to the birds and explore for critters. Each month, we'll investigate a new part of nature. The group will be taking a hike each month. *For ages 3-6.* 10 am (A) and 6:30 pm (B).

Section #310314A #310314B

Wednesday, September 14

Butterflies and Flutterbys

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child

TOADS 'N TADPOLES NIGHT OUT

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Section #320312A #320312B

Friday, September 16 7pm - 9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

\$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per child

PRESCHOOL NATURE PLAY

Preschoolers are invited every Monday for a play date in nature. Hikes, songs, exploring and crafts offered. Sessions are six weeks in length. Curriculum is based on preschool state requirements.

Section # 310304A

September 12 - October 17

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

\$60 (R), \$70 (NR) per child

NEW telephone number for Greene County Parks and Trails---562-6440. Write it down so it's always easy to find for your entire family!

Family Activities

MONARCH BUTTERFLY INTRO AND TAGGING

Monarchs are one of the few butterflies that actually migrate. They have spent part of the summer living off milkweed preparing for their flight to Mexico. To help monitor the population of monarchs, small tags are placed on the butterflies' wing. Learn about the life cycle of Monarchs, how to tag butterflies and how to monitor their travels south. Then, join the naturalist to collect and tag monarchs. Some butterfly nets are available for loan during the program, but participants are welcome to bring nets. Long pants are recommended to help with the tagging. Free.

Saturday, September 17 2 pm

Creekside Reserve, meet at the Girl Scout Park, 800 Factory Rd., Beavercreek

LEAF COLLECTIONS HIKES

Join this naturalist led hike to learn more about the autumn colors and for help identifying trees and leaves. Students can collect leaves for school projects. Free.

Sunday, September 18 2 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

HEBBLE CREEK HIKE

This naturalist lead hike will explore the changes autumn is bringing to this unique habitat. Long pants and binoculars are recommended. Free.

Thursday, September 15 9 am

Spangler Rd., Fairborn



SETTLERS CELEBRATION... WITH NEW EVENING OF STORY TELLING

Step back in time with hands-on activities at this family friendly festival. Native Americans, early settlers and even the Underground Railroad can be explored with games, crafts, artisans and food vendor. Hands-on activities including candle dipping, toys, woodworking and more. Historical hikes to both the Adena Mound and the Hopewell Pollock Works will be available, along with wagon rides. Be sure to enjoy the storytelling and music at the main stage along with tales from the Medicine Man. A special story telling celebration will be from 6 pm - 9 pm with a hike to the Adena Mound and a return hike back to the campfire for scary ghost stories.

Saturday, September 24, 11 am - 6 pm, with storytelling from 6 pm - 9 pm.

Indian Mound Reserve, 2750 St. Rt. 42 E., Cedarville

FREE Admission, \$5 parking donation

Adult Activities

SHUTTERBUGS

Have a digital camera and want to learn more about it? John Sheehan, local photography instructor, can help! Each month the class will be out in the field taking pictures and learning different photography techniques. Please bring your camera to class. Students will be asked to share their photos with Greene County Parks and Trails for use in promotional pieces.

Section # 330303A

Saturday, September 17 10 am - Noon
Butterflies and Prairie Flowers

Creekside Reserve, meet at the Girl Scout Memorial Park, 800 Factory Road, Beavercreek. \$10 (R), \$15 (NR), per class

VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING

These training sessions are open to all current volunteers. Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists may utilize any of these trainings as advanced training requirements. Join Greene County Parks and Trails as they share the magic of our natural resources with visitors of all ages. Your skills and talent are needed in all of our parks. Each session will be held both indoors and outdoors. Please call ahead to let us know you will be attending. Free.

Section # 330300A

Monday, September 19 9 am - noon
Park Tour

Meet at the Narrows Reserve, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek.

(Pre-registration is required as van space is limited.)

INDIAN MOUND RESERVE LOG CABIN FUNDRAISING



Greene County Parks is in the process of raising funds to preserve the 1800's log cabin at Indian Mound Reserve located at 2750 State Route 42 N in Cedarville.

The goal is to have the log cabin remain on-site. To achieve this goal will require many repairs to the structure.

Nearly one-half of the funds have already been raised.

The first phase of repairs will be to replace the roof. Then as funds are secured, other repairs will be made.

Needed repairs include:

- Replace the roof
- Replace the sill boards
- Repair windows
- Repair doors
- Repair floors

If you are interested in assisting with this fundraiser, please contact Cris Barnett at 937-562-6440 or email her at cbarnett@co.greene.oh.us.



Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities

BIG BACKYARD

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10 am (A) and 6:30 pm (B). *For ages 3-6.*

Section #310315A #310315B

Wednesday, October 12

Autumn Colors

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child

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Section #320313A #320313B

Friday, October 14 7 pm - 9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

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PRESCHOOL NATURE PLAY

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Section #310304B

October 24 to November 28

9:30 am - 11:30 am

\$60 (R), \$70 (NR) per child

Remember:

Our new headquarters is located at 575 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia, to better serve you! Our new main telephone number is 937.562.6440.

Family Activities

AUTUMN GORGE HIKE

Enjoy the transformation that Massies Creek gorge takes as the autumn gold and crimson begins to glow. This leisurely hike will take us to the Adena mound and back to the Cedar Cliff waterfall. Free.

Sunday, October 9 2 pm

Indian Mound Reserve, Cedar Cliff Falls parking lot, US Rt. 42 N, Cedarville.

INTRO TO GPS AND GEOCACHING

Do you have a GPS unit and want to learn more about what it does? Be sure to bring along your GPS unit so you can work with it during class. Naturalists will also introduce you to this modern day treasure hunt called geocaching. Geocaching is an international family fun event that everyone can do. Free.

Sunday, October 16 1 p.m.

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

AUTUMN GEOCACHE CHALLENGE

If you are geocache enthusiasts or completed our Intro to Geocaching, you will enjoy this afternoon adventure. Multiple caches will be set up in the park with the final cache full of goodies. Bring a GPS unit. Free.

Sunday, October 16 3 pm

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

HEBBLE CREEK HIKE

This naturalist lead hike will explore Hebble Creek looking for waterfowl and other migrating birds. Long pants and binoculars are recommended. Free.

Thursday, October 20 6 pm

*Hebble Creek Reserve
Spangler Road, Fairborn*

Owl-O-Ween



Join us for an "owling" good time with no spooks or ghouls, just some old fashioned Halloween fun. A hay ride, camp fire, pumpkin carving and tasty treats will all be part of a spellbinding evening for the entire family!

Section # 350341

A: Friday, October 21 7 pm

B: Saturday, October 22 7 pm

NEW Location: Karohl Park, 2940 Hohl Dr., Beaver Creek

\$12 per family of 4, \$4 each add'l person (R), \$17 per family of 4, \$5 each add'l person (NR)

SPIDERARAMA

Have a fear of spiders? Think spiders are just fascinating? This program is for everyone. Join the naturalist led talk and hike to learn more about the natural history of spiders, how they are helpful to our everyday lives and what types of spiders are most common to our area. Join this night hike to explore the fascinating world of spiders. (Did you know their eyes glow in the dark?) Free.

Saturday, October 29 8 pm

Sara Arnovitz Preserve, 350 Kinsey Road, Xenia.

HOWL-O-WEEN DOG PAWTY

See Special Events page for more details.

■ Saturday, October 29 10 am - 2 pm

Adult Activities

SPORTSMAN'S SEMINAR SERIES

Ron Klauger will share the latest information on gun safety. Free.

Tuesday, October 4 7 pm

Reloading/Handloading

Greene County Highway Dept.

615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia

SHUTTERBUGS

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Section # 330303B

Saturday, October 8 10 am - Noon

Autumn Hues

Indian Mound Reserve, log cabin parking lot, 2750 Rt. 42 E., Cedarville.

\$10 (R), \$15 (NR)



ADULT FISHING DERBY

This derby is for anglers 14 years and older. Prizes will be awarded for largest catfish and bass caught, number of bluegill caught over 4 inches and the most creative bait used that actually catches fish (must be legal bait.) Derby participants do not need a Spring Lakes fishing permit during the derby. Advance registration is requested, but not required. FREE to the public.

Section # 330601A

Saturday, October 15 9 am - noon

Spring Lakes Park, 2191 Ferry Rd.,

Bellbrook

VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING

This training session is open to current volunteers. Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists may utilize this training as an advanced training requirement. We will be visiting Travertine Fen (boots or old shoes recommended) and then take a late season tour of Woodman Fen. You are welcome to join us for either or both tour(s). We will be stopping for lunch between locations.

Monday, October 17 9 am - noon

Meet at Walton Park, Elm and W. Main Street, Spring Valley (Travertine Fen)

Monday, October 17 2 pm - 4 pm

Meet at Narrows Reserve Nature Center, 2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek (Woodman Fen)

GREENE COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS SENTINELS HOST "NIGHT" RIDES

Pedal along in the moonlight on various bike trails in Greene County with the all-volunteer trail sentinels. All riders must be 18 years and older, wear a helmet and have lights on their bikes. Rides will be cancelled in the event of a thunderstorm. All rides begin promptly at 7 p.m. For more information about becoming a trail sentinel or any of their programs, call Greene County Parks and Trails at 937.562.6440 or email Ranger Sgt. Bill Nickell at bnickell@co.greene.oh.us. Free.

Sept. 24	Xenia Station to Cedarville	15 miles*
Oct. 8	Hometown Mkt. Place (Jamestown) to Rosemoor Rd.	10 miles*
Oct. 22	Old Town Reserve to Young's Jersey Dairy	18 miles*

**Approximate round trip mileage*



*Preschool, Youth &
Teen Activities*

SCOUT SATURDAY(S)

Scouts can complete a few of their badges or achievements with the help of our naturalist staff. Held rain or shine, an adult is required to stay with their troop or individual scout that registers. Badges/achievements that can be completed are listed below. Additional badges/achievements can be completed as a troop program.

Boy Scouts Saturday, November 5

Section #320325, 9 am - 11 am

A. Wolf: Birds

B. Webelos: Naturalist

C. Bear: Sharing Your World with Wildlife

Section #320326 1 pm - 3 pm

A. Wolf: Tie it Right

B. Webelos: Forester

C. Bear: Water and Soil Conservation

Girl Scouts Saturday, November 19

Section #320320 9 am - 11 am

A. Brownies: Earth and Sky

B. Jr. Girls: Earth Connections

Section #320321 1 pm - 3 pm

A. Brownies: Eco-Explorer

B. Jr. Girls: Wildlife

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek
\$5 (R), \$7 (NR) per scout, per program

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10 am (A) and 6:30 pm (B) *For ages 3-6 only.*

Section #310316A

Section #310316B

Wednesday, November 9

Whose Nuts?

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

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Section #320314A

#320314B

Friday, November 18 7 - 9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

\$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per child

Family Activities

FAMILY FOSSIL HUNT

Have an afternoon of family fun while hunting for fossils in the ravine. Horned coral, brachiopods and others have all been found. The group will be spending some time learning more about local fossils prior to the hunt. Registration is free but required. No walk-in registrations the day of the program. The ravine is not open for collecting. Two sessions available: 1 pm (A) and 3 pm (B) Free.

Section #350301A

#350301B

Sunday, November 13 1 and 3 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

CREEKSIDE HABITAT HIKE

Enjoy the crisp autumn air as we explore the many habitats of the reserve: prairies, woodlot and stream edge. The late-blooming prairie flowers, various tracks, animals stockpiling for winter---who knows what we will find. Free.

Sunday, November 20 2 pm

Meet at the Girl Scout Memorial Park
800 Factory Road, Beavercreek

PROJECT FEEDER WATCH

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

Saturdays, November 12, 26

1 pm - 2:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek

NATURE'S HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Bring a little bit of the outdoors inside for the holidays. Evergreen swags, vine wreaths, tree decorations---all made from items in nature. You are welcome to bring ribbon to add to your creations. Pre-registration is required so we are sure to have enough supplies. Fee is \$10 per person.

Section #350367A

Saturday, November 26 1 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Road, Beavercreek



Relive the 1800s: Life on the Underground Railroad

Did you know it's the 150th anniversary of the Civil War? What better way to learn about what role Greene County played in this life-changing period than to relive it!

Participants will dress up in period costumes and literally become part of the Underground Railroad that was very active in our area. History will be re-enacted as if it were happening today.

Participants must be 18 years and older. Costumes will be provided. Cost is \$45 per person with a limit of 40 participants. All proceeds benefit the restoration efforts for the Indian Mound Log Cabin.

Section # 330302A

**Saturday, November 12
7 pm**

Indian Mound Reserve
Log Cabin Parking Lot
2750 St. Rt. 42 E, Cedarville

All proceeds from this event will benefit the vital restoration of the 1800's Indian Mound Cabin--- which is half-way to its goal of funds needed! Join us in the journey to save the cabin...

Adult Activities

SPORTSMAN'S SEMINAR SERIES

Learn tips and techniques for extending your fishing season into the cooler months. Discover tactics to maximize your catch in the cooling water temperatures. Free.

Tuesday, November 1 7 pm

Fall Fishing Tactics

Greene County Highway Dept.

615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia

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Monday, November 14 9 am - noon

Tracks, Scat and Signs of Wildlife

Narrows Reserve Nature Center,

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

SHUTTERBUGS



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Section # 330303C

Saturday, November 12, 10 am - Noon

Shading, Contrast and Black and White

Narrows Reserve Nature Center,

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

\$10 (R), \$15 (NR)



The 1800s cabin at Indian Mound Reserve was originally built as part of a young woman's wedding dowry. The cabin was discovered while dismantling a house that had been built around it.

Preschool, Youth & Teen Activities

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Section #310317A #310317B

Wednesday, December 14

Winter is Coming

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

\$3 (R), \$5 (NR) per child

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Section # 320315A # 320315B

Friday, December 16 7 - 9:30 pm

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

\$10 (R), \$15 (NR) per child

WINTER BREAK NATURE CAMP

Join the naturalists for two days of winter fun. Don't be bored at home while off on winter break. Track wildlife in the snow, learn animal winter survival techniques and much more hands-on fun will be part of camp. Lunch will be provided; please indicate on your registration form any food allergies. Ages 7 to 14. Pre-registration is required.

Section # 320201A

Wednesday, December 28, and Thursday, December 29

9 am to 3 pm, daily

Narrows Reserve Nature Center

2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek

\$25 (R), \$30 (NR)

Family Activities

LANTERN HIKE

Prior to taking an evening hike, participants will have the opportunity to make their own tin lantern to lead the way. Learn about patterns and time periods and the importance behind the family's lantern. A night hike will follow this program. No flashlights. Free.

Saturday, December 3, 7 pm

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

SANTA'S HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

See Special Events page for more details.

Fridays and Saturdays, December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 6:30 pm - 9 pm

James Ranch Park

177 Fairground Rd. Xenia

FREE. Donations appreciated

FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE

By the light of the New Year Moon, or the Snow Moon, we will hike along the Beaver Creek. Listen for the call of the Barred Owl, sounds of other animals settling in for the winter and hear the crunch of snow. No flashlights. Free.

Sunday, December 10 7 pm

Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve

Meet at Phillips Park, 2100 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beaver Creek

AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



Be a part of this national research and conservation project. Help locate and identify bird species seen in many

of our local parks. You do not have to be an expert---just willing to help. Our information---along with that gathered at Glen Helen and other local parks---will be part of the National Audubon Winter Bird Research. Binoculars are needed; some available for loan. Groups will meet at the following locations. Free.

Saturday, December 17 9 am

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

1 pm

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

1 pm

Creekside Reserve, meet at the Girl Scout Memorial Park, 800 Factory Rd., Beaver Creek

WINTER SOLSTICE HIKE

Enjoy the silence of the woods and the coolness of the air on the shortest daylight day of the year with a twilight hike in park. De-stress from the holiday madness. Free.

Wednesday, December 21, 7 pm

Narrows Reserve, main parking lot,
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beaver Creek



Adult Activities

SPORTSMAN'S SEMINAR SERIES

Come and learn the latest about the new and improved store, as well as about its expanded services. Free.

Tuesday, December 6 7 pm

*Fisherman's Headquarters
Greene County Highway Dept.
615 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia*

SHUTTERBUGS

Have a digital camera and want to learn more about it? John Sheehan, local photography instructor, can help! Each month the class will be out in the field taking pictures and learning different photography techniques.

Please bring your camera to class. Students may be asked to share their photos with Greene County Parks and Trails for use in promotional pieces.



Section # 330303D

**Saturday, December 3,
9 am - 11 am**

*Winter Frost and Winter Scenes
Sara Lee Arnovitz Preserve, 250 Kinsey*

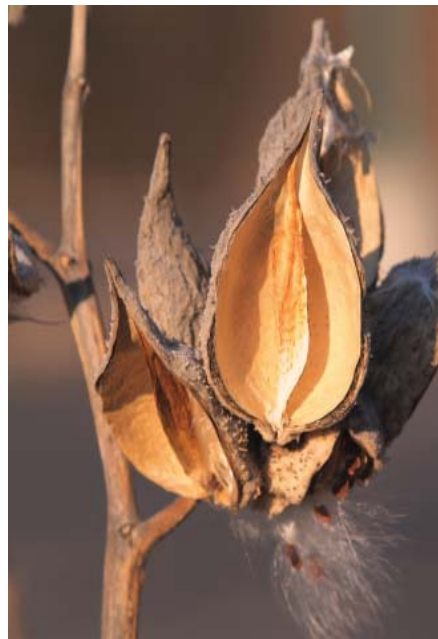
PROJECT FEEDER WATCH

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

Saturday, December 10, 17

1 pm - 2:30 pm

*Narrows Reserve Nature Center
2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek*



GREENE COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Hours of Operation: sunrise to sunset
- Pets must be on a leash no longer than 8 feet
- Alcoholic beverages prohibited
- Motorized vehicles allowed on roads and parking lots only (ATVs are prohibited)
- Dangerous weapons prohibited (ex: firearms including BB guns, pellet guns, paint ball guns, sling shots, knives, blow gun, metal knuckles)
- Damage to or removal of any natural or historic feature is prohibited (grape vines, mushrooms, fossils, trees, plants)
- Releasing domestic or wild animals is prohibited
- Bicycles may only be operated on roadways and paved bike trails. Riders must obey the same traffic regulations as motor vehicles
- Feeding wildlife is prohibited
- Fires are permitted in grills and designated areas only
- Swimming is prohibited
- Stay on trails
- Rock climbing is prohibited
- Fishing is permitted (State Fishing Regulations are enforced); Spring Lakes Park requires a county fishing permit only

The full Codified Park Rules and Regulations document can also be viewed by stopping by the Greene County Parks and Trails headquarters located at 575 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia, or at www.co.greene.oh.us/parks under the Park Ranger link.



SHELTER & FACILITY RENTAL INFORMATION

SHELTERS & GAZEBOS

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

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

SMALL SHELTERS

Rental hours are 8 am - Dusk

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



LARGE SHELTERS

Rental hours are 8 am - Dusk

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



- Frank Seaman Park
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GAZEBOS

Perfect for an intimate wedding ceremony or renewal of vows.

Rental hours are 8 am - Dusk

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

CAMPING

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

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

Go Fishing This Fall!

Have you been fishing at Spring Lakes lately? Well, come out and enjoy the beauty of fall and fishing. Greene County Parks fishing permits are required to help offset the cost of stocking the lakes. The lakes are stocked once per month with trout

October - February and catfish March - September. Fishing permits may be purchased from our administrative office or through the new self-permitting process located on the outside of the bait house at Spring Lakes Park.



1 Day Permit	\$10 (R), \$15 (NR)
Annual Individual Permit	\$30 (R), \$35 (NR)
Annual Senior Permit (age 60+)	\$20 (R), \$25 (NR)
Kids (12 and under w/paid adult)	FREE
Annual Family of 4	\$80 (R), \$100 (NR)
Each addt'l member	\$10 (R), \$15 (NR)
Groups	\$100 (R), \$110 (NR)

THE LODGE AT CLIFTON RESERVE

This rustic lodge with its magnificent wood ceiling beams would provide the perfect backdrop



for an indoor wedding ceremony, renewal of vows, anniversary celebration, holiday gathering, birthday party, dance, business retreat or seminar. Nestled in an inviting park setting next to the Little Miami Scenic River, this premier lodge offers:

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

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

- **Non-Prime Time Hours (Mon - Thur)**
- **Prime Time (Fri - Sun & Holidays)**
- **Refundable Deposit to be paid upon key pick-up for all rentals**

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

(The Lodge is not available for rentals between Nov. 1 and April 1, 2012.)



Other shelters are also available at Indian Mound Reserve, Massie Creek Park and Spring Lakes Park.

Call 937.562.6440 for for complete details.

PARKS & FACILITIES



	Acreage	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Multi-Purpose Trails	Canoe Access	Dog Park	County Permit Required for Fishing	Drinking Water	Fishing w/State License	Handicap Access	Hiking Trails	Equestrian Facilities	Horseshoe Pits	Picnic Area	Playground	Primitive Camping w/Permit	Limited Access-Permit Only	Restrooms	Shelter, Lodge or Gazebo	Soccer Fields	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Courts	
Beaver Creek Wetlands <i>Thru Phillips Park, Dayton-Xenia Rd., Beavercreek</i>	77								✓		✓												
Cemex Reserve <i>Sanctuary Dr. off of Garland Ave., Fairborn</i>	164										✓												
Clifton Reserve & Lodge <i>2762 S. River Rd., Clifton</i>	10								✓	✓				✓				✓	✓				
Constitution Park <i>SR 42 & SR 725, Spring Valley</i>	4				✓				✓	✓				✓		✓							
Creekside Reserve <i>US 35 b/w Factory & Fairfield Rds., Beavercreek</i>	136								✓		✓												
Creekside Trail	122			✓						✓													
Crooked Creek Nature Sanctuary <i>2565 Spahr Rd., Sugarcreek Township</i>	18																✓						
Fairborn's Wright Brothers' Huffman Prairie Bikeway	16			✓						✓													
Fairgrounds Recreation Center <i>210 Fairground Rd., Xenia</i>	58		✓	✓		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Frank Seaman Park <i>4730 Cottonville Rd., Jamestown</i>	40	✓		✓				✓		✓				✓				✓	✓	✓	✓		
Glenn Thompson Reserve <i>US 35 at Trebein Rd., Beavercreek</i>	49				✓				✓		✓			✓									
Indian Mound Reserve <i>2750 SR 42 N., Cedarville</i>	169								✓		✓			✓				✓	✓				
Jacoby Road Canoe Launch <i>Off of Clifton Rd., Xenia Township</i>	22				✓				✓	✓				✓		✓		✓					
James Ranch Park <i>177 Fairground Rd., Xenia</i>	4			✓					✓	✓				✓				✓	✓				
Jamestown Connector	94			✓						✓													
Little Miami Scenic Trail	108			✓						✓													
Massie Creek Park <i>3422 Barber Rd., Cedarville</i>	16	✓		✓				✓		✓				✓				✓	✓	✓			
Mill Bridge Launch <i>Washington Mill Rd., Bellbrook</i>	11				✓				✓	✓	✓					✓							
Narrows Reserve & Nature Center <i>2575 Indian Ripple Rd., Beavercreek</i>	162				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓					
Ohio To Erie Trail	170			✓						✓													
Old Town Reserve <i>1360 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia</i>	7			✓				✓		✓				✓		✓		✓	✓				
Pierce Park <i>618 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia</i>	33							✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓				
Sara Lee Arnovitz Nature Preserve <i>350 Kinsey Rd., Xenia</i>	43								✓	✓	✓												
Spring Lakes Park <i>2191 Ferry Rd., Bellbrook</i>	23						✓	✓		✓	✓			✓				✓	✓				
Twin Towers Park <i>501 Yellow Springs-Fairfield Rd., Bath Twp.</i>	102			✓				✓		✓		✓		✓				✓	✓				



Registration Form

Complete one form per registrant. This form may be duplicated. Please print clearly and fill out completely. You are not officially registered for any activity until your completed form and fee are received by Greene County Parks & Trails. Mail or drop off with payment to the address below.

Name of Registrant: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Grade: _____ Greene Co. Resident (R) _____ Non-Resident (NR) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____@_____ Emergency Contact & Number: _____

Activity Title	Section Number	Activity Fee

Total Fees: _____

Release of Liability Consent:

By signing this form, I agree to hold harmless and release the Board of Greene County Commissioners and the Greene County Park District, their individual members and all of their officers, agents, assigns and employees from any and all loss, damage, liability, injuries, medical conditions, and costs or expenses as may arise, or may be caused in any way by participation in Greene County operated park programs or activities in which I or my child/ward may participate. I further understand that I assume all responsibility for any loss, damage, liability, injuries or medical complications from participation in Greene County operated park programs in which I or my child/ward may participate. I have read and understand the above conditions for participation in Greene County Parks programs and activities.

Medical Treatment Consent:

I also consent to emergency medical treatment for me or my child/ward if necessary. I agree to waive and relinquish all claims of medical treatment against the Greene County Park District and the Board of Greene County Commissioners.

Photo Consent:

By participating in a Greene County Parks and Trails program or event, I agree to allow publication of any photo/media taken, in future program publications or local newspapers.

I recognize that my faxed signature will be deemed the same as an original. I have read and fully understand the program waiver and the emergency medical treatment consent. This waiver form is completed and signed of my own free will.

Signature of registrant (parent or guardian if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Mail completed form, check or money order payable to:

Greene County Parks & Trails

575 Ledbetter Road, Xenia, OH 45385

Phone: (937) 562-6440

Fax: (937) 562-6455

Web: www.co.greene.oh.us/parks

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For Office Use Only: Receipt # _____ Cash _____ Check/MO # _____ Confirmation Sent: _____



REGISTRATION INFORMATION



TWO EASY WAYS TO REGISTER FOR ACTIVITIES

Please note: Residents can begin registering as soon as they receive this activity guide.

1. MAIL IN

Check/Money Order/Household Credit
Fill out the registration form in this guide, include your payment via check or money order and mail to:

Greene County Parks and Trails
Activity Registration
575 Ledbetter Road
Xenia, OH 45385

2. WALK IN

Check/Cash/Money Order/Household Credit

Walk-in registration begins on the dates as noted in #1 above. You are welcome to come to our agency headquarters and register for your chosen activities during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION

After processing your registration, we will mail you a confirmation listing the activities in which you are enrolled. If we are unable to place you in an activity, we will notify you by phone.

COST OF ACTIVITIES

Full payment for activities must be made at the time of registration. Resident costs are for participants residing in Greene County and are designated by (R); (NR) for non-residents. Our activity fees are put in place to cover costs incurred when activities are offered. Fees are not charged to use the parks. A fee schedule for reserving park facilities or parks may be obtained by calling 937.562.6440.

**Greene County Parks
and Trails**

575 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia

937.562.6440

PAYMENT METHODS

Greene County Parks accepts cash, personal checks, money orders or household credits for activity registrations. *A \$25 service fee will be charged for all checks not honored for any reason by the bank.* Checks or money orders should be made payable to **GREENE COUNTY PARKS AND TRAILS**.

REFUNDS & CANCELLATIONS

1. NO CASH REFUNDS

All refunds will be in the form of a household credit or check to be paid according to Greene County's payment schedule.

2. CANCELLED ACTIVITY

Activities with fees will be cancelled for insufficient registration seven (7) days prior to the activity start date. If an activity is cancelled or closed, you will receive a full refund in the form of a household credit (see below) or check, or you may transfer your fee to another activity. Watch your local television stations, listen to the local radio stations or call 937-562-6440 for cancellations or program updates during inclement weather. Registrants will also be called in the event of a cancelled activity.

3. REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS

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

- When the refund is requested at least 7 days in advance of the first class meeting, providing the request does not drop the enrollment below the required minimum.

- If a participant becomes ill. You must present a written doctor's statement and notify Greene County Parks prior to the start of class.

- If a participant moves from the area and requests a refund prior to the start of class.

4. HOUSEHOLD CREDIT

Household credit expires 12 months after the date it was issued.

NOTICE TO PARTICIPANTS

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

It is our desire to provide you with safe, exciting, and fun opportunities that you can enjoy with your friends and family. Please recognize that all activities of a physical nature involve some risk and by registering for an activity of this nature, there is an assumption of risk by the participant. We are dedicated to providing safe facilities and equipment for all participants, as well as qualified, trained staff. Every effort is made to ensure the safety of the participants and to provide them with first-class recreation and nature activities, facilities and parks.

PHOTO POLICY

On occasion, members of the park staff or park volunteers will take photos of participants in our activities and at our events, people in parks, or on park properties. Please be advised that these photos are for Departmental use only and may be used in future activity guides, web sites, brochures, media releases or flyers.



PLEASE NOTE: A 25% or \$5 fee (not to exceed \$10) will be charged to cover processing costs on all refunds unless a household credit is utilized.