

Preservation Parks of Delaware County



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AUTUMN 2016 Programs & Events

Message from the Director

The tempo of the natural world is picking up during this time of FALLing from summer into winter. During this period of intentional progression, we are swept up within the wing beat of migration, the fruition of the harvest, and the whirl of colors cascading from the canopy that so recently shaded us.

Participation in the ageless cycle of the year is available to all ages. Preschoolers and post-schoolers will find the pages that follow ripe with opportunities to savor the season. From vegetable garden to meadow wild flowers, you will discover the secrets of seed saving and collecting. Explore the natural history of the season's aerial constituents via migrating warblers, bats and turkeys. Feed your inner bookworm through the Gallant Farm book club, or hike the Trick-or-Treat Trail. Folklore and wildlife wisdom mingle in the fading light of autumn as Halloween draws nigh.

Reap the natural treasures of Preservation Parks, collecting the memories that will warm you through the months ahead. Nature's door is open, inviting you to enjoy its peace at your pace.

Tom Curtin, executive director

Preservation Parks' mission is to protect and conserve the natural and historic features of Delaware County and to inspire outdoor exploration and learning.

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SEPTEMBER

Saturday, Sept. 3 – Seed Saving (Homesteading Series)

Give up the seed catalogues and replant your own seeds each year. Learn how to save common garden vegetable seeds, as well as native plant seeds, to grow plants for your food, and for pollinators and other wildlife. *See p. 4 for series information.*

10 a.m. GF — all ages

Thursday, Sept. 8 – Homeschool Adventures: Marvelous Milkweed

Come explore life on a milkweed leaf. Join us on a hunt for this incredible plant group and the insects that call it home.

10 a.m. ETP — ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult

Friday, Sept. 9 – Bat Watch

Bring the family for an evening of games, crafts and bats! We'll keep our eyes and "ears" open for bats as they begin their nightly search for insects. Since bats are more often seen than heard, we'll use our bat "translator" to "hear" the echolocation of these fascinating mammals.

8 p.m. DHP — all ages

Saturday, Sept. 10 – Critter Clues: Nature's 'Who-Done-It'

Calling all young detectives! Join a park officer for a fun and informative "who-done-it." Investigate a crime scene for clues and evidence to solve the cunning caper.

10 a.m. - Noon SHP — ages 6-9

Monday, Sept. 12 – Hound Hike

See box, p. 5, for series information.

6 p.m. DHP — all ages

Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Preschool Park Pals: Magical Monarchs 🦋

Flutter in to the visitor center as we explore the life cycle of the amazing Monarch Butterfly. Registration required by Sept. 6.

10 a.m. or 1 p.m. DHP — ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

Saturday, Sept. 24 – Fall Bird Walk Series

Join us for an early fall walk as we search for southerly migrating warblers. After the walk, we will offer a presentation on fall warbler identification. Meet other local birders and photographers, and share tips, birding locations and stories, while learning tricks for identifying warblers in their duller fall feathers.

For more series information, see p. 5.

8 a.m. SHP — ages 7+

MONARCH MAGIC WEEKEND**Saturday, Sept. 24 – Sunday, Sept. 25**

Stop in to celebrate the world of the Monarch Butterfly! Play games, make crafts, and enjoy snacks as we learn how to help these magnificent insects on their long migration to Mexico. We also will tag and release live Monarchs at 2 p.m. each day.

Noon - 5 p.m. DHP — all ages

Monday, Sept. 26 – Delaware County Bird Club

Marci Lininger, a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will talk about celebrating Ohio's birds, bees and other pollinators.

See box, p. 5, for series information.

6:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

Wednesday, Sept. 28 – Gallant Farm Book Club

This month, we are reading *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. It sold more than 2.8 million copies between its publication in 1935 and 1965, and the book has never been out of print. *See box, p. 4, for series information.*

6:30 p.m. GF — ages 14+

Park Key

Blues Creek Park (BCP)

9627 Fontanelle Road
Ostrander, 43061

Char-Mar Ridge Park (CMRP)

7741 Lewis Center Road
Westerville, 43082

Deer Haven Park (DHP)

4183 Liberty Road
Delaware, 43015

Emily Traphagan Park (ETP)

5094 Seldom Seen Road
Powell, 43065

Gallant Farm (GF)

2150 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, 43015

Gallant Woods Park (GWP)

2151 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, 43015

Hogback Ridge Park (HRP)

2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, 43074

Hoover Scenic Trail

8405 Plumb Road
Galena, 43021

River Run Park (RRP)

168 Main Road
Delaware, 43015

Sandel Legacy Trail *

168 S. Vernon St.
Sunbury, 43074

Shale Hollow Park (SHP)

6320 Artesian Run
Lewis Center, 43035

* Formerly Big Walnut Community Trail

**Visit us at the Delaware County Fair**

Join us under the tent for a week of fun activities! Each day will feature a different theme, complete with animals, activities and crafts. Have your picture taken with our mascots, enjoy the animals and programs brought to us by special guests, and learn about Depression-era farm life.

Visit our web site for the schedule of activities. The Preservation Parks tent is located just outside the Arts and Crafts Building at the front of the fairgrounds.

DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 17-24

236 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, DELAWARE

Nature Programs



Walter Elsner (Char-Mar Ridge Park)

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 1 – Web Spinning Wonders

Early fall is a great time to discover the many beautiful spiders living in the meadows and woods. We'll search for these eight-legged invertebrates and marvel at their striking colors and patterns, while learning some amazing spider facts.

10 a.m. DHP — all ages

Sunday, Oct. 2 – Prairie Seed Collection

Preservation Parks has gone native, and we hope you will too! Join us and the Central Ohio Wild Ones for an exhilarating native prairie seed collection event. Learn to identify native prairie plants and find out the benefits they provide the ecosystem. Seeds collected will be used in future restoration projects and provided to the community to establish natives in the landscape.

1 - 3 p.m. DHP — all ages

Tuesday, Oct. 4 – Preschool Park Pals: Terrific Trees 🕒

We'll explore the shapes, colors and textures of trees big and small, and investigate bark, leaves, twigs, roots and seeds with games, activities and crafts. Registration is required by Sept. 27.

10 a.m. or 1 p.m. GWP — ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

Friday, Oct. 7 – Ghost Tales, Frights & Spooky Nights

It's October – the spookiest month of all! Join us around the campfire at Gallant Farm for an evening of local ghost stories. Hear ghostly tales and share some of your own eerie experiences. Come for a couple of stories or a couple of hours. Fall-time refreshments served. (In the event of inclement weather, we'll move indoors.)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. GF — ages 7+

Saturday, Oct. 8 – Apples, Apples Everywhere (Homesteading Series)

While every person is created equal, the same isn't true of every apple. Some are great for eating, some for cider, and some for baking. Learn about and sample some heirloom varieties and help make fresh cider. *See p. 4 for series information.*

Noon GF — all ages

Sunday, Oct. 9 – Pumpkin Carving 101

Join us on the farm to learn how to carve the perfect Jack O'Lantern. We will give multiple pumpkin carving demonstrations, as well as some hands-on instruction, throughout the afternoon to help you make your pumpkin the "best on the block" this Halloween.

Noon - 5 p.m. GF — all ages

Monday, Oct. 10 – Hound Hike

See box, p. 5, for series information.

6 p.m. GWP — all ages

Friday, Oct. 14 – School's Out Adventures: The Great ARTdoors \$ 🕒

See p. 5 for details on this great program for the kids' day off!

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. DHP — ages 10-11

Saturday, Oct. 15 – Corn Shocking

Combines weren't the norm on small 1930s farms, so most corn was shocked in the fields or picked by hand. Come pick corn and help bring in the harvest!

1 p.m. GF — all ages

Sunday, Oct. 16 – Soup's On! (Homesteading Series)

Frugal housewives of the past often had to be creative to feed their families with limited resources. You'll see the basics of soup making, and sample some "go-to" recipes.

Kids will make their own soup bean mix to take home. *See p. 4 for series information.*

1 p.m. GF — all ages

Thursday, Oct. 20 – Homeschool Adventures: Farming Folklore Fun

Join us on the farm to learn about time-honored customs (as well as superstitions) employed by old-time farmers to ward off bad luck and ensure a good crop. We'll also learn some Delaware County folklore and make traditional pioneer shrunken apple heads to take home.

10 a.m. GF — ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult

Friday, Oct. 21 – "Build a Scarecrow" Contest 🕒

See p. 5 for information on this program and Trick-or-Treat-Trail.

6:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Autumn Colors Hike

Join us for a leisurely off-trail stroll through peak fall colors in the ravines of Shale Hollow Park. A clear running stream, steep shale walls filled with ancient fossils and concretions, and the gorgeous changing leaves will make for a memorable hike.

10 a.m. SHP — all ages

Sunday, Oct. 23 – Trick-or-Treat-Trail

See p. 5 for information on this program and our Scarecrow Building Contest.

1 - 4 p.m. DHP — all ages

Monday, Oct. 24 – Delaware County Bird Club

Amy Tovar and Dr. Rich Bradley will speak on "The Deceptive Beauty of Hawaii: Birds Both Native and Introduced."

See box, p. 5, for series information.

6:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

Wednesday, Oct. 26 – Gallant Farm Book Club

This month, we are reading *The Farm* by Louis Bromfield. This 1933 novel reflects the agrarian interests that would dominate this Ohio author's thinking during the last two decades of his life. *See box, p. 4, for series information.*

6:30 p.m. GF — ages 14+

Saturday, Oct. 29 – Fall Bird Walk Series

The leaves are falling, and the last of the fall migrants are hurriedly winging south. We will search for stragglers and look for our resident birds. *For more series information, see p. 5.*

8 a.m. CMRP — ages 7+

Saturday, Oct. 29 – Halloween in the Hollow

Come and explore some of nature's S-P-O-O-K-Y animals, go on a scavenger hunt, take a hike, or relax by the fire. Refreshments provided.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. SHP — all ages

Sunday, Oct. 30 – Sugar Skulls \$ 🕒

Originating in Mexico, the Day of the Dead is a holiday that takes place at the start of November. Discover how the Monarch butterfly is part of the celebration; paint a terracotta pot and take home a plant as well. \$10 fee. Registration required by Oct. 23.

1 p.m. DHP — ages 15+



NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 6 – Trees for WILDLIFE \$ ☎

When it comes to planting for wildlife, trees often are forgotten, but they can be an important food source for moth and butterfly caterpillars. Learn which native trees are the best host plants, as well as how to correctly pick, plant, and care for native trees in your yard. \$5 fee for materials. Registration is required by Oct. 23.

1 p.m. DHP — ages 18+

Monday, Nov. 7 – Hound Hike

See box, p. 5, for series information.

6 p.m. SHP — all ages

Saturday, Nov. 12 – Bread and Butter (Homesteading Series)

Try your hand at kneading dough and help us bake fresh wheat bread. While the bread is baking, we'll make fresh butter to slather on the warm slices. We also will learn about ways bread has been made in the past. See box, right, for more on the series.

1 p.m. GF — all ages

Monday, Nov 14 – Delaware County Bird Club

Michelle Shinew will talk about the work being done to save the Ohio Department of Natural Resources "Sawmill Wetlands."

See box, p. 5, for series information.

6:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Preschool Park Pals: Discovering Ducks ☎

Dabbler, Diver, Domestic – oh my! Fly over to the visitor center and learn all about ducks! Listen to a story and participate in a craft. Registration is required by Nov. 1.

10 a.m. or 1 p.m. DHP — ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

Thursday, Nov. 17 – Homeschool Adventures: Fabulous Fibers! ☎

Visit the farm to explore fiber arts. Wool, cotton, linen and other fibers are all used to make beautiful and useful items. We'll look at how cultures throughout history have used plant and animal fibers, and we'll complete simple crafts and enjoy refreshments. Registration is required by Nov. 10.

10 a.m. GF — ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult

Saturday, Nov. 19 & Sunday, Nov. 20 – Drop In Discovery: Wild Turkey Weekend

Trot in to the visitor center and explore the natural history of Ohio's largest game bird. Participate in games and crafts as you discover what makes this animal so unique!

Noon - 4 p.m. DHP — all ages

Saturday, Nov. 26 – Fall Bird Walk Series

Got your fill of turkey and need to get out of the house or away from the crowds of shoppers? Join us for our final fall bird walk as we search for hardy winter residents. Who knows? We might even see a wild turkey or two!

For more series information, see p. 5.

8 a.m. HRP — ages 7+

Sunday, Nov. 27 – Make It Take It: Natural Wreath \$ ☎

Back by popular demand! Make a wreath out of natural items, then take it home to display for your holiday gatherings. \$10 materials fee; registration required by Nov. 20.

1 p.m. DHP — ages 18+

Monday, Nov. 28 – School's Out Adventures: This Rocks My World! \$ ☎

See p. 5 for details on this great program for the kids' day off!

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. DHP — ages 8-9

Wednesday, Nov. 30 – Gallant Farm Book Club

This month, we are reading *The Enduring Hills* by Janice Holt Giles. This novel focuses on the struggle of farming in the Appalachian Mountain country in the years before World War II. See box, below, for series information.

6:30 p.m. GF — ages 14+

Registration & Fee Information

Some programs carry a fee and/or require advance registration. Watch for programs with the following symbols.

\$ There is a fee for this program

☎ Registration required: Note registration deadlines. To register, click on the REGISTRATION link on our website homepage. For more information, call 740-524-8600, ext. 6.



Programs at the Farm

Homesteading Series

Life on an Ohio farm is very much dictated by the changing seasons. These programs at Gallant Farm showcase various season-specific farm activities, and will demonstrate not only how these activities were historically carried out, but also how we can incorporate them into our lives today.

For descriptions on each program, refer to the monthly list. Upcoming programs: **Seed Saving (Sept. 3)**, **Apples, Apples Everywhere! (Oct. 8)**, **Soup's On! (Oct. 16)**, and **Bread and Butter (Nov. 12)**. Join us for any or all!

Gallant Farm Book Club

Come to the farm and join in the lively discussion! We read books that were popular during the eras of the Great Depression and World War II, or were written about those periods. No reservation is required; the Book Club is open to ages 14 and older.

The book club meets the last Wednesday of each month; this fall, we will meet **Sept. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 30**.



Rick Binkowski (Emily Traphagen Park)

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Kori Gasaway (Deer Haven Park)

Golden Marathon

SourcePoint ("Thrive After 55") offers weekly nature hikes for adults, age 55 and older. Many of these hikes are held in Preservation Parks, and several a year are led by a Preservation Parks naturalist. For complete details on the Golden Marathon program, contact Kathy at SourcePoint, 740-369-5133. Hikes to be held in Preservation Parks are listed here.

SEPTEMBER

hikes begin at 9:30 a.m.
 Sept. 26 Hoover Scenic Trail *
 * Guided by Preservation Parks

OCTOBER

hikes begin at 1:30 p.m.
 Oct. 3 Emily Traphagen Park
 Oct. 24 Gallant Woods Park

NOVEMBER

hikes begin at 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 7 Char-Mar Ridge Park
 Nov. 21 Hogback Ridge Park *
 * Guided by Preservation Parks

Hound Hikes

Bring your socialized canine for a walk with a naturalist. Your dog will receive a bandana at its first hike, and a paw print stamp for each hike completed. Dogs must be up to date on all shots and have county tags. Meet at the park kiosks and pick up one of our Pets in the Parks brochures for information. **Hound hikes are scheduled for Sept. 12, Oct. 10 and Nov. 7.** Locations and times for each hike are included in the monthly listings in this program guide.

Delaware County Bird Club

The Delaware County Bird Club is an informal organization of individuals who appreciate birds and the natural environment. Club meetings, held at Deer Haven Park, are open to all, regardless of expertise. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the program begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by socializing and reports of local bird sightings. Please see individual meeting dates, **Sept. 26, Oct. 24 and Nov. 14**, for program information.

Fall Bird Walk Series

Every season brings us something new in the world of birds! Don't miss these three early morning hikes led by park district staff. All skill levels are welcome. Loaner binoculars will be provided as needed, or you can bring your own. These walks are for ages 7 and older.

Walks will be held on Saturdays at 8 a.m. on **Sept. 24, Oct. 29, and Nov. 26**. See the individual listings for locations and hike descriptions.

School's Out ADVENTURES! \$ ☺

School's Out Adventures will get your kids out of the house and participating in something fun and educational during two school holidays this fall.

The Great ARTdoors – Friday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sign the kids up for a day of painting, photography, animal encounters, hiking and more. They will discover the natural world while creating art. AGES 10-11. Registration required by Oct. 1.

This Rock's My World! – Monday, Nov. 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Earth, wind, water, fire ... they all interact according to scientific laws of motion, gravity, physics and more. Kids will be mesmerized by earth science experiments, and then will be introduced to the clever concepts behind the magic. AGES 8-9. Registration required by Nov. 14.

Information for both Adventures

Time 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Fee \$50
 Location Deer Haven Park
 Registration is required.



Halloween Fun @ Deer Haven Park

Build a Scarecrow Contest – Oct. 21 ☺

Trick-or-Treat Trail – Oct. 23

Build a Scarecrow Contest Bring the whole family to build a scarecrow and learn its folklore and history. The frame and stuffing will be provided; you bring the clothing and any other items to decorate your unique scarecrow. (Judging will take place during the Trick or Treat Trail event on Oct. 23.) Registration required by Oct. 14.
6:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

Trick-or-Treat Trail Children! Come in costume to gather treats from characters along the *s-p-o-o-k-y* trail. Decorate pumpkins, enjoy a hayride, and vote for your favorite scarecrow. It's all free! **NOTE: this event has moved to Deer Haven Park.**
1 - 4 p.m. DHP — all ages

Railroad Open Houses

The Delaware County Model Railroaders hold open houses at the Sandel Legacy Trail (168 S. Vernon St.) Visit to see the model trains travel through a miniature village and countryside.

Saturday, Sept. 17	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Sunday, Sept. 18	Noon-4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Sunday, Oct. 23	Noon-4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 19	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Sunday, Nov. 20	Noon-4 p.m.



Preservation Parks of Delaware County

Park Hours

8 a.m.-9 p.m. daily, through Oct. 31
8 a.m.-7 p.m. daily, starting Nov. 1

District Office

Education Office

Mary McCoy Nature Center

2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, Ohio 43074
740-524-8600

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon – Fri (Office)
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mon – Fri (Nature Center)

Visitor Center at

Deer Haven Park

4183 Liberty Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-362-0283
Noon – 5 p.m. daily

Gallant Farm

2150 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-595-3020
Noon – 5 p.m. Thur – Sun

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'Preserving our Heritage' Photo Contest



Amy Tovar, General Nature
Winter, Shale Hollow Park



John Gribben, Youth
Painted Turtle



Rick Binkowski, Animals
Kildeer



Amy Tovar, Park District Scene
Controlled Prairie Burn, Blues Creek Park

Let these winners from last year inspire you to enter the 2016 "Preserving Our Heritage" photo contest! Dig into the photos you've taken this year, or snap some new ones to enter in five categories: PARK DISTRICT SCENES, GENERAL NATURE, WILDLIFE, HISTORICAL & YOUTH.

Complete rules are listed at preservationparks.com, under Programs, but here are some general guidelines:

- All photos must be taken in Preservation Parks.
- The contest is open to all amateur photographers.
- Entry deadline is November 1.
- Entries should be mailed to entries@preservationparks.com, with categories and park locations designated. We will upload the entries to category folders on Facebook.
- Judging will be done by a panel of Park District staff, with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers announced in each category. An overall "Best in Show" also will be chosen, and a "People's Choice" award will be based on how many Facebook "likes" and "shares" photos receive.

Winning entries will be displayed at the Deer Haven Park Visitor Center during the month of December.