

Preservation Parks of Delaware County



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June-August 2013

When you visit the parks in

Summer ...

... you notice the profusion of life. Everything is green, sprinkled with splashes of color from wildflowers. Insects — butterflies, grasshoppers, crickets — fill the meadows and prairies, and dragonflies flit among the cattails and other wetland plants. Baby deer are following their mothers around and foraging in the woodland underbrush, and turtles are basking on partially submerged logs, relishing the warmth of the sun. Thunderstorms bring welcome relief to heat and humidity, as we watch for the rainbows that often follow. This is summer! Enjoy it.

Antique Auto Show: Classics & Clunkers

Saturday, June 29 — 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Gallant Farm Preserve, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road

Do you have an antique car, manufactured before 1950? Showcase your car during the Antique Auto Show! Enjoy music and prizes while you show off your "classic" or "clunker." Registration will be from 9 to 11 a.m. the day of the event for a \$10 fee. The first 50 cars will receive dash plates.

The Antique Auto Show is free to the viewing public. Come enjoy the cars, vote for your favorites in several categories, and enjoy the 1930's-1940's historic farm setting. See you there!

Call 740-524-8600, ext. 6, for more information, or email:
saundras@preservationparks.com

Fifth-annual Green-Wise Fair

Sunday, August 25 — 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Deer Haven Preserve, 4183 Liberty Road

This annual eco fair will show you ways you can reduce, reuse, recycle and renew — all to make our planet a more beautiful and healthier place!

- Vendors and exhibitors with ideas and products
- Children's craft and nature activities
- Workshops
- Concessions
- Free raffle for prizes
- Opportunity to recycle old electronics





Message to the Community — By Executive Director Rita A. Au

Were you as ready for spring this year as I? It seemed as though the cold and gray might never end. But, when I wrote this in mid-April, spring had finally arrived. The male gold finches had donned their bright breeding feathers and the daffodils were blooming. Yay!

Preservation Parks staff had already jumped into their many and varied projects. This spring, our Natural Resources department planted around 6,000 trees in various locations, completed our spring prescribed prairie burns at Blues Creek Preserve, Emily Traphagen Preserve and Gallant Woods Preserve, and trained a volunteer invasive plant removal team which will assist with making the Park District habitats healthier.

The Law Enforcement Division and South Zone Operations Department moved into their new (to them) headquarters in the former MAC Construction building at 5820 Columbus Pike, which abuts Shale Hollow Preserve. This move allows us to consolidate utilities, and provides both the garage space for mechanical work and the capacity to store our vehicles out of the weather. This site also provides additional storage for our construction equipment.

Our Farm Manager and Farm Educator are planning the garden and planting the crops on the farm. Members of the Delaware County Antique Tractor Club and the Delaware County Draft Horse Association helped to prepare the crop fields. We continue to receive donations from the community (some from as far away as New Jersey) for both the house and the farm. With those items incorporated into the farmstead as they are received, the displays continue to change. Consequently, if you have visited Gallant Farm Preserve previously, your next visit could uncover new treasures to experience.

We are excited about a new special event we will be offering this year – an antique car show (featuring vehicles manufactured prior to the 1950s), which will be held at Gallant Farm Preserve. Additionally, we will be participating in “Delaware Family Fridays” (see back page) with a variety of programs, including a Paper Moon Dance and an evening playing 1930’s games, both at the farm. And, the Thursday Evening Concerts are back, with several new performers bringing a variety of music genres.

The Education Department is providing several Summer Explorers Day Camps for children ages 7-10 during which the campers will learn about the variety of habitats, mammals, birds, amphibians, and insects which exist in Preservation Parks. And the Farm Hands campers will experience what life on a farm would have been like in the 1930’s. Of course we continue to offer many public programs for all ages, and the Great Green Gym program is returning with the opportunity to exercise outdoors.

At Shale Hollow Preserve, we will be finalizing the renovations to the former McKay Lodge, and constructing a new driveway and trail, with a planned opening of the park this fall. Improvements also are underway at Blues Creek Preserve with others to follow at Emily Traphagen Preserve, Deer Haven Preserve, and Gallant Farm Preserve.

Our dedicated staff is pleased to provide these facilities and programs to the community. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you in the parks.

The Fifth Annual

Thursday Evening Concerts in the Park

Information for all Concerts

Location: Gallant Woods Preserve

Time: 7- 8:30 p.m.

Free admission and parking

Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner (no alcohol, please).

July 11: Trombones Plus
Jazz

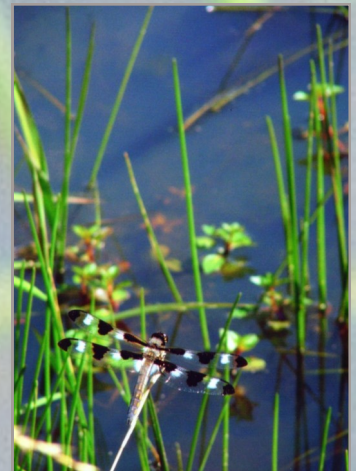
July 18: Rock, Salt & Nails
Acoustic Folk

July 25: Maidens IV
Celtic and Folk Rock

August 1: Agent 99
70's Pop/Rock

August 8: Muleskinner Band
Bluegrass

**August 15: The Usual Suspects
and Repeat Offenders**
Blues, Rock and Dance Music



Twelve-Spotted Skimmer in Wetland

Cover Photo by Donna Braig

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Programs marked with ❖ require advance registration; call 740-524-8600, ext. 3, or e-mail: register@preservationparks.com. Also, be aware that some hikes will be wet and muddy; wear appropriate footwear.

JUNE

Saturday, June 1 — Evening on the Pond

Evenings on the pond can be a magical time filled with frogs, turtles, waterfowl and more. Join us for this off-trail hike as we take a peek at the Char-Mar Ridge pond as the sun goes down.

8 p.m. **CMRP** — ages 6+

Sunday, June 2 — Blacksmithing on the Farm

There were newer methods for working metals, such as iron and steel, by the 1930s, and factories were making most metal goods that blacksmiths would have made. But many farms still had a small forge for repairs, light fabrication, and shoeing horses. Come out to the farm, see a small forge in action, and try your hand at smithing.

2 p.m. **GFP** — ages 7+

Friday, June 7 — Branching Out

Baby birds are everywhere! Noisy and clumsy, baby birds might be easy to spot now. Let's try to see and hear them as they leave the nests and explore their new world.

8:30 p.m. **ETP** — ages 6+

Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 — Sunflower Weekend

Stop by any time to plant your own sunflower to take home with you. Learn about the journey the sunflower has taken through history, the many uses and interesting facts that go along with this "happy" plant, and go home with a new appreciation for this Native American flower.

1 – 4:30 p.m. **DHP** — all ages

Friday, June 14 — Fishing Fun ❖

Learn fishing basics, such as how to set up your rod and reel and what bait to use, and meet some of our native fish. Afterward, try your hand at catching the "big one!" Registration required by June 10.

6:30 p.m. **HRP** — ages 16 and under, accompanied by an adult

Saturday, June 15 — Treasure Hunt on the Farm

This one is purely for fun, but you might learn something without even trying! Follow the clues around the farm while exploring the buildings and using the tools until you find the treasure.

2 p.m. **GFP** — ages 8+

Saturday, June 22 — Let's Go Mothing!

Celebrate the summer solstice with beautiful night-flying insects. Fermented fruit bait and a special light will attract our night time moths (and other insects) for closer viewing. Bring a small flashlight if you have one.

9:30 p.m. **ETP** — ages 8+

Sunday, June 23 — Toy Leaf Boats and Rafts

Fancy yourself a nautical engineer? Try your hand at constructing a toy boat from all natural materials (provided), and see if she is seaworthy as she sets sail on the pond!

6 – 8 p.m. **BCP** — all ages

Friday, June 28 — Froggy Friday

Hop over to The Lodge at Deer Haven Preserve and visit with live native frogs and toads. Explore their life cycle, learn their songs, construct a froggy craft and play a frog survival game. After visiting The Lodge, you might decide to walk the wetland trail to see the frogs in their natural setting. All activities are ongoing throughout the evening.

5 – 9 p.m. **DHP** — all ages

Froggy Friday is a **Delaware Family Fridays** event! For details, see back cover.

Saturday, June 29 — Bird Banding Demonstration

Join master bird bander, Rich Bradley, Ph. D., as he utilizes specialized traps designed for the catch and release of certain shorebird species. This is a great opportunity to learn about these special birds and the habitats they are using at Gallant Woods Preserve.

8 a.m. **GWP** — ages 7+

JULY

Saturday, July 6 & Sunday, July 7 — Insectigations Drop-In

Stop in and learn about some common local insects! Try your hand at catch-and-release bug collecting and identification; check them out under a stereoscope or construct your own six-legged marvel out of provided materials.

1 – 4:30 p.m. **DHP** — all ages

Saturday, July 13 & Sunday, July 14 — Farm Toy Show

Bring in your favorite farm toy and display it proudly in our Granary classroom. Toy displays should be brought in on July 12, noon-5 p.m. Visitors will vote on their favorites, and you might win a ribbon for sharing your farm toy collection!

Noon – 5 p.m. **GFP** — all ages

Friday, July 19 — Awesome Aquatic Adventure

Calling kids of all ages! Join a naturalist for an adventure at our wetlands as we explore the world of aquatic fauna. Insects and crustaceans will be our target.

7:30 p.m. **GWP** — all ages

Saturday, July 20 & Sunday, July 21 — Turtle Time Drop-In

Visit The Lodge anytime for an afternoon of shells and scales! Discover the different species of turtles found in Ohio, and get the chance to see and touch live turtles.

1 – 4:30 p.m. **DHP** — all ages

Friday, July 26 — Family Night on the Farm

Join us for a fun evening on the farm. We'll play outdoor games that kids and families might have played in the 1930s and 1940s. Activities are ongoing throughout the evening.

6 – 9 p.m. **GFP** — all ages

Family Night on the Farm is a **Delaware Family Fridays** event. For details, see back cover.

Saturday, July 27 — Wash Day

Come and immerse yourself in laundry through the ages. Try devices such as washboards, clothes dashers, wringers and even rocks to get those clothes clean. Be prepared to get a little wet.

1 p.m. **GFP** — ages 5+

Spotlight on MOTHS!

This gorgeous Luna Moth is just one of 2,500 moth species in Ohio. Yes, moths are more than the drab brownish Lepidoptera we see fluttering around light bulbs on a summer's night. Take this beauty as an example. Sadly, the Luna moth lives only about a week. It lacks mouth parts and cannot eat; it lives only to reproduce.

If we're lucky, we'll see one of these or other silk moths during the "Let's Go Mothing!" program on June 22.

Join Preservation Parks naturalists for this and all of the entertaining and educational programs this summer!



2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury OH 43074



AUGUST

Saturday, August 3 — Astonishing Race III ♦

The Astonishing Race is Preservation Parks' version of the "Amazing Race." Form a team of two or more and compete against other teams as you complete various challenges throughout the park. The first team to complete all the challenges with the best time wins the grand prize. Registration is required by July 29.

6:30 p.m. HRP — ages 7+

Sunday, August 11 — Tools of the Time

Hand tools were important on farms of the 1930s; people didn't have the power tools we have today. Farmers used many tools — some you might recognize and some you won't — to accomplish tasks all over the farm, from wood working to gardening. Come to the farm to learn about different types of hand tools, how to take care of them, and how to use them.

2 p.m. GFP — ages 7+

Saturday, August 17 — In a Pickle!

Come out to the farm and see how easy it is to preserve vegetables by pickling them. We'll make a batch of Bread & Butter pickles using cucumbers from the garden. Leave with some samples and recipes.

10 a.m. GFP — ages 12+

Saturday, August 17 & Sunday, August 18 — Who Lives in the Milkweed Patch?

Stop by The Lodge for an afternoon of milkweed! Discover the ecosystem that evolves from one plant. You'll observe milkweed, and learn about the adaptations both plants and insects use to survive.

1 – 4:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

Friday, August 23 — Paper Moon Photo & Dance

In the 1930s, most people did not own a camera and a sitting with a photographer was expensive. But for as little as a nickel, one could pose with someone special on a "paper moon hanging over a cardboard sea" at a carnival or fair. Then you'd have a portrait for posterity! Visit the farm, and get your own one-of-a-kind photo in front of our paper moon. Then, join us in the barn for music and dancing!

6 – 9 p.m. GFP — all ages

Paper Moon Photo & Dance is a **Delaware Family Fridays** event. See back cover for details.

Saturday, August 24 — Garden Teas

Stop by and try samples of four natural teas from native plant species. Learn about the plants they came from and the ailments they might (or might not!) cure.

1 – 4:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

Saturday, August 31 — In Search of Mantids

Named for the way it holds its front legs in a praying position, the praying mantis is a curious-looking insect that fascinates many people. Join us as we head out into the fields in search of these interesting creatures.

3 p.m. BCP — all ages

Did you Know?

The Preservation Parks web site has a page where we list emergency park closures, schedule changes and other alerts. Visit www.preservationparks.com, click on News and Publications, and then click on **Alerts** for all the latest news.

And don't forget to Like Us on **Facebook** and follow us on **Twitter**. You'll see pictures taken in the parks and get reminders of upcoming programs.

Twenty cents of every dollar you spend at the **Delaware County Community Market** comes back to Preservation Parks if you designate the Preservation Parks Foundation as your charity when you visit the store. Plus, your purchases support local vendors. Go to www.dccmc.com for details.

Summer Letterbox Adventure!

Summer Letterbox Adventure is returning for its sixth season. This year, you'll follow clues to find small boxes hidden along the trails in seven of the parks, and we're adding a longer version for older kids in some of the parks. The program is free, and you'll search for the boxes on your own time all summer long! Along your journey, you'll learn a lot about the natural features of the parks.



Sign up starting June 8 at all Delaware County District Library branches and the Sunbury Community Library, and starting June 10 at the Wornstaff Memorial Library in Ashley. Call 740-524-8600, ext. 5, for more information.

Exercise in the Great Green Gym

Get fit in the beauty of the parks! The registration form is available on-line, by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 5, or by email at shagan@preservationparks.com.

Calming Nature Stretch — all ages \$30 for the seven-week session

Come join us for a refreshing stretch and centering session outdoors. What better feeling than to be out amid the beauty of nature while unwinding at the end of the day? Bring a mat, towel and water, and wear comfortable clothes that allow for stretching. Class is one hour in length, and led by exercise physiologist Jill Howard.

Dates: Tuesdays, June 11 and 18; July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Place: Deer Haven Preserve, 4183 Liberty Road

Register by: June 7



Pond at Deer Haven Preserve
Photo by Preservation Parks

All Aboard for Railroad Fun!

The Delaware County Model Railroaders Group holds open houses every month at **The Trailhouse at Big Walnut Community Trail**. Visitors can watch the trains and learn about model railroading, the development of the railroad industry in America, and the romance of trains. As time goes on, the display will continue to take shape, with tracks, scenery and buildings gradually being added — paralleling the gradual growth of tracks, buildings and towns throughout the United States.

Saturday, June 15	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Sunday, July 21	Noon – 4 p.m.
Sunday, June 16	Noon – 4 p.m.	Saturday, August 24	10 a.m. – 6 p.m. *
Saturday, July 20	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	* A feature of Sunbury Sizzle & Sound	



Summer Explorers Day Camps

Registration forms and complete information about all camps can be found at www.preservationparks.com, and can be requested by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 3, or sending an e-mail to: miccum@preservationparks.com.

Nature Buddies - age 7 **Fee: \$95 per session**

Dates: Session I: June 17-21 [Registration deadline June 3]
 Session II: June 24-28 [Registration deadline June 10]
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with early drop-off and/or late pick-up available
Place: Deer Haven Preserve

Nature Buddies will explore nature through fun hands-on activities such as bug collecting, dip netting in the pond, searching under logs, hiking, nature games and more. Touch a live snake, meet a live bird of prey, or search for frogs during this exciting introduction to the Animal Kingdom. Limit: 12 participants per session.

Junior Explorers - age 8 **Fee: \$95 per session**

Dates: Session I: July 8-12 [Registration deadline June 24]
 Session II: July 15-19 [Registration deadline July 1]
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with early drop-off and/or late pick-up available
Place: Deer Haven Preserve, with travel to other locations

Junior Explorers will experience all the different places that plants and animals call home. Get the chance to search high and low in a pond, wetland, prairie and forest, and learn what defines each habitat. Junior Explorers will visit locations outside Preservation Parks for a broader experience. Limit: 12 participants per session.

Explorers - age 9 **Fee: \$95 per session**

Dates: Session I: July 22-26 [Registration deadline July 8]
 Session II: July 29-August 2 [Registration deadline July 15]
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with early drop-off and/or late pick-up available
Place: Deer Haven Preserve, with travel to other parks

Explorers will dig deeper into what makes the natural world tick. Learn how everything in nature is connected! Discover the different dimensions of energy through fun games and crafts. Get the chance to see live critters, go on hikes, and participate in other fun activities! Limit: 12 participants per session.

Outdoor Adventurers - age 10 **Fee: \$110**

Dates: August 5-9 [Registration deadline July 22]
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with early drop-off and/or late pick-up available
Place: Deer Haven Preserve with travel to other locations

Adventurers will get the opportunity to go fishing, hike a trail, learn survival skills, zoom down a zip-line, and much more! Adventurers will learn about different activities that can be enjoyed outdoors as they visit several different sites. Limit: 10 participants.

Farm Hands - ages 8 - 9 **Fee: \$80 per session**

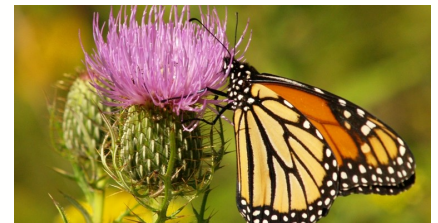
Dates: Session I, Girls: June 24-27 (day) and June 28 (evening) [Registration deadline June 10]
 Session II, Boys: August 5-8 (day) and August 9 (evening) [Registration deadline July 22]
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. with early drop-off and/or late pick-up available
 7 - 9 p.m. on last day of camp
Place: Gallant Farm Preserve

Campers will step back in time to the 1930's, to learn what life was like on the farm. Help cook lunch on a woodstove, tend the gardens, play children's games, go fishing and more during this hands-on look at Depression-era farm life. Campers and their families will wrap up the camp with a fun evening on the farm and a visit from some farm animals. Limit: 12 participants per session.



Park Key

- Big Walnut Community Trail (**BWCT**)
168 S. Vernon St., Sunbury
- Blues Creek Preserve (**BCP**)
9627 Fontanelle Road, Ostrander
- Char-Mar Ridge Preserve (**CMRP**)
7741 Lewis Center Road, Westerville
- Deer Haven Preserve (**DHP**)
4183 Liberty Road, Delaware
- Emily Traphagen Preserve (**ETP**)
5094 Seldom Seen Road, Powell
- Gallant Farm Preserve (**GFP**)
2150 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware
- Gallant Woods Preserve (**GWP**)
2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware
- Hogback Ridge Preserve (**HRP**)
2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury
- Shale Hollow Preserve (**SHP**)
Projected opening: Fall 2013



Golden Marathon

The Golden Marathon, a partnership with the Delaware County Senior Center, meets nearly every Monday for a 1- to 2-mile walk. Information, including addresses, is available by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 6, or on the calendar at www.preservationparks.com.

June walks begin at 1:30 p.m.

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| June 3 | Hoover Reservoir |
| June 10 | Liberty Park |
| June 17 | Alum Creek State Park |
| June 24 | Hogback Ridge Preserve |

July and August walks begin at 9:30 a.m.

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| July 1 | Gallant Woods Preserve |
| July 8 | Blues Creek Preserve |
| July 15 | Innis Woods Metro Gardens |
| July 22 | Bus Trip to Ohio Caverns * |
| * Reservation required, call for details | |
| July 29 | Char-Mar Ridge Preserve |
| August 5 | Highbanks MetroPark |
| August 12 | Hogback Ridge Preserve |
| August 19 | Deer Haven Preserve |
| August 26 | Emily Traphagen Preserve |

Healthy Water, Healthy People: Facilitator Workshop ❖

Thursday, June 6 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Deer Haven Preserve, 4183 Liberty Road

HWHP is an innovative water quality education program sponsored by Project WET and the Hach Scientific Foundation, offering hands-on activity guides, testing kits, training and much more. Recommended for middle and high school teachers, students, scout groups, 4-H, and home-schooled groups. All activities are correlated to the National Science Standards and the Ohio Academic Content Standards for science and social studies. Participants will be provided instruction on activities in the morning, and will peer teach in the afternoon. All in attendance will receive the HWHP Educator Guide, Test Kit Manual, and training materials valued at \$50. The workshop and the materials are free. Registration is required by May 31; call 740-524-8600, ext. 3, or email: register@preservationparks.com.

Parks Open 8 a.m. - Sunset Daily

District Office
Education Office
Mary McCoy Nature Center
2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, Ohio 43074
740-524-8600

Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Fri
Noon-5 p.m. Sat/Sun *
(*Mary McCoy Nature Center only)

The Lodge Nature Center at Deer Haven Preserve

4183 Liberty Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-362-0283

Hours: Noon-5 p.m. Daily
Noon- 8 p.m. Tues & Thurs, June-Aug

Gallant Farm Preserve

2150 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-595-3020

Hours: Park - 8 a.m.-Sunset Daily
Buildings - Noon-5 p.m. Thur-Sun

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More With Preservation Parks ...

Delaware Family Fridays

Preservation Parks is teaming up with the Delaware Recreation Department, the Delaware YMCA, the Delaware County District Library, and Main Street Delaware to bring you **Delaware Family Fridays** — a new initiative to provide family fun every Friday evening, May through September.

Main Street Delaware is including their First Friday events; the YMCA is offering family nights on the second Friday of each month (\$15 per family for non-members); Delaware's Recreation Department is holding "Movies at Mingo" on the third Fridays; Preservation Parks' programs will be on the fourth Fridays; and the Library has chosen the fifth Fridays.

Visit each organization's web site for the entire line-up, including dates, times and addresses. All programs are open to anyone, not just Delaware City residents.

The Preservation Parks programs in Delaware Family Fridays are:

- May 24, 9 p.m. "Into the Darkness" hike — Gallant Woods Preserve
- June 28, 5-9 p.m. "Froggy Friday" — Deer Haven Preserve
- July 26, 6-9 p.m. "Family Night on the Farm" — Gallant Farm Preserve
- August 23, 6-9 p.m. "Paper Moon Photo and Dance" — Gallant Farm Preserve
- September 27, 5-8 p.m. "Scaly, not Scary" — Deer Haven Preserve



Perseid Meteor Shower Campout

Saturday, August 10 (7 p.m.) —
Sunday, August 11 (9 a.m.)
Blues Creek Preserve



The Perseid meteors streak across the sky in mid-August and create quite a show! Join us around the campfire as we watch for them. You'll bring your own food, drinking water and camping gear; we provide telescopes and activities. FREE; registration required. Call 740-524-8600, ext. 6, or e-mail: saundras@preservationparks.com.

Sign up for an Outreach Program!

Looking for a great program for your classroom, Scout group or other community group? The Preservation Parks Education Department offers programs covering a variety of natural and cultural history topics. Most programs are free; we are flexible and will work with you to create a program that meets State of Ohio Academic Content Standards as well as your needs and expectations. We can conduct programs at your site or at any of the parks managed by Preservation Parks.

Some Topic Offerings →

- Insects, birds, mammals, spiders, reptiles, amphibians, or plants
- Wetlands, woodlands, streams, ponds, or prairies
- Night hikes, sensory awareness, animal adaptations, or nocturnal animals
- Geology or orienteering

Visit www.preservationparks.com for more information, or call Education Services Manager Rich Niccum at 740-524-8600, ext. 3.