

Preservation Parks of Delaware County



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March - May 2013

When you visit the parks in

Spring ...

... you notice that everything is turning green again — such a wonderful sight after a long, drab winter. Little by little, you'll notice the first tree buds plumping up and finally exploding into leaf. Spring beauties and skunk cabbage will be joined by trilliums and mayapples to carpet the forest floor with delicate beauty. The many education programs listed here will provide insight into spring. Look for information on our newest special event, "Spring Plowing Day," a Message to the Community, the summer camp schedule, and Delaware Family Fridays. Welcome to spring!

Osprey Homecoming

Sunday, April 14, 1- 4 p.m.

Hogback Ridge Preserve, 2656 Hogback Road



Frank Germann

Help us celebrate the Ospreys' return from their winter home in South America. Ospreys are a success story, with a status that rose from endangered to threatened after dedicated volunteers brought the birds back to Ohio and provided nesting platforms. Learn about Preservation Parks' role, enjoy hands-on learning activities, and view the Osprey platforms at nearby Alum Creek Reservoir. Free.

Spring Plowing Day

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Gallant Farm Preserve, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road

Join us for our first-ever spring event on the farm. We'll plow the fields using draft horses and antique tractors, to get ready for spring planting. There were plenty of other springtime activities on a 1930's-1940's farm, and you'll see demonstrations on butter making, herbal concoctions, sheep shearing, weaving, and wool carding and spinning. Cooking over a campfire, a pedal tractor pull and spring chickens will be part of the fun! Plowing depends on the weather, but most activities will take place rain or shine. You also can visit the 1890's barn that has been reconstructed at the Farmstead. Free.



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

Were you one of the more than 10,000 visitors (about 3,600 more than in 2011) to The Lodge at Deer Haven Preserve last year? Maybe you were among the 3,353 people who attended one of the 207 public park programs our education staff conducted? Or, were you one of the 1,000-plus history lovers who have visited the Gallant Farm Preserve since it opened in mid-October?

Were you one of the approximately 1,500 attendees who enjoyed the Concerts in the Park? Or, maybe your child was one of the 1,150 who explored the parks through the Summer Letterbox Adventure or one of the 90 who discovered nature during a Summer Camp? Or perhaps you or your child participated in one of 145 presentations by our naturalists for schools, scout groups and other organizations?

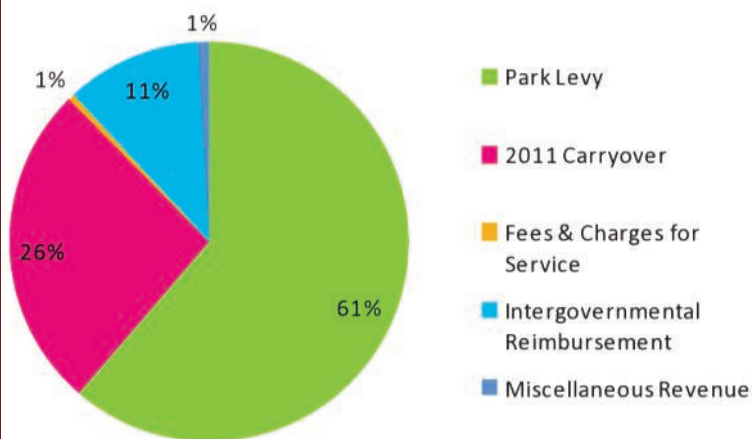
If you visited the parks for these or any other reasons (walking — with or without a dog, sledding, cross-country skiing, picnicking, volunteering, jogging, bird-watching, enjoying nature, playing with your children), you were one of more than 124,000 visitors to Preservation Parks during 2012, an increase of more than 33 percent over 2011. No wonder the parks seemed busier; they were!

In addition to making sure that our parks were clean and safe for your use, we continued to add facilities and make improvements in all of the parks (see selected listing below) to better serve the public. And, as the charts show, we continued to be wise stewards of the public funds entrusted to us.

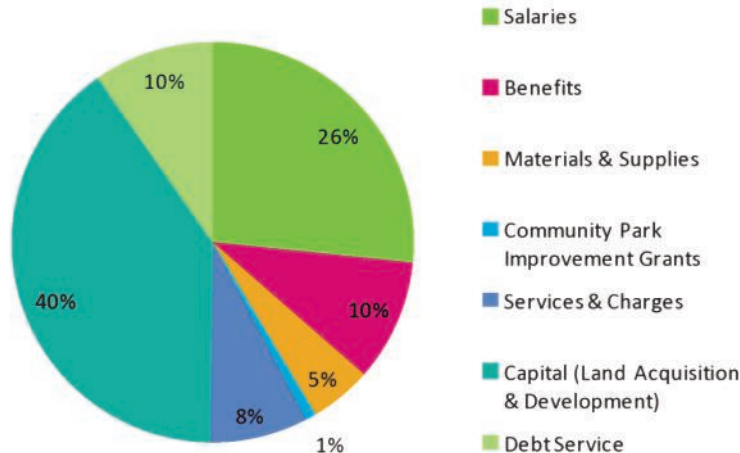
We look forward to another exciting year, with the opening of Shale Hollow Preserve and the completion of the Gateway Interpretive Pavilion at Gallant Woods Preserve. We also will be hosting the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association’s Park Section Fall Forum, with attendees from all over Ohio. Our dedicated and talented staff members are eager to show them the parks we are pleased to have been able to create. We hope you are also proud of your park system; we appreciate your continued support.

On a final note, we wish to thank Jim Bargar, who retired in December from the Preservation Parks Board of Commissioners after 24 years of volunteer service. His knowledge, guidance and leadership were instrumental to the successful development of Preservation Parks.

2012 Available Funds — \$5,241,985



2012 Expenditures — \$4,501,310



Big Walnut Community Trail

Village of Sunbury constructed ramp/stair system to the Trail from Columbus Street

Char-Mar Ridge Preserve

Constructed flush restroom

Deer Haven Preserve

Constructed Havener Memorial seating area and trail connector

Emily Traphagen Preserve

Added electricity and water to picnic shelter
Added aerator to pond

Gallant Farm Preserve

Completed construction of farmhouse
Constructed garden shed, outhouse, granary and implement shed
Constructed grape arbor and planted historic Delaware Grape vine
Opened farm to public
Moved and re-constructed historic 1893 barn

Selected 2012 Park Improvements

Gallant Woods Preserve

Reconfigured entrance of Acorn Trail
Added benches and drinking fountain to Gateway Interpretive Pavilion
Constructed boardwalk across Gateway wetland
Restored six acres of wetlands

Hogback Ridge Preserve

Paved parking lot

Ottawa Creek Preserve (future park in Thompson Township)

Began park design and development planning

Shale Hollow Preserve (formerly Big Run Preserve; to open in 2013)

Changed name
Began renovation of existing building for public use
Purchased 3.3 adjoining acres
Received donation of 1.5 adjoining acres

e-mail: contactparks@preservationparks.com



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.

MARCH

Saturday, March 2 — Hue Hunt

Search for the colors emerging as spring draws near! Pick up a bag of paint chips and try to find the colors within the park. Then, enjoy a seasonal snack in The Lodge.

1-4 p.m. **DHP** — all ages

Sunday, March 3 — Avian Anatomy

Fly into The Lodge to learn what makes a bird, a bird! Learn about the different types of birds as we explore their adaptations. Get the chance to see a live bird up close!

2 p.m. **DHP** — all ages

Tuesday, March 5 — Bluebirds and Other Cavity Nesters ❖

Interested in attracting cavity nesters to your backyard or monitoring Bluebird boxes? Join veteran bluebird Paula Ziebarth to discover the keys to successful box placement, predator proofing, and monitoring. Afterward, stay for an optional session about Cornell's monitoring website, Nestwatch. Registration required by Feb. 26.

6:30 p.m. **DHP** — ages 16+

Saturday, March 9 — A Little Seedy

Let's get a jump on spring and start some flower and herb seeds indoors. Each participant leaves with a dozen potted seeds of his or her choice, including zinnias, flax, anise, hyssop, ambrosia, chamomile, marigolds, lavender and others.

2 p.m. **GFP** — ages 5-10

Saturday, March 9 — Timberdoodle Time

This chubby little shorebird will delight if we can catch sight or sound of him performing his aerial courtship display.

6:30 p.m. **BCP** — ages 8+

Sunday, March 10 — Northward Bound

We'll welcome waterfowl that are making a return from their winter retreats. Learn to identify some common waterfowl and their possible destinations northward.

Binoculars will be provided. Park in the gravel parking area off Mill Run Crossing.

3 p.m. **Delaware City's Wetlands Park** (behind Kohl's on U.S. 36) — ages 8+

Friday, March 15 — "Goodbye to Winter" Hike

Get out and enjoy the late winter evening air as we hike the trails in search of signs that spring is close at hand.

7:30 p.m. **ETP** — ages 7+

Sunday, March 17 — Natural Egg Dying ❖

Come to the farm and learn what you can use from your own cabinets and gardens to add color to this holiday season. Eggs provided; \$5 fee. Register by March 10.

2 p.m. **GFP** — ages 5+

Thursday, March 21 — Homeschool Adventures: Polliwogs, Frogs & Sallies

This month we will explore vernal pools in search of the amphibian harbingers of spring. Be prepared to get wet and muddy!

10 a.m. **CMRP** — ages 7-12

Saturday, March 23 & Sunday, March 24 — Bunny Weekend

Play bunny bingo and "hop"-scotch (weather dependent), and create a cute bunny craft. Learn that wild rabbits and pet rabbits are very different animals. Meet some companion rabbits from a rabbit rescue group, whose members would like to tell others that the best rabbit to take home this time of year is a *chocolate* rabbit!

1-4 p.m. **DHP** — ages 5+

Mossy Maze Polypore with Algae



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Wednesday, March 27 & Thursday, March 28 —

Preschool Park Pals: Duck Day ❖

Bring your little "duckling" to learn about the wild duck way of eating, paddling, and preening feathers. Registration required by March 20.

10 a.m. & 1 p.m. **DHP** — ages 4-5

Saturday, March 30 — Seasonal Tyke Hike

Join the Naturalist for a seasonal story followed by a short hike.

1 p.m. **ETP** — ages 2-5 and their families

Sunday, March 31 — Wonders of Wool

Spring is the time of year when we all shed our winter coats, and it's time to shear the sheep as well. Let's look at what makes wool such a fantastic fiber, and at its many uses. Then, try your hand at carding and felting.

2 p.m. **GFP** — all ages

APRIL

Saturday, April 6 — Novelty Nose

Bears live by their noses! Take a hike with a naturalist and discover the history of the Black Bear in Ohio. Dive in, nose first, and learn through hands-on activities.

1 p.m. **CMRP** — ages 6+

Sunday, April 7 — Reading the Woods

The natural world can be overwhelming and foreign to some, so here is your chance to gain a better understanding of what's really out there. Join us on a hike and explore nature in a different way!

2 p.m. **GWP** — ages 8+

Saturday, April 13 — Monarchs & Milkweed ❖

Want to become a part of the Monarch Butterfly Tagging Program? Discover the steps needed to care for these winged beauties. Grab some milkweed seeds to take home and learn how to build a collection tank. After the program, be one of the first to reserve a monarch kit for your school, with everything you need to explore the life of a Monarch Butterfly. Registration required by April 6.

1 p.m. **DHP** — ages 10+

Sunday, April 14 — Herbaceous Harvest

Through stories and facts, discover the edible and medicinal uses for some native herbs. After a hike, try samples of some natural plant recipes.

3 p.m. **ETP** — ages 10+

Thursday, April 18 — Homeschool Adventures: Wild About Wildflowers

Spring has sprung and the woods are carpeted with a luxurious mix of colors, thanks to the amazing variety of spring wildflowers. We'll venture out onto the trail to identify some of them, and learn something unique about each one.

10 a.m. **HRP** — ages 7-12

Saturday, April 20 — Springtime Evening Stroll

Birds, amphibians and flowers — the sights and sounds of spring are everywhere! Let's take time to enjoy them during a springtime evening stroll on the nature trail.

6:30 p.m. **ETP** — ages 6+

Sunday, April 21 — Feathers & Flowers

Enjoy a one-mile hike to explore early bird migrants (bring binoculars) and wildflowers, as we walk the trail system at Hogback Ridge Preserve.

4 p.m. **HRP** — ages 18+

Wednesday, April 24 & Thursday, April 25 — Preschool Park Pals: Wiggly Worms ❖

Can you make heads or tails out of a worm's body? We'll learn which end is which, and other cool facts as your preschooler investigates with his or her own worm.

Then, we'll eat a worm snack! Registration required by April 16.

10 a.m. & 1 p.m. **DHP** — ages 4-5

2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury OH 43074

**Friday, April 26 — 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 April 19.

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

Saturday, April 27 — Historic Herbal Habits

Guest speaker Carol Kelly will discuss the history and importance of Depression-era gardens and Victory Gardens. She will discuss various herbs, along with the most common flowers and vegetables one would have seen during the period.

1 p.m. GFP — ages 12+

Saturday, April 27 — Spring Beauties

Discover the names and stories behind the spectacular show of wildflower beauties found along the trail.

3 p.m. DHP — ages 9+

Sunday, April 28 — What's in the Box?

Tree Swallows and Bluebirds should be active in the boxes along the trail today. Help a naturalist check each box, identify the nest builders, and record data.

2 p.m. BCP — ages 9+

Sunday, April 28 — Fishing Fun ❖

See April 26 description. Registration required by April 21.

5 p.m. GFP — ages 16 and under, accompanied by an adult

MAY**Friday, May 3 — Fishing Fun** ❖

See April 26 description. Registration required by April 26.

6 p.m. BCP — ages 16 and under, accompanied by an adult

Saturday, May 4 — Dinner Time! ❖

Join a naturalist in a quest to find food for the resident wildlife. Learn about varying reptile and amphibian diets as you catch bugs and collect plants. Then get a chance to watch the animals eat. Limited space; register by April 27.

1 p.m. DHP — all ages

Sunday, May 5 — Habitat Heroes ❖

Become a super hero and help us destroy the evil invasive plants. Do your part, and grab some shears and gloves to pull and cut these awful villains. We'll reward you with a Dutch-oven dinner afterward, and if you wear a super-hero costume, you might win a prize for best costume. Register by April 28.

3 p.m. DHP — all ages

Friday, May 10 and Saturday, May 11 — Let's Plant the Garden!

Spend as much — or as little — time as you wish preparing the garden soil and planting a variety of vegetable seeds.

Noon-4 p.m. GFP — all ages

Saturday, May 11 — Wetland Walk

Several vernal pools at Gallant Woods Preserve are filled with a variety of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. Let's identify the inhabitants and discover who depends on these small wetlands for survival.

4 p.m. GWP — ages 9+

Sunday, May 12 — Cavity Nesters Galore

Purple Martins, Tree Swallows and Bluebirds are just a few of the birds that depend on man-made shelters to raise their young. Join us at the Farm to see whether the Purple Martins have returned to their nest sites.

2 p.m. GFP — all ages

Thursday, May 16 — Homeschool Adventures: The Hunter and the Hunted

There is a complicated relationship between predator and prey. Through hands-on activities, we will learn the dynamics of this timeless association.

10 a.m. ETP — ages 7-12

Saturday, May 18 — Tussie-Mussies, Nosegays and Sachets

Before anti-perspirants and chemical room deodorizers, the world could be a smelly place. How did our ancestors cope? Small floral bouquets brought to the nose were one way. We'll use sweet-smelling herbs and flowers to make natural air-fresheners.

10 a.m. GFP — ages 8+

Saturday, May 18 — Turtle Talk

Do you know how many species of turtles live in Ohio? Come learn about them, and explore their habitat. You'll see and touch shells, eggs and live turtles!

1 p.m. DHP — ages 5+

Sunday, May 19 — Damsels & Dragons

This is no fairy tale! Come explore the real life of dragonflies and damselflies. Play a game to learn the difference between these similar-looking insects. Then jump into the wetlands to try and catch a few! Wear clothes that you can get muddy and wet.

2 p.m. DHP — ages 5+

Wednesday, May 22 & Thursday, May 23 — Preschool Park Pals: Froggy Fun ❖

Bring your little tadpoles to learn about the amazing amphibian life of frogs and toads. Registration required by May 15.

10 a.m. & 1 p.m. DHP — ages 4-5

Friday, May 24 — Into the Darkness

Venture into the dark to learn which animals come out at night, listen for the sounds they make, and maybe even spot an animal or two. Meet at the shelter house.

9 p.m. GWP — ages 7+

Saturday, May 25 — Farm Field Geology

The plowing of the soil, coupled with subsequent rains, will uncover a fascinating array of rocks and stones. Let's walk the fields and see what we can find. We'll bring our treasures back to the classroom to identify them.

10 a.m. GFP — all ages

Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 — Hummingbird Happenings

Hummingbirds are one of the wonders of the bird world. Celebrate these amazing flying jewels. Ongoing activities throughout the weekend include feeder observations, hummer snacks, videos, and discovering plants that attract these talented flyers.

1-4 p.m. DHP — all ages

Hound Hikes

Bring your socialized canine companion for a hike along the trails of Preservation Parks! With help from our partner, Acme Canine, each hike will end with a doggie discussion on varying topics. Plus, your dog will receive a bandana at your first hike, and a paw-print stamp will be added for every hike completed. If you and your canine complete all three Spring Hound Hikes, you will receive a little treat, and once you have 10 stamps you will receive a prize!!! Dogs must be up-to-date on shots and have county tags. Pick up our *Pets in the Park* brochure for all you need to know about bringing your dog on the trails.

March 11, 6:30 p.m. Emily Traphagen Preserve
April 15, 7:30 p.m. Char-Mar Ridge Preserve
May 13, 8:30 p.m. Gallant Woods Preserve

**All Aboard for Railroad Fun!**

The Delaware County Model Railroaders Group holds two open houses a month at **The Trailhouse at Big Walnut Community Trail**. Visitors can help run 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.

Saturdays	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	March 16, April 20 and May 18
Sundays	Noon - 4 p.m.	March 17, April 21 and May 19

e-mail: contactparks@preservationparks.com

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**

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.



Exercise in the Great Green Gym! ❖

Restore and Relax — Take time to rejuvenate! We'll set our minds and bodies free from stress, using massage, breathing and gentle stretches. Bring a yoga mat, and small pillow and blanket for final relaxation. Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, and April 3, 10, 17 & 24, at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$30 for the 8-week session.

Balance and Flex — Muscles tight? Balance off? Want to move more easily? We'll balance, flex and bend our bodies to each individual's level, and work to gain strength, balance and flexibility. Bring a yoga mat. Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, and April 6, 13 & 20 at 9 a.m. Cost: \$30 for the 8-week session.

Classes to be held at Deer Haven Preserve. To register, e-mail: register@preservationparks.com.

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: 2013

Look About the Lodge

Can you find the hidden, seasonal items that are scattered around the nature display in The Lodge at Deer Haven Preserve? Look up, down, all around — the items might be camouflaged! Use only your eyes to find as many as you can, tell us the number and you might win a prize! Here's what to look for:

March: Salamanders ♦ April: Trilliums ♦ May: Warblers

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 at: www.preservationparks.com.

Spring walks begin at 1:30 p.m.

March walks (March 4, 11, 18 & 25) will be held at Polaris Fashion Place, 1500 Polaris Parkway. Meet at the food court. (If the day is warmer than 40 degrees, the March walks will be held at Deer Haven Preserve.)

April & May walks will be held at these locations:

April 1	Deer Haven Preserve
April 8	Gallant Woods Preserve
April 15	Blues Creek Preserve
April 22	Emily Traphagen Preserve
April 29	Char-Mar Ridge Preserve
May 6	Highbanks MetroPark
May 13	Delaware City's Wetlands Park
May 20	Cox Arboretum & Wegerzyn Gardens (Bus trip) ❖

❖ Registration Required: call 740-369-5133

Parks Open 8 a.m. - Sunset Daily

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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

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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New for Spring!

Delaware Family Fridays

Preservation Parks is teaming up with Delaware City Parks & Recreation, the Delaware YMCA, Main Street Delaware and the Delaware County District Libraries to bring you **Delaware Family Fridays** — a new initiative to provide family fun every Friday evening, May through September. The entire schedule is available on-line, but here is what is happening in May.

- May 3: Cinco de Mayo — 6-9 p.m. Downtown Delaware (Main Street Delaware)
- May 10: Family Night : "Lawn Games" — 6:30-8:30 p.m. 1121 S. Houk Road (YMCA)
- May 17: Movies at Mingo "Enchanted" — 8:30 p.m. Mingo Park, 500 E. Lincoln St. (Delaware City Parks & Recreation)
- May 24: "Into the Darkness" Night Hike — 9 p.m. Gallant Woods Preserve, 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road (Preservation Parks)
- May 31: '80s Game Night — 7-8 p.m. Main Branch, 84 E. Winter St. (Delaware County District Library)



Invasive Plant Team Training

Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.
Char-Mar Ridge Preserve

Invasive species crowd out native plants and harm the natural habitat for birds and other wildlife. You may apply to be a part of our Invasive Plant Removal Volunteer Team, and help us remove invasive plants, such as honeysuckle and garlic mustard, from the parks. Wear long pants and long sleeves, and bring garden gloves. This program is for adults, but teens with adult supervision may also participate. Register by March 7, by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 3, or sending an e-mail to: register@preservationparks.com.

WOW! At the Farm and Woods

Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Gallant Farm & Gallant Woods Preserves

WOW! The Wonders of Wetlands is an instructional guide for educators that provides a creative collection of wetland activities, information, and ideas. WOW! includes more than 50 hands-on, multi-disciplinary activities in lesson plan format, extensive background information on wetlands, ideas for student action projects, and a wetlands resource guide. This workshop is open to environmental educators, teachers, volunteers and anyone interested in learning how to educate others about wetlands; it includes the opportunity to explore the wetlands and vernal pools of Gallant Woods Preserve. The \$25 fee covers program costs, including the WOW! guidebook. This program is for adults, age 18 and older. Register by March 22, by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 3, or by sending an e-mail to: register@preservationparks.com.

