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Founding Families

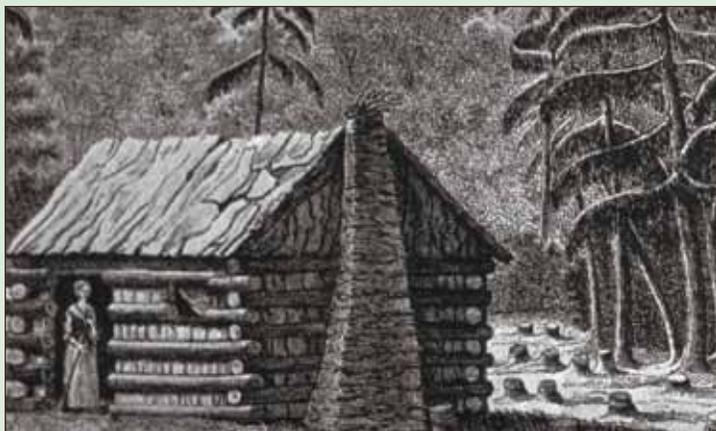
*Our parks were their backyards.
Lucky for us, we have been invited to play in them!*

They knew that they lived someplace special, and some of these civic-minded families made provisions to ensure that their beloved homes could be enjoyed by all. Along with their land, these founding families have shared their enduring values of community service, hard work and stewardship so that all Ohioans can reap the benefits of prosperity, equality, and the reassuring peace and simplicity of nature in some of our state's most scenic landscapes.

Like his father before him, **Matthew Hueston**, namesake of **Hueston Woods State Park**, personified the grit and gumption of the pioneers who steered Ohio on the road to statehood. In 1773, when Matthew was two years old, his father, William Hueston, moved the family from their Pennsylvania home to the wild backwoods of the Virginia territory (near present-day Wheeling, West Virginia). William Hueston was enticed by the promise of 400 acres of land to any settler intrepid enough to

establish a farm and live on it. Unfortunately, Hueston's timing coincided with a spike in violence on the frontier as Chief Logan sought revenge for the cruel murder of his family, and Virginia's Lord Dunmore rallied a militia to march against the Shawnee. William Hueston dodged the danger long enough to build his homestead and till his fields, but his success was tragically short-lived. The frontier hostility claimed another victim as Hueston was shot and scalped at the front door of his cabin, leaving behind a grieving widow and six young children.

Matthew Hueston had to grow up quickly, helping on the farm as a small boy, and learning a trade at age 15. Industrious and resourceful like his late father, Matthew helped support his family and saved a few pennies for himself, working as a leather tanner and currier. In 1793, Matthew headed out for his own adventure down the Ohio River. When Matthew arrived at Cincinnati, the area was buzzing with activity as General Mad Anthony Wayne was organizing his army and stockpiling provisions for his upcoming expedition into Indian territory. Matthew's skills were in demand here, and after a stint driving cattle, putting up beef and making leather, Matthew found himself in charge of the Fort Washington commissary. Matthew accompanied Wayne's troops, setting up and supervising the army stores along the way. After Wayne's victory at the Battle



of Fallen Timbers, Matthew resigned from his military post and established a civilian career as a store keeper.

Matthew shared his father's dream of owning land, as well as his father's penchant for the frontier. Matthew had built a lucrative business, and by 1800, he began purchasing parcels he had seen on his trek through southwest Ohio with General Wayne's army. Matthew married in 1802, and continued to acquire more than 2,600 acres of land west of the Great Miami River. A decade later, he returned to the army, serving once again as the commissary with the rank of colonel. After the War of 1812, Matthew convinced his mother and siblings to join him in the Miami Valley.

Matthew's brother, Thomas, settled onto the farm that would become part of today's Hueston Woods State Park. Thomas and his children lovingly tended the fields and the beech and maple grove that is today's Big Woods. Thanks to generations of generous Huestons, a part of Ohio's pioneer heritage has been preserved. When the last of the Huestons died in the 1930s, conservationist Morris Taylor purchased the Huestons' woods and held it in trust. In the 1940s, the state of Ohio purchased the woods and additional land to create a state forest. In 1957, Hueston Woods was designated as a state park. The 200-acre old-growth forest was declared a national natural landmark in 1967, and became a state nature preserve in 1973.



Datus was eager for a new adventure, and wasted no time moving his family to the island. By 1836, he had built a home and a livelihood quarrying the valuable limestone bedrock, and harvesting the abundant red cedar trees. The island's long frost-free growing season proved ideal for cultivating grapes and fruit trees. Datus recruited immigrants from a number of European countries to help with the thriving enterprises and live alongside him. He built the infrastructure of a community including a school, town hall, shops and churches. The diversity of the workforce gave the island a reputation as a melting pot, where various cultures lived in harmony and differing customs were gladly tolerated.

Datus' descendants continued the successful island industries for generations, including 23 wineries, and a mile-long limestone quarry pit. By 1900, the population of year-round residents had grown to 2,000, and the lovely island had also become a lively summer tourist destination. Just a few decades later, though, Prohibition put a damper on the wine business, and limestone mining on the mainland had geared up to out-compete the island operation. By 1950, the island population had plunged to fewer than 100 year-round residents, as the various commercial enterprises grew quiet.

After a century of boom and bustle, the island was reclaimed by calm. Fortunately, a long tract of the amazing grooves carved into the island limestone by prehistoric glaciers had been spared by the ambitious quarry men, and it was set aside as a State Memorial in 1932. In 1956, Kelleys Island State Park was cobbled together from properties acquired by the state of Ohio, including the delightful sand beach, pristine pond and woodlands, and interesting rock-scape of the historic quarry at the island's north shore. Two unique island features nestled inside the park, the North Shore Alvar ecosystem and North Pond estuary, were declared state nature preserves in 1999. Today, the island is still a melting pot, where happy park visitors from all over the world can gather and enjoy access to the island's natural wonders.



Datus Kelley

When **Datus** and **Irada Kelley**, the namesakes of **Kelleys Island**, first set foot on the emerald island, they were enchanted. Arcane pictographs, mysterious mounds and flaked flint provided evidence that the Lake Erie landform had attracted ancient mariners from the mainland, and sustained a small native American village long ago. A few pioneer cabins gave testimony to more recent habitation. Still, the lush green canopy and chalky shore provided a tantalizingly blank slate to the visionary Kelley brothers.

Datus and Irada Kelley were born in Middlefield, Connecticut in 1788 and 1791, respectively, and spent their boyhood in the foothills of New York's Adirondack Mountains. In 1810, their uncle Joshua Stow, a member of General Moses Cleaveland's surveying team, convinced his nephews to venture west and join him at the promising new town near the Lake Erie shore. Datus made his home in the nearby settlement at Rocky River in 1811, and Irada decided to seek his fortune in Cleveland in 1812. Datus set to work building a sawmill and schoolhouse for his Rocky River neighbors, while Irada set up shop as a merchant and Cleveland postmaster, and learned to sail.



Irada Kelley

While piloting his sloop across Lake Erie with goods bound for Detroit in 1833, Irada encountered a storm. He sought shelter on the island identified as "Number Six" on the Connecticut Land Survey map. Irada was intrigued by the place, and he shared his discovery with Datus. Together, they purchased parcels until they owned the entire island, which they renamed "Kelleys Island" several years later.

Judge William Lawrence, namesake of **Lawrence Woods State Nature Preserve**, helped usher Ohio through its frontier backwater days, and build a flourishing community in his own corner of Ohio, and across the nation. William was born in Mt. Pleasant in Jefferson

County in 1819. He received the finest education young

Ohio had to offer at nearby Franklin College, where he embraced the school's abolitionist ideology, and at the law school at Cincinnati College.

After completing his studies, William ventured up the Miami Valley to Logan County, where he opened his law practice in 1841 in Bellefontaine.

Before the Revolutionary War, the area had been a stronghold of the Shawnee and home of their great war chief, Blue Jacket. More recently, frontier hero Simon Kenton spent his final years in a secluded cabin on the Mad River, a few miles from town, until his death in 1836. The lovely and historic hilltop town was the ideal location to launch William's stellar career.

William and his colleagues, Benjamin Stanton and Judge William H. West, enhanced Bellefontaine's reputation as an intellectual oasis on the fringe of Ohio's last vestige of unsettled wilderness. William's resume expanded quickly to include county prosecutor, common pleas judge, state representative and state senator. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War, he matched decisive action with his high ideals, serving as colonel of the 84th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During the war, William continued to receive his judges' salary, which he generously donated to local school districts for the benefit of the soldiers' families.



After the war, William was elected to Congress, where he polished his reputation as a reformer for over a decade. William delivered eloquent speeches and proposed practical legislation that would provide homesteads for veterans, ensure fair elections, and create the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1880, U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes appointed William as the first Comptroller of the U.S. Treasury. Ever an advocate for the disadvantaged, William helped his friend Clara Barton charter the American Red Cross, and served as the organization's first vice-president.

At the same time William nurtured his life of the mind, he also cultivated his love of the land. Professionally, he championed the cause of farmers, and served as president of the Ohio Wool Grower's Association. Personally, he indulged his interest in agriculture and conservation by purchasing land in neighboring Hardin County. William pieced together a sprawling family farm, marrying fertile fields and meadows with dense buttonbush swamps and wild mature woodlands dotted with vernal pools. The land he fancied sits atop a recessional moraine, created when ancient glaciers retreated in fits and starts, dumping heaps of gravelly debris. The result is a rolling landscape of well-drained swells and watery swales that lend great biological diversity and scenic beauty.

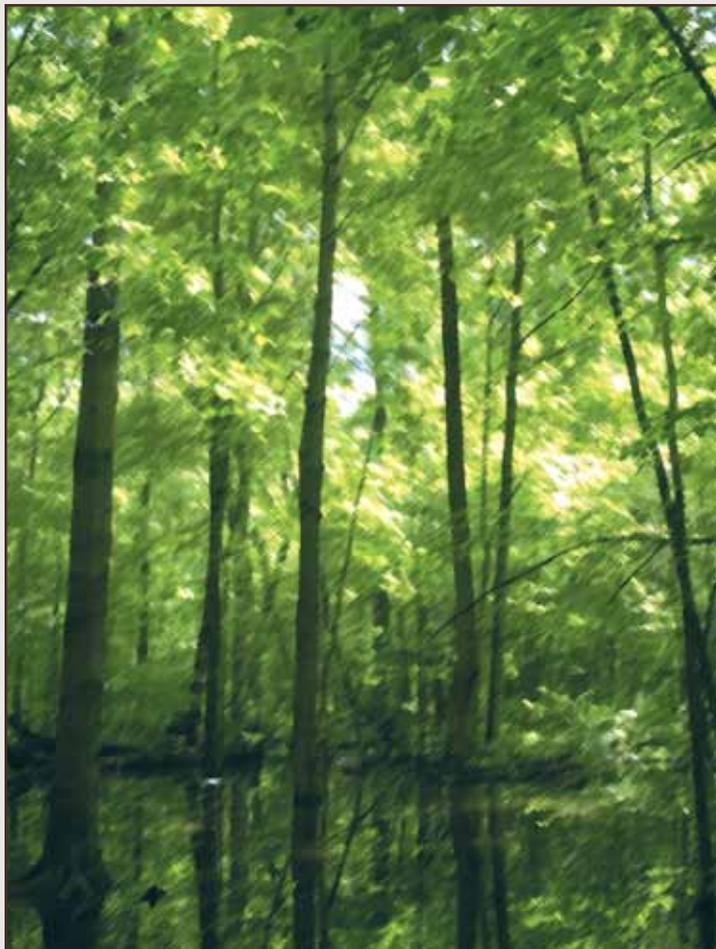
William relied on his son, John, to help manage his real estate interests, and upon William's death in 1899 in nearby Kenton, John inherited the family farm. The land was passed down through generations, and in 1997, the state of Ohio purchased the historic Lawrence farm from William Lawrence's great-granddaughter and her children to save the magnificent old-growth trees. In addition to towering oak, beech, white ash, shagbark hickory, maple and sycamores dating back 250 years or more, the woods harbors two state endangered species, the heart-leaf plantain and grove sandwort, along with countless salamanders. Lawrence Woods State Nature Preserve was officially dedicated in 1999. William Lawrence was an extraordinary Ohioan, and with the help of his family, the preservation of his beloved Lawrence Woods ranks among William Lawrence's brilliant, lasting achievements.

From the time she was a tot, **Mary Jane Thurston**, namesake of **Mary Jane Thurston State**

Park, learned to find solace in nature during complicated times. Mary Jane was born in Mississippi in 1848. Her parents, Galen and Martha (Payne) Norton, found themselves in the awkward predicament of sympathizing with the opponents of slavery while living in a southern state, amid slave owners. By the time little Mary Jane was three, the tension had escalated, and Galen and Martha decided to move the family to more congenial surroundings in northern Ohio. They settled in Maumee on the banks of the lovely Maumee River. The Nortons had found harmony with their neighbors, but they could not escape the intensifying discord in the nation. A decade after their arrival in Ohio, three of Mary Jane's brothers left home to serve in the Union Army.



After the veterans returned home and resumed their livelihoods, Mary Jane saw the quiet burg of Maumee grow into a thriving town, sprawling toward the bustling port city of Toledo. In 1875, Mary Jane married Asher Thurston and the newlyweds moved upriver. Like her parents, Mary Jane sought out a simpler life and a soothing land-



scape to raise her family. The Thurstons settled on a lovely farm near a peaceful bend of the Maumee River just outside the hamlet of Grand Rapids. Here, the Thurston children could attend public school, and Mary Jane could indulge her passion for community service, while enjoying a satisfying rural lifestyle.

After Asher passed away in 1902, Mary Jane continued to tend to their family farm, as well as the needs of her neighbors. In the twilight of Mary Jane's long life, it seemed that the entire nation had become needy during the dark years of the Great Depression. Mary Jane decided to share her own good fortune in one last civic gesture. She hoped to create a public park from the beloved farm that had fed her family and sustained her spirit. Mary Jane's wishes were clear, but could not be completed before her death in 1932 at the age of 82.

Mary Jane's six children carried out her plan, and deeded nearly 16 acres of the family farm to the state of Ohio in December 1932. True to their mother's love of simplicity, they stipulated that the farm be kept clean and free of the commercial amusements of the day, including dance halls, merry-go-rounds or games of chance. The park was officially opened during the Grand Rapids centennial celebration in 1933. In 1936,

the Civilian Conservation Corps built the beautiful stone shelter house that picnickers still enjoy today. Additional parcels were purchased over the years, and when the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and our state park system were officially created in 1949, **Mary Jane Thurston** was journalized as one of the first Ohio State Parks.



These are just a few of the big hearted Ohioans and farsighted families whose treasured properties have become part of our collective legacy of state parks and nature preserves. Through their generous acts, those founding families have ensured that those properties will endure, much like they remember them. Many other folks, including our park and preserve visitors, supporters, friends and volunteers who enjoy these special places, honor their memory and help protect the legacy for generations to come.

- Jean Backs, Editor

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Portage Lakes

Along the Portage Path

No old-time highway in Ohio is of more historic interest than the Portage Path...it is probably one of the oldest highways in the west, having been the route of buffaloes across the summit of the state. In later years, it became the portage for the Indians from the Lake country to the streams flowing south...

From "The Indian Thoroughfares of Ohio" by Archer Butler Hulbert, Ohio History, 1900

Back in the days when Ohio was the Old Northwest Territory, the Portage Path served as the western boundary line of the United States in the treaties of Fort McIntosh (1785), Fort Harmar (1789), and General "Mad Anthony" Wayne's Greenville Treaty (1795). Not only was the trail the dividing line between the settlers and the native Americans, it also symbolized the separation of the Great Lakes territory of the Iroquois Confederacy, and the Ohio Valley home of the western tribes that made their mark on frontier Ohio.

Long before the ambitious canal engineers built their elaborate systems for conveying goods and people from Lake Erie to the Ohio River, sleek Indian canoes were navigating efficiently down the natural waterways. From the Great Lakes, the canoes paddled up the Cuyahoga River. Strong legs and backs were employed to portage the laden canoes along the well-worn path at the summit, where the northern streams emptied into Erie, and the southern streams traced a path to the Ohio River. As the Tuscarawas River tumbled into sight, the porters could relax and drift downriver. Once they reached the confluence with the Walhonding, the canoes would begin the 100-mile glide down the Muskingum River to its broad mouth at the beautiful Ohio. From there, they could navigate by canoe all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.

The summit was the ideal location to stock up on provisions and drop off furs gathered along the trip. Naturally, a trading post was established here, and the spot served as a convenient rendezvous point for warriors and soldiers alike. A stone's throw from the

connection at the Tuscarawas was a chain of serene little lakes just beyond the busy thoroughfare. The lakes had been gouged out of the landscape eons before by retreating Ice Age glaciers. No doubt, they had served as watering holes for the buffalo and wild beasts that trod along the summit long before the canoes arrived.

Among the natives who followed the buffalo path along the portage, the Delaware found the string of lakes particularly appealing. Chief Wam-pe-tek established his placid village on the shores of Turkeyfoot Lake with 40 of his friends and relatives. Village life was idyllic until a disagreement with a neighbor escalated into violence. Wam-pe-tek's dispute with a local settler, Liberton Dixon, over rights to a valuable bee tree ended abruptly in Wam-pe-tek's mysterious disappearance. The Delaware suspected murder, and the ensuing exchange of blame and vengeance fueled Dixon's avocation as an Indian hunter. Village life was never quite the same, and memory of the tragedy lingers on - local legend has it that, on certain calm nights, the plaintive whoops of a dying Indian can still be heard echoing over Turkeyfoot Lake.

The nomadic Delaware Chief Konieschquanoheel, nicknamed Hopocan in his own language and better known as Captain Pipe by the English, made camp from time to time on Nesmith Lake. Hopocan relocated often, and became well known around the Ohio territory for his leadership and savvy. Like many of the Delaware, Hopocan was neutral at the outset of the American Revolution. He refused to take up arms against the Americans even after

Portage Lakes Today

Portage Lakes is still a boater's paradise, with dozens of quiet nooks for paddling, and straight stretches for speed boats, with eight launch ramps offering access. The family campground at Nimisila offers a pleasant back-to-nature experience at 68 non-electric campsites, plus six sites with electrical hookups. Nostalgic campers looking for an authentic adventure can rent a roomy canvas tepee, complete with canoe.

Portage Lakes has something special for every member of the family. The Big Oaks Kids Zone offers plenty of room for youngsters to enjoy their trikes, bikes and skateboards away from cars and traffic. The park's wonderful new dog park provides fenced play areas and lake access so pets can frolic off-leash and splash to their hearts' content. Nature trails meander through woods and meadows for leisurely strolls or fitness

jaunts. There is a cool public beach at Turkeyfoot Lake, and an accessible fishing platform on North Reservoir. Picnic areas and reservable shelters are ideal for a family reunion or friendly get-together. The Astronomy Club of Akron's observatory near Turkeyfoot Lake offers stargazing programs for the perfect ending to a perfect day.

soldiers killed his mother, brother, and a few of his children in indiscriminate attacks on the Indians during a military campaign in 1778. However, the needless destruction of the Delaware town at Coshocton in 1781 by Continental Army Colonel Daniel Brodhead, and the execution of nearly 100 innocent Delaware men, women and children at Gnadenhutten in 1782 by the Pennsylvania militia, changed Hopocan's mind.

When Colonel William Crawford led the Pennsylvania and Virginia militias in a march against the Delaware and Mingo villages along the Sandusky River in 1782, Hopocan joined the fray. Crawford was captured, and Hopocan is believed to have personally painted Crawford's face black, the mark of execution, in retaliation for the Gnadenhutten massacre. Although Crawford had not participated in that atrocity, his fate was sealed, and Hopocan earned himself a reputation among the soldiers for cruelty and ruthlessness. Witnesses reported that, as Crawford was being burned at the stake, he called out to his associate, Simon Girty, to shoot him and end his misery. Hopocan threatened Girty's life if he lifted his rifle, denying Crawford any relief from an agonizing death.

Despite his fervent wish to preserve the Ohio territory for the native people, Hopocan eventually realized that they had little chance against the Americans. He put down his hatchet, and sharpened his diplomatic skills to help negotiate treaties. Since 1785, treaties had confined the Indians to the northern third of the Ohio territory, along a line that skirted the Portage Path. For a few decades afterward, some of the Delaware remained in their Portage Lakes neighborhood, until Ohio's push for statehood nudged them to the western edge of the frontier, and eventually west of the Mississippi River.

By the early 1800s, Ohioans eager to engage in commerce of their own devised a new way to employ natural waterways, along with man-made channels, to provide transportation across the state. In 1822, the new Ohio Canal Commission recommended a route starting at Lake Erie, passing through the Cuyahoga Valley, the Muskingum Valley, the Licking Valley, and then to the Ohio River along the Scioto Valley. Work began in 1825 to dig out the trenches that would serve as the canal channels, and at the Portage Summit, the town of Akron was founded primarily as a new home for the canal workers. The Ohio and Erie Canal section connecting Akron and the Portage Summit to Cleveland and Lake Erie was completed in 1827. The canal was an incredible boon to the local subsistence

farmers and millers, offering the prospect of a more prosperous livelihood, producing food for sale at distant cities.

On its high perch in northeast Ohio, Akron was ideally situated to connect to another canal system, the Pennsylvania and Ohio, giving the area even greater access to eastern markets. The canal connecting Akron to Beaver, Pennsylvania was completed in 1841. In the late 1830s, the nearby Portage Lakes were tapped as a supplemental water supply for the canal channels. Streams linking Long Lake and Turkeyfoot Lake were dammed, creating East Reservoir and West Reservoir. The canals were technological marvels for their time, and the resulting string of lakes became a curiosity, in their own right. Entrepreneurs took advantage of the new hydraulics and built lakeside mills, while local fishermen took advantage of the amazing variety and abundance of fish.

Akron flourished at the pinnacle of the canal era, and by the early 1900s, additional water supply was needed for the city's booming industries. North Reservoir was completed in 1907 to complement the Portage Lakes. In March of 1913, the perfect storm dumped record rainfall on frozen ground, resulting in devastating floods across Ohio that overtopped canal channels, shattered canal locks, and sent icy floodwaters roaring through canal towns, including Akron. Railroads had been chasing the canals' loyal patrons for decades, and the wreckage of the 1913 flood put an abrupt end to canal transportation.

The network of feeder reservoirs and natural lakes took on a new purpose in a new era of resource conservation and public recreation. Cottages and hotels, picnic areas and restaurants, and other lakeside attractions had popped up like daisies as laborers flocked to the lakes to enjoy their leisure hours. With each generation, the lakeside amusements evolved to suit the tastes of the times. The last of the Portage Lakes, Nimisila Reservoir, was built by the Works Progress Administration in 1936 to quench the city's thirst for more water, as well as provide meaningful work for folks idled by the Great Depression.

The Ohio Department of Public Works maintained jurisdiction over the canal lands until the Ohio Department of Natural Resources was established in 1949. With the creation of Ohio's new state park system, Akron's lovely strand of pearls became Portage Lakes State Park for all Ohians to enjoy.

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Park Pals

No Fibbin' - they're amphibians!

These incredible creatures are born with tails, but as they grow older, legs magically appear. Like us, they breathe air but they can stay underwater for hours without holding their breath!

Sounds like mermaids from fairy tales, but these fantastic creatures are real. No fibbin' - they're amphibians!

Amphibians are cold-blooded critters that live part of their life in the water, and part of their life on land. After they hatch from eggs, they start life as wiggly swimmers with tails but no legs. In this stage of life, they are called tadpoles or polliwogs.

Even as adults, amphibians don't venture too far from a pond, stream or swampy spot. Their thin, slimy skin has to stay moist. When it comes time to mate and lay eggs, frogs and salamanders head for the water. Some salamanders can live for 20 years, and they return to the very same pool every year to mate.

After a couple of months (or in the case of bullfrogs, a couple of years), the tadpole grows legs. Their gills develop into lungs. The tadpole transforms from a fishy squiggle to a hoppy frog or slithery salamander that can breathe air and walk on land.

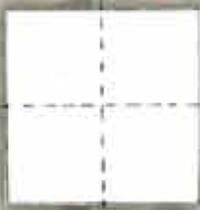
FANTASTIC FACT: A salamander that loses its tail or leg can re-grow a new one!

Got Legs? Try this!

Grab a friend or two, and try out some amphibian races. Pick a start line and a finish line. One person can slither on their belly, one can crawl on their hands and knees, and one can hop like frog.

Who do you think will finish first? Take turns being the tadpole, salamander and frog.

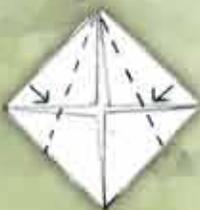
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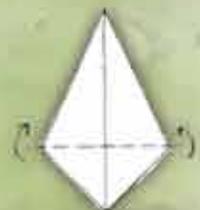
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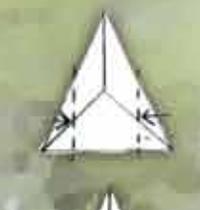
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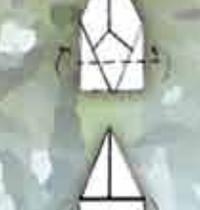
3. Fold the two side points of the diamond into the center, until they meet at the center line.



4. Fold the point of the small triangle at the bottom all of the way up, forming a tall thin triangle.



5. Fold the two bottom points of the triangle into the center, so the points meet.



6. Fold the bottom one-third up, making a flap.



7. Fold the top half of the flap back down toward you. (These are the frog's feet)



8. Fold the point at the very tippy top down a bit. (This makes the frog's head). Color your frog. You can even decorate it with googly eyes, sequins, stickers, and a pipe cleaner for a tongue! Now your frog is ready to hop when you press its back!



Amphibian skin is simply amazing. Some amphibians can change the color of their skin to blend in with their surroundings and absorb more – or less – heat. When a frog or salamander is underwater, air and fluids can pass through its skin. This is how they breathe underwater, and it also makes them very sensitive to pollution. A healthy population of frogs and salamanders means the water in the wetland habitat is clean.



Test your amphibian IQ

What have you learned about amphibians? Read the clues below to fill in the blanks. One letter has been filled in to help you get started.

- If a pond has salamanders, it means the water is this.
- This amphibian can grow a new tail or leg.
- This is a name for a baby amphibian.
- This is how frogs get around.
- A frog will lose this, but a salamander keeps it.
- This is an animal's home (for example, a wetland is one type).
- A frog can breathe through this while underwater.
- Amphibians live part of their lives on land, and part in this.
- It's long and sticky and catches flies.

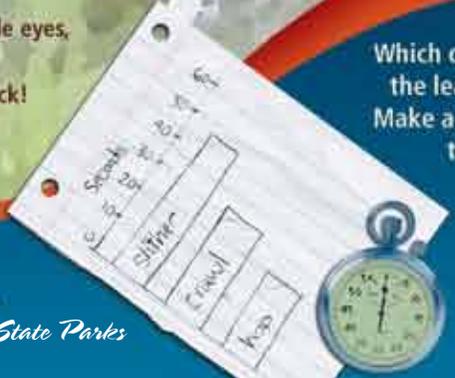
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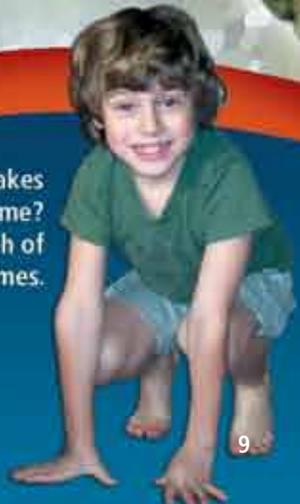
FANTASTIC FACT: A frog's super-long sticky tongue rolls up in its mouth, so the frog can flick it with lightning speed to catch insects.



You can also race by yourself... look at a stopwatch or count while you try slithering, crawling and hopping the same distance.



Which one takes the least time? Make a graph of the times.



PEOPLE IN PARKS, PARK IMPROVEMENTS



People in Parks – A Fresh Spin on a Great Old Tradition

For families struggling during the Great Depression of the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) presented a way to give young adults the opportunity to support themselves and help their families, while providing a valuable service for their country. For most of the CCC youth, it was also a chance to embark on an exciting adventure of personal growth. The legacy of the CCC is scattered about our state parks, in handcrafted stone and timber picnic shelters, trails and roads, healthy forests and serene lakes.



“A member of our crew struggled with feeling accepted...as she continued to work out all the new changes she began to experience accomplishments...she learned how to interact with fellow workers in new ways as well as developing some valuable friendships she will have for a long time.”

Park Improvements

This spring, we are putting the finishing touches on improvements to the popular marinas at three parks, including new seasonal docks at each location. At **Delaware**, the upgrades also include a new fuel dock for boaters' convenience, and updated fire suppression for boater safety. The fuel dock has also been replaced at **Houston Woods**, and the restrooms are being remodeled with accessible features. At **Paint Creek**, there is a nifty new floating concession building in the works, along with a fire suppression system.

Work is scheduled to begin on the second phase of improvements to **Caesar Creek's** north pool launch ramp, including a boater pump-out and restroom upgrades. Several of the historic

“In the future, I would like to own my own small business. The leadership skills I have learned from this job will greatly improve my chances of success.”

Following in the footsteps of the historic CCC, today's Recovery Conservation Corps (RCC) is giving a new generation of young people a chance to help our state parks and nature preserves while they help themselves. The RCC was created last year through funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. With help from local and regional non-profit service agencies that focus on teens and young adults, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Jobs and Family Services have teamed up to match up the youthful labor force with projects. Last summer, 358 RCC workers gained valuable experience working in 59 of our state parks, natural areas, forests and wildlife areas.

The RCC has already made a striking difference at several of our state parks. Since the RCC crew at Burr Oak cleared tangled brush, the lake is once again visible from the “lakeview” cottages, and the scenic vistas along the park's hiking trails have been reclaimed as top spots for great views. The park's overgrown backpack trail got rave reviews after it was trimmed by the RCC crew so it would be fit to host the inaugural Bobcat Trail Marathon. At Forked Run, the RCC's lasting contribution is a staging area for special events, plus a new basketball court and improved parking lot.



With some help from the RCC workforce, the buildings at Lake Hope look better than ever. The RCC crew replaced windows, repaired railings, and gave the park's “forest” cottages a fresh coat of paint in an attractive new color. In addition, the RCC crew painted the park office and boat house, and spruced up a shower house with new siding.

At Buck Creek, the RCC experience was more than just a summer job; it was an education for everyone involved. The RCC teamed up with park staff responsible for cottage housekeeping and park maintenance operations. The park staff got to practice mentoring, while the RCC crew learned and practiced safe operation of equipment, in addition to rudimentary plumbing, carpentry, and masonry.

For some, the summer stint with the RCC has been a fun and uplifting chapter in life. For others, it has been a leg up on earning a livelihood. Read their reflections to find out why.

“This job has helped my personal life and my career...In the future, I see myself getting a job using the same skills that I have learned while I was here. I would greatly enjoy working for this program again.”

locks on the **Muskingum River Parkway** are being accessorized for safety with hand rails and features to protect park visitors and staff.

At **Tar Hollow**, the beach that serves the park's Resident Camp is slated for improvements. At **Lake Hope** a new connection to the local water



system will provide a more consistent water supply for park visitors and park operations.

Findley's rustic campground amphitheater now has a sophisticated new stage, thanks to Eagle Scout Bryan Fox and Wellington Boy Scout Troop 118. The 12 x 16 foot raised stage features recessed lighting and landscaping for great programs and photo ops. The scouts raised the funds and provided labor for the stage project, and they have their sights set on a new project to replace the old amphitheater seating with comfortable new benches with backs.



Calendar of Events

Note – Some events listed in this calendar are tentative.
Please check the calendar of events pages on our website, www.ohiostateparks.org, or call the park for updates.

We offer a wide variety of special events for the entire family to enjoy. Color key:

Especially for Kids **Basic Nature** **Friendly Gatherings** **Heritage Celebrations** **Green Fun** **Fun & Fitness**

SEASONAL EVENTS

Natural Areas Discovery Series, Various Nature Preserves. Guided hikes & interpretive activities. See ohiostateparks.org for dates and locations.

Pioneer Village, Beaver Creek (NE) - 1st Saturday, May thru Oct., 1-3 PM. Tour the mill, blacksmith shop & schoolhouse. (330) 382-9227.

Marblehead Lighthouse Tours, Marblehead Lighthouse (NW) - June 1 - Sept. 3, Mon. thru Fri., 1 - 4:45 PM. Saturday tours on May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11 & Oct. 9, 10 AM - 3 PM. (419) 734-4424 x2.

Friday Family Fun Night, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Fri. nights June thru Aug. Locations vary. Nature games, live animal programs, canoe trips & more. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Adventures in Canoeing, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Select Saturdays June thru Aug. at 10 AM & Headlands Beach (NE) - Select Sundays June thru Aug. at 1 PM. Must pre-register. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Hand-Feeding Hummingbirds, Lake Hope (SE) - July 1-Aug. 31, Wed. - Sun., 1-3 PM at the nature center. (740) 596-3030.

APRIL 2010

Children's Trout Derby, Punderson (NE) - Date TBA, 9 AM - Noon at the marina. Limited to 100 kids age 15 & under. (440) 564-2279.

Cruising for Waterfowl, Guilford Lake (NE) - Date TBA when migrating birds arrive. Call ahead to get on the contact list. (330) 402-6906.

Traditional Music, Quail Hollow (NE) - Apr. 1 & 15, 7-10 PM at the manor house. (330) 877-6652.

Amphibian Awareness, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 3. Learn about frogs, toads & salamanders. (740) 858-6652.

Stalking the Wild Woodcock, Van Buren (NW) - Apr. 3, 7:30 PM. Meet at the nature center, then caravan to watch courtship displays. (419) 348-7679.

Trout Derby, Rocky Fork (SW) - Apr. 3, 1-4 PM at the campground boat dock. Kids 15 & under can fish & try shooting sports (equipment provided). (937) 393-4284.

Easter Egg Hunt, Findley (NE) - Apr. 3, 11 AM at the campground. (440) 647-5749.

Easter Egg Hunt, Hueston Woods (SW) - Apr. 3, 10 AM. Meet at the lodge. (513) 644-3500 or (513) 524-4250.

Easter Egg Hunt, Lake Hope (SE) - Apr. 3, 1 PM at the nature center. Filled eggs & family games. (740) 596-3030 or (740) 596-5253.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sycamore (SW) - Apr. 3, 1 PM. Meet at the Overlook picnic area. (937) 854-4452.

Easter Egg Hunt, Van Buren (NW) - Apr. 3, 10 AM at the west parking lot by the dam. (419) 832-7662.

Jr. Rowing Regatta, East Fork (SW) - Apr. 10. Cincinnati Invitational. (513) 734-4323.

Spring Woodcock Walk, Maumee Bay (NW) - Apr. 10, 8 PM. Meet at the nature center. Witness the spring courtship flight. (419) 836-9117

Shoot the Hills: Nature Photo Weekend, Hocking Hills (SE) - Apr. 16-18, at the dining lodge. Meals & camping or cottage stays are on your own. Must pre-register, fee required. (740) 385-6841 or shootthehills.com.

Spring Clean Up, Alum Creek (C) - Apr. 17. (740) 548-4631.

Green Up Day, Caesar Creek (SW) - Apr. 17, 9 AM - 1 PM. Call to register. (513) 897-2437.

Earth Appreciation Day, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Apr. 17, various times & locations for park clean ups & tree giveaways. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Earth Day Clean-Up, Geneva (NE) - Apr. 17, 9 AM at the lodge. (440) 466-8400.

Earth Day Clean-Up, West Branch (NE) - Apr. 17, 9 AM at the west boat ramp pavilion. Cookout lunch provided. (330) 296-3239.

Wildflower Hike, Hueston Woods (SW) - Apr. 17, 1 PM. Meet at the nature center. (513) 523-6347.

Earth Day, Dillon (SE) - Apr. 18. Park clean-up & wildflower walk. (740) 453-4377.

Volunteer Clean-Up Day, Buckeye Lake (C) - Apr. 22, 9 AM - Noon. Meet at the park office at Liebs Island. Pitch in & celebrate Earth Day. (740) 467-2690.

Lake Cleanup Day, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - Apr. 23, 9 AM - Noon. Meet at the East Bank, West Bank or Windy Point areas. (419) 394-3611.

Mohican Wildlife Weekend, Mohican & Malabar Farm (NE) - Apr. 23-25. Workshops, tours & nature activities at various locations. Must register for some programs; most are free. (800) 642-8282 or mohicanwildlifeweekend.com.



Wildlife Barn Dance, Malabar Farm (NE) - Apr. 24, 7-10 PM. Beginners welcome. (419) 892-2784.

Wildflower & Morel Mushroom Hike, Caesar Creek (SW) - Apr. 24, 2 PM. Meet at the nature center. (513) 897-2437.

Wildflowers & Waterfalls Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Apr. 24, 10 AM at the Ash Cave parking lot. (740) 385-6841.

Wildflower Walk, Lake Hope (SE) - Apr. 24, 1-3 PM at the Hope Furnace parking lot. 1.5-mile walk. (740) 596-3030 or (740) 596-5253.

Stone House Wildflower Walk, Salt Fork (SE) - Apr. 24. Meet at the Kennedy Stone House trail head. (740) 439-3521.

Family Fishing Day, East Harbor (NW) - Apr. 24 at the Lockwood shelter pond. Kids fish for newly stocked trout 10 AM - 2 PM; adults fish after 2 PM. (419) 734-4424 ext.2.

Fishing Tournament, Hueston Woods (SW) - Apr. 24, 8 AM - 2 PM at the marina launch ramp. Try for bass & saugeye. (513) 524-4250.

Trout Derby, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 24. 44th annual event. (740) 858-6652.

Earth Day Park Clean-Up, Buck Creek (SW) - Apr. 24, 10 AM - Noon. Meet at the Oak Grove picnic shelter. (937) 322-5284.

Riversweep Clean-Up & Resource Day, East Fork (SW) - Apr. 24, 9 AM. (513) 734-4323.

Clean-Up Day, Jackson Lake (SE) - Apr. 24, 10 AM - Noon at the large beach shelter house. (740) 682-6197.

Clean-Up Day, Stonelick (SW) - Apr. 24, 9 AM. (513) 734-4323.

Volunteer Park Clean-Up, Sycamore (SW) - Apr. 24, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the park office. (513) 523-6347 or (937) 854-4452.

Volunteer Work Weekend, Maumee Bay (NW) - Apr. 24-25, 9 AM - 4 PM. Meet at the campground shelter house. (419) 836-7758.

Spring Campout, Lake Loramie (NW) - Apr. 30 - May 2. Kids' activities & family fun. (937) 295-2011.

Spring Campout, Mt. Gilead (C) - Apr. 30 - May 1. Nature programs, arts & crafts displays. (419) 946-1961.

MAY 2010

Wildlife Education Center Open House, Beaver Creek (NE) - May 1, Noon - 4 PM. beavercreekwildlife.org.

Fish Ohio Free Clinic, Hueston Woods (SW) - May 1, 10 AM - 1 PM. Tips for beginners, bait is provided. (513) 523-6347.

Clean-Up Day, Lake Alma (SE) - May 1, 10 AM - Noon at the Birch Bottom shelter. (740) 596-4938 or (740) 384-3345.

Youth Fishing Tournament, Lake Hope (SE) - May 1, 8-11 AM at the parking lot below the dam. For kids 16 & under. Poles & bait provided. (740) 596-5253.

Spring Wildflower Hike, Lake White (SE) - May 1, 10 AM - Noon at the main parking area. (740) 493-2212.

Mushroom Madness, Malabar Farm (NE) - May 1, 10 AM at the visitor center. Workshop & guided hike. \$10 fee includes guide book. (419) 892-2784.

Fishing Derby, Strouds Run (SE) - May 1. Prizes by age category. (740) 767-3570.

Gold Rush Days Campout, East Fork (SW) - May 1-2. Relive East Fork's 1869 gold rush. (513) 734-4323.

Pioneer Days at the Grist Mill, Mohican (NE) - May 1-2. Pioneer encampment, crafts & entertainment. (419) 668-2497 or wolfcreekmill.org.

Spring Campout, Stonelick (SW) - May 1-2. Hayrides & entertainment. (513) 734-4323.

Craft & Herb Fair, Quail Hollow (NE) - May 1-2, Sat. 10AM - 5PM, Sun. 11 AM - 5 PM. 50 craft booths & the Herbal Society's annual plant sale. (330) 877-6652 or quailhollowpark.org.

Flora-Quest, Shawnee (SW) - May 1-2. Wildflower workshops & tours. Must pre-register, fee required. flora-quest.com.

Spring Fling, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - May 7-9. Movies, kids' fishing & a surprise for Mom. (419) 394-3611.

International Migratory Bird Weekend, Hocking Hills (SE) - May 7-9. Guided hikes & programs along the Hocking Valley Birding Trail. (740) 385-6841, (740) 385-8003 or birdhocking.com.

Migration Bird Walk, Lake Hope (SE) - May 8, 9AM - Noon at the Hope Furnace. (740) 596-5253 or (740) 596-3030.

International Migratory Bird Day, Maumee Bay (NW) - May 8, 8 AM - 2 PM at the nature center. Bird banding, guided hikes & slide shows. (419) 836-9117.

Whippoorwill Hike, Shawnee (SW) - May 8, 8 PM at the park office. Bring a flashlight. (740) 858-6652.

Spring Clean-Up Day, Indian Lake (NW) - May 8, 9-11:30 AM at the Oldfield maintenance shop. Bags & gloves provided. (937) 843-2717.

Mother's Day Breakfast, Maumee Bay (NW) - May 8, at the campground. Plus a craft for Mom. (419) 836-8828.

Mother's Day Mini Golf, Paint Creek (SW) - May 8, at the campground. Moms play free for fun & prizes. (937) 981-7061.

Youth Fishing Derby, Muskingum River Parkway (SE) - May 8, 9 AM - 1 PM at Zanesville Lock #10 by the Y-Bridge. For kids 15 & under. (740) 453-4377.

Midwest Scholastic Jr. Rowing Regatta, East Fork (SW) - May 8-9. (513) 734-4323.

Mother's Special Day, Pike Lake (SW) - May 9. Fun for Mom all day. (740) 493-2212.

Mother's Day Paddle, Van Buren (NW) - May 9, 2-4 PM. Must pre-register, \$10 donation per canoe. (419) 348-7679.

Lilac Walk, Kelleys Island (NW) - May 9-16. Self-guided Lilac Trail. (419) 746-2546.

Nest with the Birds, Kelleys Island (NW) - May 10-15. Guided bird walks. (419) 746-2546 or email: information@kelleysislandnature.com.

Midwest Jr. Rowing Championship, East Fork (SW) - May 15-16. Winners qualify for national championship. (513) 734-4323.

Invasive Plant Pull, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - May 15, 10 AM - Noon at Wildwood. Help remove garlic mustard. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Hocking Hills Motorcycle Run, Hocking Hills (SE) - May 15. Meet at the Lake Logan parking lot. Cruise 122 miles thru 5 state parks & Wayne National Forest. (740) 385-6841 or hockinghillspark.com.

Queen City Bird Festival, Hueston Woods (SW) - May 15. Bird walks, banding & mist netting. (513) 524-4250.

Spring Wildflower Hike, Pike Lake (SW) - May 15, 10 AM - Noon at the amphitheater. Hayride at 7 PM followed by a movie. (740) 493-2212.

Spring Plowing Days, *Malabar Farm (NE) - May 15-16, 11 AM - 2 PM*. Draft horses compete in traditional contests. (419) 892-2784.

May Night Haunt, *Malabar Farm (NE) - May 15, 8 PM - 12 AM*. Tours of Malabar's haunted history, stories & treats around a campfire. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

U.S. Open Regional Qualifier, *Maumee Bay (NW) - May 17 at the golf course*. Spectators are welcome & admitted free. (419) 836-9009.

Bike-To-Work Day, *Little Miami (SW) - May 21, 10 AM*. Meet at the Corwin Staging Area. Guided tour of local history & wildlife, plus safety tips and an ice cream stop. 12-mile round trip w/longer options. (513) 897-2437.

Triathlon, *Shawnee (SW) - May 21-23*. Must pre-register, fee to compete. (740) 743-2418 or hfpracing.com.

Crappie Tournament, *Hueston Woods (SW) - May 22*. (937) 787-3783.

Clean-Up Day, *Buckeye Lake (C) - May 22, 9 AM - Noon*. Meet at the park office. (740) 467-2690.

Clean Up Day, *Lake Milton (NE) - May 22, 9 AM at the maintenance bldg. on Mahoning Ave*. Bags provided. (330) 654-4989.

Memorial Weekend, *Rocky Fork (SW) - May 28-30*. Cornhole games, crafts & movies. (937) 393-3210.

Memorial Weekend Campout, *Van Buren (NW) - May 28-30*. Moonlight movie & rootbeer floats, nature programs & more. (419) 348-7679.

Cast Iron Cooking Workshop, *Caesar Creek (SW) - May 29, 10 AM at the nature center*. Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (513) 897-2437.

Memorial Weekend Dance, *East Harbor (NW) - May 29, 7-10 PM at the nature center*. (419) 734-4424 x2.

Pancake Breakfast, *Harrison Lake (NW) - May 29, 8-11 AM at the beach picnic area*. Small fee. (419) 237-1503.

Family Circus Festival, *Kiser Lake (NW) - May 29*. Fun & games for kids. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Memorial Day Celebration, *Lake Alma (SE) - May 29 at the campground*. Family fun & games. (740) 384-3345.

Spring Barn Dance, *Malabar Farm (NE) - May 29, 7-10 PM*. Beginners welcome. (419) 892-2784.

Memorial Day Ceremony, *Paint Creek (SW) - May 29 at the shelter house*. Honors for military personnel & a pancake breakfast. (937) 981-7061.

Memorial Day Remembrance, *Pike Lake (SW) - May 29*. Honors for military men & women. (937) 981-7061.

Derby Days, *Stonelick (SW) - May 29*. Fun family activities. friendsofstonelick.org.

Memorial Weekend Fun, *Portage Lakes (NE) - May 29-31 at Nimisila camground*. (330) 644-2220.

Kids Archery, *Kiser Lake (NW) - May 30 at the campground*. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Veterans Courtyard Memorial, *Salt Fork (SE) - May 30 at the Kennedy Stone House*. Patriotic reflections on the past. (740) 439-3521.

JUNE 2010

Morgan County Rendezvous, *Burr Oak (SE) - June 5-6 at the group camp area*. Re-enactors portray life in the 1840s. (740) 767-3570.

5K Fun Run/Walk, *East Harbor (NW) - June 5*. (419) 734-4424 ext.2 or (419) 656-7144.

Blast from the Past, *Paint Creek (SW) - June 5*. 1980s dance party & activities. (937) 981-7061.

Catfish Tournament, *Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - June 5, 9 AM - 4 PM at the day lodge*. (419) 348-7679.

Youth Fishing Day, *Lake Milton (NE) - June 5 at the Meshel picnic area*. For kids 15 & under. (330) 654-4989.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Quail Hollow (NE) - June 5, 9 AM - Noon at the Shady Lane pond*. For kids 14 & under. (330) 877-6652.

National Jr. Rowing Invitationals, *East Fork (SW) - June 11-13*. (513) 734-4323.

Civil War Encampment, *East Harbor (NW) - June 11-13*. Re-enactors, displays & skirmishes. (419) 734-4424 x2.

Family Fun Fling, *Lake Loramie (NW) - June 11-13 at the campground*. Sports, mini golf & board game contests, sack races & family tug-of-war. (937) 295-2011.

Toys for Tots Fun Day, *Beaver Creek (NE) - June 12, 12-5 PM*. Duck derby, pony rides, train rides & treats. (330) 385-3091 or (330) 277-9268.

Kids Fishing Day, *East Fork (SW) - June 12*. Lunch provided. (513) 734-4323.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Jackson Lake (SE) - June 12, 10 AM - Noon at the Iron Furnace shelter*. For kids 15 & under. (740) 682-6197.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Kiser Lake (NW) - June 12, 9 AM at the marina*. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Sycamore (SW) - June 12, 10 AM - 1 PM, for kids 15 & under*. Some bait & tackle provided. (513) 523-6347 or (937) 854-4452.

Kids Fishing Tournament, *Van Buren (NW) - June 12, 10 AM - Noon at the west end, near the dam*. For kids ages 4-15. (419) 348-7679.

Cast Iron Cooking Class, *Caesar Creek (SW) - June 12, 1 PM at the campground*. Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (937) 609-3209.

Movies by the Lake, *Indian Lake (NW) - June 12, Sunset at Oldfield Beach*. Popular movies on a giant screen. (937) 843-5392.

Festival at the Grist Mill, *Mohican (NE) - June 12*. Wine tasting fundraiser. Admission fee, adults only. (419) 668-2497 or wolfcreekmill.org.

Safety Day, *Mosquito Lake (NE) - June 12, 11 AM - 2 PM at the marina*. (330) 637-2075.

Arts & Crafts Fair, *Hueston Woods (SW) - June 12-13, 10 AM - 5 PM at the Pioneer Farm*. Browse 75 booths. \$2 for adults; kids are free. 46th annual event. (513) 523-6347.

Trash to Treasure, *Findley (NE) - June 18-20*. Campers' yard sale from 3 PM Fri. to 1 PM Sun. Fee to participate. (440) 647-5749.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Delaware (C) - June 19, 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 AM at the marina pond*. Tackle, bait, poles & refreshments provided. (740) 548-4631.

Young Anglers Fishing Derby, *Findley (NE) - June 19, 10 AM-Noon at the picnic point shelter*. Get tips on bait, tackle & fish ID. (440) 647-5749.

Beach Party & Cruise In, *Hueston Woods (SW) - June 19*. Car show, kids' games, food & fun. (513) 523-6347.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Lake Alma (SE) - June 19, 10 AM - Noon at the camp office*. For kids 15 & under. (740) 384-3345.

Father's Day Dinner, *Maumee Bay (NW) - June 19 at the campground.* Plus a craft for Dad. (419) 836-8828.

Father's Day Mini Golf, *Paint Creek (SW) - June 19.* Dads play free for fun & prizes. (937) 981-7061.

50s & 60s Weekend, *Rocky Fork (SW) - June 19.* Costume contest, dance party, and fun & games of the era. (937) 393-3210.

Father's Day Breakfast, *Stonelick (SW) - June 19.* friendsofstonelick.org.

Father's Day Campout, *Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - June 19-20.* Dads' fishing derby & campers' outdoor cooking contest. (419) 394-3611.

Father's Day Fun, *Portage Lakes (NE) - June 19-20 at Nimisila campground.* (330) 644-2220.

Lake Fest, *Caesar Creek (SW) - June 20 at the beach.* All day family fun. (513) 897-2437.

Doggy Day, *Mosquito Lake (NE) - June 20, at the dog park.* (330) 637-2856.

Father's Day Breakfast, *Mosquito Lake (NE) - June 20, 7-10 AM in the campground.* (330) 638-5700.

Father's Special Day, *Pike Lake (SW) - June 20.* Special events for Dad. (740) 493-2212.

Fishing Clinic, *Kiser Lake (NW) - June 21-25 at the nature center.* (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Volunteer Clean-Up Day, *Buckeye Lake (C) - June 22, 9 AM - Noon.* Meet at the park office. (740) 467-2690.

Pre-1840 Mountain Men Rendezvous, *Beaver Creek (NE) - June 25-27.* Re-enactments of pioneer life. (330) 385-3091.

Build a Bat Box, *Caesar Creek (SW) - June 26, 10 AM at the nature center.* Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (513) 897-2437.

June Night Haunt, *Malabar Farm (NE) - June 26, 8 PM - 12 AM.* Tours of Malabar's haunted history, stories & treats around a campfire. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

Appalachian Heritage Festival, *Pike Lake (SW) - June 26 at the amphitheater.* (740) 493-2212.

Full Moon Canoe Outing, *Portage Lakes (NE) - June 26.* Must have prior canoe experience. Call or e-mail for times & info. (330) 644-2220 or plsp_amber@yahoo.com.

Cruise-in to Summer, *Findley (NE) - June 27.* Car show, entertainment & games. (440) 647-5749.

JULY 2010

July 4th Campout, *Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - July 2-3.* Moonlight movie, ice cream social & live eagle. (419) 348-7679.

July 4th Campout, *Van Buren (NW) - July 2-3.* Moonlight movie, ice cream social & live eagle. (419) 348-7679.

Freedom Festival, *Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - July 2-4.* Community festival & fireworks on Sat. night. (419) 394-3611.

July 4th Activities, *Maumee Bay (NW) - July 2-4 at the campground.* Movies, bike parade & ice cream social. (419) 836-8828.

Campers' Hog Roast, *Paint Creek (SW) - July 2-4.* Campsite & bike decorating, too. Registered campers only. (937) 981-7061.

Beach Spectacular, *Indian Lake (NW) - July 3 at Old Field Beach.* Games, contests, entertainment, classic cars & fireworks. (937) 843-2717 or (937) 599-5121.

Independence Day Celebration, *Lake Alma (SE) - July 3 at the camp office.* Family fun & games. (740) 384-3345.

Lake Erie Beach Treasure Hunt, *Maumee Bay (NW) - July 3, 5 PM.* Meet at the nature center. For kids ages 4-10. \$3 fee. (419) 836-9117.

Summer Dance, *East Harbor (NW) - July 3, 7-10 PM at the beach.* Fireworks after dark. (419) 734-4424 x 2.

Liberty Barn Dance, *Malabar Farm (NE) - July 3, 7-10 PM.* Beginners welcome. (419) 892-2784.

Hog Roast & Bike Parade, *Pike Lake (SW) - July 3.* Games & movies, too. (740) 493-2212.

Butterfly Count, *Shawnee (SW) - July 3, 9:30 AM.* Meet at the lodge for the N. American Butterfly Assn. 19th annual count. \$3 fee. (740) 858-6652.



Breakfast & Ice Cream Social, *Stonelick (SW) - July 3*. Treats in the AM & PM. (513) 734-4323.

The Island Dr. & The Four Kings, *Mosquito Lake (NE) - July 3 & 4, 5-8 PM at the marina*. Family entertainment. (330) 637-2075 or mosquitolakemarina.com.

Independence Day Fun, *Portage Lakes (NE) - July 3-4*. Sandcastle contest, fireworks & more. (330) 644-2220.

Cornhole Tournament, *East Fork (SW) - July 4 at the campground, loop C*. (513) 734-4323.

Boat Parade, *Guilford Lake (NE) - July 4 weekend, time TBA*. Prizes awarded & spectators are welcome. (330) 222-1712.

Kids "Beat the Heat" Games, *Kiser Lake (NW) - July 4 at the campground*. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

July 4th Weekend, *Rocky Fork (SW) - July 4*. Cornhole games, bike parade, crafts & movies. (937) 393-3210.

Fireworks Extravaganza, *Hueston Woods (SW) - July 5*. Entertainment, fireworks & fun. (513) 523-6347.

Treasure the Beach, *Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - July 9-10 at Edgewater, various times*. Beach party, clean-up, exhibits & crafts. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Taste of Country, *Mt. Gilead (C) - July 9-10*. Crafts, pie baking contests, nature programs & entertainment. (419) 946-1961.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Kiser Lake (NW) - July 10, 9 AM at the marina*. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Kids' Big Fish Contest, *Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - July 10, 10 AM - Noon at the day use lodge*. For kids ages 4-15. (419) 348-7679.

Hummingbird Banding, *Lake Hope (SE) - July 10, 9-11 AM & 1-2 PM at the nature center*. Banding & educational program with an expert. (740) 596-3030 or (740) 596-5253.

Fiber Arts Festival, *Malabar Farm (NE) - July 10, 10 AM-4 PM at the Main Barn*. Spinning, weaving & fiber crafts. (419) 892-2784.

Pymatuning Laker 5K Run, *Pymatuning (NE) - July 10, 8:30 AM at the Birches Launch Ramp*. 5K run/walk & half-mile kids' run. (440) 293-6030.

Treasure Hunt, *Caesar Creek (SW) - July 11, 2 PM at the nature center*. (513) 897-2437.

Christmas in July, *Dillon (SE) - July 16-17*. Campsite decorating, gift exchange, crafts & caroling. (740) 453-4377.

Christmas in July, *Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - July 16-18*. Campsite decorating, movies & treats from Santa. (419) 394-3611.

Christmas in July, *Hueston Woods (SW) - July 16-17*. Campsite decorating & a visit from Santa. (513) 523-1060.

Kite Flyers Weekend, *Maumee Bay (NW) - July 16-18 at the beach*. Workshops & flying fun. (419) 836-8828.

Cast Iron Cooking, *Cowan Lake (SW) - July 17, 5 PM at the campground*. Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (513) 897-2437.

Zaleski Flint Knap-In, *Lake Hope (SE) - July 17, 10 AM - 4 PM at the nature center*. Arrowhead displays & demonstrations. (740) 596-5030 or (740) 596-5253.

Railroad Days Rendezvous, *Pike Lake (SW) - July 17, 10 AM - 4 PM at the amphitheater*. Model trains & memorabilia. (740) 493-2212.

Ice Cream Social, *Harrison Lake (NW) - July 17 at the Friends shelter*. (419) 237-1503.

Party at the Beach, *Indian Lake (NW) - July 17, 4-8 PM at Oldfield Beach*. Family entertainment. Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the gate. Bring lawn chairs & blankets. (937) 843-5392.

Christmas in July, *Punderson (NE) - July 17 at the campground*. (440) 564-2279 or friendsofpunderson.com.

Christmas in July, *Stonelick (SW) - July 17*. Visits with Santa, caroling & movies. (513) 734-4323.

Mountain Bike Race, *Findley (NE) - July 18*. Part of the NE Ohio Power Series. (440) 647-5749.

Volunteer Clean-Up Day, *Buckeye Lake (C) - July 22, 9 AM - Noon*. Meet at the Park Office. (740) 467-2690.

Butterfly Release, *Kiser Lake (NW) - July 23 at the nature center*. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Christmas in July, *East Fork (SW) - July 23-24*. Pancake breakfast, visits with Santa, games & more. (513) 734-4323.

Christmas in July, *Findley (NE) - July 23-25*. Campsite decorating, family games, crafts, and Santa & Mrs. Claus. (440) 647-5749.

Lake Festival, *Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - July 23-25*. Community festival & fireworks on Sat. night. (419) 394-3611.

Christmas in July, *Maumee Bay (NW) - July 23-25*. Holiday dance, craft, movie, Santa & a silent auction. (419) 836-8828.

Christmas in July, *Rocky Fork (SW) - July 23-25*. Campsite decorating, crafts, movies & Santa. (937) 393-3210.

Christmas in July, *West Branch (NE) - July 23-24*. Campsite decorating, games, crafts & movies. (330) 296-3239.

Christmas in July, *Deer Creek (C) - July 24*. Visits with Santa, crafts & campsite decorating. (740) 869-3124.

Summerfest, *Portage Lakes (NE) - July 24 at Nimisila campground*. Fun family activities all day. (330) 644-2220.

Youth Fishing Derby, *Jackson Lake (SE) - July 24, 9 AM - 1 PM at the Iron Furnace shelter*. For kids 15 & under. (740) 682-6197.

July Night Haunt, *Malabar Farm (NE) - July 24, 8 PM - 12 AM*. Tours of Malabar's haunted history, stories & treats around a campfire. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

Canning Workshop, *Caesar Creek (SW) - July 25, 2 PM at the day lodge*. Bring fruits & veggies to can. Must pre-register. (513) 897-2437.

Luau Beach Party, *Headlands Beach (NE) - July 30, 6:30-9:30 PM*. Steel drums, games & activities. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

Christmas in July, *Jackson Lake (SE) - July 30-31*. Campsite decorating & hayrides with Santa. (740) 682-6197.

Mark Twain Family Fun Day, *Blue Rock (SE) - July 31*. Sack races, wheelbarrow races, egg & water balloon toss. (740) 453-4377.

Campers' Yard Sale, *Paint Creek (SW) - July 31*. (937) 981-7061.

Wildcat Hollow Disc Golf Tournament, *Pike Lake (SW) - July 31*. chillicothediscgolf.com.

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AUGUST 2010

Geocaching Day, Hueston Woods (SW) - Aug. 6, 10 AM. Meet at the nature center. (513) 524-4250.

Dog Gone Campout, Findley (NE) - Aug. 6-7. Games, crafts & movies for families & pets. (440) 647-5749.

Cast Iron Cooking Class, Caesar Creek (SW) - Aug. 7, 1 PM at the campground. Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (937) 609-3209.

Street Dance, Delaware (C) - Aug. 7, 7:30 - 10:30 PM at the campground parking lot. Family entertainment. (740) 548-4631.

Customer Appreciation Weekend, Hueston Woods (SW) - Aug. 7. Luau in the campground, special rates at the golf course & marina. (513) 523-6347.

Community Beach Party, Lake Alma (SE) - Aug. 7. Games & contests, kids' pageants, pet show & family entertainment. (740) 384-4474 or (740) 384-3345.

Beach Party, Lake Milton (NE) - Aug. 7. Family entertainment & food. (330) 654-4989.

Farm Fun Days, Malabar Farm (NE) - Aug. 7, 10 AM. Old time farming skill contests. (419) 892-2784.

Summer Barn Dance, Malabar Farm (NE) - Aug. 7, 7-10 PM. Beginners welcome. (419) 892-2784.

Peddlers in the Park, Mt. Gilead (C) - Aug. 7. Vendor space offered for a fee. (419) 946-1961 or (740) 548-4631.

Campers' Yard Sale, Rocky Fork (SW) - Aug. 7. (937) 393-3210.

Lake Festival, Pymatuning (NE) - Aug. 7-8. Family fun, entertainment & fireworks. (440) 293-5895.

Antique Machinery Show, Stonelick (SW) - Aug. 7-8. (513) 734-4323.

Tour of Homes, Buckeye Lake (C) - Aug. 8. Tour boats depart from Liebs Island boat ramp, Noon - 4PM. Tour the lake & lakefront homes. \$15/ person. (740) 928-6874.

Sandcastle Demo & Contest, Headlands Beach (NE) - Aug. 8, 2-4 PM. Tips & tricks for great castles. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

Triathlon & Duathlon, East Fork (SW) - Aug. 8. Must pre-register. hfpracing.com.

Kings & Queens of the Garden, Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - Aug. 8, 2-4 PM near the overlook deck. Live caterpillars & butterflies. (419) 348-7679.

Perseids Night Out, Portage Lakes (NE) - Aug. 13. Stargazing & activities after dark. Call or e-mail for times, locations. (330) 644-2220 or email: plsp_amber@yahoo.com.

Garage Sale Weekend, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - Aug. 13-15. Campers must register to sell items. (419) 394-3611.

Hawaiian Weekend, Maumee Bay (NW) - Aug. 13-15. Luau, pig roast & dance. (419) 836-8828.

Ye Miskito Pirate Fest, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Aug. 13-15 at the marina. (330) 637-2075.

Grossfest, Alum Creek (C) - Aug. 14, 1 PM at the campground amphitheater. Investigate bugs, fish, trash & more. (740) 548-4631.

Meteor Shower Campout, Caesar Creek (SW) - Aug. 14, 7-11 PM at the main beach. Bring chairs/blankets; register for free camping on the beach. Games, crafts & stargazing w/ telescopes. (513) 897-2437.

Hawaiian Luau, Burr Oak (SE) - Aug. 14, 1-5 PM. Beach games, boat rides, food & entertainment. (740) 767-3570.

Summer Fun Day, Deer Creek (C) - Aug. 14. Games for kids of all ages & a bike parade. (740) 869-3124.

Youth Fishing Derby, Kiser Lake (NW) - Aug. 14, 9 AM at the marina. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Huckleberry Finn Fest, Paint Creek (SW) - Aug. 14. Old fashioned family games & activities. (937) 981-7061.

Conservation Day, East Harbor (NW) - Aug. 21. Educational programs & fun hands-on activities. (419) 734-4424 x2.

Antique Tractor & Car Show, Harrison Lake (NW) - Aug. 21, 10 AM - 3 PM. (419) 237-1503.

August Night Haunt, Malabar Farm (NE) - Aug. 21, 8 PM - 12 AM. Tours of Malabar's haunted history, stories & treats around a campfire. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

Governors Cup Regatta, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - Aug. 21-22. Hydroplane boat races. celinaevents.com or (419) 394-3611.

Great Buckeye Challenge, Buck Creek (SW) - Aug. 22. Must pre-register. (937) 322-5284 or hfpracing.com.

Owl Outing, Caesar Creek (SW) - Aug. 28, 8 PM at the nature center. (513) 897-2437.

Dillon Region Motorcycle Run, Dillon (SE) - Aug. 28, 10 AM - 5 PM. Tour the park & scenic Muskingum River Valley. (740) 453-4377.

Summer Family Campout, Headlands Beach (NE) - Aug. 28-29. Campfire, nature games & night hike. Camping limited to 15 families. Must pre-register. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

Reptile Day, Quail Hollow (NE) - Aug. 29, 11 AM - 5 PM. Live animal programs. (330) 877-6652.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Labor Day Fun, East Harbor (NW) - Sept. 3-4. Family activities & a Sat. night dance. (419) 734-4424 x2.

Labor Day Weekend, Rocky Fork (SW) - Sept. 3-5. Pet parade, cornhole games & movies. (937) 393-3210.

Beach Party, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 4, 7-9:30 PM at Edgewater. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

Pancakes & Bike Rodeo, East Fork (SW) - Sept. 4. Breakfast for the family & bike skills for kids. (513) 734-4323.

Lighted Boat Parade & Beach Party, Guilford Lake (NE) - Sept. 4, time TBA. Beach party at the main beach after the parade. (330) 222-1712.



Memorial Games, Lake Alma (SE) - Sept. 4 at the campground. Friendly family competitions. (740) 384-3345.

Boogie on the Blacktop, Pike Lake (SW) - Sept. 4. Games, hayrides, Karaoke & treats. (740) 493-2212.

Labor Day Bash, Stonelick (SW) - Sept. 4. Cornhole, jail & bail, and other fun family games. (513) 734-4323.

Youth Catfish Derby, Lake Loramie (NW) - Sept. 4, 9 AM - Noon at the beach parking lot off St. Rt. 362. For kids 17 & under. (937) 295-2011.

Kids Sports Festival, Kiser Lake (NW) - Sept. 4-5 at the campground. Games & contests on Sat., archery on Sun. (937) 362-3822 or (937) 362-3565.

Labor Day Weekend Fun, Portage Lakes (NE) - Sept. 4-6 at Nimisila campground. (330) 644-2220.

Monarch Festival, Maumee Bay (NW) - Sept. 5, 12 Noon at the nature center. Crafts, games & butterfly tagging & release. \$3 craft fee. (419) 836-9117.

Coastweeks Cleanup, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 11, 10 AM - Noon at Wildwood. Some gloves & bags provided. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Soaring with Monarchs, Van Buren (NW) - Sept. 11, 2 PM. Meet at the nature center & caravan to the rearing station to see live butterflies tagged & released. (419) 348-7679.

Colonial Soldiers Weekend, Mohican (NE) - Sept. 11-12 at the grist mill/pioneer village. Re-enactors portray life & battles of the late 1700s. (419) 668-2497 or wolfcreekmill.org.

Fall Festival & Campout, Lake Loramie (NW) - Sept. 17-19. Antique machinery, crafts, a lumberjack show & mountain man encampment. (937) 295-2011.

Mountain Heritage Campout, Tar Hollow (SW) - Sept. 17-19. Cross-cut saw, horseshoe & tomahawk throwing contests, crafts & a square dance. (740) 887-4818.

Cruise In & Sock Hop, East Fork (SW) - Sept. 18. Show off your car & dance with your sweetheart. (513) 734-4323.

Hocking Hills Indian Run, Hocking Hills (SE) - Sept. 18. Meet at the dining lodge. 60K race starts at 7 AM; 40K at 8 AM; 5, 10, & 20K at 9 AM. Donations requested for timing & awards. 1-800-HOCKING.

Pleasure Paddle, Kelleys Island (NW) - Sept. 18, 9AM at the beach. Experienced paddlers only. (419) 746-2546.

Coastweeks Beach Cleanup, Maumee Bay (NW) - Sept. 18, 10 AM. Lunch is included, must pre-register. (419) 836-9117.

Clam Bake, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Sept. 18, 1-5 PM at the marina. Advance tickets required. (330) 637-2075.

Fall Family Campout, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 18-19 at Villa Angela. Campfire, nature games & a night hike. Camping limited to 15 families. Must pre-register. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Outdoor Adventure Weekend, Pike Lake (SW) - Sept. 18-19. Canoeing, fishing, disc golf & a hunter education course. Must register for hunter ed. (740) 493-2212.

Thunder in the Hills Festival, Rocky Fork (SW) - Sept. 18-19. Hydroplane races are at the east end of the lake. Spectators are admitted free. (937) 393-4284.

North Coast Walk, East Harbor (NW) - Sept. 19. Diabetes fundraiser. (419) 732-2451.

Fall Harvest Fest, Burr Oak (SE) - Sept. 24-26 at the lodge. Art, crafts, food & entertainment. (740) 767-3570.

Fall Festival, Delaware (C) - Sept. 24-25 at the campground. Crafts, games, wagon & boat rides, movies, decorated campsite & costume contests. (740) 548-4631.

Halloween Festival #1, Hueston Woods (SW) - Sept. 24-25. Campsite decorating, games, haunted trail & Halloween treats. (513) 523-6347.

Fall Festival, Indian Lake (NW) - Sept. 24-26. Crafts, games, square dancing, pony rides, archery & a hot air balloon lift-off. (937) 843-2717 or (937) 843-3553.

Fall Campout, Pymatuning (NE) - Sept. 24-26. Campsite decorating, kids' activities, boat rides & a potluck dinner. (440) 293-6684.

Camper Appreciation Weekend, Stonelick (SW) - Sept. 24-25. Hayrides, games & family fun. (513) 734-4323.

Fall Campout, Van Buren (NW) - Sept. 24-25. Moonlight movie, rootbeer floats, canoeing, scarecrow making, hayrides & a chili cook-off. (419) 348-7679.

Frontier Days, Scioto Trail (SW) - Sept. 24-26, at the Caldwell Lake Campground. Heritage themed activities & old fashioned treats. (740) 887-4818.

Scary Tales, Findley (NE) - Sept. 25, 7 PM at Picnic Point. Spooky stories & campfire treats. (440) 647-5749.

Feather & Foliage Festival, Kelleys Island (NW) - Sept. 25, 8 AM - 4:30 PM. Guided hikes & bird banding. (419) 746-2546 or email: information@kelleysislandnature.com.

Fall Festival, Kelleys Island (NW) - Sept. 25 at the campground. Pumpkin carving, chili dinner & a bonfire. (419) 746-2546.

Tailgate Party, Paint Creek (SW) - Sept. 25 at the shelter house. Season kick-off with the Buckeyes. (937) 981-7061.

Chili Cook-Off, Rocky Fork (SW) - Sept. 25 at the campground. (937) 393-3210.

Heritage Barn Dance, Malabar Farm (NE) - Sept. 25, 7-10 PM. Beginners welcome. (419) 892-2784.

Ohio Heritage Days, Malabar Farm (NE) - Sept. 25-26, 10-4 PM daily. 75 traditional crafters, antique tractors & living history. 35th annual event. (419) 892-2784.

Remembering Euclid Beach Park, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 26, 1-5 PM at Euclid Beach. Attractions from the historic amusement park. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

Paw-Paw Hike, Caesar Creek (SW) - Sept. 26, 2 PM. Meet at the nature center & car pool to a great paw-paw patch. (513) 897-2437.

Green Tip

Ditch the trash! Bring drinking water in a reusable sports bottle, pack your picnic in reusable containers, and dine on reusable tableware.

Hope for Springs Eternal

Their name means “belonging to the spring” and the season would not be the same without them. Even the smallest and most fleeting of vernal pools harbor enchanting and mysterious creatures that may be quite common, but are seldom seen.

Vernal pools develop in woodlands when naturally occurring depressions in the terrain fill with water. Rising groundwater, snow melt, and rain run-off may all contribute to the hydrology of this very particular type of wetland. By late summer, the pool may be reduced to a puddle, or it may disappear altogether.

It might seem that such fickle watering holes would be of little use for woodland critters, since they dry up when the weather gets hot. On the contrary, the pools are ideally suited for amphibian amore. Because they are isolated and ephemeral, vernal pools do not support breeding populations of fish that would devour the amphibian eggs and larvae.

“Amphibian” is derived from the Greek “amphi bios,” meaning “double life,” and like their name implies, this class of vertebrates completes part of its life cycle underwater, and part on land. Amphibians’ trend-setting lungs and legs started a revolution, but the amphibians could not quite let go of their attachment to the sea. Among the 6,000 existing species of amphibians on Earth, most of the frogs and salamanders undergo an amazing metamorphosis from aquatic tadpole to terrestrial adult. For many of these shape shifters, access to a vernal pool is essential for the species’ survival.

Life might seem lonely and drab for the spotted salamander, tucked away under the woodland soil and leaf litter most of



Photo by Jim McCormac

the year. On rainy nights in early spring, though, the mild mannered amphibians create a spectacle, with their outlandish oversized eyes and bright yellow spots. They emerge from their burrows and stampede across the forest floor to the neighborhood vernal pool where the salamanders take a dip, mate, and deposit their eggs. Before dawn, they clamber back to their burrows where they will hide away until next year’s late-night salamander pool party.

Another denizen of Ohio’s vernal pools, the diminutive fairy shrimp, also has exotic looks and stealthy habits. At first glance, these tiny half-inch crustaceans look like a blur under the surface, as they dart away from anything that approaches the water. On closer inspection, their eerily transparent bodies, bulging eye stalks, and multiple pairs of feathery legs whipping about are reminiscent of exotic deep sea creatures.

One unmistakable sign of spring is the joyful serenade of frogs on a mild evening. The wood frog’s clucking chorus can be heard near the vernal pool on which it depends, while the spring peepers’ cheerful chirp carries on the breeze, announcing the start of the season far and wide.

Vernal pools are one of our most endangered habitat types, quietly disappearing as small woodlots are lost to development, and low spots are filled in. Sadly, the delightful critters that inhabit and depend on these pools are increasingly vulnerable, too. A little more awareness, and a little more effort to preserve forest fragments and replace lost pools, could go a long way to reverse this alarming trend. Hope springs eternal for the humble little pools that help make the most welcome of our four seasons spring to life each year.

Interested in more information and events related to Ohio’s vernal pools? Visit the Ohio Vernal Partnership website at www.ovpp.org.

PARK POINTS

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Leave this Pest at Home

The destructive emerald ash borer has spread far and wide by hitching a ride in firewood. For the good of our forests, please leave your firewood at home if you live in a quarantine county, and get your campfire wood from local vendors, or at the park.

For your Entertainment...

Culture buffs will be delighted with **Lake Loramie’s** new Heritage Museum, which houses exhibits about the lake and the area’s rich history. Art and nature lovers, take note! The Nature & Arts Stage at **Lake Milton’s** new amphitheater is a great outdoor venue for musical and dance performances, as well as nifty nature programs.

Another Park to Love

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8. **Printed T-shirt, front & back design, adult \$17.00**
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9. **Printed T-Shirt, for kids only, youth \$13.00** 100% cotton knit. Specify; Design: N. raccoon/black; O. bug glow/black; Size: XS, S(6-8), M(10-12), L(14-16).

Books and Other Souvenirs

10. Books

- a. *Fish of Ohio* \$13.95 192 waterproof pages w/detailed illustrations for field ID
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