

Naturalist Programs

April 2, Amphibian Awareness Day, 10a.m.

Want to learn more about these cryptic little creatures? Join young Herpetologist Aaron Crank and Naturalist Jenny on a field trip through Shawnee in search of our amazing amphibian diversity. Pack a lunch, dress in layers and be prepared to get dirty. **Meet at the Lodge Lobby.** (Aaron will have some frogs and salamanders to show and talk about conservation issues before the tour)

April 9, Whipple Wildflower Walk, 9a.m.

Discover one of the area's most colorful displays on this amazing walk through a state nature preserve where wildflowers blanket the earth among dolomite rock cliffs with breathtaking views of the Ohio River. This is a moderate 2 mile loop. Pack a lunch, dress in layers, wear sturdy hiking boots. **Meet at the Lodge Lobby.**

April 16, Miller Nature Sanctuary, 9a.m.

Join Preserve Manager Josh and Naturalist Jenny on a moderate 3 mile hike through the Rocky Fork Gorge to enjoy magnificent wildflowers, dolomite cliffs, a natural arch, and the raging Rocky Fork. Pack a lunch, dress in layers & wear sturdy hiking boots. **Meet at the Lodge Lobby.**

April 23, 50th Annual Trout Derby, 6a.m.

Come on out and try your hand at Trout Fishing. We'll have prizes for all ages, a passport to fishing program for beginners, free voluntary boat inspections by the Division of Watercraft and much more. Look for additional flyers posted around the park. **Fishing contest on Turkey Creek Lake from 6:00a.m.-2:00p.m.**

April 29 & 30, Morel Mania

Friday, 7:30p.m. Campground Amphitheater

Join Julie, the mushroom lady, for an informative talk; including tips on: how to find and identify edible varieties, favorite recipes, colorful photos, art work, toxic varieties and much more.

Saturday, Campground Amphitheater

10:00a.m. - How to find Morel Mushrooms.

Which trees do morels grow under, which side of the hill to hunt on, season and tips from other Morel Maniacs.

11:00a.m. – Morel Mania Competition. Go out and hunt for 2 hours and return with your stash.

1:00p.m. – Bring your shrooms to the Campground Amphitheater to see who found the most, the biggest, the smallest, the funniest looking etc.

2:00p.m. – Great Mushroom Cook off. Group effort to clean, prepare and cook the findings from our competition. Share and taste our treasures!

In the Lodge Dining Room

Friday night: All-you-can-eat Catfish

Saturday night: Prime Rib Special

For More Information

...about the programs on this flyer or other fun things to do in the area...

Shawnee State Park Office: 740-858-6652

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Portsmouth Scioto County Visitors Bureau:

740-353-1116, ohiorivertourism.org

Adams County Visitors Bureau

877-232-6764, www.adamscountytravel.org

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Join award-winning artist Steve Free in the dining room from 6-9p Thursdays for an evening of fine food and music.	1	2 Amphibian Awareness Day
3	4 Visit the floodwall murals in Portsmouth	5 Take a hike on the backpack trail	6	7 Stargaze under the new moon Tune in to the Community Corner : AM 1260 at 8:30am for park programs	8	9 Whipple Wildflower Walk
10	11 Take your family for a hike on the self guided tree trail behind the nature center	12 <u>Nature Club's</u> Journey into the world of the Pileated Woodpecker with Cheryl Carpenter Hillview Retirement 7pm	13	14	15	16 Miller Nature Sanctuary
17	18	19 Take an auto tour through the forest	20 Dine with a loved one at the Shawnee Lodge and enjoy the majestic view	21	22 Full Moon 	23 50th Annual Trout Derby
24	25 Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center T-F 10-5 Sat. 1-5	26 Enjoy the many antique shops on 2 nd street in Portsmouth	27 Portsmouth Welcome Center M-F 9-5 Sat. 10-5 Sun 1-5	28 Enjoy Serpent Mound	29 Morel Mania	30 Morel Mania

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