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# Quail Hollow -

## A Park for All Seasons

Something about the land near the old watering hole appealed to Conrad Brumbaugh. He followed the game to this dense forest, dotted with swamps and berry thickets. It was clear that the Indians also saw something special about this place. The relics of the Delaware camps, the stories of the Iroquois congresses, and the mounds made by the ancient ones all provided evidence.



Maryland had grown crowded by 1811, and the quiet of Ohio's Stark County suited Conrad. He could put down roots here, provide for his family – eleven children, so far – in the lush landscape full of promise. With each tree he slashed with his tomahawk, Conrad claimed another piece of the wilderness for his home. In all, he registered more than 430 acres with the federal land office.

Settling this untamed real estate was a monumental, lifelong task. The first log house Conrad built was substantial by frontier standards, two stories tall with

a sturdy stone foundation, and a footprint that spread 24' x 24'. Conrad cleared fields, coaxed grain from the ground, and doted on his orchard like he doted on his children.

The ground was fertile, and with the older boys pitching in with the family enterprise, the farm flourished. Conrad was able to grow more than enough food to nourish his growing family – fifteen young mouths by 1821. Commerce was on the rise across Ohio, and networks of canals were built on either side of the state to move goods overland to awaiting Lake Erie ships and Ohio River sternwheelers. The Ohio and Erie Canal in nearby Massillon and the Ohio and Pennsylvania spur in Canton afforded farmers like Conrad the opportunity to sell their surplus crops to hungry customers in distant cities.

In 1842, the Brumbaughs moved out of their cramped cabin, and spilled into a handsome country home befitting their blossoming circumstances. The new house featured a handy cellar for storing the farm produce and an attic for hanging cured meat and dried vegetables, a spacious living room and dining area, several bedrooms on the second story, a breezy porch, and a detached summer kitchen. No one was wanting, and nothing was wasted – even the ashes from the hearth could be salvaged, soaked in water to produce lye, and combined with fat drippings from the kitchen to make soap.

The homestead was the hub of activity year round, while the smells and sounds of the farmyard drifted on the air with the rhythm of the seasons. Each spring was ushered in by the bleating of baby lambs and the earthy scent of new hay. The sweet smell of berry preserves amid the gurgling pots of boiling water and the clanking of crocks signaled the height of summer. The fresh tang of apples at the cider press and the smack of the axe on firewood echoed on the crisp fall air. In winter, the mouthwatering aroma of baking bread and the merry crackling of roasting chestnuts warmed the house,



while peals of laughter rang out from children plunging through the snow on bobsleds and gliding across the ice covered lake.

Judging from Conrad's longevity, the intense labor of the farm did a body good. After celebrating his 90th birthday in 1858, Conrad's health finally failed, and he was laid to rest in the Brumbaugh family cemetery (on the south side of today's Quail Hollow State Park, off the mountain biking trail).

Conrad's youngest son, Lewis, took over as head of the Brumbaugh clan.

When Lewis died in 1901, each of his eight children inherited pieces of the family legacy, but none of them took over the homestead, which was occupied by a succession of tenant farmers until it fell into disrepair.

Decades after Conrad Brumbaugh settled in Stark County, William Rubright's wagon rattled across Pennsylvania and stopped in the Congress Lake neighborhood. William's story reads like the Brumbaugh family history – he started out in a modest cabin, acquired land bit by bit, and with the help of his large, hardworking family, he cultivated a prosperous farm. Eventually, William built a large frame house, noted for its cheerful red door, blue shutters and tidy white siding. William also lived to be 90, and after his death in 1898, his farm remained in the family until 1902.

In the autumn of Lewis Brumbaugh's life, Harry Bartlett Stewart Sr. discovered the charm of the Congress Lake environs, himself. The pioneering Brumbaughs and Rubrights of the horse and buggy age and the canal era had paved the way for a railroad man.

Harry Stewart Sr. came of age in New Philadelphia in the 1880s, the glory days of train transportation. Fresh out of school, Harry signed on with the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, serving in various jobs including telegrapher, traveling auditor and passenger agent. After a few years, Harry decided to broaden his horizons and

study law under Judge Isaac Taylor in Canton. All the while, Harry pursued his first love of railroading and courted a new love, Judge Taylor's daughter, Minnie. Harry and Minnie married in 1891.

When William McKinley of Canton ran for president of the United States in 1896, Harry's railroad savvy was employed to bring trainloads of McKinley's supporters to the candidate's hometown for rallies on McKinley's lawn as part of his innovative "front porch" campaign. A few years later, brothers Frank and Charles Seiberling tapped Harry's talent to transport their Goodyear automobile tires out of their Goodyear Tire & Rubber factory in Akron to trains on the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad in nearby Mogadore. The venture was a success, and the new rail line was incorporated as the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railway with Harry serving as president. Harry continued to expand the railway to connect with other existing lines, and earned a notable reputation in railroad circles. In northeast Ohio, Harry was also highly regarded as a canny businessman whose passion for civic engagement resulted in the establishment of Canton's Community Chest, the precursor to the United Way.

The Stewarts were the toast of the town, but a quiet life in the country suited Harry, a sportsman at heart, and Minnie, a socialite with the soul of a farmer. Harry was charmed by the countryside around Congress Lake, and he began purchasing land nearby until he had accumulated 720 acres. At first, the Rubright's red, white and blue house served as the Stewart's rural retreat while Minnie pondered a plan.

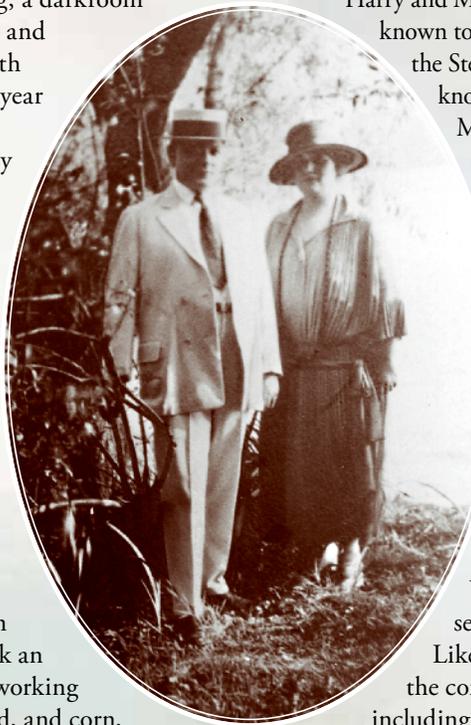
In 1914, the old Rubright house became the anchor for a sprawling mansion knit together in the Greek Revival style. The project took 15 years, as each room was thoughtfully and lovingly designed according to Minnie's instructions. When it was finished in 1929, the Stewart Manor suited the family perfectly, with a room



## QUAIL HOLLOW

dedicated to Minnie's flower arranging, a darkroom set up for Harry's photography hobby, and a sundrenched front entrance filled with green plants and blooming flowers all year long. Most of the house incorporated woodwork and flooring made of locally harvested trees, polished to a high gloss. Secret nooks behind paneling and bookcases provided secure places to hide cash and valuables. Some of the nooks featured shelves to accommodate bottles of libations that had to be hidden away during the Prohibition years.

Minnie was in her element as mistress of the estate, while Harry was delighted to be master of the riding stables and bridle trails. Not only did Minnie supervise the landscaping and nurture the gorgeous flower gardens on the manor house grounds, she also took an active role in the management of two working farms where cattle and hogs were raised, and corn, oats and hay were grown. Minnie was keenly interested in agricultural innovations, and she worked with the likes of Luther Burbank on ideas for experimental planting, organic gardening and conservation techniques.



Harry and Minnie's son, Harry Bartlett Stewart Jr., known to the family as Bart, was 10 years old when the Stewarts settled into the country estate now known as Quail Hollow. Bart's older sister Margaret was a guest but not a resident – she had married and made her home in Cleveland Heights before the Stewarts moved out of the city.

Quail Hollow was a boy's dream, with its wetlands and forests to explore, barns and stables to poke around, and ample room to ramble. Bart was eager to return to his boyhood haunts after graduating from Yale University in 1928. Following in his father's footsteps, Bart went to work for the Akron, Canton & Youngstown railroad in various capacities, serving as president after his father's passing.

Like his parents, Bart pledged his commitment to the community, serving as a trustee of many organizations including the YMCA and Children's Hospital.

Harry's 20-year business alliance with the Seiberling brothers became a family affair when Bart married Charles Seiberling's daughter Catherine, better known as Cate, in 1931. Now the fates and fortunes of the railroad men and the automobile family were more deeply entwined. As a wedding gift, Harry and Minnie presented the newlyweds with their own cottage on the Stewart estate.

The Great Depression cast a long shadow in the 1930s, but Bart and Cate's presence lightened the atmosphere at the Stewart Manor considerably. Their young children, Harry B. Stewart III and Blanche (nicknamed Bonnie) cheered parents and grandparents alike. When Harry Sr. died in 1938 at the age of 72, Bart and Cate and crew moved into the Manor House to keep Minnie company. When Americans began to feel the pinch of World War II in the 1940s, Cate appealed to the family's patriotism to convert the estate's flower gardens into Victory gardens and preserve vegetables to help feed hungry neighbors. Cate adored dogs, and she filled kennels at the estate with lively cairn terriers that she bred and raised as show dogs.

Like his father, Bart cultivated a fruitful career in the A, C & Y Railroad with a reputation as big thinker. Bart's bold idea for the "Railroad of Tomorrow" - a coal conveyor that would stretch 130 miles from Lake Erie at Lorain to the Ohio River at East Liverpool - was featured in the pages of *Life* magazine in February 1949. The logistics of such an undertaking would be staggering and Bart's dream was never realized, although it may have inspired some contemporary engineering feats. The longest conveyor in the world today is about half as long as Bart's proposal.

Minnie's vigor began to decline in the 1950s, and she passed away in 1958. Her gardens were still glorious, but the farming operations had begun to fade after Harry Sr.'s death, and the farm fields were eventually claimed for a grassy lawn, or reclaimed by nature into meadow. Bart and Cate stayed on in the Stewart Manor for a time after Bart retired from the railroad in 1969. In 1975, Bart extended a gesture of civic minded generosity that was the hallmark of the Stewart legacy - the house and 700 acres of



land were offered to the state for half of the appraised value. With financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Interior, the deal was sealed and Quail Hollow became a state park in May 1975.

Bart and Cate enjoyed their golden years in a cozy house on a quiet 20-acre patch of woods in the corner of the park as long as they could manage, until declining health drove them to the convenience of a condominium in Akron in 1980. Cate passed away in 1988 at the age of 81, and Bart was 87 when he died in 1991. The old estate seems to have promised prosperity and longevity to everyone who cared for it.

From the pioneers to the entrepreneurs to the visionaries, each founding family left their mark on today's Quail Hollow. With a combination of backbreaking labor, thoughtful design and wise management, they shaped the wilderness into a gracious venue for leisure time and recreation with just the right balance of nature and culture. The final generation was kind enough to share the simple pleasure of having a park for your backyard.

- Jean Backs, Editor

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*Fun for All Seasons*

The varied landscapes of Quail Hollow State Park mirror the diverse landscapes of Ohio, making the park a natural for ecology studies and outdoor recreation. Paths, boardwalks, and mountain biking trails wind through the 700-acre patchwork of forested wetlands and sedge marshes, tallgrass prairie and mature woodlands, and meadows sprinkled with bluebird boxes. Thoughtful touches, such as the paved Nature for All trail, and the indoor observation area overlooking the songbird garden, make nature accessible for all visitors, all year round.

The Stewart Manor's original carriage house has been transformed into a nature center housing hands-on displays and programs that entertain as they foster understanding and appreciation of the natural world for park guests and visiting school groups. The nature center is also a haven for permanently injured birds of prey who could no longer survive in the wild, but can thrive as wildlife ambassadors featured in educational programs at the park and in the community.

Special events celebrating nature and culture are offered at Quail Hollow year-round. The woodland owls are inclined to lend a spooky soundtrack to the frightfully fun atmosphere during the "Hollow-ween" fest in October. When the woods sparkle with snow, the manor house is decked in holiday finery for the annual Christmas at the Hollow event in December. In May, the spring wildflowers nod their approval of the Art, Craft and Herb Fair featuring the Herbal Society's annual plant sale with more than 150 varieties of culinary, decorative and flowering plants. The Shady Lane Pond glistens with glee when kids converge for the youth fishing derby in June, and the lawn shivers with excitement during August's Reptile Day. Most months, the hallways resonate with the sweet strains of Celtic ballads and bluegrass rambles during the Traditional Music jam sessions every other Thursday evening.

## QUAIL HOLLOW - PEOPLE IN THE PARKS

### *Minding the Manor*

**V**olunteers are the heart and soul of Quail Hollow State Park. They bring life and love to the historic former home of three generations of the H.B. Stewart family. Nearly every day or evening, there are busy volunteers helping to keep up the house, tending the gardens, improving the trails, providing programs and holding meetings.

The wide range of volunteer groups - from the Herbal Society and the Fine Furnishings Committee to the Camera Club and more - reflect the diverse interests and talents of the Stewart family. Together, these groups provide a richer, more rewarding experience for visitors. Individually, they enrich the park with projects and programs that protect and perpetuate the legacy of the Stewarts.

The Fine Furnishings Committee is devoted to making the grand house feel homey. They have been collecting period furniture, along with some artifacts of the Stewarts' to provide visitors with an authentic glimpse of the lifestyle of this well-to-do, yet down-to-earth family.

The Garden Restoration committee is undertaking a project to restore a historical rock garden, perennial garden and croquet court that used to grace the manor house grounds in the 1930s. The lost gardens were originally designed in 1928 by Warren H. Manning, a leading landscape architect of the day whose garden and park plans have beautified a number of cities including Chicago and Washington D.C., as well as private homes like the Biltmore Estate in Ashville North Carolina. The garden restoration committee's efforts have entailed researching Manning's archives to unearth his master plan, along with removing trees and plants that have encroached on the garden sites, and uncovering features of the historic gardens, such as steps, a waterfall and pool that have been obscured over time.

Other contributions made by the volunteer groups are purely practical. Thanks to fundraising coordinated through the Quail Hollow

Volunteer Association, the park was able to replace the antiquated boiler in the manor house with shiny new equipment that provides more reliable climate control. Work is underway on the Volunteer Association's recent campaign to raze the roof and install a leak-free replacement on the manor house and gift shop.

Keeping up the house is key to keeping up the tradition of hospitality and festive gatherings hosted by the Stewarts in the formal dining room, the cozy Pine Room and the roomy library. Today, rentals of the various facilities are bread and butter for the park operations, and a treat for the civic organizations, families and community groups that enjoy the pleasant venues for meetings, reunions, parties and receptions. The Concessions Committee provides all of the logistical support, as well as operating the Gift Shop and cross-country ski rental.

In addition to the serving as the ideal park for devoted volunteers seeking a compatible niche, Quail Hollow is the quintessential setting for community groups looking for an opportunity to make an impact. Scout groups, local business and United Way partners come to the park for outdoor work days that benefit the park while they build camaraderie and character for the participants.

With all this good work and goodwill, it is little wonder that Quail Hollow is a perennial contender and frequent winner of the Ohio State Parks' "Volunteer Park of the Year" award. The Stewart family understood the value of giving back to the community, and they appreciated the beauty and serenity of their country home. Thanks to Quail Hollow's dedicated staff and devoted volunteers, we can all enjoy the gracious surroundings that inspired them.

This year the Quail Hollow Volunteer Association is celebrating its 30th year as a non-profit 501c3 organization. Congratulations!



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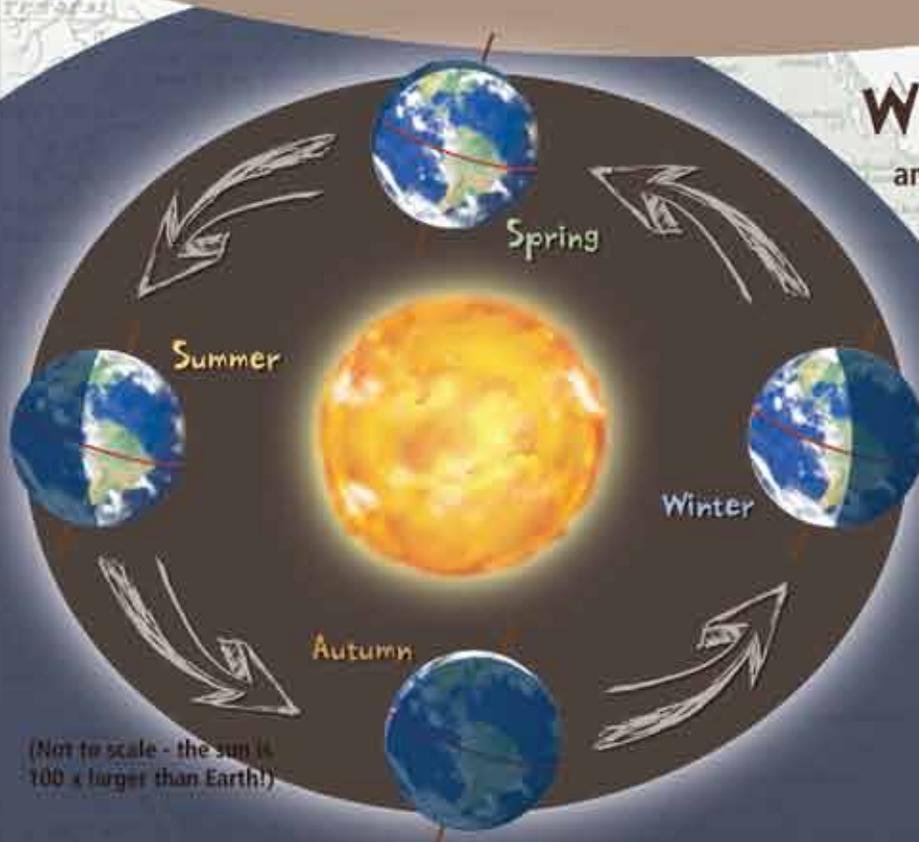
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## Our Ohio Seasons

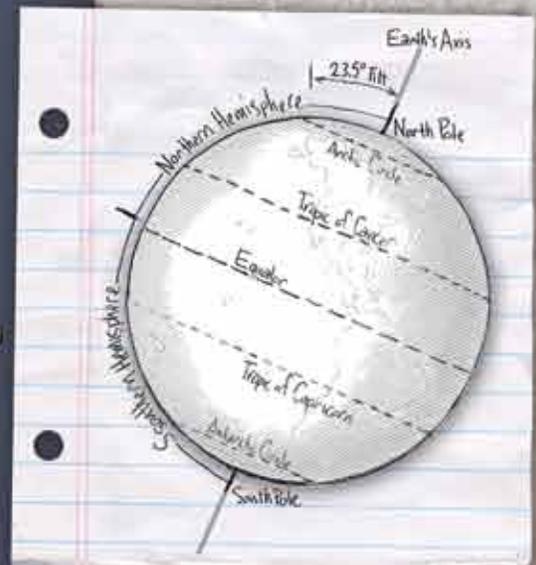
Why do Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter happen ever year?

The Earth is always moving on the same path through space, even though we can't feel it. It takes the Earth one year to follow this path around the sun. Earth is tilted at an angle ( $23.5^\circ$ ) and as it orbits the sun, different parts of the earth are tilted toward the sun at different times of the year. The Northern Hemisphere, where Ohio is located, has summer when the Earth is tilted toward the sun. The Southern Hemisphere always experiences the opposite season, so during our Summer, people in Chile, South America, for example, have Winter.



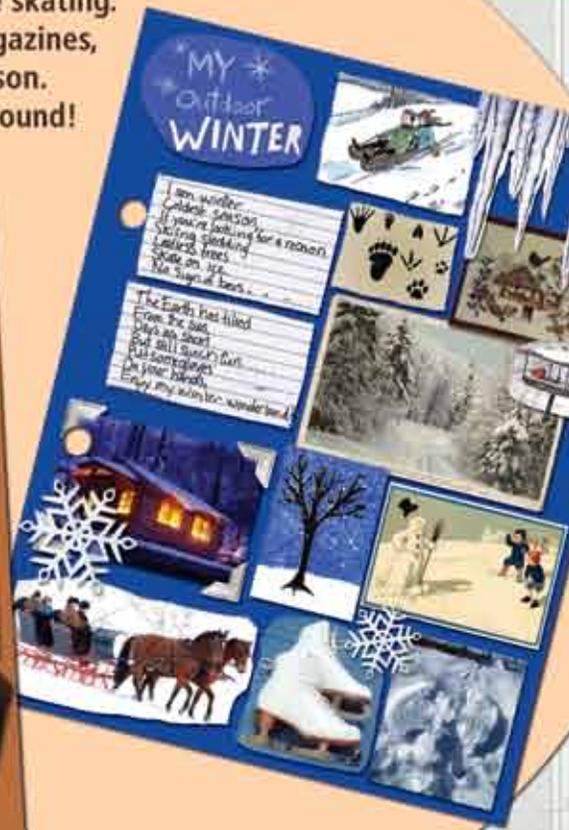
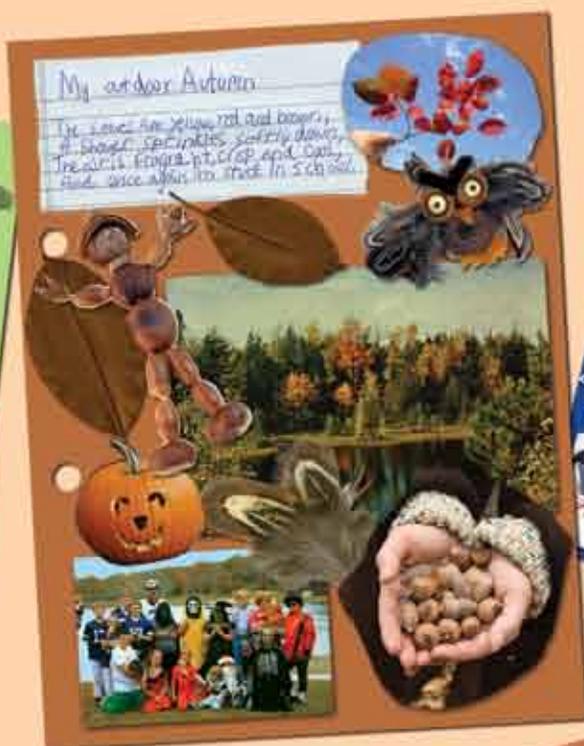
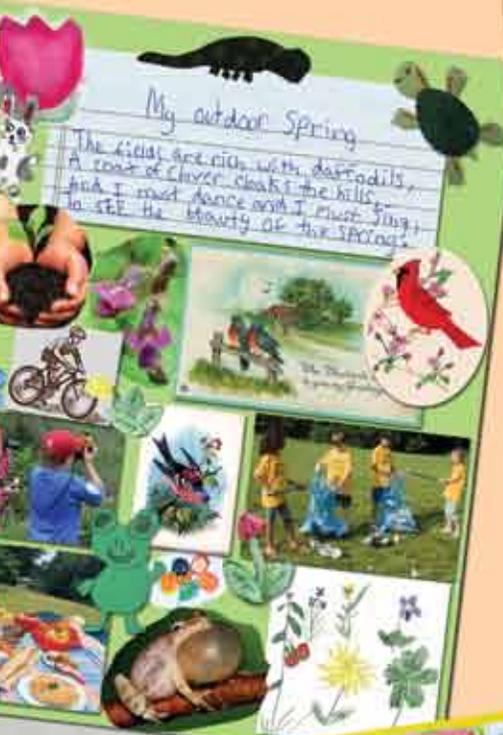
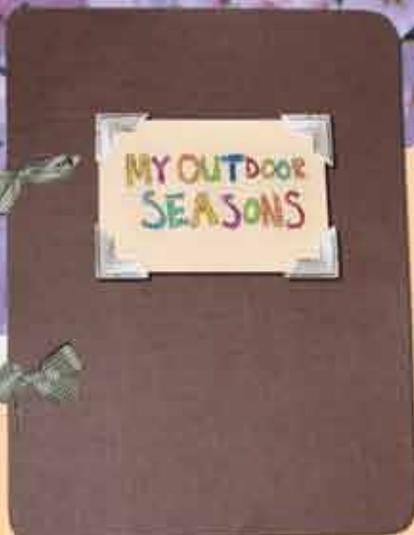
When Earth is tilted toward the Sun, Ohio receives more direct sunlight and experiences longer days, creating warm temperatures. In the Winter, we receive indirect sunlight, have shorter days, and therefore colder temperatures. In Spring and Fall, both hemispheres experience equal amounts of light as well as milder temperatures.

The Earth's axis is the imaginary line that runs from the North Pole to the South Pole. The Equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth, dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. Earth spins on its axis once every 24 hours as it moves along its orbit around the sun. This rotation is why half of the Earth experiences day time (when facing toward the Sun) while the other half has night time (when facing away from the Sun).



Let's make a nature scrapbook for the seasons!

Think about your favorite nature activities for each season. Make it a goal to try some new outdoor fun such as canoeing, park cleanups, or ice skating. Create a collage of pictures cut out of magazines, drawings, photos etc. for each season. There is so much cool stuff to do all year round!



(Puzzle answers on page 11.)

### Seasons Crossword Puzzle

- orbit
- sun
- autumn
- winter
- year
- sunlight
- axis
- hemispheres
- spring
- equator
- tilt
- earth
- summer
- rotation

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# A Tradition in Good Taste

**P**icture a pioneer in a tiny one-room cabin preparing a Thanksgiving feast. Her tools are the fire in the hearth, a simple kettle with a wire handle, and a deep iron dish with a heavy lid. Her rustic set-up may seem crude, but the tastes and textures she could produce would rival the creations of today's most refined, well-appointed kitchen.

Long before our frontier friend applied hot coals to heavy metal containers to make hearty meals, cast iron cookery evolved from necessity. For our early ancestors, a robust fire and a simple spit worked well when fresh meat was on the menu, but food was not always so plentiful. The first savvy cave dweller who watered down scraps of meat with tubers, nuts, mushrooms or other tidbits gathered nearby, created the first stew – and the need for a pot. A hollowed log (mokuks in the Shawnee language) warmed with stones heated in the fire provided a primitive solution for slow-cooked soup suppers and making maple syrup.

A few millennia ago, Iron Age cultures fashioned furnaces hot enough to melt iron ore, and developed techniques to mold the molten metal in casts made of packed sand to shape seamless iron vessels. The resulting cast iron pot was an ingenious innovation that was leak free, could withstand flames and heat, and cooked food much faster than the old hot rock method.

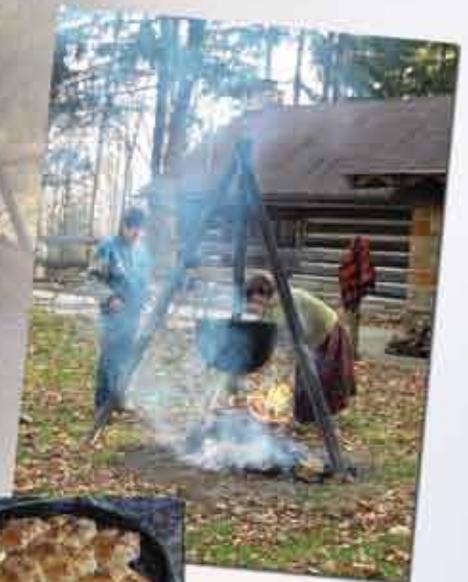
The design of the modern “Dutch” oven dates back to the seventh century AD. The addition of a tight fitting lid made the iron pot even

more versatile, lending a pleasantly tender and chewy consistency to foods rendered into mush in the boiling pot. The self-contained oven could heat food top to bottom, and made it possible to take full advantage of smoldering embers as well as licking flames.

On the Ohio frontier, an iron cooking pot was a prized possession, expected to last a lifetime. The native Americans were quick to recognize the value of the European cookware offered by pioneer traders and treaty negotiators. Soon, iron kettles replaced the traditional mokuks in villages and hunting camps. Even Lewis and Clark toted Dutch ovens across the continent with their most critical pieces of equipment in their 1804 Corps of Discovery Expedition.

The art and science of cast iron cooking has stood the test of time. Today's cast iron pots are still perfect for boiling or simmering, cast iron skillets are tops for frying and searing, and Dutch ovens are ideal for baking and roasting. Dense iron distributes heat evenly, and holds the heat long after the pan is brought to the table for serving. The durable metal can handle the erratic flames and hot spots of a campfire, as well as the high temperatures of a stovetop, or the radiating heat of a warm oven.

Fortunately park programs and volunteers are helping to ensure that cast iron cooking doesn't become a lost art. Caesar Creek State Park is hosting Dutch oven cooking classes in October and November to whet the appetites of aspiring iron chefs. Malabar Farm State Park's annual Hearthside Cooking Workshop in November turns back the clock with participants creating a complete and memorable Thanksgiving feast using Dutch ovens and a spit. The Cast Iron Cooking Club at Wolf Run State Park meets regularly to exchange recipes, make great food, and introduce a new generation of curious cooks to a delicious tradition.



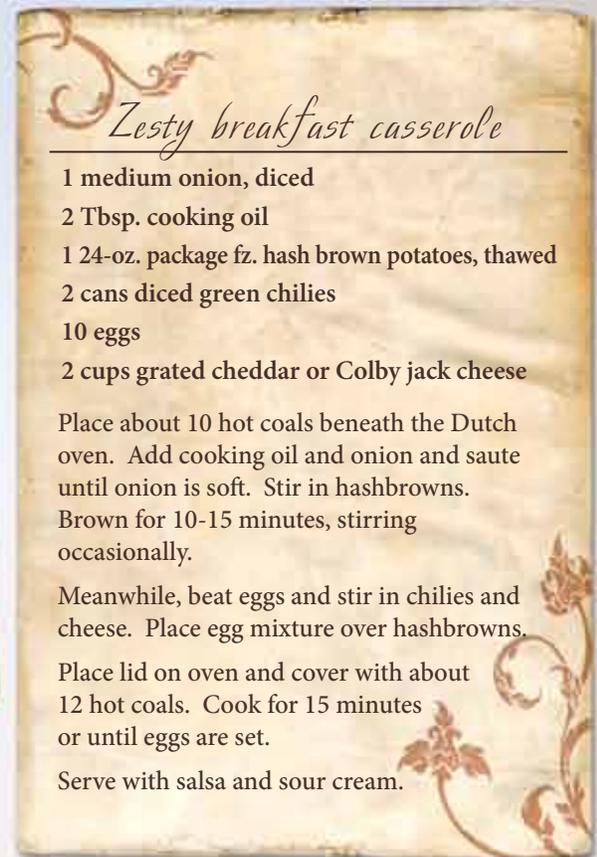
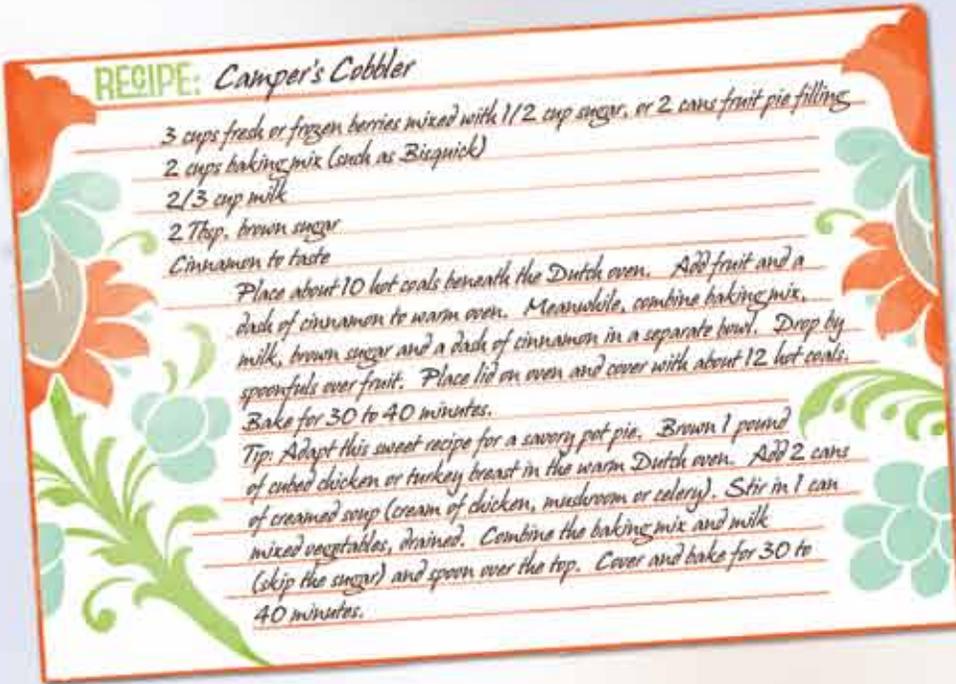
### Ready to try cooking with cast iron?

**S**afety first! Cast iron cookware gets very hot, and is heavy. Every cast iron chef needs a pair of heavy leather gloves or mitts that cover the wrists, a lid lifter, a lid holder, tongs and a small shovel to move hot coals, and a whisk broom to brush away ashes from the Dutch oven lid.

Half the fun is tending the fire. Use glowing embers of campfire wood, or red hot charcoal briquettes heated in the grill or piled in a charcoal chimney.

Check out one of our cast iron cooking programs to learn more from the experts. See the calendar of events for upcoming programs at Caesar Creek and Malabar Farm. The Wolf Run Cast Iron Cooking Club meets on the "teenth" Saturday of each month at the campground.

Here are some tasty recipes to try:



### Park Points

#### Giving Gifts?

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#### Spend Spring Break with Us!

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#### Park Pals- Answers

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# Ohio State Parks & State Nature Preserves Hosting Annual Events



# 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](http://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

## OCTOBER 2012

**Traditional Music**, *Quail Hollow (NE)* - Oct. 4, 6-9 PM at the manor house. Bring an instrument or just listen. (330) 877-6652.

**Fall Festival & Campout**, *Alum Creek (C)* - Oct. 5-6. Campsite decorating and costume contests, pumpkin carving, treats & crafts. (740) 548-4631.

**Fall Campout**, *Buck Creek (SW)* - Oct. 5-6. Crafts, nature programs, games, contests, trick or treat & hayrides. (937) 322-5284.

**Indian Summer Campout**, *Caesar Creek (SW)* - Oct. 5 - 7. Seasonal crafts, games, crafters & family fun. (937) 382-1096.

**Halloween Campout #1**, *East Harbor (NW)* - Oct. 5 - 6. Scarecrow building & decorated campsite contests, kids' crafts and games, hayrides, a seriously spooky haunted house & bonfire. The local bloodmobile will be hand and accepting donors from 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Fall Campout**, *Findley (NE)* - Oct. 5-6. Activities, trick or treat & hayrides (440) 647-5749.

**Halloween Campout**, *Grand Lake St. Marys (NW)* - Oct. 5-7. Kids' games, pumpkin carving, hayrides, costume & campsite decorating contests. (419) 394-3611.

**Halloween Festival #2**, *Hueston Woods (SW)* - Oct. 5 - 6. Campsite decorating, games, Halloween treats & a haunted trail. (513) 523-6347.

**Apple Butter Festival**, *Mt. Gilead (C)* - Oct. 5-6. Apple butter making, campsite decorating, costume contest, pumpkin carving, fall hikes, entertainment, ham & bean soup and much more. (419) 946-1961.

**Halloween Fall Campout**, *Portage Lakes (NE)* - Oct. 5-7. Kids' activities, costume contest, trick or treat & spooky stories. (330) 644-2220.

**Pioneer Days**, *Beaver Creek (NE)* - Oct. 6-7 at the pioneer village & Gaston's Mill. Craft displays & demonstrations of pioneer life, including the working grist mill. (330) 382-9227. Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center open 10 AM-5 PM, duck race at 3 PM Sun. (330) 385-3091 or [beavercreekwildlife.org](http://beavercreekwildlife.org).

**Fall Campout**, *Blue Rock (SE)* - Oct. 6. Fall themed fun includes a hog roast, cast iron cook-off, antique tractors, kiddie tractor pull. (740) 453-4377.

**Harvest Moon Campout**, *Pike Lake (SW)* - Oct. 5-6. Campsite and cottage decorating, pumpkin carving, hayrides, kids' games, a craft show & bean supper. (740) 493-2212.

**Hocking Hills Motorcycle Run**, *Hocking Hills (SE)* - Oct. 6. Meet at the

Lake Logan parking lot. Cruise 122 miles thru 5 state parks & Wayne National Forest. (740) 385-6841 or [hockinghillspark.com](http://hockinghillspark.com).

**Apple Butter Festival**, *Hueston Woods (SW)* - Oct. 6-7 at the pioneer farm. Arts, crafts & traditional apple butter making. (513) 524-4250.

**Smokey Bear Fire Awareness Weekend**, *Shawnee (SW)* - Oct. 6 at the campground. Fire safety tips and equipment demonstrations by real firefighters, along with crafts and activities for kids with Smokey Bear & friends. (740) 858-6652.

**Hobo Stew and Halloween Campout**, *Van Buren (NW)* - Oct. 6-9. Moonlight movies, rootbeer floats, pumpkin carving, & hobo stew made from ingredients brought by campers. (419) 832-7662.

**Motorcycle Hillclimb**, *Little Miami (SW)* - Oct. 7, 1 PM. Meet the naturalist at the Ft. Ancient staging area for a 1-hour ride through nearby Oregonia. Expect a thrilling ride, along with heavy motorcycle traffic and noise. Not recommended for small children. (513) 897-2437.

**Fall Color Canoe Paddle**, *Van Buren (NW)* - Oct. 7, 2-4 PM. Must pre-register, (419) 348-7679. \$10 donation per canoe.

**Halloween Campout**, *Findley (NE)* - Oct. 12-13. Games, pumpkin carving, trick or treat & hayrides. (440) 647-5749.

**Halloween Campout #2**, *East Harbor (NW)* - Oct. 12-13. Scarecrow building & decorated campsite contests, kids' crafts and games, hayrides, a seriously spooky haunted house & bonfire. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Halloween Campout**, *Findley (NE)* - Oct. 12-13. Games, pumpkin carving, trick or treat & hayrides. (440) 647-5749.

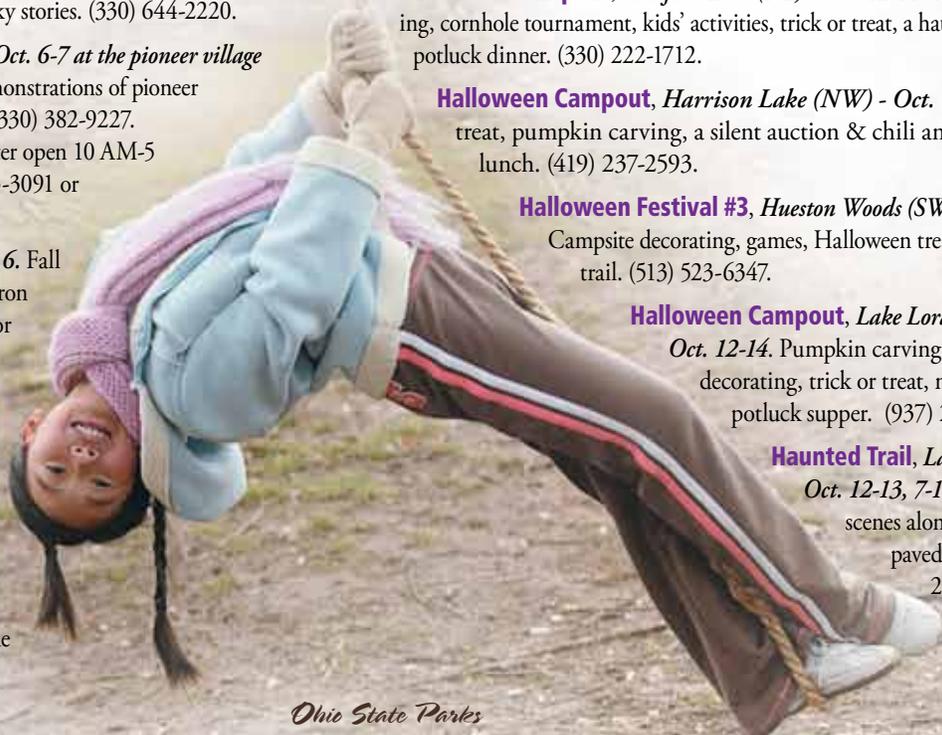
**Halloween Campout**, *Guilford Lake (NE)* - Oct. 12-14. Campsite decorating, cornhole tournament, kids' activities, trick or treat, a haunted trail & potluck dinner. (330) 222-1712.

**Halloween Campout**, *Harrison Lake (NW)* - Oct. 12-13. Trick or treat, pumpkin carving, a silent auction & chili and vegetable soup lunch. (419) 237-2593.

**Halloween Festival #3**, *Hueston Woods (SW)* - Oct. 12-13. Campsite decorating, games, Halloween treats & a haunted trail. (513) 523-6347.

**Halloween Campout**, *Lake Loramie (NW)* - Oct. 12-14. Pumpkin carving, campsite decorating, trick or treat, movies, games & a potluck supper. (937) 295-2011.

**Haunted Trail**, *Lake Milton (NE)* - Oct. 12-13, 7-10:30 PM. Spooky scenes along the accessible paved trail, located at 2155 Grandview Road. (330) 654-4989.



**“Ceely” Historical Drama, Malabar Farm (NE) - Oct. 12-14.** Friday play package includes a wagon ride (5-6 PM) and theatrical production of the 1896 murders of the Rose family (7 PM) for \$24/person. BBQ Dinner & Play packages offered on Saturday & Sunday include a wagon ride (4-5:30 PM Sat.; 12-1:30 PM Sun.); BBQ dinner at (6 PM Sat.; 2 PM Sun.); and play (7 PM Sat.; 3 PM Sun.) Dinner & Play tickets are \$36/person. (419) 522-2726.

**Halloween Campout #1, Mohican (NE) - Oct. 12-14.** Pet & campsite decorating contests, trick or treat, nature programs & crafts for campers & cottage guests. (419) 994-4290.

**Halloween Campout, Paint Creek (SW) - Oct. 12-13.** Campsite decorating and costume contests, hay rides & trick or treat. (937) 981-7061.

**Halloween Campout, West Branch (NE) - Oct. 12-13.** Trick or treat, movies, games, pumpkin carving, campsite decorating & a haunted trail. (330) 296-3239.

**Webelos Naturalist Badge, Caesar Creek (SW) - Oct. 13, 10 AM - 12 PM at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center.** Scouts can have fun while they earn their naturalist badge. Pre-registration is required and participation is limited to scouts only. (513) 897-1050.

**Safety Day & Pre-Fall Campout, Cowan Lake (SW) - Oct. 13 at the campground.** Special programs and safety demonstrations by law enforcement professionals include air care, canine demonstrations, kids’ fingerprinting and bike safety, plus movies & crafts. (937) 783-2649.

**Grandma Gatewood’s Fall Colors Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Oct. 13, 1 PM at the Old Man’s Cave Visitor Center.** 6-mile strenuous hike. (740) 385-6841.

**Fall Color Walk, Malabar Farm (NE) - Oct. 13, 10 AM-Noon.** Meet at the visitor center. 2-mile hike. (419) 892-2784.

**Autumn Lighthouse Festival, Marblehead Lighthouse (NW) - Oct. 13.** This annual community festival features an arts & crafts fair at the park and attractions in nearby Lakeside including family activities, entertainment, food and special offers at shops and restaurants. Lighthouse tours offered from 11 AM - 3:45 PM; the Keepers House is open from 11 AM - 4 PM. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2 or [lake-erie.com](http://lake-erie.com)

**Howl-o-Ween Dog Walk & Costume Parade, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Oct. 13, 12-3 PM at the Dog Park.** Food, vendors & contests for people and pets. (330) 637-2856.

**Halloween Campout, Shawnee (SW) - Oct. 13.** Pumpkin carving contest, trick or treat & a costume parade. (740) 858-6652.

**Fall Breakfast & Fall Fest Dance, Stonelick (SW) - Oct. 13 at the campground shelterhouse.** Fuel up with a great breakfast, then dance into the night and show off your moves. [friendsofstonelick.org](http://friendsofstonelick.org) or (513) 734-4323.

**Cast Iron Cooking Workshop, Caesar Creek (SW) - Oct. 14, 2-4 PM.** Cook a meal in a cast iron Dutch oven over an open fire. Cooking lessons and equipment are provided. \$15 fee. Pre-registration required; call (513) 897-2437.

**Traditional Music, Quail Hollow (NE) - Oct. 18, 6-9 PM at the manor house.** Bring an instrument or just listen. (330) 877-6652.

**Halloween Fall Campout, Beaver Creek (NE) - Oct. 19-21.** Kids’ activities, campsite decorating, costume contest, trick or treat, potluck dinner & a haunted trail. (330) 385-3091.

**Fall Campout, Cowan Lake (SW) - Oct. 19-21.** Trick or treat, games, crafters & fall-themed activities. (937) 382-1096.

**Pre-Halloween Campout, Deer Creek (C) - Oct. 19-20.** Safety programs for kids featuring the smoke house and helicopter landing and take off. (740) 869-3124.

**Not-Quite-Halloween Campout, East Fork (SW) - Oct. 19-21.** Hayrides, campsite decorating and costume contests, entertainment & trick or treat. (513) 734-4323.

**Halloween Campout, Forked Run (SE) - Oct. 19-20.** Campsite decorating contest, games, trick or treat, & a spooky haunted trail. (740) 378-6206.

**Halloween Campout, Indian Lake (NW) - Oct. 19-20.** Pumpkin carving, site decorating and costume contests, pet costume contest, trick or treat, hayrides, movies, games & a soup supper. (937) 843-2717.

**Halloween Campout, Jackson Lake (SE) - Oct. 19-20.** Campsite decorating, costume party & trick or treat. (740) 682-6197 or (740) 384-3345.

**Haunted Trail, Lake Milton (NE) - Oct. 19-20, 7-10:30 PM.** Spooky scenes along the accessible paved trail located at 2155 Grandview Road. (330) 654-4989.

**“Ceely” Historical Drama, Malabar Farm (NE) - Oct. 19-21.** Friday Play Only Package for \$24 includes wagon rides from 5-6 PM and the theatrical production of the 1896 murders of the Rose family at 7PM. Saturday Package for \$36 includes wagon rides from 4-5:30PM, a BBQ Dinner at 6PM and Play at 7PM. Sunday Package for \$36 includes wagon rides from 12-1:30PM, Dinner at 2PM and Play at 3PM. (419) 522-2726.

**Trail of Lost Souls, Maumee Bay (NW) - Oct. 19-20, 7-10 PM at the Big Hill in the meadow area.** A small fee is charged. (419) 836-8828.

**Halloween Campout, Maumee Bay (NW) - Oct. 19-21.** Campsite decorating, hayrides, trick or treat, crafts, kite building, a Halloween dance & games. (419) 836-8828.

**Halloween Campout #2, Mohican (NE) - Oct. 19-21.** Pet & campsite decorating contests, trick or treat, nature programs & crafts for campers & cottage guests. (419) 994-4290.

**Halloween Campout, Rocky Fork (SW) - Oct. 19-20.** Campsite decorating and costume contests, silent auction, games and a haunted trail. (937) 393-3210.

**Halloween Campout, West Branch (NE) - Oct. 19-20.** Trick or treat, movies, games, Halloween crafts, campsite decorating & a haunted trail. (330) 296-3239.

**Harvest Festival, Caesar Creek (SW) - Oct. 20-21 at the Pioneer Village, 10 AM - 5 PM Sat.; 10 AM - 4 PM Sun.** See how farmers harvested corn, squash and beans in 1800, plus soap and candle making, cider pressing, apple butter and more. \$7 donation requested for adults; \$3 for children. (513) 897-1120 or [caesarscreekpioneervillage.com](http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com).

**Fall Festival, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Oct. 20, 1-4 PM at Euclid Beach.** All kinds of family fun, hayrides, kids’ activities, games & crafts. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

**33rd Annual Fall Hike, Lake Hope (SE) - Oct. 20, 10 AM.** Meet at the beach shelter house for a sip of sassafras tea and a 3-mile hike to Hope furnace. Shuttles return hikers to their cars. (740) 596-3030.





## October

## CALENDAR

**Spooky Carnival of Fun**, *Maumee Bay (NW)* - Oct. 20-21, 12-4 PM at the nature center. Halloween activities & crafts for families. Costumes are encouraged. Refreshments are available. \$5 per child fee. (419) 836-9117.

**Gravy & Biscuit Breakfast**, *Paint Creek (SW)* - Oct. 20 at the shelterhouse. (937) 981-7061.

**"Hollow"een Fest**, *Quail Hollow (NE)* - Oct. 20, 4-8 PM. Haunted Manor House tours, hayrides & a bonfire. \$2/per person fee. (330) 877-6652.

**Fall Hike**, *Shawnee (SW)* - Oct. 20. Take an invigorating walk in a blaze of fall color. (740) 858-6652.

**Halloween Campout & Haunted Dance**, *Stonelick (SW)* - Oct. 20. Costume, pumpkin and campsite decorating contests, hayrides, trick or treat & hobo stew. [friendsofstonelick.org](http://friendsofstonelick.org) or (513) 734-4323.

**Pancake Breakfast**, *Beaver Creek (NE)* - Oct. 21, 8 AM - 12 PM at the pioneer village barn. Hosted by the Friends of Beaver Creek State Park. (330) 385-3091

**Walk with Nature**, *Grand Lake St. Marys (NW)* - Oct. 21, 12-4 PM. Meet at Memorial Park in St. Marys to register, then hike the historic Miami & Erie canal towpath trail. Choose from 3.3-mile or 10-mile options. Buses are available to take hikers to and from starting and stopping points. (419) 394-3611.

**Halloween Campout**, *Deer Creek (C)* - Oct. 26-28. Hayrides, trick or treat, crafts, games & campsite decorating. (740) 869-3124.

**Halloween Campout**, *Dillon (SE)* - Oct. 26-27. Costume and campsite decorating contests, pumpkin decorating & trick or treat. (740) 453-4377.

**Halloween Campout**, *East Fork (SW)* - Oct. 26-28. Games, entertainment, campsite decorating and costume contests, hayrides & trick or treat. (513) 734-4323.

**Haunted Hocking**, *Hocking Hills (SE)* - Oct. 26-28 at the Old Man's Cave campground. Campsite & pumpkin decorating, hayrides, trick or treat & movies. (740) 385-6841.

**Halloween Campout**, *Lake Alma (SE)* - Oct. 26-27. Campsite decorating, trick or treat & a spooky haunted trail. (740) 384-4474 or (740) 384-3345.

**Haunted Trail**, *Lake Milton (NE)* - Oct. 26-27. 7-10:30 PM. Spooky scenes along the accessible paved trail. (330) 654-4989.

**Halloween Campout & Party**, *Beaver Creek (NE)* - Oct. 27 at the horsemen's camp off Sprucevale Rd. Bridle trail scavenger hunt, pumpkin decorating, campsite decorating, horse and rider costume contest, potluck dinner & hayrides. (330) 227-9952 or [russo53@localnet.com](mailto:russo53@localnet.com)

**Night Owl Hike**, *Caesar Creek (SW)* - Oct. 27, 7 PM. Meet at the nature center. Visit the park's raptors in the wildlife rehab flight cage, then take a night hike to learn the importance of nocturnal critters in the wild. (513) 897-2437.

**Venison Chili Cook-Off**, *Findley (NE)* - Oct. 27, 1 PM at the nature center. Bring your favorite recipe, venison is provided by the park. Pre-registration required. (440) 647-5749 or (440) 647-4490.

**ROAR Day**, *Lake Hope (SE)* - Oct. 27, 10 AM - 4 PM at the shelterhouse and Hope School. Celebrate Appalachian culture through authentic crafts, food & entertainment plus Halloween treats. (740) 596-3030.

**Harvest Barn Dance**, *Malabar Farm (NE)* - Oct. 27, 7-10 PM. Beginners welcome. (419) 892-2784.

**Trout or Treat Kiddie Derby**, *Shawnee (SW)* - Oct. 27. Fishing for kids 12 & under. (740) 858-6652.

**Halloween at the Park, Salt Fork (SE) - Oct. 27.** Make Halloween crafts and decorate pumpkins & cookies at the lodge in the afternoon. Then hike the haunted trail to the cottage area for trick or treat and a costume contest. (740) 439-3521 or (740) 439-2751.

**Halloween Party, Sycamore (SW) - Oct. 27.** Games & seasonal activities. (937) 854-4452.

**Owl Prowl, Van Buren (NW) - Oct. 27, 7 PM at shelterhouse #3.** Live owl program & a guided hike. (419) 832-7662.

**Fall Hike, Augusta Anne Olsen Nature Preserve (NW) - Oct. 28, 10 AM.** Preserve is located in Huron County near Wakeman. Beautiful views of the Vermillion River gorge, excellent tree and plant diversity, and migratory song birds are a fall feast for the senses. (419) 836-9117.

## NOVEMBER 2012

**Traditional Music, Quail Hollow (NE) - Nov. 1, 6-9 PM at the manor house.** Bring an instrument or just listen. (330) 877-6652.

**Frontier Trail Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Nov. 3, 2012, Noon-4 PM at Ash Cave.** Explore the history of the Hocking Hills region with a walk back through time dramatized by costumed interpreters along Ash Cave trail. (740) 385-6841.

**Veterans Day Celebration, Hueston Woods (SW) - Nov. 3 in the campground.** Veterans will be honored with a parade, recognition ceremony and fun family activities including a cookout. (513) 523-6347.

**Fall Gathering Rendezvous, Caesar Creek (SW) - Nov. 3-4 at the Pioneer Village, 10 AM - 5 PM Sat.; 10 AM - 4 PM Sun.** Re-enactors bring history to life with demonstrations of life in Ohio in the early 1800s. [caesarscreekpioneervillage.com](http://caesarscreekpioneervillage.com).

**Hearthside Cookery Workshop, Malabar Farm (NE) - Nov. 3-4, 10 AM-5 PM.** Learn open-hearth cooking skills by preparing a Thanksgiving feast using farm fresh foods and cast iron cookware. Each day is a complete workshop. Pre-registration and a \$30 fee required. Space is limited, so register early. (419) 892-2784.

**Snowflake Festival, Mt. Gilead (C) - Nov. 3-4.** Campsite decorating, nature programs & crafts. (419) 946-1961 or (740) 548-4631.

**Bobcat Trail Marathon, Burr Oak (SE) - Nov. 4, 7 AM. Meet at the lodge.** A fee is required to compete & racers must pre-register. [bobcattrailmarathon.org](http://bobcattrailmarathon.org).

**Webelos Forester Badge, Caesar Creek (SW) - Nov. 10, 10 AM - 12 PM at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center.** Boy Scouts can have fun

while they earn their forester badge. Pre-registration is required and participation is limited to scouts only. (513) 897-1050.

**Cast Iron Cooking Workshop, Caesar Creek (SW) - Nov. 10, 1-3 PM.** Cook a meal in a cast iron Dutch oven over an open fire. Cooking lessons and equipment are provided. \$15 fee. Pre-registration required; call (513) 897-2437.

**Fantasy of Lights, Alum Creek (C) - Nov. 18-30, at the campground. Hours are 5:30-9:30 PM Sun. thru Thurs. and 5:30-10:30 PM Fri. & Sat.** A million lights in 130 holiday displays, plus visits with Santa & refreshments. A fee is charged per car. (740) 369-2900 or (740) 548-6056, or [alumcreek.com](http://alumcreek.com)

**Traditional Music, Quail Hollow (NE) - Nov. 15, 6-9 PM at the manor house.** Bring an instrument or just listen. (330) 877-6652.

**Hunters Feed, Forked Run (SE) - Nov. 25.** Hungry hunters can enjoy dinner compliments of the Friends of Forked Run. (740) 378-6206.

## DECEMBER 2012

**Fantasy of Lights, Alum Creek (C) Dec. 1-31, at the campground.** Hours are 5:30-9:30 PM Sun. thru Thurs. and 5:30-10:30 PM Fri. & Sat. A million lights in 130 holiday displays, plus visits with Santa & refreshments. A fee is charged per car. (740) 369-2900 or (740) 548-6056, or [www.alumcreek.com](http://www.alumcreek.com).

**Christmas Candlelight Tour, Caesar Creek (SW) - Dec. 1 at the Pioneer Village, 4-8 PM.** See how the holiday was celebrated in the early 1800s, and enjoy hearth heated cider and hot chocolate. Dress warm. [caesarscreekpioneer-village.com](http://caesarscreekpioneer-village.com).

**Christmas at the Hollow, Quail Hollow (NE) - Dec. 6-8. Tour the historic Stewart Manor, decorated for an old-fashioned holiday.** Enjoy refreshments, holiday crafts and entertainment, and visits with Santa. (330) 877-6652.

**Candlelight Holiday Tours, Malabar Farm (NE) - Dec 7-9. Hours are 5-9 PM Fri. and Sat.; 12PM- 5 PM Sun.** Tour Louis Bromfield's "Big House" all decked out for the holidays. Enjoy freshly baked cookies and hot cider, along with holiday shopping at the gift shop. Fees are \$5/adult and \$3/child. (419) 892-2784 or [malabarfarm.org](http://malabarfarm.org).

**Holiday Traditions Workshops, Caesar Creek (SW) - Dec. 8, sessions start at 10 AM and 2 PM at the nature center.** Create holiday decorations & ornaments from natural materials. Pre-registration and a \$12 fee required. (513) 897-2437.

**Christmas in Ash Cave, Hocking Hills (SE) - Dec 8, 5-7 PM.** Celebrate the season with a candle-lit stroll to Ash Cave, refreshments, a bonfire, carolers, Santa and a tree decorated for wildlife. (740) 385-6841.

**Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Caesar Creek (SW) - Dec. 14, 6 AM - 5 PM at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Visitor Center.** Early birds can look for owls at 6 AM, later risers can search for songbirds and waterfowl at 8:30 AM. Lunch is provided. Experts and amateurs are welcome to come out for a while or for the day. (513) 897-1050.

**Holiday Raptor Invasion, Hueston Woods (SW) - Dec. 15, 11 AM at the Hueston Woods Lodge.** Educational raptor program with local birds of prey. (513) 524-4250.

**Candlelight Holiday Tours, Malabar Farm (NE) -14-16. Hours are 5-9 PM Fri. and Sat.; 12PM- 5 PM Sun.** Tour Louis Bromfield's "Big House" all decked out for the holidays. Enjoy freshly baked cookies and hot cider, along with holiday shopping at the gift shop. Fees are \$5/adult and \$3/child. (419) 892-2784 or [malabarfarm.org](http://malabarfarm.org).

**Winter Solstice Program, Little Miami (SW) - Dec. 21, 8 AM.** Meet the naturalist at the Ft. Ancient staging area near sunrise to see the magic of the shadows lining up with the stone effigy made by an ancient civilization. (513) 897-2437.

## JANUARY 2013

**Winter Hike, Mohican (NE) - Jan. 13, 10 AM. Meet at the camp store/ commissary.** Experience winter's beauty while watching for the elusive bald eagle. Choose from 5K and 10K options. Trails are rated moderate to difficult. Mohican Regional Trail Guides are available for \$2. After the hike enjoy warm soup & refreshments (419) 994-5125.

**48th Annual Winter Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Jan. 19, continuous starts from 9-11 AM.** Rugged 6-mile trek from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave. Wear layered clothing & good footwear. Refreshments available for a donation. A shuttle bus returns hikers to Old Man's Cave. (740) 385-6841.

**Can You Name a Tree by its Bark?, Van Buren (NW) - Jan. 27, 2 PM at shelterhouse #3.** Learn how to identify a tree in the winter by its bark, then head out on a trail to test your skills. (419) 832-7662.

## FEBRUARY 2013

**Sled Dog Classic, Punderson (NE) - Date TBA.** Pre-registration and a fee are required for racers. Spectators are admitted free. (440) 564-2279 or [siberiancleveland.org](http://siberiancleveland.org).

**33rd Annual Buckeye Trail Winter Hike, Findley (NE) - Feb. 2, 10 AM.** Moderate 5-k, 10-k or interpretive hikes. Followed by bean soup & cornbread. (440) 647-5749.

**Polar Bear Plunge, Geneva (NE) - Feb. 9, at Breakwater Beach.** Spectators are welcome. "Plungers" must pre-register. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics. (440) 466-8400 or (614) 239-7050.

**Winter Bird Hike, Hueston Woods (SW) - Feb. 9, 10 AM at the nature center.** Hike park trails & learn the art of birding from an expert. (513) 524-4250.

**3rd Annual Cabin Fever Reliever Winter Hike, Van Buren (NW) - Feb. 9th, 10 AM - Noon. Meet at shelterhouse #3.** Choose from a self-guided 2-mile or 5-mile loop hike through rolling forest terrain. Enjoy winter nature displays and a hot chili lunch starting at 11 AM. (419) 832-7662.

**Sweethearts Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Feb. 16, 5-7 PM at the Ash Cave parking lot.** Take a romantic stroll to Ash Cave and enjoy a cozy fire & refreshments. (740) 385-6841.

**Winter Hike, Hueston Woods (SW) - Feb. 16, 11 AM.** Meet at the nature center & car caravan to the Big Woods for a guided hike through old growth forest. (513) 524-4250.

## MARCH 2013

**Maple Syrup Festival, Hueston Woods (SW) - Mar. 2-3, at the pioneer farm.** Explore the process of maple sugaring from the methods used by Indians to modern methods. Pancake breakfast offered from 7 AM-1 PM for a fee. Tour the sugar bush from Noon-4 PM. (513) 523-6347.

**37th Annual Maple Syrup Festival, Malabar Farm (NE) - Mar. 2-3, Noon-4 PM.** Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to the sugar camp for demonstrations of sugar making, pioneer life and entertainment. Food is available, and maple products are for sale. (419) 892-2784.

**Maple Sugaring in the Hills, Hocking Hills (SE) - Mar. 9-10, 2013, Noon-4 PM at the naturalist cabin behind the Old Man's Cave visitor center.** Discover how syrup is made, and try a sample. Pancake breakfast offered at the dining lodge for a fee. (740) 385-6841.

**Maple Syrup Festival, Hueston Woods (SW) - Mar. 9-10, at the pioneer farm.** Explore the process of maple sugaring from the methods used by Indians to modern methods. Pancake breakfast offered from 7 AM-1 PM for a fee. Tour the sugar bush from Noon-4 PM. (513) 523-6347.

**37th Annual Maple Syrup Festival, Malabar Farm (NE) - Mar. 9-10, Noon-4 PM.** Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to the sugar camp for demonstrations of sugar making, pioneer life and entertainment. Food is available, and maple products are for sale. (419) 892-2784.



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mesh lining & front slash pockets, emblem shown. Women's sizes S,  
M, L, XL, XXL come in a. celery green; b. red. Men's sizes S, M, L,  
XL, XXL come in a. olive; b. navy. When ordering, specify men's or  
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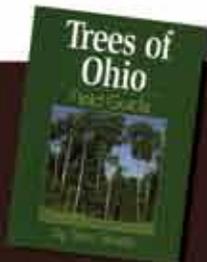
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**A**fter a pause in service over the past several months, the Lodge and Conference Center at Burr Oak State Park is re-opening its doors.

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*Since its grand opening ceremony in April 1967, the Burr Oak Lodge has provided comfortable accommodations and stunning views amid this scenic setting, and served as a focal point for park activities and community events. Thirty two-bedroom vacation cottages dot the hillsides nearby.*

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