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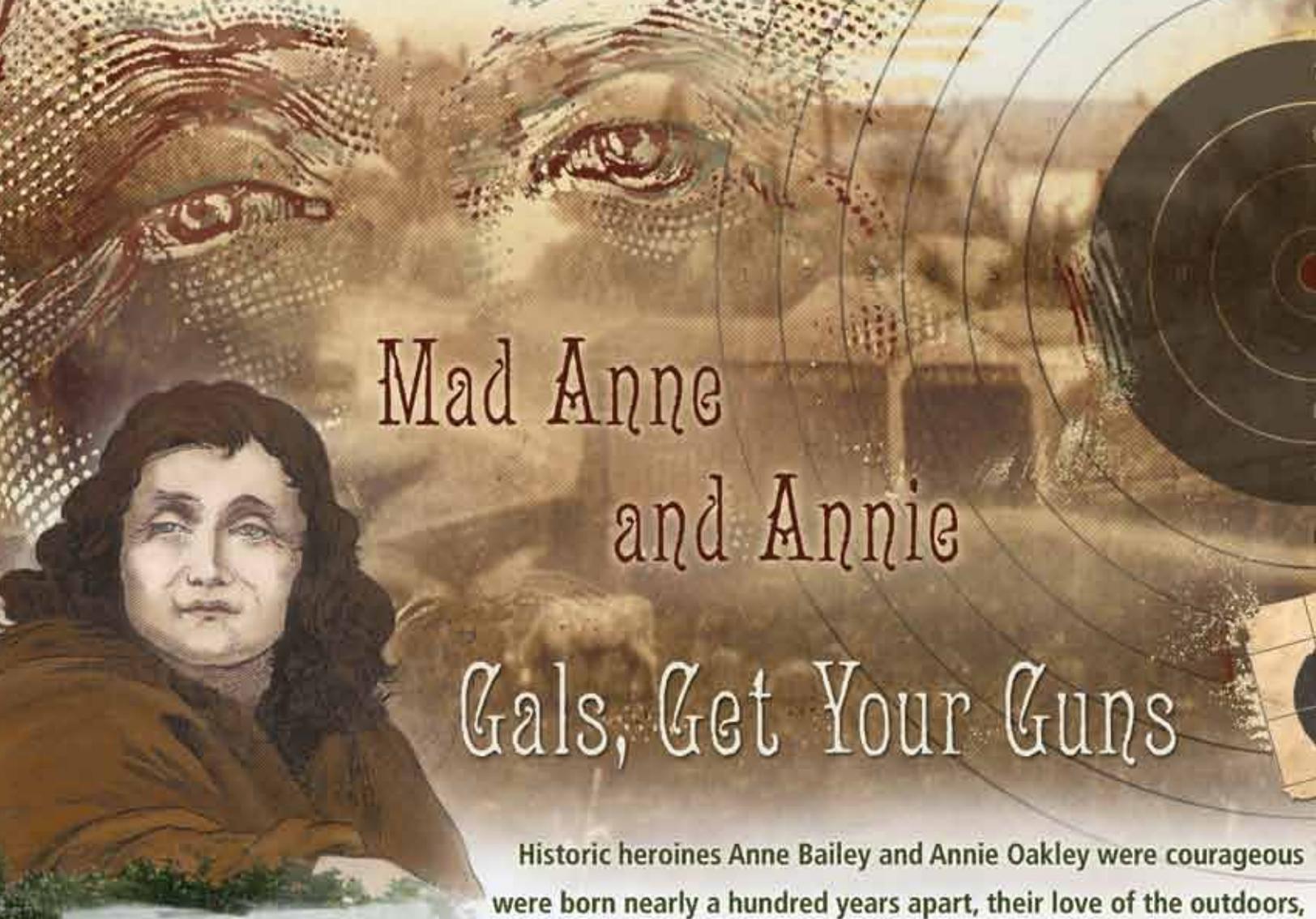
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# Mad Anne and Annie Gals, Get Your Guns

Historic heroines Anne Bailey and Annie Oakley were courageous  
were born nearly a hundred years apart, their love of the outdoors,

The wild Ohio frontier was no place for a lady. Difficulty, deprivation and danger lurked around every corner. Still, “Mad” Anne Bailey faced it like a man. She called up her courage, brushed up her skills, and took up her rifle to make her home secure.

Anne Hennis (Bailey) was born in 1742<sup>1</sup> in Liverpool, England. Her father, who had served in the army of Queen Anne of England, named his daughter after the elegant monarch noted for her lush lifestyle. Anne’s parents provided her with a comfortable childhood and a good education, but their untimely deaths left Anne a teenaged orphan. Little did they know that their plucky little girl would grow into an extraordinary woman, utterly unlike her namesake, but legendary for her true grit.

By any account, Anne was an eccentric character whose exploits were larger than life. During her own lifetime and for generations afterward, her biography has been embellished, although the documented facts are amazing enough. One colorful tale paints a harrowing picture of 19-year-old Anne snatched by kidnapers on her way to school, and smuggled across the Atlantic to Virginia, where she was sold as a servant. A more sedate and likely version of her migration

to America after her parents’ deaths is an uneventful voyage to Virginia, where she was warmly embraced by family friends who had settled in the colonies.

Either way, Anne happily shed the trappings of English gentility as she made her home on the frontier. The vast expanses of trees and mountains suited her, and she found a worthy companion in a frontiersman, Richard Trotter. They were married in 1765 and for several years, Anne was a contented pioneer housewife, caring for the couple’s baby, William, and carving a home out of the forest. Meanwhile, Richard roamed the wilderness, hunting to feed and clothe his family, and serving as a scout for the Virginia militia.

When Lord Dunmore, the royal governor of Virginia, mustered troops for a clash with Chief Cornstalk’s Shawnee warriors in 1774, Richard joined the fray. Although Dunmore was unpopular with the Virginians for his support for the repressive regime of England’s King George, the militia

was eager to squash the Native American threat. The armies met on the banks of the Ohio River at Point Pleasant in a savage battle that claimed Richard’s life.

**“...She looked tough as a mule and seemed about as strong...Her voice was coarse, like the growl of a lion and she chewed tobacco...Although spoken of as Mad Ann, no one ever had the temerity to address her so; the people fairly idolized her, treated her with great kindness, loaded her with presents and plied her well with whiskey. She died from old age, never was sick – only gave out.”**

*-From Howe’s Historical Collection - childhood recollections of James L. Newsom, a friend of Anne Bailey*



**and accomplished women who left their mark on Ohio. Though they remarkable skills and steely determination made them legends for all time.**

Anne's grief turned to rage, and she grew determined to avenge Richard's death. She left seven-year-old William with a doting neighbor, and set out into the wilds wearing Richard's hat, coat and buckskin breeches under her petticoat. She vowed to protect her neighbors from raiding Indians and to defy British generals, serving as a frontier scout and a messenger for the cause of the American Revolution. As she traveled the lonely wilderness trails, Anne sought shelter in caves or hollow trees. When she came to a fort or tavern, Anne enjoyed a game of cards, a dram of whiskey, and sharing tall tales with the men.

Anne's reputation for audacity spread among the frontier towns and tribes. In one amusing story, Anne narrowly escaped a band of Indians chasing her through the forest by vanishing into thin air. Anne crashed through the brush at top speed until she was stopped short by a tangled thicket blocking the path. In an instant, Anne leapt off her horse, covered her tracks and slipped inside the hollow of a fallen sycamore tree. When they arrived at the scene, the Indians were bewildered by Anne's sudden disappearance. They eventually found the rider-less horse, but were unable to pick up Anne's trail. Anne stifled a snicker as the Indians sat down for a moment's rest on the very log where she was hiding. Anne watched silently as the Indians took up her

beloved horse's reigns and bounded away. This time, Anne stalked the Indians. She snuck into their camp after dark, and stole away with her horse. As she galloped away, Anne let out a triumphant whoop that echoed through the forest and unnerved the Indians, who had come to consider her a bit "touched"- and a favorite of the Great Spirit.

In 1785, middle-aged Anne married a fellow scout, John Bailey. They made their home base near the border of the Ohio territory, in the settlement outside Fort Lee (modern day Charleston, West Virginia), and patrolled the wilderness together. An Indian siege in 1791 was a time of terror for the settlement, but it was Anne's moment to shine. With the soldiers and settlers huddled safe inside the fort, the garrison commander, Colonel William Clendenin, realized that the ammunition would soon run out. Clendenin needed a hero for the perilous mission of retrieving munitions at Fort Union, 100 miles away. The men shied away from the call for a volunteer, but Anne bravely stepped up. She slipped away into the night for the hazardous journey through the hostile wilderness. When she returned with the gunpowder, the fort was saved and a legend was born.

Just a few years after her famous ride, John Bailey died of a sudden illness, and Anne was a widow again. The Treaty of Greenville had pushed her Indian adversaries out of Anne's wide



*"Oh how grand God's beautiful earth seemed to me as I glided swiftly through the woods. I was homesick for the fairy places... the green moss, the big toadstools, the wild flowers, the bees, the ruffed grouse, the baby rabbits, the squirrels, and the quail."*

- Annie Oakley

ranging territory, so she turned her talents and energy to entrepreneurial pursuits. Anne became a one-woman pony express and general store, hauling goods and messages between eastern towns and frontier outposts.

Anne was well into her 70s when her son, William, and his family settled on a farm outside Gallipolis. Anne accompanied them, but she felt too confined by their house, preferring a crude little cabin she built herself in the hills overlooking the Ohio River (between today's Forked Run and Shawnee State Parks). She stubbornly maintained her independence, but gladly gathered her grandchildren around her for Sunday lessons. Anne was a mesmerizing storyteller, and with her last breath she spun one last yarn about her amazing adventures for her beloved granddaughters before passing away in her cabin in 1818, at the ripe old age of 94.

Annie Oakley, the world's most celebrated sharpshooter, never lost sight of her humble roots in the backwoods of Ohio. She traveled the world, performing astounding feats for princes and queens, but her proudest moment was receiving an award back home in Ohio, with her mother in the audience.

Her given name was Phoebe Ann Moses, and she was born in 1860 in a rustic log cabin outside the hamlet of North Star in Darke County (near today's Lake Loramie State Park). When "Annie" was just five years old, her father, Jacob, was caught in a blizzard and died weeks later, leaving his widow Susan with seven young mouths to feed and a farm to manage. Annie was a devoted and helpful daughter, but also a spirited girl who preferred exploring the outdoors to housework in the stuffy cabin. The woods were a magical place where her troubles melted away. Annie would spend hours devising clever little traps to catch birds and small game for supper.

From the time she was a tot, Annie had been intrigued by her father's rifle hanging over the fireplace. Despite her mother's objections and her pacifist Quaker upbringing, Annie slipped the gun off its pegs and snuck out of the cabin. She stuffed the barrel of the rifle with shot and powder, like she had seen her father do, and took aim at a lively squirrel perched

momentarily on a fence post. On her first attempt, Annie fired off a perfect shot through the head, leaving the meat free of shot. Annie discovered that she was a natural marksman, and she was hooked for life.

By the time Annie was ten years old, her family's situation had grown so desperate that her mother made the heartbreaking decision

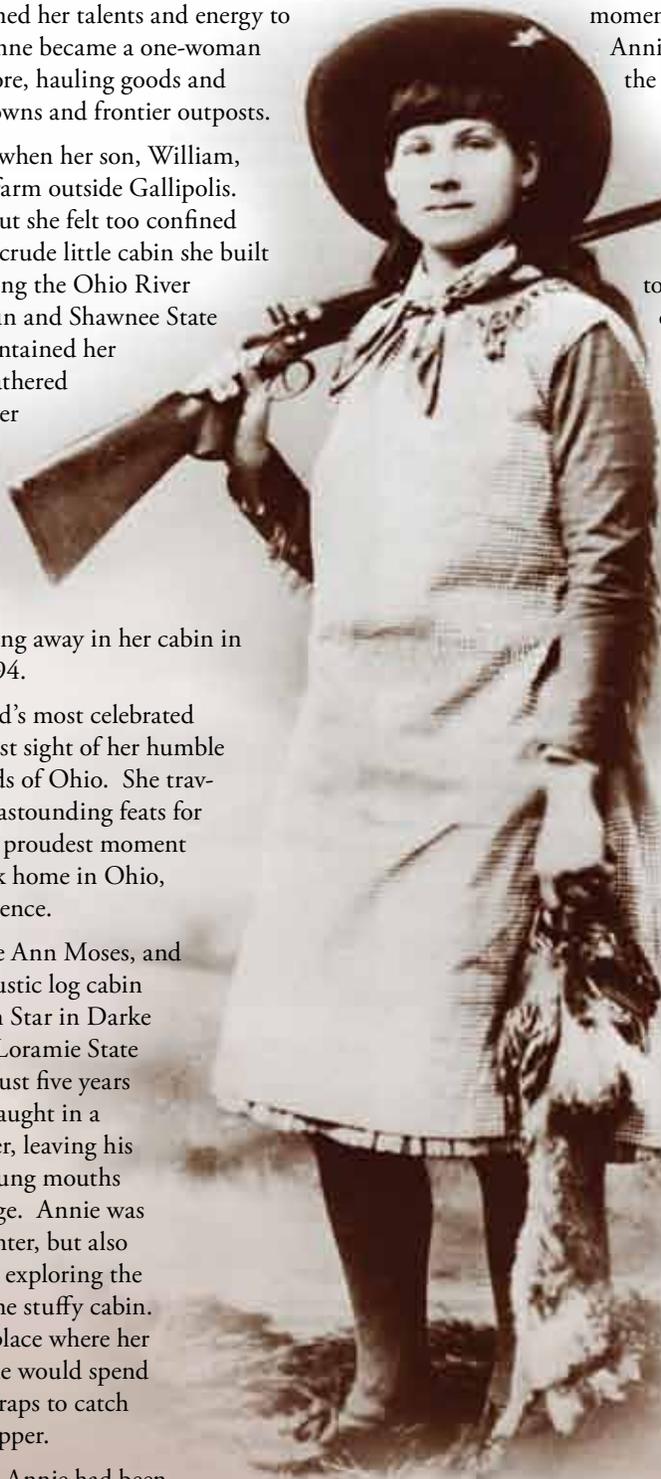
to send some of the children away. Annie was sent to the Darke County Infirmary in Greenville, which provided refuge



for unfortunate children who were orphaned or abandoned, as well as adults who were physically or mentally ill. The infirmary matron was kind, but the huge building was daunting. Annie was relieved, at first, when a local farmer and his wife agreed to take Annie into their home on the pretext that they would provide her with meals, shelter and schooling. Instead, the foster family mistreated Annie, neglected her needs, and filled her days so completely with hard work that she was unable to attend school or spend any time at her favorite outdoor pursuits.

After two years, Annie fled the miserable farm with her meager belongings and headed home. Her mother was still so hopelessly poor, though, that Annie soon returned to the Darke County Infirmary. This time, she was lovingly embraced as part of the matron's own family. Annie learned to read, write, sew and knit, and was given grown-up responsibility for the infirmary's store room. It was a bright spot in Annie's difficult childhood, which had taught her the determination, drive and compassion that would become hallmarks of her adult life.

In 1875, fifteen-year-old Annie returned home with a plan to help reverse her mother's fortunes. Before leaving the infirmary, Annie had made arrangements with a merchant she knew in Greenville to provide fresh meat for his general store. At last, Annie was free to spend her days in the woods, honing her natural talents with a rifle. Her reputation as a crack shot spread through the county and around the state, and for the first time, Annie's family prospered with her steady income.





In 1881, Frank Butler, a traveling showman and renowned trick shooter, was on tour in Cincinnati when he was challenged to a trap shooting match against a mysterious opponent in Greenville. The challenge came from some of

Annie's local admirers, who had seen Frank's performance and bragged that their anonymous Darke County sensation could easily outshoot him. After Frank agreed to a match in Greenville, Annie's friends convinced her to test her skills against the famous marksman. When the big day arrived, Frank was astounded to find that the local champion was a shy young woman, barely taller than her gun. Annie won the day, and Frank's heart. They were married a year later.

Annie took the stage for the first time in 1882 during one of Frank's trick shooting shows at Crystal Hall in Springfield (near today's Buck Creek State Park), when Frank's partner fell ill. The audience went wild over the pretty, petite lady with deadly aim. Frank was delighted, and the couple became a show business team. Annie changed her name to "Oakley" for the stage act, and Butler & Oakley appeared in theaters, concert halls and even skating rinks across the Midwest.

Annie's fame spread far and wide when she joined William "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Wild West Show in 1885. Annie was nicknamed "Little Sure Shot" by another Wild West Show personality, the legendary Lakota Sioux chief, Sitting Bull, who helped defeat General George Custer's cavalry at the Battle of Little Bighorn in 1876. The Wild West Show boasted an illustrious cast, but it was Annie Oakley who lit up the stage with her amazing feats of skill and stamina. Frank was delighted with Annie's success and was content to let her shine in the spotlight, while he stayed behind the scenes as her devoted manager.

In 1887, the Wild West Show traveled to England as part of the American Exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign. Annie and company entertained and impressed royal audiences, heads of state, and more than two million ordinary folks across Britain. Annie became an international celebrity during the three-year European tour that followed. She was invited to perform spectacular stunts, like shooting the ashen tip off of a cigarette held by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, and beating Grand

Duke Michael, son of the Russian Czar and a master rifleman, in a trap shooting match.

Outside the glittering grand halls of Europe, Annie was struck by the widespread poverty she saw across the crowded cities. Annie had known such suffering, and now that she had the means to help others, she was determined to become a champion of the hungry and homeless children of the world.

In 1900, Annie's tour schedule included a stop back home in Greenville. With her family and friends in the audience, Annie was presented with a trophy from the appreciative citizens of Darke County. Annie was deeply touched, and she declared that she prized the silver cup from Ohio more than any of the shiny medals she had earned during her long and illustrious shooting and show business career.

After about 1910, Annie's second career of fundraising for charities, along with empowering girls and women by teaching them to shoot, took center stage. Despite her superstar status, Annie remained modest and humble, and an advocate for hard work, clean living and physical fitness. Around 1923, Annie returned home to Ohio and enjoyed her last few years surrounded by family and the farms, fields and woodlands that sustained her as a child. Annie suffered from chronic anemia, and she died quietly in her sleep in 1926, at the age of 66. Her darling Frank died 18 days later.

According to Annie's last wish, she and Frank were laid to rest together at her family plot near her beloved woods where she learned to shoot, to hope, and to dream.

While visiting western Ohio state parks, visit the Annie Oakley Memorial Park and the Garst Museum in Greenville; the Annie Oakley birthplace memorial off U.S. 127 south of North Star; and her gravesite in Brock Cemetery off U.S. 127 near State Route 185.

- Jean Backs, Editor

<sup>1</sup> Sources vary. By some accounts, Anne Hennis (Bailey) was born circa 1700 and lived to be 125 years old.

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# Wingfoot Lake

## A Great Tradition Continues

**O**n a fresh spring morning, as the mist rises from the glassy lake and the birds chatter in the treetops, it's hard to imagine that this peaceful scene was once the centerpiece of a high tech industrial complex. In the sun-drenched afternoon, as squeals of laughter burst from the playgrounds and the aroma of grilling burgers drifts toward the sky, it's hard to picture the serious soldiers of bygone days training on the mock battlefield across the lake.

Long before Wingfoot Lake and its scenic surroundings were dedicated for outdoor fun, they were pressed into service for the national defense. In 1916, the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company developed the rural property outside its Akron headquarters as a manufacturing facility for its navigable balloons. The lake, which would supply water for the operation, was dubbed "Wingfoot" in honor of Goodyear's corporate logo—the winged shoes of Mercury, the fleet-footed messenger of the Roman gods. In 1917, as America became involved in World War I, the U.S. Navy contracted with Goodyear to produce nine innovative blimp airships at the Wingfoot plant. A blimp hangar was constructed on the south shore of the lake, along with workshops, a hydrogen plant and landing fields. Over the course of the war, more than 600 Navy cadets were sent to Wingfoot Lake for flight instruction.

The low-flying blimps proved indispensable for coastal patrols and antisubmarine operations, and the Wingfoot Lake facility remained the headquarters for Goodyear's blimp building business through World War II. After the war, production was scaled back, but new uses were found for the blimps, which had captured the civilian imagination. The lovable giants were recruited to fill a unique niche: hovering over stadiums to broadcast sporting events, while sporting messages and advertisements seen by millions of fans watching from the stands or at home on their television sets.

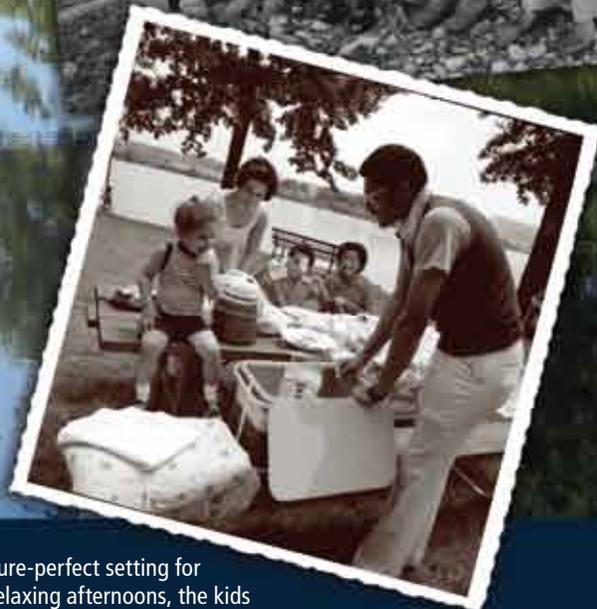
In the 1960s, the north shore of Wingfoot Lake was thoughtfully developed as a recreational retreat for Goodyear employees and their families. From the time the Goodyear Tire and

### Reflections on Wingfoot Lake

**F**or Annie (Jackson) Stills and her sister, Edna (Jackson) Fitzpatrick, Wingfoot Lake has hosted family gatherings for four generations. Their lifelong connection to Goodyear started 83 years ago, when the promise of a good job and a better life for his family brought their father, William Jackson Sr., from Oklahoma to Akron in 1928.

Even though Edna was just five and Annie was only two when they settled into their new home, they still remember their wide-eyed wonder as they toddled into the festive children's Christmas party at Goodyear Hall. Growing up in the Goodyear community, Edna, Annie, and their brothers and sisters enjoyed a rich social life, wholesome entertainment, and golden opportuni-





Rubber Company was founded in Akron in 1898, the company helped shape the community. Early on, the Goodyear management team recognized that healthy, happy employees are productive, motivated employees. Goodyear Hall was established in Akron in 1920 to provide a place for employees and their families to socialize and enjoy festive gatherings, team sports and other leisure activities.

For a new generation eager to get back to nature, Goodyear shifted its leisure time headquarters from the urban environment of Akron to the lovely piece of real estate surrounding Wingfoot Lake. Wingfoot Lake Park was outfitted for wholesome outdoor fun with ball diamonds and tennis courts, a driving range and a miniature golf course, grassy badminton and bocce ball courts, sandy beach volleyball and horseshoe courts, playgrounds and boat rentals. Roomy shelter houses with barbeque pits nearby provided the ideal venue for casual company picnics as well as lighthearted family functions. Once again, Goodyear's strategy of balancing business with pleasure helped build a loyal and cohesive workforce. Back at the Akron plant, teamwork became second nature to employees who were in the habit of playing outdoors together at Wingfoot Lake.

For more than 40 years, Goodyear employees and their kin gathered at Wingfoot Lake Park as part of their family traditions. Fittingly, the Goodyear Blimp carried the message "A great tradition continues" as it hovered over Wingfoot Lake during the dedication of Ohio's newest state park last summer. Now, Wingfoot Lake belongs to every Ohioan - and the great traditions of building community and promoting a healthy, active, outdoor lifestyle can continue and grow for generations to come.

ties. After high school, Edna served her country as a real-life "Rosie the Riveter" on a Goodyear assembly line, drilling and riveting the mid-sections of airplanes deployed in World War II. Annie married a Goodyear man, Berman Stills, and as he worked his way up from the powerhouse to floor supervisor, she went to work as the first African American secretary of the Akron School Board.

As Edna and Annie raised their own families, Wingfoot Lake Park was an important part of the landscape of their busy lives. They headed to the park for leisurely Saturday and Sunday outings, along with memorable anniversary celebrations and birthday parties. While the grown-ups

appreciated the picture-perfect setting for special events and relaxing afternoons, the kids just had a blast playing volleyball and mini golf, paddling on the lake, and hanging out with relatives and friends.

Edna and Annie are delighted that Wingfoot Lake has reopened as a state park. They returned to the park with Annie's daughter, Terri Nunn of Maryland, to reminisce about good times past, and make plans for future visits with grandkids. When Terri's daughters come from Maryland this summer to visit, Annie plans to introduce them to the lovely little park so packed with family memories.

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While John Kungle was embarking on his successful 39-year career at Goodyear, his wife, Kay, took daily jaunts to Wingfoot Lake Park with their three young sons for wholesome outdoor play. As the boys grew up, Wingfoot Lake remained a favorite weekend destination for the family. John especially enjoyed the chance to kick back and bond with the boys while casting their lines into the lake and waiting for a big catch. After John retired in 2001, Wingfoot took on new significance as a place to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

Today, John and Kay are tickled pink that Wingfoot Lake has been preserved and is open to the public as a state park. John can't wait to rig up the old fishing poles this summer, round up the couple's six young grandchildren, and introduce a new generation to the perfect place for the ideal family pastime.

Jacob and Diana Phillip agree that Wingfoot's dreamy lakeshore and shady groves of trees create an undeniably romantic landscape. Their friendship

blossomed into true love in the heart of this scenic backdrop. Their story started several years ago with fun summer jobs at Wingfoot Lake Park - Diana serving up snacks at the canteen, and Jacob keeping the mini golf course in top shape. They met at the park for leisurely afternoons on their days off, and when the time came, Jacob knew the perfect spot to pop the question.



Wingfoot Lake has always had special significance for Diana. Since her dad is a Goodyear employee, family gatherings at the park were a highlight of her childhood. Today, she and Jacob are pleased with Wingfoot's transformation into Ohio's newest state park. They are thrilled that this special place has been preserved, and they are eager to make their own happy family memories here with their energetic two-year-old son, Ben.



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# PEST *is in the Eye of the Beholder*

Some critters have more charisma than others. Plenty of cute animals can be a nuisance, even though their appealing looks play to our sympathy. On the other hand, many of the creepy, crawly and downright ugly fauna that we consider pests have bad reputations they don't deserve.

A slithering snake can be a startling sight, but most of the species in Ohio pose little threat to people or pets. In fact, a snake tucked under the woodpile or coiled in a crevice of the house foundation can be quite a home and garden asset! One of Ohio's most familiar reptiles, the handsomely striped garter snake, dines on pesky garden slugs, bugs and



*Eastern Milksnake, Photo by Greg Lipps*

mice along with toads, frogs and worms. The nocturnal milk snake is equally at home in town and country. Milk snakes are such a familiar fixture in old barns, and so efficient at ridding the barns of mice, that old time farmers believed the milk snakes spent the night milking the cows as the barnyard animals slept. The black rat snake grows large and robust on its woodland diet of rodents, and helps keep their populations in check in its forest home.

Mayflies can be the bane of boaters, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts when they hatch in hordes. As you swat them away, though, remember that the thicker the swarm, the better the stream ecology. Mayflies have a lopsided two-part life cycle; mayfly larvae, or nymphs, are aquatic creatures that spend a year or so clinging to the rocks in swift moving streams or lounging in lake bed sediment. The nymphs are an important food source for fish and frogs, as well as birds. The annoying adult stage lasts just a day, as the mayflies are in such a hurry to reproduce they don't bother to eat or rest. Mayfly nymphs are not tolerant of pollution, so an abundant mayfly population is a sign of good water quality.

The wolf spider looks like a scary, hairy menace, but it behaves more like a friend than a foe. Wolf spiders are efficient hunters with voracious appetites, so they can consume lots of home invaders, like flies, mosquitoes, cockroaches, and other spiders. Wolf spiders are not web weaving opportunists, but instead they burrow in nooks and crannies, where they lie in wait for their prey. Wolf spiders are also friends to farmers, serving as a biological control for destructive crop pests, like beetle larvae and crickets.

You may be surprised at just how many secretive wolf spiders occupy your yard or campsite. Take a walk along the landscaping, or along a woodland trail, after dark. Hold a flashlight near your forehead, pointing the beam into the brush. The glowing green orbs you see are the reflections of wolf spider eyes.

Some folks think bats belong only in nightmares, but their spooky association is more myth than truth. A bat gliding through the backyard at dusk is a good thing! It can capture 600 insects in an hour, and devour its own body weight each night in its favorite flying fare, including moths, mosquitoes, midges and mayflies. Contrary to folklore, bats are not attracted to human hair, and their echolocation is so sensitive and precise, they seldom bump into anything bigger than a bug. Although bat rabies is rare, it's wise to banish bats from human living areas. However, an outdoor bat box is a great investment. The benefit of consuming countless mosquitoes that harbor serious pathogens, like encephalitis and West Nile virus, is priceless. So many of North America's bats have succumbed to the mysterious "white nose" fungus that it's more important than ever to be kind to bats.



*Little brown bat, Photo by Tim Daniel*

# Park Pals

## GROSS OUT!

Things that make you go  
"Ewwwwww!"

Nature is full of wonderful and surprising things. Many of them are pretty and pleasant. Some are plain but interesting, and others are just plain gross—but really cool once you get to know them. Even yucky things have important jobs to do in nature!



### Slugs

**Why they are gross:** Slugs are the kings of slime.

**Why they are cool:** Slugs are mollusks, like snails, but they don't carry their shells on their backs.

Much of the slug's slippery body is a foot, which pulls the slug along on a trail of slug slime. With its powerful foot and sticky slime trail, a little slug can climb up a plant stalk or even climb a tree. The amazing slug can also stretch its pudgy body up to 20 times its normal length and get so skinny it can pass through a tiny opening.

### Earthworms

**Why they are gross:** Earthworms eat soil and poop fertilizer.

**Why they are cool:** Actually, the earthworms' dirt diet helps plants grow. As they chomp and wriggle their way through the soil, earthworms make tunnels that can hold the air and water that plant roots need. When the soil and organic matter (like dead leaves on the ground) pass through the worm's digestive system, the nutrients come out the other end. Now all the good stuff on top of the ground is mixed into the soil so plants can take it in through their roots.



## Make an earthworm apartment so you can watch them work!

### You will need:

- One empty 2-liter pop bottle
- One 16-ounce water bottle, filled with water
- Black construction paper
- Soil
- Sand
- Leaf litter or compost
- Earthworms



1. Ask an adult to help cut the top few inches off the top of the bottle, and cover the sharp edge with duct tape. Take off the label so you can see through the bottle.
2. Place the smaller water bottle inside the pop bottle. Keep the cap on for now.
3. Carefully pour sand into the large bottle, all around the smaller bottle, until it is about 1 ½ inches deep.
4. Carefully place soil on top of the sand, all around the smaller bottle, until the soil is about 1 ½ inches deep.

TRY THIS...



## FUNGUS

**Why it is gross:** The fungus family includes gooey mold, fuzzy mildew, smelly yeast and spongy mushrooms.

**Why they are cool:** Fungi help speed up the decay of dead stuff, like fallen logs in the forest, and return the nutrients to the soil. Some types of fungus live underground near plant roots and help them take up the nutrients. Some kinds of mold can make you sick, but others, like penicillin, can cure you. Many mushrooms are poisonous, but some are delicious. Some types of fungus that grow in damp places in the woods can glow in the dark! When this happens, it is called foxfire.



## Scat

**Why it is gross:** Scat is a polite name for animal poop.

**Why it is cool:** A pile of scat can tell a lot about a wild animal. Since caveman days, hunters, trackers and scientists have studied scat to know what kind of animal has been here, when it was here, where it came from, and how it is feeling. Deer usually poop as many as 15 or 20 times a day as they walk along, so you can follow their scat trail. Some animals, like rabbits, have two forms of scat – one is dried out waste, but the other is still so full of nutrients that the rabbit eats it a second time. Beautiful butterflies like to hang out on piles of scat to lap up minerals they can't get from their daily diet of flower nectar!

## Owl pellets

**Why they are gross:** An owl pellet is really a ball of owl barf.

**Why they are cool:** An owl pellet is filled with the stuff the owl can't digest, like bones and fur. Owls don't have teeth, so they can't chew. After a hungry owl swoops and grabs its prey (like a mouse) with its sharp talons, it grabs the critter with its beak and swallows it in one gulp. The soft and juicy parts are ground up by the owl's gizzard, but the leftovers end up in a fuzzy wad that the owl has to throw up before its next meal. If you look inside an owl pellet, you can find complete skeletons of each little critter it has eaten.



5. Keep making layers of sand and soil until you come within a few inches of the top of the smaller bottle.
6. Put the leaf litter on top of the sand and soil. Sprinkle a little water on top to keep everything damp (but not wet).
7. Place the earthworms on the leaf litter.
8. Take the cap off of the water bottle, and put in some fresh flowers to decorate your worm apartment.

9. Worms prefer a dark and cool home, so keep your worm apartment out of direct sunlight, and wrap the black paper loosely around the bottle during the day.

After about two days, take a peek behind the black paper, and see what your worms have been up to!

If you plan to keep the worm apartment for more than a few days, put some breadcrumbs or cereal on top of the soil, and sprinkle water on top.



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# Calendar of Events

Note – Some events listed in this calendar are tentative. Some parks may offer more events not included in this list. 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**

**Holiday Fun**

**Fun & Fitness**

## Seasonal Events 2011

**Pioneer Village Tours**, Beaver Creek (NE) - 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3 & 10/1 from 1-3 PM. (330) 382-9227.

**Lighthouse Tours**, Marblehead Lighthouse (NW) - May 31-Sept. 2, Mon. thru Fri., 1-4:45 PM. Sat. tours on 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10 & 10/8, 10 AM - 3 PM. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Historic Lantern Tours**, Hocking Hills (SE) - May thru Sept., select Thursdays, 9 PM. Meet at the Ash Cave parking lot. (740) 385-6841.

**Friday Family Fun Night**, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Fri. nights, June - Aug. Locations vary. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001 or [clevelandlakefront.org](http://clevelandlakefront.org)

**Adventures in Canoeing**, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Select Saturdays June - Aug. at 10 AM & Headlands Beach (NE) - Select Sundays June - Aug. at 1 PM. Must pre-register. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001 or [clevelandlakefront.org](http://clevelandlakefront.org).

**Movies at the Beach**, Lake Milton (NE) - Fri. nights June - Labor Day. Bring chairs or blankets. (330) 654-4989.

**Hand-Feeding Hummingbirds**, Lake Hope (SE) - July 1-Aug. 31 at the nature center. Call for days & hours. (740) 596-3030.

**Music at the Marina**, Mosquito Lake (NE) - 7/2, 7/3, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/13 from 5-8 PM. Free entertainment. Bring chairs or blankets. (330) 637-2075 or [mosquitolakemarina.com](http://mosquitolakemarina.com).

**Purple Martin Boat Tours**, Portage Lakes (NE) - Aug. 1-31. Nightly sunset boat tours to roost site. Reservations required, \$20/person fee. (330) 644-1540.

## April 2011

**Park & Forest Clean-Up**, Shawnee (SW) - Mar. 28 - Apr. 2. Call for locations & projects. (740) 858-6652.

**Cruising for Waterfowl**, Guilford Lake (NE) - Date TBA. Call ahead to get on the contact list. (330) 222-1712

**Trout Derby for Kids**, Rocky Fork (SW) - Apr. 2, 1-4 PM at the campground boat dock. (937) 393-4284.

**Amphibian Awareness**, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 2. (740) 858-6652.

**Stalk the Wild Woodcock**, Van Buren (NW) - Apr. 2, 7:30 PM. Meet at the nature center. (419) 832-7662.

**Traditional Music**, Quail Hollow (NE) - Apr. 7 & 21, 6-9 PM at the manor house. (330) 877-6652.

**Jr. Rowing Regatta**, East Fork (SW) - Apr. 9. Cincinnati Invitational. (513) 734-4323.

**Clean-Up Day**, Jackson Lake (SE) - Apr. 9, 10AM - 12PM at the large beach shelter house. (740) 682-6197 or (740) 384-3345.

**Spring Woodcock Walk**, Maumee Bay (NW) - Apr. 9, 8 PM. Meet at the nature center. (419) 836-9117

**Wildflower Extravaganza Hike**, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 9, 12PM. Meet at the lodge lobby & carpool to Whipple State Nature Preserve. (740) 858-6652.

**Shoot the Hills: Nature Photo Weekend**, Hocking Hills (SE) - Apr. 15-17, at the dining lodge. Must pre-register, fee required. (740) 385-6841 or [shootthehills.com](http://shootthehills.com).

**Wildflower Pilgrimage**, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 15-17 at the park, forest & area nature preserves. (740) 858-6652, (937) 365-0101 or [highlandssanctuary.org](http://highlandssanctuary.org).

**Spring Clean Up**, Alum Creek (C) - Apr. 16. (740) 548-4631.

**Green Up Day**, Caesar Creek (SW) - Apr. 16, 9AM - 1PM. Call to register. (513) 897-2437.

**Earth Appreciation Day**, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Apr. 16, various times & locations. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001 or [clevelandlakefront.org](http://clevelandlakefront.org).

**Easter Egg Hunt**, East Harbor (NW) - Apr. 16, 2 PM at the Camp Store (rain location is Lockwood shelter). (419) 734-4424 ext.2.

**Earth Day Clean-Up**, Geneva (NE) - Apr. 16, 9 AM at the lodge. (440) 466-8400.

**Wildflower Hike**, Hueston Woods (SW) - Apr. 16, 1 PM. Meet at the nature center. (513) 523-6347.

**Clean-Up Day**, Lake Alma (SE) - Apr. 16, 10AM - 12PM at the Birch Bottom shelter. (740) 596-4938 or (740) 384-3345.

**Wildflower Walk, Lake Hope (SE) - Apr. 16, 1-3 PM at the Hope Furnace parking lot.** (740) 596-3030 or (740) 596-5253.

**Park Clean-Up, Sycamore (SW) - Apr. 16, 9AM - 2PM, at the park office.** (513) 523-6347 or (937) 854-4452.

**Vernal Pool Expedition, Van Buren (NW) - Apr. 16, 2-4 PM.** Meet at the nature center, caravan to a wetland pool. (419) 832-7662.

**Earth Day Clean-Up, West Branch (NE) - Apr. 16, 9 AM at the west boat ramp pavilion.** (330) 296-3239.

**Earth Day, Dillon (SE) - Apr. 17.** Park clean-up & wildflower walk. (740) 453-4377.

**Clean-Up Day, Buckeye Lake (C) - Apr. 21, 9AM - Noon.** Meet at the park office at Liebs Island. (740) 467-2690.

**Earth Day Clean-up, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Apr. 22, 10 AM at the park office.** (330) 637-2856

**Earth Day Clean-Up, Buck Creek (SW) - Apr. 23, 10AM - Noon.** Meet at the Oak Grove picnic shelter. (937) 322-5284.

**Morel Mushroom & Wildflower Hike, Caesar Creek (SW) - Apr. 23 at the Nature Center.** Mushroom soup at 1 PM (\$5 donation), ID program & hike at 2 PM. Bring an onion bag. (513) 897-2437.

**Family Fishing Day, East Harbor (NW) - Apr. 23 at the Lockwood shelter pond.** Kids fish at 10 AM; adults fish after 2 PM. (419) 734-4424 ext.2.

**Easter Egg Hunt, Findley (NE) - Apr. 23, 11 AM at the campground.** (440) 647-5749.

**Wildflowers & Waterfalls Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Apr. 23, 10 AM.** Meet at the Ash Cave parking lot. (740) 385-6841.

**Easter Egg Hunt, Lake Hope (SE) - Apr. 23, 1 PM at the nature center.** (740) 596-3030 or (740) 596-5253.

**Warbler Hike, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 23, 6:30 AM.** Meet at the Lake Roosevelt shelter. Bring binoculars. (740) 858-6652 or (740) 820-8382.

**Clean-Up Day, Stonelick (SW) - Apr. 23, 9 AM.** friendsofstonelick.org or (513) 734-4323.

**Easter Egg Hunt, Sycamore (SW) - Apr. 23, 1 PM at the Overlook picnic area.** (937) 854-4452.

**Easter Egg Hunt, Van Buren (NW) - Apr. 23, 10 AM at the west parking lot by the dam.** (419) 832-7662.

**Easter Egg Hunt, Hueston Woods (SW) - Apr. 24, 10 AM at the lodge.** (513) 644-3500 or (513) 524-4250.

**Work Weekend, Maumee Bay (NW) - Apr. 29 - May 1, 9 AM - 4 PM.** Meet at the campground shelter. (419) 836-7758.

**Mohican Wildlife Weekend, Mohican & Malabar Farm (NE) - Apr. 29 - May 1.** Must register for some programs; most are free. (800) 642-8282 or mohicanwildlifeweekend.com.

**Earth Day, Scioto Trail (SW) - Apr. 29-30.** Reduce, reuse & recycle activities. (740) 887-4818.

**Wildlife Ed. Center Open House, Beaver Creek (NE) - Apr. 30, 12 - 4 PM.** (330) 385-6250 or beavercreekwildlife.org.

**Riversweep Clean-Up & Resource Day, East Fork (SW) - Apr. 30, 9 AM.** (513) 734-4323.

**Lake Cleanup Day, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - Apr. 30, 9 AM - Noon.** Meet at the East Bank, West Bank or Windy Point areas. (419) 394-3611.

**Fishing Tournament, Hueston Woods (SW) - Apr. 30, 8 AM - 2 PM at the marina launch ramp.** (513) 524-4250.

**Wildlife Barn Dance, Malabar Farm (NE) - Apr. 30, 7-10 PM.** (419) 892-2784.

**Trout Derby, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 30.** 46th annual event. (740) 858-6652.

**Flora-Quest, Shawnee (SW) - Apr. 30 - May 1.** Must pre-register, fee required. flora-quest.com.

## May 2011

**Civil War Reenactment, Beaver Creek (NE) - May 6-8.** (330) 382-9227 or stonewallbrigade.org.

**Gold Rush Days Campout, East Fork (SW) - May 6-7.** Relive East Fork's 1869 gold rush. (513) 734-4323.

**Spring Fling, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - May 6-8 at the campground.** (419) 394-3611.

**Spring Campout, Lake Loramie (NW) - May 6-8.** (937) 295-2011.

**Spring Campout, Mt. Gilead (C) - May 6-7.** (419) 946-1961.

**Fish Ohio Free Clinic, Hueston Woods (SW) - May 7, 10AM - 1PM.** Bait is provided. (513) 523-6347.

**Youth Fishing Tournament, Lake Hope (SE) - May 7, 9-11 AM at the parking lot below the dam.** Poles & bait provided. (740) 596-5253.

**Spring Wildflower Hike, Lake White (SE) - May 7, 10AM - 12PM.** Meet at the main parking area. (740) 493-2212.

**Art through Nature, Malabar Farm (NE) - May 7.** Get expert tips & create your own nature art. \$10 fee & pre-registration required. (419) 892-2784.



**Free Family Fishing Fun**, *Mary Jane Thurston (NW)* - May 7, 10AM - 12PM. Some bait & poles provided. (419) 832-7662.

**Mother's Day Breakfast**, *Maumee Bay (NW)* - May 7 at the campground. (419) 836-8828.

**Youth Fishing Derby**, *Muskingum River Parkway (SE)* - May 7, 9AM - 1PM at Zanesville Lock #10. (740) 453-4377.

**Mother's Day Mini Golf**, *Paint Creek (SW)* - May 7 at the campground. (937) 981-7061.

**Mother's Special Day**, *Pike Lake (SW)* - May 7. (740) 493-2212.

**Whippoorwill Hike**, *Shawnee (SW)* - May 7, 8 PM. Meet at the park office. Bring a flashlight. (740) 858-6652.

**Spring Campout**, *Stonelick (SW)* - May 7. [friendsofstonelick.org](http://friendsofstonelick.org) or (513) 734-4323.

**Fishing Derby**, *Strouds Run (SE)* - May 7. (740) 767-3570.

**Mothers Day Paddle**, *Van Buren (NW)* - May 7, 3-4:30 PM. Must pre-register, (419) 832-7662. \$10 donation per canoe.

**Art, Craft & Herb Fair**, *Quail Hollow (NE)* - May 7-8, Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sun. 11 AM - 5 PM. (330) 877-6652 or [quailhollowpark.org](http://quailhollowpark.org).

**Free Family Fishing Fun**, *Van Buren (NW)* - May 8, 2-4 PM. Some bait & poles provided. (419) 832-7662.

**Lilac Walk**, *Kelleys Island (NW)* - May 8-15 at the self-guided Lilac Trail. (419) 746-2546.

**Nest with the Birds**, *Kelleys Island (NW)* - May 8-14. Guided bird hikes. (419) 746-2258 or [information@kelleysislandnature.com](mailto:information@kelleysislandnature.com).

**Northeast Regional Ride**, *Beaver Creek (NE)* - May 14 at the horsemen's camp off Sprucevale Rd. Horses not provided. (330) 227-9952 or [russo53@localnet.com](mailto:russo53@localnet.com).

**Build Your Own Bat Box**, *Caesar Creek (SW)* - May 14, 10 AM at the nature center. Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (513) 897-2437.

**Invasive Plant Pull**, *Cleveland Lakefront (NE)* - May 14, 10AM - 12PM at Wildwood. (216) 881-8141 x3001.

**Midwest Scholastic Jr. Rowing Regatta**, *East Fork (SW)* - May 14-15. (513) 734-4323.

**Queen City Bird Festival**, *Hueston Woods (SW)* - May 14. Birding walks, banding & mist netting. (513) 524-4250.

**Spring Clean-Up Day**, *Indian Lake (NW)* - May 14, 9-11:30 AM. Meet at the Oldfield maintenance shop. (937) 843-2717.

**Migration Bird Walk**, *Lake Hope (SE)* - May 14, 9 AM - 12 PM. Meet at Hope Furnace. (740) 596-5253 or (740) 596-3030.

**Clean Up Day**, *Lake Milton (NE)* - May 14, 9 AM at the maintenance bldg. on Mahoning Ave. (330) 654-4989.

**Spring Plowing Days**, *Malabar Farm (NE)* - May 14-15, 11 AM - 4 PM. (419) 892-2784.

**Pioneer Days at the Grist Mill**, *Mobican (NE)* - May 14-15. (419) 668-2497 or [wolfcreekmill.org](http://wolfcreekmill.org).

**International Migratory Bird Day**, *Maumee Bay (NW)* - May 14, 8AM - 2PM at the nature center. (419) 836-9117.

**Birding By Ear**, *Van Buren (NW)* - May 14, 9 AM. Meet at shelter house #3. Great for beginners. (419) 832-7662.

**Grassman Festival**, *West Branch (NE)* - May 20-21 at the campground. All about Ohio's Bigfoot legend. (330) 296-3239.

**Clean-Up Day**, *Buckeye Lake (C)* - May 21, 9AM - 12PM. Meet at the park office. (740) 467-2690.

**Water Safety Course**, *Caesar Creek (SW)* - May 21, 2-4 PM at Wellman Meadows Boat Ramp. Beginner course. Equipment is provided, must pre-register. (513) 897-2437.

**Midwest Jr. Rowing Championship**, *East Fork (SW)* - May 21-22. Winners qualify for national championship. (513) 734-4323.

**Hocking Hills Motorcycle Run**, *Lake Logan & Hocking Hills (SE)* - May 21. Meet at the Lake Logan parking lot. 122-mile course. (740) 385-6841 or [hockinghillspark.com](http://hockinghillspark.com).

**Night Haunt**, *Malabar Farm (NE)* - May 21, 8 PM - 12 AM. History tours & campfire stories. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

**Spring Wildflower Hike**, *Pike Lake (SW)* - May 21, 10AM - 12PM. Meet at the amphitheater. Hayride & movie start at 7 PM. (740) 493-2212.

**Memorial Weekend Campout**, *Van Buren (NW)* - May 27-29. (419) 832-7662.

**Memorial Weekend Campout**, *Rocky Fork (SW)* - May 27-30. (937) 393-3210.

**Cast Iron Cooking Workshop**, *Caesar Creek (SW)* - May 28, 10 AM at the nature center. Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (513) 897-2437.

**Memorial Weekend Dance**, *East Harbor (NW)* - May 28, 7:30-10:30 PM at the nature center. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Memorial Day Celebration**, *Lake Alma (SE)* - May 28 at the campground. (740) 384-3345.

**Spring Barn Dance**, *Malabar Farm (NE)* - May 28, 7-10 PM. (419) 892-2784.

**Memorial Day Ceremony**, *Paint Creek (SW)* - May 28 at the shelter house. Honors for military men & women. (937) 981-7061.

**Memorial Day Remembrance**, *Pike Lake (SW)* - May 28. Honors for military men & women. (937) 981-7061.

**Derby Days**, *Stonelick (SW)* - May 28 at the campground. (513) 734-4323 or [friendsofstonelick.org](http://friendsofstonelick.org).

## June 2011

**5K Fun Run/Walk**, *East Harbor (NW)* - June 4. (419) 734-4424 ext.2 or [firelandsrunners.org](http://firelandsrunners.org).

**Youth Fishing Derby**, *Jackson Lake (SE)* - June 4, 9AM - 12PM at the Iron Furnace shelter. (740) 682-6197.

**Youth Fishing Day**, *Lake Milton (NE)* - June 4, 10:30AM - 2PM at the Meshel picnic area. (330) 654-4989.

**Catfish Tournament**, *Mary Jane Thurston (NW)* - June 4, 9AM - 4PM at the day lodge. (419) 832-7662.

**Blast from the Past**, *Paint Creek (SW)* - June 4, 1960s dance party & activities. (937) 981-7061.

**Youth Fishing Derby**, *Quail Hollow (NE)* - June 4, 9AM - 12PM at the Shady Lane pond. (330) 877-6652.

**Morgan County Rendezvous**, *Burr Oak (SE)* - June 4-5 at the group camp area. Re-enactors portray life in the 1840s. (740) 767-3570.

**Stargazing Celebration**, Cowan Lake (SW) - June 10 & 11 at dusk, in the campground. Telescopes provided. (513) 897-2437.

**Civil War Encampment**, East Harbor (NW) - June 10-12. Re-enactors, displays & skirmishes. (419) 734-4424 x2 or (740) 491-2729.

**Family Fun Fling**, Lake Loramie (NW) - June 10-12 at the campground. (937) 295-2011.

**Canoe Excursion**, Cowan Lake (SW) - June 11 at sunset. Canoes provided, space is limited. Must pre-register & bring a flashlight. (513) 897-2437.

**Kids Fishing Day**, East Fork (SW) - June 11. (513) 734-4323.

**Youth Fishing Derby**, Lake Alma (SE) - June 11, 9-11 AM at the camp office. (740) 384-3345.

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

**Disc Golf Tournament**, Paint Creek (SW) - June 11 at the campground. For registered campers only. (937) 981-7061.

**Youth Fishing Derby**, Sycamore (SW) - June 11, 10 AM - 1 PM. Some bait & tackle provided. (513) 523-6347 or (937) 854-4452.

**Arts & Crafts Fair**, Hueston Woods (SW) - June 11-12, 10AM - 5PM at the Pioneer Farm. \$2 for adults; kids are free. 47th annual event. (513) 523-6347.

**Trash to Treasure**, Findley (NE) - June 17-19. Campers' yard sale, \$10 fee to sell items. (440) 647-5749.

**Assisted Ride**, Beaver Creek (NE) - June 18 at the horsemen's camp off Sprucevale Rd. Handicapped mounting ramp, horses & spotters provided. (330) 227-9952 or russo53@localnet.com.

**Owl Prowl**, Beaver Creek (NE) - June 18, 8 PM. Meet at picnic area 3 at the Dogwood trail head. (330) 402-6919.

**Lake Fest**, Caesar Creek (SW) - June 18 at the beach. Canoe & kayak clinics offered. (513) 897-2437.

**Youth Fishing Derby**, Delaware (C) - June 18 at the marina pond, sessions start at 9, 10 & 11 AM. (740) 548-4631.

**Passport to Fishing**, Dillon (SE) - June 18, 10 AM at the beach. Fishing fun for kids. (740) 453-4377.

**Young Anglers Fishing Derby**, Findley (NE) - June 18, 10 AM - 12 PM at the picnic point shelter. (440) 647-5749.

**Night Haunt**, Malabar Farm (NE) - June 18, 8 PM - 12 AM. History tours & campfire stories. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

**Father's Day Dinner**, Maumee Bay (NW) - June 18 at the campground. (419) 836-8828.

**Father's Day Mini Golf**, Paint Creek (SW) - June 18. (937) 981-7061.

**Father's Special Day**, Pike Lake (SW) - June 18. (740) 493-2212.

**Father's Day Fun**, Portage Lakes (NE) - June 18 at Nimisila campground. (330) 644-2220.

**Potluck Dinner**, Rocky Fork (SW) - June 18. (937) 393-4284.

**Father's Day Breakfast**, Stonelick (SW) - June 18. friendsofstonelick.org or (513) 734-4323.

**Kids Fishing Tournament**, Van Buren (NW) - June 18, 10 AM - 12 PM at the west end of the lake, near the dam. (419) 832-7662.

**Father's Day Fun**, Wingfoot Lake (NE) - June 18, at the visitor center (330) 628-4720.

**Father's Day Campout**, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - June 18-19. (419) 394-3611.

**Father's Day Breakfast**, Mosquito Lake (NE) - June 19, 7-10 AM at the campground. (330) 638-5700.

**Clean-Up Day**, Buckeye Lake (C) - June 21, 9AM - 12PM. Meet at the park office. (740) 467-2690.

**DIY Worm Farm**, Caesar Creek (SW) - June 25, 1 PM at the nature center. (513) 897-2437.

**Walleye Tournament**, East Harbor (NW) - June 25. Pre-register at the camp store. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Beach Party & Cruise In**, Hueston Woods (SW) - June 25. (513) 523-6347.

**Appalachian Heritage Festival**, Pike Lake (SW) - June 25 at the amphitheater. (740) 493-2212.

**Buckeye Martifest**, Portage Lakes (NE) - June 25, 1 PM near the North Reservoir launch ramp. Register at Kiwanis Civic Center, 725 Portage Lakes Dr. (330) 644-1540

**Cruise-in to Summer**, Findley (NE) - June 26. (440) 647-5749.

**Doggy Day**, Mosquito Lake (NE) - June 26, 12 - 3 PM at the dog park. (330) 637-2856.

**Butterfly Count**, Shawnee (SW) - June 26, 9:30 AM. Meet at the lodge parking lot for the N. American Butterfly Assn. 20th annual count. \$3 fee. (740) 858-6652.

## July 2011

**Red, White & Blue Day**, Mosquito Lake (NE) - July 1 in the campground. (330) 638-5700.

**July 4th Campout**, Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - July 1-2. (419) 832-7662.

**Freedom Festival**, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - July 1-3. Community festival & fireworks. (419) 394-3611.

**July 4th Campout**, Van Buren (NW) - July 1-3. (419) 832-7662.

**July 4th Activities**, Maumee Bay (NW) - July 1-4 at the campground. (419) 836-8828.

**Campsite & Bike Decorating**, Paint Creek (SW) - July 1-4. (937) 981-7061.

**July 4th Weekend Fun**, Rocky Fork (SW) - July 1-4 at the campground. (937) 393-3210.

**Summer Dance**, East Harbor (NW) - July 2, 7-10 PM. Plus community fireworks displays. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Fourth of July Fun**, Guilford Lake (NE) - July 2 at the campground. (330) 402-6919.

**Beach Spectacular**, Indian Lake (NW) - July 2 at Old Field Beach. All day fun, plus fireworks. (937) 843-2717 or (937) 599-5121.

**Liberty Barn Dance**, Malabar Farm (NE) - July 2, 7-10 PM. (419) 892-2784.

**Lake Erie Beach Treasure Hunt**, Maumee Bay (NW) - July 2, 5 PM. Meet at the nature center. For kids ages 4-10. \$3 fee. (419) 836-9117.

## July

**July 4th Weekend Fun, Pike Lake (SW) - July 2.** (740) 493-2212.

**July 4th Breakfast & Ice Cream Social, Stonelick (SW) - July 2.** friendsofstonelick.org or (513) 734-4323.

**Independence Day Celebration, Lake Alma (SE) - July 3 at the campground.** (740) 384-3345.

**Youth Dance, Mosquito Lake (NE) - July 3, 6:30-8:30 PM at the campground amphitheater.** (330) 638-5700.

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

**Fireworks Extravaganza, Hueston Woods (SW) - July 4.** (513) 523-6347.

**Stargazing Celebration, Cowan Lake (SW) - July 8 & 9 at dusk, in the campground.** Telescopes provided. (513) 897-2437.

**Taste of Country, Mt. Gilead (C) - July 8-9.** Country crafts, food & entertainment. (419) 946-1961.

**Party at the Beach, Indian Lake (NW) - July 9, 4-8 PM at Oldfield Beach.** Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the gate. (937) 843-5392.

**Fiber Arts Festival, Malabar Farm (NE) - July 9.** (419) 892-2784.

**Pymatuning Laker 5K Run, Pymatuning (NE) - July 9, 8:30 AM at the Birches Launch Ramp.** (440) 293-6030.

**Treasure Hunt, Caesar Creek (SW) - July 10, 2 PM at the nature center.** (513) 897-2437.

**Christmas in July, Mosquito Lake (NE) - July 15, in the campground.** (330) 638-5700.

**Full Moon Canoe Outing, Portage Lakes (NE) - July 15.** Must have prior canoe experience. (330) 644-2220 or e-mail to [plsp\\_amber@yahoo.com](mailto:plsp_amber@yahoo.com).

**Canoe/Kayak Training, Cowan Lake (SW) - July 15-17.** Level 1 course. Equipment is provided, must pre-register. (513) 897-2437.

**Christmas in July, Cowan Lake (SW) - July 15-17 at the campground.** (937) 382-1096.

**Christmas in July, Dillon (SE) - July 15-16 at the campground.** (740) 453-4377.

**Christmas in July, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - July 15-17 at the campground.** (419) 394-3611.

**Christmas in July, Hueston Woods (SW) - July 15-16 at the campground.** (513) 523-1060.

**Kite Flyers Weekend, Maumee Bay (NW) - July 15-17 at the beach.** (419) 836-8828.

**Cast Iron Cooking, Cowan Lake (SW) - July 16, 5 PM at the campground.** Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (513) 897-2437.

**Youth Fishing Derby, Jackson Lake (SE) - July 16, 9AM - 1PM at the Iron Furnace shelter.** (740) 682-6197.

**Zaleski Flint Knap-In, Lake Hope (SE) - July 16, 10 AM - 4 PM at the nature center.** (740) 596-5030 or (740) 596-5253.

**Night Haunt, Malabar Farm (NE) - July 16, 8PM - 12AM.** History tours & campfire stories. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

**Kids' Big Fish Contest, Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - July 16, 10AM - 12PM at the day use lodge.** (419) 832-7662.



**Craft Show, Mosquito Lake (NE) - July 16, 10AM - 2PM in the campground parking lot.** (330) 638-5700.

**Railroad Days Rendezvous, Pike Lake (SW) - July 16, 10AM - 4PM at the amphitheater.** (740) 493-2212

**Christmas in July, Stonelick (SW) - July 16 at the campground.** friendsofstonelick.org. (513) 734-4323.

**Summerfest, Wingfoot Lake (NE) - July 16 at the visitor center.** (330) 644-2220.

**Clean-Up Day, Buckeye Lake (C) - July 21, 9AM - 12PM.** Meet at the Park Office. (740) 467-2690.

**Christmas in July, East Fork (SW) - July 22-24.** (513) 734-4323.

**Lake Festival, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - July 22-24.** Community event with fireworks. (419) 394-3611.

**Christmas in July, Lake Loramie (NW) - July 22-24 at the campground.** (937) 295-2011.

**Christmas in July, Maumee Bay (NW) - July 22-24 at the campground.** (419) 836-8828.

**Christmas in July, Rocky Fork (SW) - July 22-23 at the campground.** (937) 393-3210.

**Christmas in July, West Branch (NE) - July 22-23 at the campground.** (330) 296-3239.

**Christmas in July, Deer Creek (C) - July 23 at the campground.** (740) 869-3124.

**Pirate Days, Portage Lakes (NE) - July 23-24.** (330) 644-2220 or friendsofportagelakes.com.

**Luau Beach Party, Headlands Beach (NE) - July 29, 6:30 - 9:30 PM.** (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

**Christmas in July, Jackson Lake (SE) - July 29-30 at the campground.** (740) 682-6197 or (740) 384-3345.

**Movies by the Lake, Indian Lake (NW) - July 30, Sunset at Oldfield Beach.** (937) 843-5392.

**Campers' Yard Sale, Paint Creek (SW) - July 30.** (937) 981-7061.

**Wildcat Hollow Disc Golf Tournament, Pike Lake (SW) - July 30.** [chillicothe-discgolf.com](http://chillicothe-discgolf.com).

**Pup-A-Palooza, Alum Creek (C) - July 31 at the dog park.** (740) 548-4631 or [alumcreekdogpark.com](http://alumcreekdogpark.com).

**Water Safety Course, Caesar Creek (SW) - July 31, 2-4 PM at Wellman Meadows Boat Ramp.** Beginner course. Equipment is provided, must pre-register. (513) 897-2437.

**August 2011**

**Explore the Outdoors Day Camp, Beaver Creek (NE) - Date TBA.**

Registration & fee required. (330) 382-9227.

**Family Football Weekend, East Harbor (NW) - Aug. 5-6.** (419) 734-4424 ext 2.

**Mark Twain Family Fun Day, Blue Rock (SE) - Aug. 6.** (740) 453-4377.

**Cast Iron Cooking Class, Caesar Creek (SW) - Aug. 6, 1 PM at the nature center.** Must pre-register, \$10 fee. (937) 609-3209.

**Community Beach Party, Cowan Lake (SW) - Aug. 6, 2-10 PM at the main beach.** (937) 382-1096.

**Street Dance, Delaware (C) - Aug. 6, 7:30 - 10:30 PM at the campground parking lot.** (740) 548-4631.

**Bullthistle Fireworks, Harrison Lake (NW) - Aug. 6, 10 PM.** (419) 237-1503.

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

**Customer Appreciation Weekend, Hueston Woods (SW) - Aug. 6 at the campground, golf course & marina.** (513) 523-6347.

**Community Beach Party, Lake Alma (SE) - Aug. 6.** (740) 384-4474 or (740) 384-3345.

**Beach Party, Lake Milton (NE) - Aug. 6.** (330) 654-4989.

**Farm Fun Day, Malabar Farm (NE) - Aug. 6, 10 AM.** (419) 892-2784.

**Summer Barn Dance, Malabar Farm (NE) - Aug. 6, 7-10 PM.** (419) 892-2784.

**Kings & Queens of the Garden, Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - Aug. 7, 2-4 PM near the overlook deck.** Live monarch caterpillars & butterflies. (419) 832-7662.

**Peddlers in the Park, Mt. Gilead (C) - Aug. 6.** Vendor space offered for a fee. (419) 946-1961 or (740) 548-4631.

**Campers' Yard Sale, Rocky Fork (SW) - Aug. 6.** (937) 393-3210.

**Antique Machinery Show, Stonelick (SW) - Aug. 6.** [friendsofstonelick.org](http://friendsofstonelick.org) or (513) 734-4323.

**Lake Festival, Pymatuning (NE) - Aug. 6-7.** Community festival & fireworks. (440) 293-5895.

**SATH Car & Bike Show, Rocky Fork (SW) - Aug. 7.** (937) 393-3210

**Perseids Night Out, Portage Lakes (NE) - Aug. 12.** Stargazing & activities after dark. (330) 644-2220 or e-mail to [plsp\\_amber@yahoo.com](mailto:plsp_amber@yahoo.com).

**Hawaiian Weekend, Maumee Bay (NW) - Aug. 12-14.** (419) 836-8828.

**Ye Miskito Pirate Fest, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Aug. 12-14 at the marina.** (330) 637-2075.

**Explore the Outdoors, Beaver Creek (NE) - Aug. 13.** (330) 424-7781 ext. 2411.

**Hawaiian Luau, Burr Oak (SE) - Aug. 13, 1-5 PM.** (740) 767-3570.

**Meteor Shower Campout, Caesar Creek (SW) - Aug. 13, 7-11 PM at the main beach.** Free camping offered on the beach. (513) 897-2437.

**Summer Fun Day, Deer Creek (C) - Aug. 13.** (740) 869-3124.

**Conservation Day, East Harbor (NW) - Aug. 13.** (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Night Haunt, Malabar Farm (NE) - Aug. 13, 8 PM - 12 AM.** History tours & campfire stories. Not recommended for kids. \$30 fee. (419) 892-2784.

**Huckleberry Finn Fest, Paint Creek (SW) - Aug. 13.** (937) 981-7061.

**Dog Days, Rocky Fork (SW) - Aug. 13 at the campground.** Pet parade & costume contest. (937) 393-3210.

**Late Summer Insect Symphony, Van Buren (NW) - Aug. 13, 8:30 PM.** (419) 832-7662.

**Tour of Homes, Buckeye Lake (C) - Aug. 14, 12 - 4 PM.** Tour boats depart from Liebs Island boat ramp. \$15 person fee. (740) 928-6874.

**Sandcastle Demo & Contest, Headlands Beach (NE) - Aug. 14, 2-4 PM.** (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

**Antique Tractor & Car Show, Harrison Lake (NW) - Aug. 20, 10 AM - 3 PM.** (419) 237-1503.

**Great Buckeye Challenge, Buck Creek (SW) - Aug. 21.** Must pre-register to compete. (937) 322-5284 or [hfpracing.com](http://hfpracing.com).

**Market in the Park, Deer Creek (C) - Aug. 26-27 at the campground.** (740) 837-0265.

**Governors Cup Regatta, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - Aug. 26-28.** [celinaevents.com](http://celinaevents.com) or (419) 394-3611.

**Ohio Valley Opry Weekend, Burr Oak (SE) - Aug. 27 at the lodge.** (740) 767-2112

**Owl Outing, Caesar Creek (SW) - Aug. 27, 8 PM at the nature center.** (513) 897-2437.

**Perch Jerk Tournament, East Harbor (NW) - Aug. 27, 12-4 PM.** Pre-register at the camp store. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Summer Family Campout, Headlands Beach (NE) - Aug. 27-28.** Camping limited to 15 families. Must pre-register. (216) 881-8141 ext.3001.

**Reptile Day, Quail Hollow (NE) - Aug. 28, 11 AM - 5 PM.** (330) 877-6652.

**September 2011**

**Canoe/Kayak Training, Cowan Lake (SW) - Date TBA, multi-day Level 1 course.** Equipment is provided, must pre-register. (513) 897-2437

**Labor Day Weekend Fun, Rocky Fork (SW) - Sept. 2-3 at the campground.** (937) 393-3210.

**Labor Day Fun, East Harbor (NW) - Sept. 2-4.** (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Beach Party, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 3, 7-9:30 PM at Edgewater.** (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

**Lighted Boat Parade & Beach Party, Guilford Lake (NE) - Sept. 3 at the main beach.** (330) 222-1712.

**Memorial Games, Lake Alma (SE) - Sept. 3 at the campground.** (740) 384-3345.

**Labor Day Weekend Special, Pike Lake (SW) - Sept. 3.** (740) 493-2212.

**Labor Day Fun, Stonelick (SW) - Sept. 3 at the campground.** (513) 734-4323 or [friendsofstonelick.org](http://friendsofstonelick.org).

**Labor Day Weekend Fun, Portage Lakes (NE) - Sept. 3-4 at Nimisila campground.** (330) 644-2220.

**Monarch Festival, Maumee Bay (NW) - Sept. 4, Noon at the nature center's outdoor amphitheater.** \$3 craft fee. (419) 836-9117.

**Youth Dance, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Sept. 4, 6:30-8:30 PM at the campground amphitheater.** (330) 638-5700.

**Harvest Moon Canoe Excursion**, *Caesar Creek (SW) - Sept. 10 at dusk.*

Meet at the campground. Canoes provided, space is limited. Must pre-register & bring a flashlight. (513) 897-2437.

**Coastweeks Cleanup**, *Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 10, 10AM - 12PM at Wildwood.* (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.**Colonial Soldiers Weekend**, *Mohican (NE) - Sept. 10-11 at the grist mill pioneer village.* (419) 668-2497 or wolfcreekmill.org.**Soaring with Monarchs**, *Van Buren (NW) - Sept. 10, 2 PM.* Meet at the nature center & caravan to the rearing station. (419) 832-7662.**Fall Festival & Campout**, *Lake Loramie (NW) - Sept. 16-18.* (937) 295-2011.**Mountain Heritage Campout**, *Tar Hollow (SW) - Sept. 16-18.* (740) 887-4818.**Owl Prowl**, *Beaver Creek (NE) - Sept. 17, 8 PM.* Meet at picnic area 3 at the Dogwood trail head. (330) 402-6919.**Paw-Paw Hike**, *Caesar Creek (SW) - Sept. 17, 2 PM.* Meet at the nature center. (513) 897-2437.**Hocking Hills Indian Run**, *Hocking Hills (SE) - Sept. 17.* Meet at the dining lodge. 60K race starts at 7AM; 40K at 8AM; 5, 10, & 20K at 9AM. Donations requested for timing & awards. 1-800-HOCKING.**Pleasure Paddle**, *Kelleys Island (NW) - Sept. 17, 9AM at the beach.* Experienced paddlers only. (419) 746-2258.**Coastweeks Beach Cleanup**, *Maumee Bay (NW) - Sept. 17, 10 AM.* Must pre-register. (419) 836-9117.**Clam Bake**, *Mosquito Lake (NE) - Sept. 17, 1-5 PM at the marina.* Advance tickets required. (330) 637-2075.**Fall Family Campout**, *Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 17-18 at Villa Angela.* Camping limited to 15 families. Must pre-register. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.**Thunder in the Hills Festival**, *Rocky Fork (SW) - Sept. 17-18.* Hydroplane races at the east end of the lake. Spectators are admitted free. (937) 393-4284.**North Coast Walk**, *East Harbor (NW) - Sept. 18.* Diabetes fundraiser. (419) 732-2451.**Heart Health Day**, *Geneva (NE) - Sept. 18 at the lodge.* (440) 466-8400.**Fall Campout**, *Van Buren (NW) - Sept. 23-24.* (419) 832-7662.**Autumn Harvest Fest**, *Burr Oak (SE) - Sept. 23-25 at the lodge.* (740) 767-2112.**Halloween Festival #1**, *Hueston Woods (SW) - Sept. 23-24.* (513) 523-6347.**Fall Festival**, *Indian Lake (NW) - Sept. 23-25 at the campground.* (937) 843-2717 or (937) 843-3553.**Fall Campout**, *Pymatuning (NE) - Sept. 23-25.* (440) 293-6684.**Harvest Days**, *Scioto Trail (SW) - Sept. 23-25, at the Caldwell Lake campground.* (740) 887-4818.**Scary Tales**, *Findley (NE) - Sept. 24, 7 PM at the campground shelter.* (440) 647-5749.**Fall Festival**, *Kelleys Island (NW) - Sept. 24 at the campground.* (419) 746-2546.**Feather & Foliage Festival**, *Kelleys Island (NW) - Sept. 24, 8 AM - 4:30 PM.* (419) 746-2258 or e-mail to [information@kelleysislandnature.com](mailto:information@kelleysislandnature.com).**Heritage Barn Dance**, *Malabar Farm (NE) - Sept. 24, 7-10 PM.* (419) 892-2784.**Ohio Heritage Days**, *Malabar Farm (NE) - Sept. 24-25, 10-4 PM daily.* 36th annual event. (419) 892-2784.**Kids' Passport to Fishing**, *Muskingum River Parkway (SE) - Sept. 24, 11 AM at Devola Lock #2.* (740) 453-4377.**Chili Cook-Off**, *Rocky Fork (SW) - Sept. 24 at the campground.* (937) 393-3210.**Camper Appreciation Weekend**, *Stonelick (SW) - Sep. 24.* (513) 734-4323 or [friendsofstonelick.org](http://friendsofstonelick.org).**Outdoor Adventure Weekend**, *Pike Lake (SW) - Sept. 24-25.* Must register for hunter ed. course. (740) 493-2212.**Fall Campout**, *Pymatuning (NE) - Sept. 24-26.* (440) 293-6684.**Remembering Euclid Beach Park**, *Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Sept. 25, 1-5 PM at Euclid Beach.* (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.**Indian Summer Campout**, *Caesar Creek (SW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2.* (937) 382-1096.**Fall Festival**, *Delaware (C) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 at the campground.* (740) 548-4631.**Halloween Campout #1**, *East Harbor (NW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.* (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.**Fall Campout**, *Findley (NE) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.* (440) 647-5749.**Halloween Campout**, *Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2.* (419) 394-3611.**Halloween Festival #2**, *Hueston Woods (SW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1.* (513) 523-6347.**Halloween Bash**, *Mosquito Lake (NE) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 at the campground.* (330) 637-2856**Harvest Moon Campout**, *Pike Lake (SW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2.* (740) 493-2212.

## Park Improvements

Work is wrapping up on upgrades to the electric hookups at **East Fork's** campground to provide 50-amp service at most sites. At **Burr Oak's** campground, behind-the-scenes improvements over the winter, including construction of a new dump station and replacement of sewer lines, mean that campers can enjoy shiny new drinking fountains and waste drains this spring.

For folks who like no-frills camping, **Salt Fork** has a great new spot to pitch a tent. A former picnic area has been transformed into a rustic campground offering beautiful woodsy sites. Campers must register at the main campground office before setting up their equipment.

Improvements to ramp and dock facilities at three parks promise better boating. Sixteen new courtesy dock slips and an accessible gangway near **Lake Milton's** new Nature & Arts Amphitheater allow boaters to cruise up to this popular venue for community events. At **Cleveland Lakefront's** Gordon Park area, 1,700 feet of new floating courtesy docks have replaced the old fixed docks, providing safer and more efficient access for launching and retrieving watercraft. Improved lighting at the **Guilford Lake** launch ramp on the north side of the lake will make twilight touring easier and safer for boaters.

## PARK POINTS

### Get fit, naturally!

**G**et some fresh air and have fun while you exercise at one of our beautiful state parks. Hiking in the woods, paddling a canoe, or biking on a trail are great ways to get the family off the couch, get started on a fitness regimen, or freshen up your workout routine. Our parks offer more than 1,000 miles of trails, and dozens of our lakes have boat rentals.

Looking for a fitness challenge? Several of our state parks host duathlon and triathlon events each summer, including a "for the cure" series especially for women. See [www.hfpracing.com](http://www.hfpracing.com) for information and registration.

### Boost your nature knowledge

**A** stop at the nature center is a highlight of a state park visit. Dozens of state park nature centers sport interesting exhibits, and many offer unforgettable experiences with special attractions like the newly expanded Wildlife Education Center at Beaver Creek, the new Exploration Station at Cleveland Lakefront, the butterfly gazebo at Maumee Bay, the songbird aviary at Malabar Farm, the raptor rehabilitation center at Hueston Woods, the butterfly enclosure at Hocking Hills, the hummingbird feeding station at Lake Hope Nature Center, the native wildflower garden at Caesar Creek, and the butterfly rearing station at Van Buren.

### Claim your reward!

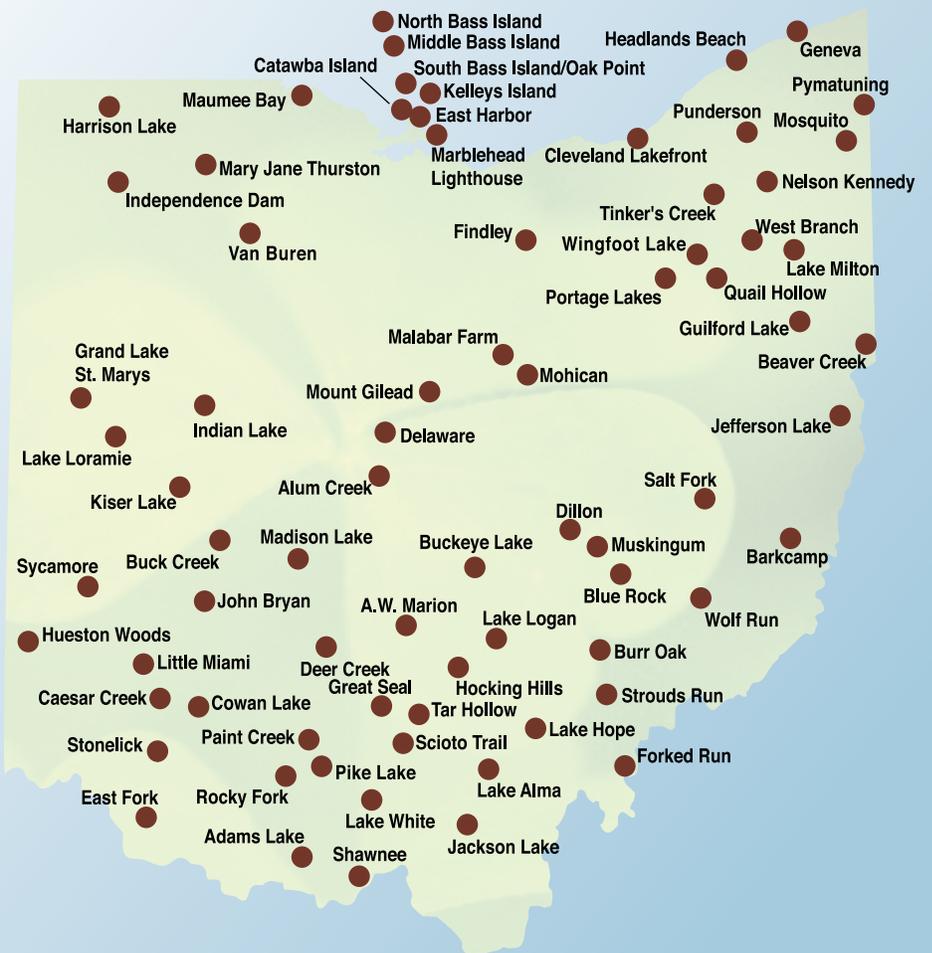
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### Need a gift idea?

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### One man's trash...

**I**f you have boxes of dusty old documents tucked away in the attic or basement, please check them for vintage maps or sketches of old mines. ODNR is seeking historic, abandoned underground mine maps to expand its database of abandoned coal and mineral resources mines throughout Ohio. See [www.OhioGeology.com](http://www.OhioGeology.com) and click the "Wanted by ODNR" link for details. If you have old mine maps that you're willing to loan or donate, please sign up on-line or contact the ODNR Division of Geological Survey by calling (614) 265-6576, or e-mailing: [geo.survey@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:geo.survey@dnr.state.oh.us).

### Green Tip

**K**eeep mosquitoes at bay, nature's way. First, get 'em where they breed - banish standing water from your yard and landscaping. Second, get help from bats, man - install a bat box under the eaves. Recruit the kids to help build or decorate it (see the calendar of events for the bat box workshop at Caesar Creek in May).

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