

Dr. James K. Bissell Nature Center

3973 Callender Road, Rock Creek OH 44084
Open 1pm-5pm Weekends
April-October



2023 Special Events

April 22

The Wonders of Vernal Pools
Saturday 10am-12:30pm
Judy Semroc of NatureSpark

Enjoy Judy's incredible photos as she shares the underwater wonders of Vernal Pools then leads us on a short hike to discover the amazing creatures in our vernal pools.



May 13

Feathers, Fur and Scales
Saturday 10am-11am
Penitentiary Glen Wildlife Center

Meet some **WILD** animals of Ohio that are covered in fur, feathers or scales from Penitentiary Glen Wildlife Center and learn about habitats, diet and special adaptations these animals make to survive in the wild. Appropriate for all ages.



June 17

Gardening for Butterflies
Saturday 10am-11:30
BNC Volunteers: Ben Lutz & Carol Blake

Discover which plants are likely to attract butterflies to your yard followed by a walk through the nature center gardens. The first 12 families to register will receive plants to take home.

July 1

Behind the Bark: What WOOD you like to know?
Saturday 10am-noon
Naturalist Dan Best

Join recently retired Geauga Park Naturalist Dan Best on an easy hike to discover how to identify different types of trees. Dan will also explain the qualities of wood from each tree and show samples of objects made from them. Adults and families with school aged children are welcome. Limit to first 25 registrants.

July 22

Moths, Moths, Moths!!!
Saturday 8:30pm-10:30pm
BNC Volunteer Jim Heflich

Preprogram:recording by Jim McCormac
Arrive at 8:30pm, and watch a prerecorded presentation by well known author/photographer Jim McCormac describing how to attract moths to your backyard. Then we will step out into the dark to see what moths Jim Heflich has attracted using white sheets and special lights.



Jim McCormac



Jim Heflich

September 16

Earth Preparing for Winter
Saturday 10am-noon
ages 4-7 with adult
BNC Volunteers

Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how the earth is getting ready for the cold months ahead. Dress for the weather. Limit: 12 registered children.



October 12

Thirty Years of Change within Lake Erie Wetlands
Thursday 7pm-8pm
Dr. James K Bissell
Curator Emeritus of Botany
Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Join Dr. Bissell as he shares a slideshow presentation highlighting the plants and animals living in the Lake Erie wetlands and the challenges they have faced, over the last 30 years.



Photo:
Laura Dempsey

October 14

Animals Preparing for Winter
Saturday 10am-noon
ages 4-7 with adult
BNC Volunteers

Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how animals are preparing right now for the cold months ahead. Dress for the weather. Limit:12 registered children.



- Register for the activity of your choice
- Come prepared to be outside in any weather, if the description of the activity mentions a hike.
- Bring a lunch to eat in our shelter house while you wait for the James K. Bissell Nature Center to open at 1PM on weekends.
- Enjoy the native plant garden in front of the nature center.
- Pick up a self guided nature trail pamphlet and enjoy the Grand River Trail starting to the right of Bliss Pond.
- Launch your kayak or canoe using our newly improved boat launch on the Grand River.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED FOR PROGRAMS

bissellnaturecenter@tnc.org or 440-563-3081 ext. 301

All programs/admission to nature center are free and open to the public

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