

Dr. James K. Bissell Nature Center

3973 Callender Road, Rock Creek OH 44084
Open 1pm-5pm Weekends
May-October for 2020



2020 Special Events

April 4

Vernal Pools For Beginners CANCELLED

Have you ever visited a vernal pool in the spring? Learn about these unique and threatened habitats that exist in many areas of Ashtabula County. These seasonal pools are host to several amphibian species, specialized plants and thousands of tiny creatures creating their own food web before they dry up in the summer heat.

After, we'll take a short walk to one of Morgan Swamp's vernal pools and hope to spot some of these rarely seen creatures.



May 23

Bird Watching Hike Saturday 8-10 am

Join Marc Hanneman on a 1 1/2 mile hike along the Grand River and through our Hemlock Forest trail looking and listening for the various birds that live on our campus or who are migrating through the area. Marc is the president of the Sam Wharram Nature Club and has been birding for 41 years.

Bring binoculars, camera and a snack if you wish. Restrooms will be available before and after the hike.



June 27

They Come Out at Night! Penitentiary Glen Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Sat. 10am-11am

Bring the family to meet & learn about the creatures who come out at night! Penitentiary Glen Wildlife Rehabilitation Center staff will bring several live animals for us to admire while they describe their special adaptations that allow them to thrive in the darkness.

Families of all ages are welcome!



July 11

Flying Jewels: A Dragonfly & Damselfly Primer Saturday 10am-noon

Join Judy Semroc as she shares with us the natural history, importance, and basic identification information of dragonflies and damselflies. Strategies for attracting these beautiful creatures will also be presented. We will be both inside and outside.

Judy currently works in the Natural Areas Division of the CMNH. She has co-authored books about dragonflies/damselflies as well as goldenrods.



August 20

Thirty Years of Change within Ohio's Glacial Lakes Thursday 7-8pm

Join us for a conversation with Jim Bissell about the CMNH Botany Department's two glacial lake inventories within the northern half of Ohio, from 1988 to present. The Nature Conservancy's Snow Lake and Lake Kelso, within the Cuyahoga Wetlands, are still in excellent condition.

Dr. Bissell has worked at the CMNH for 49 years, and is Curator of Botany and Director of Natural Areas.



Photo: Laura Dempsey

September 19

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

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. Led by BNC volunteers.

Limit 8 children*



September 26

Fall Wildflower Hike Saturday 10-11:30am

Join Judy Barnhart, retired Geauga Park District Naturalist/Botanist and President of the Native Plant Society of NE Ohio on a wildflower folklore hike.

Folklore will include name origins, pollination strategies, seed dispersal mechanisms, native American and/or pioneer usage.

ODNR staff Chuck Fletcher will assist. Pack a lunch to enjoy after the hike while waiting for the nature center to open at 1pm.

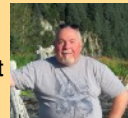


October 3

Mushrooms! Presentation & Hike Saturday 10am-12:30

Join Walt Sturgeon, author of multiple books about mushrooms of the NE United States, for a presentation and hike highlighting the various mushroom species on our campus. Walt is a field mycologist with over 40 years of experience studying and identifying mushrooms.

***You are encouraged to bring examples of fresh mushrooms from your property for the "mushroom table" that you would like Walt to identify.



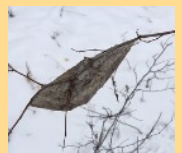
October 10

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

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. Led by BNC volunteers.

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Cecropia Moth cocoon



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

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