

BISSELL NATURE CENTER



2026 Events

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PLEASE REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS AT 440-563-3081 OR BISSELLNATURECENTER@TNC.ORG. THE NATURE CENTER IS OPEN WEEKENDS 1 - 5 P.M., APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER.

APRIL 25, 10 A.M TO 11 A.M. - WINGS AND SCALES LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM

All ages. Meet ambassadors from two different animal classifications: bird and reptile. The Tamarack Wildlife Center will share the differences between these classifications and what adaptations they have that make them special. This program features two ambassador raptors and two reptiles (Box Turtle and Rat Snake). Limited to 50 participants.

MAY 2, 10 A.M. TO NOON - WILDFLOWER HIKE WITH CHUCK FLETCHER: SEARCHING FOR SPRING EPHEMERALS

Ages 10 & Up. We'll see what effect our early, cold winter has had on spring wildflowers. Will there be more or less? Will they be early? Perhaps the orchids will come early. Will insects show up early or late? Join us to answer these and other questions you might have.

MAY 9, 10 A.M. TO NOON - WELCOME SPRING!

Children ages 4-7 with an adult. Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how plants and animals are preparing for warm weather. Dress for a hike. Limited to 12 participants.

JUNE 6, 10 A.M. TO NOON - BUTTERFLY GARDENING WITH BEN LUTZ

Ages 10 & Up. How to design a butterfly garden and select the plants that grow well in NE Ohio. The first 20 family groups who register will receive 3 milkweed seedlings to plant in their gardens to welcome Monarch butterflies and caterpillars.

JULY 11, 10 A.M. TO 11 A.M.- BLACK LEGGED TICKS AND LYME DISEASE WITH DR. CHARLIE CURIE

Adults. Ashtabula County has become a hotbed of tick activity with the Black Legged tick being at the top of that list. This is the tick that spreads Lyme disease. Dr. Charlie Curie, DVM, will share more about what he is seeing and the risk this poses for us as humans.

AUGUST 29, 10 A.M. TO 11 A.M. - WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "WHITTLESEY PEOPLE?" AND OTHER TALES OF NORTHERN OHIO PRECONTACT ARCHAEOLOGY

Adults. Dr. Brian Redmond, curator emeritus from Cleveland Museum of Natural History, will discuss the archaeology of the Whittlesey and Sandusky traditions, the last indigenous tribal groups in northern Ohio, then delve into their curious disappearance using historical, linguistic, and archaeological evidence for possible migrations to other areas of the Great Lakes and Midwest.

SEPTEMBER 26, 10 A.M. TO NOON - EDIBLE NATIVE TREES AND SHRUBS

Adults. In this presentation, John Wright from Red Beet Row will lead us through a variety of trees and shrubs that are tasty to eat and important for local wildlife. We will talk about how to find these trees and shrubs in Ashtabula County, their importance to local wildlife and the best way to prepare them for eating. Optional hike included.

OCTOBER 3, 10 A.M. TO NOON - GET READY FOR WINTER!

Children ages 4-7 with an adult. Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how plants and animals are preparing for cold weather. Dress for a hike. Limit 12 participants.

TO BE DETERMINED - RIPPLES OF PLASTIC FILM SHOWING



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