October 2020

We hope you are well and enjoying nature. 
Parks are open daily 8:00 am until 30 minutes past sunset.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel

Activities & Adventures

Masked Hero Geochase

Experience a self-guided geocaching adventure October 5-31.

How to participate: Check our social media each Monday in October to find a new video about the Geochase and the villain at each park. Bring your smartphone/GPS with you for an outdoor excursion to solve the clues, defeat the villain, and win the Geochase!

October 5-11; W.W. Knight Nature Preserve
October 12-18; Bradner Preserve
October 19-25; Cedar Creeks Preserve
October 26-31; Sawyer Quarry Preserve

No registration is needed to participate in this free self-guided program.
19th Annual Scarecrow Contest
Tuesday, October 13; 4:00 – 7:30 pm
Wood County Museum
13660 County Home Road, Bowling Green

While at home, with a little straw and some imagination, make your creation “come to life.” Once completed, bring your finished creation to be put on display to celebrate the season.

Process
1. Register
2. Build your scarecrow at home. Free kits are available on the Wood County Museum lawn.
3. Set-up your scarecrow on Tuesday, October 13 from 4 – 7:30 pm, at the Wood County Museum for all to enjoy.
4. Display of scarecrows October 14 – 25
5. Pick-up your scarecrow between October 26 and November 2, 2020.

Prizes
1st prize: $100 sponsored by Robert K. Miller Insurance Agency, Inc.
2nd prize: $50 sponsored by Kathrens Insurance Agency
3rd prize: $25 sponsored by InTech IT Solutions
16 & under: $25 sponsored by Friends of the Parks

Scarecrow information Register here

Programs

Hunter’s Full Moon Archery
Thursday, October 1
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Arrowwood Archery Range
11126 Linwood Rd, Bowling Green

Hone your archery skills under the full Hunter’s Moon in this instructional archery program. Learn shooting fundamentals and build your skills through progressive challenges, eventually shooting at lifelike 3D animal targets. Masks must be worn for the program duration. Suggested age for participation is 12 to adult. Personal gear welcome – must be checked by staff before use. Register all participants. Spectators must stay at a
considerable distance away from the program group.

Please Register

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**Crochet Basics for Adults**

**Saturday, October 3;**

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Carter Historic Farm**

18331 Carter Historic Farm

Connect with your past and develop a new hobby at Carter Historic Farm! Learn the basics of crochet and make your very own scarf. Crochet hook and yarn will be included.

Please Register

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**A Foundation in Fur**

**Saturday, October 3**

**6:30 - 7:30 pm**

*Parks at Home virtual program*

Fur from otter, mink, and the mighty beaver were once the most valuable resources in the world, and North America was rich with them! Discover how the global race for fur-power impacted the northwest Ohio region, and was the catalyst for the creation of the nation we know today. Presented by historic reenactor Tyler Burg and naturalist Craig Spicer. This is a live-streamed program. Register with a reliable email to receive a link to the Webex meeting where you will view the program from your personal computer, tablet, or smartphone. A Wood County Bicentennial Program #DiscoverYourRoots

Please Register

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**Pumpkin Picking**

**Sunday, October 4**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Carter Historic Farm**

18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green

Join us to pick your own pumpkin from the garden, then take it home to carve!

Please Register
Wonderful Woolly Bears!

Tuesday, October 6
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Rd, Perrysburg

Do these cute fuzzy “bears” have the ability to forecast our winter? We will search out the answer as we look for them on the trail and in the quarry. All winter prognostications are the responsibility of the larvae of the Isabella tiger moth and are not necessarily the view point of the Wood County Parks.

Please Register

Backpacking 101

Tuesday, October 6
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Teleconference

Want to learn the basics of backpacking, or just learn about some of the new techniques and equipment that is on the market? Join us for a four-part teleconference program to teach everything from how to select the right backpack to how to sleep comfortably in the woods!

Please Register

Hiking for Health

Friday, October 9;
10:00 - 11:30 am
Cricket Frog Cove
14810 Freyman Rd, Cygnet

Join a naturalist for exercise and the wonder of watching seasonal changes. The hikes will offer a true mind-body connection. Sign up for one week or all four. This is a free program led by Jim Witter.

Please Register

Backpacking 101

Tuesday, October 20
7:00 - 8:30 pm
Teleconference

Want to learn the basics of backpacking, or just learn about some of the new techniques and equipment that is on the market? Join us for a four-part teleconference program to teach everything from how to select the right backpack to how to sleep comfortably in the woods!
Fall Foliage Walk
Thursday, October 22
10:00 - 11:30 am
Bradner Preserve
11491 N Fostoria Road, Bradner
Enjoy the most colorful time of year in the woods of Bradner Preserve. Learn about why some leaves turn red, orange, yellow, purple or brown.

Hiking for Health
Friday, October 23
10:00 - 11:30 am
Bradner Preserve
11491 N Fostoria Road, Bradner
Join a naturalist for exercise and the wonder of watching seasonal changes. The hikes will offer a true mind-body connection. Sign up for one week or all four.

Fall Color Hike
Saturday, October 24
10:00 - 11:30 am
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Rd, Perrysburg
Join a naturalist for a hike to admire the seasonal show and take in some scenic views from the cliff’s edge. Be prepared with footwear to navigate the rugged terrain of the quarry.

Jack-o-Lantern Archery Quick Shots
Saturday, October 24
Arrowwood Archery Range
11126 Linwood Rd, Bowling Green
Register for one of these sessions to give this eerie archery program a shot! Carve your own pumpkin-target or use arrows
to make a “holey” jack-o’-lantern for a scary-good time! All pumpkins, carving tools and archery gear provided. Masks must be worn for program duration. All equipment will be disinfected between sessions. Participants must be 7 or older, minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian.

10:00 - 11:00 am Please Register
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Please Register
1:00 - 2:00 pm Please Register

Trick-or-Tree Identification Game

Sunday, October 25;
12:00 - 3:00 pm
Carter Historic Farm
18331 Carter Road, Bowling Green

As the trees are getting ready for winter and losing their leaves, there is so much for us to play with and learn about them. Visitors are welcome to stroll our woods and see the seasonal changes in action! Families will be provided with leaf identification crafts and educational materials to take home, where leaves from both our trees and yours can be identified and crafts can be completed.

Please Register

Who, Who, Who’s There Owl and Moon Walk

Tuesday, October 27
6:45 - 8:15 pm
Cedar Creeks Preserve
4575 Walbridge Rd, Northwood

We will be on the hunt for owls, especially Ohio's largest resident owl. Meet at the shelter for a short talk and then hit the trail for some owl calling. Dress for the weather, cancelled for high winds or rain.

Please Register
Costume Climbing for Kids

Saturday, October 31
10:00 - 11:30 am
Sawyer Quarry Nature Preserve
26940 Lime City Rd, Perrysburg

Get dressed up in your costume and enjoy a morning of climbing! This program, open to kids ages 8-13, will allow them to wear their Halloween costume and enjoy a day on the wall. Please make sure all costumes can fit under a harness. Skirts and loose fitting clothing is discouraged.

Please Register

Bring your own water. We recommend a reusable water bottle.

In-person Program Guidelines:

Please do:
+ Register first at wcparks.org.
+ Wear a mask to programs.
+ Bring a water bottle with you.
+ Be courteous to others.
+ Wash hands frequently.
+ Let us know if you cannot attend.

- Do not attend if you are feeling any Covid-19 symptoms, or have been exposed to someone with the virus, or you are caring for a sick person.

We respectfully ask that you wear a mask to programs. Thank you! Be well.
Sawyer Quarry Interpretive Center

The Sawyer Quarry Interpretive Center is being created with the expertise of 2020 Exhibits.

Thank you to Mike Skaff with 2020 Exhibits for providing this image.

New Playgrounds

William Henry Harrison Park and Otsego Park both have new playgrounds. Playgrounds are open for use at own risk. Please wash hands immediately before and after use.

Friends of the Parks

Commemorative Trail

Say it forever and leave a legacy with a Commemorative Trail Brick.

3 text lines on a 4 x 8” brick = $100
5 text lines on an 8 x 8” brick = $125
Find an order form here.

Photo Contest

Start taking photos now for the 2020 Photo Contest by the Friends of the Parks. Find the prospectus here.

The Friends of the Parks welcomes new members, Board Members, and friends. It’s a love of nature that binds us.
Email the Friends today.
Rudolph Bike Park

Wellness | Community | Adventure.

With three pump tracks and one mountain bike skills course, there will be cycling development and fun for everyone.

The Bike Park is close to completion.

Diamond Sponsors

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Platinum Sponsors

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Stout Cyclery

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Jeffrey and Lee Anne Snook and Family
The Wood County Park District manages the grounds, while the Wood County Museum is the cultural entity that interprets and preserves our history. We are great community partners!

Wood County Museum

A new permanent exhibit, The Mary & Carl Bach Story, is opening on October 1, 2020. A grand opening celebration & open house for the exhibit will take place on Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Email to RSVP. In addition to the ribbon cutting, The Cocoon will display "The Wood County Clothesline Project" on the Museum front lawn.

Find educational adventures, galleries, and videos online.

Membership and support information online, by calling 419-352-0967, or emailing friendly museum staff.

Get the App!

Download the wcparks app for navigation, park updates, maps, and more.

Status Update:

+ Parks open daily 8:00 am - 30 min. past sunset.
+ Restrooms are open. Please wear a mask inside.
+ Playgrounds are open. Please wash hands immediately before & after use.
+ Please observe 6-10 feet of social distancing.
+ Indoor facilities and rentals are closed through 2020.
+ Bring water. Water fountains are off.
+ Volunteering has resumed for self-guided activities only.
Social Distancing in the Parks
Please provide 6-10 feet of social distancing space.
Please announce before you pass someone.
Please stay home if you are sick. Enjoy nature on our YouTube Channel.
Please give others space in and around the restroom.
Please wear a mask in the restroom.
Please wash hands immediately before and after use of playground equipment.