



Licking Park District Program Guide

April
2023



Night Hike!

When: Wednesday, Apr 5 @ 8 PM - 9 PM

Where: L- M

All ages. Explore the night at Lobdell Reserve! Learn about the night sky and how wildlife use it to navigate. We may have a scope to view the moon – weather permitting! The hike will last about an hour. Free.

Backyard Conservation: Edible Native Plants

When: Thursday, Apr 6 @ 5:30 PM - 8 PM

Where: James Bradley Center, IMP

Fee: \$10

Ages 12+. Did you know there are lots of Ohio native plants that are beneficial and edible for wildlife AND people? In this class we will venture out into the park to collect ramps and invasive garlic mustard, and perhaps other early edibles. If you've never had ramps before, they are a cross between a leek, green onion, and garlic. We will return to the James Bradley Center where we will make a pesto and pasta to enjoy together. During the meal we will cover some other edible native plants you can put in YOUR yard! Register today, class size is limited!

Eagle Stroll - Granville Bike Path

When: Saturday, Apr 8 @ 9:30 AM - 11AM

Where: BC Park

All ages. Get outside with us as we enjoy a fun and low pressure bird watching stroll on the bike trail on the way to the Granville bald eagle nest. This hike will provide you with some of the basic techniques you need to become comfortable with spotting and identifying birds. We will also discuss Ohio's bald eagle conservation success story. We will have our spotting scopes to share.

We will hike in together, but participants can head back to the parking area independently. Outdoor clothing, good walking shoes/boots and binoculars are recommended. Program is weather dependent. Free.



Eggcellent Adventure!

When: Saturday, Apr 8 @ 2 PM - 4 PM

Where: Shelter 5, IMP

Ages 4+. Back for another year! Learn about animal eggs, participate in a "who lays eggs" egg hunt around the Nature Play-scape, and learn how to dye eggs the old fashioned way with natural materials such as beets, and turmeric. 3 eggs will be provided for participants. Limit of 25 children. Registration required. If inclement weather we will meet at the James Bradley Center. Free.



Did You Know?

April is Ohio Native Plant Month!

Did you know that Ohio has over 1800 native plants? A native plant is one that occurs naturally in a region without human intervention. By choosing to plant native plants in your landscapes you will be helping pollinators, birds, other wildlife, and people! Now not every native plant is one that is appropriate or available to use in our home landscapes, but a large number are! In April, follow along on our Facebook page as we share resources on native plants and highlight plants that showcase the beauty, variety, and benefits to you and to the ecosystem we are all a part of!





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Ornithology Series

When: Tuesday, Apr 11 & 18 @ 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Where: LCL - N

When: Tuesday, Apr 25 @ 10 AM - 12 PM

Where: Shelter 5, IMP

In partnership with The Licking County Library in Newark, the Licking Park District will present a 3-session ornithology class on Ohio birds, including their biology, habits and habitats. The first two sessions are held at LCL's Downtown Newark location. The third session on April 25 takes place at Infirmary Mound Park. This in-person program is part of the libraries lifelong learning series, Empowered Minds. The focus of this signature service is healthy aging and enrichment for the retirement-age citizens of Licking County. Register at events.lickingcountylibrary.org. Free.

Wild Storytime

When: Thursday, Apr 13 @ 10 AM - 11 AM

Where: Shelter 5, IMP

For ages 3-6 and their adults! Join us for a story, snack, and activity! We will explore the outdoors and finish at the Nature Playscape! If inclement weather we will meet at the James Bradley Center. The program lasts about an hour. Free.

Spring Wildflower Hike

When: Saturday, Apr 15 @ 9:30 AM - 11 AM

Where: MW

All ages. Get out on the trail with us as we search for spring wildflowers! Wear shoes for wet conditions! Program is weather dependent. Free.

Youth Fishing Day

When: Saturday, Apr 15 @ TBD

Where: IMP

Homeschool Happenings - Migration

When: Wednesday, Apr 19 @ 10 AM - 12 PM

Where: Shelter 5, IMP

Ages: 7 – 12. Explore nature with us! The class will feature games, crafts, and outdoor exploration. This program will be mainly outdoors, so dress for the weather! This is intended as a drop off program. Meet at Shelter 5. In case of bad weather we will meet at the James Bradley Center. Registration required! Free.

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**The trail will be open at
Infirmary Mound Park
through September.**



Volunteer! Citizen Science Opportunities!

Have you considered volunteering for the Licking Park District? Are you interested in making a difference for conservation? Do you enjoy getting outside to walk? Would you like to get more experience identifying many of Ohio's butterflies? If any of these questions are a yes, then Butterfly Monitoring is for you! First step: Complete the online volunteer application on our website!

Location Key

- IMP** - Infirmary Mound Park, 4351 Lancaster Rd, Granville
- LCL-N** - Licking County Library, 101 West Main Str, Newark
- BC Park** - Bicentennial Park, 2385 Raccoon Valley Rd, Granville
- L-M** - Lobdell Reserve Main Entrance, 3100 Mounts Rd NW, Alexandria
- MW** - Morris Woods State Nature Preserve, 7495 Dutch Lane, Johnstown

