

Park District Mission

To provide quality parks, outdoor education,
and recreation while preserving open space.



Bill Yeck Park, Smith Entrance

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Park Addresses

Addresses for all 48 parks can be found on page 15.

Rain Out Line

(937) 433-2524
Option 1: Field Status
Option 2: Tennis Information
Option 3: Dog Park Closings

Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpcd.org/field_status.shtml

Area Youth Athletic Organizations

Centerville United Soccer Association
www.CUSASoccer.com

Centerville Wee Elk Football Association
www.weelks.org

Centerville Baseball League
www.cbltoday.org

Centerville Noon Optimist Soft-T-Ball
www.centervillenoonoptimist.com

Centerville Youth Lacrosse
www.cvlax.org

Save a Tree

To subscribe to the e-newsletter visit
www.cwpcd.org/subscribe.html

Here, you can also stop home delivery of the printed newsletter.

Commissioners Corner



Spring and summer park activities are just around the corner. Many of the past year's park improvements should add to your enjoyment.

During 2012 particular emphasis was directed toward improving the facilities at several community parks. Parking lots were expanded at Schoolhouse and Forest Field Parks and multi-use paved pathways were constructed at Yankee, Oak Grove and Schoolhouse Parks. Also, the new archery range at Oak Grove Park has spawned a heightened interest in the sport.

This year we plan to see additional improvements in an attempt to meet the varying interests in the community. We invite all residents to go out and explore these new opportunities.

The parks are for everyone but there are some restrictions for the sake of safety and the well being of others. The Park Rules and Regulations are available on

our website, www.cwpcd.org, and form the foundation for personal conduct and use of the parks. However, consideration and respect for other people and the park property are the essential factors to enhance everyone's enjoyment.

The most frequent complaint we hear is about dogs being off-leash. The appropriate location for off-leash dogs is on private property or inside the dog park at Oak Grove Park. Unrestrained dogs in other park areas can cause trauma and discomfort to others especially when the dogs are running at a person and enter their personal space. If you encounter an unrestrained dog please contact the Park District office during regular business hours or the Montgomery County Sheriff's office at 937-225-4357. If you are a dog owner, please respect other's space by keeping your dog properly leashed while in the parks.

A key element for enhancing people's park experiences is to just... "Think About Others." ...so that everyone can enjoy the parks.

David Lee

Schoolhouse Park Wins 2012 Field of the Year

On December 5, 2012 the football field at Schoolhouse Park was named the Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association's (OSTMA) 2012 Profile Products-Field of the Year. The award was accepted by Schoolhouse Park Supervisor, Jason Dickensheets during the Annual Ohio

Turf Grass Foundation (OTF) conference in Columbus. The Park District is honored to have received this prestigious award recognizing excellence in the area of sports turf management.

All levels of sports turf management including professional, collegiate, high school, and public sports facilities were eligible for the award. Past award recipients include The Ohio State University and the Dayton Dragons. The OSTMA and the OTF are committed to funding research and providing scholarships and education to promote the sports turf industry in Ohio. Many of the successful turf grass management practices the Park District employs were obtained by attending educational opportunities provided by these two organizations.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions on how to make your home lawn the next "Field of the Year."



left to right: Ken Carter, Jason Dickensheets, Jason Beavon

The Know How on Hard-to-Recycle Items

Recycling basic items such as aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and newspaper has become common practice. But what about the materials that curb side recycling services will not pick up such as batteries, electronics, and plastic bags? Most of these items can be recycled and in some cases need to be disposed of in a safe manner.

Plastic shopping bags. If you do not use reusable shopping bags you no doubt have a large pile of these. Plastic bags take an extremely long time to break down and when they do, release plastics into the ecosystem. Most municipal and private recycling services do not accept plastic bags but some businesses do. Check with your local grocery or department store to see if they recycle and what types of bags they collect. Usually a collection container is located at the store entrance.

Batteries & light bulbs. Batteries contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, and nickel, which can contaminate the environment if disposed of improperly. Most common batteries can be dropped off free of charge at your local Batteries Plus location. For more information, store locations, and hours visit www.batteriesplus.com. The Park District also accepts medium to small batteries from common household items. Drop-offs are accepted Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. -

4:30 p.m. at 221 N. Main Street, Centerville.

Hazardous Waste (lead based paint, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent lights, electronics).

The Montgomery County Solid Waste District collects batteries and other hazardous waste materials at one of two sites on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This service is free to residents of Montgomery County, but a photo ID must be provided. Tuesday collections are located at the North Transfer site (6589 Old Webster Street, Vandalia). Saturday collections are located at the South Transfer station (1001 Encrete Lane, Dayton). Leave materials in their original container.

Electronics. Electronic devices such as DVD players, video games, TVs and computers can contain components such as plastic, steel, aluminum, copper, gold and silver which can be recycled. Not only can the components be recycled but many items can be refurbished and reused. Organizations such as Goodwill and Habitat for Humanity offer free computer recycling while many electronic retail stores collect TVs, mobile phones, and PCs. For items not accepted at these locations,

Search on for New Commissioner

In May of this year, a position will be open on the Board of Park Commissioners. Bill Williams will be leaving after dutifully fulfilling the maximum of three terms (nine years).

The Park District is governed by a three-member Board appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County. Each member serves, without pay, for a three-year term.

Applicants must be a Centerville or Washington Township resident. A few duties include participating in strategic and financial planning; establishing policies and approving budgets and construction contracts; attending monthly board meetings; and actively participating in Park District levy campaigns.

We encourage interested residents to contact the Park District now to learn more about the application process.

the Montgomery County Solid Waste District accepts electronic items on the days listed above.

For more information on recycling and waste disposal visit these sites:

- www.earth911.com
- epa.gov/recycle
- www.mcoho.org/services/swd/household_hazardous_waste_drop_off.html

Looking for Summer Employment?

The Park District is now accepting applications for part-time seasonal employment for reliable candidates. Opportunities are available in the program and operations departments.

Summer program staff can work at Hidden Meadows Day Camp, Summer Recreation Program, or as the Summer Naturalist Intern. All program staff must be enthusiastic about working with children, enjoy the outdoors, and be willing to make a nine-week commitment starting the first week of June for most positions. Positions for applicants under age 18 are limited, and adult applicants must pass a background screening.

Seasonal operations staff assist with the day-to-day management of the Park District's 48 parks and include mowing, trimming, painting, athletic field preparation, nature trail improvement, park clean up, vehicle/equipment maintenance, and administrative building maintenance. Hours may include some weekends and evenings and second shift openings are also available. Operations staff must be 18 or older, insurable to drive Park District vehicles, and pass a background screening.

Volunteer opportunities are also available for those ages 14-17 at Hidden Meadows Day Camp and the Summer Recreation Program. Volunteering allows for a flexible schedule and is a great way to earn service hours, gain experience, and learn job skills. If you like working with children and being outdoors, we are looking for you! For more information and for a volunteer application, go to www.cwpd.org/volunteers.html.

Visit www.cwpd.org/employment_opportunities.html for the most up to date information on employment opportunities and to obtain an application.



Hidden Meadows Day Camp

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

Monday - Friday, See table for times

Resident Fee: Half Day \$55, All Day \$110
*Half Day \$44, All Day \$88

Nonresident Fee: Half Day \$85, All Day \$170
*Half Day \$68, All Day \$136

**Fees prorated for Eco Adventures, July 1-5 since there is no camp on July 4.*

Theme: Date	AM 9:30 am-noon	PM 1:30-4:00 pm	All Day 9:30 am-4:00 pm
World of Water: June 10-14	5 - 12 Years	---	5 - 12 Years
Forest Friends: June 17-21	3 - 9 Years	3 - 9 Years	---
History's Mysteries: June 24-28	5 - 12 Years	---	5 - 12 Years
Eco Adventures: July 1-5	5 - 12 Years	---	5 - 12 Years
Hydrohysteria: July 8-12	5 - 12 Years	---	5 - 12 Years
Creepy Crawlies: July 15-19	5 - 12 Years	---	5 - 12 Years
Eco Wizards: July 22-26	3 - 9 Years	3 - 9 Years	---
Junior Naturalists: July 29-Aug. 2	5 - 12 Years	---	5 - 12 Years

Studies show that children who play outside on a daily basis demonstrate increased creativity, better problem solving skills, more focus and flexibility, and better cooperation in groups. Hidden Meadows Day Camp offers eight weeks of camp for kids to experience the outdoors and take advantage of these benefits. Each week brings new opportunities to make friends, explore Grant Park, play games, and make fun crafts. In addition, campers will be treated to guest speakers, animal shows, and activities related to the weekly theme. Snacks are provided, but campers need to bring a filled water bottle. All-Day campers should also bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers receive a T-shirt during their first week.

World of Water, June 10-14

Water can be fun and refreshing but it is also a necessary part of everyday life. Celebrate water in all its forms as we study creek life, learn about water conservation and play water games that are bound to cool kids off.

Forest Friends, June 17-21 (Preschool Week)

The forest is filled with woodland friends that are just waiting to be discovered. Campers will hike, play games and create crafts that teach about these creatures.

History's Mysteries, June 24-28

Every place has a history and every history has its mysteries. Search Grant Park to find hidden clues to the people, plants and animals that once called this park home.

Eco Adventures, July 1-5

From the hilltops to the creek beds, we will explore it all. Enjoy a variety of challenges, games and adventures that will quench a thirst for adventure and knowledge. No camp July 4.



Hydrohysteria, July 8-12

Water, water and more water. From the pond to the creek, campers will enjoy playing in, studying and appreciating water. If you are dry at the end of the week then you were not at this camp.

Creepy Crawlies, July 15-19

If you like bugs and worms and things that crawl in the dirt, you are in for a treat. We will have fun exploring all things creepy and crawly and learn how cool they really can be.

Eco Wizards, July 22-26 (Preschool Week)

Nature can be magical and mysterious. Take your first steps to becoming an eco wizard by learning how the forest works and what you can do to protect it during this enchanted week.

Junior Naturalists, July 29- August 2

If you have a love for nature and want to learn more about the world around you, you might be a future naturalist. Discover hands on about animals, plants, weather, conservation and outdoor recreation while on your way to becoming a junior naturalist.



Hidden Meadows Registration Information

Hidden Meadows Day Camp has a different first day of registration than all other programs. **Registration begins on Monday, April 22 at 10:00 a.m. for residents and Monday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. for nonresidents.**

See page 15 for information on how to register. Please note that phone-in registration is **NOT** accepted for Hidden Meadows on April 22 and April 29. One camper friend of similar age may be requested.

Adventure Camp

Various Parks

Monday - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Friday 6:30 p.m. - Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Resident Fee: \$95

Nonresident Fee: \$135

Junior Camp (Ages 10-11): **June 17-22**

Senior Camp (Ages 12-14): **July 22-27**

Adventure Camp combines outdoor adventure and nature education at various parks and includes geocaching, hiking, fishing, archery, creeking, games, survival challenges, and an overnight at Grant Park. Learn to track animals in the woods, listen for the sound of owls in the night, pitch a tent, cook s'mores over a campfire and make new friends. Campers need to bring a filled water bottle and a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration. All campers receive a T-shirt.



Adventure Camp Registration Information

Registration begins on Monday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. for residents and Monday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m. for nonresidents. See page 15 for information on how to register.

General Information for All Camps

Staff

Staff coordinators and counselors are trained adults, many of whom are college students pursuing a degree or have experience in parks and recreation or education. Assistant counselors are at least 16 years of age and have experience working with children.

Inclement Weather

Camp is primarily an outdoor program and will be held rain or shine. The school buildings by Grant Park will serve as a meeting area and shelter for Hidden Meadows. Adventure Camp parents will receive a call telling them where to meet.

Camper Information Form

This form (page 6) is required for all campers.

What to Wear

Dress your child in comfortable old clothes and closed-toe shoes. Sandals and flip-flops are prohibited due to poison ivy and other naturally occurring hazards. Please put your child's name on all items brought to camp. Many pack an old pair of shoes to wear when visiting the creek.

What to Bring

Bring a water bottle to refill during the day. All-day campers should also bring a packed lunch that does not require refrigeration.

Daily Sign In & Sign Out

We take strict precautions in accepting and releasing children from the program. Please inform counselors of any changes. Daily sign in and sign out is required.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent

Counselors are not permitted to apply sunscreen or insect repellent. Campers can bring their own and reapply.

Medical Procedures & Emergencies

All counselors are trained in first aid and CPR and carry a first aid kit. A copy of the camper information form (page 6) is kept on site. In case of a medical emergency, parents and 911 will be called. The child will be escorted to the hospital or released to the parents. If parents cannot be located, the emergency contact will be called. In case of minor injury/illness, the child will be treated, an incident report will be completed, and parents will be notified at pickup.

Medication

Staff are permitted to perform only basic first aid. They are not authorized to dispense any type of prescription or nonprescription medication with the exception of any situation that requires an epi-pen. Rule 5101:2-18-15 (4) 2 of the Ohio Administrative Code states that

a child day camp shall set its own policy regarding whether to pass prescription or nonprescription medications. If your child requires medication, arrangements must be made to have someone present to administer the medication. If your child carries an epi-pen or inhaler, contact us to complete additional required forms.

Discipline

Counselors will keep to the established discipline policy and will handle all incidents with kindness, consistency, and understanding. Attention will be given to the specific needs of each camper while, at the same time, each is encouraged to participate. We believe children want to conform to the rules as soon as they know what is expected of them. Counselors will discuss the rules on the first day of camp.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

The last day to cancel or make registration changes is noon the Monday prior to your camper's start date. Credit toward a future program that requires a fee will be issued in lieu of a refund. Credits will not be issued after the registration deadline or if the cancellation reduces the participation below the required minimum number of participants. A full monetary refund will be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

2013 CAMPER INFORMATION FORM

Once camp registration is confirmed, **sign and return this form no later than one week before the first day of camp**. The form may be dropped off in person or mailed to 221 N. Main Street, Centerville, OH 45459; faxed to 937-433-6564; or emailed to mail@cwpc.org. Additional copies can be printed from www.cwpc.org/forms.html. If information changes, please submit an updated form.

Camper's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Age: _____ M F
Address: _____ **Zip:** _____
Parent/Guardian: _____ **Phone:** _____ Home Cell Work
E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____ Home Cell Work
Emergency Contact (other than above): _____ **Phone:** _____ Home Cell Work
Camper Friend (limit 1): _____

Health History Record

Please provide information in relation to any health conditions, behavioral concerns, dietary needs, medication, or special needs. All health history information will remain confidential. Park District staff is not authorized to dispense any medication. **If an epi-pen is needed, contact the Park District for additional forms requiring a doctor's signature.**

Is your child on medication? Yes No If yes, what? _____

Health Conditions *Check all that apply and give appropriate dates*

Fainting _____ Diabetes _____ Hearing Impairment _____
 Asthma _____ Seizures _____ Other _____

Allergies *Check all that apply and specify nature of reaction*

Animals/Insects _____ Food _____ Other _____
 Medicine _____ Plants _____

Other Conditions *Check all that apply*

Speech Impairment Emotional Disturbances Developmentally Delayed Other _____
 Attention Deficit Disorder Communication Impairment Special Diet

Please explain all items checked above: _____

Family Doctor: _____ **Phone:** _____

Family Dentist: _____ **Phone:** _____

Release Agreement

In consideration of your accepting my entry or my child's entry, I hereby, for myself or my child, release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Centerville-Washington Park District, its Commissioners, Agents, Employees, and Assignees from any and all liability claims, actions, demands, and judgments arising out of injury or loss sustained by me or my child while participating in activities or using facilities of the Centerville-Washington Park District.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Junior Adventure Camp

Senior Adventure Camp

Hidden Meadows: Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

All programs are **FREE** unless otherwise indicated.

Resident registration begins **Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.**

Intergenerational Series

Ages 3-6 with grandparent(s)
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. *OR* 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

Leprechaun Lore: Monday, March 11

For this St. Patrick's Day themed program we will enjoy leprechaun stories, search for four-leaf clovers, make a craft, and maybe even find a pot of gold! Registration required.

Grand Gifts: Monday, May 6

Grandparents and grandchildren will enjoy time together making crafts for both Mother's Day and Father's Day. Registration required.

Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 - Pre K with adult companion
Select one time per month.

Wake Up Sleepyheads: Thursday, March 21

PNS 1: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

PNS 2: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

PNS 3: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Big Bend Park, 1328 Spring Ash Drive

Some animals sleep all winter long! In addition to learning what a hibernator is, we will learn which animals hibernate and which animals are out and about during the coldest months. Registration required.

Color Hike: Thursday, April 18

PNS 4: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

PNS 5: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

PNS 6: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, 8798 Rooks Mill Lane

Spring is springing up everywhere! Let's see what colors we can find in our local forest and fields. Can we find all the colors of the rainbow? Registration required.

Snake Appreciation: Thursday, May 16

PNS 7: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

PNS 8: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

PNS 9: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park, 2100 E. Centerville Station Road

Snakes are often described as being scary and slimy! Let's learn about snakes and debunk some common snake myths. Registration required.



*"A person's a person,
no matter how
small."*

~ Dr. Seuss

Playdate Café

Ages 18 months - 2 years with adult companion
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

Nature's Newborns: Wednesday, March 6 *OR* 13

April Showers: Wednesday, April 10 *OR* 17

Itsy Bitsy Spider: Wednesday, May 1 *OR* 8

Please select only one date per month.

This program offers caregivers the chance to participate with their little one, as well as free time to socialize with the other adult companions. Each café begins and ends with learning stations, such as puzzles, blocks, art, or sensory table. After our beginning free play, we come together for a short program about our theme, which may include a story, song, activities, and craft. The café is designed to build sensory awareness, motor skills, and encourage social interaction. Join us at the Playdate Café for lots of fun and a light snack. Registration required.

Kiddie Krafts

Ages 3 - Pre K with adult companion

Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

Session A: Wednesdays, March 6 - 27 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Session B: Wednesdays, April 10 - May 1, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Session C: Fridays, March 8 - 29, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Session D: Fridays, April 12 - May 3, 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Sessions A-D create the same craft, therefore each child is allowed to register for only one session.

Join us as we make crafts and listen to stories in this long-time favorite program. Let the creativity flow by making crafts with markers, glue, paint and tissue paper, as well as other fun surprises. We will color pictures of bunnies, trucks, flowers, and more. Best of all, we do the clean up! Children are encouraged to wear old clothes. Registration required.



Spring Recreation Program

Ages 6-10
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesdays

Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

March: 5 OR 19

April: 9 OR 23

May: 7 OR 21

Come dressed for the warm, wet, cold, or muddy weather as each day brings time outside playing games after we make a craft inside. Please select only one date each month. Registration required.

Crafting Club

Ages 9-13
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

Beads Galore: Thursday, March 7

Spring Flowers: Thursday, April 11

Birds & Birdhouses: Thursday, May 2

This fun after-school program covers basic crafting skills and techniques used to create hand-made decorations and keepsakes all while making friends. We provide everything needed with no mess, prep, or fuss at home! Crafters are encouraged to wear old clothes or bring an apron or smock. Registration required.

Nature on the Go

Looking for a resource for your school, homeschool or scout group? Look no further! Each Nature on the Go bin includes a single topic such as mammals, trees, geology, bats, birds, and insects. All contain books, games, and natural items to assist in teaching.

These resources are made available through the generosity of the Centerville-Washington Foundation. Contact us to reserve one today.

Eco-Explorers

Grades 3-5
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Busy Beavers: Wednesday, March 20
Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

Ever wonder what the term busy as a beaver means? We will find out as we attempt to see life through the eyes of this industrious animal. Registration required.

Squirm'n Worms: Wednesday, April 24
Forest Walk Park, 7570 Forest Brook Blvd.

They wriggle and squirm but does anyone know what it's like to be a worm? Join us as we delve into the dirt and explore their world. Registration required.

Amazing Moms: Wednesday, May 15
Donnybrook Park, 6161 Donnybrook Drive

Moms are amazing no matter who they are. Together, we will take a look at how other animals take care of their young. Registration required.

Outdoor Adventure Crew

Ages 8-12
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Mondays, April 8 - May 13
Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

Unstructured outdoor play is vital to child development and well being. This program is designed to allow participants the chance to explore what they like about nature and being outdoors. Daily activities will include games, challenges, discovery and dirt. This six week program will be held every Monday rain or shine, so come prepared for the weather and be ready to have fun! Registration required.

All programs are **FREE**
unless otherwise indicated.

Junior Nature Club

Grades K-2
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Which Way: Tuesday, March 12 OR
Wednesday, March 13
Forest Field Park, 2100 E. Centerville Station Road

Learn how to use a compass and read a map. There are all kinds of treasures to find! Registration required.

Mini Mammals: Tuesday, April 16 OR
Wednesday, April 17
Bill Yeck Park, 7893 Wilmington Dayton Road

We know all about deer and raccoons, but sometimes our smaller mammals get overlooked. This month, we will learn all about mice, moles, and voles! Registration required.

Forest Flowers: Wednesday, May 8 OR
Tuesday, May 14
Bill Yeck Park, 8798 Rooks Mill Lane

Join us as we look for and learn about native spring wildflowers! Registration required.



Resident registration begins
Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Homeschool Fitness Academy

Large Group Games: Thursday, April 25

Ages 5-12

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Iron Horse Park, 6161 Millshire Drive

Archery: Thursday, May 23

Ages 8-12

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park Archery Range, 1790 E. Social Row Road

Homeschool students – we want you to join us for fun and fitness in the parks! In April, join in the fun at Iron Horse Park when we get together to have a lot of fun playing large group recreational games. In May, try your hand at archery (please note age and time change). We will have three stations set up for you to practice different archery skills with our trained staff.

Homeschool Nature Academy

Ages 5-14

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Working Together: Thursday, March 7

Bill Yeck Park, 7893 Wilmington Dayton Road

Many animals have relationships that are mutually beneficial, but are all relationships like this? We will look at many examples of symbiosis, parasites, and other ecological terms for interactions between living things. Registration required.

April Fools Hike: Thursday, April 4

Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

We will address common nature myths before setting out and observing different habitats. After we discuss adaptations that could be helpful in each habitat, make up your own creature that could live in the habitat of your choosing.

Bats and Moths: Thursday, May 2

Bill Yeck Park, 7893 Wilmington Dayton Road

These nocturnal flyers have some fascinating behaviors. Learn all about the bats that call Ohio home and their favorite meal through games and a hike to find them.



Nature Discovery Zone

**Programs for youth groups,
preschools, and home schoolers**

Take your group outdoors on a guided nature hike lead by a Park District Naturalist and Volunteer Naturalists. We offer several topics for homeschool, scout, preschool and youth groups including Geology, Forestry, Wildlife and more. Nature Discovery Zone is a convenient way to supplement learning or fulfill organizational requirements. Call us to schedule a session and start discovering.

All programs are **FREE** unless otherwise indicated.

Passport to Nature

All ages

Woodcock Watch: Thursday, March 14

7:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

March is the perfect time to hike to the meadow and watch the American Woodcock dance at sunset. Registration required.

Garlic Mustard Pull

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25: Bill Yeck Park, 7893

Wilmington Dayton Road

Friday, April 26: Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

Our local wildflowers need your help! Come help the Park District clear out this invasive and delicious weed. Before we start uprooting, sample a yummy garlic mustard recipe. You may attend one or both days. Registration required.

Beaver Search: Thursday, May 9

8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

Join us as we search for this tree chewing, lodge building, crepuscular animal near the Nature Nook. Registration required.

Big Rig Gig

All ages

Saturday, May 11

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Oak Grove Park, 1790 E. Social Row Road

Honk, honk, beep, beep, we put you in the driver's seat!

The annual Big Rig Gig is fun for kids of all ages who want to climb on trucks, honk the horns, shift gears, and touch buttons. This event features large trucks and heavy equipment from the Centerville-Washington Park District, Washington Township, Centerville City Schools, local law enforcement, fire departments, and commercial companies. Registration not required.

Campfire Sing-Along

All ages

Saturday, May 18

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

Bring the family to the Chimneys at Grant Park for an evening of singing, fun and nature related activities around the fire. Dress for the cool night air and don't forget your lawn chairs. Registration required.

Volunteer Opportunity: Butterfly Monitoring

Ages 10 and up (15 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

Session 1: May 6 & 20, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Session 2: June 3 & 24, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Session 3: July 1 & 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Session 4: August 5, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Session 5: August 19, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Session 6: September 9 & 30, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Do you or your group want to help the Park District with some biological surveys? The Naturalist needs assistance catching, identifying, and recording the beautiful butterflies that call Grant Park home. No experience or equipment necessary. Those who assist four or more times will receive a certificate. Groups or individuals that need recognition for their volunteer hours, please contact the Park District before the monitoring session. Terrain is uneven and approximately one mile in length. Weather dependent. Registration required and you may sign up for more than one session.



Resident registration begins
Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Tennis Instruction

April 29 - June 13

Registration Deadline: April 19

40 Minute Class: \$60 Resident / \$82 Nonresident

60 minute Class: \$85 Resident / \$116 Nonresident

90 minute Class: \$110 Resident / \$150 Nonresident

Come learn tennis with us! Tennis instruction is taught by instructors from the Kettering Tennis Center/Quail Run Racquet Club. Each has experience working with individuals of all ages and abilities allowing them to provide a high level of instruction. Class ratio is one instructor to a maximum of 10 participants. Tennis balls are provided.

Monday/Wednesday: Forest Field Park, 2100 Centerville Station Road

Ages	Level	Time	Minutes
6-10 years	Beginner	3:30 - 4:10 p.m.	40
9-13 years	Advanced Beginner	4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	60
Adults 18 & up	Intermediate	5:20 - 6:20 p.m.	60
Adults 18 & up	Drill & Play	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	90

Tuesday/Thursday: Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee Street

Ages	Level	Time	Minutes
6-10 years	Beginner	3:30 - 4:10 p.m.	40
9-13 years	Beginner	4:15 - 4:55 p.m.	40
6-10 years	Advanced Beginner	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	60
9-13 years	Intermediate	6:05 - 7:05 p.m.	60
Adult 18 & up	Beginner	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	60

Bad Weather Information: Due to the unpredictable nature of weather, we cannot guarantee the completion of all scheduled classes. An additional week has been scheduled at no added cost in lieu of make-up classes for inclement weather.

Archery Clinics

Ages 8 and up (those 8-17 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older)

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range, 1790 E. Social Row Road

Beginner Clinic: Thursday, April 4 or 18

The beginner clinic is recommended for those who have no experience, are still getting comfortable with archery, or are looking for a review of the basics.

Intermediate Clinic: Tuesday, April 16 or 30

To attend the intermediate clinic, participants should know all range rules, be familiar with equipment, and feel comfortable shooting.

These clinics are designed to provide interested youth and adults with the basic knowledge required to participate safely in archery. Participants should use a conservative assessment of their skill level and/or their child's skill level when selecting the clinic they would like to attend. Parents are welcome to observe youth but must be registered to participate. All equipment is provided but participants may bring their own with approval of the instructor. Registration required.

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
~ Walt Disney



All programs are **FREE** unless otherwise indicated.

Men's Softball

League play begins April 24

League A: Wednesdays, 6:15 & 7:15 p.m.

League B: Thursdays, 6:15 & 7:15 p.m.

\$475/team (20 games) + \$10/Nonresident

Yankee Park, 7500 Yankee Street

League Coordinator: Jen Brandt, Fitness Coordinator, (937) 433-5155

Returning Team Registration: February 18 - 22

Open Registration: February 25 - March 22

Contracts and Rosters Accepted: April 15 - 19

Both men's leagues consist of up to eight teams and play a double header schedule consisting of 20 games across 10 weeks. Teams are now forming. Returning teams are given priority. Individuals may call to be placed on an individual player's list. All teams are ASA sanctioned. Contracts (minimum of 10) and completed rosters are accepted April 15 – 19. Once rosters and required number or contracts are submitted, schedules and softballs will be given.

Registration information: Softball registration is in person at Park District Headquarters, Activity Center Park, 221 N. Main Street; between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Contact the league coordinator for more information.

Adult Nature Discovery Walk

14 and up

Tuesdays

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Take an hour to enjoy what nature has to offer. This leisurely walk provides an opportunity to observe seasonal changes with the Park District Naturalist.

Day	Park	Meeting Point	Path
March 12	Black Oak East	7835 John Elwood Drive	Natural
April 9	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
May 14	Oak Creek South	790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved

Tai Chi

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Fridays, March 29 – May 31

\$60 Resident / \$60 Nonresident

Hithergreen Center, 5900 Hithergreen Drive

The benefits of Tai Chi are incredible. If you are looking for a low-impact, relaxing form of exercise Tai Chi is an excellent choice. Tai Chi is like Chinese martial art in the sense that it focuses on mental and spiritual aspects integrated into movement. Among a long list of benefits Tai Chi may promote: deep breathing, relieve physical effects of stress, improve lower body and leg strength, help with arthritis pain and reduce blood pressure.

 **Hithergreen** CENTER To register for Tai Chi call the Hithergreen Center at (937) 435-2415.

Hound Hike

Fridays

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

March - May

Iron Horse Park, 6161 Millshire Drive

Join a dedicated group of dogs and their owners as they explore the Iron Horse Trail in springtime. These self-guided hikes provide the opportunity to socialize, exercise your dog, and enjoy the outdoors. Registration not required.

Birding Workshop

Ages 13 and up

Sunday, May 5

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Grant Park, Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Rd.

May is migration month! All our summer residents are returning to their nesting grounds. Learn the basics of birds and identification through our indoor session and try your skills on a brief bird hike. Please bring binoculars if you have them. A few pairs will be available. Registration required.

Adult Field Course: Birding Boot Camp

Ages 16 and up

Monday, May 13 - Friday, May 17

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Various Parks

Have you always wanted to learn your summer birds and songs? This intensive course gives participants a true field experience to jump-start their birding season. We will meet at various nature parks for one week. Each session will consist of hiking to different habitats, listening and learning local birds, basic bird ecology, and some silly memory games. Terrain will be uneven as we will be in nature parks. Please bring binoculars. No experience necessary, but taking the Birding Workshop is recommended for beginners. Registration required.



Resident registration begins
Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Spring Into Fitness

Tuesdays, April 2 - May 21

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Schoolhouse Park, 1875 Nutt Road

Spring is here and what better time to get outside, enjoy fresh air, and exercise. Spring Into Fitness is a boot camp style class that includes a mix of cardiovascular and strength training exercises. Resistance tubing is provided for all participants. A nationally certified group exercise instructor leads this program. Registration required.

Stroller Strength

Adult caregivers with child 6 weeks - Pre K

Mondays & Thursdays, April 8 - May 23

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Schoolhouse Park, 1875 Nutt Road

Join other caregivers and their children in strollers for an invigorating morning exercise session. Cardiovascular exercise, upper and lower body resistance training (resistance tubing provided) and a cool-down stretch is included in each program. Make friends and exercise at the same time, and no need to pay for childcare! Stroller Strength is led by a nationally certified group exercise instructor. Registration required.

"An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day."

~ Henry David Thoreau



Hike for Your Health

Wednesdays, March 6 - May 29

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

This program is designed to get your heart rate up and get you moving. Our staff will lead you on these guided, self-paced hikes. Hike for Your Health is also a wonderful opportunity to get to know some of your parks better and meet new people. Path descriptions are provided to help you choose the most comfortable shoe attire. Registration required.

Date	Park	Meeting Point	Path
March 6	Yankee	7500 Yankee Street	Paved
March 13	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
March 20	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
March 27	Schoolhouse	1875 Nutt Road	Paved
April 3	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
April 10	Oak Creek South	790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved
April 17	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural
April 24	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved
May 1	Forest Field	2100 E. Centerville Station Road	Natural
May 8	Yankee	7500 Yankee Street	Paved
May 15	Bill Yeck	7893 Wilmington Dayton Road, McGuffey Meadow	Natural
May 22	Oak Creek South	790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road	Paved
May 29	Bill Yeck	8798 Rooks Mill Lane	Natural

Tennis Leagues

Ages 19 and up

April 14 - June 20, Registration Deadline: March 29

Fee: \$25 Residents, \$35 Nonresidents

Various Locations

Join a league and play 10 weeks of tennis in the parks! Several levels of play allow opportunities for all abilities. Schedules and rules are mailed out prior to league play.

Day	Time	Level of Play	
Sunday	6:00 p.m.	Men's Advanced	
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Men's Intermediate	Women's Doubles
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Advanced	
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Men's Intermediate 50+	Men's Advanced 50+
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Men's Advanced	Women's 50+
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Intermediate	Women's Advanced

Trail Trekking: Nordic Pole Workshop Series

Fridays

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

The Park District received a generous donation for the purchase of Nordic Poles and we cannot wait to use them! Trekking with Nordic poles increases endurance, works the entire body, and revs your metabolism up – you can burn up to 40% more calories than walking without poles. We are offering an introductory series of workshops this spring and will begin our weekly Trail Trekking program this summer. Your registration includes all five workshops. Join us to learn proper technique and make yourself more familiar with Nordic poles. Each workshop will include an introduction and practice. Trail Trekking is led by a nationally certified group exercise instructor. Registration required.

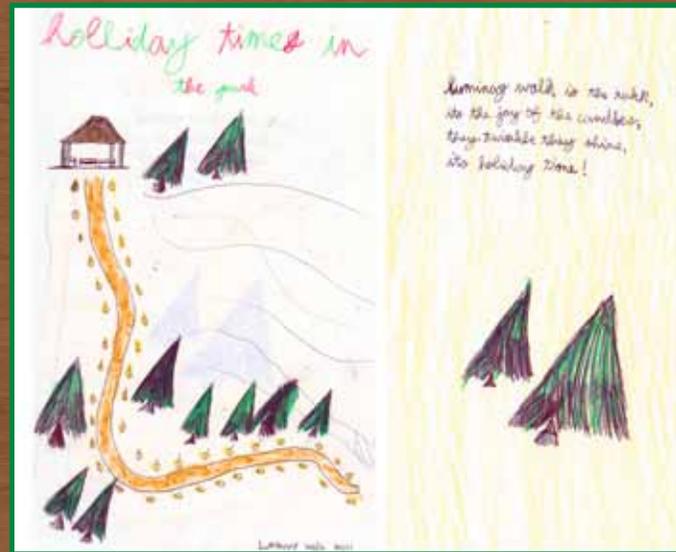
Park	Park	Meeting Point	Path
March 22	Iron Horse	6161 Millshire Drive	Paved
April 5	Grant	501 Normandy Ridge Road	Natural
April 19	Schoolhouse	1875 Nutt Road	Paved
May 3	Bill Yeck	McGuffey Meadow, 7893 Wilmington Dayton Road	Natural
May 17	Oak Grove	1790 E. Social Row Road	Paved



Congratulations Sean Blackwell!

His artwork depicting the annual Luminary Walk was chosen as the 2012 Park District holiday card. Sean is nine years old and received a \$100 prize pack full of art supplies.

Thank you to everyone who entered.



MVRAC Madness: Family Game Night

All ages

Friday, March 8

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Washington Township Rec West, 965 Miamisburg-Centerville Road



Join the Miami Valley Recreation Activities Council, a collection of 10 parks and recreation agencies, for a fun family event that will include basketball, ping pong, crafts, a bounce house for the little ones, Wii games, and more! Door prizes will be raffled off during the evening. Registration is not required.

Flashlight Egg Hunt

Ages 18 and up

Friday, March 22

8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park, 2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

This event, for adults only, will feature an egg hunt in the dark. You will want to collect all the eggs you can since some of these eggs will be filled with more than candy. Goodies may include gift certificates to local restaurants, stores, movie theaters, and entertainment venues. Before the race, participate in fun contests and games, and pose with your friends at our photo backdrop. It is sure to be fun, and best of all, it's FREE! Registration requested.

Barter Bazaar: Gardening

Ages 18 and up

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

Park District Headquarters at Activity Center Park, 221 N. Main Street

Too often items are thrown away instead of being re-used. The Barter Bazaar brings residents together to not only trade in their unwanted items for something more useful, it also provides an opportunity to meet others with a similar hobby.

Bring gardening items you are willing to part with (such as bulbs, seeds, small plants, hand tools and garden decorations) to the Park District headquarters any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. March 25, 26, and 27. Use your vouchers on March 28 to obtain items that others have made available.

Please no herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals of any kind. Very small items should be bundled and not treated as individual items. The Park District reserves the right to refuse items deemed unusable, unhealthy or dangerous. All unclaimed items will be donated to a non-profit charity or used in the parks. All trades are final. Registration not required. Help the environment, your neighbors and yourself by re-using and reducing!

CITO

All ages

Saturday, April 13

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Grant Park, 501 Normandy Ridge Road

It's time to get out and cache! We are organizing our third annual CITO (Cache In Trash Out) event.

Help us clean up the park for the enjoyment of all, then stay for a meet and greet and to vote on new caches. Please bring your own gloves, pruning tools, and geocaching gear. Garbage bags, grabbers, buckets and trail maps will be provided.

For more information on this and other CITO events, go to www.geocaching.com. Rain out date is April 27.

Bike to Work Breakfast

Friday, May 17

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Iron Horse Trail, Whipp Road Intersection

Join us along the Iron Horse Trail on National Bike to Work Day!

Ride your bike to work and celebrate with a free breakfast during your commute. Riders can help themselves to juice, bagels, and donuts, all while enjoying camaraderie with fellow cyclists. You can also enter a raffle to win prizes from various local vendors.

Officials from the City of Centerville, Washington Township, and the Centerville-Washington Park District's Creating Community Connections Implementation Committee will be available to discuss updates to the community's Multi-Use Trail Plan. Registration is not required.

How to Register

Online

Visit www.activenet.active.com/cwpcd to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to February 11 or February 18. A valid e-mail address is required. This site can be used for free and fee-based programs with a debit or credit card. Payee will be shown as Active.com.

By Phone

Call us at (937) 433-5155 Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please have credit card ready for fee-based programs.

In Person

Visit Park District headquarters at 221 N. Main Street in Centerville Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. if you prefer to pay with cash or check. Make checks payable to Centerville-Washington Park District or CWPDP.

Registration and Refund Policy

- Residents may register members of their family and one other resident family.
- To be eligible for the resident fee, proof of residency must be provided.
- Credit toward future fees will be issued in lieu of refunds. Credit will not be issued after the registration deadline or, if by doing so, it reduces the participation level below the required minimum. A full monetary refund will be issued for programs cancelled by the Park District.

Resident Registration Begins:

Monday, February 11
10:00 a.m.

Nonresident Registration Begins:

Monday, February 18
10:00 a.m.



PARK ADDRESSES

Activity Center: 221 North Main Street

Beechwood Springs: 1141 Quiet Brook Trail

Big Bend: 1328 Spring Ash Drive

Bill Yeck: 3 main entrances
8798 Rooks Mill Lane
7893 Wilmington Dayton Road (McGuffey Meadow)
2230 E. Centerville Station Road (Smith House)

Black Oak: 1552 Ambridge Road

Black Oak East: 7835 John Elwood Drive

Brittany Hills: 5825 Batsford Drive

Cherry Hill: 10244 Cherry Tree Terrace

Concept: 345 Clareridge Lane

Divided Ridge: 347 Beck Drive

Donnybrook: 6161 Donnybrook Drive

Elizabeth Hoy: 185 Hampton Drive

Fence Row: 1650 Haley Drive

Forest Field: 2100 E. Centerville Station Road

Forest Walk: 7570 Forest Brook Boulevard

Grant: 3 main entrances
501 Normandy Ridge Road
6588 McEwen Road (Nature Nook)
616 Grant's Trail

Green: 6661 Green Park Drive

Greene Line: 6774 Crossbrook Drive

Holes Creek: 8575 Yankee Street

Huffman: 1616 W. Alex-Bell Road

Iron Horse: 6161 Millshire Drive

Little Mound: 9490 Still Meadow Lane

Manor: 989 Thorndale Drive

Nutt Woods: 10188 Ashpark Court

Oak Creek South: 790 W. Miamisburg-Centerville Road

Oak Grove: 1790 E. Social Row Road

Old Lane: 500 Druewood Lane

Pelbrook: 7566 Cloverbrook Park Drive

Pleasant Hill: 358 Zengel Drive

Quail Run: 1180 Timber Hawk Trail

Rahn: 223 W. Rahn Road

Red Coach: 5500 Royalwood Drive

Rooks Ravine: 9100 Rooks Road

Rosewood: 475 Roselake Drive

Schoolhouse: 1875 Nutt Road

Silvercreek: 9369 Yankee Street

Stansel: 1304 Sarah Freeman Drive

Stringtown: 9191 Woodstream Lane

Trailways: 1165 W. Spring Valley Pike

Village South: 411 North Village Drive

Wagon Trail: 8450 Washington Village Drive

Waterbury Woods: 1250 W. Social Row Road

Watkins Glen: 825 Watkins Glen Drive

Weatherstone: 10998 Pennfield Road

Willowbrook: 10225 Park Edge Drive

Woodburne Green: W. Whipp Road at Paddington Rd.

Woodburne Springs: 220 W. Whipp Road

Yankee: 7500 Yankee Street

Registration for spring programs begins at 10:00 am:
Monday, February 11 for residents
Monday, February 18 for nonresidents

Congratulations !

Congratulations to the 2012 Neighborhood Park Party Grand Prize winners,

Emmaliese Huff and **Luke Larimer!**

They both attended a park party, filled out the raffle entry form, and won a new bike.



Keep an eye out for the list of 2013 Neighborhood Park Parties in the Summer Newsletter!