

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2022

Centerville-Washington **PARK DISTRICT** **NEWS & EVENTS**

Fall program
registration
begins online
**Monday,
August 8.**



Explore your community's BIG backyard!

The Great Turkey Trek at Bill Yeck Park

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Park Addresses

For more information and each park's
address, visit www.cwpcd.org.



Dog Park Closures

www.cwpcd.org/parks/oak-grove/dog-park/dog-park-closure-status/



Athletic Field Conditions

www.cwpcd.org/field_status/

Area Youth

Athletic Organizations

Centerville Baseball Softball League
www.cbltoday.org

Centerville Recreational Soccer
www.centervillesoccer.com

Centerville Wee Elks
Football Association
www.weeelks.org

Centerville Youth Lacrosse
www.cvlax.org

FC Dayton
www.fcdayton.org/

Commissioners' Corner



As our daylight hours shorten and our nights cool off, we are reminded that fall is upon us. In fall, Mother Nature wows us with her colorful prairie and forest displays. The

community is very fortunate to have miles of trails to explore while taking in the beautiful fall colors before the leaves drop.

At **Bill Yeck Park**, a trail extension has been added west of the brown trail that will take hikers almost to Clyo Road. Staff will be installing a new wayfinding system for even better visitor navigation! To top off improvements at **Bill Yeck Park**, a new shelter will be constructed at the Smith House entrance, which will provide a new gathering and picnicking spot.

Fall is a time for your Park District to wrap up other projects, as well. Thanks to a generous \$20,000 donation from the Centerville Noon Optimist Club, the Park District will be able to **install accessible swings in 23 neighborhood parks**.



Did you know the Centerville-Washington Park District Board of Park Commissioners holds public meetings once a month throughout the year? View the schedule on the Park District website:

www.cwpcd.org/about/public-meeting-schedule/

In addition, construction is underway to improve access and parking, create a trailhead plaza in partnership with Centerville Rotary Club, and install a paved walking path at the McEwen Road entrance of **Grant Park**.

These park improvements, along with the variety of programs staff assemble each season, are driven by community input. YOUR feedback helps determine our strategic path. We are excited for the return of special events like Ales and Tails, and Halloween Hop & Howl, which have become community favorites! Staff have also added over **20 new programs**, including the Pumpkin Patch Dash Fun Run, Tree-O-Cache Scavenger Hunt and Senior Hike Night!

In spring 2022, the Park District conducted a Community Interest and Opinion Survey, in which 87% of respondents indicated their household uses Centerville-Washington Park District parks or facilities, and **93% of respondents indicated they have a good or very good opinion of CWPD**.

On the following page you can read about the newly created **Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks**. Learn the ways you can support and enhance YOUR Park District!

Jeff Senney
Park Board Vice President



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email your name and address to mail@cwpcd.org.

The Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks, established in 2022, was created for securing philanthropic funding for projects, programs and conservation efforts directly related to the Centerville-Washington Park District's mission, vision and values. This fund is administered by the Dayton Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Focusing on three facets, the foundation's mission is to support and enhance your Centerville-Washington Parks.

Conservation – supporting conservation efforts to protect your parks' natural assets.

Impact – progressing park improvements for maximum community impact.

Connection – developing strong community relationships to sustain exceptional parks, programs and services.

Why donate?

Donations, sponsorships and gifts are important to the vitality of the Centerville-Washington Park District and its mission to deliver fun, healthy, and outstanding park experiences that connect the community with the outdoors. When you donate to the Foundation for Centerville-Washington Parks, you are making a positive impact to the community for years to come.

Add to the beauty of a park or honor someone or something special by making a tax-deductible gift. Donations will help fund the development and maintenance of trails, facilities and amenities to keep your parks exceptional.

Visit www.cwpd.org/support/foundation-for-centerville-washington-parks/ to learn about the different ways you can support your Park District, including **becoming a Park Gem!**

New Park Commissioner Appointed



Jason Riley has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Board of Park Commissioners of the Centerville-Washington Park District. He begins his first year of appointment as the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Riley is the 19th individual to serve as a park commissioner since the district's formation in 1959. He replaces Dan Monahan, who retired from the board after his third three-year term, the current term limit.

Originally from Millersburg, Ohio, Mr. Riley and his family adopted Centerville and Washington Township as their permanent home in January 2021 following his retirement from a 25-year career

in the U.S. Army. The Army took Jason and his family across the U.S., Korea and Germany, including multiple deployments to Afghanistan and Qatar. Jason holds a B.A. from the University of Akron and Master's degrees from the U.S. Army War College and the Naval Postgraduate School. He is active in local veteran and disabled veteran organizations.



Newest Multi-Use Paved Path Complete!



Walk, run, skate or bike the new multi-use paved path at **Activity Center Park**. The trail is a .5-mile loop around the park! See page 18 for a list of additional paths to explore in your parks.

Commercial Photography Permits



Your parks are a wonderful place to have photos taken! However, please keep in mind that commercial activity, including commercial photography, is not permitted on public land. Photography is considered a commercial activity if the photographer receives any payment in exchange for their photos or the images are used to sell a product or service.

With a special permit, photographers are permitted to hold photo shoots in CWPDP parks. Photographers may receive a permit by submitting a request form and a one-time \$50 permit fee. Permits are valid for all future park visits and must be displayed at all times during the photo shoot. To request a permit, visit www.cwpd.org/forms.

We ask photographers to respect park programs and not hold photo shoots while programs are in progress. Photographers should check the park calendar prior to scheduling any sessions: www.cwpd.org/calendar.



Subscribe to the *New!* Monthly e-Newsletter!

Would you like to hear from us more than four times a year? Now you can! Visit www.cwpd.org and scroll to the bottom of the page to subscribe to our new e-newsletter! It will be delivered to your inbox the last Friday of the month and will be full of fun ways to enjoy your parks the following month!

SPECIAL EVENTS



YoGlow

Ages 18 and up

Friday, September 9

(Rain date: Friday, September 16)

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Ommmm ... Method Yoga Studio owner and instructor Megan Lees will lead this outdoor yoga class in the peaceful park setting. We will provide glow bracelets for all participants to wear!

This yoga class is for all levels and will include a warm-up, breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Please bring your yoga mat and water. Dress comfortably. (AS)



Fairy and Gnome Home Festival

All ages

Friday, September 9

(Rain date: Friday, September 16)

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Ommmm ... Method Yoga Studio owner and instructor Megan Lees will lead this outdoor yoga class in the peaceful park setting. We will provide glow bracelets for all participants to wear!

This yoga class is for all levels and will include a warm-up, breathwork, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Please bring your yoga mat and water. Dress comfortably. (AS)



Fairy and Gnome Home Festival

All ages

Saturday, September 10

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

(Parking available at Forest Field Park)

Celebrate your child's imagination and creativity. Build a fairy and gnome home out of natural materials for our woodland residents. Upon arrival, your family will receive special currency to purchase natural embellishments for your home. Visit the realtor to get your home lot number and build a lovely house for our forest friends. Other activities will include a storytime, a scavenger hunt and a craft!

Registration is requested. (KL)

Early Arrival Option

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, September 2



We are offering an early arrival option for children needing a quieter, sensory-friendly Fairy and Gnome Home Festival experience.

Registration is required for this time slot to allow for a more controlled environment for participants. Registration is by family. Please register only one family member. (KL)

Ales & Tails

All ages

(Must be 21 and show valid ID to purchase a beer wristband)

Friday, September 23

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Dog Park

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Calling all dogs and dog lovers! Grab a beer from Loose Ends Brewery, participate in fun dog-themed activities and check out local pet services! Food will be available for purchase from East Coast Eatz. Beer wristband sales will benefit the Society for the Improvement of Conditions of Stray Animals (SICSA).

Vendors interested in booth space may contact Kari Truax at kttruax@cwpsd.org.

Registration is not required. (KT)

For their safety, children under 8 are not permitted within the off-leash areas of the dog park. Children ages 8 – 14 must be accompanied by an adult in the off-leash areas.

A Night with the Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities

All ages

Saturday, October 1

(Rain date: Sunday, October 2)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

The Grassman vs. Crosswick Snake Hide 'n' Seek Trail will launch with a sunset celebration featuring special guests from the Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities. Join Kat Klockow, an independent writer and illustrator who conducts paranormal investigations. Sit around the fire circle to hear tales of her remarkable experiences. Steve Stegelin, a professional cartoonist whose art is featured in the scavenger hunt, will treat you to live comic drawing! Learn how the Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities project came about and how it supports local writers and artists. Comic books will be offered for sale — you can take these family-friendly stories home to enjoy again and again!

Registration is not required. (PG)



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.**



New!

Movie Party in the Park: *The Parent Trap* (1998)

All ages
Friday, October 7
(Rain date: **Saturday, October 8**)
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Grab your family and friends and join us for a night of fun. We will start the evening with activities, crafts, field games and much more! Bring a picnic blanket dinner, or grab food from Yagoot food truck. At sunset, we will gather around the big screen for a showing of *The Parent Trap*!

This event is sponsored by Burke Orthodontics.

Registration is requested. (KT)



Halloween Hop & Howl

All ages
Thursday, October 13, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
AND/OR
Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. – noon
Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Put on your Halloween best and join us for a festive stroll for preschoolers and their families around Forest Field Park. Themed signs will be placed along the path to get kids moving and grooving as they collect goodies at various stations. Families are encouraged to come in costume and enjoy the Halloween spirit.

This is a "teal pumpkin" event — all treats will be allergy-friendly. Please bring your own bag to collect treats!

This event is in partnership with the South Metro Optimist Club of Centerville.

Registration is not required. (AB)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.

Truck or Treat

All ages
Saturday, October 22
10:00 a.m. – noon
Oak Grove Park
1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Check out big vehicles from around town! Honk a fire truck horn, shift tractor gears, push buttons in the law enforcement vehicles and much more! Business participants will provide a variety of giveaways such as candy, stickers and more!

This is a partnership event with the local non-profit Angels for Anna. Angels for Anna's mission is to enhance the lives of those in need, their families, friends and community by encouraging and empowering individuals to do something nice for someone else every day. Kona Ice will be available for purchase, with 25% of the proceeds benefiting Angels for Anna.

Attendees are encouraged to bring item donations for Angels for Anna to make "Parent Packs" or "Survival Sacks." These are bags containing items needed by the caregiver/parent/guardian when faced with an unplanned admission to the hospital. The bags contain shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, a blanket, fuzzy socks and single-packaged toothbrushes. Please note: toiletries are requested to be full-sized, not hotel-sized.

Registration is not required. (AB)



Please note that 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. is a special sensory time! There will be reduced noise and lights. Participants will be discouraged from honking horns or turning on lights. The Centerville-Washington Park District

will have a limited amount of ear protection for participants to borrow throughout the event.

No pets, please.



Mystery Night: *Search for the Missing Pumpkins*

All ages
Monday, October 24
(Rain date: **Thursday, October 27**)
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Put on your detective hat as you walk around the surrounding grounds of the Smith House at Bill Yeck Park. Farmer Joe loves growing pumpkins, but after a thick fog rolled through his farm, he noticed his pumpkins all went missing! Did animals get to the pumpkin patch? Did the wind blow them away? Or is there a thief that's up to no good? Find the pumpkins by solving the mystery, and you will be rewarded with s'mores to roast at our campfire!

Registration is requested. (AB)

Hound Hike

All ages
Saturday, October 29
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Join us for an afternoon of testing your dog's sense of smell! Dress your dog up in their best costume and enjoy a self-guided hike through the trails of Bill Yeck Park. Start at the CWPD tent to get your score sheet, then see if your dog can find all the hidden scents along the trail.

Participants are welcome to come anytime during the program. The final time to start the hike is 1:30 p.m.

Registration is not required. (KT)

All dogs must remain on a leash and leashes cannot extend longer than 8 feet.

New!



The Great Turkey Trek

All ages

Saturday, November 19

(Rain date: Sunday, November 20)

Noon – 3:00 p.m. *(Last groups will be going on the trail at 2:15 p.m.)*

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.



We need your help for this Thanksgiving adventure. Help us find missing turkeys during an interactive walk or hike! There are two options for your quest: a one-mile paved/limestone walk or a 3.1-mile (5k) adventure hike. For either trek you complete, there will be a fun Thanksgiving-themed prize!

Attendees are encouraged to bring new, unopened, colorful socks for Shoes for the Shoeless. Athletic socks that fit children ages 5 and up are preferred.

This is a Tools to Trek program.

Registration is requested. T-shirts are only guaranteed for pre-registrations through Monday, October 31. (AS)



Race to the Holidays 5k

All ages

Sunday, November 6

1:00 – 3:30 p.m., race time is 2:00 p.m.

Schoolhouse Park

1875 Nutt Rd.

Participate in this family-friendly 5k fun run/walk or 10k run to benefit Centerville-Washington Park District, Friends of Washington-Centerville Public Library and Washington Township RecPlex! Run and walk divisions, prizes and other activities and information round out this fun, fitness event!

View race fees and register online at **speedyfeet.com**, or pick up a registration form at the library, RecPlex or park headquarters. Return it with payment to the library. Race day registration begins at 1:00 p.m.

Race to the Holidays is sponsored by Kettering Health Network. (AS)



PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (AGES 6 AND UNDER)

Early Adventures

Ages 0 – 4 years with adult companion

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

September Adventure

Tuesday, September 6

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 4

October Adventure

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Big Bend Park
1328 Spring Ash Dr.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 2

November Adventure

Tuesday, November 1

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Pleasant Hill Park
358 Zengel Dr.*

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 30



Hit the trail with us! These exploratory hikes foster curiosity and confidence in young children. Your leader will point out seasonal changes and other natural points of interest in the parks. These are Tools to Trek programs.

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. All hikes are on natural terrain. Strollers are not recommended. (KL)



Earn Tools to Trek!

Get ready to explore! Attend Tools to Trek programs to **earn a FREE Trek Pack!** Print a Tools to Trek tracking sheet from **www.cwpd.org**. Bring your tracking sheet to Tools to Trek programs to collect stamps. Once your sheet is full of stamps, turn it in to collect your prize!

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Reading in the Wild

Ages 18 months – 4 years with adult companion

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

September Storytime

Tuesday, September 20 OR Friday, September 23

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 14 **OR** Monday, September 19

October Storytime

Tuesday, October 18 OR Friday, October 21

Robert F. Mays Park

10553 Paragon Rd.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 12 **OR** Monday, October 17

November Storytime

Tuesday, November 15 OR Friday, November 18

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 9 **OR** Monday, November 14

Let's get together to read a story! We will act out the plot with active games, sing songs with sensory themes and take short hikes in the park — sparking a love of nature in our youngest community members!

Backpacks and front carriers are appropriate if your child is not walking. (KT)

It's a
wondrous
thing how
the wild
calms the
child. ~unknown

Pottery Painting & Storytime

Ages 2 – 5 with adult companion

Monday, October 3

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$32 residents, \$41 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 29



Join Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush LLC for a jolly Halloween-themed storytime and pottery painting! Children will paint a silly jack-

o-lantern with same-day paint and get a battery-powered tea light to let it glow! While the pottery is drying, Kristin will read a fun Halloween-themed story. (AB)

Creative Kids Corner:

Take Home Kits

Recommended for ages 3 – 5

Thursdays, September 8, October 13 & November 10

Fee: \$11 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 1

This take-home kit features crafts and activities revolving around a fun seasonal theme! There will be three different kits — one for each month! (AB)



Preschool Nature Series

Ages 3 – 5 with adult companion

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

Wildflower Bouquets

Thursday, September 1

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **OR** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, August 30

Picking wildflowers is a classic childhood pastime. We will talk about the wildflowers we find and their importance in the ecosystem while making a beautiful bouquet. (KL)

Osage Orange Hike

Thursday, October 20

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **OR** 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Forest Field Park
2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 18

Osage Orange trees are very interesting. We will take a hike on a trail lined with Osage Orange trees and see if we can find some of their large fruits. (KL)

Owl Adaptations

Thursday, November 17

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **OR**

Saturday, November 19

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration deadlines: Tuesday, November 15 **OR** Thursday, November 17
Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance
8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

What do owls need to have to survive as nocturnal hunters? We will learn about their adaptations and take a short hike through their habitat. (KL)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

ReckKits

Recommended for ages 3 – 6

A Not-so-Spooky Halloween! Jr.

Monday, October 17

Fee/kit: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 10

Halloween is right around the corner! This ReckKit is full of crafts and a simple STEM challenge perfect for a not-so-spooky season! (KT)

It's Turkey Time! Jr.

Monday, November 14

Fee/kit: \$5 residents, \$8 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, November 7

Thanksgiving is coming up on November 24! This ReckKit has all you need for Thanksgiving and gratefulness-themed crafts. They can double as gifts or decorations! (KT)

Amazing Athletes at the Park

Ages 3 – 6

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/session: \$81 residents, \$101 nonresidents

Session A

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 12

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 4

Session B

Wednesdays, October 19 – November 30

(No class November 23)

5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 16



Balance! Run! Jump!
Catch! Kick! Come
join Amazing Athletes
as we practice our
coordination, fine motor

skills and gross motor skills! This program uses the fundamentals of ten different sports to help build and develop motor skills, nutritional knowledge and body awareness. Sign up for all three sessions and receive an Amazing Athletes t-shirt!

This class will be held outdoors when possible with the option to go inside for inclement weather, so please dress accordingly.

Visit amazingathletes.com for more information on the Amazing Athletes program. (AS)

Intergenerational Series

Ages 3 – 6 with grandparent(s)

Fee/program: \$4 nonresidents

Hike & Seek

Friday, September 30

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Registration deadline: Friday, September 23

Enjoy nature together on a scavenger hunt. Find big leaves, bright butterflies, neat pebbles and more! Stop to look for birds, touch moss and play along the way.

After the hunt, we will enjoy show and tell and a story in the shade! Bring your cameras and wear comfortable close-toed shoes. Hike is on a paved path. (KT)

Pumpkin Party

Friday, October 28

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Yankee Park
7500 Yankee St.*

Registration deadline: Friday, October 21

Grandchildren and grandparent(s) will create a pumpkin craft, enjoy pumpkin stories and search for pumpkins large and small! (KT)

Turkey Time

Friday, November 11

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*Iron Horse Park
6161 Millshire Dr.*

Registration deadline: Friday, November 4

Grandchildren will celebrate this fun time of year with a fall-themed craft, stories about turkeys and games with their grandparents! (KT)

The Intergenerational Series is for grandparents and their grandchildren.

Parents and other caregivers may attend any of our other programs.

Creature CommOTION

Ages 4 – 6

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26

2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$16 residents, \$22 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 31

Little ones will learn animal sounds and movements that assist in motor development and rhythmic skills. They will have an opportunity to interact with other children their age. They will enjoy activities with an animal theme, age-appropriate equipment and fun music. Participants will learn fascinating facts about animals from A to Z, found in our parks and around the world! Group and individual activities will be included for them to expand their social skills and be creative. (AS)



**Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.**

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (AGES 5 – 17)

All Around the Garden

Ages 5 – 9

Thursdays, September 8, October 13 & November 10

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$19 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 1

Children will learn all about the plants, animals and habitats in their gardens, backyards and parks! There will be one session per month focusing on a different topic. (AB)

Art & Imagination

Ages 6 – 8

Tuesdays, September 13, October 11 & November 8

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 6

Does your child love art time? This drop-off program is designed to give your child an opportunity to get creative! They will try new techniques and design unique projects based on a monthly nature theme. Participants should wear old clothes — things could get messy! (AB)

Explorers!

Ages 6 – 12

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Junior Explorers

Ages 6 – 8

Wednesdays, September 14 – October 19

Registration deadline: Monday, September 12

Outdoor Explorers

Ages 9 – 12

Mondays, September 12 – October 17

Registration deadline: Saturday, September 10

Outdoor play is vital to child development and well-being. Children will learn about nature and the outdoors in this program designed to allow children to interact with nature in unique ways. Activities include discovery, challenges and games. (KL)

An Evening at Camp

Ages 6 – 12

Friday, September 16

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$10 residents, \$13 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 12

Are you missing camp? We are too! Join us for an evening of all our favorite camp games, hikes and activities. Finish the night sharing your favorite camp stories around a campfire with s'mores. (KT)



Kid's Glass Fusing:

Penguin Ornaments

Ages 6 – 10 with adult companion

Tuesday, November 15

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$26 residents, \$39 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 9

Children will use their creativity to make two penguin ornaments! Kathy Woodruff will assist the children and parents, guardians or grandparents as they work together on this special project.

Please register each child attending. (AB)

Nature Design Challenges

Ages 7 – 13

Mondays, September 5, October 3 & November 7

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Conference Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, August 29

All engineers on deck! Meet us at the park for a fun-filled afternoon of science and engineering using materials from nature! Participants will get to plan, build and test their designs for the surprise STEM challenge of the day! (AB)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.

Reckits

Recommended for ages 7 – 13

A Spook-tacular Halloween!

Monday, October 17

Fee/kit: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 10

Halloween is right around the corner! This RecKit is full of crafts and a simple STEM challenge perfect for a spooky season! (KT)

The Sustainable Kit

Monday, November 7

Fee/kit: \$8 residents, \$11 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 31

CWPD is constantly striving to be more sustainable and we have lots of leftover supplies from our programs and camps! Let us design you and your family a unique kit with supplies we have on hand. We will surprise you with a theme and fun activities! (KT)

It's Turkey Time!

Monday, November 14

Fee/kit: \$8 residents, \$11 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, November 7

Thanksgiving is coming up on November 24! This RecKit has all you need for Thanksgiving and gratefulness-themed crafts. They can double as gifts or decorations! (KT)

Children's Self Defense

Ages 7 – 14

Saturday, September 10

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$30 residents, \$39 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 5

Looking for fun and interactive ways to teach your children how to keep themselves safe? Valor Martial Arts will teach children how to assess a potentially harmful situation, and escape danger or unwelcome attention from adult predators by using awareness and basic self-defense techniques. (KT)

Beginner Composting 101

Ages 8 – 12

Saturday, September 10

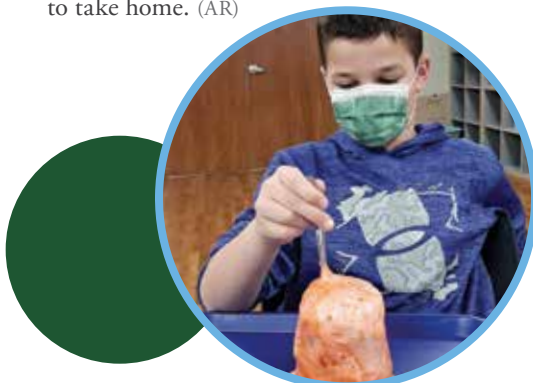
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 7

Composting is a great way to help the planet and have fun with hands-on STEM learning! We will go over the very basics of composting and reducing waste, as well as the process of decomposition. Participants will then get to make their own compost jar to take home. (AR)



Mad Science University

Ages 8 – 12

Wednesdays, November 2 – 30

(no class November 23)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 24

Science is all around us! Children will experience science firsthand through hands-on, and sometimes messy, activities! We will explore fascinating science concepts with a new theme each week. We are putting science to the test as your child learns about chemistry, biology and physics. (KL)

Hungry for Plastics

Ages 8 – 14

Wednesday, September 7

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Conference Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, September 2

A bug can solve the world's plastic problem! Learn all about the mealworm and its incredible skills. Create your own habitat to take some home! (KT)

New!

Survival of the Fittest

Ages 8 – 14

Tuesday, September 13

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Conference Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 7

How do animals adapt to overcome challenges? Find out in some head-to-head competitions! Will your animal survive? (KT)

New!

Owl Pellet Dissection

Ages 8 – 14

Thursday, October 6

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Conference Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$25 residents, \$33 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 3

Learn about barn owls and get an up-close and personal look at what they had for dinner last night! Participants will dissect real owl pellets and identify the bones they find. (KT)

New!

From Brr to Burrow

Ages 8 – 14

Wednesday, November 9

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Conference Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

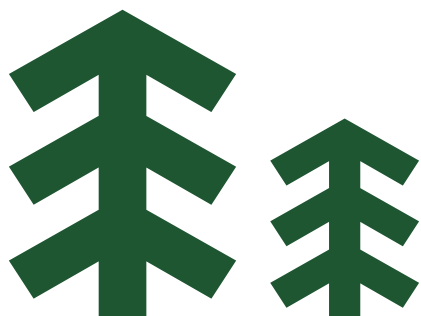
Registration deadline: Friday, November 4

When the temperature drops, it's time to put on a coat! But how do animals stay warm? Discover thermoregulation as we look at different winter animal adaptations. (KT)

New!



Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.



Fall About Archery

Ages 8 – 15

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/session: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Session A

Thursday, September 29

Registration deadline: Monday,

September 26

Session B

Wednesday, October 26

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 20

We will learn the basics of NASP competition-style archery and put the skills learned to practice. Participants will compete against each other in friendly competition. All equipment is provided. (KT)

Oh My Gourd Archery

Ages 8 – 15

Thursday, November 3

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 27

What better use of old Halloween pumpkins than to shoot them with arrows! Join us for an evening of archery, but this time aiming for pumpkins! We will learn the basics of NASP competition-style archery and put the skills learned to practice. Participants will aim for pumpkins and compete in fall-themed friendly competitions. All equipment is provided. (KT)

Crafting Club

Ages 9 – 13

Thursdays, September 1, October 6 &

November 3

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$11 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, August 25

This fun after-school program covers basic crafting skills and techniques used to create unique nature-themed projects! (AB)

Teen Nature Art Journaling

Ages 11 – 14

Fridays, September 9, October 14 & November 4

4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$32 residents, \$41 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 9



Create a nature journal with Kristin Bailey from The Purple Paintbrush! Each session of art journaling will include connections to nature with

prompts for the season. All materials, besides a notebook or journal, will be provided. Themed materials for fall and winter include organic materials such as pine cones, leaves for pressing, stamping materials and items for creating ink such as thyme, tea and gum arabic. (AB)

Teen Volunteer Afternoon

Ages 11 – 14

Sunday, September 25

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$9 residents, \$12 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, September 21

An evening of pizza and projects that give back to your community! There will be multiple project options. Types of opportunities may include crafts for dogs, painted rocks, letters to veterans, flowers for a nursing home, etc! (AB)

New!

Teen Wellness Retreat

Ages 11 – 15

Saturday, September 17

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$19 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 12

Take a nature break! This relaxing retreat will include fitness activities, a self-care craft, and/or a nature hike. (AB)



Capture the Flag & Bonfire

Ages 12 – 17

Friday, October 21

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grant Park

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee: \$5 residents, \$7 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 17

The ultimate game of capture the flag! Participants will be broken into two teams. Each team will have to make it back to their side of the field with the other team's flag while protecting their own. After the winning team is determined, we will enjoy s'mores and music by the fire. (KT)

Conservation Crew

Ages 12 – 17

Honeysuckle Patrol

Wednesday, September 21

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Monday, September 19

We have been aggressively controlling honeysuckle in Grant Park. We will patrol the area and remove any new sprouts to keep this invasive plant under control! (KL)

Seed Cleaning

Tuesday, October 11 AND/OR

Wednesday, October 12

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 9

Help us clean and prepare harvested seed so it is ready to be planted in the winter! (KL)

Young Birders Club

Ages 12 – 17

Fee/session: \$4 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesday, September 6

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Willowbrook Park

10225 Park Edge Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 4

Session B

Tuesday, October 4

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 2

Session C

Tuesday, November 1

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Rosewood Park

475 Roselake Dr.

Registration deadline: Sunday, October 30

Bird watching and identification is a fascinating subject. You will walk away with a greater knowledge of birds and their role in the ecosystem. Club activities are based on participant feedback, so you direct the focus of study. A light snack is included. (KL)

Porch Stitching: Watercolor Embroidery

Ages 13 – 17

Tuesdays, September 13 & 20

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 6

Come enjoy the last few days of warm weather on our porch! We will create a unique piece of art combining watercolor and embroidery and celebrating the wonders of Ohio's night sky. We will also learn about fall constellations.

The program will cover the basics of watercolor on fabric and simple embroidery. No previous experience is needed to participate! (KL)



Intro to American Sign Language

Ages 12 and up

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/session: \$25 residents, \$32 nonresidents

September Session

Monday, September 12

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 6

October Session

Monday, October 3

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
September 27

Community Services for the Deaf will teach a basic introduction to American Sign Language class in the serene Smith House garden. The class will cover the ABCs, numbers, a few simple sayings and nature-related signs as well as information about Deaf culture. (AB)

Evening Glow Photography

Ages 13 and up

Friday, September 2

7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$4 residents, \$6 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, August 26

Try your hand at an exciting new art form that combines photography and drawing — light painting! Have fun making art while enjoying the ambiance of a calm sunset and a crackling fire. All equipment including flashlights, glow sticks, glow orbs and a camera are provided. (AB)



New!

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Let's Meet Up

All ages

Wednesdays, September 7, October 5

AND/OR November 2

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Enjoy fresh air and nature playtime. Meet other parents/caregivers and their children. Stop by the shelter for a snack. Then, explore the playground, nature play area and trails during this casual meet-up! Staff will have one activity planned for each session that children can participate in before or after unstructured playtime.

Attend as few or as many sessions as you like. The meet-up will not be held in inclement weather. This is not a drop-off program; parents/caregivers are required to stay with their children. (AB)



Fall About Archery: Family Battles

Ages 8 and up

Thursday, September 8

5:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Oak Grove Park, Archery Range

1790 E. Social Row Rd.

Fee/family: \$30 residents, \$35 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, September 2

Looking for some family-friendly competition? We will learn the basics of NASP competition-style archery with basic instruction and will use the skills you learn in a friendly competition against your own family. Please register just one family member. Maximum four people per family. All equipment is provided. (KT)

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Grandparents Day in the Park

All ages

Sunday, September 11

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 5

Spend an afternoon in the park celebrating your grandparents! We will have a variety of activities, games and crafts for children and their grandparents to do together. In addition to the interactive activities, enjoy light refreshments.

One registration per family. (KT)

Nature Fun:

An Outdoor Family Storytime

All ages

Mondays, September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 14

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.



Families are invited to join us outside to listen to a story brought to you by the Washington-Centerville Public Library! Participate in nature-themed activities following the story. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on. All sessions are Tools to Trek programs. (KT)

Registration is not required, but is recommended.



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.



Pumpkin Patch Dash Fun Run

All ages

Saturday, September 17

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 15



A fun run all about one of our favorite aspects of fall — pumpkins! Visit all the stations along the route.

They will have a wide variety of pumpkin and fall-inspired activities. Learn more about our favorite fall gourd along the way! This will be a one-mile course with a 100-meter dash option for ages 6 and under.

The 100-meter dash will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. For the one-mile course you have the option to use your favorite fitness tracking app to record your time, and then share to our event page on Facebook! This is a Tools to Trek Program.

This event is sponsored by Dayton Children's Hospital. (AS)



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Creek Play

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Saturday, September 17

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

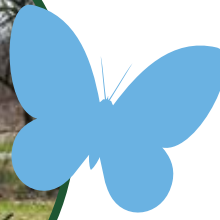
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 15



Warm days will soon be behind us! Let's have some fun in the creek while we still can! This is a Tools to Trek program. Close-toed shoes must be worn in the creek. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (KL)



Butterfly Survey

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Saturday, September 24

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 22



Help contribute to research by joining the naturalist on butterfly surveys. Identify and count butterflies while observing other seasonal wildlife as we stroll. No experience necessary. Trail is approximately one mile in length on uneven terrain. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Nocturnal Nature Series

Explore nature at night during this series! We will focus on different topics each month and observe seasonal changes. Please dress for a hike on a natural path. Flashlights are optional.

Plants at Night

All ages

Thursday, September 29

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
September 27



Some plants are nocturnal! Others slip into dormancy. We will learn about the physiological processes plants engage in during the night hours. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Coyotes

All ages

Friday, November 11

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Fee/family: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 8



Coyotes are very interesting creatures! We will take a hike and learn about their ecology and history. This is a Tools to Trek program. (KL)

Friends & Family Hikes

All ages



Staff and volunteers will guide you on the hikes, which makes them perfect for those just getting acquainted with the parks, and those who have been hiking there for years.

These are Tools to Trek programs. Please dress for natural trails and bring water. Strollers are not recommended. (AS)

Family Fitness Day!

All ages

Saturday, September 24

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, McGuffey Meadow Entrance
7893 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.*

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 22

It's National Family Health and Fitness Day AND National Public Lands Day! Hang out with your family and friends to celebrate and get active on a nature hike through a beautiful park! (AS)

Choose Your Own Adventure Hike

All ages

Sunday, October 9

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

*Grant Park, Normandy Entrance
501 Normandy Ridge Rd.*

Registration deadline: Friday, October 7

It is National Migratory Bird Day! Hang out with your flock on a nature hike through the beautiful park! Grab your friends and come out for a special mash-up of two of our favorite hiking programs: the Friend and Family Hike Series and our Choose Your Own Adventure hikes! We will have signage within the park that will allow you to choose your route and learn about bird migration! (AS)

National Take a Hike Day

All ages

Thursday, November 17

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 15

Let's celebrate this special day on a nature hike through beautiful Bill Yeck Park! (AS)



New!

Grassman vs. Crosswick Snake Hide 'n' Seek Trail

All ages

Saturday, October 1 – Sunday, October 16

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

You may have heard that Grassman (a.k.a., Ohio's Bigfoot) is the undisputed Hide and Seek Champion of the World. Not so, according to the Crosswick Snake, a monster that hails from the Miami Valley. Crosswick Snake has challenged Grassman to a game of Hide and Seek at Bill Yeck Park. We need you to decide who will reign as champion. Join us on this fun scavenger hunt that features characters from Cryptids Together, a comic by professional cartoonist Steve Stegelin that is showcased in the locally-produced comic book series Cincinnati Cabinet of Curiosities. Discover the hiding places of Grassman and Crosswick Snake, and cast your vote for the winning monster. Your vote will also enter you in a raffle for a chance to win one of three baskets filled with monster prizes.

Registration is not required. Scan QR codes along the hike route to cast your vote and enter the raffle. (PG)



An Introduction to Falconry

Ages 9 and up (*ages 9 – 17 require paid parent/guardian participant or observer*)

Sunday, October 2

10:00 – noon **OR** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

*Yankee Park
7500 Yankee St.*

Fee: \$110 residents, \$130 nonresidents, \$25 resident observer, \$33 nonresident observer

Registration deadline: Friday, September 23

Join Master Class falconer Joe Dorrian of the Ohio School of Falconry, to learn about the ancient sport of falconry. Handle and fly one of the school's trained Harris's Hawks in this exciting program!

Get a general overview of the sport and a strong focus in raptor ecology/conservation, predator/prey relationships and all the basics of handling a trained falconry raptor. (KT)

Outdoor Photography Scavenger Hunt



All ages

Wednesday, October 19

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 12

Join us for an evening of fall family fun! Participants will explore the park through a photography scavenger hunt. Following the scavenger hunt, families will share photos with one another and the team with the most items found on the list will receive a prize!

All families need to bring a device to take photos, preferably one that has a screen to view the photos. Cell phone cameras are acceptable!

One registration per family. (KT)

Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.

Tree-O-Cache Scavenger Hunt

All ages

Friday, October 21 – Sunday, November 6

Registration deadline: Friday, November 4



Let's learn all about trees! Join us to celebrate our local trees. Use GPS to find 10 trees hidden throughout the parks and scan the QR code to watch a video of a community member describing the characteristics, ecology and awesomeness of each species. The video will provide a code word for you to record on your tracking sheet. The first 10 households to turn in a completed sheet will receive a tree identification guide provided by the Ohio Division of Natural Resources and be entered into a raffle for some TREEmendous prizes. This is a Tools To Trek program.

There are two Tree-O-Cache hunts to choose from. Our AppreTREEation Hunt trees are accessible from a paved surface (sidewalk, path, parking lot). ExTREEme Hunt trees will involve hiking trails of various lengths and surfaces. Participants can choose to complete one or both hunts. One prize per household. (KL)

Night Glow Detectives:

Stolen Stashes

Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up

Friday, November 18

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (staggered start times)

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Fee/family: \$11 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Wednesday, November 16

The animals at Bill Yeck Park are requesting assistance with some strange goings-on. The flying squirrels have discovered that their winter cache has been completely depleted. Can you solve the mystery? Hike along the trail, interview suspects and search for clues to see if you arrive at the answer. (PG)

New!

ADULT PROGRAMS

LIFT UP and Laugh

Recommended for ages 50 and up

*Bill Yeck Park, Smith House
2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.*

Fee/session: \$14 residents, \$18 nonresidents

September Session

Thursdays, September 8 – 29

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Registration deadline: Monday, September 5

October Session

Tuesdays, October 4 – 25

6:15 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 29

LIFT UP focuses on six essential concepts to get us through trying times and boldly embrace life — Laugh, Inspire, Thrive, Fellowship, Uplift and Play.

Each week, we will enjoy a laughter club, creative experience, group games and personal connection — all while practicing safe social distancing. This club is a fun and unique opportunity for adults to connect and develop tools against depression and isolation.

Class will meet outside if the weather is favorable and will move indoors if necessary.

(AB)



Hike With a Naturalist

Ages 18 and up

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

September Hike

Thursday, September 8

Donnybrook Park

6161 Donnybrook Drive OR

6161 Millbrook Drive

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 6

October Hike

Thursday, October 13

Grant Park, Normandy Entrance

501 Normandy Ridge Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 11

November Hike

Thursday, November 10

Bill Yeck Park, Rooks Mill Entrance

8798 Rooks Mill Ln.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, November 8

Join us once a month for a hike through your parks. A naturalist will point out seasonal changes and discuss the wildlife we observe. (KL)

Fly Fishing 101

Ages 12 and up

Thursdays, September 15 & 22

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Rosewood Park

475 Roselake Dr.

Fee: \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 12

Learn fly fishing basics on site, instructed by professionals from ReelFlyRod.com. These are beginner-level lessons on fly casting, outfit rigging, fly selection and presentation. Rods, reels and flies will be provided. (KT)



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.

Porch Stitching: Watercolor Embroidery

New!

Ages 18 and up

Thursdays, September 15 & 22

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
September 6

Come enjoy the last few days of warm weather on our porch! We will create a unique piece of art combining watercolor and embroidery and celebrating the wonders of Ohio's night sky. We will also learn about fall constellations.

The program will cover the basics of watercolor on fabric and simple embroidery. See the sample photo on page 12! No previous experience is needed to participate! (KL)

Birdwatching Walk

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, September 17

10:00 a.m. – noon

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Entrance

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 15

Join us on a walk focusing on bird identification. Bring binoculars if you have them. A limited supply will be available to borrow. Hike is on a natural path. (KL)

Request a Chat With a Naturalist

Does your special interest group want to learn more about Centerville and Washington Township wildlife? Groups of 10 or more can book a naturalist to speak at their gatherings for 45 minutes to an hour. Groups are limited to two requests per year and six weeks notice is required for planning purposes. Please call (937) 433-5155 for a list of topics.



Glazing Workshops

Ages 15 and up

New!

Ohio Stoneware Mug

Friday, November 18

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$52 residents, \$72 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Sunday,
November 13

In this new class led by artist Tabitha Guidone, create your own Ohio mug with personalized colors and details painted by you! Step-by-step instructions to trace, paint, wax and glaze. After a visit to the kiln, your stoneware mug will be ready for pick up. Dishwasher and microwave safe. (AB)

Ombre Stoneware Tumbler

Tuesday, October 18

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$52 residents, \$72 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 11

In this new class led by artist Tabitha Guidone, paint your own tumbler inspired by the colors of nature's waterways and gardens. Using a flow technique, select your favorite colors and follow along to create a beautiful ombre on your favorite cup. After a visit to the kiln, your stoneware mug will be ready for pick up. Dishwasher and microwave safe. (AB)

Birch Tree Serving Dish

Friday, November 4

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$56 residents, \$76 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 31

In this new class led by artist Tabitha Guidone, you will use a rip and lay technique great for beginners or experienced crafters, to create beautiful birch trees on a serving dish — just in time for holiday entertaining! After a visit to the kiln, your stoneware serving dish will be ready for pick up. Dishwasher and microwave safe. (AB)

Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.



Clay Fairy Houses

Ages 14 and up

Fridays, September 23 & 30

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$52 residents, \$67 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday,
September 19



Join Kristin Bailey from Purple Paintbrush LLC to make your own unique fairy house out of two pounds of clay! We will spend the second evening

painting the fairy houses. They will be fired and available for pick up in approximately one to two weeks. (AB)

Autumn Wreath ReKit

Recommended for ages 14 and up

Saturday, September 24

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (for in-person option)

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$18 residents, \$24 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, September 9

Attend in person or pick up a kit! If you are unable to attend during the program time, kits will be available for pick-up following the program.

Create a beautiful autumn wreath for your front door made out of faux floral decor and ribbons! All decorations and instructions will be provided in your kit. If you choose to attend the in-person class, tools and extra decorative material will be provided as well. (KT)

Charcuterie Boards with AR Workshop

New!

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, September 27

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$45 residents, \$69 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday,
September 20

Want to learn the art of charcuterie? Learn how to craft the perfect charcuterie display for fall! Participants will learn to incorporate natural elements into their boards and how to create flowers within the display. This class includes a DIY mini tray and food samplings to create a personal-size board. (KT)

Glass Fusing: Scenic Fall Trees

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, October 4

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$72 residents, \$92 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 29

Create a beautiful forest with fall trees and leaves on a 10.75" square of glass. This project is a perfect piece to add to your fall décor! A metal hanger will be added if you would like for it to be a window decoration! All materials, except a stand for your project, are included. (AB)

Fall Adult Archery

Ages 16 and up

Thursday, October 13

5:15 – 7:15 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Archery Range
1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

Fee: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Thursday, October 6

We will learn the basics of NASP competition-style archery and put the skills learned to practice. Participants will compete against each other in friendly competition. All equipment is provided. (KT)

Composting 101



Ages 16 and up

Sunday, October 23

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$4 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, October 17

Learn how to start up and care for your very own backyard compost! Learn the benefits of composting for yourself and for the planet, find out what you can and cannot compost (and why), and how to bring this sustainable waste initiative to your neighborhood. (KT)



Fall Blankets with AR Workshop

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, November 1

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$60 residents, \$78 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 25

We will guide you step-by-step through the hand knitting process to create a super cozy, one-of-a-kind blanket. Incorporate the colors of fall into this blanket as you prepare for the holiday season. The blanket requires no needles or knitting experience! The registration fee includes all materials and instructions. You will receive enough chunky chenille yarn to make an (approximately) 40" x 50" blanket. Halfway through the program, we will walk the Activity Center Park trail for a quick break. (KT)

**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.**

Watercolor Shadow Box

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, September 17

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$35 residents, \$46 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, September 9

Create your own nature scene shadow box. We will create a hangable shadow box using watercolor to customize nature motifs. We will utilize watercolor techniques to add texture and interest to our shadow box layers. Leave the class with a hangable shadow box. (KT)

Watercolor Pumpkins

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, October 8

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$25 residents (class only) **OR** \$40 residents (class and kit),

\$33 nonresidents (class only) **OR** \$48 nonresidents (class and kit)

Registration deadline: Friday, September 30

It's fall! Are you ready for cooler temperatures and lots and lots of pumpkins? Celebrate by creating pumpkin-themed watercolor paintings utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques.

Material kit includes; paint palette, metal water cup, spray bottle, reusable bamboo paper towel, #8 round brush and six sheets of 6x9 watercolor paper. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible; metal replacing plastic where possible and reusable bamboo towel replacing paper towels. (KT)



Watercolor Autumn Leaves

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, November 5

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$25 residents (class only) **OR** \$40 residents (class and kit),

\$33 nonresidents (class only) **OR** \$48 nonresidents (class and kit)

Registration deadline: Friday, October 28

Celebrate the many colors of autumn by creating leaf-themed watercolor paintings utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques.

Material kit includes; paint palette, metal water cup, spray bottle, reusable bamboo paper towel, #8 round brush and six sheets of 6x9 watercolor paper. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible; metal replacing plastic where possible and reusable bamboo towel replacing paper towels. (KT)

Watercolor Holiday Wreath

Ages 18 and up

Saturday, November 12

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Activity Center Park, Community Room

221 N. Main St.

Fee: \$25 residents (class only) **OR** \$40 residents (class and kit),

\$33 nonresidents (class only) **OR** \$48 nonresidents (class and kit)

Registration deadline: Friday, November 4

Celebrate the season by creating a holiday wreath watercolor painting utilizing basic brush and watercolor techniques. Makes a great gift or decoration!

Material kit includes; paint palette, metal water cup, spray bottle, reusable bamboo paper towel, #8 round brush and six sheets of 6x9 watercolor paper. Kits are created with as many eco-friendly products as possible; metal replacing plastic where possible and reusable bamboo towel replacing paper towels. (KT)

ADULT WELLNESS

A Walk in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 1 – November 29

(no class November 24)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Get outdoors, enjoy sunshine and fresh air while meeting other walking enthusiasts. These are self-guided walks around your community parks! Walking helps maintain a healthy weight, increases energy, lifts your spirits, strengthens memory and protects from heart disease and high blood pressure. Enjoy reduced stress, improved quality of sleep and the many benefits from an improved quality of life. It will be A Walk in the Park!

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime!

View the A Walk in the Park schedules on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/>. (AS)

Hit the Trails this Fall!

These paved paths are wonderful for running and walking!

Activity Center Park

0.5-mile paved loop

Bill Yeck/Forest Field Park

0.5-mile paved loops and additional limestone trails

Black Oak Park

0.2 miles (one way) up a steep hill. No bicycles permitted.

Hithergreen Park

0.25-mile loop

Holes Creek/Silvercreek Parks

1.3 miles (one way)

Iron Horse Park

2 miles (one way)

Oak Creek South Park

0.4-mile loop

Oak Grove Park

1.5-mile loop (shorter loops also available)

Robert F. Mays Park

0.75-mile loop

Schoolhouse Park

0.75-mile loop

Yankee Park

0.82-mile loop

**Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.**



Trail Trekking Meet-Up

Ages 18 and up

Fridays, September 2 – November 18

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, September 6 – October 25

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Trekking with Nordic poles is a wonderful way to cross-train or try something new. The American Nordic Walking Association notes that this form of exercise engages 80% of your muscles while still remaining low impact.

Meet up with other trail trekking enthusiasts to trek through the parks during this self-guided meet-up program! Staff and volunteers will join in periodically.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime!

View the Trail Trekking schedules on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/> (AS)

You must bring your own Nordic poles if you sign up for this option.

Trail Trekking Meet-Up with Nordic Pole Rentals

Ages 18 and up

Fridays, September 2 – November 18

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, September 6 – October 25

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fee: \$15 nonresidents

Sign up to rent Nordic poles before you purchase your own set. You will be contacted to sign a borrower's permit and pick up your set for the fall. A limited number of rental poles are available. (AS)

String Art & Pure Barre

Ages 18 and up

Tuesday, September 6

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$11 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, September 2

A little bit of art and a great workout! We have teamed up with Pure Barre to work on our minds and bodies. Participants will create string art decorations to take home.

This Pure Barre classic class provides a low-impact, high-intensity, total body workout in just 50 minutes! You'll leave the workout feeling refreshed and stress-free! (AS)



Paint Pouring & Pure Barre

Ages 18 and up

Tuesday, October 25

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$11 residents, \$15 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Friday, October 21

A little bit of art and a great workout! We have teamed up with Pure Barre to work on our minds and bodies. Participants will create a canvas painting to take home.

This Pure Barre classic class provides a low-impact, high-intensity, total body workout in just 50 minutes! You'll leave the workout feeling refreshed and stress-free! (AS)

Hike for Your Health

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 7 – November 30

(No hike on November 23)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Fee: \$15 nonresidents

Let's get you moving outdoors this fall! What better way than through guided hikes in your parks? Staff and volunteers will lead groups for different paces. Hike for Your Health is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and get to know some of your parks better. All hikes are on natural trails. Please wear appropriate shoes for trails that may be muddy.

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime!

View the Hike for Your Health schedule on <https://cwpd.recdesk.com/Community/Program/>. (AS)

Trail Running Group

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 7 – November 2

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Join Up and Running trail leaders Tammy and Bill as you enjoy running on natural trails. This running group is for experienced runners and includes meadows, trails and hills. Meet at the Normandy Entrance (501 Normandy Ridge Rd.) of Grant Park or the Smith Entrance (2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.) of Bill Yeck Park. Please check online schedule for dates and locations for each week. Sign up once for the entire year!

There is no registration deadline for this program. Join anytime! (AS)

If running group is canceled due to inclement weather, Up and Running will post a notification on social media.



Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.

Fitness Fusion

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 12

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Oak Grove Park, Noon Optimist Shelter
1790 E. Social Row Rd.*

Fee: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 5

Fitness Fusion incorporates cardio, circuit training, resistance training, pilates and compound exercises. Each class will vary in the types of exercises and will help you build speed, power, strength and endurance. We will target different muscle groups using different methods of training, allowing you to experience a jump start in fat loss and muscle definition. Modifications provided. No guts, no glory! Taught by Emily Chandler, a certified group fitness instructor. You will need a light set of weights, and a towel or yoga mat. (AS)



Fitness Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Wednesdays, September 7 – October 26

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$48 residents, \$63 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 5

You will get it all in one fitness class — a challenging workout, yoga practice, as well as mindfulness and functional movement for vitality and longevity. All levels welcome. Taught by certified yoga instructor Dan Loofboro. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)

Yoga in the Park

Ages 18 and up

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House Lawn

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Fee/session: \$52 residents, \$67 nonresidents

Session A

Saturdays, September 10 – October 15

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 7

Session B

Saturdays, September 10 – October 15

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 7

Session C

Mondays, September 12 – October 17

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Saturday,
September 10

Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees leads these yoga classes for all levels. Classes include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation. Classes will be held outdoors and will be canceled in the event of inclement weather. Make-up classes will be added to the end of the session in the event of cancellations. Please bring a yoga mat and water. (AS)



Bike Centerville Community Rides

Ages 18 and up

Ride A

Sunday, September 11

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Oak Creek South Park

790 Miamisburg Centerville Rd.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 8

Ride B

Sunday, September 25

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Iron Horse Park

6161 Millshire Dr.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
September 22

Ride C

Sunday, October 9

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
October 6

Ride D

Sunday, October 23

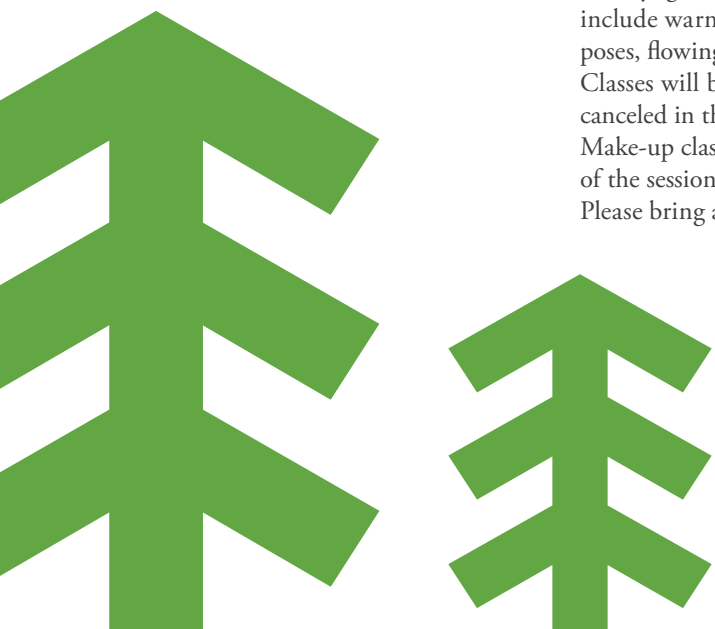
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Pleasant Hill Park

358 Zengel Dr.

Registration deadline: Thursday,
October 20

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore Centerville and Washington Township by bicycle. The rides will be led by trained and experienced bike leaders and will help you learn routes to shopping, parks and more! Rides will be an easy-paced 10 to 15 miles that start and end at a park. (AS)



Online resident registration begins
Monday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated.



Tai Chi for Wellness

Ages 18 and up

*Activity Center Park, Community Room
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/session: \$29 residents, \$38 nonresidents

Harvard School of Integrative Medicine tells us the slow meditative movements, deep breathing and relaxation characteristic of Tai Chi practice creates a special biological state that activates our capacity for body/mind wellness and healing. Great for stress relief, post-illness or managing a chronic health condition. Improves coordination, balance and attention. Facilitates cardiac rehab, lowers blood pressure and helps maintain strong bones. All Tai Chi classes are taught by certified Integral Qigong and Tai Chi instructor Judy Wilson.

Beginner Tai Chi Session A

Thursdays, September 15 – October 20

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 13

Beginner Tai Chi Session B

Saturdays, September 17 – October 22

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration deadline: Thursday, September 15

An introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong (pronounced Chi Kung) principles and form through Tai Chi Easy™ — a form created by Roger Jahnke, O.M.D. — to make Tai Chi accessible and fun for everyone. (JH)

Intermediate Tai Chi

Mondays, September 19 – October 24

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration deadline: Friday, September 16

Continuing to develop Tai Chi and Qigong principles moving from Tai Chi Easy™ into Dr. Roger Jahnke's Integral Tai Chi form.

(AS)

Cardio Combo

Ages 18 and up

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

*Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.*

Fee/session: \$38 residents, \$49 nonresidents

Session A

Tuesdays, September 20 – October 25

Registration deadline: Sunday, September 18

Session B

Thursdays, September 22 – October 27

Registration deadline: Monday, September 19

Cardio Combo is an easy-to-learn high-energy workout, making it perfect for people of all fitness levels. No pressure, no competition, no complicated moves ... just fun! By using a combination of aerobic dance movements, fast and slow rhythms, resistance training, balance and mat work, Cardio Combo classes help you burn calories; improve cardiovascular performance; strengthen core, upper and lower body; and enhance coordination. Taught by dance fitness instructor, Janet Hartsock. Bring water, exercise mat and a light set of hand weights. Class is held outdoors and will move inside for inclement weather. (AS)

Cardio Fit

Ages 18 and up

Thursdays, September 22 – October 27

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

*Activity Center Park
221 N. Main St.*

Fee: \$38 residents, \$49 nonresidents

Registration deadline: Monday, September 19

Cardio Fit combines both high and low-impact moves with a dance twist. Get your heart rate up and break a sweat while having fun. Many types of dance may be used in this class to keep you on your toes as you dance your way to fitness! This workout is easy to learn and suitable for all fitness levels. Taught by experienced dance fitness instructor, Janet Hartsock. Class is held outdoors and will move inside for inclement weather. (AS)

Senior Hike Night:

Active Aging Week Celebration

New!

Ages 50 and up (families welcome to join)

Thursday, October 6

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Forest Field Park

2100 E. Centerville Station Rd.

The Journal on Active Aging's 20th Annual Active Aging Spirit Week is October 3 – 9. Let's celebrate an active lifestyle with a hike through Bill Yeck and Forest Field Parks! Staff and volunteers will guide you through the park, which makes this hike perfect for those just getting acquainted with the park, and those who have been hiking there for years. (AS)

Campfire Yoga

Ages 18 and up

Thursday, October 6

(Rain date: Thursday, October 13)

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Bill Yeck Park, Smith House

2230 E. Centerville Station Rd.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 4

Celebrate fall with Method Yoga Studio's Megan Lees! Enjoy some downtime next to the warm and cozy fire. This outdoor yoga class will include warm-up, breath work, standing poses, flowing poses and end with relaxation around the campfire. Class will be held near the Bill Yeck Park fire circle. (AS)



**Online nonresident registration begins
Monday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.**

The Park District is made up of 51 community, nature and neighborhood parks.
Visit www.cwpd.org for detailed information and a map to each park.

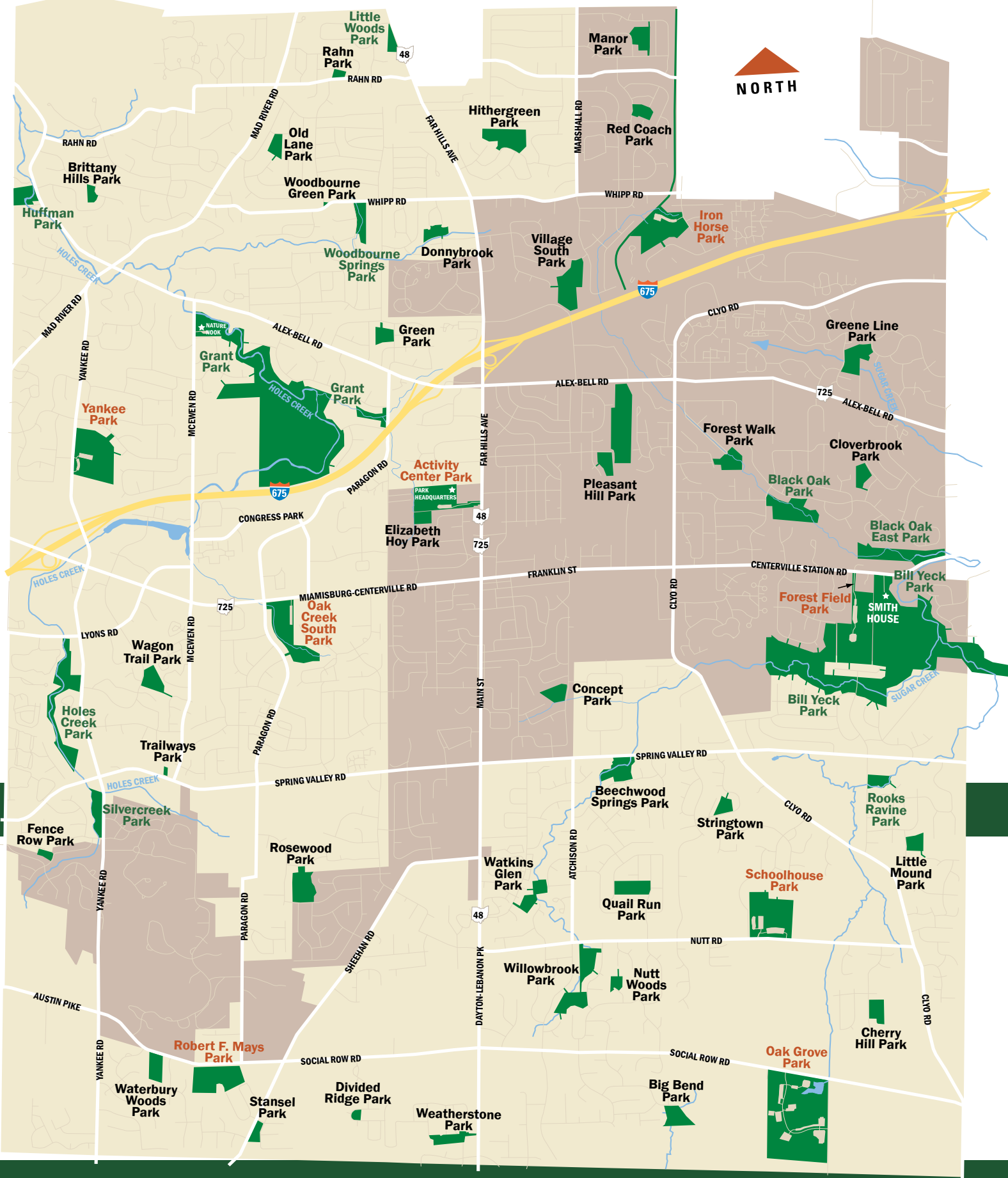
Community Park

Nature Park

Neighborhood Park

City of Centerville

Washington Township



HOW TO REGISTER



WHY REGISTER ONLINE?

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You're first in line!

Online registration takes place the day before phone or walk-in registration.

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It's convenient

The flexibility to register and pay at your convenience, anytime, from anywhere.



It saves time

In less than five minutes, you can setup your account and enroll for your program.



It's easy

Three simple steps, and you'll be enrolled in the program of your choice.



It's environmentally friendly

No need to use gas driving over to register in person. And it saves paper.

Online resident registration begins August 8.

Online (first day of registration is online only)

Visit <https://cwpd.recdesk.com> to register. To expedite your registration, create an account prior to 10:00 a.m. on August 8. Centerville and Washington Township residents, **please list Dayton as the city in your address** or the site will not recognize you as a resident. This website can be used for free programs and for fee-based programs with a debit or credit card.

By Phone

Call us at (937) 433-5155 Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please have your credit card ready for fee-based programs. **Phone registration begins one day later than online registration.**

In Person

Visit Park District headquarters at 221 N. Main Street, Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. You may pay with cash, check or credit card. Make checks payable to CWPDP or Centerville-Washington Park District. **In person registration begins one day later than online registration.**

Registration and Refund Policy

Residents may register members of their family and one other resident family.

If a program is canceled by the Park District, you will receive a full refund. If you can no longer attend a program, you may cancel seven days prior to the program's start date to receive a full refund as household credit or back to the original payment method. Cancellations made less than seven days prior to the program's start date will be offered household credit. Cancellations made during or after the program are not eligible for a refund.

Access for All

We are committed to providing programs, services and facilities that ensure inclusive and adapted access for all. Please contact us if you require any additional modifications or support because of a disability.

Centerville-Washington Park District Program Release

When registering for or attending any Park District program, you are required to agree to the following statement:

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.

Online Resident Registration Begins
Monday, August 8
at 10:00 a.m.

Online Nonresident Registration Begins
Monday, August 15
at 10:00 a.m.



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