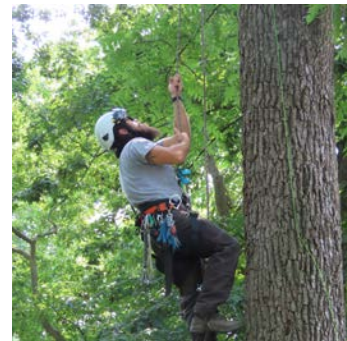




September 2023

Summer is waning with cooler days on the horizon - join us for a program or visit a park!

Event Recap: Forest and Friends



On August 19th, Clermont Park District hosted our first annual **Forest & Friends**. attendees were able to try a hand at measuring a tree, walk our tree challenge trail and learn how to care for trees on their land. We had several demonstrations from watching woodcarving, to tree climbing, and saw mill demos. Kids were able to create forest-inspired crafts, like wood-cookie ornaments and papermaking. A big thanks to all of our partners that showed up- USDA & ODA, Cardinal Land Conservancy, Taking Root, DNR Division of Forestry, Blackberry Lumber, and the Cincinnati Carvers Guild.

[See More Photos from Forest & Friends](#)

Naturalist Note



Pawpaw Palooza!

It's that time of year again! Pretty soon, our pawpaw fruits will begin to ripen. Pawpaw trees produce the largest native fruit in Ohio, which also happens to be our state fruit! The "meat" of the fruit is edible- and delicious- and will be ripening until early October. We recommend finding a tree, giving it a good shake, and eating what falls. To know if it's ripe, feel for a slight squishiness to the middle of the fruit- very similar to peaches. You can even put pawpaws in cakes, breads, and other yummy desserts! Happy foraging! Join us for our pawpaw hunt on Saturday Sept. 9 to learn how to find them!

Volunteer Spotlight: Bridge Buildout

We've got not one but TWO new footbridges at Clingman Park thanks to the hardworking folks with Benesch Engineering. A group of 7 volunteers, many engineers, assisted park staff in the installation and building of these bridges on Thursday August 24th. The day began with severe thunderstorms and moved onto extreme humidity however, we kept our volunteers hydrated and they were happy to get the project complete.

Get Your Group Involved!



September Programs and Events

Looking for something fun to do? Join us to get out in nature or learn something new! Free with no registration required unless otherwise specified.



Homeschool Discovery

We have FREE programming for homeschoolers of all ages!

Green Teens Challenge –

Homeschool teens can join the Clermont Parks Green team! Together we'll compete to win prizes for finishing green challenges from the Civic Garden Center. Ages 13 and up. [Learn more and register here.](#)



Lecture Series is Back!

Join us for a series of eye-opening talks from guest lecturers on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Mingle, share some refreshments and learn!

- **Habitat Friendly Homes** with Kara Luggen from the Clermont Park District on September 20.

Homeschool Discovery Days –
Inquiry, Fall Trees, or Shelter
Building programs this fall!
Ages 5 to 13.

Nature Play Days – free play
continues on the first and third
Fridays for ages 3 - 12.

- **Ohio Bats** with Ann Wegman from the Cincinnati Museum Center on October 25.
- **Exploring Ohio's Fungal Wonders** with Doug Gilbert from Love Our Land on November 15.

Event Calendar

September Events

- 1** **NaturePlay Days**
1 pm at Sycamore Park
- 6** **The Nature of Film: Spider-Man: Homecoming** 6:30 pm at Shor Park
- 8** **Homeschool Discovery: Inquiry**
10 am or 1 pm at Sycamore Park *registration required*
- 9** **Pawpaw Hunt**
1 pm at Pattison Park Lakeside
- 9** **History Museum Tour**
2 pm at Chilo Lock 34 Park
- 12** **Knee-High Naturalist: Squirrels**
4:30 pm at Shor Park
- 12** **Animal Folklore**
6:30 pm at Batavia Library *registration required*
- 13** **Stormwater Management**
6:30 pm at Shor Park *registration required*
- 15** **Nature Play Days**
1 pm at Sycamore Park
- 17** **Camera Club Field Trip**
10 am at Clingman Park *registration required*
- 19** **Bats**
6:30 pm at Owensville Library *registration required*
- 20** **Habitat Friendly Homes**
6:30 at Pattison Lodge
- 21** **Knee-High Naturalist: Squirrels**
10 am at Chilo Lock 34 Park
- 23** **Morning Nature Walk**
9 am at Chilo Lock 34 Park

Categories

-  All Ages
-  For Kids
-  For Adults
(Ages 12 and up)



Nature Play Days

Sycamore Park

Friday, Sept. 1 and 15 at 1 pm

Come by for an open-ended, creative play session at the Park. We provide a variety of nature-base activities to encourage meaningful experiences in nature. Best for ages 3 - 12. Free, no registration required.

The Nature of Film: Spider-Man:

Homecoming (2017)

Shor Park

Wednesday Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Do all spiders spin webs? How strong are they? Through movie clips and discussion, we will explore the true superpowers of spiders! All ages. Free, no registration required.

Homeschool Discovery Days:

Inquiry in Nature

Sycamore Park

Friday Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Learn inquiry investigation to make a new discovery! Observe our animals and the park then work with a team to develop and answer a question. Best for ages 5 to 13. Free, register [here](#).

Explore the Outdoors: Pawpaw

Hunt

Pattison Park Lakeside

Saturday Sept. 9 at 1 p.m.

Ohio's largest native fruit, the pawpaw is starting to get ripe! Find pawpaw trees at the park, learn how to pick a pawpaw and identify the trees, and find one to taste. All ages. Free, no registration required.

History Museum Tour

Chilo Lock 34 Park

Saturday Sept. 9 at 2 p.m.

Connect with our Ohio river Museum, see how the river has changed, and learn about the history of living and working on the Ohio River. All ages. Free, no registration required.

Conservation for Landowners:

Stormwater Management

Shor Park

Wednesday Sept 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn why managing stormwater and the pollutants it carries will be beneficial to your property, including decreased flooding and erosion. Featuring staff from Clermont Soil and Water. Free, register [here](#).

Camera Club Field Trip

Clingman Park

Sunday, September 17 at 10 a.m.

The Cincinnati Nature Center's Camera Club is taking a field trip to our Clingman Park! Join us with your camera to practice photography skills at the park and learn from other photographers. Open to ages 16 and up. Terrain is generally flat. Free, register [here](#).

Bats

Owensville Branch Library

Tuesday Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Some animals enjoy the night life! We'll learn about the cool adaptations that allow them to master the darkness and get to meet a bat. Kid's program. Free, register [here](#).

Evening Lecture Series: Habitat

Friendly Homes

Pattison Lodge

Wednesday Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Come learn new and creative ways to make your home Habitat Friendly. Discuss nature based solutions and how to implement both outdoor and indoor low-cost renovations to become more sustainable and welcoming for our animal neighbors. Best for adults. Free, no registration required.

Knee-High Naturalist: Squirrels

Chilo Lock 34 Park

Thursday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m.

Get outside and explore nature with your 3-5 year old at the park! Read a book, make a craft, and have a mini

Knee-High Naturalist: Squirrels

Shor Park

Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Get outside and explore nature with your 3-5 year old at the park! Read a book, make a craft, and have a mini adventure exploring a different topic each month. Best for ages 3-5. Older and younger siblings welcome. Free, no registration required.

Animal Folklore

Batavia Branch Library

Tuesday Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn the stories and science behind animal folklore. Kid's program. Free, register [here](#).

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Morning Nature Walk

Chilo Lock 34 Park

Saturday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m.

Take a walk with the naturalist through Crooked Run State Nature Preserve to see flowers in bloom, wildlife signs, and happenings along the river. The hike will be approximately 1.2 miles. All ages. Free, no registration required.



September Museum Hours

**Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Chilo Lock #34 Park was once the home of a wicket dam and the community of people who lived and worked with the Ohio River. The museum offers a glimpse into the history of the Ohio River.

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