



August 2023

It's HOTTTT outside, but things are still happening at Clermont County! This past week we've been tabling at the Fair and its been full of friendly faces. Check out this this issue of *In the Parks* for upcoming events, park news and more!



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## Management Moment: Grailville



The Natural Resource crew has begun work on a few projects at our Grailville Property in Loveland. The most noticeable project would be the treatment of Callery Pear in prairie fields that border State route 48. The NR crew bush hogged 6 acres of thick, standing Callery Pear to make for a manageable application using our boom sprayer. After a few weeks of regrowth we applied a woody-specific herbicide to target that Callery Pear as to not harm the grasses. The response is promising only a few days after application.

We have also begun restoring prairie fields and forest edges along the trails. This will consist of mowing down the existing vegetation while leaving the trees and other mature shrubs. We will then selectively drop undesirable trees and treat the stumps with herbicide. The goal is to establish a savannah. This will also help with transition zones for wildlife (prairie-field edge-Forest) which will provide quality nesting habitat, food sources, and security cover. After succession has been reset, the area will be in a more manageable state for staff to treat invasive species.

Invasive removal and rotational mowing will be ongoing for the foreseeable future. Prescribed fire has been discussed and is being explored by the NR Manager as a management tool for this property. During the winter months, the NR Manager and Operations Superintendent will be mapping and laying out an official trail system for this property.

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## **Hello from Kara, our new Community Engagement Manager!**

First, I am elated to be a part of the team and plan to bring my energy and excitement to future events within our parks! I am originally from Mt. Airy and grew up with forest in my backyard, instilling in me a passion for nature and exploration. After I departed Cincy for college, I lived abroad in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, working with communities to bring about sustainable changes. My background in Environmental Education allowed me to work with thousands of students, sparking an appreciation of natural environment and fostering them to be stewards of the environment at any age. Look for me on the trails or behind the camera.



## August 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.

**FOREST & FRIENDS**  
A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND LEARN ABOUT ALL THINGS TREES

SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH FROM 10 AM - 2 PM  
SYCAMORE PARK

**TREE CLIMBERS + WOOD CARVERS + SAWMILL DEMOS**

- Identify + measure a tree
- Walk our tree challenge trail
- Learn how to care for trees
- Make forest-inspired crafts
- Grilled hot dogs for lunch!
- Talk with forests experts

Sat. August 19 from 10 am - 2 pm

### Forest and Friends

Join us at Sycamore Park for a day to celebrate and learn about all things trees!

Try your hand at measuring a tree, walk our tree challenge trail, learn how to care for trees on your land, and enjoy



Sat. August 5 at 10 am

### Canoe Adventure

Join naturalists for a guided canoe trip along the Ohio River and through the waters of Crooked Run Nature Preserve.

Enjoy the scenery as we search for beaver, wood ducks, turtles, and other aquatic wildlife.

watching woodcarving, tree climbing, and saw mill demos. Kids will have fun with our forest-inspired crafts. For lunch, we'll be grilling hot dogs!




Participants should be prepared to get out of canoes and and walk through shallow waters. Open to ages 12 and up.

## Event Calendar

# August Events

All programs are free and open to the public. For details and registration see [clermontparks.org/programs-and-events/](http://clermontparks.org/programs-and-events/)

## Categories

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



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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Knee-High Naturalist: Wildflowers</b><br>4:30 pm at Shor Park                           |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Nature Play Days</b><br>1 pm at Sycamore Park   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Yoga in the Park</b><br>9 am at Sycamore Park   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Canoe Adventure</b><br>10 am at Chilo Lock 34 Park *registration required*              |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Bluebird Monitoring</b><br>1 pm at Clingman Park *registration required*                |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Night Out at the Park: Birds</b><br>6:30 pm at Shor Park *registration required*        |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Identifying Common Tree Issues</b><br>6:30 pm at Pattison Lodge *registration required* |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing</b><br>9:30 pm at Clingman Park                           |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Yoga in that Park</b><br>9 am at Sycamore Park  |
| <b>12</b> | <b>River History Museum Tour</b><br>2 pm at Chilo Lock 34 Park                             |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Budding Birders</b><br>9 am at Sycamore Park  |
| <b>13</b> | <b>Critter Feeding</b><br>3 pm at Clingman Park  |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Water, Water Everywhere</b><br>Drop by Nisbet Park between 3:30 and 5:30 pm             |
| <b>17</b> | <b>Knee-High Naturalist: Wildflowers</b><br>10 am at Chilo Lock 34 Park                    |
| <b>18</b> | <b>Nature Play Days</b><br>1 pm at Sycamore Park   |
| <b>19</b> | <b>Yoga in the Park</b><br>9 am at Sycamore Park   |
| <b>19</b> | <b>Forest and Friends</b><br>Drop by Sycamore Park between 10 am and 2 pm                  |
| <b>26</b> | <b>Morning Nature Walk</b><br>9 am at Chilo Lock 34 Park                                   |
| <b>26</b> | <b>Yoga in the Park</b><br>9 am at Sycamore Park   |
| <b>27</b> | <b>Nature Crafts: Scent Sachets</b><br>1 pm at Clingman Park *registration required*       |

**Knee-High Naturalist: Wildflowers**  
**Shor Park**  
Tuesday Aug. 1 at 4:30 pm  
Listen to a story, have a mini  
adventure, do a craft, and learn about

**History Walking Tour**  
**Chilo Lock 34 Park**  
*Saturday Aug. 12 at 2 pm*  
Take a guided tour of the Ohio River  
Museum at Chilo Lock 34 Park!

wildflowers. Best for ages 3 to 5. Older and younger siblings welcome.

### **Nature Play Days**

#### **Sycamore Park**

*Friday Aug. 4 and 18 at 1 p.m.*

Come by for an open-ended, creative play session at the Park. We provide a variety of nature-base activities encourage to nature exploration and meaningful experiences in nature. Best for ages 3 to 12.

### **Yoga in the Park**

#### **Sycamore Park**

*Saturday Aug. 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 9 am*

Wake up to gentle Slow Flow Yoga guided by certified yoga instructors from East Cincy Yoga. Adults and teens welcome!

### **Back to Nature: Canoe Adventure Chilo Lock 34 Park**

*Saturday Aug. 5 at 10 am*

Join naturalists for a guided canoe trip along the Ohio River and through the waters of Crooked Run Nature Preserve. [Register here.](#)

### **Bluebird Monitoring**

#### **Clingman Park**

*Tuesday Aug. 8 at 1 pm*

Join our volunteer team to walk the fields of Clingman Park to check for bluebird nests, eggs, and hatchlings in the bluebird boxes. Email [rgreen@clermontcountyohio.gov](mailto:rgreen@clermontcountyohio.gov) to register.

### **Night Out at the Park: Birds Shor Park**

*Tuesday Aug. 8 at 6:30 pm*

The Dreamweavers Storytelling Troupe will kick off the evening with stories about birds. After, we'll rotate through a variety of fun, bird-themed activities and a hike. [Register here.](#)

### **Identifying Common Tree Issues Pattison Park Lodge**

*Wednesday Aug. 9 at 6:30 pm*

Join Billy Bronson from Davey Tree

Connect with this unique facility, see how the river has changed, and learn about the history of living and working on the Ohio River.

### **Budding Birders**

#### **Sycamore Park**

*Sunday Aug. 13 at 9 am*

Bird watching is a wonderful way to get kids outside to learn and have fun! Take a hike with us to listen and look for birds at the park.

### **Critter Feeding**

#### **Clingman Park**

*Sunday Aug. 13 at 9 am*

Stop by to see our cold-blooded critters eat their lunch and learn how our local wildlife stay cool in this heat. This program will be held indoors.

### **Trail Encounter Tuesdays: Water, Water Everywhere**

#### **Nisbet Park**

*Tuesday Aug. 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm*

How can you tell if a creek, river, or a pond is clean? Stop by to learn how the water cycle works, find critters that live in the river, and try your hand at testing water quality!

### **Knee-High Naturalist: Wildflowers Chilo Lock 34 Park**

*Thursday Aug. 17 at 10 am*

Listen to a story, have a mini adventure, do a craft, and learn about wildflowers. Best for ages 3 to 5. Older and younger siblings welcome.

### **Forest and Friends Sycamore Park**

*Saturday Aug. 19 from 10 am to 2 pm*

Join us for Forest and Friends at Sycamore Park to celebrate and learn about all things trees!

### **Morning Nature Walk Chilo Lock 34 Park**

*Saturday Aug. 26 at 9 am*

Take a walk with a naturalist through Crooked Run State Nature Preserve to see flowers in bloom, wildlife signs, and happenings along the river.

Service as we discuss common tree problems on your land. [Register here.](#)

### **Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing Clingman Park**

*Friday Aug. 12 from 9:30 pm to 12 am*  
Enjoy the outdoors by the light of the moon as we view the peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower. Bring lawn chairs/blankets. [Register here.](#)

### **Nature Crafts: Scent Sachets Clingman Park**

*Sunday Aug. 27 at 1 pm*  
Take a hike with a naturalist to collect plant materials then choose which scents go together and make different scent sachets to use as air fresheners at your home. [Register here.](#)



### **August 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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## **Volunteer Spotlight: Eagle Scout at Kathryn Stagge-Marr**



Recently, an eagle scout installed a set of steps leading up the hillside on Hole 9 of the disc golf course. These steps help ensure the safety of park users on the steep, eroded hillside. The Eagle Scout also removed bush honeysuckle as part of their project. This removal is visible from the steps on Hole 9. Attached are photos from the project.

At Clermont County Parks we appreciate all our volunteers! If you're interested in getting more involved with our parks click the button below to sign-up!

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