



In the Parks

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and news at Clermont County Park District



The days are getting cold and short but there's still plenty to do at the park!

Winter Solstice 2023



Bring your family and warmth to the longest night of the year for our annual Winter Solstice Celebration! Come to Sycamore Park on December 21st to enjoy complimentary hot drinks from Bean & Brew as you walk the luminary trail. Let your creativity shine as we craft ornaments and symbols of the season with our Naturalist team or make s'mores by the fireside. There is plenty for everyone to do and we invite you to experience the night with us.

Naturalist Note: Thank You!







Thanks so much to Amy Stevens from Nature Nurses Wildlife Rescue for partnering with us to provide educational programming in the community! She's arranged to have animal ambassadors (two bats and a newly added opossum) at lots of the Park District Naturalist programs this past year. We appreciate Amy and [Nature's Nurses Wildlife Rescue](#) for helping to educate the community and providing rehabilitation to animals so they can return wild where they belong. Want to schedule a naturalist program for your group? [Request one here.](#)

Call for Artists!



Save Local Waters hosts The Rain Barrel Art Project annually- a way to raise awareness about best management practices for storm water. It is open to artists of all ages and abilities who must first submit a design for judging by December 15th. A group of judges selects forty designs to be implemented and selected artists will receive the barrel and technical assistance if requested. For more information or to apply click the button below.

[Link to Rain Barrel Art Project](#)

December Programs and Events

Looking for something fun to do? Join us to get out in nature or learn something new! We have indoor and outdoor programs available. All events are free with no registration required unless otherwise noted.



Do you have a class or group that's curious about the natural world? Schedule a naturalist program for your group of any age! Our program offerings include Sap to Syrup, Creatures of the Night (with live animals), Ohio Butterflies and more. [Learn more here.](#)



This winter we are back with our 'Learn to Square Dance' series hosted by the Childers. Come solo or bring a partner, and dance away the wintry chill this winter. Classes are Thursday Dec. 14, Jan 11, Feb. 8 an Mar. 14. from from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Event Calendar

Upcoming Events



1 **Nature Play Days**
1 pm at Sycamore Park

3 **Nature Crafts: Nature's Ornaments***
3 pm at Clingman Park

11 **Backyard Maple Syrup***
6:30 pm at Amelia Library

12 **Green Invaders***
6 pm at Union Township Library

14 **Square Dance**
7 pm at Pattison Lodge

17 **Breakfast and Birds**
9 am at Clingman Park

17 **Critter Feeding**
1 pm at Clingman Park

21 **Winter Solstice Celebration**
5 -to 8 pm at Sycamore Park

Categories

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

Nature Play Days

Sycamore Park

Friday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m.

Come by for self-directed creative play, nature exploration, and open-ended learning at the park. Nature free play allows for meaningful experiences in nature, which is not just fun, it's great for health, development, and learning! Best for ages 3 - 12.

Nature Crafts: Nature's Ornaments

Clingman Park

Sunday Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate the season with the parks where we will make ornaments with natural materials. All ages welcome, [register here](#).

Backyard Maple Syrup

Amelia Branch Library

Monday Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to make your own maple syrup? Learn when to collect, how to identify and tap the right tree, and the science behind the syrup. Geared for adults, [register here](#).

Green Invaders

Union Township Branch Library

Tuesday Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

Learn why they are taking over and how to combat invasive plants like Bush Honeysuckle, Lesser Celandine, and Garlic Mustard in your yard.

Geared for adults, [register here](#).

Square Dance

Pattison Lodge

Thursday Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

Grab your partner and save the dates for our FREE Square Dancing Lessons with our wonderful musicians and callers, Barb and Russ Childers!

Geared for adults.

Breakfast and Birding

Clingman Park

Sunday Dec. 17 at 9 a.m.

What could be better than hot coffee, fresh donuts, and a morning hike to go bird watching? Come join us as we enjoy some breakfast and look for our favorite winter birds. Geared for adults.

Critter Feeding

Clingman Park

Sunday Dec. 15 at 1 p.m.

Get out of the cold and warm up with our cold blooded friends as we give them their lunch and learn how they survive the winter. Maybe even you can help feed them! All ages.

Winter Solstice Gathering

Sycamore Park

Thursday Dec. 21 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Come by between 5 and 8 p.m. to celebrate the longest night of the year! Join us for a peaceful luminary-lit walk with light displays along the trail, hot drinks, and solstice crafts. All ages.



Save the Date: Our Winter Bird Count is on Saturday January 13 starting at 8:30 a.m. Interested in volunteering? Email rgreen@clermontcountyohio.gov to join a group or lead the bird count at a park.

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