

Dr. James K. Bissell Nature Center

3973 Callender Road, Rock Creek OH 44084
Open 1pm-5pm Weekends April-October



2024 Special Events

April 8

Total Eclipse of the Sun Monday 1pm - 5pm

Chuck Fletcher & BNC volunteers

We will have the nature center open from 1-5pm so you can arrive early to witness the total eclipse of the sun which starts at 2pm. We will have a small telescope and free eclipse glasses for the first 50 participants. If the weather is cloudy, you can still hike the trails and enjoy our new nature playground.



May 4

Intro to Birding by Sound Saturday 10am-noon

Emily Finch

Join TNC staff Emily Finch for an insight into auditory birding! There will be a short presentation that will include clues to identifying common bird calls. After some



indoor group practice we will hit the trail to listen and identify birds in the vicinity by sound!

Limit: 25 registered participants

May 18

Welcome Spring!

**Saturday 10am-noon
ages 4-7 with adult**

BNC Volunteers

Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how to spot changes in plant or animal behavior now that spring is here. Dress for the weather.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Limit: 12 registered children



June 29

Snakes of Ohio

Saturday 10am-noon

NOWCorps Volunteer: Emily M

A presentation, focusing on native snakes in Ohio, will be given to include characteristics to help in identification, including the massasauga rattlesnake which is native to Ashtabula County.

Several snakes will be available for observation and interaction. Suitable for adults and families with children 8 and older.



July 13

Dragons at Morgan Swamp!

Saturday 10am - noon

Jim Heflich & Carol Blake

Join Jim & Carol on a quest to capture and examine a few of the 50+ species of dragonflies and damselflies that have been spotted in Morgan Swamp. These insects are truly flying jewels in the sky.



August 6

Kingsville Sand Barrens

Tuesday 7pm-8pm

Dr. James K. Bissell

Curator Emeritus of Botany

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Join Dr. Bissell as he describes the rare flora and fauna still remaining at the Kingsville Sand Barrens, a remnant of the Lake Warren beach ridge from 12,500 years ago. It is

known for its lupines, numbers of dragonfly and spider wasp species. Enjoy this special narrated slideshow in the nature center.



August 17

Rooted Solutions: Navigating Climate Change Saturday 10am - 11am

**Christopher Colón & Emily Bacha
NE Ohio Environmental Council**

Both Chris, Regional Director and Emily, VP of Public Affairs, will lead us through their experiences in advocating for environmental justice and climate action

policies in NE Ohio. As a bonus, Chris is a certified OCVN!



September 7

Signs of Winter Hike

Saturday 10am-noon

Judy Semroc of Nature Sparks

Join Judy on an outdoor hike looking for signs that Nature is "preparing for winter." This could include searching for caterpillars getting ready to pupate, and pollinators or other beneficial insects continuing to feed. When you are hiking with one of the best naturalists in NE Ohio, you will certainly discover something unexpected! Dress for the weather. Suitable for adults & families with children 8 and older. Limit: 25

October 5

Ancient History of NE Ohio

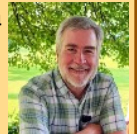
Saturday 10am-11am

Dr. Brian Redmond

Curator Emeritus of Archaeology

Cleveland Museum of Natural History

This talk will describe the ancient people of NE Ohio as told by archeological research over the last 100 yrs. Much of the focus will be on the area east of Cleveland including Ashtabula County. Dr. Redmond has researched this topic in the Great Lakes region.



October 12

Get Ready for Winter!

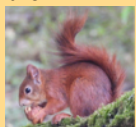
Saturday 10am-noon

ages 4-7 with adult

BNC Volunteers

Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how animals and plants are preparing right now for the cold months ahead. Dress for the weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Limit: 12 registered children.



October 12

Our GRAND Wild & Scenic River

Celebrate the Grand's 50th Anniversary of Wild and Scenic designation with Ohio Division of Natural Areas & Preserves.

Learn about the unique attributes of the river and the importance of the surrounding landscape for preserving water quality.



Watch for a listing of specific activities closer to the event.

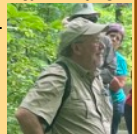
November 2

Detective Wildlife Training

Saturday 10am-noon

Dan Best

Use your sense of smell, hearing and sight to find signs of wildlife on our hike to include tracks, scat, sheds, constructed homes and evidence of eating and foraging. Once you sharpen your detective wildlife skills, a walk in the woods will never be the same. Suitable for adults and families with children 8 and older. Limit: 25 registered hikers.



REGISTRATION REQUESTED FOR PROGRAMS

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All programs/admission to nature center are free and open to the public

For more information: nature.org/bissellnaturecenter click on "special events"