

WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

September & October 2025



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Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts had 24,625 views. **E-blasts** are reaching 5,702 subscribers
- 9/13: **Deerfield Township** Touch-a-Truck (and Reptiles!) at Deerfield Towne Center, estimated 350 participants (LA)
- 9/14: Butterfly Search with **Mason Community Center** at Pine Hill Lakes Parks, 21 participants (LA)
- 9/15: **Monarch Storytime** at **Springboro Library**, 16 participants (LA)
- 9/17: **Team Meeting** with **Matt Latham, Larry Easterly, Bryan Billhimer, Kathy Francis, Haden Englert, Woody Bell** (SP)
- 9/17: **100-Hours-Outside** prize packaging with community partners and volunteers (SP)
- 9/17: **Monarch Storytime** at **Franklin Library**, 26 participants (LA)
- 9/18: **Park Board of Commissioners'** meeting, **100-Hours-Outside** grand prize drawing (SP)
- 9/19: **Fall Fest** final planning meeting with **Friends of WCPD** (SP)
- 9/19: **Meet-a-Greenspace Hike** with **Green Umbrella, Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance**, and **Matt**, eight participants (SP)
- 9/20: **Clean Sweep of the Great Miami** volunteer event at **Carmody Park**, 12 participants (SP)
- 9/22: **Toddler Trek: A Seed's Journey** at Hisey Park, 9 kids, 5 adults= 14 participants (LA)
- 9/22: **Nature Education Team** meeting (LA, SP)
- 9/24: **All-Staff Meeting** and training (LA, SP)
- 9/25: River Float and Stream Quality Monitoring program with **Erin Shaw** from **Caesar Creek State Park**, multiple Natural Resource Officers from **ODNR**, and seventh graders and staff from Yellow Springs, 75 participants (SP)
- 9/25: **Monarch Storytime** at **Mary L Cook Library**, 30 kids, 17 adults = 47 participants (LA)
- 9/26: **Warren County Astronomical Society** check-in with **Chris Celek** and **Matt** (SP)
- 9/26: **Mason Schools Journey Days: Pollinator Palooza** at **Armco Park**, 170 kids, 88 adults, five volunteers = 263 participants (LA)
- 9/28: **Volunteer event** at **Hisey Park**, nine scouts, six adults = 15 participants (OCVN **Kathie Bowers** led)





- 9/29: **Warber Walk** with **Wild Birds Unlimited** at **Hisey Park**, six participants (WBU's **Connor Fox** led)
- 9/29: **Budget meeting** with **Haden** and **Matt** (SP)
- 9/29: **Solar Pollinator Habitat** maintenance chat with **Rebecca Craner** from **Rocknoll Energy**, and **Dr. Ken Petren**, Ecology professor from **University of Cincinnati**. (SP)
- 9/30: **Solar Pollinator Habitat** maintenance chat with **Jim Yockey** and **Rebecca Craner** from **Rocknoll Energy**, **Greg Meyers** from **OSU Extension** and **Bryan Billhimer** (SP)
- 9/30: **Monarch Family Story Time** at **Mason Library** 48 participants (LA)
- 10/1: **Team Meeting** with **Matt, Larry, Bryan, Kathy, Haden, and Woody** (SP)
- 10/1: **Mystery reader** at **South Lebanon Elementary**, 125 kids, eight adults = 133 participants (SP)
- 10/3: **Monarch STEAM Day** at **Lebanon Library** 17 participants (LA)
- 10/4: **Hisey Fall Festival** with numerous community partners and dozens of volunteers, estimated participation of 275 attendees (SP, LA)



Upcoming Events and Projects

- 10/16: Toddler Trek at Hisey (LA)
- 10/16: Warren County Resource Rally (SP)
- 10/19: Signs of Fall with Mason Community Center at Pine Hill Lakes Park (LA)
- 10/21: OCVN Herpetology training at CNC (SP)
- 10/25: Make a Difference Day Volunteer Day (SP, LA)
- 10/27: Toddler Trek at Gulley (LA)
- 10/21: OCVN Herpetology training at CNC (SP)
- 11/1: Night Sky Tour with Warren County Astronomical Society
- 11/3: Wellness Walk with OSU Ext (SP)
- 11/5: Full Moon Hike at Hisey Park (LA)
- 11/6: Toddler Trek at Landen-Deerfield (LA)
- 11/9: Friendsgiving – First Annual Volunteer Appreciation Gathering (SP, LA)



PRESS RELEASE

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9/30/25

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Celebrate Autumn at the 20th Annual Hisey Fall Fest 2025: A Free, Family-Friendly Outdoor Event

WAYNESVILLE, Ohio — The Warren County Park District and the Friends of Warren County Park District are pleased to announce that Hisey Fall Fest 2025 will take place this Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hisey Park, located at 5443 Middletown Road, Waynesville, Ohio 45068.

Now in its 20th year, Hisey Fall Fest has become much more than just a festival—it is a gathering that unites community, history, nature, and fun. Whether you're interested in local history, hands-on learning, outdoor adventures, or just family time, there's something for all ages. The festival offers an opportunity to enjoy autumn in Warren County in a way that is free, inclusive, and deeply rooted in community values.

This year's offerings include:

- Free pumpkins and pumpkin decorating for attendees (while supplies last)
- Hayrides
- Native Taxidermy, Live Reptiles, and Monarch Butterflies
- 4H Archery and Petting Zoo
- Southwest Ohio Rocketry Association
- Civil War Reenactors and Live Cannon Fire
- Caesar Creek Soaring Club
- Local Honey from Picky Bee Apiary
- Mary L Cook Library
- SAFE on Main
- Orienteering Cincinnati
- Warren County Astronomical Society
- Local First Responders
- Warren County Master Gardeners
- Museum at the Friends Home
- Minton's Ducking Good BBQ
- ... and more!

Cheryl Holly, President of the Friends of Warren County Park District, said "I am excited to see familiar faces, meet new friends, and experience the energy that comes from people enjoying our local Fall Festival."

"After 20 years, we are now into another generation of children!" added James Prickett, a long-time Friend of Warren County Park District and Fall Fest chairperson.

All activities are free, as is admission. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the outdoors, learn something new, and connect with neighbors in this fall celebration. In addition to experiencing the planned activities and displays, visitors are invited to explore Hisey Park at their leisure, including nature trails that wind among the park's 158 acres of forested hillsides and floodplain wetlands, and touring the historic farmhouse which was lovingly restored by descendants of the Hisey family.

Warren County Park District is a county-wide park and green space provider, managing 1,716 acres in 12 parks across the County including its flagship parks, Armco and Landen-Deerfield. Our mission is to enhance our community's well-being by preserving quality natural spaces where all are invited to discover and experience the great outdoors. For more information, see www.WarrenCountyParks.com, email parks@warrencountyparks.com, or call (513) 695-3980.

Friends of Warren County Park District is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization whose mission is to support, improve, protect and preserve Warren County Parks. For more information, see <https://fwcpdoh.org> or email friends@fwcpdoh.org.

Hisey Park is a 158-acre passive park with historical ties to the community and many opportunities to explore. It is free and open to the public from sunrise to sunset 365 days a year, with special evening programs hosted by the Park District and Warren County Astronomical Society. For more information, visit <https://www.warrencountyparks.com/hisey-park-caesar-creek-gorge-and-preserve/>

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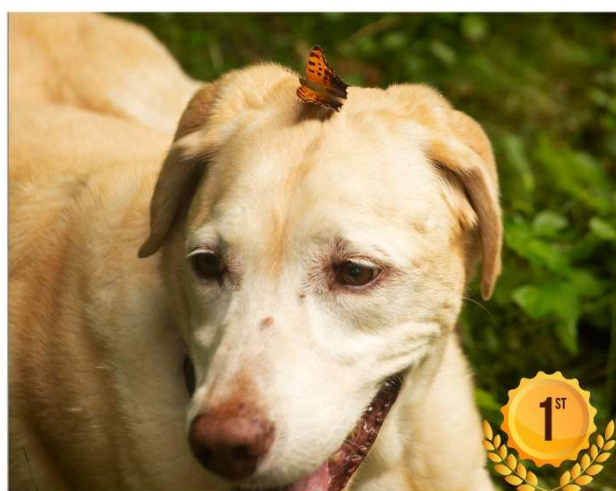


Press release was picked up by Warren County Post, Dayton Daily News and WKRC Local 12.



Our Parks, Our Perspective **Frame the Fun Photo Contest**

Congratulations to Our 2025 Grand Prize Winners!

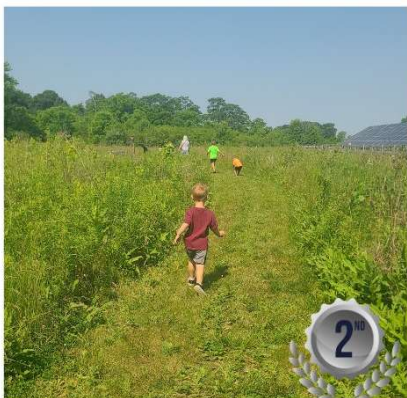


Family Moments

1st place: "Princess with Friend" by Kathie Bowers

2nd place: "Finding the Clues" by Selby Miller

3rd place: "First Catch" by Selby Miller





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Programs

1st place: "Red Tailed Hawk" by Marianne S. Schulz

2nd place: "That's My Story" by Marianne S. Schulz

3rd place: "Focus on the Bees" by Selby Miller





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Quiet Nature Appreciation

1st place: "Flower Kisser" by Maree Holtrey

2nd place: "I Am Enough" by Maree Holtrey

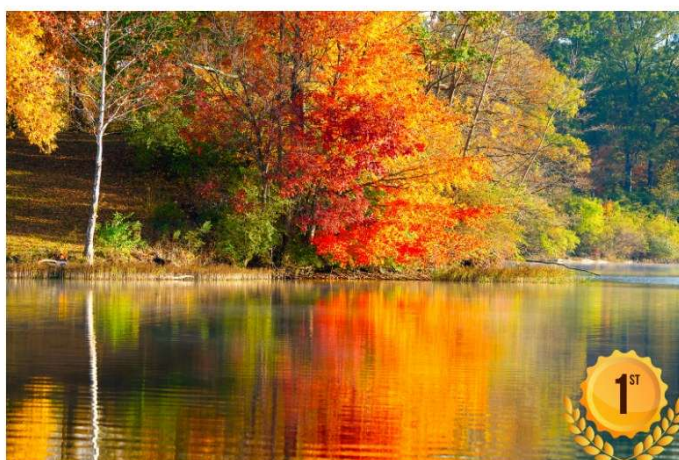
3rd place: "Armco Lake" by Kathie Bowers





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Seasonal Snapshots

1st place: "Fall Colors on Armco Lake" by Edward Burger

2nd Place: "Soaking Up the Sun" by Edward Burger

3rd place: "Sunset at Hisey Park" by Anonymous





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Action and Adventure

1st place: "Early Morning on the Water" by Edward Burger

2nd place: "Into the Abyss" by Edward Burger

3rd place: "Floating through Autumn's Embrace" by Marianne S. Schulz



TODDLER TREKS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 2-6 YEARS OLD

Warren County
PARK DISTRICT
Enjoy. Play. Preserve.



A SEED'S JOURNEY

Thursday, 9/4/25, 10:30-11:30am

Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

Monday, 9/22/25, 10:30-11:30am

Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068



SPIDER SEARCH

Thursday, 10/16/25, 10:30-11:30am

Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

Monday, 10/27/25, 10:30-11:30am

Gulley Park- 2168 Middleboro Rd, Clarksville, OH 45113



COLORS OF FALL

Thursday, 11/6/25, 10:30-11:30am

Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

Tuesday, 11/18/25, 10:30-11:30am

Armco Park- Shelter 23- 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036

Registration required.

For questions, call 513-409-1389

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Please register your child at
www.warrencountyparks.com/events



WARREN COUNTY RESOURCE RALLY

**FREE EVENT FOR
LOCAL RESIDENTS!**



**OCTOBER 16, 2025
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Warren County Fairgrounds
Welcome Hall
Lebanon, OH 45036**

About The Event

Join us for this impactful evening discovering programs, support services, and resources available for all Warren County residents.

Event Highlights

Connect with Service Providers ◀

Meet local organizations and learn about programs and services available right here in Warren County.

Children's Activities ◀

Bring the whole family! Kids can enjoy pumpkin painting, face art, and some furry friends.

Raffles and Giveaways ◀

Enter to win exciting prizes and take home helpful resources and goodies.

FREE Food and Drinks ◀



**Register
Today**



JOIN US FOR

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Join us for a large volunteer day with Warren County Parks! Help remove honeysuckle and litter to improve your parks. All those who register and participate will receive work gloves provided by Friends of Warren County Park District. Water and snacks will be provided at each location. We hope you can help make a difference in your parks!



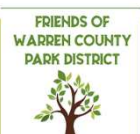
**Armco Park
Hisey Park
Landen-Deerfield Park**



10.25.2025

10 AM TO NOON

For more details and to register, please go to
<https://www.warrencountyparks.com/events>



Warren County
PARK DISTRICT



Enjoy. Play. Preserve.

FRIENDS GIVING

Volunteer Appreciation Gathering



FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

NOVEMBER
9
SUNDAY

3:30 - 5:30PM

A celebration of our shared achievements
and a look at what's to come!

RSVP NO LATER THAN 11/2/25 TO
SPENNINGTON@WARRENCOUNTYPARKS.COM

ARMCO PARK JONES PAVILION, 1223 N SR 741, LEBANON 45036