

WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

November & December 2025



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Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts had 17,938 views. **E-blasts** are reaching 5,682 subscribers
- 11-14: Friendsgiving **Press Release** sent to all of our media contacts
- 11/16: **Fall Tree Walk** with **Mason Community Center** at Pine Hill Lakes Park, 23 participants (LA)
- 11/17: **Program planning** meeting with **Matt Latham** (SP, LA)
- 11/18: **Owl Pellets** at **Franklin-Springboro Library**, 26 participants (SP)
- 11/21: **Adventure** at **Armco Park** with **Orienteering Cincinnati**, 91 participants (LA, SP)
- 11/22: **Friends of WC Park District** membership meeting, 7 participants (SP)
- 11/24: Opening ceremony at **Caesar Creek State Park Nature Center** (SP, LA)
- 11/24: **Warren County Conservation Collaborative** lunch meeting to plan winter and spring programming (SP, LA)
- 12/1: **Wellness Walk** with **OSU Extension** at **Gulley Park**, 13 participants (SP)
- 12/2: Meeting with Matt and **Lori Ward** from **Otterbein Lebanon** about potential partnerships (SP)
- 12/3: **All Supervisors training** with Matt, Larry Easterly, Bryan Billhimer, Marc Williams, Woody Bell, Kathy Francis, Omi Brandon, Haden Englert (SP)
- 12/3: Networking event with **Warren County Foundation's Women's Fund** (SP)
- 12/4: Online meeting with **ODNR** and numerous community partners across the state about repatriating confiscated and surrendered wild box turtles (SP)
- 12/4: **Full Moon Hike** at **Gulley** with OCVN **Mark Byrne**, 12 participants (LA)
- 12/7: **Animal Tracking Excursion** with **Mason Community Center** at Pine Hill Lakes Park, 5 participants (LA)





Upcoming Events and Projects

- 12/12: Toddler Trek: Squirrel Search at Armco Park (LA)
- 12/13: Tree ID Walk at Armco with City of Lebanon's Casey Burdick (SP)
- 12/13: Tree Tapping Basics at Armco (SP)
- 12/16: Nature Education Team meeting (SP, LA)
- 12/17: All-staff meeting (SP, LA)
- 12/22: Walk-through of Keever Trails for signage placement review with Eagle Scout Dustin Minnick (SP)
- 1/4/26: Full Moon Hike with OCVN Mark Byrne (LA)
- 1/7: Toddler Trek Hibernating Bugs at Gulley (LA)
- 1/11: Sights and Sounds of Winter walk with Mason Community Center at Pine Hill Lakes Park (LA)
- 1/14: Toddler Trek Hibernating Bugs at Armco (LA)





PRESS RELEASE

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11/14/25

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Warren County Park District Honors Supporters at First Annual "Friendsgiving" Gathering

LEBANON, Ohio — Warren County Park District hosted its first annual "Friendsgiving" Supporter Appreciation Gathering on Sunday November 9 at Armco Park in Lebanon to thank volunteers and partners for their contributions. With the help of supporters, the Park District has positively impacted lives on 7,400 occasions through its nature programs and logged 978 volunteer hours this year. In addition, the Park District also partners with other local organizations who host their own programs and activities in the Park District, increasing the options available to our community.

Supporters attending the "Friendsgiving" event shared details of their Park District partnership work with the group and enjoyed networking and forming new connections with each other. Park District CEO Matt Latham and Nature Education Supervisor Shannon Pennington provided a recap of programs held so far in 2025, and a preview of what's to come in 2026. This preview included exciting grant- and donor-funded projects made possible by partnerships with several groups in attendance. A potential new Armco Park dog park, new bike trail connection to Armco Park along SR 741, plus wetland habitat restoration and multi-use trail work at Landen-Deerfield Park in Maineville, are all in process thanks to these partnerships.

Pennington commented, "Your efforts have made an impact! With your help, many new people are learning about our Park District and everything we have to offer. We would not be able to reach this many people without your participation."

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.

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TODDLER TREKS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 2-6 YEARS OLD

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Enjoy. Play. Preserve.



SQUIRREL SEARCH

Friday, 12/5/25 10:30-11:30am

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

Friday, 12/12/25, 10:30-11:30am

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



HIBERNATING BUGS

Wednesday, 1/7/26, 10:30-11:30am

Gulley Park- 2168 Middleboro Rd, Clarksville, OH 45113

Wednesday, 1/14/26, 10:30-11:30am

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



WOODLAND BIRDS

Wednesday, 2/4/26, 10:30-11:30am

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

Monday, 2/9/26, 10:30-11:30am

Armco Park- 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

Maple Sugaring for Beginners

Join us for winter tree walks and tree tapping basics to learn how to make your own maple syrup at home, then enjoy a community celebration to see the process in action!



WarrenCountyParks.com/events



Tree Walks

Sun., 11/16/25, 3-4:00pm, led by Lauren Asquith at Pine Hill Lakes Park, 211 Kings Mills Rd, Mason. Registration required at www.WarrenCountyParks.com

Fri., 11/28/25, 10:00 am, led by Casey Burdick at French Run Trails, 230 New St, Lebanon. No registration required.

Sat., 12/13/25, 10-11:00am, led by Casey Burdick at Armco Park, 1223 N SR 741, Lebanon. Registration required at www.WarrenCountyParks.com

Mon., 1/12/26, 9-11:00am, led by Casey Burdick at Lebanon Cemetery, 416 W. Silver Street, Lebanon. No registration required- part of OSU Wellness Walk Series

Sat., 1/17/26, 10-11:00am, led by Casey Burdick at Landen-Deerfield Park, 2258 US Route 22, Maineville. Registration required at www.WarrenCountyParks.com

Tree-Tapping Basics

Sat., 12/13/25, 11am-12:00pm, led by Shannon Pennington at Armco Park 1223 N SR 741, Lebanon. Registration required at www.WarrenCountyParks.com

Sat., 1/31/26, 10-11:00am, led by Shannon Pennington at Kingswood Park, 4188 Irwin-Simpson Rd, Mason. Registration required at www.DeerfieldRec.com

One more Tree-Tapping Workshop To Be Announced

Sweet Maple Celebration

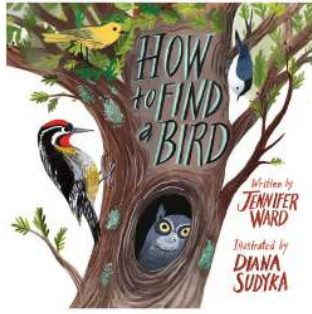
Sat., 2/14/26, 9am-3pm, Open House
led by Naturalists and Volunteers at
Armco Park Jones Pavilion

See a maple boil in action and taste REAL maple products while supplies last. No registration required for this event.

**You may attend just one event or as many as you would like.
These FREE community events are being provided with support from:**



Updated 12/11/2025



How To Find A Bird Story Times

Join Warren County Park District Naturalists as we team up with libraries throughout Warren County for programs based around How To Find A Bird by Jennifer Ward. We will explore the birds large and small that call Ohio home, and learn how we can help them. Please check with each library for any registration information, if it's required, and children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Family Story Time

Tues. January 20, 2026 7:00pm
200 Reading Rd. Mason, OH 45040

MARY L. COOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool Story Time

Thurs. January 22, 2026 10:30am
381 Old Stage Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

Homeschool Hangout

Fri. January 23, 2026 11:00am
101 S Broadway St, Lebanon, OH 45036

Story Time and Crafts

Mon. February 9, 2026 1:00pm
101 S Broadway St, Lebanon, OH 45036
Thurs. February 12, 2026 1:00pm
101 S Broadway St, Lebanon, OH 45036

LEBANON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Preschool Story Time

Mon. January 26, 2026 11:30am
Springboro Library- 125 Park Ln. Springboro, OH 45066
Wed. January 28, 2026 11:30am
Franklin Library- 44 E.4th St. Franklin, OH 45005

FRANKLIN- SPRINGBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY

SALEM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Family Story Time

Mon. February 9, 2026 6:30pm
535 W Pike St, Morrow, OH 45152



For more information and details visit
www.warrencountyparks.com/events

For questions call 513-409-1389
or email Lasquith@warrencountyparks.com





Great Backyard Bird Count 2026

Discover the Beauty of Local Birds Through a
World-Wide Citizen Science Project

Fri. Feb. 13

10am-Noon

Sat. Feb. 14

9am-3pm

Armco Park, 1223 N SR 741, Lebanon
Inside the heated Jones Pavilion

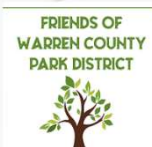
Watch for updates and registration options
at www.WarrenCountyParks.com/events



Highlights of the Experience

- Birdwatching Hikes
- Watch Bird Feeders
- Photo Opportunities
- Indoor Activities
- And More!

12/11/25



Full Moon Hikes



January 2, 2026

Gulley Park

6-7pm



March 2, 2026

Hisey Park

7:30-9pm



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Enjoy. Play. Preserve.

All night hikes are free and open to
the public!

Registration required:

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