

WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

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Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts had 72,450 views. **E-blasts** are reaching 4,491 subscribers (1,400+ more this month since we are importing data from pro-shop and softball).
- 5/14: **Nature Ed Team Mtg** with **Matt Latham** (SP, LA)
- 5/14: **Toddler Trek**: Buds and Bugs at Armco. 20 kids, 16 adults = 36 total attendees (LA)
- 5/14: Meeting at **Mary Haven** about partnership opportunities (SP)
- 5/17: **Wildflower Walk** with City of Mason at Pine Hill Lakes Park, 9 adults, four kids = 13 total (SP)
- 5/17: **Spring Into Action Volunteer Day** led by **Friends of Warren County Park District** (LA, SP)
 - **Armco Park** (led by John Pohlman), 13 volunteers
 - **Landen-Deerfield Park**, led by John Fix, 13 volunteers
 - **Hisey Park**, led by Kathie Bowers and Dawn Stutz, 8 volunteers



- 5/22: **Warren County Rec** meeting with multiple partner organizations at Armco Park
- 5/26: **100-Hours-Outside** Challenge began
- 5/28: **Nature Ed Team Mtg** with **Matt** (SP, LA)
- 5/29: **Project WILD** training in partnership with **Soil & Water Conservation Districts** of Warren, Butler, and Hamilton Counties (LA, SP)
- 5/29: **Leadership Warren County** reptile presentation and kayak float with **WCSWCD** (SP)
- 5/29: **Lebanon Library** summer reading program kick-off (SP)
- 5/29: **Friends of WCPD** meeting, 10 attendees (SP)
- 5/30: **Franklin-Springboro Library** summer reading program kick-off (LA)
- 6/3: **Leadership Team** mtg with **Matt, Larry Easterly, Haden Englert, Bryan Billhimer, Kathy Francis** (SP)
- 6/3: **Toddler Trek**: Hiding in My Shell at **Hisey Park**, 32 kids, 19 adults = 51 attendees (LA)

- 6/4: **Landen-Deerfield pond project** meeting with **Stantec, Matt, Larry**. See attached press release. (S)
- 6/4: **LMWN/WCSWCD** program at Armco (Justin Bedocs presenting), six attendees (SP)
- 6/7: **Cops & Bobbers at Armco Park**, Community Partners included **ODNR DOW** (archery trailer, pelts, K9, officers); **WC Sheriff** (trailer and freebies, deputies, Sheriff Riley, school resource officers, prizes); **Turtlecreek Twp Fire & Rescue** (Firetruck and freebies); **SAFE on Main** (fishing activity); **Warren Co Soil and Water Conservation District** (macromobile and activity); **Warren County 4H** (bees and alpacas); **Little Miami Conservancy** (lunch, fishing poles, and volunteer support); **Friends of WCPD** and **OCVN's** (volunteer support); **Bass Pro of West Chester** (\$500 grant for prizes); **Step Outside Grant** (\$500 for advertising and lunch); **Whitetails Unlimited** (prizes), 230 kids, 174 adults = 404 participants & 18 volunteers (SP, LA).
- 6/9: **Nature Ed Team Mtg** with **Matt** (SP, LA)
- 6/10: **Tech-Free Tuesday at Armco Park** (Pollinators and Orienteering Cincinnati), 116 kids, 61 adults = 177 attendees plus 10 volunteers (SP, LA)





Upcoming Events and Projects

- 6/12: Mason Parks program (Reptile Recon) (SP)
- 6/13: Program with WC Water Striders: General Public Cleanup/Tire-Hunt Float on the Little Miami River (SP)
- 6/16 & 6/18: WCSWCD Future Conservationists Camp guest at Hisey (SP)
- 6/17: Tech-Free Tuesday at LD (Wildlife Officer Keller, SP, LA)
- 6/17: Leadership Team Meeting
- 6/19: Toddler Trek: Hiding in My Shell at Gulley (LA)
- 6/21: Miami U/CZBG's Project Dragonfly at Bowyer Farm (SP)
- 6/21: Walk and Learn: Fossils (LA)
- 6/22 Public wildlife program at Wild Birds Unlimited (SP)
- 6/23: Nature Ed Team Mtg (LA, SP)
- 6/24: Tech-Free Tuesday at Armco (Warren County 4H – John Pohlman coordinating animals, SP, LA) Per JP 3/13: So far: alpacas, llama, rabbits, our therapy dog Licorice, poultry. Bernie Younkman and his bees will be there as of 4/25.
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/WarrenCountyParkDistrict/ProgramRegistrationTechFreeTuesAtArmcoTues6242510amnoon>
- 6/25: Intro to Kayaking with WCSWCD at Armco (SP)
- 7/1: Tech-Free Tuesday at LD (Backyard Birds)
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/WarrenCountyParkDistrict/ProgramRegistrationTechFreeTuesAtLandenDeerfield712510amnoon>
- 7/8: Tech-Free Tuesday at Armco (Cincy Museum Center, Incredible Insects)
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/WarrenCountyParkDistrict/ProgramRegistrationTechFreeTuesAtArmcoTues782510amnoon>
- 7/10: Program with Mason City Parks (Creek Fun) (SP)
- 7/10: Toddler Trek: Creek Fun at Hisey Park (LA)



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Construction to Begin Mid-June on Simpson Creek Headwaters Restoration at Landen-Deerfield Park

Project Will Improve Water Quality, Reduce Flooding Risk, and Expand Public Access

WARREN COUNTY, OH — June 9, 2025 — Construction will begin in mid-June on the Simpson Creek Headwaters Restoration project at Landen-Deerfield Park, located on US 22&3 in Deerfield Township near Maineville. The project will transform the aging, manmade pond into a more natural stream and wetland system—improving water quality, reducing flooding risk, and enhancing habitat for native wildlife.

This restoration effort is designed to strengthen the health of the Little Miami River Watershed, while also improving the park experience for visitors. Plans include new trails, a nature play area, educational signage, and a half-acre fishing pond.

Key benefits of the project include:

- **Cleaner Water and Healthier Habitat** – Stream and wetland systems filter pollutants more effectively and support greater biodiversity than artificial ponds.
- **New and Improved Recreation** – Visitors can enjoy expanded trails, nature play features, and a smaller redesigned fishing pond.
- **Lower Maintenance and Less Flooding** – The project removes the need for future dredging, substantially reducing long-term maintenance costs, and lessening the risk of downstream flooding by managing stormwater more naturally.
- **Educational Value** – The restored area will support field trips, volunteer programs, and hands-on environmental learning.

The Park District is offering a temporary “Catch and Keep” fishing opportunity at the existing pond until the temporary construction fence is put up. No license or registration is required. Fish that remain after construction begins will not survive the transition, an unfortunate but necessary step to establishing a more natural and sustainable habitat. Turtles and other mobile wildlife are expected to self-relocate as conditions change.

What to Expect During Construction

To complete the restoration, crews will drain the pond, move soil, and plant native vegetation—activities that may temporarily cause noise and unpleasant odors. These are normal and short-term aspects of a wetland restoration project. Landen-Deerfield Park will remain open throughout construction. Temporary fencing will be in place around the construction area – Park guests are asked to remain outside the fence to keep guests and workers safe.

"While we recognize that construction can be inconvenient in the short term, the long-term benefits for the park and the environment will be substantial," said Matt Latham, CEO of the Warren County Park District. "We appreciate your patience as we complete this important restoration effort."

The project is funded through grants from the H2Ohio initiative and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Major construction is expected to wrap up by the end of 2025, with native plantings and habitat stabilization continuing into 2026.

For project updates, plans, and FAQs, visit www.warrencountyparks.com.

About Warren County Park District - 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 information, see www.warrencountyparks.com, email parks@warrencountyparks.com, or call (513) 695-3980.

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Random **SNACKS** of **KINDNESS**

Free weekly Summer fun for families and caregivers with children under the age of 10. Each week will consist of activities promoting creativity, kindness, and friendship.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 18TH

Armco Park
Shelter 15A
10:00 - 12:00 PM



JUNE 25TH

Armco Park
Shelter 15A
10:00 - 12:00 PM



JULY 2ND

Armco Park
Shelter 15A
10:00 - 12:00 PM



JULY 9TH

Armco Park
Shelter 15A
10:00 - 12:00 PM



JULY 16TH

Armco Park
Shelter 15A
10:00 - 12:00 PM



JULY 23RD

Armco Park
Shelter 15A
10:00 - 12:00 PM

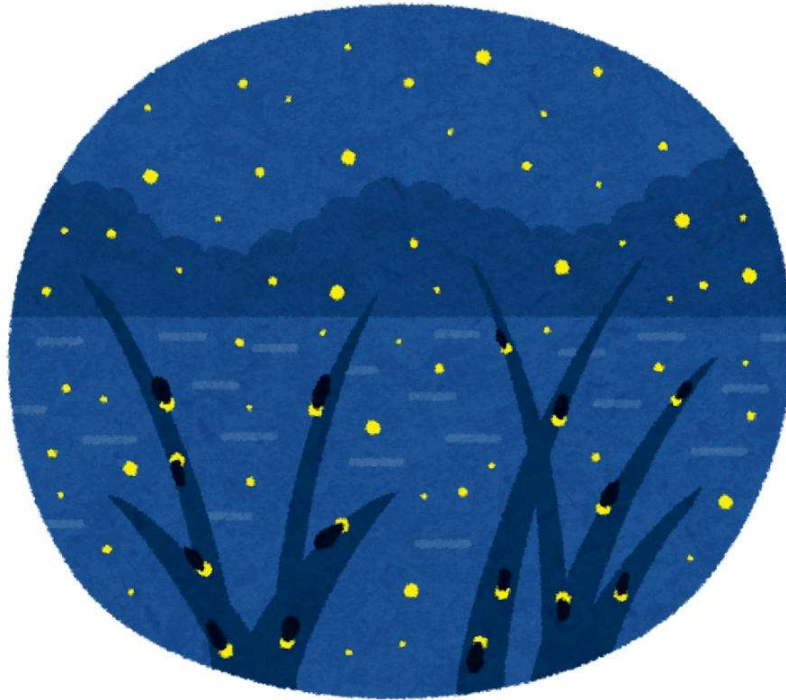


Please follow our SAFE on Main's Facebook page for weather updates and cancellations.



FAMILY STORYTIME AT HISEY PARK

Thursday, June 26 @8:30pm



**Join Miss Cathy & Miss Kathleen along
with Lauren from Warren County
Parks as we learn about
Lightning Bugs!**

**We will have a story then catch and release
lightning bugs.
A take home craft will be provided.**

5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

Summer Night Hikes

OWL PROWL

FRIDAY, 7/11/25

9-10:30PM

ARMCO PARK

1267 N STATE ROUTE 741,
LEBANON, OH 45036

OWL PROWL

FRIDAY, 8/8/25

8:45-10:15PM

GULLEY PARK

2090 MIDDLEBORO RD,
CLARKSVILLE, OH 45113

OWL PROWL

SATURDAY, 9/6/25

8-9:30PM

HISEY PARK

5443 MIDDLETOWN RD,
WAYNESVILLE, OH 45068

All night hikes are free and open to
the public!

Registration required:

www.WarrenCountyParks.com

Warren County

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Enjoy. Play. Preserve.