

WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report February & March 2026



Shannon Pennington, SPennington@warrencountyparks.com, 513-833-7360
Lauren Asquith, LASquith@warrencountyparks.com, 513-409-1389

Community Connections

In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts have had 50,325 views. **E-blasts** are reaching 5,689 subscribers. We continue to post on Instagram and LinkedIn.

Date	Event/Program	Audience	Partner	Attendees
3/12/2026	LD Parks Trails Open House at Firehouse 57	Adults	CORA	20
3/14/2026	Run for the Green at LD	Adults	Deerfield Twp	140
3/15/2026	Introduction to Bluebird Monitoring at LD	Adults		8
3/19/26	Attended United Way luncheon	Adults	UWWC	n/a
3/21/2026	Educational Hike: Trees with Kathie at H	Families	Friends of WCPD/OCVN	13
3/22/2026	Family Woodland Walk at PHL	Families	Mason	23
3/23/26	Attended Warren County Women’s Fund program with speaker Commissioner Shannon Jones	Adults	WCFWF	n/a
3/23/2026	Toddler Trek: Animal Tracks at LD	Kids		29
3/25/2026	LD Parks Trails Open House online	Adults	CORA	2
4/1/2026	RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER - Intro to Bluebird Monitoring and Honeysuckle Removal at LD	Adults	Sinclair CC	0
4/1/2026	RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER - 4H group visit: Wetland Restoration and Wildlife at LD	Kids	4H	0
4/2/2026	CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER - Full Moon Hike	Adults	OCVN	0
4/7/2026	OCVN training at Cincinnati Nature Center	Adults	CNC	21





Upcoming Events

Date	Event/Program	Audience	Partner
4/11/2026	Educational Hike with Kathie Bowers at Hisey	Families	OCVN
4/11/2026	Friends of WCPD General Membership Meeting	Adults	Friends of WCPD
4/11/2026	Night Sky program with WCAS at Hisey	Adults	WCAS
4/12/2026	Friends EXCLUSIVE: Heron rookery visit	Adults	Friends of WCPD
4/13/2026	Toddler Trek: Colors of Spring at Hisey	Kids	
4/15/2026	How to Find a Bird at Skidaddles (paid partner program)	Group	Skidaddles of Mason
4/18/2026	Spring into Action Day at Hisey, Armco, Landen-Deerfield, Carmody	Families	Friends/OCVNs
4/18/2026	OCVN training at Cincinnati Nature Center	Adults	CNC/OCVN
4/22/2026	Tentative: Booth at Boy Scouts of America Leader Expo	Adults	Friends of WCPD/BSA
4/22/2026	Toddler Trek: Colors of Spring at Armco	Kids	
4/23/2026	Spring Story Time at Hisey	Kids	Mary L Cook Library
4/23/2026	Tentative: Booth at P&G Earth Day Celebration	Adults	Friends of WCPD/P&G
4/25/2025	Community Cares Event Series: Yoga in the Park	Adults	United Way, YMCA
4/26/2026	Wildflower walk at Pine Hill Lakes	Families	Mason
4/30/2026	Cub Scout Pack Volunteer Group	Kids	Cub Scouts
5/2/2026	Friends EXCLUSIVE: Valley Vineyards visit	Adults	Friends of WCPD
5/2/2026	Full Moon Hike at Hisey	Families	Friends of WCPD/OCVN
5/4/2026	Toddler Trek: Buds and Bugs @ A	Kids	
5/9/2026	Night Sky program with WCAS at Hisey	Adults	WCAS



PRESS RELEASE

Contact:

Shannon Pennington
Warren County Park District
1223 North State Route 741
Lebanon, OH 45036
(513) 695-3980 ext. 4
spennington@warrencountyparks.com

3/16/25

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Warren County Park District Thanks Chief Operating Officer Larry Easterly for 25 Years of Service

Lebanon, Ohio —Warren County Park District Chief Operating Officer Larry Easterly will retire at the end of March after 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of Warren County.

Easterly began his career with the Park District in 2001 and has been a steady, committed presence throughout a quarter century of growth and community service. During his tenure, he helped guide daily operations, support park improvements, and ensure high quality experiences for the thousands of visitors who enjoy Warren County Parks each year.

"We are deeply grateful for Larry's long-standing dedication to our mission and to the residents of Warren County," said Matt Latham, Chief Executive Officer. "Larry's commitment to keeping our parks running smoothly has been invaluable, and we offer our heartfelt thanks for his 25 years of dedicated service to Warren County residents and visitors."

Easterly commented, "I've always admired this quote from Theodore Roosevelt: 'Do what you can, with what you have, with who you are.' That idea has shaped my time with the Park District."

Community members who wish to share a note of appreciation or congratulations may send them to the Warren County Park District office at 1223 North State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036 or parks@warrencountyparks.com.

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.

##

Photos provided by Jeannine Easterly.

1. Easterly with his grandchildren, Sophia and Finn, at Landen–Deerfield Park in Maineville.
2. Easterly with 2019 Park Commissioners Jeff Blazey, Fred Bay, and Ben Yoder at the grand opening of the Solar Pollinator Habitat at Armco Park in Lebanon.
3. Easterly at Landen–Deerfield Park during construction of the Simpson Creek Headwaters Restoration project.



Spring 2026 Center Point Magazine



Warren County Parks District - Naturalist Led Nature Series Pine Hill Lakes Park



Join a guided nature walk with a local Warren County Parks District Naturalist. Discover more about the natural world in this engaging and educational series. We ask that you pre-register for this program. For questions and support on registering, please contact Mason Community Center.

Family Woodland Walk

Get out in the crisp, fresh air with your family for an adventurous nature hike through the forest, exploring the trees, plants, and wildlife as spring emerges.



Day	Date	Time	Fee (PRE/BAS/MR/HR)	Activity
Su	3/22	3:00-4:00P	Free	223300-10

Spring Wildflower Walk

Join us for a walk around the park looking for spring wildflowers popping up. We will be going off the paved path, so please wear shoes that can get wet or muddy, and dress for the weather.



Day	Date	Time	Fee (PRE/BAS/MR/HR)	Activity
Su	4/26	3:00-4:00P	Free	223300-11

Spring Bird Walk

Search for our feathered friends that have migrated to Mason, Ohio, from their warm winter homes in Central and South America. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available.



Day	Date	Time	Fee (PRE/BAS/MR/HR)	Activity
Su	5/31	9:30-10:30A	Free	223300-12

TODDLER TREKS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 2-6 YEARS OLD

Warren County
PARK DISTRICT
 Enjoy. Play. Preserve.



ANIMAL TRACKS

Wednesday, 3/11/26 10:30-11:30am
 Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068
 Monday, 3/23/26, 10:30-11:30am
 Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maanville, OH 45039



COLORS OF SPRING

Monday, 4/13/26, 10:30-11:30am
 Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068
 Wednesday, 4/22/26, 10:30-11:30am
 Armco Park- 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036



BUDS AND BUGS

Monday, 5/4/26, 10:30-11:30am
 Armco Park- 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036
 Wednesday, 5/13/26, 10:30-11:30am
 Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

Registration required.
 For questions, call 513-409-1389
 LAsquith@warrencountyparks.com



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

Full Moon Hikes



April 2, 2026	May 2, 2026	May 30, 2026
Hisey Park	Hisey Park	Gulley Park
Waynesville, OH	Waynesville, OH	Clarksville, OH
9-10pm	9:30-10:30pm	9-10pm



Warren County
PARK DISTRICT
 Enjoy. Play. Preserve.

All night hikes are free and open to the public!
 Registration required.
www.WarrenCountyParks.com



Tech-Free Tuesdays 2026



**UNPLUG and GET OUTSIDE with Warren County Park District naturalists.
Drop in between 10am and noon on Tuesdays!**

Armco Park

1223 N SR 741, Lebanon, OH 45036

6/2: Farm Animals with WC 4H (shelter 27)

6/16: Fun in the Sun with Rocknoll Energy (shelter 30 by solar array)

6/30: Nocturnal Nature with WC Soil and Water (shelter 27)

7/14: Incredible Insects with Cincinnati Museum Center (shelter 30)

7/28: Creeking and Fossils (shelter 27)

8/11: Orienteering Cincinnati and Fishing (shelter 30 and boat dock)

Landen-Deerfield Park

2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

6/9: Welcome to the Wetlands with WC Soil and Water Conservation District

6/23: Project WILD with Ohio Dept of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife

7/7: Explore like Lewis & Clark with Cincinnati Museum Center

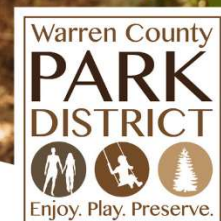
7/21: Reptiles and Amphibians with ambassador animals

8/4: Birds of Prey with RAPTOR, Inc.

All programs at LD Park meet at playground shelters.



**Make check-in easier by pre-registering!
WarrenCountyParks.com/events**



Activities are subject to change, 3/30/26

Warren County Park District
Armco Park Golf Course Presents

2026 JUNIOR INTRO TO GOLF

FREE lessons for children ages 5-14



First Session: June 24, 25, 26
Second Session: July 8, 9, 10
Third Session: July 22, 23, 24
9:30-10:30am

1223 N SR 741 LEBANON, OH 45036

BRING CLUBS IF YOU HAVE THEM; WE HAVE A FEW IF YOU DON'T!

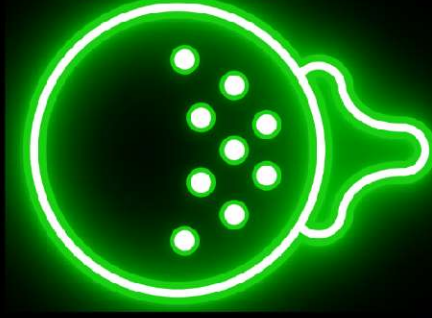


Pre-registration is required!
Scan QR code or go to
WarrenCountyParks.com/events



COME PLAY IN THE DARK! 2026 NIGHT GLOW GOLF

- Prizes awarded for best score
- Four-person scramble
 - Max. of nine foursomes
 - Min. of six foursomes
- This event is walking only
- Golf starts promptly at dark
- In case of rain, the event may be canceled or rescheduled based on availability
- \$100 per foursome per night
- Choose one date or both!



Wed., July 8 at 8:30pm
Sat., August 8 at 8pm



Pre-registration is required!
Scan QR code or go to
WarrenCountyParks.com/events



Warren County Armco Park Golf Course



PRESS RELEASE



Contact:

Shannon Pennington
Warren County Park District
1223 North State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036
(513) 695-3980 ext. 4
spennington@warrencountyparks.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – March 26, 2026

New Study Finds Outdoor Recreation Generates \$96.4 Million Annually for Warren County Economy

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO – Outdoor recreation is a powerful economic engine for Warren County, generating **\$96.4 million in annual economic output** and supporting more than **1,150 jobs**, according to a new independent economic impact study released today by the Economics Center at the University of Cincinnati.

The study focuses exclusively on public parks, trails, and natural areas across Warren County. Major commercial and event-driven destinations were not included. “The economic impact of Kings Island, the Cincinnati Open, and the Warren County Sports Park are well-documented,” said Matt Latham of Warren County Park District. “We wanted to quantify the benefits of the other amazing parks, trails, and other natural assets that Warren County offers, which may not be as well-known, but are equally deserving of recognition.”

Together, these public recreation assets encompass more than 12,400 acres of land and 124 miles of trails and play a significant role in supporting local businesses, employment, and overall economic vitality.

“This report shows outdoor recreation offerings dovetail with our large, more well-known attractions to reinforce and support Warren County’s position as Ohio’s Largest Playground,” said Phil Smith, President & CEO of the Warren County Convention & Visitors Bureau. “We have so much for visitors to see and do here in Warren County and parks are a significant part of that landscape.”

Significant sources of economic benefit identified by the study include:

- **Visitor Spending:** Out-of-county visitors made 2.8 million trips to Warren County’s parks and trails in 2024, generating \$33.1 million in economic benefit and supporting hundreds of jobs in the hospitality, retail, and service sectors.
- **Outdoor Recreation Businesses:** Local recreation-related businesses produced \$37.0 million in economic output, supporting 230 jobs and strengthening the county’s recreation-based business ecosystem.
- **Operations and Capital Investments:** Operations and capital projects generated \$26.3 million in economic output, supporting 628 jobs across construction, maintenance, and professional services.

By supporting local jobs, businesses, and visitor activity, outdoor recreation helps reinforce Warren County’s reputation as a vibrant place to live, work, and visit – while delivering economic value that reaches far beyond park boundaries.

The economic study was supported by the **City of Mason, City of Lebanon, City of Springboro, Deerfield Township, and Warren County Park District** as part of the **Warren County Wild Collaborative**, a collaboration of 30 local businesses, nonprofits, and local governments dedicated to promoting Warren County as a destination for nature-based outdoor recreation. The full report is available at www.warrencountyparks.com/about/plans-and-projects/economic-study/.

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.

##