

# WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

## October & November 2025



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### Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts had 22,523 views. **E-blasts** are reaching 5,714 subscribers
- 10/13: **Nature Education Team** Meeting via Teams with **Matt Latham** (SP, LA)
- 10/16: **Toddler Trek** Spider Search at **Hisey Park**, 5 participants (LA)
- 10/16: Meeting with **Dave Nolin** about **Hisey Park** habitat restoration (SP, LA)
- 10/16: Warren County **Resource Rally** at Fairgrounds with the reptiles, 50 participants (SP)
- 10/22: Zoom meeting with **Matt** and **Eagle Scout** Candidate **Dustin Minnick** about wayfinding signage project at **Keever Trails** (SP)
- 10/25: **Make a Difference Day** at **Hisey Park** led by **Kathie Bowers**, 4 participants
- 10/25: **Make a Difference Day** at **Armco Park** led by **John Pohlman**, 16 participants
- 10/25: **Make a Difference Day** at **Hisey Park** led by **John Fix**, 37 participants (SP)
- 10/27: **Toddler Trek** Spider Search at **Gulley Park**, 3 participants (LA)
- 10/28: **Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist** Herpetology Training at **Cincinnati Nature Center**, 37 participants (SP)
- 10/29: **Nature Education Team** meeting with **Matt** (SP, LA)
- 10/30: Meeting with **Jim Yockey** from **Rocknoll** and **Sam Roberts** from **Farm-to-Power** about potential partnership and programming opportunities (SP)
- 11/5: **Leadership Team Meeting** with **Matt**, **Larry Easterly**, **Bryan Billhimer**, **Kathy Francis**, **Omi Brandon**, **Marc Williams**, **Haden Englert**, **Woody Bell** for “Introduction to Leadership Journey” program (SP)
- 11/5: **Full Moon Hike** at **Hisey Park** led by **Mark Byrne**, 16 participants (LA)
- 11/6: **Toddler Trek: Colors of Fall** at **Landen-Deerfield Park**, 30 participants (LA)
- 11/9: First Annual “**Friendsgiving**” Supporter Appreciation Gathering with **Matt** and representatives from **Friends of Warren County Park District**, **SAFE on Main**, **Rocknoll Energy**, **Whitetails Unlimited**, **WC Astronomical Society**, **Wild Birds Unlimited**, **Orienteering Cincinnati**, **Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance**, **OSU Extension/4H**, **Little Miami Watershed Network**, and **Warren County Post**, 34 participants (SP, LA)
- 11/10: **Nature Education Team** meeting via Teams with **Matt** (SP, LA)
- 11/10: Zoom meeting with **Matt** and **Eagle Scout** Candidate **Dustin Minnick** about wayfinding signage project at **Keever Trails** (SP)





### Upcoming Events and Projects

- 11/16: Fall Tree Walk with Mason Community Center at Pine Hill Lakes Park (LA)
- 11/18: Toddler Trek: Colors of Fall at Armco Park (LA)
- 11/18: Owl Pellets at Franklin-Springboro Library (SP)
- 11/21: Adventure at Armco Park Journey Day with Orienteering Cincinnati in cooperation with Mason City Schools (SP, LA)
- 12/5: Toddler Trek: Squirrel Search at Landen-Deerfield Park (LA, SP)
- 12/7: Animal Tracking Excursion with Mason Community Center at Pine Hill Lakes Park (LA)
- 12/9: (Tentative) Franklin Resource Fair with the reptiles (SP)
- 12/12: Toddler Trek: Squirrel Search at Armco Park (SP, LA)



# Friendsgiving

## Supporter Appreciation Gathering 2025

Blooms and Berries Farm Market	Orienteering Cincinnati
Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA)	OSU Extension and 4H
City of Lebanon Parks & Rec	ParkRun
Deerfield Township Park & Rec	Riverdogs Paddlesports
Friends of Warren County Park District	SAFE on Main
Heroes on the Water	Scouts
Little Miami Conservancy	Southwest Ohio Rocketry Association
Little Miami Watershed Network	Warren County Astronomical Society
Loveland Paddlesports	Warren County Kennel Club
Mason Community Center	Warren County Libraries
Master Gardeners	WC Soil & Water Conservation District
Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists	Whitetails Unlimited
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Wild Birds Unlimited

**7,404**

**Positive Park Interactions**

**978 Volunteer Hours**

**Estimated \$34,024 value**

(Not including independent programs and volunteer work that our supporters are doing on their own!)

Our selfless supporters give  
their time, talent, and heart.

**Thank you**  
You make a real difference!



# A Variety of Volunteer Opportunities: Something for Everyone!

- Do you like working with the public or are you more of a behind-the-scenes kind of person?
- Do you prefer to work independently, or would you rather volunteer as part of a team?
- Are you looking for a one-time opportunity, or a longer-term commitment?
- Do you like working with your hands or does something less active work better for you?

Check out some of our suggested options below, or reach out if you have another idea that aligns with our goals!



## Nature Programs

- Staff the registration table at a program or event
- Help with a nature-themed activity or craft
- Work with our reptile ambassadors or butterflies
- Assist with an outreach booth at local fairs or expos
- Serve as a support person for an experienced leader
- Monitor bluebird houses, fill bird feeders, or empty maple syrup buckets on your own time
- Lead a nature program of your own with our help!

## Conservation Initiatives

- Remove invasive species at Keever Trails and others
- Help with trail maintenance
- Plant trees or native plant plugs
- Assist with "Spring into Action" Day and Fall "Make a Difference Day" as a participant or site leader
- Become an official Conservation Steward!



## Special Projects

- Update features at the Armco Nature Playscape
- Replace bluebird houses at Keever Trails
- Build a bridge, floating dock, or gate at Armco Park
- Map our park trails and assist with wayfinding signage
- Construct new kiosks
- Build wooden trash can enclosures
- Help with Social Media presence



Visit the link or scan the QR code for more info or to contact us.

[WarrenCountyParks.com/get-involved/volunteer](https://WarrenCountyParks.com/get-involved/volunteer)



Get Involved with Our Warren County Park District





## Quests

Quests are special Journey Day experiences offered by community partners. These optional experiences reflect our belief that growing citizens begins in a Connected Community. Quests help students see how their gifts and interests can make an impact beyond the classroom, while building relationships with those who support and inspire them.



**What:** Come out to Armco Park for a day of adventure! Orienteering Cincinnati will have an orienteering course set up around the park for families to do, introducing families to the park and developing orienteering skills. Children are encouraged to work together and lead their grown ups through this park adventure! No orienteering experience is necessary! Other activities will encourage map skills, observation skills, and provide outdoor leadership opportunities for children. Meet at Jones' Pavilion to start your adventure! This program is free, open to the public, and preregistration is required since groups will begin the orienteering course every 15 minutes.

All children must be accompanied by a responsible grown up.

**When:** November 21

**Who:** MECC (K-2), ME (3-4), MI (5-6), MMS (7-8)

## Warren County Parks District – Naturalist Led Nature Series *Pine Hill Lakes Park*



Join a guided nature walk with a local Warren County Park 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 the Mason Community Center.

### Animal Track Excursion

Join us as we look around the park for tracks from animals who call this park their home. Learn to identify common animal tracks found in winter.

Day	Date	Time	Age	Fee (PRE/BAS/MR/NR)	Activity
Su	12/7	3:00-4:00P	All	Free	223300-07



### Sights and Sounds of Winter

Enjoy a family-friendly stroll through Pine Hill Lakes Park taking in the sights and sounds of winter. Be sure to dress for the weather.

Day	Date	Time	Age	Fee (PRE/BAS/MR/NR)	Activity
Su	1/11	3:00-4:00P	All	Free	223300-08

### Family Bird Walk

Learn about common winter birds as we stroll through the park. Practice using binoculars and listening for bird songs. This is a great way to prepare for the Great Backyard Birding Challenge later in the month. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Day	Date	Time	Age	Fee (PRE/BAS/MR/NR)	Activity
Su	2/8	3:00-4:00P	All	Free	223300-09





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8: For the first time, Pelotonia Kids hosted an event at Mason Sports Park. 9: Mason residents, Rachel and Sean McCarthy, launched the Inaugural event alongside Loveland resident Emily Wall. 10: Pelotonia Kids is a series of community-led youth cycling events. 11: Every Pelotonia Kids dollar raised supports pediatric cancer research at Nationwide Children's Hospital. 12: Warren County Park District recently announced a new partnership with Heroes on the Water (HOW). 13: Warren County Park District and HOW hosted a therapeutic kayak fishing event at Armco Park. 14: HOW's program uses kayak fishing as a therapeutic tool for veterans and first responders.

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