



## 2020 Application Process:

To receive an application, contact Erin Shaw

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**Deadline for submitting an application is Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Classes run from 9am-4:30pm on Saturdays in March and April.

Course size is limited to 15 participants.

You must be at least 18 years old to apply.

## Cost:

Registration is \$200 with NCACC

For information on the course or to obtain an application, contact the host:

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



# Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Course

Hosted By

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

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The Ohio State University

## OCVN Mission

To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources through science-based education and community service.

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## Course Schedule

See the course schedule below, right for details. Course locations will vary from week to week. Schedule subject to change.



### The 2020 Course Schedule



## Certification Requirements:

To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, you must:

- Complete 40 hours of instruction
- Perform 40 hours of approved volunteer service within the first year
- After certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of advanced training are required annually.

The 2020 OCVN Course Schedule is set for Saturdays in March and April from 9am-4:30. There will be an optional Spring Celebration the on the first Saturday in May.

Course topics include; The Art of Interpretation, Ecological Concepts, Ohio's Watersheds, Aquatic Life, Stewardship, Geology, Soils, Plants, Forests, Entomology, Herpetology, Ornithology and Mammals.

Course locations include; Caesar Creek, Cowan Lake, Little Miami River, Fort Ancient, Warren County Parks, Glen Helen, and others.

Final course details will be available soon.



Learn more about the OCVN program at [ocvn.osu.edu](http://ocvn.osu.edu).

## Program Benefits:

Learn about the biology, ecology and natural history of Ohio from many of the state's leading experts.

Become part of a local and statewide network of dedicated volunteers.

Apply your talents and passion to protecting, restoring and understanding Ohio's natural treasures.

Our OCVN Courses are slightly different every year. The Class of 2020 will be Immersion Based, meaning class members will spend more time with field study and hands on skills development. We will also include classroom lectures, power points and group discussions as we have in the past. As always, class participants are expected to read their OCVN course manuals at home and be prepared before class for the scheduled topics as we go along.