

# WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

## April and May 2022



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### Community Connections

- **Grants and donations received** for \$500 each from Ohio Division of Wildlife **Step Outside**, **Cabela's/Bass Pro Shops**, and **B&B Carryout** to be used towards **Cops and Bobbers** event. This is in addition to the \$3500 donation we received from **White Tails Unlimited Caesar Creek** chapter to be used for Nature Education programs.
- **Great Horned Owl** chicks at Armco Park have fledged! The fencing around the tree will be removed by the Friends group on 5/18 after their meeting.
- **Scout Troop** planted pollinator friendly seeds in milk jug greenhouses. They will be transplanted into the butterfly garden at Landen Deerfield later in May.
- 4/22-4/24: **Scout Camporee at Armco Park** with 120 youth and 25 adults. Volunteers removed **invasive plants** from the **Solar Pollinator Habitat (SPH)** and Hiking Trail and planted around **150 native seedlings** that were donated by **WCSWCD**.
- 4/24: Exclusive **Friends of WCPD** outing to local **heron rookery**.
- 4/28: Friends **Kathy Schroeder** and **Cindy Glorius** planted donated pollinator-friendly **shrub seedlings** at **Landen-Deerfield Park**.
- Friend **Janis Baker** has updated/replaced four **Geocaches** at Armco Park.
- 5/7: **Kings High School Environmental Club** dropped off 60+ native tree seedlings that were donated through their **Tree-Plenish** sale. This program aims to offset paper product usage by planting replacement trees.
- 5/13: **Little Miami River Leadership Float** planning meeting with Hope Taft and local conservation representatives.

### Upcoming Events

- 5/14: **Monarch butterfly program** for Daughters of the American Revolution
- 5/15: **Eagle Scout** candidate **Tyler Harris** will be installing **bluebird houses** at the Armco SPH
- 5/15: **Fred Bay Observatory** open for **lunar eclipse** viewing with Warren County Astronomical Society.
- 5/16: College student volunteer **Abie Reitz** will begin planting **60+ native tree seedlings** along the hiker/biker trails at **Landen-Deerfield Park**.
- 5/18: **Friends of WCPD meeting** at Armco Pavilion patio at 1pm. Special guest WCPD Park Commissioner **Wendy Monroe**.
- 5/28: **Fred Bay Observatory** open with Warren County Astronomical Society.
- 5/30: **100-Hours-Outside** tracking begins on Memorial Day and runs through Labor Day (9/5).

- 5/30: **iNaturalist Summer BioBlitz** begins on Memorial Day and runs through Labor Day (9/5).
- 5/31: **Warren County Nature Lovers** planning meeting with reps from WC Soil and Water, Caesar Creek State Park, WC Extension office, City of Lebanon Parks and Recreation.
- **YMCA Summer Camp** nature program at Armco for 72 children in June. Details TBD.
- 6/1: Cabela's/Bass Pro Shops **promotional check presentation** at West Chester store at 10am.
- 6/1: **Reptile program** for Hilltop Early Childhood Education center.
- 6/4: **Cops and Bobbers** Summer Kick-Off at Armco Boat Dock. This should be a HUGE event with lots of fantastic community partners sharing local resources. Come join us and go fishing with police officers, fire fighters, EMTs, school resource officers, and more!
- **Tech-Free Tuesdays** are in the final stages of planning! We will be at Landen Deerfield on the first and third Tuesdays and Armco in the second and fourth Tuesdays, June 7-Aug. 23. See draft flyer for details.
- 6/7: **Tech-Free Tuesday** at Landen-Deerfield Park (Reptiles and Amphibians).
- 6/8: **Friends of WCPD** meeting at 1pm (tentative).
- 6/14: **Tech-Free Tuesday** at Armco Park (Insects).
- 6/21: 6/7: **Tech-Free Tuesday** at Landen-Deerfield Park (Fossils).
- 6/22: **WC Soil and Water Conservation District Young Conservationist Camp** at Armco Park.
- 6/28: **Tech-Free Tuesday** at Armco Park (topic to be confirmed).
- 7/5: **Tech-Free Tuesday** at Landen-Deerfield Park (Creeking).
- 7/8: **Little Miami River Leadership Float** launching from **Clint Fultz Park River Access**. This is an opportunity for Warren County decision makers and leaders to learn about our Park District and the importance of the Little Miami River. See attached draft invitation for details.
- 7/20: **Warren County Fair Natural Resources Day** at Fairgrounds, 3-6pm.
- 7/21: **Little Miami River Leadership Float** follow-up luncheon at Caesar Creek State Park.
- 7/30: **Fred Bay Observatory** open with Warren County Astronomical Society.
- **Fall Concerts at Landen-Deerfield** are in the beginning planning stages now. We are aiming for three Saturday evening concerts again this year at the LD Amphitheater in fall.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Tech-Free Tuesday** I need lots of help to make these run smoothly! See the link for details: [tinyurl.com/WCPD2022Summer](https://tinyurl.com/WCPD2022Summer)
- **Trash and Stick Pick-Up:** This is an ongoing need and is a wonderful opportunity for students needing community service hours. <https://tinyurl.com/ParkPickupVolunteer>
- **Solar Pollinator Habitat Adopt-a-Spot?** I'd like to partner with area garden clubs and individuals who may be interested in adopting the native plants around the SPH signs this summer. If you have connections with area gardeners, please let me know!

### **Long-Term Projects**

- **OCVN Training at WCPD:** I am almost finished with weekly host orientation through OSU extension. When that is complete, I will work towards offering this at our Parks.

## Warren County leadership float

Friday, 7/8/22, 8:30am – 1pm

Float the Little Miami River with other Warren County leaders and learn about this unique natural resource. All equipment and lunch will be provided!

- Meet at Oregonia Parking Lot at 8:30am
- Be transported to Corwin
- Paddle down the Little Miami River with experts on local canoes and naturalists
- See the land from the river's perspective
- Pick up your car at Oregonia after a boat launch about 1:00pm
- RAIN DATE – July 15!

Space is limited so register **NOW** for a spot on this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

RSVP by June 27 to Hope Tafz, [ohiohope@yahoo.com](mailto:ohiohope@yahoo.com) with the following information: Name, email address, rate your paddling skill (none, novice, good, great), cell phone for emergencies, contact for emergencies with cell phone, any dietary concerns.



KICK OFF SUMMER with Warren County Park District and Local Heroes!

JUNE 4, 8AM-NOON, RAIN OR SHINE!

# GOPS & BOBBERS®

FREE PUBLIC EVENT, NO RSVP NEEDED  
WARREN CO. ARMCO PARK  
1223 SR 741, LEBANON OH 45036

- Free Bank Fishing for Kids 16 and Younger
- Three Free Bounce Houses
- Free Archery and WC Sheriff Community Trailers
- Free Visits with Live Reptiles and Police K9
- Free Hot Dog Lunch for Participants
- Free "Fishing Fun" Activity with WC Soil and Water
- Free Newport Aquarium Stingray Exhibit
- Kona Ice Available for Purchase
- Visit the Free Ace Car Show While You're Here!

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### AWESOME PRIZES

- Grab bags for first 100 kids
- Biggest blue gill, bass, catfish, other
- Age Groups: 6 and under, 7-11, 12-16
- Additional raffle prizes!

### TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- 8am Check-in begins
- 8:30am Fishing derby begins
- 10am-12:30pm Kona Ice for purchase
- 11am Fishing derby ends
- 11am-1:00pm Stingray exhibit open
- 11:30am Lunch served
- Noon Winners announced

### SCAN FOR MORE INFO





## Warren County Park District Summer Challenge #WCPD100HoursOutside Memorial Day to Labor Day 2022

Check off the hours your child spends outside this summer and earn cool prizes. Remember, ANY time outside counts! Every child who completes the challenge will receive a prize, AND will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize, which will take place at the first Friends of Warren County Park District meeting after Labor Day (date TBA, winner does not need to be present).

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

**BONUS:** Each week, we will be featuring a new theme to encourage you to explore the outdoors, either at one of our parks, or in your own backyard. We will post weekly updates on our social media pages with lots of fun ideas to go along with the weekly theme. Choose one of our ideas or come up with your own. If you do something related to one of the weekly themes, mark it off below and get BONUS entries into the grand prize drawing!

Week of...	Theme	I did this!	Week of...	Theme	I did this!
5/29-6/4	TBD		7/17-7/23	Water	
6/5-6/11	Reptiles		7/24-7/30	Wildlife	
6/12-6/18	Insects		7/31-8/6	Birds	
6/19-6/25	Fossils		8/7-8/13	Fishing	
6/26-7/2	TBD		8/14-8/20	TBD	
7/3-7/9	Creeking		8/21-8/27	Soil	
7/10-7/16	Sun		8/28-9/5	TBD	

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Email a copy of your completed sheet to [MotherNaturesClassroom@gmail.com](mailto:MotherNaturesClassroom@gmail.com) by **Monday, 9/6/22** at **midnight** to receive prizes.

Child's name and age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tech-Free Tuesdays 10am-noon



Unplug and get outside this summer for a **FREE** activity for kids of all ages. Join us each week at one of our Warren County Park District locations, and have fun learning about a nature-related topic. This is an open house style program that runs for two hours, so come whenever it works best for you!

Date	Theme	Park	Location
6/7	Reptiles & Amphibians	Landen-Deerfield	Shelter 6, in middle of park
6/14	Insects	Armco	Shelter 30, by Solar Pollinator Discovery Trail
6/21	Fossils	Landen-Deerfield	Shelter 6, in middle of park
6/28	TBD/Rabbits?	Armco	TBD
7/5	Let's Go Creeking	Landen-Deerfield	Back of park by Butterfly Garden
7/12	Fun in the Sun	Armco	Shelter 30, by Solar Pollinator Discovery Trail
7/19	Wild About Water	Landen-Deerfield	Shelter 6, in middle of park
7/26	Wildlife Officer & K9	Armco	Shelter 15, by Nature Playscape
8/2	All About Birds	Landen-Deerfield	Shelter 6, in middle of park
8/9	Fishing	Armco	Boat Dock
8/16	TBD/Rabbits?	Landen-Deerfield	TBD
8/23	Soil Sleuths	Armco	Shelter 15, by Nature Playscape

No registration necessary but please sign in upon arrival. A responsible guardian must remain with children during program. Pack a snack or a picnic lunch and enjoy the parks' amenities when you have finished visiting with us!

**Landen-Deerfield Park** also features a splash pad, storybook stroll, butterfly garden, fishing pond, multi-use trails, playgrounds, picnic shelters, geocaching, gaga pit, tennis courts, softball fields, parcourse, and more! **2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039**

**Warren County Armco Park** also features a nature playscape, storybook stroll, fishing, boat rentals, Solar Pollinator Habitat Discovery Trail, nature paths, playgrounds, picnic shelters, disc golf, geocaching, golf and footgolf, historic Shaker cemetery, bat houses, volleyball, gaga pit, tennis courts, pickleball courts, softball fields, and more! **1223 State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036**

Programs run rain or shine. If there is thunder or lightning, however, we will cancel. Please check social media for updates or contact Naturalist Shannon if you have questions: text 513-833-7360 or email [MotherNaturesClassroom@gmail.com](mailto:MotherNaturesClassroom@gmail.com).

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