

# WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

## April & May 2024



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### Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts have reached 21,184 people. **E-blasts** have reached 1,185 people.
- 4/11: **First Aid/CPR/AED** Training. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 4/12: Meeting with **Kathie Bowers** from Friends of WCPD re. tree planting activity. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 4/13: **Pop-Up Tree Planting** at **Hisey Park** with seedlings donated by **Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District**. (21 attendees) (Shannon)
- 4/15: **Wellness Walk** at Hisey Park with **Laura Stanton** and **OSU Extension**. (5 attendees) (Shannon)
- 4/16: **Team Meeting** at Hisey Park with **Matt Latham**, **Larry Easterly**, **Haden Englert**, and guest **Kathie** to investigate opportunity for **trail connection** to from Hisey Park to Bike Trail. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 4/16: Online training meeting with **Legend Web Works** re. new website editing tools. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 4/18: **Lebanon High School Conservation Science** class at **Armco Park** for trout-stocking event, fishing with **Bill Schroeder** and volunteers from **Buckeye United Fly Fishers**, and activities at the Solar Pollinator Habitat with **Suzanne Geisler** from **Warren County Solid Waste**, **Wildlife Officer Jason Keller** and **K9 Scout** from Division of Wildlife, and **Leonard** the ambassador turtle. (45 attendees) (Shannon)
- 4/18: Consultation with **Seth Rankin** from **Conservation Contracting** to discuss invasive species management at Solar Pollinator Habitat with **Matt** and **Larry**. (Shannon)
- 4/19: Meeting with **Melissa Proffitt** from **WC Soil and Water Conservation District** to plan for upcoming **Project WILD** workshop. (Lauren)
- 4/19: Program with **Vicky Van Harlingen** and **Little Miami Watershed Network** "Restoring Our Ecosystems" with speaker **Meg Maloney**. (11 attendees) (Lauren)
- 4/21: **Early Earth Day** event at Hisey Park to pull invasive plants. While removing honeysuckle, garlic mustard, and multiflora rose, we uncovered Jack-in-the-Pulpit, sessile trillium, large leaf waterleaf, tulip poplar, dwarf larkspur, and twinleaf. (4 volunteers) (Shannon, Lauren)
- 4/23: **CivicRec** training with **Matt** to set up online registration for **Cops & Bobbers**. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 4/23: Collaborative meeting with **Niki Marengo** from **Arrow Adventures**, **Dawn Stutz** from **Our Open Home** and **Matt** regarding **Full Moon Women's Retreat** in June at Hisey Park. (Shannon)
- 4/23: **Warren County Conservation Collaborative** meeting to discuss upcoming collaborative programming with **OSU Extension** and **Deerfield Township**. (Lauren)
- 4/24: **Earth Week** event at **CINTAS** with **Matt** and our ambassador animals to share info about WCPD with their employees. (75 attendees) (Shannon, Lauren)
- 4/25: **Toddler Trek: Colors of Spring** at Landen-Deerfield Park. (7 attendees) (Lauren)







- 4/26: **Softball Complex Grand Re-Opening.** (50 attendees) (Shannon)
- 4/27: **Spring Wildflower Hike** at Hisey Park with **Kathie** and Friends of WCPD. (32 attendees) (Shannon)
- 4/29: Meeting with **Dawn** and **Zach** from **Our Open Home** regarding potential partnerships this summer to coincide with our night hikes at Gulley Park and Hisey Park. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 5/1: "Smallmouth Sonny" Program for third graders with **Little Miami Conservancy**, **Loveland Paddle Sports** and Noodle the ambassador turtle. (182 attendees) (Shannon)
- 5/3: **WarrenCountyParks.com** update meeting with **Matt**, **Haden**, and **Legend Web Works**. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 5/4: **Warbler Walk** with **Connor Fox** from **Wild Birds Unlimited** at Armco Park. The group identified 15 different migrating warbler species! (28 attendees) (Shannon)
- 5/4: **Girl Scout Program** at Camp Whip Poor Will with our reptile ambassadors. (275 attendees) (Shannon)
- 5/7: **Toddler Trek: Little Sprouts** at Armco Park. (6 attendees) (Lauren)
- 5/8: **Nature Education Team** meeting with Matt. (Shannon, Lauren)
- 5/10: **Volunteer Appreciation Hike** at Landen-Deerfield Park. (20 attendees) (Shannon, Lauren)
- **Staff shirts** organized and distributed to employees. (Shannon)
- **Summer event signage** posted around parks. (Shannon)
- **A HUGE THANK YOU to Kathie Bowers for her volunteerism!** She has planted over 200 trees on her own at Hisey Park!





## PRESS RELEASE--UPDATED

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### **Warren County Park District Announces Grand Reopening of Softball Complex**

Warren County Park District is pleased to announce the grand reopening of the newly updated Armco Park Softball Complex with a ribbon cutting on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. The Park District is inviting the community to join in celebrating the completion of new synthetic turf infields and the addition of a donated Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to the complex. State Senator Steve Wilson will be in attendance to present a commendation letter from Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman.

"Warren County Park District is committed to providing clean, well maintained, and safe facilities for our park customers. Our newly updated synthetic turf infields will provide players and coaches with an improved playing experience, while increasing playing time and reducing day-to-day maintenance needs," said Matt Latham, Chief Executive Officer for the Park District. "We would like to thank the Warren County Commissioners for the American Rescue Plan Act grant that made this possible, and 'REALTORS® with Heart' for supporting our goal of improving safety by donating an AED."

The Armco Park Softball Complex features four lighted softball fields with synthetic turf infields and natural grass outfields. Designed to accommodate softball of all types, and baseball for youths 12 and under, the Complex is home to several leagues throughout the year and regularly hosts large tournaments.

Eddie Olgee, Softball Coordinator for Armco Park says, "Chief Operating Officer Larry Easterly and I had envisioned this happening since the Park District acquired Armco Park in 2008 with the help of the County Commissioners, Turtlecreek Township, and Otterbein Senior Life. The dream is finally realized!"

"The REALTOR® Alliance of Greater Cincinnati stands proudly behind the Warren County Park District's commitment to safety and community well-being. The addition of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to the Armco Park Softball Complex not only enhances the overall experience for players and spectators but also underscores the importance of preparedness in any public space. We commend this initiative and look forward to seeing the impact it will have in ensuring the safety of all who enjoy this wonderful facility."

- Tracy Dunne, President, REALTOR® Alliance of Greater Cincinnati.

The public is invited to attend the grand reopening. Refreshments will be provided by Cin-Day Café, concessionaire for the Complex, and a pick-up game is expected to follow the ceremony. Admission to the event is free. Kindly RSVP via email to [Shannon.Pennington@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Shannon.Pennington@co.warren.oh.us).

Warren County Armco Park is located at 1223 North State Route 741 in Lebanon, Ohio. The park is free and open to the public 365 days a year. Standard admission to the Softball Complex is \$3 per person. The Softball Complex can be reserved at [www.WarrenCountyParks.com](http://www.WarrenCountyParks.com).

Warren County Park District is a county-wide park- and greenspace-provider, managing 1,721 acres in 13 parks across the County including its flagship parks, Armco and Landen-Deerfield. It is governed by a three-member volunteer Board of Park Commissioners, appointed by the County Probate Judge. For information, see [www.WarrenCountyParks.com](http://www.WarrenCountyParks.com), email [parks@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:parks@co.warren.oh.us), or call 513-695-3980.

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## Notes to editors

About Warren County Park District: [www.WarrenCountyParks.com](http://www.WarrenCountyParks.com)

About REALTORS® with Heart – REALTOR Alliance of Greater Cincinnati: <https://cincyrealtoralliance.com/about-us/realtors-with-heart/>

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## Upcoming Events and Projects

- 5/11, 9am-noon: **Invasive Species Removal** at Hisey Park with Friends of WCPD
- 5/14, 10am-4pm: **Ohio Division of Wildlife SWAP** (State Wildlife Action Plan) meeting at Armco Park Jones Pavilion with southwest region representatives from local conservation organizations
- 5/14: **Team Meeting**
- 5/18, 10:30am: **Wildflower and Geology Hike** at Hisey Park
- 5/18, 8-11pm: **Fred Bay Observatory** Open to the Public
- 5/22: **Hydrone demonstration** at Landen-Deerfield Park
- 5/22: **Leadership Warren County** meeting at Armco Park Jones Pavilion
- 5/23, 4-6pm: **Summer Reading Kickoff** event at Lebanon Public Library
- 5/27: **100-Hours-Outside Challenge** begins
- 5/28: **Pollinator Hotel Workshop** with **Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District**
- 6/1, 8am-1pm: **Cops & Bobbers** Youth Fishing Derby
- 6/4, 10am-noon: **Tech-Free Tuesday: Wetlands** at Landen-Deerfield Park with WCSWCD
- 6/7, 10am-noon: **Intro to Kayaking** at Armco Park with WCSWCD
- 6/8, 9am-noon: **Invasive Species Removal** at Hisey Park with Friends of WCPD
- 6/8: 9:30am-12:30pm: **Volunteer Group** to build foot bridge at Armco Park
- 6/10: **Nature Education Team** meeting

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Cops & Bobbers Youth Fishing Derby

Tech-Free Tuesdays

Toddler Treks

Night Hikes

Kayaking Programs

Animal Encounters

100-Hours-Outside Challenge



## WarrenCountyParks.com

## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Friends of Warren County Parks, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists, Master Gardeners, and **Current and Potential Volunteers** are invited!



- Meet Naturalists Lauren and Shannon, and chat with other nature-lovers
- Learn about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities
- Go on an optional nature hike

Warren County  
**PARK DISTRICT**  
 Enjoy. Play. Preserve.



**Friday, 5/10/24, 7-9pm**

Landen-Deerfield Park, 2258 US 22/3, Maineville

Please RSVP to [Shannon.Pennington@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Shannon.Pennington@co.warren.oh.us)



Take a walk. Visit a new park. Go camping. Read a book under a shady tree. Jump rope.

Go swimming. Eat breakfast outside. Have a campfire. Plant seeds. Go on a bug hunt. Play in the backyard.



## Warren County Park District Summer Challenge

# #WCPD100HoursOutside

## Memorial Day to Labor Day 2024



**Check off the hours you spend outside and earn cool prizes.** ANY time outside counts! Every child who completes challenge will receive a prize AND will be entered into a grand prize drawing.

Grand prize drawing will take place at the WCPD Board meeting on 9/18 (winner does not need to be present). All prizes will be available beginning on 9/19.

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



## Summer 2024 at Warren County Park District

Attend WCPD programs below, mark the chart, and get BONUS entries for the grand prize drawing.

For more details, scan the QR code or visit [www.WarrenCountyParks.com](http://www.WarrenCountyParks.com)

For last-minute weather updates, visit [Facebook.com/WarrenCountyParkDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/WarrenCountyParkDistrict)

X	Day	Date	Time	Event	Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	6/1	8am-1pm	Cops & Bobbers Youth Fishing Derby*	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	6/4	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tuesday: Wetlands	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	6/5	10-11:30	SAFE on Main's Prevention in the Parks	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	6/11	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Insects	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	6/12	10-11:30	SAFE on Main's Prevention in the Parks	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri	6/14	9:30-10:30am	Toddler Trek: Live Like a Bee*	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	6/15	8:30-11pm	Fred Bay Observatory Open to the Public	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	6/18	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Colorful Coral	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	6/19	10-11:30	SAFE on Main's Prevention in the Parks	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	6/22	8-10pm	Full Moon Hike*	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	6/25	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Reptiles	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	6/26	10-11:30am	SAFE on Main's Prevention in the Parks	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thurs	6/27	10-11am	Toddler Trek: Live Like a Bee*	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	7/2	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Backyard Birds	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	7/3	10-11:30	SAFE on Main's Prevention in the Parks	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mon	7/8	9:30-10:30am	Toddler Trek: Bird Bonanza*	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	7/9	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: 4H Animals	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	7/10	10-11:30	SAFE on Main's Prevention in the Parks	A

X	Day	Date	Time	Event	Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed-Fri	7/10-12	9-10:15am	Junior Intro 2 Golf*	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	7/13	9-11pm	Glow Golf and Glow FootGolf*	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	7/16	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Dino Dig	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	7/17	10-11:30	SAFE on Main's Prevention in the Parks	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed-Fri	7/17-19	9-10:15am	Junior Intro 2 Golf*	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thurs	7/18	10-11am	Toddler Trek: Bird Bonanza*	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	7/20	8:30-11pm	Fred Bay Observatory Open to the Public	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	7/20	9-10:30pm	Owl Prowl*	G
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	7/23	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Creek Exploration	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	7/30	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Wildlife Officer, K9, Archery	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	8/6	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: Camouflage	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thurs	8/8	9:30-10:30am	Toddler Trek: Spider Kid*	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	8/10	9-11pm	Glow Golf and Glow FootGolf*	A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tues	8/13	10am-noon	Tech-Free Tues: RAPTOR, Inc	LD
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	8/17	8:30-10pm	Constellation Celebration*	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat	8/17	8:30-11pm	Fred Bay Observatory Open to the Public	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Wed	8/21	9:30-10:30	Toddler Trek: Spider Kid*	A

\*Registration is required: [WarrenCountyParks.com](http://WarrenCountyParks.com) Events are subject to change.

**A = Armco Park:** 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036 | **LD = Landen-Deerfield Park:** 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

**H = Hisey Park:** 5443 Middletown Rd., Waynesville, OH 45068 | **G = Guley Park:** 2168 Middleboro Rd., Clarksville, OH 45113

For a complete list of all WCPD properties and amenities, visit [www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/AllParksAmenities.pdf](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/AllParksAmenities.pdf)



Upload this tracking sheet to  
**[tinyurl.com/WCPD100Hours2024](https://tinyurl.com/WCPD100Hours2024)**  
by Mon. 9/2/24 at midnight  
to receive prizes!

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ # of bonus entries: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult's email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Email [Shannon.Pennington@co.warren.oh.us](mailto:Shannon.Pennington@co.warren.oh.us) or text 513-833-7360**

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Catch fireflies. Go fishing. Fly a kite. Trace your shadow. Go stargazing. Make s'mores. Dance in the rain.



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## COPS & BOBBERS SUMMER KICK-OFF

Sat., 6/1/24, 8am-1pm

**RAIN OR SHINE! WARREN COUNTY ARMCO PARK, 1223 N SR 741, LEBANON, OH 45036**

### EVERY CHILD REGISTERED BY 10AM WILL WIN A PRIZE AT THE NOON DRAWING!

- 8am Check-in begins at Jones Pavilion
- 8:30am Fishing derby begins, activities open
- 11am Fishing derby ends
- 11am-noon Explore the park
- 11:30am Lunch served
- Noon Winners announced & PRIZES for ALL registrants present

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

- Kick Off Summer with Local Heroes
- Free Bank Fishing for Kids 16 & Younger
- Free Archery & WC Sheriff Community Trailers
- Free Animal Encounters with Reptiles, K9 & Alpacas
- Free "Fishing Fun" Activity with WC Soil & Water
- Free Hot Dog Lunch for Registered Participants
- Enjoy 311 Acres of Armco Park's Playgrounds, Trails, Shelters, Nature Playscape, Solar Pollinator Habitat and MORE!

### LOTS OF PRIZES

- Grand prizes at noon for biggest bluegill, bass, catfish, & other species in each age group: 6 & under, 7-11, 12-16
- Additional BIG raffle prizes starting at noon: fishing poles, nets, tackle boxes, and more!

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



**Register at [WarrenCountyParks.com](http://WarrenCountyParks.com) starting 5/1 OR on morning of event.**

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Sponsors and activities are subject to change, 4/22/24





# Tech-Free Tuesdays 2024

FREE!

**DROP IN BETWEEN 10AM AND NOON ON TUESDAYS TO  
EXPLORE THE NATURAL WORLD WITH A NATURALIST**

## Landen-Deerfield Park

2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

- June 4 Wetlands
- June 18 Coral-A Colorful  
Community
- July 2 Backyard Birds
- July 16 Digging for Dinosaurs
- July 30 Meet Our Wildlife  
Officer
- Aug 13 Birds of Prey

## Armco Park

1223 N State Route 741, Lebanon,  
OH 45036 Shelter 15A

- June 11 Incredible Insects
- June 25 Reptiles and  
Amphibians
- July 9 4-H Animals
- July 23 Creek Exploration
- Aug 6 Camouflage



For more information go to  
[www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/Events](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/Events)





# TODDLER TREKS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 2-6 YEARS OLD



## LIVE LIKE A BEE

Friday, 6/14/24, 9:30-10:30am

Armco Park- 1223 N State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036

Shelter 30

Thursday, 6/27/24, 10:00-11:00am

Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, Ohio 45068



## BIRD BONANZA

Monday, 7/8/24, 9:30-10:30am

Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

Thursday, 7/18/24, 10:00-11:00am

Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, Ohio 45068



## SPIDER KID

Thursday, 8/8/24, 9:30-10:30am

Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

Wednesday, 8/21/24, 9:30-10:30am

Armco Park- 1223 N State Route 741, Lebanon, OH 45036

Shelter 15A

Registration required.

For questions, call 513-409-1389 or email  
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Please register at  
[www.WarrenCountyParks.com](http://www.WarrenCountyParks.com)

# Summer Night Hikes



## FULL MOON HIKE

SAT., 6/22/24  
8-10PM

## HISEY PARK

5443 MIDDLETOWN RD.  
WAYNESVILLE, OH 45068



## OWL PROWL

SAT., 7/20/24  
9-10:30PM

## GULLEY PARK

2090 MIDDLEBORO RD.  
CLARKSVILLE, OH 45113



## CONSTELLATION CELEBRATION

SAT., 8/17/24  
8:30-10PM

## HISEY PARK

5443 MIDDLETOWN RD.  
WAYNESVILLE, OH 45068

Free and open to the public! **Registration required:**  
[www.WarrenCountyParks.com](http://www.WarrenCountyParks.com)

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