

# WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

## April & May 2025



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### Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts had 33,904. **E-blasts** are reaching 3,054 subscribers.
- 4/12: **Nature Walk** with **Mason Parks & Rec** at **Pine Hill Lakes Park**, six attendees (SP)
- 4/13: **4H Program** for Archery Club, 47 participants (SP)
- 4/14: Press release about Strategic Plan Virtual Open House sent to all media contacts (SP)
- 4/14: **Wellness Walk** with OSU Extension at Hisey Park, 22 participants, and the wildflowers were in full bloom! The invasive species removal we have been doing is making a difference! (SP)
- 4/14: Herpetology class for Cincinnati Nature Center **Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists** Spring cohort, 25 participants (SP)
- 4/15: **Pesticide applicator** exam (SP)
- 4/17: Meeting with **Matt Latham, Cheryl Holly, Larry Easterly, Bryan Billhimer** and **Warren County Kennel Club** board members about potential **dog park** at Armco (SP)
- 4/18: **Toddler Trek: Colors of Spring** at Armco, 16 kids and nine adults participated (LA)
- 4/18: **Outdoor Life** radio show (SP)
- 4/18: **Bat program** at library, 92 participants! (LA)
- 4/19: **Walk-and Learn program (wildflowers)** at Hisey Park, seven participants (LA)
- 4/22: **Native Bees** for Living Green series with Deerfield Township and Warren County Conservation Collaborative, 11 participants (SP)
- 4/23: **Nature Education Team** Meeting with **Matt** (LA, SP)
- 4/23: Meeting at Bowyer Farm with **Dianna Kenneally** and **Project Dragonfly** facilitators (SP)
- 4/24: **Storytime at Hisey Park** with **Mary L Cook Library**, 22 kids and 15 adults participated (LA)
- 4/26: Led herpetology field day Cincinnati Nature Center **Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists** Spring cohort with our reptile ambassadors, 23 participants (SP)



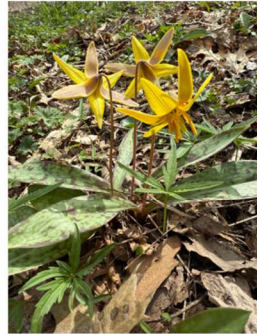
- 4/26: **Introduction to Bluebird Monitoring**, six participants (LA)
- 4/27: Wildflower Walk with **Dayton Wild Ones** group at Hisey Park, four participants (SP)
- 4/29: **All Staff Meeting** at Armco Park, including reptile presentation, 35 participants (SP, LA)



- 4/30: **Warren County Conservation Collaborative** meeting (LA, SP)
- 5/1: **Toddler Trek: Buds and Bugs** at Hisey, three participants (LA)
- 5/6: **Leadership Team Meeting** with **Matt, Larry, Bryan, Haden Englert, and Kathy Francis** (SP)
- 5/6: **Strategic Plan Steering Committee** meeting via Zoom (SP)
- Ongoing: working with **Ohio Division of Wildlife** and **Stantec** regarding wildlife and Landen-Deerfield Park wetland restoration project (SP)
- Ongoing: working on switching to **Constant Contact** platform for e-blasts and program registrations
- Ongoing: finalizing **summer programming** and sharing flyers and registration details with local schools and libraries







# 4/14/25 Hisey Park Wellness Walk





## Upcoming Events and Projects

- 5/14: Nature Ed Team Mtg (SP, LA)
- 5/14: Toddler Trek: Buds and Bugs at Armco (LA)
- 5/14: Meeting at Mary Haven (SP)
- 5/17: Wildflower Walk with City of Mason at Pine Hill Lakes Park (SP)
- 5/17: Spring Into Action Volunteer Day (LA, SP floating)
- 5/20: Leadership Team mtg (SP)
- 5/26: 100-Hours-Outside Challenge begins
- 5/28: Nature Ed Team Mtg (SP, LA)
- 5/29: Project WILD training (LA, SP with Melissa Proffitt and Lynn White)
- 5/29: Leadership Warren County reptile presentation (SP)
- 5/29: Lebanon Library summer reading program kick-off (SP)
- 5/29: Friends of WCPD meeting (SP)
- 5/30: Franklin-Springboro Library summer reading program kick-off (LA)
- 6/3: Leadership Team mtg (SP)
- 6/3: Toddler Trek: Hiding in My Shell (LA)
- 6/4: LMWN/WCSWCD program at Armco (Justin Bedocs presenting) (SP)
- 6/7: Cops & Bobbers at Armco (SP, LA).
- 6/9: Nature Ed Team Mtg (SP, LA)
- 6/10: Tech-Free Tuesday at Armco (Pollinators, 4H Honeybees, and Orienteering Cincinnati)
- 6/12: Mason Parks program (Reptile Recon) (SP)
- 6/13: Program with WC Water Striders: General Public Cleanup/Tire-Hunt Float on the Little Miami River (SP)



# CATCH AND KEEP FISH

To help us prepare for the new wetland restoration project, fish from the Landen-Deerfield

Park pond may be kept for consumption or relocation to private waters.



**From now until the start  
of construction only**







# Tech-Free Tuesdays 2025



**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

**6/10:** Bees & Butterflies with Warren Co.

4H Beekeepers & Orienteering Cincinnati

**6/24:** Farm Animal Showcase with Warren Co. 4H

**7/8:** Incredible Insects with Cincinnati Museum Center

**7/22:** "Habitat Is Where the Home Is" with Warren Co. Soil & Water Conservation

**8/5:** Birds of Prey with RAPTOR, Inc.

## Landen-Deerfield Park

2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

**6/17:** Meet Our Wildlife Officer & K9 Scout & Try Archery with ODNR

**7/1:** Backyard Birds with Wild Birds Unlimited and OSU Extension

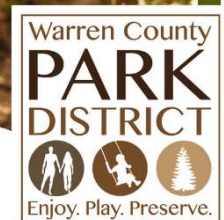
**7/15:** Animal Adaptations with Cincinnati Museum Center

**7/29:** Creeking with Naturalists & Colorful Coral with Cincinnati Museum Center

**8/12:** Reptiles & Amphibians



**NEW THIS YEAR: Pre-Registration available at**  
**[WarrenCountyParks.com/events](https://WarrenCountyParks.com/events)**





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



## COPS & BOBBERS SUMMER KICK-OFF Sat., 6/7/25, 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

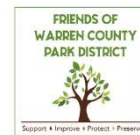
### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

- 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](https://WarrenCountyParks.com) today to reserve your child's spot!**

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Sponsors and activities are subject to change, 5/8/25



Warren County Park District  
Armco Park Golf Course Presents

# 2025 JUNIOR INTRO TO GOLF

FREE lessons for children ages 5-14



**FIRST SESSION: JULY 9, 10, 11**  
**SECOND SESSION: JULY 16, 17, 18**  
**9:00-10:15AM**

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](https://WarrenCountyParks.com/events)





# COME PLAY IN THE DARK!

## 2025 NIGHT GLOW GOLF

- Prizes awarded for best score
- Four-person scramble
  - Max. of nine foursomes
  - Min. of six foursomes
- \$100 per foursome
- This event is walking only
- Golf starts promptly at dark so be there by 8pm
- In case of rain, the event may be canceled or rescheduled based on availability



**July 12 and August 9**

**Pre-registration is required!**

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**Warren County Armco Park Golf Course**





## PRESS RELEASE

### Contact:

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**Release Date:** April 14, 2025 – For Immediate Release

### Warren County Park District to Host Virtual Open House for Strategic Plan Input

**Warren County, OH** – Warren County Park District invites residents to participate in a **Virtual Open House** as part of the development of its new **Strategic Plan**. Community members are encouraged to review the plan and share their feedback online at [www.warrencountyparks.com](http://www.warrencountyparks.com).

The Virtual Open House is designed to make participation easy and accessible for residents throughout the county. Participants will find an overview of the proposed Strategic Plan, which outlines the Park District's long-term vision, goals, and priorities for enhancing park facilities, programs, natural resource conservation, and community engagement. The public will have the opportunity to submit comments and suggestions directly through the site.

"We want this plan to reflect the values and priorities of the people we serve," said **Matt Latham**, CEO of the Warren County Park District. "The Virtual Open House allows anyone—no matter their schedule or location—to be part of shaping the future of parks and green space in Warren County."

Five additional in-person open houses were held last month around Warren County. Feedback collected during that process and through the Virtual Open House will be used to refine the Strategic Plan before it is finalized in June 2025.

The Virtual Open House will be available through **May 1, 2025**. All residents, stakeholders, and park users are encouraged to participate and help guide the future of Warren County Park District.

**About Warren County Park District** – 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 information, see [www.warrencountyparks.com](http://www.warrencountyparks.com), email [parks@warrencountyparks.com](mailto:parks@warrencountyparks.com), or call (513) 695-3980.

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