



WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report September & October 2026

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Community Connections

In the past 28 days, Facebook posts have had 39,519 views. We continue to post on Instagram and LinkedIn. E-blasts are reaching 8,263 subscribers.

Date	Event or Program	Audience	Partner	Total
9/12/2026	Touch a Truck- Pollinator Station at Deerfield Towne Ctr	Families	Deerfield Twp	707
9/12/2026	Night Sky program with WCAS at Hisey	Adults	WCAS	12
9/13/2026	Beautiful Butterflies at Pine Hill Lakes	Families	Mason	23
9/14/2026	Toddler Trek: Butterflies and Moths at Armco	Kids		25
9/19/2026	Clean Sweep at Carmody	Families	SWCD	21
9/22/2026	Monarch Family Story Time at Mason Public Library	Families	Mason Public Library	74
9/23/2026	Monarch Story Time at Salem Twp Library	Families	Salem Twp. Public Library	75
9/24/2026	Monarch Preschool Story Time at MLC Library	Families	MLC Library	30
9/25/2026	Family Fishing Fun at Armco	Families	Mason School District	262
9/27/2026	Full Moon Hike at Gulley	Families		27
9/28/2026	Monarch Preschool Story Time at Springboro Library	Families	Springboro Library	22
9/30/2026	Monarch Preschool Story Time at Franklin Public Library	Families	Franklin Library	24
10/3/2026	Take a Kid Mountain Biking at Landen-Deerfield	Families	CORA/TREK	73
10/3/2026	Hisey Fall Fest	Families	Friends/WCAS/4H/others	720
10/3/2026	Night Sky program with WCAS at Hisey	Adults	WCAS	12
10/5/2026	Monarch Story Time and Craft at Lebanon Public Library	Families	Lebanon Public Library	25
10/7/2026	Toddler Trek: Spider Kid at Landen-Deerfield	Kids		15
10/7/2026	Mystery Reader	Kids	Kings School District	130
10/8/2026	Monarch Story Time and Craft at Lebanon Public Library	Families	Lebanon Public Library	17





Upcoming Programs and Events

Date	Event or Program	Audience	Partner
10/9/2026	Beautiful Butterflies at E Milo Beck	Families	Springboro
10/10/2026	OCVN training at Cincinnati Nature Center	Adults	CNC, OCVNs
10/15/2026	Community Harvest Festival at WC Fairgrounds	Families	UWWC, Council on Aging
10/18/2026	Spider Search at Pine Hill Lakes	Families	Mason
10/19/2026	Toddler Trek: Spider Kid at Gulley	Kids	
10/24/2026	Make a Difference Day at Landen-Deerfield, Armco, Hisey	Families	
10/25/2026	Full Moon Hike at Hisey	Families	
11/2/2026	Toddler Trek: A Chipmunk's Harvest at Armco	Kids	
11/4/2026	Wellness Walk at Landen-Deerfield	Adults	
11/14/2026	Friends of WCPD Membership Meeting at Armco	Adults	General Meeting
11/14/2026	Friendsgiving at Armco	Adults	Volunteers and Community Partners
11/14/2026	Night Sky program with WCAS at Hisey	Adults	WCAS

FALL 2026

Naturalist Nature Series

JOIN WARREN COUNTY PARK NATURALISTS TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE NATURAL WORLD IN THIS ENGAGING AND EDUCATIONAL SERIES. WE ASK THAT YOU PRE-REGISTER FOR THESE PROGRAMS. FOR QUESTIONS AND SUPPORT ON REGISTERING, PLEASE CONTACT THE MASON COMMUNITY CENTER.

Beautiful Butterflies
Sun., Sept. 13, 2026, 4pm 3-4pm
Pine Hill Lakes Park-211 Kings Mills Dr. Mason, OH 45040
Search for butterflies that call the park home. Learn to identify the specific habitats butterflies frequent, migration patterns of certain species, and your favorite flying marvels. If you have an insect net, feel free to bring it, and remember to dress for the weather.

Spider Search
Sun., Oct. 18, 2026, 6:30-8:00pm
Pine Hill Lakes Park- 211 Kings Mills Dr. Mason, OH 45040
Fall is spider season! Explore the diversity of spiders as we discover them in the park, and discover they aren't as spooky as this season leads you to believe.

Fall Tree Identification Hike
Sun., Nov. 22, 2026, 2-3pm
Pine Hill Lakes Park- 211 Kings Mills Dr. Mason, OH 45040
Learn how to identify the trees living around us and witness the changes they undergo when preparing for winter. Please remember to dress for the weather.

REGISTER TODAY

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Register Today



JOIN US FOR

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Join us for a large volunteer day with Warren County Parks! Help remove invasive species and litter to improve your parks. All those who register and participate will receive work gloves provided by Friends of Warren County Park District. Water will be provided at each location. We hope you can join us and help make a difference in your parks!

**Armco Park
Hisey Park
Landen-Deerfield Park**

10.24.2026
10 AM TO NOON

For more details and to register, please go to
<https://www.warrencountyparks.com/events>

Warren County PARK DISTRICT
Friends of Warren County Park District



The Warren County
Resource Rally presents

Community HARVEST FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS!



OCTOBER 15, 2026
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Warren County Fairgrounds
Welcome Hall
Lebanon, OH 45036

About The Event

Join us for a fun-filled evening where you can connect with local organizations, explore valuable programs and support services, and discover resources available to you and your family. Bring the kids for trick-or-treating and fall-themed activities while you enjoy an evening of community, connection, and fun!



Event Highlights

Connect with Service Providers ◀
Meet local organizations and learn about programs and services available right here in Warren County.

Children's Activities ◀
Bring the whole family! Kids can enjoy pumpkin painting, face art, and some furry friends.

Games & Giveaways ◀
Play to win exciting prizes and take home helpful resources and goodies.

FREE Food and Drinks ◀

Event Sponsored By:

TODDLER TREKS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 2-6 YEARS OLD

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BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS

Wednesday, 9/2/26 10:30-11:30am
Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068
Monday, 9/14/26, 10:30-11:30am
Armco Park- 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036



SPIDER KID

Wednesday, 10/7/26, 10:30-11:30am
Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039
Wednesday, 10/14/26, 10:30-11:30am
Gulley Park- 2168 Middleboro Rd, Clarksville, OH 45113
Monday, 10/19/26, 10:30-11:30am
Kesling Park- 7201 Red Lion-Five Points Rd Springboro, OH 45066



A CHIPMUNK'S HARVEST

Monday, 11/2/26, 10:30-11:30am
Armco Park- 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036
Wednesday, 11/18/26, 10:30-11:30am
Landen-Deerfield Park- 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039

Registration required.
For questions, call 513-409-1389
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Please register your child at
www.warrencountyparks.com/events



Warren County Wellness Walks

A fun and easy way to improve mental and physical health!

Join us as we explore parks across the county on quiet and relaxing walks that are perfect for enjoying some "Vitamin N" (nature) and connecting with new friends. It's a great way to get a little exercise, breathe in fresh air, and enjoy the beauty around us. Some parks have multiple trailheads, so be sure to use the addresses listed below to arrive at the correct starting point. No pre-registration required. Questions? Please contact your walk leader.

Fall 2026

- **Wed., 9/9/26, 9-10:15am:** Camp Joy, 10117 Old CCC Rd, Clarksville, OH 45113. Led by Warren Co. Soil & Water Conservation's Melissa Proffitt, MProffitt@WarrenCountyOhio.gov. Trail rating: 3
- **Wed., 10/14/26, 9-10:15am:** Mounts Park, 4851 Stubbs Mills Rd., Maineville, OH 45152. Led by Hamilton Township's Nicole Earley, NEarley@Hamilton-Township.org. Trail rating: 2
- **Wed., 11/4/26, 9-10:15am:** Landen-Deerfield Park, 2258 US 22/3, Maineville, OH 45039. Led by Warren County Park District's Lauren Asquith, LASquith@WarrenCountyParks.com. Trail rating: 2.5
- **Wed., 12/9/26, 9-10:15am:** French Run Trail, 425 N. East St. Lebanon. Led by City of Lebanon's Casey Burdick, CBurdick@LebanonOhio.gov. Trail rating: 3

Trail Ratings: 1 = Primarily paved walkways, mostly level. 2 = Mix of paved, gravel and dirt trails and walkways, mostly level. 3 = Mostly gravel and dirt trails, has steps or steep areas.

A Note About Weather: These walks will be held rain, sleet, or snow but will be cancelled if there is lightning, thunder, dangerously high winds, or inclement driving conditions. "There's no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes." Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes that can get dirty. If you prefer to walk with hiking sticks, please bring them!

A special thank you to this session's partner organizations:



warrenswcd.com



camp-joy.org



hamilton-township.org



warrencountyparks.com



lebanonohio.gov

Full Moon Hikes



Sept 27, 2026
Gulley Park
Clarksville, OH
7:45-8:45pm



Oct 25, 2026
Hisey Park
Waynesville, OH
7-8pm



Nov 23, 2026
Gulley Park
Clarksville, OH
5:30-6:30pm



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All night hikes are free and open to the public!

Registration required:
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FRIENDS GIVING

Supporter Appreciation Gathering



FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED

NOVEMBER
14
SUNDAY

2:30 - 4:30PM

A celebration of our shared achievements
and a look at what's to come!

RSVP NO LATER THAN 11/9/26 TO
SPENNINGTON@WARRENCOUNTYPARKS.COM

ARMCO PARK JONES PAVILION, 1223 N SR 741, LEBANON 45036



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Warren County Park District Seeks Public Comment About Minard Park

DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, Ohio — As part of its ongoing implementation of the 2025 Strategic Plan, [Warren County Park District](#) is evaluating how its existing properties align with its county-wide role and long-term priorities. That review includes studying the potential closure of [Minard Park](#), a 5.87-acre park located at 3460 Fields Ertel Road in Deerfield Township, near the Hamilton County line.

Minard Park was acquired by the Park District in 1999 and includes one soccer field, a parking area, picnic shelter, drinking fountain, and playground. Much of the park's infrastructure is more than 25 years old and would require significant investment to replace aging facilities and bring them up to current standards.

[The Park District's 2025 Strategic Plan](#) was created with extensive input from community members and calls for a county-wide approach focused on preserving regionally significant green space, complementing (rather than duplicating) services provided by municipal and township park systems, and making efficient use of public resources. It also calls for evaluating aging facilities and making deliberate choices about where continued maintenance, replacement, and investment are appropriate.

As the Park District works to put that direction into practice, it is taking a broader look at whether some of its smaller properties are well aligned with the role it intends to serve in the future. Land acquisition criteria adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners in 2018 establish 25 acres as the minimum desired size for Park District properties, reflecting an emphasis on regionally significant parks, natural areas, and trail connections.

"Our Strategic Plan gives us a clearer picture of the role the Park District should play across Warren County, and part of implementing that plan is taking a thoughtful look at the properties we already manage," said Matt Latham, Executive Director. "Our responsibility is not simply to preserve the status quo, but to make sure our parks and investments are aligned with where the Park District can provide the greatest long-term value."

The Park District has limited financial and staffing resources to maintain and improve parks throughout Warren County. Investments made in one property can limit what is possible elsewhere, making it necessary to carefully prioritize those resources.

No final decision has been made regarding the closure of Minard Park. Before determining how to proceed, the Board of Park Commissioners would like to hear from residents about how they currently use Minard Park. Interested community members are invited to comment using the Park District's online comment form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/WarrenCountyParkDistrict/MinardPark>

Comments will be accepted through November 11, 2026, and will be shared with the Board of Park Commissioners as it considers next steps.

Warren County Park District is a county-wide park and green space provider, managing 1,716 acres across 12 parks and six conservation areas. The Park District's mission is to enhance the community's well-being by preserving quality natural spaces where all are invited to discover and experience the great outdoors. For more information, see www.WarrenCountyParks.com, email parks@warrencountyparks.com, or call (513) 695-3980.

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