

# WCPD Naturalist & Marketing Report

## September & October 2024



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### Community Connections

- In the past 28 days, **Facebook** posts have reached 19,949 people. **E-blasts** are reaching 2,915 subscribers.
- 9/12: **Warren County Health and Wellness Fair** in Franklin. 25 participants. (SP)
- 9/13: **Toddler Trek: Beautiful Butterflies** at **Landen-Deerfield Park**. 7 kids + 8 adults = 15 participants (LA)
- 9/13: **100-Hours-Outside Prize Pick-up** at **Landen-Deerfield Park**. (SP)
- 9/14: Booth at **Deerfield Township Touch-a-Truck** event with our **ambassador reptiles** and 100-Hours-Outside prize pick-up. Per **Sarah Kirby**, estimated attendance was 2,000. (SP)
- 9/14: **100-Hours-Outside Prize Pick-up** at **Armco Park**. (SP)
- 9/17: **Team Meeting** with **Matt Latham, Larry Easterly, Haden Englert, Kathy Francis, Bryan Billhimer**. (SP)
- 9/17: Meeting with **Dawn Stutz** from **Our Open Home** and **Lindsey Leingang** from **Tonic True Nature** to discuss Maple Syrup program for winter. See attached draft flyer. (SP)
- 9/17: Live Animal Ambassador **Program** at **Franklin-Springboro Public Library**. 26 kids + 12 adults = 38 participants (LA)
- 9/21: **Carmody Park Clean Sweep** of the Great Miami River Watershed in coordination with **Butler and Warren County Soil and Water Conservation Districts**. 7 participants (SP)
- 9/21: Educational booth at **Ducks Unlimited** banquet at Warren County Fairgrounds. 200 participants. (SP)
- 9/24: Meeting with **Niki Marengo** from **Arrow Adventure** and **Dawn Stutz** to discuss **"Chill, Grill, and Paddle"** event tentatively scheduled for June 2025. (SP)
- 9/24: **American Heritage Girls** program at Camp Lebanon. 24 participants (SP)
- 9/25: **Nature Education Team Meeting** via Teams (LA, SP)
- 9/25: Park District **Strategic Plan Steering Committee Meeting**. (SP)
- 9/28: Congratulations to **Lauren** and her family on the addition of **new baby Daniel!**
- 10/1: **Team Meeting** with Matt, Larry, Haden, Kathy, and Bryan. (SP)
- 10/2: Meeting and Armco Park tour with **Congressman Landsman** and staff, Matt and Larry. (SP)





- 10/5: **Friends of WCPD Hisey Fall Fest.** Estimated 300 participants (SP)
- 10/7: Partnered with **Little Miami Watershed Network** to provide trash pickup at **Clint Fultz Park** for a volunteer river cleanup with Pfizer. Thank you to **Larry Easterly** for his help organizing!
- 10/8: **Otterbein Senior Life Health and Wellness Fair.** Residents expressed appreciation of having Armco Park so close and shared that they mainly enjoy walking, fishing, golfing, eating lunch in the shelters, and going for boat rides on the "Spirit of Otterbein." Many bring their family members to the park when they come to visit. Quite a few mentioned that they are hopeful that the path connecting Otterbein campus and the park will reopen soon. 150 participants (SP)
- 10/9: **Nature Education Team Meeting** (SP)
- 10/9: **Countryside YMCA** nature preserve visit with **Matt**, OCVN **Jim Ludwick**, and **YMCA staff** to tour property and explore future partnership ideas. This property is open to the public (no YMCA membership required). (SP)
- 10/9: Meeting with **Sam Settlemire** from **Cincinnati Civic Garden Center**, **Matt**, **Larry**, and **Bryan** to discuss potential training for staff and volunteers to learn about management strategies for conservation areas. (SP)



## Upcoming Events and Projects

- **Continuing projects:**
  - **Tree Identification Trails** at **Hisey Park** (see attached brochure) and **Armco Park**
  - **Duke Energy Grant** implementation to share solar panel production stats and upcoming programs and events with Armco Park patrons.
  - **Countryside YMCA** partnership opportunities
- 10/11: Meeting with **Laura Stanton** from **OSU Extension** re. upcoming partnerships (SP)
- 10/12: **American Heritage Girls** presentation with reptile ambassadors. (SP)
- 10/15: Budget meeting with **Matt Latham** and **Haden Englert**; Team Meeting; **Armco Park** Tree Trail review with **OCVN Bill Lindauer**; Host **Miami Valley No Child Left Inside** meeting (SP)
- 10/17: **Toddler Trek: Colors of Fall** at **Landen-Deerfield Park** (SP)
- 10/18: **Warren County Resource Rally** at Fairgrounds (SP)
- 10/22: **ODNR Division of Watercraft Grant Writing Workshop** in Columbus (SP)
- 10/23: **Nature Education Team** meeting (SP)
- 10/24: **Toddler Trek: Colors of Fall** at **Hisey Park** (SP)
- 11/5: **Team Meeting** (SP)
- 11/6: **Nature Lovers' Book Club** gathering at **Armco Park** with **OSU Extension** and **Laura Stanton**. (SP)
- 11/7: **Toddler Trek: Squirrel Search** at **Armco Park** (SP)
- 11/12: **Toddler Trek: Squirrel Search** at **Landen-Deerfield Park** (SP)





### DATE

Wednesday,  
November 6, 2024

### TIME

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

### LOCATION

Armco Park  
Jones Pavilion  
1223 N State Route 741  
Lebanon, OH 45036

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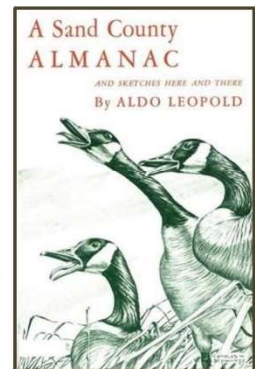
## Nature Lovers Book Club

Join OSU Extension educator, Laura Stanton, and Shannon Pennington, Warren County Park District naturalist, for the next Nature Lovers Book Club. This will be a casual and informal gathering, so there is no pressure to read the entire book. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other nature lovers in our community and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and reflections.

In November, we will discuss *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold. Bring a friend, something warm to drink, and join us at the Jones Pavilion in Armco Park.

Questions? Please contact Laura at [stanton.60@osu.edu](mailto:stanton.60@osu.edu) or 513-695-1311.

For more information, visit:  
[go.osu.edu/nature-matters](http://go.osu.edu/nature-matters)



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# TODDLER TREKS

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN 2-6 YEARS OLD

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## BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

Thursday, 9/5/24, 10-11am

Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

Friday, 9/13/24, 9:30-10:30am

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



## COLORS OF FALL

Thursday, 10/17/24, 10-11am

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

Thursday, 10/24/24, 10-11am

Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068



## SQUIRREL SEARCH

Thursday, 11/7/24, 10-11am

Armco Park- 1223 OH-741, Lebanon, OH 45036

Tuesday, 11/12/24, 10-11am

Hisey Park- 5443 Middletown Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068

**Registration required.**

**For questions, call 513-409-1389**

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Please register your child at  
[www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/Events](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/parks/Events)



# Maple Sugaring Series

Ohio has a rich history of maple sugaring. Join us for winter tree identification, tree tapping, and community celebration with maple syrup boil to learn more about the history and evolution of the process.

## Winter Tree ID Walk: Sat., 11/2/24, 10-11:30am

Yes, you can identify trees even after they have dropped their leaves! Join Naturalist Shannon and special guest Casey Burdick to check out the trees of Armco Park. Learn the basics of winter tree identification, and take home the skills to identify and mark trees in your own yard so you can tap them this winter. ODNR tree identification guides and tree-marking supplies will be provided for you to take home.



**Armco Park Jones Pavilion**, 1223 North SR 741, Lebanon, OH. **FREE. Registration required.**  
Scan QR code or go to [tinyurl.com/TreeID-11-02-24](https://tinyurl.com/TreeID-11-02-24).

## STAY TUNED! MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

- Another Winter Tree Identification Walk
- Tree Tapping Workshops
- Pancake Breakfast, Community Maple Syrup Boil, and Glamping!

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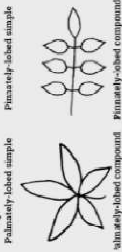
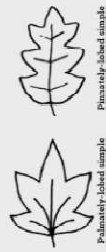
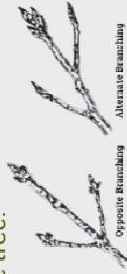


## Tree ID Tips

You can learn to identify trees by looking at the branching, leaves, twigs, bark, fruit, and silhouette of the tree.

### Branching

Trees have either alternate or opposite branching. If you see opposite branching, you can narrow the tree to a Maple, Ash, Dogwood, or Buckeye (MADBuck).

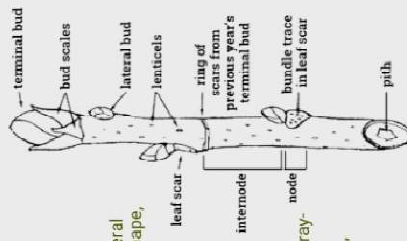


### Leaf Shape

- Needled or broadleaf
- Simple or compound
- Smooth, lobed, toothed, or serrated edges
- Overall shape and size

### Twig

Twigs are excellent for tree ID especially in winter. Look for differences in the terminal and lateral buds, leaf scars, lenticels, color, shape, thorns, etc.



### Bark

At first glance, bark might seem to all look the same, but look closer. Bark varies in color (gray, gray-brown, brown, white, orange, or red-brown) and texture (smooth, scaly, furrowed, peeling, papery, or fibrous.)

### Resources to help with tree ID:



Arbor Day Foundation's "What Tree is That?" Online key to help identify trees based on the leaves.



Trees of Ohio Field Guide. Free download from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife

## About Hisey Park

Located at 5443 Middletown Rd. in Waynesville, Hisey Park encompasses 158 acres of forests, meadows, and reclaimed wetlands. Please visit our website to learn more.



[https://co.warren.oh.us/parks/Parks\\_List/Hisey.aspx](https://co.warren.oh.us/parks/Parks_List/Hisey.aspx)

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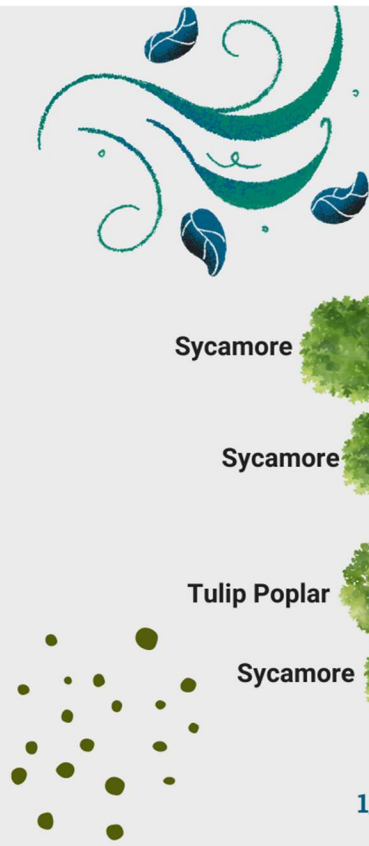
Learn to identify many native tree species on this short hike along the forest trail.



## Hisey Park Tree Trail



# Hissey Park Tree Trail



- Red Elm
- Paw Paw
- Sycamore
- Red Elm
- Box Elder
- Green Ash
- Tulip Poplar
- Sycamore
- Black Walnut
- 1/4 mile marker
- Tulip Poplar
- Blue Ash
- Sugar Maple
- Green Ash
- Sycamore
- Sugar Maple
- Sugar Maple
- Cottonwood
- Box Elder
- Red Elm
- Black Walnut
- Oaks
- Black Walnuts
- Black Cherry

Trail  
Head



Forest  
Trail  
continues  
up hill.

- Box Elder
- Red Elm
- Sugar Maple
- Box Elder
- Black Walnut
- Ohio Buckeye
- Sugar Maple
- Sycamore
- Box Elder
- Sycamore
- Blue Ash
- Hackberry
- Box Elder
- Sugar Maple
- Red Bud
- Box Elder
- Sycamore
- Sugar Maples
- Paw Paws
- Red Elm
- Box Elder
- Chestnut Oaks
- Black Walnuts



Observe the marked trees along the flat  
section of the trail, then see if you can  
find more on the rest of the Forest Trail.





# Winter LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Join Warren County Park District Naturalists as we team up with libraries throughout Warren County for programs based around The Mitten by Jan Brett. We will bring mammal furs and track examples that relate to the story as well as furs from other mammals that call Ohio home. Please check with each library for any registration information, if it's required, and children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



## Mason Public Library

Family Story Time

<https://masonpl.libcal.com/event/12838967>

December 17, 2024 7:00pm

200 Reading Rd. Mason, OH 45040



## Franklin-Springboro Public Library

Preschool Story Time

<https://www.fspl.org/storytimes>

January 8, 2025 11:30am

Franklin Library- 44 E.4th St. Franklin, OH 45005

January 9, 2025 11:30am

Springboro Library- 125 Park Ln. Springboro, OH 45066



## Mary L. Cook Public Library

Preschool Story Time

<https://www.mlcook.lib.oh.us/content/storytime-0>

January 16, 2025 10:30am

381 Old Stage Rd. Waynesville, OH 45068



## Lebanon Public Library

Homeschool Hangout

[https://lebanonlibrary.org/event/homeschool-hangout-4/?instance\\_id=16864](https://lebanonlibrary.org/event/homeschool-hangout-4/?instance_id=16864)

February 1, 2025 10:00am

101 S Broadway St, Lebanon, OH 45036

STEAM Saturday

[https://lebanonlibrary.org/event/steam-saturday-4/?instance\\_id=16866](https://lebanonlibrary.org/event/steam-saturday-4/?instance_id=16866)

February 1, 2025 11:30am

101 S Broadway St, Lebanon, OH 45036



## Salem Township Public Library

Family Story Time

[https://www.salem-](https://www.salem-township.lib.oh.us/calendar/month)

February 10, 2025 6:30pm

[township.lib.oh.us/calendar/month](https://www.salem-township.lib.oh.us/calendar/month)

535 W Pike St, Morrow, OH 45152



SEE YOU THIS WINTER!

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