

Preserving Today for Their Tomorrow

## The Bartram Foundation

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# We have a surprise!

Welcome to The Bartram Foundation

by Bea Mills on August 13, 2025



The Bartram Foundation - Ohio

It is our great honor to introduce **The Bartram Foundation**, proudly based in Ohio. What began as a small group of passionate outdoor enthusiasts, families, and children has grown into a powerful mission: to protect our natural areas and inspire people of all ages to explore the great outdoors.

Inspired by the legacy of John and William Bartram—North America's pioneering explorers and botanists—we believe there is still so much to discover. Through land preservation, we create opportunities for **educational programs**, **hands-on classes**, **and immersive retreats** that ignite curiosity and foster a deep appreciation for nature.

Our work extends far beyond exploration. We actively collect and study field data to support the conservation and renewal of native plants and wildlife across reclaimed lands. These efforts are not

just about preservation—they are about building a living, thriving legacy for generations to come.

At the heart of our mission is a simple but powerful vision: to ensure that all future generations can enjoy the outdoors in safe, welcoming spaces. Whether it's camping under the stars, hiking forest trails, fishing by a quiet stream, or pursuing a degree in environmental sciences, we aim to provide experiences that connect people to the natural world. And who knows—perhaps our efforts will even lead to the discovery of a new species, or the return of one thought lost.

We believe that when a child is given the chance to learn about nature and its vital role in our lives, we invest in a better future. Every trail maintained, every class taught, every acre preserved is a step toward a tomorrow where nature remains a source of wonder, refuge, and renewal.

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### Perseid Meteor Shower

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#### **Catch the Perseids Before Summer Fades!**

As summer winds down and school looms on the horizon, Mother Nature isn't done dazzling us yet. Even after the 4th of July fireworks, she treats sky-watchers to one final spectacular: the **Perseid Meteor Shower** in August.

This celestial show kicks off in mid-July and usually **peaks in early August** as Earth speeds through the debris trail of **comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle**. Look up and you'll see meteors streaking across the night sky, leaving brilliant trails of light that captivate viewers of all ages.

### **Sky-Watching Tips:**

- **Best Viewing Time:** Late evening through pre-dawn hours. The peak usually happens around **mid-August**.
- Where to Look: Face northeast, away from city lights, for the clearest view.
- **Bring Comfort:** A blanket or reclining chair helps you keep your eyes on the sky longer.
- **Be Patient:** Meteors come in bursts, so give your eyes time to adjust to the darkness.

There's still time to catch this cosmic display! Don't miss your chance to witness one of nature's most beautiful night sky shows before summer slips away.





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#### **Our Vision:**

To protect Ohio's natural areas, restore native ecosystems, and inspire people of all ages to connect with the outdoors—today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

#### What We Do:

- **Preserve Land & Wildlife** Safeguarding forests, fields, waterways, and habitats for the plants and animals that call them home.
- **Restore Native Ecosystems** Reclaiming and renewing land through native plantings, habitat restoration, and sustainable stewardship.
- **Inspire Outdoor Exploration** Encouraging hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, gardening, and stargazing to foster a lifelong love of nature.
- **Provide Education & Skills** Hosting workshops, classes, and retreats that teach environmental science, land management, and outdoor skills.
- **Support Conservation Research** Collecting field data to guide future conservation efforts and possibly rediscover lost or undiscovered species.
- **Build Community Connections** Bringing together families, schools, volunteers, and partner organizations to create a united force for nature.

### Why It Matters:

We believe every person—especially children—should have a safe, welcoming space to experience the wonder of the outdoors. By preserving land and teaching the value of nature, we are planting the seeds for a healthier, greener, and more connected future.

### Join Us:

Volunteer, participate in our programs, or help preserve land for the next generation. Every effort, big or small, keeps the promise of nature alive.

### Who it Matters to:

The President of The Bartram Foundation is a direct descendant, George Bartram, and this is his personal pursuit of legacy..

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