

Hocking Hills State Park

Special Events & Nature Programs

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September

Thurs 5th- **Beginners Kayaking 3-4 PM** – Join the Naturalist to learn the basics of kayaking and paddle around Lake Logan. Bring sunscreen and water to drink if you wish. All equipment is provided. Meet the naturalist at the Lake Logan beach parking lot. Call 740-279-4927 or visit the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center to sign up.

Fri 6th- **Cantwell Cliffs Hike 10 AM** - Join our naturalist at the Cantwell Cliffs trailhead for a challenging 1.5-mile hike through Cantwell Cliffs.

Sat 7th- **Nature Painting 10 AM** – Come make your own nature masterpiece! Meet in the Visitor Center

Skins & Skulls 10 AM – Learn about some native animals of Ohio with the chance to see and touch some of their pelts and skulls. Meet at the campground amphitheater.

Slithering Snakes 2 PM – See one of the 26 snake species in Ohio as we learn about the Black Rat Snake. Meet in the lobby of the Lodge.

Fri 13th- **Cedar Falls Hike 10 AM**- Join our naturalist at the Cedar Falls trailhead H for a moderate half mile hike around historic Cedar Falls.

Sat 14th- **Mystery Critter Chat 10 AM** – Stop by the Visitor Center to help figure out what the critter of the day is based on clues from the naturalist!

Life of Monarchs 2 PM - Learn about monarch butterflies and the great journey they take part in. Meet in the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge.

Thurs 19th- **Beginners Kayaking 3-4 PM** – Join the Naturalist to learn the basics of kayaking and paddle around Lake Logan. Bring sunscreen and water to drink if you wish. All equipment is provided. Meet the naturalist at the Lake Logan beach parking lot. Call 740-279-4927 or visit the Old Mans Cave Visitor Center to sign up.

Every Tuesday Through Nov. 12th

Old Man's Cave Hike - Join us at 10 AM for a mile long hike through Old Mans Cave. Meet at the Visitor Center entrance.

Sat 21st- **Resident Raptors 2 PM** - See one of our rescued raptors and learn about what makes these birds a top predator. Join us at the Hocking Hills State Park Campground amphitheater.

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Terrific Turtles 2 PM – Learn all about turtles here in Ohio, with a chance to meet a native species up close! Meet at the Hocking Hills Lodge.

Thurs 26th - **Rock House Hike 10 AM** - Join our naturalist at the Rock House shelter house for a 1-mile moderate hike to Rock House cave.

Sat 28th **Archery 10 AM**: Join us beside the swimming pool in the campground for a beginner's archery course. All equipment is provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Paw Paw Talk 2 PM: Come learn about our states native fruit and how to find and ID it. Meet in the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge

October

Fri 4th- **Lower Falls Hike 10 AM** - Meet the naturalist at the Visitor Center for a challenging 1.5-mile hike to lower falls.

Sat 5th- **Beautiful Bobcats 10 AM** – See a bobcat’s fur and skull up close as we learn about Ohio’s native feline. Meet at the Campground shelter house.

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Recycled Paper Making 10 AM – Come to the Visitor Center to recycle some old paper into new!

Thurs 10th- **Cedar Falls Hike 10 AM** - Join our naturalist at the Cedar Falls trailhead H for a moderate half mile hike around historic Cedar Falls.

Fri 11th- **Nature Origami 10 AM** – Fold a cool animal or insect of your choice with the help of one of our naturalists.

Fri 18th- **Coffee Filter Bats 10 AM** – It’s spooky season! Join the Naturalist in the Visitor Center to craft your own spooky bat from a coffee filter.

Sat 19th- **Creepy Cryptids 10 AM** – Some say their creatures of legend, others say they are with us today. Learn about cryptozoology in Ohio at the campground amphitheater.

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Resident Raptors 2 PM - Come see one of our rescued raptor friends and learn about what makes these birds a top predator. Join us at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge.

Thurs 24th- **Whispering Cave Hike 10 AM** - Join our naturalist at the lodge lobby for a challenging 1-mile hike to Whispering cave.

Fri 25th- **Halloween Night Hike at Ash Cave 7-9 PM** - Join us at Ash Cave for a spooky lantern lit hike to Ash Cave.

Thurs 31st- **Cantwell cliffs Hike 10 AM** - Join our naturalist at the Cantwell Cliffs trailhead for a challenging 1.5-mile hike through Cantwell Cliffs.

November

Sat 2nd- **Mystery Critter Chat 10 AM** – Stop by the Visitor Center to help figure out what the critter of the day is based on clues from the naturalist!

A Beary Good Program 2 PM – Learn some facts about the smallest and most widespread bear in North America, the American black bear!

Thurs 7th- **Lower Falls Hike 10 AM** - Meet the naturalist at the Visitor Center for a challenging 1.5-mile hike to lower falls.

Fri 8th- **Rock Painting 10 AM** – Meet in the Visitor Center for a fun craft painting some rocks you can take home or leave to decorate outside the Visitor Center. Wear clothing you don't mind getting paint on.

Sat 9th- **Resident Raptors 2 PM** - Come see one of our rescued raptor friends and learn about what makes these birds a top predator. Join us at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge

Thurs 14th- **Whispering Cave Hike- 10 AM** - Join our naturalist at the lodge lobby for a challenging 1-mile hike to Whispering cave.

Fri 15th- **Animal Tracks 10 AM**– Join the naturalist at the Visitor Center to create your own take home animal track made with clay.

Sat 16th- **Fantastic Foxes 2 PM** – What does the fox say? Find out and more when we talk about Ohio's two native fox species. Meet at the State Park Lodge

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Thurs 21st- **Ash Cave hike 10 AM** - Join our naturalist at the Ash Cave trailhead for an easy half mile hike to our largest recessed cave.

Fri 22nd- **Mystery Critter Chat 10 AM** – Stop by the Visitor Center to help figure out what the critter of the day is based on clues from the naturalist!

Sat 23rd- **Turkey Talk 2 PM**- Come to the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge and learn about these native game birds and how they've become an American icon.

Fri 29th- **Paper Snowflakes 10 AM** – Use paper and scissors to create your own winter wonderland decorations! Meet at the Visitor Center.

Sat 30th- **Skillful Skunks 2 PM** – Why do skunks spray and what happens when you are sprayed? Hear about what to do and learn some facts about skunks in Ohio. Meet at the state park lodge.

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