

# PROGRAM GUIDE

June - September 2024



**Main Office**  
**3362 S. TR 151**  
**Tiffin, OH 44883**

## Walking Stick Program

Attend 4 hikes and earn your walking stick!  
For every additional 4 hikes, earn a medallion or patch.

Three hikes are offered each month—the Nature Walk Bird Talk, Day Hikes and the Full Moon Walks qualify. Just sign in with the naturalist. No time limit for earning your walking stick.

Benefits include: getting some exercise, seeing awesome wildlife, meeting new people, and just having FUN!

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL WALKS & HIKES**

## Day Hikes

### FIRST DAY OF SUMMER HIKE

Thursday, June 20 at 8AM  
Steyer Nature Preserve

### WILDFLOWER WALK

Thursday, July 18 at 2PM  
Forrest Nature Preserve (TR 151 lot)

### PRAIRIE WALK

Wednesday, August 14 at 2PM  
Clinton Nature Preserve

### SEPTEMBER STROLL

Monday, September 30 at 5PM  
Bowen Nature Preserve

## Nature Walk Bird Talks

These Saturday morning walks are held at  
**8AM at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve.**  
Walks last approximately 1 ¼ hours and qualify for the Walking Stick Program. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them.

**JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>**

**JULY 13<sup>th</sup>**

**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>**

## Full Moon Night Hikes

### THURSDAY, JUNE 20 at 9PM

Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

### SUNDAY, JULY 21 at 9PM

Clinton Nature Preserve

### MONDAY, AUGUST 19 at 9PM

Steyer Nature Preserve

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 at 8:30PM

Tiffin University Nature Preserve

# Programs

## BACKPACKIN' BABIES

*Infants birth to 18 months with an adult companion.*

Bring your front pack, stroller or just carry your little one as we discover nature through the environment, finger-plays, stories, and puppets.

**Registration Required**

### TURTLES

Tuesday, June 4 at 10AM  
Clinton Nature Preserve

### BUTTERFLIES & BLOSSOMS

Monday, July 1 at 4PM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



### WATER BABIES

Friday, August 2 at 2PM  
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

### TEDDY BEAR WALK

Tuesday, September 3 at 6PM  
Mercy Community Nature Preserve

## TODDLER TROTS

*For ages 18 to 36 months with an adult companion.*

Learn about each topic through outdoor exploration, stories, puppets, and more. **Registration Required**

### FISHING FUN

Thursday, June 6 at 5PM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

### MUD!

Tuesday, July 9 at 5PM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

### BUG HUNT

Monday, August 5 at 10AM  
Tiffin University Nature Preserve

### SCAMPERING SQUIRRELS

Tuesday, September 10 at 5PM  
Zimmerman Nature Preserve

## PRESCHOOL PALS

*Ages 3 to 5 years with an adult companion.*

Each month is a different topic and is held outdoors. **Registration Required**

### MUD KITCHEN

Wednesday, June 19 at 2PM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

### FISHING FUN

Wednesday, July 3 at 10AM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

### CREEK CRAWL

Thursday, August 8 at 2PM  
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

### CRAZY CATERPILLARS

Monday, September 16 at 5PM  
Clinton Nature Preserve



## YOUNG ADVENTURERS

*For ages 6 to 12 years.*

Each program is outdoors. All supplies are provided. Each month is a different topic and location.

**Registration Required**

### ROCK ON!

Monday, June 24 at 2PM  
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)

### BUTTERFLY SAFARI

Wednesday, July 10 at 2PM  
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve



### FISHING FUN

Tuesday, August 13 at 5PM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

### RIVER WALK

Thursday, September 19 at 6PM  
Clinton Nature Preserve

## DISCOVERY SERIES

*For youth ages 12 to 17 years & older*

Join a naturalist as we discover new and exciting things in the nature preserves each month.

**Registration Required**

### RIVER CRITTERS

Friday, June 21 at 3PM  
St. John's Mill River Access  
(corner of CR 6 & TR 131)



### SPOOL KNITTING

Tuesday, July 16 at 5PM  
Bowen Nature Preserve

### WETLAND EXPLORATION

Thursday, August 15 at 7PM  
Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve

### TERRIFIC TREES

Wednesday, September 25 at 5PM  
Steyer Nature Preserve

## FAMILY FUN EVENTS

For the whole family, come explore the nature center as a new topic and activities are available for exploration one Saturday each month. All of these programs are hosted at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve from 11AM to 2PM unless otherwise noted.

**Registration Required**

**JUNE 1**  
**BLUEBIRDS**

**JULY 13**  
**BUTTERFLIES & BUGS**

**AUGUST 10**  
**FUN IN THE SUN**  
10AM – 1PM  
Steyer Nature Preserve

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
**FALL FOLIAGE**





All programs are **FREE** and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.  
**Registration is required** by email to Linda Rose at [Lrose@senecacountyparks.com](mailto:Lrose@senecacountyparks.com) or online at [www.senecacountyparks.com](http://www.senecacountyparks.com)

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## AMERICAN GIRL SERIES

Learn about the American Girls at various times in our history. Read a small section of an American Girl book, and then relive that event through a fun hands-on activity!

**Registration Required**

**Wednesday, July 31 at 2PM**  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

**Wednesday, August 7 at 2PM**  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



## KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

Seneca Parks offers a variety of summer camps which provide outdoor experiences for all ages.

### ADVENTURE'S EVE

June 17-21 (6-9PM) **\$50**

### WORKING FOR WILDLIFE

June 24-28 (9AM-12PM) **\$50**

### LITTLE ONES NATURE DAYS

July 9-11 (9AM-12PM) **\$30**

### NATURE CAMP

July 15-19 (9AM-12PM) **\$50**

Registration form available online at:  
[www.senecacountyparks.com](http://www.senecacountyparks.com)

## TOM SAWYER DAYS

Read excerpts from the book "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and then re-create his life along the Mississippi River. Dress to get wet and muddy.

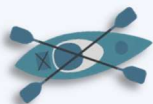
**Registration Required**

**Wednesday, July 17 at 2PM**  
Tiffin University Nature Preserve

**Wednesday, July 24 at 2PM**  
Forrest Nature Preserve (CR 6 lot)



## FATHER - SON - GRANDSON OUTDOOR DAY



**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 9AM-12PM**  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

COME VISIT US ON THE  
FRUTH WETLAND NATURE PRESERVE  
**STORYBOOK TRAIL**  
GARLO HERITAGE NATURE PRESERVE  
TWO LOCATIONS TO WALK & READ

## CRAFTY CREATIONS

All supplies provided. **Registration Required.**

### WEAVE A BASKET

Thursday, June 6 at 1PM  
Bowen Nature Preserve

### PRESSED FLOWER BOOKMARK

Tuesday, July 23 at 2PM  
Zimmerman Nature Preserve

### DAY LILY COASTERS

Wednesday, Aug 21 at 10AM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

### MYSTERY CRAFT

Tuesday, Sept 24 at 2PM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve



Join Bethany Cleveland for outdoor group Pilates at Steyer Nature Preserve  
**Tuesdays at 5:30PM**

**JUN 18<sup>th</sup> JUL 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**AUG 20<sup>th</sup> SEP 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration required.**  
**\$10/person per class.**  
Bring your own mat/towel.



## CANOE/KAYAK FLOATS

Spend some time on the pond at Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve paddling around in nature.  
(Canoes, paddles and life jackets provided)  
**Registration Required**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 AT 5PM**

**MONDAY, JULY 8 AT 10AM**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 7PM**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 5PM**

## FAMILY FUN IN THE SUN

### STEYER SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY 8/10  
10AM – 1PM

Come for Fun in the Park at  
Steyer Nature Preserve  
as we end the summer  
with a variety of activities:

Canoeing & Kayaking  
Stream Quality Monitoring  
Wagon Rides    Hiking  
Roasting Hot Dogs  
Walking the Bluebird Trails

Registration is required

## 2024 PHOTO CONTEST

### PHOTO CONTEST EXHIBITION

Sunday, July 7 from 1PM-4PM  
Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve

Spend the afternoon viewing photo contest entries!

### HOW TO ENTER THE PHOTO CONTEST



All amateur photographers ages 5 & up are invited to  
enter the Seneca Parks' 24th Annual Photo Contest!  
Each person may submit up to 5 photographs. The entry  
fee is \$5 for adults & free for the youth contest.

Drop off or mail your photos and registration fee to the  
**Seneca Parks Main Office**  
3362 S. Township Road 151, Tiffin OH 44883.

Find complete information on our website:  
[www.senecacountyparks.com](http://www.senecacountyparks.com) or  
email: [Lrose@senecacountyparks.com](mailto:Lrose@senecacountyparks.com)

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 25 AT 4PM**



**ADULT NATURE CAMP**  
**August 12-16, 2024**  
**9AM - 12PM**  
Adults only - \$50

*As we grow older, we often lose our ability to play. This camp  
is for adults who "just wanna have fun" and be a kid again.*

**Spend each day at a new park!**  
**Have a different adventure every day!**

## Seneca County Park District Locations

Park Office: 3362 S. TR 151, Tiffin OH 44883

**Bowen Nature Preserve**  
11891 E. CR 24, Republic, OH 44867

**Clinton Nature Preserve**  
400 E. TR 132, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Forrest Nature Preserve**  
701 E. CR 6, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Fruth Wetland Nature Preserve**  
10130 W. SR 18, Fostoria, OH 44830

**Clary-Boulee-McDonald Preserve\*\***  
4747 W. State Route 12, Kansas, OH 44841

**Garlo Heritage Nature Preserve**  
6777 S. SR 19, Bloomville, OH 44818

\* cooperative parks with other organizations

**Mercy Community Nature Preserve\***  
45 St. Lawrence Drive, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Opportunity Park\***  
780 E. CR 20, Tiffin, OH 44883

**St. John's Mill River Access**  
2320 West CR 6, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Steyer Nature Preserve**  
5901 N. CR 33, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Tiffin University Nature Preserve\***  
2471 W. CR 26, Tiffin, OH 44883

**Zimmerman Nature Preserve**  
680 E. SR 18, Tiffin, OH 44883

\*\* future park location