

Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center

2025 Programs and Events

Looking for a way to get out and explore the outdoors this year? Join us for a workshop or outdoor program or come visit the Wildlife Education Center. There is something for all ages and interests. Visit our web site at www.beavercreekwildlife.org for more information or follow us on our Facebook page.

Programs are offered free of charge unless noted. Donations are always appreciated!!
(C) Child/Family-Friendly Activity

April

Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 – Noon – Fly Tying. Join Chip Hudson in the Wildlife Center classroom and learn how to tie your own flies so you can catch more fish this season! Registration is required and class size is limited to 15. Suitable for ages 10 and older. All supplies provided. Cost is \$15 per person. You will have some flies to take home. Please register by sending your contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com. Please register by March 29.

Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 – 11:00 – Spring Wildflower Hike. Join BCWEC volunteers Cheryl Mattevi and Eileen Dray-Bardon as we welcome early spring wildflowers and wildlife. There is always something new and exciting in bloom in the Beaver Creek forests and hills. The trail ranges from gentle to moderately steep and may be muddy. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring a walking stick if you like. The hike will be cancelled if there is a downpour. Please meet in the Beaver Creek State Park parking lot, 12021 Echo Dell Rd., East Liverpool, OH 43920.

****Saturday, April 26 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Wine and Wildlife. Invitation/registrations required.** Join us at our annual fund-raising benefit event. You will tour the building and displays, grounds and gardens, as you enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and Ohio wines. For more information and to request your invitation, please call Karen Henry at 330-932-0908 or contact her by email at kr.swanson59@yahoo.com.

May

Friday, May 2 – Sunday, May 4 - Beaver Creek Birding Bonanza Weekend. The competition will run from Friday at 5:00 PM through Saturday at 5:00 PM. For a full agenda, rules, and information about registering and events, please visit our web site at www.beavercreekwildlife.org.

Friday, May 2 from 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Owl Walk. Join Richelle Gatto from DNAP for an evening owl walk. Please meet at the Beaver Creek State Park family camp located at 11652 Leslie Rd, Lisbon, OH 44432. Possible owls you may observe includes Barred, Eastern Screech, and Great Horned. Dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes, and bring a flashlight and insect repellent.

(C) Saturday, May 3 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Opening Day for the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center! The Center will be open for visitors each weekend through the first weekend of October. Come out for a visit! For more information, go to our web site at www.beavercreekwildlife.org. Lunch will be available today for our visitors while supplies last.

(C) Saturday, May 3 from 2:00 – 3:00 – Raptor Hallow. Volunteers from Raptor Hallow will be in the yard at the Wildlife Center with some birds of prey. They will talk about the birds and visitors can take pictures. Come out for an enjoyable program at the Wildlife Education Center!!

Sunday, May 4 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM – Birdwalk. Join Matthew Smith and Ryan Moss from DNAP, and Audubon Society of Mahoning Valley President Jason Short, for a bird walk along the Little Beaver Creek. Meet at the YMCA Camp, 50287 Duke Rd., East Liverpool, OH 43920. Many spring migration birds can possibly be seen. Wear appropriate footwear and dress for any weather. You may want to bring insect repellent.

(C) Sunday, May 4 from 2:00 – 3:00 – Owls of Ohio. Join Jason Lee under the pavilion for a program about owls that live in Ohio. He will talk about his special guests, a barred owl and a barn owl. People can get a close look at these beautiful birds and take pictures. Jason is a Naturalist for ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft at Mosquito Lake State Park.

Sunday, May 4 from 4:00 – 5:00 – Bluebirds 101. Join Heather Harris, President of The Ohio Bluebird Society for a presentation about the Society and Eastern Bluebirds. She will talk about bird houses, what attracts the bluebirds, and other interesting information.

Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 – 11:00 – Want to be a beekeeper and don't know where to start? Join Maria Matthews from Beulah Land Farm Apiary and her invited local beekeepers to learn about the basics of keeping a honeybee hive, the equipment you need, and the honeybees' challenges. This free adult workshop is for prospective beekeepers. Registration is required by sending your contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com.

Saturday, May 10 from 11:30 – 12:30 – Grow a Butterfly Garden! Join BCWEC volunteers Cheryl and Eileen under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center. You will learn how to plant a garden that attracts butterflies and other pollinators, which plants host the different stages of these beneficial and beautiful creatures, where to purchase plants locally, how to collect seeds, and how to plant them. Participants will receive some sample plants and seeds while supplies last. This activity is suitable for adults and children over the age of 12.

(C) Sunday, May 11 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Observing Nature Up Close. Join BCWEC volunteers as they share some spring-time images under their dissection microscopes. You can learn how microscopes work and examine spring plant parts, including pollen, petals, and maybe an insect that lives on the plant!

(C) Saturday, May 17 from 1:00 – 4:30 - “Learning to Look, Looking to See”. Join Wildlife Center volunteer Mary Spooner any time during the afternoon for this fun hands-on activity. Learn to look and then look closer to see what you can observe. Write the what, when, and where of your observations. Participate in a drawing activity and take home a naturalist journal to start you on your own nature journey. Work at your own pace.

(C) Sunday, May 18 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Carolyn's Nature Craft – Flapping Butterflies! Join some of the BCWEC Volunteers and create a 'flapping' butterfly that moves. Kids will craft their very own paper butterfly with wings that flap up and down, bringing it to life. It's a fun and interactive way to explore the magic of butterflies and creativity! All supplies are provided for the first 25 participants.

(C) Sunday, May 18 from 1 – 4 – SCAVENGER HUNT on Logan's Loop Trail!!

Kids and their adults can take a fun short hike on Logan's Loop trail, located behind the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center, and try to find all the animals on the scavenger hunt list. When the hunt is completed, families will receive a booklet about the animals they found on the trail. Adults can pick up the scavenger hunt paper, a pencil, and a clip board under the pavilion. The hike is .6 miles long and has a couple steeper areas. Participants should wear sturdy shoes. Come on out to the Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center for some family fun and see how many of the hidden animals you can find!! Event will be canceled if bad weather.

June

(C) Saturday, June 7 from 1 – 5 - Flint Knapping and Arrow Making. Spend some time under the pavilion this afternoon and watch Chip Hudson as he demonstrates how to make arrowheads from different materials and how to make arrows using the arrowheads. You can examine samples of his work, including knives, bows, and arrows, and ask questions. You can even try your hand making an arrowhead!

(C) Sunday, June 15 from 12:00 – 1:30 - Stream Stomp!! Meet Matthew Smith and Ryan Moss from ODNR Div. of Natural Areas and Preserves in the parking lot of Beaver Creek State Park, 12021 Echo Dell Rd., East Liverpool, OH, for a fun time finding critters that live in Beaver Creek, a Wild & Scenic River. They will identify what is found and talk about water quality and how it affects these organisms. You must wear boots or closed-toe shoes to get in the creek for this activity. Come prepared to have fun and maybe get wet!! After the program you

can have a picnic in the park and then visit the Wildlife Education Center in the afternoon. This event will be cancelled in the case of unsafe high water or rainstorms.

(C) Sunday, June 15 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Observing Nature Up Close. Join BCWEC volunteers as they show images of macroinvertebrates from Beaver Creek under their dissection microscopes. You can learn how microscopes work and examine some of the small living creatures that live in Beaver Creek.

(C) Sunday, June 15 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Carolyn’s Nature Craft – Rock Painting. Join some BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion for a fun rock-painting adventure! Kids will paint two rocks—one to keep as a cute pet rock, and one to leave behind, adding to our "pet rock snake" around the pavilion. It's a creative way to celebrate nature and leave a lasting mark at our wildlife center! All supplies provided for the first 25 participants.

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July

(C) Saturday, July 5 from 1 – 4:30 – “Wetland Metaphores”. Join Wildlife Center volunteer Mary Spooner any time during the afternoon for this fun hands-on activity and discover the importance of wetlands. A wetland serves many purposes and we will use common things to help us discover the jobs performed by wetlands. Reach into the bag, pull out an object, and determine how it represents a function of a wetland. Work at your own pace.

(C) Sunday, July 6 from 1:00 – 2:00 – Live Skunks! Tina and Rob will be under the pavilion with their live pet skunks this afternoon. You will learn about the animals and how they care for them. After the program you can pet them, take pictures, and ask questions.

(C) Saturday, July 12 from 10:00 - Noon – Homing Pigeons for Beginners. Join Shawn Nelson under the pavilion as he talks about how to raise and race homing pigeons. He will have live birds to show and will release some birds at the end of the program. There will be a free raffle for kids and beginners where the winner will receive a pair of pigeons to raise for racing. Literature will be available for how to be successful in this hobby.

(C) Sunday, July 13 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Observing Nature Up Close. Join BCWEC volunteers as they show images of mosses and lichens from Beaver Creek under their dissection microscopes. You can learn how microscopes work and examine some of the small things found in Beaver Creek.

(C) Saturday, July 19 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Nature Craft – Seashell Craft. Younger kids and their adults can join Robin and other BCWEC volunteers under the pavilion and create a seashell picture. All supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity and have some fun!

(C) Sunday, July 20 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Carolyn’s Nature Craft – Suncatchers. Let your creativity shine with our suncatcher craft! Kids will paint their own faux suncatcher using vibrant acrylic paints, creating any scene they dream up—whether it’s animals, flowers, or something entirely magical. It’s the perfect way to brighten up the day! All supplies provided for the first 25 participants.

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August

(C) Saturday, August 9 from 1:00 – 5:00 – Wood Carving Demonstration. Spend some time under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center this afternoon and watch Chip Hudson as he demonstrates how to carve wooden items from various types of wood. You can examine samples of his work and ask questions.

(C) Sunday, August 10 from 1:00 – 2:00 – Live Foxes. Tina and Rob will be under the pavilion with their live pet foxes this afternoon. You will learn about the animals and how they care for them. After the program you can pet them, take pictures, and ask questions.

(C) Saturday, August 16 from 1 – 5 – No Prize Open Car Show. Some area owners of antique vehicles will have them parked in the yard at the Wildlife Education Center this afternoon as they come out for a picnic under our pavilion. Visitors can view these beautiful cars, take pictures, and talk to the owners. People are invited to bring their own antique cars as well.

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(C) Sunday, August 17 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Carolyn’s Nature Craft –Tree Cookie Picture. Get creative with nature in our "Tree Cookie Collage" craft! Kids will use tree slices, sand, and twigs to make a one-of-a-kind mixed media masterpiece. It’s a fun way to explore textures and design while connecting with the outdoors. All supplies provided for the first 25 participants.

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(C) Saturday, August 23 from 1:00 – 4:30 – “The Incredible Journey” Join Wildlife Center volunteer Mary Spooner any time during the afternoon for this fun hands-on activity. Become a water molecule as you travel through the water cycle. Will you be caught up in a cloud or trapped in an iceberg? Roll the special cube to determine the next move on your journey. Work at your own pace.

September

(C) Saturday, September 6 from 1:00 – 4:00 – Build a Bird Feeder. Kids age 7 and older and their adults can join Wildlife Education Center volunteers under the pavilion and build a wood bird feeder. All supplies are provided but are limited to 30 participants.

Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 to 12:30 - Geology of Little Beaver Creek. Why is Beaver Creek such a beautiful area? Because of geology! Join Geologist and BCWEC volunteer Cheryl Mattevi under the pavilion as she explains how the rocks of the area formed, and how glaciers and streams carved the scenic valley. It is a gorgeous gorge! Pack a lunch and stay to see the Center, or take a hike along the stream afterward to see the rocks first hand. Suitable for teens and adults.

Saturday, September 20 from 11:30 – 1 – How to Winterize a Beehive: For Beekeepers. As winter approaches, every effort counts for the survival of your beehives. Join Maria Matthews from Beulah Land Farm Apiary as she walks you through the step-by-step process on how to prepare your apiary to face the winter and thrive in the spring. This free adult workshop is for beekeepers and registration is required by sending your contact information to beavercreekw@aol.com.

(C) Saturday, September 20 from 1 to 4 pm - Geology Road Show Rock Hounds of all ages are invited to join geologist Cheryl Mattevi under the pavilion. You can bring rocks, mineral, or fossil specimens to this open house geology time. Whether you just want rock identification, want to learn where to find interesting rocks, or would like some more information on your finds or tips on how to arrange your collection, this presentation is for you.

(C) Sunday, September 21 from 1:00 – 4:30 – Carolyn’s Nature Craft –Tree Cookie Ornament. Get into the holiday spirit with a Tree Cookie Christmas Ornament craft! Kids will paint their own festive design on a tree slice, creating a unique ornament to hang on the tree. It's a fun way to make lasting memories and a special keepsake! Supplies provided for the first 25 participants.

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(C) Sunday, September 28 from 2:00 – 3:00 – Three Rivers Avian Center presents Wings of Wonder.

Volunteers from the Three Rivers Avian Center from Hinton, WV will be under the pavilion at the Wildlife Education Center with six of their program birds of prey. They will talk about the birds and tell their stories of how they arrived at their rehabilitation center. The birds will include two owls, two falcons, a hawk, and a bald eagle.

October

(C) Saturday, October 4 from 10 – 5– The Wildlife Education Center will be open extended hours on Saturday for visitors. This is the final weekend the center will be open for the 2025 season.

(C) Saturday, October 4 from 11:00 – 4:30 – Carolyn’s Nature Craft –Leaf Pictures. Embrace the beauty of fall with our "Leaf Picture" craft! Kids can bring their own leaves, or they can gather fallen leaves at the Wildlife Education Center and use them to create their own unique masterpiece. From animals to landscapes, the possibilities are endless with nature’s colorful palette!

(C) Sunday, October 5 from 1:00 – 5:00– The Wildlife Education Center will be open for visitors. This is the final day the center will be open for the 2025 season.

Sunday, October 5 at 4:00 – Drawing for the raffle items. Will you be the lucky winner of the Lake Erie fishing charter trip donated by Scott Dittrich? Purchase your tickets in the gift shop at the Wildlife Education Center all season. Winner need not be present.