

Dr. James K. Bissell Nature Center

3973 Callender Road, Rock Creek OH 44084
Open 1pm-5pm Weekends
May-October for 2022



2022 Special Events

May 21

Night Creatures!

Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center
Presenting
Saturday 10am-11am

As the sun goes down and darkness envelopes the forest, there are many animals that rouse from their slumbers in search of meals. Take an in-depth look at the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center's nocturnal animals and discover how they function at night.

Families of all ages are welcome although this program is geared for Preschool-Gr. 3 accompanied by an adult.



June 11

Birds, Bugs & Botany Hike Saturday 10am-noon

Join Judy Semroc for a 2 mile moderate hike on campus looking for Birds, Bugs & Botany and find out how they are all connected. Sturdy shoes/boots, binoculars and a raincoat might be useful. If the weather is inclement, Judy will show some of her own photos on the same topic perhaps followed by a shorter hike.

Limited to 20 people

Judy is a field biologist and naturalist who spent 20+ years working in the Natural Areas Division of the CMNH as a conservation specialist. Learn more about Judy's new company at naturesparkohio.com



July 9

Hunting for Butterflies Saturday 10am-noon

Those who register for this activity will hopefully see, catch, admire, identify and release some of the wide range of butterfly species that call Morgan Swamp their home. Led by Jim Heflich, who confesses to have been a butterfly enthusiast since childhood. He enjoys chasing butterflies and moths to photograph them (no collecting!). A retired salesman, Jim now is an avid amateur naturalist with a special interest in butterflies, moths, dragonflies and birds.



August 25

Thirty Years of Change within Ohio's Glacial Lakes Thursday 7-8pm

Join us for a conversation with Jim Bissell about the CMNH Botany Department's two glacial lake inventories within the northern half of Ohio, from 1988 to present. Lake Kelso, within the Burton Wetlands and The Nature Conservancy's Snow Lake are in excellent condition.

Dr. Bissell has recently retired after being Curator of Biology and Director of Natural Areas at the CMNH for 49 years.



Photo:
Laura Dempsey

September 17

Fall Wildflower Hike Saturday 10-11:30am

Join Judy Barnhart, retired Geauga Park District Naturalist/Botanist and President of the Native Plant Society of NE Ohio on a wildflower folklore hike.

Folklore will include name origins, pollination strategies, seed dispersal mechanisms, and native American or pioneer usage.

Chuck Fletcher, retired from ODNr, will assist.



September 24

Earth Preparing for Winter Saturday 10am-noon ages 4-7 with adult

Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how the earth is getting ready for the cold months ahead. Dress for the weather. Led by BNC volunteers.

Limit 8 children with adult

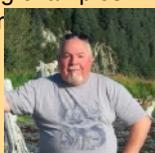


October 8

Mushrooms! Presentation & Hike Saturday 10am-12:30

Join Walt Sturgeon, author of multiple books about mushrooms of the NE United States, for a presentation and hike highlighting the various mushroom species on our campus. Walt is a field mycologist with over 40 years of experience studying and identifying mushrooms.

***You are encouraged to bring examples of fresh mushrooms from your property for the "mushroom table" that you would like Walt to identify.



October 22

Animals Preparing for Winter Saturday 10am-noon ages 4-7 with adult

Children will learn through stories, activities and a short hike how animals are preparing right now for the cold months ahead. Dress for the weather. Led by BNC volunteers

Limit 8 children with adult



- Register for the activity of your choice
- Come prepared to be outside in any weather, if the description of the activity states it will be outside.
- Bring a lunch to eat in our shelter house while you wait for the James K. Bissell Nature Center to open at 1PM on weekends.
- Enjoy the native plant garden in front of the nature center.
- Pick up a self guided nature trail pamphlet and enjoy the Grand River Trail starting to the right of Bliss Pond.
- Launch your kayak or canoe using our newly improved boat launch on the Grand River (to the right of Bliss Pond)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS

bissellnaturecenter@tnc.org or 440-563-3081 ext. 301

All programs/admission to nature center are free and open to the public

For more information: nature.org/bissellnaturecenter click on "special events"