# **Burr Oak State Park**

# February and March 2020 Special Events & Nature Programs

All programs are subject to change. Notify the naturalist if special accommodations are needed for your participation.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

#### Sat. Feb. 1 A Bird in the Hand, 8:30 am

We'll see if we can entice the chickadees to take bird seed from our hand and get a thrilling close encounter if successful. Dress warmly for sitting or standing patiently by the nature center bird feeders.

#### Sat. Feb. 1 Great Nature Reads, 1-4 pm

Winter is a great time to cozy up with a blanket, hot drink and a good book!
Stop by the nature center and the naturalist will share some of her favorite nature-related books for all ages. Feel free to bring your favorites, too. Also, if you wish, bring a book to place in the Little Free Library and take one for yourself. Hot tea and cocoa provided.



# Sat. Feb. 8 Annual Winter Hike, 10 am

Join fellow hiking enthusiasts for a great day of hiking! Hike lengths of 3, 5 and 8 miles. Free bean soup and cornbread after the hike. All hikes meet at the lodge.

#### Fri. Feb. 14 Valentine's Nature Hike, 5 pm

Join us for a hike into the forest to learn about the magical ways plants and animals reproduce and continue life on Earth. Then take your sweetheart to the lodge for a special dinner! Ages 12 and older. Meet at the nature center.

# Sat. Feb. 15 Great Backyard Bird Count, 9:30 am-12

Take part in a global citizen science project for birds! We'll identify and count all the birds we see on a 1.5-mile hike. Data submitted helps scientists track changes in the abundance and distribution of birds, as well as, migration patterns. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair from the naturalist. Meet at the nature center.

# Sat. March 14 Timberdoodling!, 7 pm

"What is a timberdoodle?" you may ask. Bog sucker and whistling snipe are two additional names for the woodcock, a bird which performs a sunset dance to attract a mate. We'll search the meadows and evening sky for this unusual performer.

Meet at the lodge and we'll take a van to the site.

#### Sat. March 21 Hike to Buckeye Cave, 2 pm

Join the naturalist for a 2.5-mile hike to the sandstone rock recess known as "Buckeye Cave." We'll enjoy the beauty and geology of the area. **Group size limited in this sensitive area.**Advance registration required by calling 740-767-2981 or email julie.gee@dnr.state.oh.us

#### Fri. March 27 Who Lays Eggs? 3:30-4:30 pm

Join the naturalist for an informal discussion and display about animals who lay eggs. Ongoing in lodge lobby.

# Sat. March 28 Kids Nature Club: Signs of Spring, 2 pm

This month's hour-long program for kids <u>ages 6-12 years</u> will focus on the signs that tell us spring is on the way! Program includes a forest exploration hike.

Dress for the weather. Meet at the nature center.

# **Nature Center Hours**

Saturdays: Feb. 1, 1-4 pm Feb. 8, 3-5 pm Feb. 15, 3-5 pm March 14, 3-5 pm March 21, 10 am-12 noon March 28, 10 am-12 noon

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