



STEP INTO GARDENING SERIES: BED PREP BASICS

Sat. May 16, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Get your garden ready! From soil health and compost to raised bed setup and mulching, discover how to build a strong foundation for plants. Intended for adults. Walk ups welcomed, no registration required. Roger Johnson Nature Center, Room 110, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.

ART IN THE PARK- TBA

Thu. May 21, 6-7:30 p.m. Ages 16+. Registration required. Limit 15. Registration opens on May 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Osborn MetroPark, Roger Johnson Nature Center, Room 110, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.

HAPPY HOOVES!

Thu. May 21, 6-7 p.m. Increase your horse/donkey knowledge and get hands-on experience with them. Learn about health, safety, grooming and more. Participants will get to interact with and brush a horse. Ages 8+ (adults too!). Registration required. Limit 8. Please wear closed toed shoes. The Barnyard, 3819 Perkins Ave., Huron.

OSBORN METROPARK PARKRUN

Sat. May 23, 9-10:30 a.m. Walk, run, jog, or volunteer at a fun, friendly, free 5K. Kids and dogs can take part too! All ages. Register through parkrun.us. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet near the Community Gardens.

BIRD IS THE WORD!

Sat. May 23, 12-1 p.m. Stop by the nature center and make a pinecone bird feeder while watching a live bird cam! See which friendly bird friends visit while you make your own feeder to take home. Walk ups welcomed. No registration required. Osborn MetroPark, Roger Johnson Nature Center, Room 110, 3910 Perkins Ave, Huron.

PARK PALS: BATS!

Tue. May 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Let's learn about bats and why they are so important to our

ecosystems. We will read a story, take a walk (weather permitting), and make a bat-themed craft. Must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3-6 (siblings welcome). Registration required. Limit 15. Osborn MetroPark, Roger Johnson Nature Center, Room 109, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.

NATURE BABY- FUN FLOWERS!

Thu. May 28, 10-10:30 a.m. How many different flowers can we find? Let's go on a walk to find them! Ages 0-3 (siblings welcome). Walk ups welcomed. No registration required. Osborn MetroPark, Shelter 5, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.

CURIOS NATURALIST

Thu. May 28, 2-3 p.m. Join Naturalist Katie, the "Curious Naturalist" for a guided stroll, where every step unveils new wonders of the natural world. All ages. Walk ups welcomed, no registration required. Milan Towpath MetroPark, 99 N. Main St., Milan.



OSBORN METROPARK PARKRUN

Sat. May 30, 9-10:30 a.m. Walk, run, jog, or volunteer at a fun, friendly, free 5K. Kids and dogs can take part too! All ages. Register through parkrun.us. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet near the Community Gardens.

BIRD IS THE WORD!

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ERIE COUNTY INVASIVE BUY-BACK PROGRAM

Apr. 1 - Sep. 1. Erie MetroParks and Erie Conservation District are teaming up to bring awareness about the invasive species that may be growing in your backyard. Remove a select invasive on your property and you'll get a chance to get a free native plant in exchange. Visit eriemetroparks.org/buyback for all the details.



SCAN FOR BIRDING PROGRAMS

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE BIRDING SERIES

The Biggest Week in American Birding is May 8-17. Erie MetroParks has some of the best parks to see these migrating birds. Join us for our Wings Over Lake Erie Birding Series throughout the month of May. Programs are highlighted in red.



Programs & Events

May 2026



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LAKESIDE DAISY STROLL

Fri. May 1, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Enjoy a walk into the quarry to view the spectacular blooming Lakeside Daisy! Learn about the restoration efforts that went into establishing this state endangered plant in the quarry. Walk ups welcomed, no registration required. Meet in the parking lot, Castalia Quarry MetroPark, 8404 State Route 101, Castalia.

BIRD IS THE WORD!

Sat. May 2, 12-1 p.m. Stop by the nature center and make a pinecone bird feeder while watching a live bird cam! See which friendly bird friends visit while you make your own feeder to take home. Walk ups welcomed. No registration required. Osborn MetroPark, Roger Johnson Nature Center, Room 110, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.

OSBORN METROPARK PARKRUN

Sat. May 2, 9-10:30 a.m. Walk, run, jog, or volunteer at a fun, friendly, free 5K. Kids and dogs can take part too! All ages. Register through parkrun.us. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet near the Community Gardens.

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, STOP #3

Tue. May 5, 8-10 a.m. As millions of birds travel north along various migratory flyways, our region becomes a haven for birdwatchers eager to spot warblers, shorebirds, and more. Join us as we explore various parks and birding hotspots in search of our feathered friends. No Binoculars, no worries we have spares that you can borrow. All birding skill levels welcomed. We only have a limited number of binoculars so it will be first come first serve. Putnam Marsh Preserve, 4501 Cleveland Rd. West, Huron, OH.

WOMEN WHO ROAM

Wed. May 6, 2-3 p.m. Join us for 'Women Who Roam,' a welcoming space for women of all ages to explore the outdoors together. Our hikes offer a safe and supportive environment, perfect for meaningful conversations as we journey through nature. Connect, unwind, and discover the beauty of the natural world alongside a

community of fellow adventurers. Ages 18+. Walk ups welcomed, no registration required. Hoffman Forest MetroPark, 5159 Huff Rd., Berlin Heights.

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, BIRDS & COFFEE, STOP #4

Thu. May 7, 8-10 a.m. Join us as we explore various parks and birding hotspots in search of our feathered friends. No Binoculars, no worries we have spares that you can borrow. All birding skill levels welcomed. We only have a limited number of binoculars so it will be first come first serve. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet at the Roger Johnson Nature Center.

PEACEFUL PACE: WILDFLOWERS

Thu. May 7, 1-2 p.m. Come and stroll through the Northwoods of Osborn MetroPark while taking in the sights of wildflowers. This is a slow-paced stroll intended for ages 50+. Ages 50+. Walk ups welcomed, no registration required. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet near Kinship House.

HAPPY HOOVES!

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WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, STOP #5

Fri. May 8, 8-10 a.m. Join us as we explore various parks and birding hotspots in search of our feathered friends. No Binoculars, no worries we have spares that you can borrow. All birding skill levels welcomed. We only have a limited number of binoculars so it will be first come first serve. Pipe Creek Wildlife Area, F Street, Sandusky. Meet in the parking lot.

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, STOP #6

Sat. May 9, 5:30-7 p.m. Join us as we explore various parks and birding hotspots in search of our feathered friends. No Binoculars, no worries

we have spares that you can borrow. All birding skill levels welcomed. We only have a limited number of binoculars so it will be first come first serve. Community Foundation Preserve at Eagle Point, 3819 Cleveland Rd., Sandusky.

OSBORN METROPARK PARKRUN

Sat. May 9, 9-10:30 a.m. Walk, run, jog, or volunteer at a fun, friendly, free 5K. Kids and dogs can take part too! All ages. Register through parkrun.us. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet near the Community Gardens.

BIRD IS THE WORD!

Sat. May 9, 12-1 p.m. Stop by the nature center and make a pinecone bird feeder while watching a live bird cam! See which friendly bird friends visit while you make your own feeder to take home. Walk ups welcomed. No registration required. Osborn MetroPark, Roger Johnson Nature Center, Room 110, 3910 Perkins Ave, Huron.

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, ALL ABILITIES HIKE, STOP #7

Mon, May 11, 8-9:30 a.m. Birds are for everyone and we want everyone to enjoy them. Join us for a light walk around the paved and accessible locations around Osborn MetroPark in search of our feathered friends. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet at the Kinship House.

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, STOP #8

Tue. May 12, 5:30-7 p.m. Join us as we explore various parks and birding hotspots in search of our feathered friends. No Binoculars, no worries we have spares that you can borrow. All birding skill levels welcomed. We only have a limited number of binoculars so it will be first come first serve. Wyandot MetroPark, 4501 Cleveland Rd West., Huron.

PARK PALS: TURTLES!

Tue. May 12, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Slow down and learn all about turtles! We will discover Ohio's native turtles, read a story, take a walk (weather permitting), and make a turtle-themed craft. Must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3-6 (siblings welcome). Registration required. Limit 15. Osborn MetroPark, Roger Johnson Nature Center, Room 109, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron.

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, WOMEN IN BIRDING, STOP #9

Wed. May 13, 9-10 a.m. Join us as we explore various parks and birding hotspots in search of our feathered friends. No Binoculars, no worries we have spares that you can borrow. All birding skill levels welcomed. We only have a limited number of binoculars so it will be first come first serve. Towpath MetroPark, 99 N Main St., Milan.

WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, BIRD BANDING DEMO, STOP #10

Thu, May 14, 7-10 a.m. Join Winous Point Marsh Conservancy's Gabi Lindsey for a bird banding demonstration. Birds will be captured in mist nets, measured and banded, and safely released. This is a great opportunity to get an up-close look at birds and learn about local conservation efforts. Walk ups welcomed, no registration required. You may arrive at any point during the program time. Park in the front parking lot and a naturalist will be there to walk back to the banding station. If you arrive after 8 a.m. follow the signs to the banding station. The Community Foundation Preserve at Eagle Point, 3819 Cleveland Rd., Sandusky.



WINGS OVER LAKE ERIE, STOP #11

Sat. May 16, 8-10 a.m. Join us as we explore various parks and birding hotspots in search of our feathered friends. No Binoculars, no worries we have spares that you can borrow. All birding skill levels welcomed. We only have a limited number of binoculars so it will be first come first serve. Wyandot MetroPark, 4501 Cleveland Rd West., Huron.

OSBORN METROPARK PARKRUN

Sat. May 16, 9-10:30 a.m. Walk, run, jog, or volunteer at a fun, friendly, free 5K. Kids and dogs can take part too! All ages. Register through parkrun.us. Osborn MetroPark, 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron. Meet near the Community Gardens.

TRAIN RIDES!

Sat. May 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Erie Metro Live Steamers will have miniature steam-powered engines available to pull passengers through the park! Fun for all! All rides are weather dependent. All ages. Walk ups welcomed, no registration required. East Sandusky Bay MetroPark, Community Foundation Preserve at Eagle Point, 3819 Cleveland Rd. W., Sandusky.