

NW Ohio State Parks & Natural Areas

Special 2012 Program Event Schedule



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Van Buren State Park ~ Winter Hike ~ February 11th 10 – 2 pm

Cabin-fever reliever! Meet at the South Shore Shelterhouse #3. Chili, hot drinks & s'mores provided.

Maumee Bay State Park ~ Woodcock Walk ~ March 17th 8 pm

Attention Timber-doodle fans! Meet at the Nature Center as we search the evening sky for singing and dancing woodcock.

Irwin Prairie ~ State Nature Preserve ~ March 25th 7 pm

A wet prairie dominated by sedges, rushes and over 26 state-listed plant species; good habitat for amphibians, woodcock and snipe.

Maumee Bay State Park ~ Woodcock Walk ~ April 14th 8 pm

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Goll Woods ~ State Nature Preserve ~ April 28th 10 – 3 pm

An old-growth woods reminiscent of the Great Black Swamp with excellent spring wildflower showings.

**Maumee Bay State Park ~ International Migratory Bird Day ~
May 12th 8 – 2 pm**

Nature Center activities include bird crafts, guided walks and lectures @ songbirds & migration.

Birder's Campout Week-end ~ Maumee Bay State Park ~ May 11th – 13th

Special two-night camping package with day-long naturalist-guided birding opportunities for bird watchers.

Sheldon's Marsh ~ State Nature Preserve ~ May 19th 8 am

Barrier beach and associated unusual plant species also offers excellent bird watching during spring and fall.

Birder's Campout Week-end ~ East Harbor State Park ~ May 18th – 20th

Special two-night camping package with day-long naturalist-guided birding opportunities for bird watchers.

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Springville Marsh ~ State Nature Preserve ~ June 10th 8 am
Cattail marsh with remnant sedge meadows will be the backdrop for a bird-banding demonstration.

Maumee Bay State Park ~ Treasure Hunt ~ July 7th 5 pm
Follow maps and clues to find buried treasure! Ages 4 to 10 \$5.00 per child participation fee. Meet at the NC.

Erie Sand Barrens ~ State Nature Preserve ~ July 14th 10 am
Hike along remnant beach ridges which support dry sand prairie species and wet meadows with rare plants.

Kelley's Island State Park August 18th 10 – 12 pm
Meet at the Glacial Grooves, then hike along the North Pond Boardwalk

Maumee Bay State Park ~ Monarch Butterfly Festival ~ Sept 2nd 12 - 2 pm
Crafts, games, Monarch life-history presentation and butterfly release!

Lou Campbell ~ State Nature Preserve ~ September 8th 10 am
Remnant of Oak Openings region with a variety of rare plants, summer wildflowers and butterflies.

Maumee Bay State Park ~ International Coastal Clean-up ~ September 15th 10 am – 1 pm
Help clean-up the park & earn a badge. Luncheon provided for volunteers.

Maumee Bay SP Nature Center ~ Spooky Carnival of Fun! ~ October 16th and 17th 12 – 4 pm
Halloween activities and crafts for families; refreshments available. Costumes encouraged; \$5.00 per child participation fee.

Augusta-Anne Olsen ~ State Nature Preserve ~ October 28th 10 am
Beautiful views of the Vermilion River Gorge along with excellent tree and plant diversity and migrating songbirds.