



ADAPTED PROGRAMMING

These activities are modified to fit the needs and skills of people with physical, sensory or developmental disabilities. Early registration is encouraged to meet minimum enrollment requirements.

Adapted Fantastic Fishing

Ages 4 and older, Fee: \$5

Learn fishing basics as we fish for bluegill and largemouth bass. Equipment and bait provided or you may bring your own. Program designed for individuals with disabilities.

min 2, max 4

Wed., May 12, 6 to 7 pm, Hidden Lake—North

Adapted Family Archery Experience

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5

This is an introductory archery experience for individuals with disabilities. We will go over safety rules, how to handle your bow and arrows, then do some target practice. All equipment provided. Program designed for individuals with disabilities.

min 2, max 4

Sat., May 15, 3 to 4 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Adapted Lighthouse History & Craft

Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$15

Spring is a great time to get out and enjoy the spring air. We will meet at the Fairport Lighthouse to hear its history and make a lighthouse-themed craft. Program designed for individuals with disabilities.

min 2, max 4

Thur., May 20, 6 to 8 pm, Fairport Lighthouse

Adapted Hike & Craft—Raft Races

Ages 10 and older, Fee: \$5

Join us as we gather twigs and leaves to make rafts. Then it's off to the creek for raft races! You're sure to have a great time! Program designed for individuals with disabilities.

min 2, max 4

Tue., May 25, 5 to 6:30 pm, Environmental Learning Center

ARCHERY

After School Archery

Ages 10 to 15, Fee: \$5

Join us after school and give archery a shot! Learn the basics, then explore different ranges to test your new skills.

min 2, max 8

Tue., May 4, 4:30 to 6 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Tue., May 11, 4:30 to 6 pm, Hidden Lake—South

Tue., May 18, 4:30 to 6 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Senior Archery

Ages 50 and older, Fee: \$5

Have you ever tried shooting a bow? This is your chance to learn the basics or improve your skills. Potluck to follow, please bring a dish to share. All equipment provided.

min 2, max 8

Fri., May 7, 9:30 to 10:30 am, Hidden Lake—South

Fri., May 7, 10:45 to 11:45 am, Hidden Lake—South

Fri., May 7, noon to 1 pm, Hidden Lake—South

Archery Basics

Ages 8 and older, Fee: \$5

Try out a new sport—archery! This is a beginner's introduction to the sport of archery. Learn safety practices, then take turns shooting bows.

min 2, max 8

Fri., May 14, 5 to 6:30 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Thur., May 27, 5 to 6:30 pm, Hidden Lake—South

Family Archery Experience: Beginner

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5 per person

Have you always wanted to try shooting a bow? This is your chance to try out archery with your children. This is a beginners introduction to the sport of archery.

min 2, max 8

Sat., May 15, 9 to 10 am, Environmental Learning Center

Sat., May 15, 1 to 2 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Sat., May 22, 9 to 10 am, Hidden Lake—South

Sat., May 22, 1 to 2 pm, Hidden Lake—South

Family Archery Experience: Intermediate

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5 per person

Looking for the opportunity to practice what you learned in Family Archery Experience: Beginner? This is your chance to improve on your new skill. Participants must have taken the beginner class to be eligible.

min 2, max 8

Sat., May 15, 11 am to noon, Environmental Learning Center

Sat., May 22, 11 am to noon, Hidden Lake—South

ARTS & CRAFTS

Trash to Treasures: Magnets & Pins

Ages 8 and older, Fee: \$10

Create a mini masterpiece while painting on items that could otherwise go to waste! All materials provided. Be sure to wear something you can get messy in. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must be registered.

min 2, max 9

Thur., May 6, 6 to 7:30 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Spring into Action Painting

Ages 10 and older, Fee: \$10

Don't know what action painting is? Well, it's painting with an action! Any form of movement over or toward a canvas can be action painting. So let's get some stress out together and make a pretty picture while doing it! Materials provided. Be sure to wear something you can get messy in! Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must be registered.

min 2, max 9

Mon., May 17, 5 to 6:30 pm, Environmental Learning Center

BICYCLING

Thursday Evening Bike Ride

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$10

Time to dust off your bike and head out for a ride! Join us for a social Thursday evening bike ride. We'll welcome warm weather together. Nobody will be left behind as we regroup frequently.

min 2, max 9

Thur., May 13, 6 to 7:30 pm, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.

BIRDING

Bird Walk

Ages 12 and older, FREE

These morning birding adventures are at Lake Metroparks' best birding locations. We will explore likely habitats to point out different bird species and give tips on how to identify them. Participants must supply their own binoculars.

min 1, max 6

Thur., May 13, 8 to 10 am, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.

Sat., May 15, 8 to 10 am, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Thur., May 20, 8 to 10 am, Chagrin River Park—East

BOATING

Canoe Hidden Lake

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5

Enjoy the fresh air and peace on the water at Hidden Lake. Come paddle a canoe on your own around the lake. Basic on-land instruction is provided. All equipment provided.

min 2, max 8

Sun., May 2, 9 to 10 am, Hidden Lake—North

Sun., May 2, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, Hidden Lake—North

Ohio Boater Education Course

Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$15

Taking this course will allow you to comply with the new Ohio Boater Education law and will satisfy other states' boater education requirements for Ohio boaters operating in and out of state.

min 2, max 9

Mon., May 10 & May 17, 6 to 10 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Paddle the Parks After Work

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$20 with equipment rental, \$10 without equipment rental

Paddle after work with Lake Metroparks on stand-up paddleboards. Previous paddling experience required.

min 2, max 9

Mon., May 10, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Mentor Lagoons Marina

Fri., May 14, 7 to 9 pm, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Wed., May 19, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

Wed., May 26, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

CHILDREN

Knee-High Naturalist

Ages 2 to 5, Fee: \$5 for one child with one adult

Being a knee high naturalist has never been so much fun! This multi-age program includes a craft, activities, story and hike. This program is held outside at a picnic shelter.

min 1, max 5

Wed., May 5, 10 to 11 am, Veterans Park

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Mon., May 24, 10 to 11 am, Chapin Forest Reservation—Twin

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(Winnie the) Pooh Sticks Game

Ages 2 to 5, Fee: \$5

The big kids have gone back to school, it's time to play the game invented by Winnie the Pooh! We will hike to the bridge, maybe run into some fun friends, play Pooh Sticks and hike back to the Environmental Learning Center. This is a game you are sure to enjoy. Hike has hills. Adult must accompany child.

min 2, max 4

Fri., May 14, 10 to 11 am, Environmental Learning Center

Toddler Adventure Hike: Shape Search

Ages 3 to 5, Fee: \$5

We're not just hiking—we're on an adventure hike! We'll explore nature, looking for objects of different shapes and colors and play games along the way. Adult must accompany child.

min 2, max 4

Tue., May 18, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Painesville Township Park

Horses for Tots

Ages 4 to 6, Fee: \$12 for one child with one adult

Come meet our horses and join us for a live horse tale (story). We will groom a small horse and finish with a craft. Fee includes Farmpark admission for one child and one adult.

min 5, max 8

Sun., May 2, 10 to 11:30 am, Farmpark

Little Tikes Drive a Mini

Ages 5 to 7, Fee: \$12 for one child with one adult

Come meet our stable of horses. Then learn how to groom, harness and drive a miniature horse. Wear sturdy shoes or boots—no sandals. Fee includes Farmpark admission for one child and one adult.

min 4, max 8

Sun., May 30, 10 to 11:30 am, Farmpark

Turtle Adventure

Ages 5 to 12, Fee: \$6

Turtles are amazing and diverse animals that can be found throughout Lake Metroparks. Learn about the different kinds, what they eat, and where they live. Dress to get wet!

min 1, max 9

Sun., May 23, 2 to 3:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Bottle Rocket Blast

Ages 5 and older, Fee: \$10

How much fun can you have while recycling plastic soda bottles and other materials? Let's just say you'll have a blast! Design, build, then test your rocket to reach new heights. All family members must be registered.

min 2, max 9

Sun., May 23, 1 to 2:30 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Migration Obstacle Course

Ages 6 to 12, Fee: \$5

Test your skills and have fun learning about the perils of migration. Be prepared to run, jump and dodge obstacles on your way to Central America and back! Refreshments will be provided.

min 6, max 9

Sat., May 1, 1 to 2:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Young Explorers Nature Series

Ages 6 to 12, FREE

Curious about the hidden wonders of the great outdoors? Join a naturalist for a hands-on experience in nature. Each program date will explore a different topic. Adult must accompany registered child.

min 1, max 5

Thur., May 6, 1 to 2:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Thur., May 20, 1 to 2:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Family Science Night

Ages 7 and older, Fee: \$10

Join us at the Environmental Learning Center for fun, hands-on science activities. We will explore a new topic each second Monday of the month. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must be registered (including adults).

min 2, max 9

Mon., May 10, 6 to 7 pm, Environmental Learning Center

Disc Golf Family Night

Ages 8 and older, Fee: \$5

Join your family and friends or make new friends with a fun evening of disc golf! If you have never played, we will teach you. Game is played with provided discs on a nine-basket temporary course. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must be registered (including adults).

min 2, max 9

Thur., May 6, 6 to 7:30 pm, Chagrin River Park—East

CLUBS & PARTNERSHIPS

Train Rides by Lake Shore Live Steamers

All ages, FREE

Enjoy a ride through the woods of Penitentiary Glen on miniature trains. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. NOTE: For safety reasons, pregnant women are not permitted to ride the trains. All children must be able to sit in their own designated seat; lap sitting is not permitted.

min 5, max 30

Sun., May 2, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Sun., May 2, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Sun., May 2, 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Sun., May 16, 12:30 to 1:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Sun., May 16, 1:30 to 2:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Sun., May 16, 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

EVENTS

Shearing Weekend Pairing Dinner

Ages 21 and older, Fee: \$55

This annual dinner is an opportunity to enjoy an exclusive evening walking tour of the farm with private sheep shearing and border collie demonstrations. After your staff-led farm tour, return to the Visitor Center for a pairing dinner with wine from Debonné Vineyards and a gourmet savory rack of lamb dinner (vegetarian and fish options available), with delicious steamed vegetables and salad from J&J Catering. Finish the meal with mouth-watering desserts and freshly-brewed tea and coffee.

min 25, max 65

Fri., May 7, 5 to 9 pm, Farmpark

Return of the Birds

All ages, FREE

Did you know the Baltimore oriole singing in your backyard spent the winter with monkeys and parrots? Learn more about this bird and other songbirds that migrate to or through Ohio as we take a bird walk on the trails of Lake Erie Bluffs. This is a perfect family program for the budding birder! Pre-registration required.

min 1, max 9 per time slot

Sat., May 8, 1 to 4 pm, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.

FISHING

Basic Pier Fishing

Ages 6 to 12, Fee: \$5

Learn basic fishing off the pier over Lake Erie. We will cover basic equipment, rigs and bait to offer the best opportunity for beginners. All equipment and bait provided or you may bring your own. Adult must accompany child. Ages 16 and older must have a State of Ohio fishing license in order to fish during this class.

min 2, max 4

Fri., May 7, 5 to 6 pm, Painesville Township Park

Arnie's Anglers Kids Fishing Derby

Ages 4 to 18, Fee: \$5

Have fun at our annual spring fishing derby. Awards will be based on number of fish caught in three age categories. Bait provided. Bring your own fishing pole. Pre-registration required (no walk-ins).

min 10, max 25

Sat., May 8, 9 to 11 am, Hidden Lake—North

Go Fish!

Ages 4 to 12, Fee: \$5

Learn fishing basics while we try to catch bluegill, largemouth bass or catfish. All equipment and bait provided, although you may bring your own if you wish. Adult must accompany child.

min 2, max 4

Mon., May 10, 3 to 4 pm, Concord Woods Nature Park

Mon., May 10, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Concord Woods Nature Park

Wed., May 19, 1 to 2 pm, Concord Woods Nature Park

Wed., May 19, 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Concord Woods Nature Park

HIKES & WALKS

Gorge Hikes

Ages 6 and older, FREE

The gorge is filled with amazing things from salamanders and fish to plants and unique rocks. Join a naturalist on a hike 100 feet below the trails and explore this awesome habitat. Sturdy, waterproof boots are required.

min 1, max 9

Sat., May 1, 10 am to 12:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

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Wed., May 26, 10 am to 12:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

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Morning Nature Walk

Ages 18 and older, FREE

With so many wonderful parks in the area, this is your chance to hike while learning about the nature and history of the area, and of course, get a little exercise in!

min 1, max 6

Wed., May 5, 10 to 11:30 am, Lakeshore Reservation

Wed., May 12, 10 to 11:30 am, Veterans Park

Waterfall Hunters: Cascade Falls

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5

Explore the far corners of Lake Metroparks! Join us on a strenuous, off-trail creek hike to discover waterfalls on East Creek, a tributary of Big Creek.

min 2, max 9

Sat., May 8, 11 am to 1 pm, Girdled Road Reservation—North

Senior History Hike

Ages 50 and older, Fee: \$5

Enjoy a leisurely hike as you learn about the history of this major 19th century Great Lakes port. Hike begins at Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park with stops in the village before concluding on the lighthouse hill. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

min 2, max 9

Tue., May 11, 3 to 4:30 pm, Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park

No Waste Wednesday

Ages 8 and older, FREE

It's our job to keep this planet beautiful. We can make it our goal to make Lake Metroparks better than we found them. Hike in, bring trash out! Tools will be provided. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by adult. All participants must be registered (including adults).

min 2, max 9

Wed., May 12, 6 to 7:30 pm, Girdled Road Reservation—Skok

Off Trail Trek

Ages 12 and older, FREE

Trails? We don't need trails where we're going. This hike may be strenuous with stream crossings and steep hills, but we will explore seldom seen areas of the park. Bring food, water and sturdy boots.

min 1, max 6

Sun., May 16, 9 am to noon, Hidden Lake—North

Explore Hidden Lake Hike

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$5

Hidden Lake is a jewel that you have to see for yourself! Come hike and explore the park that is off the beaten path for many.

min 2, max 9

Thur., May 20, 5:30 to 7 pm, Hidden Lake—North

Wed., May 19, 10 to 11:30 am, Chapin Forest Reservation—Twin

Wed., May 26, 10 to 11:30 am, Hidden Lake—North

HISTORY

The Quarries of Chapin Forest

Ages 10 and older, FREE

Step back in time to explore the geology of Chapin Forest Reservation and its significance to local communities. This three-mile trek heads off trail down into the Sperry Quarry and will be challenging. Sturdy footwear is a must and hiking poles are recommended.

min 1, max 9

Sat., May 22, 2 to 4 pm, Chapin Forest Reservation

NATURE

Woodcock Watch

Ages 8 and older, FREE

Every spring, the American woodcock puts on a dazzling aerial mating display. Join a naturalist for an evening hike to try and spot this phenomenon in action.

min 1, max 6

Sat., May 1, 8 to 9:30 pm, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.

Who Lives Here?

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5

Who lives here? All wildlife have their favorite habitats. We'll look at the habitats in different parks and find out what animals might be found there with the help of our Animal Ambassadors.

min 1, max 9

Wed., May 5, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Chapin Forest Reservation—Twin

Wildflower Walk

Ages 8 and older, FREE

Traverse the trails in fields and floodplains in search of spring wildflowers. Discover what's in bloom and the unique adaptations that help them survive.

min 1, max 6

Thur., May 6, 1 to 2:30 pm, Hogback Ridge Park

Beavers at Girdled Road

Ages 8 and older, FREE

Beavers spend their lives building and maintaining dams and dens while caching food for winter in their pond homes. Come search for beavers and learn more about these amazing animals.

min 1, max 6

Sat., May 22, 8 to 9:30 pm, Girdled Road Reservation—South

Wildlife Treasure Hunt

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5

Nature has many treasures. Join us to follow clues, bringing you to habitats of some of the wildlife treasures at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. You will also meet one of our Animal Ambassadors.

min 1, max 9

Sat., May 29, 10:30 to 11:30 am, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

NATURE AT NIGHT

Creatures of the Night

Ages 6 and older, FREE

While most of the world sleeps, there's a whole ecosystem that springs to life when the sun goes down. Though it's hard to see, nature's third shift is alive with a chorus that rivals their daytime counterparts. But just what is making those sounds? Join a naturalist as we traverse nature after dark and search for signs of these amazingly adapted creatures of the night.

min 1, max 9

Fri., May 7, 8 to 9:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Amphibian Discovery Hike

Ages 6 and older, FREE

Nighttime is the right time for amphibians. Discover the salamanders, frogs and toads who make their annual nocturnal treks to mate. Bring your nets and buckets and prepare to get wet. Waterproof footwear is recommended.

min 1, max 9

Mon., May 10, 1:30 to 3 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Owl Prowl

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5

Who, who, whoooo is in the night sky? Take a closer look into Ohio's owls. Discover where they live and their special adaptations. While we hike, don't be surprised if the owls talk back!

min 3, max 9

Sat., May 15, 8:30 to 10 pm, Gully Brook Park

Fireside Animal Chat

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5

Spend quality time together around the campfire, listen to stories, maybe even join a singalong, then meet a few Animal Ambassadors up close.

min 2, max 9

Fri., May 21, 7:30 to 8:30 pm, Penitentiary Glen Reservation

Teaching Telescopes

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5

Do you have an old telescope that you just can't quite figure out? Join us for an introductory lesson on how to operate telescopes and start seeing the night sky up close! Feel free to bring a comfortable chair and your telescope from home. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by adult. All participants must be registered (including adults).

min 2, max 9

Fri., May 21, 8:30 to 9:30 pm, Girdled Road Reservation—South

ON THE FARM

From Harness to Hitch

Ages 18 and older, Fee: \$15

Put on your boots and come see what it's like to get a team of horses ready to drive. Everyone will learn to harness, line drive and drive our show wagon. Fee includes Farmpark admission.

min 5, max 9

Sat., May 29, 11 am to 1 pm, Farmpark

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Hidden Adventures at Hidden Lake

Ages 6 and older, Fee: \$5

Come explore Hidden Lake and learn about some of the outdoor activities that Lake Metroparks has to offer. Our instructors will be there and we'll teach you archery from noon to 1 pm, kayaking from 1:30 to 2:30 pm and fishing from 3 to 4 pm. All equipment provided. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by adult. All participants must be pre-registered (including adults).

min 2, max 12

Sun., May 16, noon to 4 pm, Hidden Lake—South

PHOTOGRAPHY

Chagrin River Photography Hike

Ages 12 and older, Fee: \$5

Calling all photographers! This two-hour hike is geared specifically to photographers and allows time to set up for that perfect shot. We may encounter slippery rocks, mud, steep and rough terrain. Dress accordingly. Waterproof footwear strongly advised. Participants younger than 18 must be accompanied by adult. All participants must be registered (including adults).

min 2, max 9

Sun., May 30, 3 to 5 pm, Chagrin River Park—East

SCOUTS

Boy Scout Merit Badge: Fishing

Ages 11 to 18, Fee: \$12

Earn your fishing merit badge with the help of Lake Metroparks' staff. Most (if not all) requirements will be covered.

min 2, max 8

Sat., May 15, 9 am to 1 pm, Girdled Road Reservation—South

Pre-registration is required for most programs. Call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226 or visit lakemetroparks.com to register.