

GO BIRDING

with Lake Metroparks

New birders are welcome!



JANUARY
TO JUNE
2026



To register for these programs: 440-358-7275 or lakemetroparks.com

Birding Programs



Level-up Birding

Ages 8 and older (younger than 18 with an adult), FREE

Whether you've been birding for years or just picked up your first pair of binoculars last week, there's always a way to level up your birding! Join us as we explore nature and focus on a different aspect of birding each time in this series!

min 10, max 30

Winter Birding on the Lake: Sat., Jan. 10, 9 to 11 am,
Painesville Township Park

Birding by Ear: Thurs., Apr. 23, 10 to 11:30 am,
Hemlock Ridge Park

Off-trail Birding: Sun., June 7, 8 to 11 am, River Road Park

Owl Prowl

Ages 6 and older (younger than 18 with an adult), Fee: \$5

Whoaaaa goes there? Ohio is home to many owl species! Discover where owls like to live and what special adaptations make them effective predators! As we look for owls, keep your ears open, the owls just may talk back to us! All participants must be registered, including adults.

min 10, max 30

Fri., Feb. 6, 7 to 8:30 pm, Hemlock Ridge Park

Fri., Apr. 10, 7:30 to 9 pm, Chagrin River Park—Reeves Rd.

Morning Bird Outing

Ages 8 and older (younger than 18 with an adult), FREE

Rise and shine and join us for a morning bird outing perfect for newbies as well as seasoned birders. Our bird outings are slow-paced explorations of nature with birds as the focus. We'll explore a different park each outing. No binoculars or special equipment is required. New birders are encouraged!

min 10, max 30

Sat., Mar. 28, 9 to 11 am, Veterans Park

Fri., May 1, 9 to 11 am, Beaty Landing

Sat., May 16, 9 to 11 am, Chagrin River Park—Reeves Rd.

Sunday Morning Bird Walks

Ages 8 and older (younger than 18 with an adult), FREE

Part of the one of the oldest citizen science projects in northeast Ohio, join us for this celebration of spring migration. Experience how Lake Erie Bluffs changes from week to week as migration unfolds. Birders of all skill levels are encouraged to join!

min 10, max 30

Sun., Apr. 12, 8 to 10 am, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.

Sun., Apr. 19, 8 to 10 am, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.

Sun., May 3, 8 to 10 am, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.

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

Sun., May 17, 8 to 10 am, Lake Erie Bluffs—Lane Rd.



Evening Bird Outing

Ages 8 and older (younger than 18 with an adult), FREE

End your day with a relaxing bird outing perfect for newbies as well as seasoned birders. Our bird outings are slow-paced explorations of nature with birds as the focus. We'll explore a different park each outing. No binoculars or special equipment is required. New birders are encouraged.

min 10, max 30

Fri., Apr. 17, 6 to 8 pm, Hidden Lake—North

Wed., May 20, 6 to 8 pm, Beaty Landing

Accessible Birding

Ages 8 and older (younger than 18 with an adult), FREE

Join us for an accessible, inclusive bird outing at Lakeshore Reservation! This park is a great spot for birds on their migration and is filled with nearly flat paved trails. Our pace along the All Peoples Loop Trail will be slow. There are benches along the route. No binoculars required and all skill levels encouraged.

min 10, max 30

Fri., May 22, 6 to 7 pm, Lakeshore Reservation—East

100 Bird Quest!

Ages 8 and older (younger than 18 with an adult), FREE

Birders of all skill levels unite for this fun-filled birding challenge! Can we find 100 species in just four hours? Join one of many bird walks of varying lengths all across Chagrin River Park! Leave no leaf unturned during the 100 Bird Quest!

Sat., May 9, 8 am to noon, Chagrin River Park—Reeves Rd.

22nd Annual Hummingbird Sighting Contest

Guess when the first hummingbird will be spotted at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center this spring. If your guess is closest to the date and time (between 9 am and 5 pm) that the first hummer is spotted at Penitentiary Glen Reservation, you will win a hummingbird feeding station.

This could be your lucky year so get your entry in before May 1!

Call the Nature Center at 440-256-1404 x0 for rules and information or enter your guess at lakemetroparks.com

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BIRDING IS FOR EVERYONE!

Be sure to practice and promote respectful, enjoyable and thoughtful birding! Below is a summary of the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics.

1. Respect and promote birds and their environment.

- Promote the conservation of birds by engaging in bird-friendly practices when possible. You can do this by keeping cats indoors, maintaining safe feeding stations and acting to prevent window strikes.
- Avoid stressing birds. Be cautious around active nesting areas, limit the use of recordings to attract birds and use caution when photographing.
- Minimize habitat disturbance.



2. Respect the birding community and its members.

- Bird with respect, honesty and integrity. Respect the interests and skill levels of other birders, as well as people participating in other outdoor activities.
- Approach perceived unethical birding with sensitivity keeping in mind perspectives may vary. When birding in groups, promote knowledge and ensure others practice this code. Ensure the group does not unduly interfere with others using the same area.

3. Respect the rights of others.

- Never enter private property without the landowner's permission. Respect the people living in the area you're birding.
- Familiarize yourself of all rules, regulations and laws at your birding location such as disturbance of nesting areas or sensitive habitats, and the use of audio or food lures.

Above all, remember:

 Birding should be fun and help build a better future for birds, birders and all people.

 Birds and birding opportunities are shared resources that should be accessible to all.

 Birders should always give back more than they take.



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