

# Calendar of Events

Note – Some events listed in this calendar are tentative.

Please check the calendar of events pages on our website, [www.ohiostateparks.org](http://www.ohiostateparks.org), or call the park for updates.

We offer a wide variety of special events for the entire family to enjoy. Color key:

**Especially for Kids**

**Basic Nature**

**Friendly Gatherings**

**Heritage Celebrations**

**Holiday Fun**

**Fun & Fitness**

## SEASONAL EVENTS

**Fantasy of Lights**, Alum Creek (C) - Nov. 18 - Jan. 2, at the campground. Hours are 5:30-9:30 PM Sun. thru Thurs. and 5:30-10:30 PM Fri. & Sat. A million lights in 130 holiday displays, plus visits with Santa & refreshments. A fee is charged per car. (740) 369-2900 or (740) 548-6056, or [www.alumcreek.com](http://www.alumcreek.com).

## OCTOBER 2011

**Indian Summer Campout**, Caesar Creek (SW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Seasonal crafts, games & family fun. (937) 382-1096.

**Fall Festival**, Delaware (C) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 at the campground. Crafts, games, wagon & boat rides, movies, decorated campsite & costume contests. (740) 548-4631.

**Halloween Campout #1**, East Harbor (NW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Scarecrow & decorated campsite contests, kids' crafts and games, hayrides, haunted house, bonfire & cookout. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Fall Campout**, Findley (NE) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Crafts, trick or treating, & hayrides. (440) 647-5749.

**Halloween Campout**, Grand Lake St. Marys (NW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Free lunch, kids' games, pumpkin carving, hayrides, costume & campsite decorating and trick or treat. (419) 394-3611.

**Halloween Festival #2**, Hueston Woods (SW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. Campsite decorating, games, Halloween treats & a haunted trail. (513) 523-6347.

**Halloween Bash**, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Trick or treat, movies, games, bike & stroller parade, campsite decorating, pet & costume contests, pontoon boat rides, hay wagon rides, movie, dance & potluck dinner, plus a car show & craft show on Sun., 12 - 4 PM. (330) 637-2856

**Harvest Moon Campout**, Pike Lake (SW) - Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. Campsite and cottage decorating, pumpkin carving, hayrides, kids' games, a craft show & bean supper. (740) 493-2212.

**6th Annual Barkcamp Race**, Barkcamp (SE) - Oct. 1. Choose from a trail ½ marathon (7:30 AM), 5-mile trail walk (8 AM), 10K trail run (8:30 AM), 5K road walk (9 AM) or kids' race (10:30 AM). Fee for racers benefits American Cancer Society. [www.thebarkcamprace.net](http://www.thebarkcamprace.net) or (740) 484-1872 to register.

**Fall Campout**, Hog Roast & Cast-Iron Cookoff, Blue Rock (SE) - Oct. 1. Plus antique tractors & a kiddie tractor pull. (740) 453-4377.

**Ohio River Open Disc Golf Tournament**, Forked Run (SE) - Oct. 1. A fee and pre-registration are required to compete. See [discgolfsce.com/courses/Forked\\_Run\\_State\\_Park](http://discgolfsce.com/courses/Forked_Run_State_Park).

**Festival at the Grist Mill**, Mohican (NE) - Oct. 1. Oktoberfest celebration with authentic food, refreshments & entertainment. (419) 668-2497 or [wolfcreekmill.org](http://wolfcreekmill.org).

**Smokey Bear Fire Awareness Weekend**, Shawnee (SW) - Oct. 1 at the campground. Fire safety tips and activities for kids with Smokey Bear & friends. (740) 858-6652.

**Pioneer Days**, Beaver Creek (NE) - Oct. 1-2 at the pioneer village & Gaston's Mill. Craft displays & demonstrations of pioneer life, including the working grist mill. (330) 382-9227. Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center open 10 AM-5 PM, duck race at 3 PM Sun. (330) 385-3091 or [www.beavercreekwildlife.org](http://www.beavercreekwildlife.org).

**Apple Butter Festival**, Hueston Woods (SW) - Oct. 1-2 at the pioneer farm. Arts, crafts & traditional apple butter making. (513) 524-4250.

**Traditional Music**, Quail Hollow (NE) - Oct. 6 & 20, 6-9 PM at the manor house. Bring an instrument or just listen. (330) 877-6652.

**Fall Festival & Campout**, Alum Creek (C) - Oct. 7-8. Campsite decorating and costume contests, pumpkin carving, treats & crafts. (740) 548-4631.

**Fall Campout**, Buck Creek (SW) - Oct. 7-8. Crafts, nature programs, games, contests, trick or treat & hayrides. (937) 322-5284

**Halloween Campout #2**, East Harbor (NW) - Oct. 7-8. Scarecrow & decorated campsite contests, kids' crafts and games, hayrides, a haunted house, bonfire & cookout. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2.

**Halloween Campout**, Findley (NE) - Oct. 7-8. Games, pumpkin carving, trick or treating and hayrides. (440) 647-5749

**Halloween Campout**, Harrison Lake (NW) - Oct. 7-8. Costume parade, trick or treat, pumpkin carving, a silent auction & chili and vegetable soup lunch. (419) 237-2593.

**Halloween Festival #3**, Hueston Woods (SW) - Oct. 7-8. Campsite decorating, games, Halloween treats & a haunted trail. (513) 523-6347.

**"Louie" Historical Drama**, Malabar Farm (NE) - Oct. 7-9. Package includes a house tour, BBQ dinner, and theatrical production of Louis Bromfield's life story. Fri. & Sat. performances start at 7 PM; dinner at 6 PM; self-guided house tours 4-6 PM. Sun. performances start at 3 PM; dinner at 2 PM; self-guided house tours Noon-2 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. (419) 892-2784.





**Fall Campout, Mary Jane Thurston (NW) - Oct. 7-8.** Moonlight movie, scarecrow making contest, floating doughnut contest, chili supper & owl prow, plus the Grand Rapids Apple Butter Festival on Sunday. (419) 832-7662.

**Apple Butter Festival, Mt. Gilead (C) - Oct. 7-8.** Apple butter making, campsite decorating, costume contest, pumpkin carving, fall hikes, entertainment, ham & bean soup and much more. (419) 946-1961.

**Halloween Campout, Paint Creek (SW) - Oct. 7-8.** Campsite decorating and costume contests, hay rides & trick or treat. (937) 981-7061 or (937) 393-4284.

**Halloween Campout, Guilford Lake (NE) - Oct. 7-9.** Campsite decorating, cornhole tournament, kids' activities, trick or treat, a haunted trail & potluck dinner. (330) 222-1712.

**Halloween Campout, Lake Loramie (NW) - Oct. 7-9.** Pumpkin carving, campsite decorating, trick or treat, movies, games & a potluck supper. (937) 295-2011.

**Hobo Stew Campout, Van Buren (NW) - Oct. 7-8.** Moonlight movies, costume contests, floats, pumpkin carving, & hobo stew made from ingredients brought by campers. (419) 832-7662.

**Cast Iron Cooking, Caesar Creek (SW) - Oct. 8.** Cast iron pots provided. Pre-registration by Oct. 2 and a \$10 fee required. (513) 897-2437.

**Hocking Hills Motorcycle Run, Hocking Hills (SE) - Oct. 8.** Meet at the Lake Logan parking lot. Cruise 122 miles thru 5 state parks & Wayne National Forest. (740) 385-6841 or hockinghillspark.com.

**Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides, Lake Hope (SE) - Oct. 8, 2-5 PM, at the nature center.** Continuous 20 minute rides. (740) 596-3030.

**Fall Color Walk, Malabar Farm (NE) - Oct. 8, 10 AM-Noon.** Meet at the visitor center. 2-mile hike. (419) 892-2784.

**Autumn Lighthouse Festival, Marblehead Lighthouse (NW) - Oct. 8, 10 AM-5 PM.** Annual community festival is held in nearby Lakeside. Historic displays, entertainment, crafts & food. Lighthouse tours offered from 10 AM to 3 PM. (419) 734-4424 ext. 2 or [www.lake-erie.com](http://www.lake-erie.com)

**Halloween Campout, Shawnee (SW) - Oct. 8.** Pumpkin carving, trick or treat & a costume parade. (740) 858-6652.

**Fall Breakfast, Stonelick (SW) - Oct. 8.** Fundraiser for the Friends of Stonelick State Park. [www.friendsofstonelick.org](http://www.friendsofstonelick.org) or (513) 734-4323.

**Fall Color Canoe Paddle, Van Buren (NW) - Oct. 9, 2-3:30 PM.** Must pre-register, (419) 348-7679. \$10 donation per canoe.

**Halloween Campout, Indian Lake (NW) - Oct. 14-15.** Pumpkin carving, site decorating and costume contests, pet costume contest, trick or treat, hayrides, movies, games & soup supper. (937) 843-2717.

**Halloween Campout, Jackson Lake (SE) - Oct. 14-15.** Campsite decorating, costume party & trick or treat. (740) 682-6197 or (740) 384-3345.

**Haunted Trail, Lake Milton (NE) - Oct. 14-15, 7-10:30 PM.** Spooky scenes along the accessible paved trail. (330) 654-4989.

**Halloween Campout #1, West Branch (NE) - Oct. 14 -15.** Trick or treat, movies, games, pumpkin carving, campsite decorating & a haunted trail. (330) 296-3239.

**Halloween Fall Campout #1, Beaver Creek (NE) - Oct. 14-16.** Kids' activities, campsite decorating, costume contest, trick or treat, potluck dinner & a haunted trail. (330) 385-3091.

**Fall Campout, Cowan Lake (SW) - Oct. 14-16.** Trick or treat, games & fall-themed activities. (937) 382-1096.

**Not-Quite-Halloween Campout, East Fork (SW) - Oct. 14-16.** Hayrides, stew, trick or treat & movies. (513) 734-4323.

**"Louie" Historical Drama, Malabar Farm (NE) - Oct. 14-16.** Package includes a house tour, BBQ dinner, and theatrical production of Louis Bromfield's life story.

Fri. & Sat. performances start at 7 PM; dinner at 6 PM; self-





guided house tours 4-6 PM. Sun. performances start at 3 PM; dinner at 2 PM; self-guided house tours Noon-2 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. (419) 892-2784.

**Halloween Campout #1, Mohican (NE) - Oct. 14-16.** Pet & campsite decorating contests, trick or treat, nature programs & crafts for campers & cottage guests. (419) 994-4290.

**Halloween Campout, Rocky Fork (SW) - Oct. 14-16.** Campsite decorating and costume contests, movies, silent auction, games and a haunted trail. (937) 393-4284.

**Fall Festival, Cleveland Lakefront (NE) - Oct. 15, 1 PM at Euclid Beach.** All kinds of family fun, hayrides, kids' activities, games & crafts. (216) 881-8141 ext. 3001.

**Grandma Gatewood's Fall Colors Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Oct. 15, 1 PM at the Old Man's Cave Visitor Center.** 6-mile strenuous hike. (740) 385-6841.

**32nd Annual Fall Hike, Lake Hope (SE) - Oct. 15, 10 AM.** Meet at the beach shelter house for a 3-mile hike, then enjoy a bean soup & cornbread lunch. (740) 596-3030.

**Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides, Lake Hope (SE) - Oct. 15, 2-5 PM, at the nature center.** Continuous 20 minute rides. (740) 596-3030.

**Fall Hike, Shawnee (SW) - Oct. 15, 9 AM.** Meet at the Shawnee backpack trail parking lot off Rte. 125. Check out the fall color and gorgeous scenery on a new loop that passes by the Copperhead Fire Tower. (740) 858-6652.

**Halloween Campout, Stonelick (SW) - Oct. 15.** Costume, pumpkin and campsite decorating contests, hayrides, trick or treat & hobo stew. [www.friendsofstonelick.org](http://www.friendsofstonelick.org) or (513) 734-4323.

**Howl-o-Ween Dog Walk & Costume Parade, Mosquito Lake (NE) - Oct. 16, 12 - 3 PM at the Dog Park.** Food, vendors & contests for people and pets. (330) 637-2856.

**Fall Hike, Sycamore (SW) - Oct. 15, 1 PM at the Overlook Picnic Area off Providence Road.** (513) 523-6347.

**Pre-Halloween Campout, Deer Creek (C) - Oct. 21-22.** Hayrides, crafts & games. (740) 869-3124.

**Halloween Campout, East Fork (SW) - Oct. 21-23.** Games, contests, hayrides & trick or treat. (513) 734-4323.

**Halloween Campout, Forked Run (SE) - Oct. 21-22.** Campsite decorating contest, games, trick or treat, & spooky hayrides. (740) 767-3570.

**Halloween Campout, Lake Alma (SE) - Oct. 21-22.** Campsite decorating, trick or treat & a spooky haunted trail. (740) 384-4474 or (740) 384-3345.

**Haunted Trail, Lake Milton (NE) - Oct. 21-22, 7-10:30 PM.** Spooky scenes along the accessible paved trail. (330) 654-4989.

**Trail of Lost Souls, Maumee Bay (NW) - Oct. 21-22, 7-10 PM at the Big Hill in the meadow area.** A small fee is charged. (419) 836-8828.

**Halloween Campout, Maumee Bay (NW) - Oct. 21-23.** Campsite decorating, hayrides, trick or treat, crafts, kite building, a Halloween dance & games. (419) 836-8828.

**Halloween Campout #2, Mohican (NE) - Oct. 21-23.** Pet & campsite decorating contests, trick or treat, nature programs & crafts for campers & cottage guests. (419) 994-4290.

**Halloween Campout #2, West Branch (NE) - Oct. 21-22.** Trick or treat, movies, games, Halloween crafts, campsite decorating & a haunted trail. (330) 296-3239.

**Halloween Fall Campout #2, Beaver Creek (NE) - Oct. 21-23.** Kids' activities, campsite decorating, costume contest, trick or treat, potluck dinner & murder mystery. (330) 385-3091.

**Halloween Campout & Party, Beaver Creek (NE) - Oct. 22 at the horsemen's camp off Sprucevale Rd.** Bridle trail scavenger hunt, pumpkin decorating, campsite decorating, horse and rider costume contest, potluck dinner & hayrides. (330) 227-9952 or [russo53@localnet.com](mailto:russo53@localnet.com)

**Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides, Lake Hope (SE) - Oct. 22, 2-5 PM, at the nature center.** Continuous 20 minute rides. (740) 596-3030.

**Spooky Carnival of Fun, Maumee Bay (NW) - Oct. 22-23, 12-4 PM at the nature center.** Spooky games, crafts, refreshments & videos. \$5 per child fee. (419) 836-9117.

**"Hollow"een Fest, Quail Hollow (NE) - Oct. 22, 4-8 PM.** Haunted Manor House tours, hayrides & a bonfire. \$2/per person fee. (330) 877-6652.

**Halloween Party, Sycamore (SW) - Oct. 22.** Games & seasonal activities. (937) 854-4452.

**Owl Prowl, Van Buren (NW) - Oct. 22, 7 PM at shelterhouse #3.** Live owl program & a guided hike. (419) 832-7662.

**Halloween Campout, Dillon (SE) - Oct. 28-29.** Costume and campsite decorating contests, pumpkin decorating & trick or treat. (740) 453-4377.

**Haunted Trail, Lake Milton (NE) - Oct. 28-29, 7-10:30 PM.** Spooky scenes along the accessible paved trail. (330) 654-4989.

**Halloween Campout, Deer Creek (C) - Oct. 28-30.** Hayrides, trick or treat, crafts, games & campsite decorating. (740) 869-3124.

**Haunted Hocking**, *Hocking Hills (SE) - Oct. 28-30 at the Old Man's Cave campground*. Campsite & pumpkin decorating, hayrides, trick or treat & movies. (740) 385-6841.

**Venison Chili Cook-Off**, *Findley (NE) - Oct. 29, 1 PM at the nature center*. Bring your favorite recipe, venison is provided by the park. Pre-registration required. (440) 647-5749 or (440) 647-4490.

**Great Seal Scream**, *Great Seal (SW) - Oct. 29*. PDGA sanctioned pro/am disc golf tournament. Fee and pre-registration required to compete. See [chillicothediscgolf.com](http://chillicothediscgolf.com).

**Haunted Trail**, *Lake Alma (SE) - Oct. 29, dusk to 10 PM*. Trail starts at the Pine Hill Trailhead. (740) 384-4474 or (740) 384-3345.

**Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides**, *Lake Hope (SE) - Oct. 29, 2-5 PM, at the nature center*. Continuous 20 minute rides. (740) 596-3030.

**ROAR Day**, *Lake Hope (SE) - Oct. 29, 9 AM - 3 PM at the shelterhouse and Hope School*. Appalachian crafts, food & entertainment plus Halloween treats. (740) 596-3030.

**Harvest Barn Dance**, *Malabar Farm (NE) - Oct. 29, 7-10 PM*. Beginners welcome. (419) 892-2784.

**Trout or Treat Kiddie Derby**, *Shawnee (SW) - Oct. 29*. Fishing for kids 12 & under, plus an archery program. (740) 858-6652.

**Halloween at the Park**, *Salt Fork (SE) - Oct. 29*. Make Halloween crafts and decorate pumpkins & cookies at the lodge in the afternoon. Then hike the haunted trail to the cottage area for trick or treat and a costume contest. (740) 439-3521 or (740) 439-2751.



## NOVEMBER 2011

**Traditional Music**, *Quail Hollow (NE) - Nov. 3, 6-9 PM at the manor house*. Bring an instrument or just listen. (330) 877-6652.

**Snowflake Festival**, *Mt. Gilead (C) - Nov. 4-5*. Campsite decorating, nature programs & crafts. (419) 946-1961 or (740) 548-4631.

**Frontier Trail Hike**, *Hocking Hills (SE) - Nov. 5, Noon-4 PM at Ash Cave*. Explore the history of the Hocking Hills region with a walk back through time dramatized by costumed interpreters along Ash Cave trail. (740) 385-6841.

**Veterans Day Celebration**, *Hueston Woods (SW) - Nov. 5 in the campground*. Veterans will be honored with a parade, recognition ceremony and fun family activities including a cookout. (513) 523-6347.

**Hearthside Cookery Workshop**, *Malabar Farm (NE) - Nov. 5-6, 10 AM-5 PM*. Learn open-hearth cooking skills by preparing a Thanksgiving feast using farm fresh foods and cast iron cookware. Each day is a complete workshop. Pre-registration and a \$30 fee required. Space is limited, so register early. (419) 892-2784.

**Bobcat Trail Marathon**, *Burr Oak (SE) - Nov. 6*. Meet at the lodge. A fee is required to compete & racers must pre-register. [www.bobcattrailmarathon.org](http://www.bobcattrailmarathon.org).

**Traditional Music**, *Quail Hollow (NE) - Nov. 17, 6-9 PM at the manor house*. Bring an instrument or just listen. (330) 877-6652.

**Fantasy of Lights**, *Alum Creek (C) - starts Nov. 18 and runs thru Jan. 2, at the campground*. Hours are 5:30-9:30 PM Sun. thru Thurs. and 5:30-10:30 PM Fri. & Sat. A million lights in 130 holiday displays, plus visits with Santa & refreshments. A fee is charged per car. (740) 369-2900 or (740) 548-6056, or [www.alumcreek.com](http://www.alumcreek.com).

**Jubilee**, *Salt Fork (SE) - Nov. 18-19 at the lodge*. Hear gospel groups from around the country perform traditional tunes. (740) 439-3521 or (740) 439-2751.

**Craft Show**, *Salt Fork (SE) - Nov. 25-26 at the lodge*. (740) 439-3521 or (740) 439-2751.

## DECEMBER 2011

**Fantasy of Lights**, *Alum Creek (C) - runs thru Jan. 2, at the campground*. 5:30-9:30 PM Sun. thru Thurs. and 5:30-10:30 PM Fri. & Sat. A fee is charged per car. (740) 369-2900 or (740) 548-6056, or [www.alumcreek.com](http://www.alumcreek.com).

**Bigfoot 50K & 3-Person Relay**, *Salt Fork (SE) - Dec. 4, 7 AM*. Meet at the lodge. Share the 10.4 mile loop with a relay team or run the loop 3 times solo. A fee is required to compete & racers must pre-register. [www.ohiooutside.com/bigfoot50k/index.html](http://www.ohiooutside.com/bigfoot50k/index.html).

**Candlelight Holiday Tours**, *Malabar Farm (NE) - Dec. 2-4*. Hours are 5-9 PM Fri. and Sat.; 11 AM- 5 PM Sun. Tour Louis Bromfield's "Big House" all decked out for the holidays. Enjoy freshly baked cookies and hot cider, along with holiday shopping at the gift shop. Fees are \$5/adult and \$3/child. (419) 892-2784 or [www.malabarfarm.org](http://www.malabarfarm.org).

**Christmas at the Hollow**, *Quail Hollow (NE) - Dec. 8-10*. Tour the historic Stewart Manor, decorated for an old-fashioned holiday. Enjoy refreshments, holiday crafts and entertainment, and visits with Santa. (330) 877-6652.

**Candlelight Holiday Tours**, *Malabar Farm (NE) - Dec. 9-11*. Hours are 5-9 PM Fri. and Sat.; 11 AM- 5 PM Sun. Tour Louis Bromfield's "Big House" all decked out for the holidays. Enjoy freshly baked cookies and hot cider, along with holiday shopping at the gift shop. Fees are \$5/adult and \$3/child. (419) 892-2784 or [www.malabarfarm.org](http://www.malabarfarm.org).

**Christmas in Ash Cave**, *Hocking Hills (SE) - Dec 10, 5-7 PM*. Celebrate the season with a candle-lit stroll to Ash Cave, refreshments, a bonfire, carolers, Santa and a tree decorated for wildlife. (740) 385-6841.

**Holiday Traditions Workshops**, *Caesar Creek (SW) - Dec. 17, sessions start at 10 AM and 2 PM at the nature center*. Create holiday decorations



& ornaments from natural materials. Pre-registration and a \$12 fee required. (513) 897-2437.

**Holiday Raptor Invasion, Hueston Woods (SW) - Dec. 17, 11 AM at the Hueston Woods Lodge.** Educational raptor program with local birds of prey. (513) 524-4250.

## JANUARY 2012

**Sled Dog Classic, Punderson (NE) - Date TBA, snow conditions permitting.** Pre-registration and a fee are required for racers. Spectators are admitted free. (440) 564-2279 or [www.siberiancleveland.org](http://www.siberiancleveland.org).

**Winter Hike, Mohican (NE) - Jan. 15, 1 PM.** Meet at the camp store/commissary. Experience winter's beauty while watching for the elusive bald eagle. After the hike enjoy warm soup & refreshments (419) 994-5125.

**47th Annual Winter Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Jan. 21, continuous starts from 9-11 AM.** Rugged 6-mile trek from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave. Wear layered clothing & good footwear. Refreshments available for a donation. A shuttle bus returns hikers to Old Man's Cave. (740) 385-6841.

**Winter Bird Hike, Hueston Woods (SW) - Jan 21, 10 AM at the nature center.** Hike park trails & learn the art of birding from an expert. (513) 524-4250.

**Can You Name a Tree By its Bark?, Van Buren (NW) - Jan. 22, 2 PM at shelterhouse #3.** Learn how to identify a tree in the winter by its bark, then head out on a trail to test your skills. (419) 832-7662.

## FEBRUARY 2012

**32nd Annual Buckeye Trail Winter Hike, Findley (NE) - Feb. 4, 10 AM.** Moderate 5-k, 10-k or interpretive hikes. Followed by bean soup & cornbread. (440) 647-5749.

**Winterfest, Geneva (NE) - Feb. 4.** Activities at the park and in the town of Geneva during this community winter carnival include snowmobile rides, a chili cookoff & more. (440) 466-8400.

**Sweethearts Hike, Hocking Hills (SE) - Feb. 11, 5-7 PM at the Ash Cave parking lot.** Take a romantic stroll to Ash Cave and enjoy a cozy fire & refreshments. (740) 385-6841.

**Cabin Fever Reliever Hike, Van Buren (NW) - Feb. 11, 10 AM - Noon.** Meet at shelterhouse #3. Choose from a self-guided 2-mile or 5-mile loop hike through rolling forest terrain. Enjoy winter nature displays and a hot chili lunch starting at 11 AM. (419) 832-7662.

**Winter Hike, Caesar Creek (SW) - Feb. 18 continuous starts from 10 AM - noon from the Wellman Meadows boat ramp off Oregonia Road.** 4-mile self-guided trek through meadows and valleys. (513) 897-2437.

**Winter Hike, Hueston Woods (SW) - Feb. 18, 11 AM.** Meet at the nature center & car caravan to the Big Woods for a guided hike through old growth forest. (513) 524-4250.

**Maple Syrup Weekend, Caesar Creek (SW) - Feb. 25-26, at the Pioneer Village.** Brunch available from 11 AM to 2 PM for a fee; free walking tours at 10 AM, 11 AM, Noon & 1 PM. Warm up with a woodland walk & learn how sap is collected to make syrup. (513) 897-2437.

**Polar Bear Plunge, Geneva (NE) - Feb. 25, at Breakwater Beach.** Spectators are welcome. "Plungers" must pre-register. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics. (440) 466-8400 or (614) 239-7050.

## MARCH 2012

**Maple Syrup Festival, Hueston Woods (SW) - Mar. 3-4 & 10-11 at the main beach parking area.** Explore the process of maple sugaring from the methods used by Indians to modern methods. Pancake breakfast offered from 7 AM-1 PM for a fee. Tour the sugar bush from Noon-4 PM. (513) 523-6347.

**36th Annual Maple Syrup Festival, Malabar Farm (NE) - Mar. 3-4 & 10-11, Noon-4 PM.** Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to the sugar camp for demonstrations of sugar making, pioneer life and entertainment. Food is available, and maple products are for sale. (419) 892-2784.

**Maple Sugaring in the Hills, Hocking Hills (SE) - Mar. 10-11, Noon-4 PM** at the naturalist cabin behind the Old Man's Cave visitor center. Discover how syrup is made, and try a sample. Pancake breakfast offered at the dining lodge for a fee. (740) 385-6841.

**Woodcock Walk, Shawnee (SW) - March 10, 7 PM.** Meet at the lodge for a guided hike to see the amazing courtship display. Wear dark colors. (740) 858-6652.

**Stalk of the Wild Woodcock Walk, Van Buren (NW) - March. 24, 7:30 PM at the Nature Center shelterhouse.** View the fascinating flight display of this member of the shorebird family. (419) 832-7662.