

Van Buren State Park

Autumn and Winter Naturalist Programs 2011-2012



Soaring with Monarchs Saturday, Sept. 10, 2-4pm

Meet at the Nature Center Shelterhouse for a program about one of Ohio's most beautiful insects. Then caravan to the park's monarch rearing gazebo and garden to see monarchs tagged and released for their trip to Mexico.

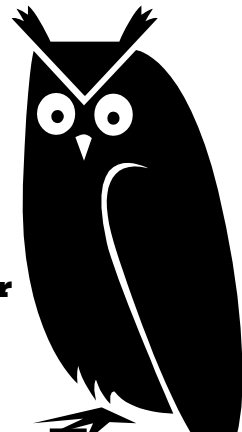
Fall Color Canoe Paddle Sunday October 9 2:00-3:30pm



Enjoy a naturalist guided canoe paddle around Van Buren Lake and up the wooded banks of the Rocky Ford creek. An adult with prior canoeing experience must be in every boat. \$10 suggested donation per boat to the Friends of Van Buren State Park. Pre-registration required by Thursday October 6th. Register by calling 419-348-7679.

Autumn Owl Prowl Saturday October 22, 7-9pm

Meet at the South Shore shelterhouse #3 to learn about Ohio's owl species. Live education owls will be present. Followed by an evening forest hike to test your owl calling skills. Dress for the weather.



Do you Know a Tree by its Bark? Sunday, Jan. 22, 2:00pm

Meet at shelterhouse #3 to learn how to identify trees by bark and buds. This entire program takes place outdoors, so please dress for a winter woodland hike.

QUESTIONS? Contact Naturalist Natalie Miller at: 419-832-7662

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Autumn and Winter Special Events 2011-2012

Annual Fall Family Campout September 23 and 24

Moonlight movie, bigfoot scarecrow building contest, hayrides, pumpkin painting, floating doughnut contest, weird talent show, chili cookoff and marshmallow roast.



Annual Hobo Stew & Halloween Campout October 7 and 8

Moonlight movie, pumpkin carving, Halloween costume contest, kids piñata, horse costume parade, hobo stew potluck made with the ingredients brought in by all the campers! Sponsored by Friends of Van Buren State Park & Wood County OHC.

TO RESERVE CAMPSITES FOR EITHER CAMPOUT, CALL: 1-866-OHIOPARKS



2nd Annual “Cabin Fever Reliever” Winter Hike February 11, 2012

Meet at the South Shore Shelterhouse #3 off of Township Road 229.

Continuous starts for self guided hikes leave from shelterhouse #3 from 10-11am. Upon your return, warm up with chili over a fire, hot drinks, and s'mores. Chili will be served from 11:30-1:30 or until it's gone! Free event is sponsored by the Friends of Van Buren State Park. Donations will be appreciated.

Questions? Contact Mary Jane Thurston State Park Office at 419-832-7662