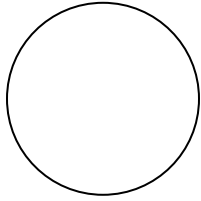


NATURE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Van Buren State Park Summer 2011

PERSEIDS METEOR SHOWER

PADDLE



Friday, August 12, 10-11:30pm

Enjoy a meteor shower on the water! Participants will paddle to the dam to watch the night sky from their boat. Pre-registration required.. An adult with previous experience must be in every boat, and must have paddled the lake before. A suggested donation of \$10/boat. Participants may bring their own canoe or kayak, but still must pre-register. Bring a flashlight. Pre-register by calling 419-299-3505.

KIDS BIG FISH CONTEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

10AM-12PM

WEST END PARKING LOT BY THE DAM

NIGHTS ARE WILD!

EVENING NATURE PROGRAMS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. BE NOCTURNAL WHILE HELPING YOUR FAMILY FIGHT NATURE DEFICIT DISORDER!



Saturday, June 25 , 9:45 pm: "Squirrels of the Airborne Kind:" Ohio's Flying Squirrels

Meet at the amphitheater in the family campground for a program about flying squirrels. Followed by a night hike into flying squirrel habitat. Please bring a flashlight.

Friday, July 1, 9:30pm: "A Bald Eagle's Life"

Meet in the amphitheater of the family campground for an interactive slide show about bald eagles.

Saturday, July 2, 7:00- 8:00pm: "Hooked Beaks and Talons: Birds of Prey"

Meet at the family camp amphitheater for a program about birds of prey. Live education birds will be on display.

Saturday, July 9, 8:45pm: "Skeeter Eaters: Bats of Ohio"

Meet at shelterhouse #3 to learn about Ohio's Bats. Followed by a woodland hike with the naturalist's bat detector.

Saturday, July 23, 8:45pm: "Whooo's Got Mice? Owls of Ohio"

Meet at shelterhouse #3 for a powerpoint about the species of owls you can find in Ohio. Meet a few representative species. Then head out on the trail to test your owl calling skills.

Saturday, August 6, 8:45pm: "Moths: Scaly Wings of the Night"

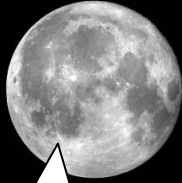
Meet at the amphitheater in the family campground for a program about the butterfly's lesser known cousins. Learn how to make your own moth bait and test it out on the trail afterwards. Dress for a woodland hike.

Saturday, August 13, 8:30pm: "Late Summer Insect Symphony"

Take an evening hike to learn about katydids, cicadas, crickets and more. Meet at shelterhouse #3.

Saturday, August 27, 8:30pm: "Night of the Living Opossum!"

It's a cat? No! It's a Rat!? No! Meet at the Nature Center to learn all about North America's only marsupial! Meet a real education opossum and then caravan to a nearby trail to look for signs of opossums.



Try a Root Beer Float during our moonlight movies!

MOONLIGHT MOVIES

Friday May 27: 9:00pm
Despicable Me (PG)

Saturday, July 2: 9:30pm
How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

Friday, September 2: 8:45pm
Gnomeo and Juliet (G)

All movies take place in the amphitheater at the family campground. Popcorn and pop available for a donation. Bring a lawn chair and a blanket.

BUTTERFLY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Monarch Butterfly Rearing Station Open House:
visit the monarch butterfly rearing gazebo and garden in the family campground. Live caterpillars and butterflies on display.

Sunday August 21, 2-3:30pm



Butterfly Count Hikes:

Every Tuesday 11:00am, June -September

Join Naturalist Natalie Miller and local lepidopterists for a weekly walk to count butterfly species. A great way to learn to identify local butterfly species. Meet at the campground entrance off of TR 218. Long pants and close toed shoes suggested.



REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN FEEDINGS

Meet at the Nature Center

Help the naturalist or park volunteers feed the nature center creatures!

Select Saturdays 2-4pm

Meet at the Nature Center

**5/28, 6/4, 6/11,
7/9, 7/30, 8/20**

LIVE RAPTOR DISPLAYS

Select Saturdays 2-4pm
Meet at the Nature Center
Learn about birds of prey with volunteers from Black Swamp Raptor Center. Live education birds:

Sat. 5/28 American Kestrel

Sat. 6/4 Barred Owl

Sat. 6/11 Red Tailed Hawk

Sat. 7/9 Snowy Owl

Sat. 7/30 Barn Owl

Sat. 8/20 Screech Owl



QUESTIONS ABOUT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS? Contact Naturalist Natalie Miller @ 419-299-3505 or Natalie.Miller@dnr.state.oh.us

