



WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP CENTER

SCHOOL & GROUP PROGRAM GUIDE



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Cleveland Metroparks offers a wide variety of programs that align with Ohio's Learning Standards and are taught by our trained professional educators.

SCHEDULING A PROGRAM

Reservations are required for all school and group programs and must be made at least two weeks in advance (3 months is preferred). **Programs are free of charge for schools and groups within Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township**, unless otherwise noted.

To schedule a program:

Call 440-887-1968, email wsc@clevelandmetroparks.com with the following information or fill out a program request at clevelandmetroparks.com/RequestaProgram

1. Program choice(s)
2. Preferred and alternate dates and times and location
3. School/group name, address, phone number, email and contact person
4. Grade/age level and number of people in your group (10-student minimum)
5. Any special needs of the group

Programs offered at Watershed Stewardship Center, Bedford, Big Creek, Brookside and West Creek reservations:

- Most programs take place outdoors or have an outdoor component. Please dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes. Programs take place rain or shine.
- Program length varies by content and age.
- Call if you are unable to keep your appointment or group size changes.

Programs offered at your school or location:

- If your group is unable to visit one of our locations, we can visit your location for free within the park district (Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township). There is a charge for programs outside the park district.
- Programs at your location must have a minimum of 20 people.

*Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) Education Fee Credit Program

Our Stormwater and Sustainable Development program is certified to meet the requirements of the NEORS Education Fee Credit for grades 3, 5, 7 and 10. The NEORS Fee Credit Program offers a 25% reduction in an organization's stormwater fee. Schools interested in receiving this credit must apply through NEORS. This program is 240 minutes and consists of your selection from the following programs: Forest Explorers, Habitats, Ohio Wildlife, Seasonal Discovery, Stream Ecology, Wetland Wildlife.

Custom Programs

Many programs can be customized to meet your needs, including virtual options. Looking for something other than what is offered in the program guide? Call to discuss.

Transportation Vouchers

Schools in Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township may apply for full or partial reimbursement from the Field Trip Transportation Fund to support the cost of travel to one of our locations for a program. Please inquire about the process and how to apply.

ADA Statement

Cleveland Metroparks staff can adapt many programs to be accessible to anyone who would like to participate, assuming they meet the essential eligibility criteria. Reasonable accommodation can also be provided. Please make a request at the time of registration but no later than 72 business hours prior to the program. Contact us at 440-887-1968.

Program locations labeled by color throughout this guide.

- BCR** | Big Creek Reservation
- BeR** | Bedford Reservation
- BR** | Brookside Reservation
- WCR** | West Creek Reservation
- OR** | Outreach (at your school or location)



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Ohio Wildlife

BCR BeR BR WCR OR

Ohio is host to some of the most amazing wildlife on the planet. Each species has special adaptations that allow them to succeed in their habitat. From wetlands and meadows to forest and rivers, learn more about the creatures that call these Ohio habitats home. This program can include focuses on mammals, reptiles & amphibians, life cycles and food webs & chains.

Seasonal Discovery

BCR BeR BR WCR

What will we see today? Changing seasons bring new discoveries to explore. Join us to observe how Ohio's seasonal cycles affect how plants and animals survive in their habitats.

Sensational Senses

BCR BeR BR WCR OR

Discover how people and animals use their senses. Listen, look, touch and smell items from the natural world. Students will observe and investigate to explore the many ways living things use senses to survive in nature on this outdoor adventure.



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Forest Explorers

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Forests are amazing, interconnected systems dominated by trees. Students will discover the traits and behaviors of various plants and animals on an exploratory hike through the forest.

Habitats

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Habitats

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Seasonal Discovery

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What will we see today? Changing seasons bring new discoveries to explore. Join us to observe how Ohio's seasonal cycles and weather affect how plants and animals survive in their habitats.



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3rd GRADE

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Habitats

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Students will learn how animals adapt and survive using the various biotic and abiotic resources within their habitat. Discover how limited resources can impact wildlife populations while exploring habitats such as meadows, wetlands, streams and forests.

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Seasonal Discovery

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4th GRADE

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Habitats

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Weathering & Erosion

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Through classroom experimentation, students will identify if changes have been caused by erosion and weathering.



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Habitats

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Seasonal Discovery

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Stream Ecology

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Understanding the characteristics of our local freshwater systems is essential to understanding their importance. Get up close to a local stream to learn how it functions as an ecosystem. This program can include focuses on water chemistry, habitat assessments, and erosion and deposition.

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Rocks Rule!

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Geology tells the story of Ohio. Explore the properties of minerals and learn about the rock cycle.

Seasonal Discovery

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Habitats**BCR BeR BR WCR**

Students will utilize habitats such as meadows, wetlands, streams and forests to explore the concepts of energy transfers and transformations and discover the ways biotic and abiotic factors influence wildlife populations within a habitat.

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Seasonal Discovery**BCR BeR BR WCR**

What will we see today? Join us to observe how the relative positions of Earth and Sun cause patterns we call seasons, and discuss the ways seasonal changes affect the number, growth and survival of wildlife populations.

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8th GRADE

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HIGH SCHOOL

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ADULT/COMMUNITY GROUP PROGRAMS

Forest Explorers

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Forests are amazing, interconnected systems dominated by trees. Explore the field of forest ecology, search for wildlife and learn about how hydrology, geology and species diversity create unique and varied forest ecosystems across Northeast Ohio.

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Scout Programs

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Custom programming is available. Contact us for programs specific to scout advancement. Scout programs are offered periodically and can be found online at clevelandmetroparks.com. Fees may apply.

Tree Identification

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Tree identification skills set a strong foundation to learning other components of a forest. Different species produce different flowers, fruits and seeds and types of shelter for wildlife. Hike through the forest to learn the diversity of trees that thrive in Cleveland Metroparks.

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