

# April 2024

## MONDAY - APR 1

### Art Gallery: Solar Eclipse Displays

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Art Gallery; through April 30

### Art Gallery: Rachel Miller

10:00 AM to 4:30 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Art Gallery; through April 30

### Drawing 101 (Instructor Clela Neale)

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

### Watercolor Class (Instructor Clela Neale)

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

## TUESDAY - APR 2

### Evening Marsh Hike

8:00 PM to 9:00 PM ; Sandy Ridge Reservation; Johnson Wetland Center Meeting Room

## WEDNESDAY - APR 3

### Water Crossing Safety Hike

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM ; Kipton Reservation; Trailhead

### Wildflower Wednesdays

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Vermilion River Reservation - Bacon Woods; Trailhead/Walking Center

### Books in the Woods! (in partnership with Lorain Public Library System)

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Cooking Class: Chicken Marsala & Garlic Parmesan Angel Hair Pasta

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

## THURSDAY - APR 4

### Exploring Watercolor (Instructor Clela Neale)

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Indian Hollow Extended Hike

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM ; Indian Hollow Reservation - Sheldon Woods; Shelter #1

### Wellington Book Club

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ; Wellington Reservation; Meeting Room

## FRIDAY - APR 5

### Spring Story Time with the Elyria Public Library "Think Spring"

10:30 AM to 11:15 AM ; Cascade Park; Nature Center Meeting Room

### Solar Eclipse – Astronomy Speaker Series

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ; Sandy Ridge Reservation; Johnson Wetland Center Meeting Room

## SATURDAY - APR 6

### Basics of Compass Navigation

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM ; Charlemont Reservation; Trailhead

### Volleyball Clinic (Grades K-8)

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM; Splash Zone; Field House - Court 3

### Little Explorers Preschool Program: Flowers

10:00 AM to 10:45 AM ; Vermilion River Reservation - Mill Hollow; Carriage Barn Meeting Room

### Boots On, Kick Off Hike!

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Avon Wetlands Trailhead

### Walk the River Hike

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Vermilion River Reservation - Mill Hollow; Carriage Barn Meeting Room

## SUNDAY - APR 7

### Kayak Skills: Capsize Recovery

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; Amherst HealthPlex; 4 Lane Rental

### Silly Science: Wonders of Water

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Coffee Walk and Talk

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Lobby

### Preschool Park Pals - The Moon and More

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Carlisle Room

## Bacon House Tour

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Vermilion River Reservation - Mill Hollow; Benjamin Bacon Museum

### Pack Walk

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM ; Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation; Shelter #1

## MONDAY - APR 8

### Total Solar Eclipse Viewing

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Equestrian Center; Nielsen Observatory

### Total Solar Eclipse Viewing

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM ; Lakeview Park; Lakeview Park

## TUESDAY - APR 9

### Salamander Hike

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Wellington Reservation; Visitor Center Lobby

### French Creek Extended Loop

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Lobby

### Evening Marsh Hike

8:00 PM to 9:00 PM ; Sandy Ridge Reservation; Johnson Wetland Center Meeting Room

## WEDNESDAY - APR 10

### Wednesday Morning Birding

8:00 AM to 10:30 AM ; Sandy Ridge Reservation; Johnson Wetland Center Meeting Room

### Gentle Yoga in the Conservatory

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Conservatory

### Wildflower Wednesdays

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation; Shelter #1

### Conserva-STORIES Series

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Conservatory

### Waterfall Trek at Cascade Park

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM ; Cascade Park; Shelter #1

## THURSDAY - APR 11

### ARC Lifeguard Training (through April 20)

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Splash Zone; Meeting Room

### Exploring Watercolor (Instructor Clela Neale)

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Pack Walk

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM ; Wellington Reservation; Visitor Center Lobby

## FRIDAY - APR 12

### Spring Story Time with the Elyria Public Library "Weather Watchers"

10:30 AM to 11:15 AM ; Cascade Park; Nature Center Meeting Room

### Open Air Mini Terrarium

12:30 PM to 3:00 PM ; Amherst HealthPlex; Multi-Purpose Room

## SATURDAY - APR 13

### DIY Crafts & Coffee: Tissue Paper on Canvas

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Schoepfle House and Garden Tour

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM ; Schoepfle Garden; Schoepfle House

### Sylvester Wetlands Hike

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Duck Pond; Shelter #1

## SUNDAY - APR 14

### Yoga with Tom at Century Park

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ; Century Park; Harbor House Meeting Room

### Silly Science: Wonders of Water

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM ; Kopf Family Reservation; Library Trailhead

### Rose Garden Community Work Day

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM ; Lakeview Park; Lakeview Park

## MONDAY - APR 15

### Drawing 101 (Instructor Clela Neale)

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

## Watercolor Class (Instructor Clela Neale)

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

### Hero Hikes

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM ; Black River Reservation - Days Dam; Shelter #1

## TUESDAY - APR 16

### Silly Science: Wonders of Water

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM ; Cascade Park; Nature Center Meeting Room

### Curious Creekers Preschool Program

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Tiny Talons Storytime

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Black River Room

### Coffee Walk and Talk

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM ; Cascade Park; Shelter #1

### Nat Chat Hike

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Raptor Center Amphitheater

### Cooking Class (Instructor Led): Pasta

**Bolognese & Homemade Artisan Bread**  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

### Hop into Spring Hike

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; Cascade Park; Shelter #1

### Bigfoot Flashlight Hunt

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Lobby

## WEDNESDAY - APR 17

### Wednesday Morning Birding

8:00 AM to 10:30 AM ; Sandy Ridge Reservation; Johnson Wetland Center Meeting Room

### April Showers Craft Program

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Wellington Reservation; Meeting Room

### Schoepfle Garden Tour

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Schoepfle Garden; Visitor Center

### Garden Sprouts: Eggcellent Eggs!

10:30 AM to 11:15 AM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

### Bats Don't Bug Me! (All Ages)

1:00 PM to 1:45 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Black River Room

### Bats Don't Bug Me! (Kids)

2:00 PM to 2:45 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Black River Room

### Wildflower Wednesdays

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Cassell Reservation; Highbridge Trail

### Wildlife Appreciation Hike

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; Columbia Reservation; Briarwood Lodge Meeting Room

## THURSDAY - APR 18

### Silly Science: Wonders of Water

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM ; Columbia Reservation; Shelter #1

### Exploring Watercolor (Instructor Clela Neale)

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Naturecise Hike

11:00 AM to 11:45 AM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Lobby

### Coffee Walk and Talk

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM ; Columbia Reservation; Shelter #1

### Hop into Spring Hike

3:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; Columbia Reservation; Shelter #1

## FRIDAY - APR 19

### Spring Story Time with the Elyria Public Library "Recycling Rocks"

10:30 AM to 11:15 AM ; Cascade Park; Nature Center Meeting Room

### North Loop Hike

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Charlemont Reservation; Trailhead

### Raptor Kids: Exploring Talons

2:30 PM to 3:15 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Black River Room

## SATURDAY - APR 20

### Earth Day Program - Day's Dam Litter Cleanup

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Black River Reservation - Days Dam; Tram Building

## HIKING PROGRAM LEVELS

### EASY HIKING LEVEL/LEVEL 1 (HSP-1)

- Paved, gravel, and/or woodchips trail
- Accessible
- 30-60 minutes, or under 2 miles
- Flat with occasional gradual inclines
- Gradual walking pace
- Daytime

### MODERATE HIKING LEVEL/LEVEL 2 (HSP-2)

- (Includes 4 or more of the following):
- Gravel, woodchips, and/or unimproved trail
  - 60-90 minutes, or 2-4 miles
  - Rolling terrain
  - Evening (night hikes, full moon hikes, etc.)
  - Brisk walking pace
  - At location with limited facilities

### STRENUOUS HIKING LEVEL/LEVEL 3 (HSP-3)

- (Includes 4 or more of the following):
- Gravel, woodchips, and/or unimproved trail
  - Includes potential water obstacles (mud, rivers, creeks, etc.)
  - Includes off-trail explorations
  - 90-120 minutes, or 4+ miles
  - Includes steep inclines and rolling terrain
  - Evening (night hikes, full moon hikes, etc.)
  - Suitable clothing and appropriate footwear required (hiking boots or hiking shoes and/or shoes that can get wet)
  - Fast walking pace or trail running
  - At location with limited facilities

### Bluebell Trek Hike

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Vermilion River Reservation - Bacon Woods; Trailhead/Walking Center

### Adopt-A-Raptor Parents Day

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Visitor Center; Black River Room

### Earth Day Program - Earth Day-Play Day

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; FCNC Patio

### Earth Day Craft

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Vermilion River Reservation - Mill Hollow; Carriage Barn Meeting Room

### Paint with Brian (Instructor Brian Mickey)

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Spring Haiku workshop

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation - Equestrian Center; Shelter #1

## SUNDAY - APR 21

### Yoga with Tom at Century Park

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ; Century Park; Harbor House Meeting Room

### Earth Day Program - Planet Protectors

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM ; Cascade Park; Shelter #1

## MONDAY - APR 22

### Drawing 101 (Instructor Clela Neale)

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

### Earth Day Program - Earth Day Clean Up

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM ; Wellington Reservation; Visitor Center Lobby

### Playschool: Planet vs. Plastics

10:30 AM to 11:00 AM ; French Creek Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Classroom

### Watercolor Class (Instructor Clela Neale)

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve; Orchid Room

### Hero Hikes

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM ; Black River Reservation - Days Dam; Shelter #1

## TUESDAY - APR 23

### Toddler Trek: Earth Day

9:30 AM to 10:30 AM ; Vermilion River Reservation - Mill Hollow; Carriage Barn Meeting Room

### BRR Full Moon Hike

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM ; Black River Reservation - Bur Oak; Bridgeway Trailhead

### Evening Marsh Hike

8:00 PM to 9:00 PM ; Sandy Ridge Reservation; Johnson Wetland Center Meeting Room

### Wellington Full Moon Hike

8:00 PM to 9:30 PM ; Wellington Reservation; Visitor Center Lobby



# April 2024

## WEDNESDAY - APR 24

### Wednesday Morning Birding

8:00 AM to 10:30 AM ; Sandy Ridge  
Reservation; Johnson Wetland Center  
Meeting Room

### Wildflower Hike

10:00 AM to 11:15 AM ; Schoepfle Garden;  
Visitor Center

### Wildflower Wednesdays

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM ; Vermilion River  
Reservation - Bacon Woods;  
Trailhead/Walking Center

### Earth Day Program - T-Shirt Bag Upcycle Craft

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM ; French Creek  
Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre;  
Classroom

## THURSDAY - APR 25

### Homeschool Explorers: Beginner Archery

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; Black River  
Reservation - High Meadows; Shelter #1

### Rose Garden Community Work Day

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM ; Lakeview Park;  
Lakeview Park

### Table Game Night

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM ; Wellington Reservation;  
Meeting Room

### Owl Prowl Hike

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation -  
Visitor Center; Raptor Center Amphitheater

### Trivia Night at Miller Nature Preserve

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve;  
Orchid Room

## FRIDAY - APR 26

### Tree ID Hike

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Cassell Reservation;  
Highbridge Trail

## SATURDAY - APR 27

### Earth Day Program - Cascade Park Waterfall Cleanup

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Cascade Park; Shelter  
#1

### French Creek Theatre Presents- French Creek Princess Ball

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM  
& 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM ; French Creek  
Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Ewing  
Hall

### Herb Fair

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM ; Vermilion River  
Reservation - Mill Hollow; Carriage Barn  
Meeting Room

### Spring Wildflower Hike

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM ; Indian Hollow  
Reservation - Sheldon Woods; Shelter #1

### Pack Walk

2:30 PM to 4:00 PM ; French Creek  
Reservation - Nature Center/Theatre; Lobby

## SUNDAY - APR 28

### Yoga with Tom at Century Park

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM ; Century Park; Harbor  
House Meeting Room

### Wildflower Hike

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM ; Vermilion River  
Reservation - Bacon Woods;  
Trailhead/Walking Center

### Wildflower Hike

2:00 PM to 3:15 PM ; Schoepfle Garden;  
Visitor Center

## MONDAY - APR 29

### Drawing 101 (Instructor Clela Neale)

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM ; Miller Nature  
Preserve; Orchid Room

### Watercolor Class (Instructor Clela Neale)

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM ; Miller Nature Preserve;  
Orchid Room

## TUESDAY - APR 30

### Carlisle Extended Hike

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM ; Carlisle Reservation -  
Duck Pond; Shelter #1

## HIKING PROGRAM LEVELS

### EASY HIKING LEVEL/LEVEL 1 (HSP-1)

- Paved, gravel, and/or woodchips trail
- Accessible
- 30-60 minutes, or under 2 miles
- Flat with occasional gradual inclines
- Gradual walking pace
- Daytime

### MODERATE HIKING LEVEL/LEVEL 2 (HSP-2)

(Includes 4 or more of the following):

- Gravel, woodchips, and/or unimproved trail
- 60-90 minutes, or 2-4 miles
- Rolling terrain
- Evening (night hikes, full moon hikes, etc.)
- Brisk walking pace
- At location with limited facilities

### STRENUOUS HIKING LEVEL/LEVEL 3 (HSP-3)

(Includes 4 or more of the following):

- Gravel, woodchips, and/or unimproved trail
- Includes potential water obstacles (mud, rivers, creeks, etc.)
- Includes off-trail explorations
- 90-120 minutes, or 4+ miles
- Includes steep inclines and rolling terrain
- Evening (night hikes, full moon hikes, etc.)
- Suitable clothing and appropriate footwear required (hiking boots or hiking shoes and/or shoes that can get wet)
- Fast walking pace or trail running
- At location with limited facilities

