



Calendar of Events 2019

C. J. Brown Dam & Reservoir

Buck Creek State Park



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Some dates or times may be subject to change

Crabill Homestead Open House

Sat/Sun, April 13-14, 2019 – 11 am – 3 pm

The Crabill House provides an authentic representation of an early nineteenth century home. Built by David and Barbara Crabill sometime between 1821 and 1826, the home was occupied by the Crabill family until the early 20th century. After standing empty for many years, the house was renovated by the Clark County Historical Society in the 1970s, and is now operated by the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association.

Visit crabillhomestead.org for more information.

Earth Day Bird Walk

Saturday, April 20, 2019 – 7:30 am - 12 noon

Come explore some of the diverse habitats here at the lake that make it an Ohio Important Bird Area; and celebrate Earth Day. We will look for late waterfowl, and early migrating songbirds and other signs of spring. Participants should wear their hiking shoes and bring their binoculars. This event is with the Clark County Audubon Society. **Meet at the Robert Eastman Road parking lot below the Dam.**

Crabill Homestead- Black Horse Tavern

Sat/Sun, April 27-28, 2019 – Sat 10 am – 5 pm: Sun 10 am – 3 pm

Repair to the Black Horse Tavern, and 18th Century Inn; The GRCHA Civilian Corps of Interpreters will be taking over the Crabill House for the weekend and turning it into the 18th century Black Horse Tavern. Come see how a tavern was operated, what accommodations were expected, and what kinds of food were served.

Visit crabillhomestead.org for more information.

Admission \$5/family; or \$3/person individual ages 12 and up.

International Migratory Bird Day in the Great Outdoors - Bird Walk

Saturday, May 11, 2019 - 7:30 am - 12 Noon

Take a walk through the fields and forests to celebrate IMBD by finding some of our beautiful feathered visitors. May is the peak migration month for many songbirds that spend the winter in Central and South America. We should see lots of these neo-tropical migrants, including several species of warblers; as well as orioles, vireos, thrushes, and tanagers. Participants should wear their hiking shoes and bring their binoculars. This event is with the Clark County Audubon Society. **Meet at the Robert Eastman Rd. parking lot below the Dam.**



Crabill Homestead Open House

Sat/Sun, May 11-12, 2019 – 11 am – 3 pm

Who was Johnny Appleseed? Come and visit the Crabill House and learn about Jonathan Chapman/ aka Johnny Appleseed. Dr. Pamela Achenbach, Museum curator from Urbana University will be with us to present information on the life and times of Jonathan Chapman. She is currently working to see if he came in contact with the Crabill Family.

Visit crabillhomestead.org for more information.

National Safe Boating Week - Always Wear Your Life Jacket!

Week of May 18-24, 2019

It's too hot! It doesn't look cool. I know how to swim. Nothing is going to happen to me. These are just some of the many excuses people use for not wearing their life jackets. This year during National Safe Boating Week and throughout the boating season, remember to practice safe and responsible boating. Always wear your life jacket, and be alert and aware while on the water.



Bluebird Nest Box Monitoring Workshop

Sunday, May 19, 2019 – 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Bethany Gray with the Ohio Bluebird Society will be giving a workshop on nest box trails for the Eastern Bluebird; and how our nest boxes are helping them and other native birds such as Tree Swallows. Learn how to be good landlords for the birds; and how you can contribute to citizen science projects that are tracking bird nests around the country. We will visit several boxes to see the birds and nests up close, and also check our Purple Martin colony to show how and where these beautiful insect-eating birds prefer their nests. **Meet at the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center.**

National Fishing and Boating Week - Kids' Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 8th, 2019 – 10 am - 11:30 am

This is a fun event for children 16 and under. Catch some fish and you might even win a prize! Bring your own fishing poles and tackle, bait will be provided. Registration required, limited to 40 participants. **To register or for more information, call the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center at 937-325-2411.**



Crabill Homestead Open House

Sat/Sun, June 8-9, 2019 – 11 am – 3 pm

Join the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association at one of the few late Federal style homes in the state open for public use. **Visit crabillhomestead.org for more information.**



Family Nature Hike

Saturday, June 15th, 2019 – 10 am - 12 Noon

Bring the family and take a hike in the fresh air and see some parts of the park you may not have been to yet. We will walk the Buckhorn trail and back to the lakeshore by the Crabill House. Sturdy shoes are recommended for this easy to moderate two mile walk. **Meet at the Prairie View Recreation Area.**



Prairie Road Fen Walk in the Great Outdoors

Saturday, July 6, 2019 – 10 am – 12 Noon

Step back in time to the end of the last Ice Age. As the glaciers retreated, the Buck Creek valley was created. Most of the valley has since been farmed, but Prairie Road Fen is a reminder of what the valley used to look like. This alkaline fen wetland features year-round flowing springs, sedge meadows, prairie grasses, and prairie wildflowers. It is truly one of Clark County's natural treasures.

Registration Required- limited to 25 participants. Call the Visitor Center at 937-325-2411 to register or for more information. Meet at the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center - We will carpool to the site due to limited parking access.



Crabill Homestead Open House

Sat/Sun, July 13-14, 2019 – 11 am – 3 pm

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Butterfly and Dragonfly Walk

Saturday, July 20, 2019 – 10 am – 12 Noon

The prairie and nearby marsh are great places to look for these fascinating insects. Learn how to identify some of the many species that can be found in the park. Sturdy shoes are recommended.

Meet at the Prairie View Recreation Area.

Crabill Homestead Open House

Sat/Sun, August 10-11, 2019 – 11 am – 3 pm

Join the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association for a tour of the house and grounds. Native American culture of the area will be highlighted for the July Open House, and Chief Black Hoof will speak about his way of life.

Visit crabillhomestead.org for more information.

Butterfly and Dragonfly Walk

Saturday, August 10, 2019 – 10 am – 12 Noon

We'll go out to explore the prairie and nearby marsh again to look for species differing from those on the wing in July. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Bring binoculars if you have them. **Meet at the Prairie View Recreation Area.**

Duck Blind Drawing

Saturday, August 17, 2019

The drawing for duck blind spots will be held at the Buck Creek State Park Office. You must be there in person to enter. **Event located at the Buck Creek State Park Office - Call 322-5284 for more information.**

The Great Caterpillar Hunt

Saturday, August 17, 2019 – 10 am – 12 Noon

Butterflies are important pollinators, but the plants they rely on are not just the ones that provide nectar for the adults. Come learn about our native butterfly caterpillars and the plants they eat. We should find several different kinds of these fascinating lepidopterous larvae. We will also try to find and collect Monarch eggs and caterpillars to be raised in the Visitor Center for the Monarch tagging event in September.

Meet at the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center.



America's Great Outdoors- Migrating Monarchs Hunt

Saturday, September 14, 2019 – 12 Noon - 1:30 pm

Learn about the amazing Monarch Butterfly. These fantastic insects fly to Mexico each fall. We will be capturing some Monarchs and putting tags on them. The tags help MonarchWatch researchers at the University of Kansas learn more about their complicated life cycle.

Meet at the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center.



Crabill Homestead Open House

Sat/Sun, September 14-15, 2019 – 11 am – 3 pm

Constructed by David and Barbara Crabill sometime between 1821 and 1826, the Crabill house is one of the few late Federal style homes in the state open for public use. Join the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association and explore the house and grounds of this historical site.

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National Public Lands Day in the Great Outdoors

Saturday, September 28, 2019 – 10 am- 12 Noon

Take part in this nationwide volunteer event to enhance your Public Lands. We will be collecting seeds and perhaps planting a tree, so bring gloves if possible. **Meet at the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center.**



Halloween Bash at Buck Creek State Park Campgrounds

October 4-5; October 11-12, 2019

Enjoy the fall season and celebrate by decorating your campsite in a Halloween theme and enjoying other fun activities Call 322-5284 for more details. **Hosted by the Buck Creek State Park Campground.**

Autumn Leaves- The Trees of Buck Creek

October 12, 2019 – 1 pm – 2 pm

As summer winds down, the nights get cooler and the trees of the Buck Creek valley begin to change colors. You might ask yourself: What is that tree? What do I look for to spot the differences in trees? Join the Park Ranger at the Fall Campout for answers to those questions and more. Families working on school leaf projects, and anybody else interested in trees are welcome. Call the Visitor Center at 325-2411 for more details. **Meet at the amphitheater at the Buck Creek State Park Campground.**



Crabill Homestead Open House

Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13, 2019– 1 am-3 pm

Join the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association at one of the few late Federal style homes in the state open for public use. **Visit crabillhomestead.org for more information.**

Family Tree and Bird walk

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – 10am-Noon

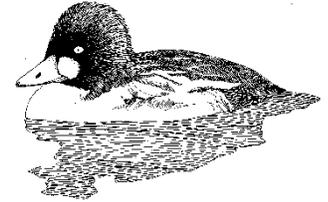
Come take a walk in the autumn woods. We'll take a walk on the Buckhorn trail to see some of the older growth Oak/Hickory forest and enjoy the fall colors. This is a good time of year to practice tree identification skills and see wildlife preparing for winter. Sturdy shoes are recommended. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Meet at the Prairie View Recreation Area.

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Friday, December 20, 2019

This annual event is a fun way to learn your winter birds, and meet other local birders. You don't have to be an experienced birder to participate. The count begins at **7:30 a.m.** **Lunch will be provided at noon** in the Corps of Engineers Visitor Center. Dress for the weather, and bring binoculars.



With the Clark County Audubon Society. Call 937-324-1871 for more details. **Meet at the Dam parking lot at the corner of Croft Rd. and Robert Eastman Rd.**