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Fernald Preserve Visitors Center
7400 Willey Road, Hamilton, Ohio, 45013

Month-at-a-Glance

All programs begin in the Visitors Center *Outdoor programs are weather dependent

1st Supermoon of 2020

Sunday, February 9 • 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Don't miss the first of four supermoons to occur in 2020; a supermoon happens when the moon is less than 223,000 miles from Earth. That's about 6% closer than the average Earth-moon distance, which is 239,000 miles. Join us as we take an evening stroll on this supermoon-lit night. Moonrise begins at 6:44 p.m.

Salamander Meander

Saturday, February 15 • 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Silent and secretive, the robust mole salamanders are creatures of mystery and more abundant than most people realize. They spend the majority of their lives hidden under forest soils and leaf litter. But this time of year, they move from their wintering sites to wetlands, where they mate and lay eggs. We'll explore their habitats in hopes of seeing one! Be sure to wear appropriate shoes for this potentially wet and muddy excursion.

Woodcock Watches

Sunday, February 16 and 23 • 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

It may still be winter but for the American Woodcock, love is in the air! This secretive, well-camouflaged bird puts on a spectacular courtship display. We'll start inside with a short program, followed by a hike to witness the amazing "dance of the timberdoodles!" The hike will be on unpaved and uneven trails so please wear sturdy shoes.

