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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

Free Milkweeds for Monarchs (ongoing throughout May)
Wednesday–Saturday • 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday • Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Join the nationwide conservation effort to save the monarch butterfly. Walk the self-guided Monarch Trail (easy 0.25 mile) and receive a coupon for a free native milkweed plant from a nearby garden center. Supplies are limited. Stop in during Visitor Center hours and allow 45 minutes.

Where Are the Stars?
Saturday, May 9 • 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) supports efforts that protect the nighttime environment from light pollution—an environmental pollutant that wastes energy, harms wildlife, negatively impacts human health, and hides star-filled skies. Terry Mann from IDA will be our presenter this evening to discuss ways people can fight light pollution by looking at their own lighting. She will describe how your backyard can become a “Dark Sky Place.”. After the talk, telescope viewing will be available, weather permitting.

The Southern Flying Squirrel
Saturday, May 16 • 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Did you know the flying squirrel is the most common squirrel in Ohio? Because they are nocturnal and seldom seen, most people don’t know much about them. Learn all about these “gliding squirrels” during an informative presentation. Following the presentation, we’ll hike over two miles on a gravel and dirt path, to explore flying squirrel habitat.

Mosquitoes and Ticks in the Tri-State Area
Saturday, May 23 • 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Summertime is just around the corner, and that means mosquitoes buzzing around your head and possibly unfortunate tick encounters. Following a mild winter, could their numbers be on the rise? Bug bites can be annoying and itchy, but they can also be serious if they result in an infectious disease like West Nile or Lyme disease. Joshua Benoit is an assistant biology professor at the University of Cincinnati who studies mosquitoes and ticks. His presentation will feature useful information on how to reduce your appeal to these bloodsucking arthropods.

