

2018 Events and Programs

Appalachia Ohio Alliance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
March 10	<u>Vernal Pool Hike</u> . Rural Action will lead a hike on AOA's 1,200 acre Trimble Community Forest property to inspect valuable vernal pool habitats and the aquatic creatures that depend on them.
March 31	<u>Tree Planting at EarthTouch Preserve</u> . Enjoy the recently arrived springtime out of doors - help us plant new trees to reforest portions of the Earthtouch site in Vinton County.
April 14	<u>Ephemeral Walk at Mercer Woods</u> . Angela Carter will lead a walk through the forests and Hocking Hills geology of AOA's Mercer Woods Preserve to view and identify emerging spring ephemeral wildflowers.
April 21	<u>Trillium Festival at Mathias Grove</u> . Enjoy naturalist-guided hikes featuring the spring wildflower show at Mathias gorge. Please bring a dish to share as part of the "pot luck" meal. After lunch stay and help the community clean up and/or remove garlic mustard as part of AOA's stewardship mission.
April 28	<u>Birdwatching Walk</u> . Several Audubon Society birders will lead a birdwatching walk through the various forest, prairie, wetland and riparian habitats at AOA's Marsha Schneider Preserve.
May 6	<u>Kleinmaier SNP Nature Walk</u> . Naturalist Jim Osborn will lead a spring wildflower hike on AOA's gorgeous state-designated State Nature Preserve in Sugar Grove.
May 12	<u>Mercer Woods Hike</u> . Take this opportunity to visit the fabulous forested hills at Mercer Woods for a naturalist-led hike led by Paul Knoop. View spring wildflowers and other Hocking Hills features.
May 19	<u>Bison Hollow Ramble</u> . Naturalist Andrew Gibson will lead a nature hike through AOA's spectacular Bison Hollow gorge properties in the southern portion of the Hocking Hills.
June 9	<u>Bird Habitat and Nest Box Workshop</u> . Join Darlene Sillick of Columbus Audubon as they look inside active nesting boxes. Learn about bird boxes, tagging and wild bird habitat.
July 15	<u>Big Darby Creek Canoe Float</u> . Enjoy a summer day floating beautiful Big Darby Creek. Learn about the River habitats and species from Ohio Scenic Rivers Director Bob Gable.
July 21	<u>Prairie and Butterfly Walk</u> . Learn about our native butterflies and wildflowers while strolling through the summertime draped prairies at AOA's Demonstration Site with Chris Kline of Butterfly Ridge.
June 23	<u>Bat Workshop and Field Survey</u> . Led by OSU Wildlife Program Specialist Marne Tichenell, this evening event will provide hands-on experience locating and identifying bats at AOA's new Mishe Moneto Preserve.
August 4	<u>Nature Walk at AOA Demonstration Site</u> . OSU Wildlife Program Specialist Marne Tichenell will lead a family friendly nature walk focusing on the many native habitats at AOA's Demonstration Site.
August 19	<u>Medicinal Plant Walk</u> . Medical herbalist Erika Guthrie will identify native medicinal plants while leading a tour and hike of the beautiful forests at Hintz Hollow, one of AOA's newest preserves.
August 23	<u>Glacial Geology of Pickaway County</u> . Learn about eskers, moraines, potholes, and other glacial landscape features such those at AOA's Snake Den Mounds and Hitler Pond from ODNR Geologist Andy Nash.
October 6	<u>Native Seed Collection at Trella Romine Prairie Preserve</u> . Learn about prairie plants while helping to collect native plant seed to be used to help establish new grassland prairies on AOA properties.
October 20	<u>Fall Color Hike along old Hocking Canal</u> . Hike along the old Hocking Canal and enjoy the beautiful colors of the fall season and canal features. Will also visit AOA's new Crawford wetlands on the canal.
November 3	<u>AOA Annual Dinner</u> . Enjoy good food and company while helping celebrate AOA's new conservation lands.