

August Events at a Glance



Save the Date: 20th Anniversary of Fernald Cleanup

Sept. 19, 2026

Fernald Preserve celebrates 20 years of the successful remediation of the site and subsequent long-term stewardship. Join us for an open house and special event programs from 2-4pm. Details to follow.

MAPS Bird Banding

May-August

E-mail Fernald@lm.doe.gov to be placed on our notification list for dates. Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship, or MAPS, is a long-running study of breeding birds and their dispersal pattern across the country. Join our notification list to get updates on when this program will be taking place.

Self Guided: Uranium's Path

August 1-31

In 1962, tensions were reaching their peak in the Cold War. Fernald filled an important role in the nation's nuclear defense program. Walk along the Weapons to Wetlands Trail (0.25 mile) to see where Fernald fit into this network.

Moth Night

Friday, Aug. 7, 9 p.m.-midnight

Moth nights are back for the season, so come out and take a 1-mile hike with us to check some lights for these nocturnal insects. This program covers unpaved and sometimes uneven trails, so sturdy footwear is recommended. Preregistration is required.

Perseid Meteor Shower Watch Nights

Thursday, Aug. 13, and Friday, Aug. 14, 9 p.m.-midnight

The annual Perseid meteor shower is here, so come watch the skies for those brilliant streaks! Bring a chair or a blanket and sit around the visitors center. There may even be some great wildlife watching if you keep your ears and eyes open.

Beaver Sit

Saturdays, Aug. 15 and 22, 8-9:30 p.m.

Beavers are ecosystem engineers who have shaped many of the ponds around the preserve. Bring a chair and come out to watch these busy rodents paddle out of their lodges and swim around the ponds. Preregistration is required.

Night Hike: Hickory Trail

Friday, Aug. 28, 9-10:30 p.m.

The days are hot, so come out and enjoy the preserve at night. This night hike will cover approximately 3 miles of unpaved and sometimes uneven trails, so sturdy shoes are a must. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights.

Book Club: *Midnight in Chernobyl*

Saturday, Aug. 29, 6-7 p.m.

Midnight in Chernobyl is a comprehensive historical account of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, detailing the events of April 26, 1986, and their aftermath. Come out and discuss this book with our staff and others who have read it.

VISIT Fernald Preserve

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All programs begin in the visitors center, unless stated otherwise. To preregister, please email fernalld@lm.doe.gov or call (513) 648-3330 and leave your name, contact number, and the date of your request.

In the event of inclement weather, please call our weather line at: (513) 738-2101.

