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

Month-at-a-Glance

Beaver Encounters

Sundays, Sept. 3, 10, and 17 • Sunset

Imagine the sounds inside a beaver lodge. You might hear gnawing, grunts, grumbles, whines, or splashes. Come experience this for yourself! Participants must be able to walk down a hill and sit silently on the ground for up to an hour. Pre-registration is required. For ages 12 and up.

Space: The Final Frontier

Friday, Sept. 8 • 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Celebrate the 57th anniversary of the original airing of *Star Trek* with a trivia quiz! The Cincinnati Astronomical Society will then boldly take you to the stars.

History Hike: On-Site Disposal Facility

Saturday, Sept. 9 • 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Walk to the top of the on-site disposal facility and learn about the lodge pond. You'll also get a bird's eye view of Fernald Preserve on this guided experience. The hike will be about 1 mile over rough, uneven ground. The group will meet at the Lodge Pond parking area. Don't forget your binoculars! For ages 12 and up.

Monarch Butterfly Tagging

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24 • 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Migrating monarch butterflies are here for a limited time as they pass through on their way to ancestral roosts in Michoacán, Mexico. Learn about the monarch's fascinating life cycle, habitat, and migration and place a tiny identification tag on each Monarch butterfly we catch. This hands-on activity collects information about how climate and humans affect monarch butterfly migration patterns, overwintering sites, and populations. Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants. You'll also want to bring your camera! This event is part of Great Outdoor Weekend presented by Green Umbrella Regional Sustainability Alliance.

Sunset Sit-In

Saturday, Sept. 30 • 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We all know the saying "out of sight, out of mind." But when it comes to seeing wildlife, the rule is "be still and you will!" Bring an easy-to-carry stool or camp chair and your binoculars and enjoy this guided wildlife-observation experience. The group will meet at the program shelter next to the visitors center. For ages 16 and up.

