

**Activities by Area Organizations
For the
Mohican Wildlife Weekend May 1-3, 2009**

Malabar Farm State Park:

Saturday:

1. **Ashland County Park District & Greater Mohican Audubon Society Bird Walk**, 9am – 11am. Led by Tim Leslie and Gary Cowell. Spring flowers and foliage, birds, insects, reptiles and amphibians; it is all fair game on this adventure. Dress for the weather and possible muddy trails. The path to Pugh Cabin always produces something to excite our interest. Meet at the Visitor Center.
2. **Hands-On Displays** 10am-4pm. Ashland County Park District volunteers have activities and displays: Kolleen Crall – nature crafts for children, Tom Benko – hands on geology, Don & Diana Plant – bluebirds, bats, & purple martins display & questions. Main Barn.
3. **Richland County Master Gardeners**. 10am – 4pm. Visit the “hands on” insect display. Learn about Ohio’s “helpful” or “harmful” insects. Kids will also be given seed packets for planting their very own butterfly garden. Collect a free sticker for children. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer gardening questions. Located in the Main Barn.
4. **Bluebird, Bee or Bat Nest-box Workshop**. 11am-3pm. The Malabar Farm Volunteers and the Ohio Bluebird Society will host public Bluebird, Bee, and Bat Nesting Box Workshops. \$15.00/box. Participants will assemble their own nesting box and learn about these rare and beautiful songbirds, insects and flying mammals. The program will also include information and instruction for proper mounting of the box to encourage bluebirds, bees, or bats. Meet at Visitor Center.
5. **Recycled Nature Crafts for the Family**. 11am-4pm. You can work at your own pace to create nature crafts out of items that you would normally throw away. Materials will be provided to complete at least 3 nature crafts. Program by the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. Main Barn.
6. **Tours of the “Big House”** 11am-4pm. Noted author and conservationist Louis Bromfield’s historical Federal Reserve style home open for guided public tours. The 32 room home has all of the original furnishings and was the site of the famous Hollywood wedding of Bogart and Bacall on May 21, 1945. Tickets available at the Visitor Center.
7. **Farm Wildlife Tours**. 1 & 3pm. Tractor drawn wagon tours provide a wealth of history about the farm and provide an opportunity to see farm animals and wildlife. \$2.00/person Purchase tickets in Gift Shop at the Malabar Farm Visitor Center.
8. **Barn Dance** 7-10pm. Join us for a fun family evening of square dancing. Experienced and beginner dancers welcomed. Featuring the **Backporch Swing Band**. Sponsored by Mohican State Park Resort. Food and refreshments will be available for sale by the Ohio Bird Sanctuary. Main Barn.
9. **Solar and Star Party**. 7pm. Come and view the night sky with local astronomers as they turn their telescopes towards the spring night sky to view planets such as Saturn, Jupiter, Orion Nebula and the moon. Weather permitting. Meet at the picnic area.

Sunday:

1. **Tours of the Big House**: 11am – 4pm on the hour. *Fee applies*
2. **Bluebird, Bee or Bat Nesting Boxes**. 11am – 3pm. The Malabar Farm Volunteers and the Ohio Bluebird Society will host public Bluebird, Bee, and Bat Nesting Box Workshops to construct nesting boxes. \$15/box.
3. **Richland County Master Gardeners**; 12 noon– 3pm. Visit the “hands on” insect display. Learn about Ohio’s “helpful” or “harmful” insects. Main barn.
4. **Farm Wildlife Tours**. 1 & 3pm. \$2/person. Purchase tickets in Gift Shop at the Malabar Farm Visitor Center.

Mohican State Park:

Friday

1. **Welcome Reception and Meet Our Wildlife Ambassadors. 6 – 7pm.** Bird demonstration by Ohio Bird Sanctuary. **Mohican State Park Resort.** Be sure to sign up for our mailing list. **Raffle** held for the many donated items.
2. **Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Bissell, Curator Cleveland Museum of Natural History. 7 – 8pm.**
3. **Bat Banding in Mohican Gorge 8:30pm.** Weather permitting. Program led by Merrill Tawse. Biologists will have mist nets in place to capture bats for banding and release. Flashlights would be helpful. Meet at the Mohican Covered Bridge. In case of bad weather there will be an inside program with live bats at Mohican State Park Resort.

Saturday:

1. **Fly-fishing and Fly-tying Demonstration** 10am to 4pm. Presented by Mohican Fly Fishing Club. Meet at the Covered Bridge river access.
2. **Guide Series Fly-fishing Equipment Workshop** 10am – 12pm. Presented by Gander Mountain. Meet at the Covered Bridge parking lot.
3. **Self-guided Nature Walk and Period Costumes** 10am – 4pm. At Wolf Creek/Pine Run Grist Mill. On going guided tours of the operating gristmill with interpreters present in period costumes. Early 1800s encampment. State Route 3 south of St. Rt. 97. \$1 admission for all visitors over age 10.
4. **Raptors of Ohio** 8pm. The Ohio Bird Sanctuary will host a birds of prey program at the Mohican State Park Resort. Meet many of Ohio's raptor species up close and learn about their role in our environment.
5. **Rain Barrels & Gardens** 2pm-4pm. Presented by Andy Miller, CLP from Mohican River Inn. How do we use these useful tools at home to improve the water quality in our rivers? Meet at Class A campground shelter house.
6. **River Walk** 1pm-2pm. Join our Naturalist for an adventure along the scenic Clearfork River in search of aquatic creatures. Meet at Mohican Nature Center located in campground.
7. **Mohican Nature Center Open** 11 am-1pm. Stop by and see some of our native animals. Nature games and activities. Meet at Mohican Nature Center located in campground.
8. **Mohican Resort Naturalist Program** 4pm-5pm. Join our Naturalist for hands on activities about the outdoors and the history of the area. Meet in the lobby of Mohican State Park Resort.

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4. **Mohican Nature Center Open** 2pm-4pm. Stop by and see some of our native animals. Nature games and activities. Meet at Mohican Nature Center located in campground.
5. **Animal Tracks** 1pm-2pm. Join our Naturalist in searching and identifying some common animal tracks. Meet at Nature Center located in campground.

6. **Vernal Pools** 12pm-1pm. Explore the aquatic world of vernal pools. Not many know about the importance of these natural water features. Join our Naturalist to see and learn about these unique aquatic pools. Meet at Mohican Nature Center.

Gorman Nature Center:

Saturday:

1. **Wetland Wildflowers Nature Hike** 9am-10am. Program led by Elaine Oswald, Volunteer Naturalist. Plants and flowers growing along the stream's edge will be the focus of a trek across the covered bridge and down Woodcock Creek Trail at Gorman Nature Center. This corridor is a very active place in the spring as migration continues and animals emerge from their long winter naps.
2. **Tree Swallows – Wetland Bug Bombs!** 10am-12pm. Program led by Chris McQuillen, Volunteer Naturalist. Join us for a session to learn about these cheerful little “bug bombs” of the sky. How can we attract them and why should we? What kind of nesting sites do they need? What do they eat? Are they just spring and summer visitors? The session will cover all these topics and many more. Weather permitting. Will include a short walk to a nearby pond where we should be able to see swallows in flight and check out their nests.
3. **Poking in the Pond Exploration** 12pm-2pm. Program led by Merrill Tawse. With nets in hand, participants will have a chance to collect and learn about a variety of aquatic animals at some of the Nature Center's wetlands.
4. **Hands on Animals** 2pm-4pm. Program led by GNC Volunteers & Staff. Enjoy getting up close and personal with a variety of the Gorman Nature Center's native, resident animals.

Ohio Bird Sanctuary:

Saturday:

1. **Photographing Birds of Prey** 10am-3pm. Have you ever wondered how the professionals get those great wildlife shots? Now is your chance! The Sanctuary staff will perch our raptors in natural settings to allow you to get the perfect picture.
2. **Bird of Prey Show** 12pm
3. **Water Fowl** 1:30pm. Biological surveys using Telemetry by Dave Sherman of the Division of Wildlife. Will include a hands on field session to experiment with the use of telemetry equipment.
4. **Birding Boat Tours** 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am, and 1pm. Tour the coastline of the Clearfork Reservoir in search of osprey, shore birds, and nesting eagles. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at the Keynote event or at the Bird Sanctuary. Limit 8 per boat.

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1. **Greater Mohican Audubon Society Bird Walk** 9 – 11am. May is a good time for migrating warblers. Tim Leslie will lead a bird walk to see what resident species and migrating species we can find.
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3. **Nature Crafts and Children's Activities** 12pm-5pm. Bring the family to enjoy a day of activities and crafts. Decorate a t-shirt, dip candles, make bird feeders, and much more.
4. **Eagle Presentation** 1pm. Learn fascinating facts about the Clearfork eagles and the rescue of the eaglets by the Ohio Bird Sanctuary staff.

Mohican Outdoor School:

Saturday:

1. **Hemlock Falls Hikes** 11am, 1pm, & 3pm. Guided hikes will be conducted to the Hemlock Falls. Meet at the Field Trip Center.
2. **Gold Panning** 11am, 1pm, & 3pm. Meet at the Field Trip Center.
3. **Explore Wetlands** 3pm. Activities at the Environmental Learning Center.
4. **Explore the Creek** 3pm. Explore the creek with hand strainers and collect stream critters. Meet at the Environmental Learning Center.
5. **Chicken BBQ** 4:30 – 7pm Arrive hungry at the Mohican Outdoor School's great barbecue in Groveport River Lodge. *Prices adults \$8.50; children 3-10 \$5; under 3 free.*