

## MID- OHIO VALLEY MASTER NATURALIST 2026 SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	instructor
March - TBA	Johnson T. Janes Park	<u>9:00 a.m. – noon</u> – VERNAL POOLS*E	Adam Weaver
April 18	Newell’s Run  Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center (ORINWR)	<u>8:30 till noon</u> – WILDFLOWERS*C – details will be sent a few weeks before this date regarding travel  Noon till 1:00 - lunch  <u>1:00 – 4:00</u> – CITIZEN SCIENCE/Recording and Preserving what you have learned*C	Emily Grafton   Ben Shuman
May 23	Mountwood Park – meet at the Carson Station Shelter	<u>9:00 a.m. – Noon</u> - REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS*C  <u>Noon till 1:00</u> - Lunch  GEOLOGY*C	Daniel Jonas   Claudette Simard
June 6	ORINWR	<u>9:00 a.m. till noon</u> – BIRDS*C Noon till 1:00 Lunch  <u>100 – 4:00</u> – ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION*E	Michael Schramm   Mark Krivchenia
June 19 - 21	North Bend State Park Lodge  Nature Center	<u>June 19 and 20</u> beginning at 8:00 PM – *ASTRONOMY – SEE THE NIGHT SKIES AS YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE! *E  Beginning at 9:00 p.m. – June 19 - *NIGHT HIKE – starting at the Nature center – We will meet in the Lodge to go over guidelines. Headlamps and unique flashlights will be available. *E  <u>June 20 - 8:30 a.m. till noon</u> – WETLANDS*C  <u>Noon till 1:00</u> – Lunch in the park Lodge  <u>1:00 until 4:00 p.m.</u> – NATURE INTERPRETATION *C  8:00 PM – ASTRONOMY*E AND 9:00 PM – MOTH NIGHT*E <u>June 21 – 8:30 till 10:00</u> - TBA	John Dennis   Andrew Walker   Kevin Campbell – Field trip   Jackie Burns
July 18	ORINWR	<u>9:00 a.m. - noon</u> – MAMMALS*C  Lunch – noon till 1:00  <u>1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</u> NATURE WRITING AND JOURNALING*E	Sheldon Owen   Beverly Hogue

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August 8	ORINWR	An all-day extravaganza into MUSHROOMS*E  We will begin at <u>9:00 am</u> with an amazing indoor exploration about mushrooms; take lunch from <u>noon until 1:00</u> and then a field trip where Amie and Shawn will identify mushrooms for us.	Shawn Means and Amie McLaughlin
August 15	North Bend State Park	<u>9:00 am till 12:00 pm</u> – AQUATIC HABITATS *C - We will explore different aquatic habitats by examining the organisms which live there and how the habitat differs between running water and deep, or shallow standing water.  12:00 till 1:00 – LUNCH  1:30 till 4:30 – HABITAT IMPROVEMENT FOR WILDLIFE*C	Jessica Bryzeck  Emily Grafton
August 22	ORINWR	<u>9:00 till noon</u> – MEDICINAL PLANTS*E  Noon till 1:00 p.m. Lunch  <u>1:00 pm until 4:00</u> – INSECTS AND OTHER INVERTEBRATES*C	Becky Linger  Dr. McShaffrey
September 12	ORINWR  Reno, Ohio – full directions will be available	<u>9:00 – noon</u> – NAMES AND CLASSIFICATION*C  Noon till 1:00 – Lunch  <u>1:00 till 4:00 p.m.</u> LAWNS TO MEADOWS*E – Field Trip to learn about how one homeowner turned his yard into an amazing wildlife habitat	Jason White  Rory Bogard
October 10	McDonough Wildlife Park  ORINWR	<u>9:00 – noon</u> – TREES, SHRUBS AND WOODY VINES*C  <u>1:00 – 4:00</u> - TERRESTRIAL HABITATS*C	TBA  Jason Osborne
November 14	ORINWR	<u>9:00 – noon</u> – Ecology*C  <u>1:00 till 4:15</u> – FISH*C	Emily Grafton  MIKE VERNON

\*C means Core Class - \*E means Elective.