

2018 Special Events

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve

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10th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count

Saturday, February 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. FREE, Refreshments provided

This event is for beginning to advanced bird watchers of all ages. The Louisville Audubon Society will help us identify and count birds at the Nature Preserve. Then we'll report what we see by entering the bird list online.



Ralph Archer Presents "Building a Woodland Garden"

Wednesday, March 21, 10 a.m. - FREE

In partnership with the Oldham County Master Gardener's, we are pleased to feature the nationally recognized fern expert, **Ralph Archer**. He will present a program how to create a woodland garden, with a special focus on ferns and companion plants.



Spring Wildflower Walks with Tavia

Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. FREE, Donations encouraged

Tavia Cathcart Brown, Executive Director at Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve and author of two books, will give a presentation and lead a walk highlighting wildflowers, their stories, and the Woodland Garden! The Woodland Garden Walk will begin at 10:15 a.m. and the Forest Trails Wildflower Walk will begin at 12:15 p.m. Free crafts for kids.



2nd Annual Creasey Country Fair Playground Fundraiser

Friday, May 18, 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., OFFSITE at a barn in Goshen

Advance tickets are \$25/person, \$30 at the door

The Creasey Country Fair is a fundraiser for the Forest Friends Playground! This adult-only event held at the Safe Harbour Arena in Goshen offers country fair-type games and activities, food trucks, adult beverages, fantastic raffle items, auction items, and much more. This event will feature the amazing country-rock-party band, "**Artie Dean Harris and Bourbontown.**" To purchase tickets, visit www.KYNaturePreserve.org. Limited ticket sales at the door, \$30 each.



Nature Camp I 2018

Tuesday, June 12 to Friday, June 15, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Register early!

Nature Camp II 2018

Tuesday, June 26 to Friday, June 29, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Register early!

Join us for 4 days of fun! Kids will enjoy archery, bb-gun practice, hayrides, special guest speakers, hiking, nature crafts, tie dye, games – every day is an adventure. Campers entering 1st grade to 6th grade may register. Forms available at www.KYNaturePreserve.org.



6th Annual Family Fun Day

Sunday, July 15, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Rain date – July 22)

FREE, Donations encouraged

Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve and Louisville Family Fun host this popular summertime event created especially for kids and their families! It features activities at every booth, Papa John's Pizza, ice cream contests from Valley Dairy Freeze and face painting with Kid's Canvas.



9th Annual Pet Day "WoofStock" & Butterfly Day

Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date – August 25)

FREE, Donations encouraged

Co-hosted by the Goshen Animal Clinic – everyone with a pet is invited (on leash with pick-up bags, please). Pet adoptions, pet-friendly booths, and lunch treats. On the same day, visitors can learn about butterflies with expert Corinne Mastey, who will show how to catch and release live butterflies!

Rumble Through the Jungle Cross Country Race – Saturday, September 8



14th Annual THE HAUNTED HIKE!

Sunday, October 7, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. (Rain date – October 21)

Fantasy Kiddie Trail & Friendly Haunted House

Admission is \$6/person, Children 2 and under are Free

Inflatable Party Zone - \$5/child

The Haunted Hike is a child-friendly event that features a mile-long Fantasy Kiddie Trail with over 18 treat stations; enjoy the Harvest Hay Village, Inflatable Party Zone, a fun Haunted House, Jungle Hayrides, great booths with candy, and fun activities for the entire family. This is a great event for the kids to preview their costumes!



15th Annual Nature of Christmas in Goshen

Saturday, December 1, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. (Rain date – December 8)

FREE, Donations encouraged

This event will put you in the holiday spirit! There will be free food (hot dogs, chili, desserts, and hot chocolate), artisans and gift booths, free crafts, hayrides, marshmallow roasting by the fire, music, and Santa & Mrs. Claus with gift bags and treats. The St. John Bell Choir will serenade us with Christmas music, too.

Thank you to our wonderful annual sponsors!

