

Ohio State Parks Northwest Winter Hikes



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The Northwest District of Ohio State Parks & Watercraft would like to invite you to join us on a series of winter hikes showcasing our beautiful parks. These hikes will have you traveling all over Northwest Ohio from the icy shores of Lake Erie, to diverse wetlands, into the relic swamps and everything in between. Though the northwest may not have the rolling hills, gorges or valleys, this unique flatland is home to many amazing species. Take in the refreshing winter air and enjoy your Ohio State Parks year-round!

Thu. Dec. 12 Full Moon Walk: Cold Moon, 5:00pm. Maumee Bay State Park This full moon walk will live up to its name- COLD! The days are getting shorter as we approach the winter solstice. Enjoy the cool air and get to know your park after dark! We will take a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk and listen to the sounds of the night. Meets at the Nature Center.

Tue. Dec. 31 Sat. Dec 31 New Year's Eve Hike, 5:15 pm. Maumee Bay State Park Join a Naturalist on a guided hike of the boardwalk. Enjoy the crisp winter air and listen for sounds and signs of native wildlife. Program is weather dependent. Please call 419-836-9117 for more information. Remember to dress for the weather. Meets in front of the Nature Center.

Wed. Jan 1 New Year's Day Hike, 10:00-11:30 am. Maumee Bay State Park Welcome in the New Year with morning hike on the boardwalk! Warm up inside the Nature Center after our walk at the wildlife viewing windows and enjoy our winter residents! Remember to dress for the weather and no pets, please. Meets at the Nature Center.

Fri. Jan. 10 Full Moon Walk: Wolf Moon, 5:30pm. Maumee Bay State Park Crisp, cold, and still filled with activity. We will take a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk and listen to the sounds of the night. Search for deer, racoons, and owls, and learn how wildlife prepares and survives the chilly Ohio winters! Meets at the Nature Center.

Sat. Jan 11 Winter Hike, 10:00 am. Harrison Lake State Park. Winter is here, and it doesn't mean we have to hide inside! Many of our native wildlife is still very active. Join us on a 2.5-mile hike as we welcome in the winter weather! Please be dressed for the weather. Meet at the Shelterhouse.

Sat. Jan 25 Winter Storybook Hike, 10:00 am Harrison Lake State Park. Cold air may be blowing, but there is still plenty to see. Join a Naturalist on a .5 mile easy hike along the Storybook Trail as we read as we walk! Please be dressed for the weather. Meets by the Park Office.

Sun. Feb. 9 Full Moon Walk: Snow Moon, 6:00pm. Maumee Bay State Park This moon is usually true to its name- be prepared for snow on this hike! We will enjoy the sparkle of the snow in the moonlight as we will take a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk and listen to the sounds of the night. Meets at the Nature Center.

Hiking sticks, sturdy shoes, weather appropriate clothing and water are suggested during winter hikes. Questions regarding the hikes: Contact Naturalist Lauren Brodrick 419-276-2876 or 419-836-9117. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Recreation programs and activities can be inherently dangerous. Participants accept and acknowledge that any injury or property damage that occurs during a program or activity is not the responsibility of ODNR or its naturalist educators. For a better understanding of the trails please visit each parks website page through ohiostateparks.gov