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Trail Challenge 2025 Staff-Led Program Schedule

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Trail Challenge Kick-Off: Documentary Screening of Meandering Thru

Watershed Stewardship Center Auditorium ★

March 1, 2 - 3:30 p.m. documentary screening with staff-led hike to follow from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

***Registration Required**

Join former Buckeye Trail record holder, Everett Brandt, to kick off the Cleveland Metroparks Trail Challenge with a screening of Meandering Thru, the story of Everett's 1400-mile journey to set the first thru hiking record on the Buckeye Trail. Following the documentary and Q&A, a Cleveland Metroparks Naturalist will lead a 1-mile hike around West Creek Reservation's 2025 Trail Challenge route: **West Creek APT Loops** – 1 mile, Paved (APT) ★

Participation in the hike is optional and not required in order to attend the screening.

Meandering Thru Trailer: <https://trails.film/film/meandering-thru/>

Trail Challenge: Hike & Hot Drinks

Garfield Park Reservation

Redbud Loop Trail - .5 miles, Paved (APT) ★

Meets at Garfield Park Program Center

March 11, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Explore the beautiful trails and scenery around the recently restored Garfield Park Pond with a member of the Outdoor Recreation team. Afterwards, warm up with hot cocoa and coffee at the new Garfield Park Program Center.

Trail Challenge: Recreation Group Hike

Bedford Reservation

Forbes Woods APT Loop - .25 miles, Paved (APT) ★

Meets at Forbes Woods Trailhead

March 17, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Join an Outdoor Recreation Specialist for this group hike. We'll explore the short .25 mile Forbes Woods Loop, and then continue on the dirt connector trail for a longer out-and-back hike.

Trail Challenge: One Trail Twelve Times

North Chagrin Reservation

White Pine Trail – 2 miles, Natural Surface

Meets at [Strawberry Picnic Area](#)

March 23, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Join Naturalist Nicole Hindman each month as we explore the dynamic White Pine trail to see how it transforms throughout the year. We will take photos in the same locations to help monitor the subtle and dynamic changes of the forest.

Trail Challenge: Warm Beverage and a Walk

Rocky River Reservation

Wildlife Management Loop – 1.5 miles, Natural Surface


Meets at [Rocky River Nature Center](#)

April 5, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Springtime is here! Join a naturalist for a flat, leisurely stroll on the Wildlife Management Loop trail. We will listen and look for frogs, migrating birds, and spring wildflowers. Hot tea, cocoa, and coffee are provided before and after the program.

Trail Challenge: Hike Around the Pond

Garfield Park Reservation

Redbud Loop Trail - .5 miles, Paved (APT) 


Meets at [Garfield Park Program Center](#)

April 12, 1 - 2 p.m.

Join a naturalist for a walk around the new pond in Garfield Park. As we travel along the bank we will discuss the many new features of the waterways in this reservation. This pond renovation will be a great habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. We will spend some time soaking in the wildlife all around us.

Trail Challenge: Full Moon Walk

West Creek Reservation

West Creek APT Loops – 1.5 miles, Paved (APT) 

Meets at [Keystone Shelter](#)

April 12, 8 - 9 p.m.

Enjoy a walk around the West Creek Meadow to view the full "pink" moon, representing the start of spring and the blossoming of new life.

Trail Challenge: Roaming for Raptors

Acacia Reservation

Woodpecker Way - 1.7 miles, Paved (APT) ★

Meets at **Acacia Shelter**

April 21, 10 - 11 a.m.

Join a naturalist on a low impact walk along a paved path in search of raptors that call Acacia Reservation home. While we roam, we'll also look for smaller feathered friends. Binoculars are suggested and some will be available to borrow, but they are not required.

Trail Challenge: Edgewater Walk Through Time

Lakefront Reservation

Upper & Lower Edgewater APT – 1.6 miles, Paved (APT)

Meets at **Edgewater Beach House**

May 3, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Edgewater Park was one of the earliest Cleveland City parks. Historian Judy MacKeigan leads this walk along the lake and throughout the reservation while sharing stories of the past, what has changed and what remains. Enjoy photo opportunities at the script Cleveland signs and the Edgewater willow tree!

Trail Challenge: Hike to Berea Falls

Rocky River Reservation

Rocky River APT – 2.2 miles, Paved (APT) ★

Meets at **Willow Bend Picnic Area**

May 4, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

This low-impact hike along the All-Purpose Trail will take you to Berea Falls to admire its unique geology. After the return hike we will gather at Willow Bend Picnic Area for a healthy snack. (Granola bars & fruit will be provided)

Trail Challenge: Mindfulness Hike

West Creek Reservation

West Creek APT Loops – 2.2 miles, Paved (APT) ★

Meets at **Watershed Stewardship Center**

May 7, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

***Registration Required**

Join an Outdoor Recreation Specialist for this intentional hike through nature while learning about and practicing basic mindfulness techniques. This inclusive experience is open to individuals of all abilities and is tailored to those with sensory processing sensitivity.

Trail Challenge: Whipp's Ledges Walk-About

Hinckley Reservation

Whipp's Ledges Loop Trail – 1 mile, Natural Surface


Meets at [Whipp's Ledges Picnic Area](#)

May 12, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy a naturalist-led hike through Whipp's Ledges where you will learn a little about the history and namesake of these ledges. We will take the time to look at some wildflowers that we pass along the way.

Trail Challenge: Mushroom Hike

Bradley Woods Reservation

Bunns Lake Loop - .5 miles, Paved (APT) 


Meets at [Bunns Lake Trailhead](#)

May 18, 1 - 2 p.m.

Join the naturalist for a 1-mile hike in search of Ohio's most common mushrooms. Along the way, learn about how a mushroom grows and the uses for various native fungi. Afterwards, join us for a quick snack and some time for questions about these fascinating fungi.

Trail Challenge: Wildlife Stroll

Mill Stream Run Reservation

Bonnie Park Loop - .6 miles, Paved (APT) 

Meets at [Bonnie Park Picnic Area](#)

May 31, 10 - 11 a.m.

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll along wetland and floodplain habitats in search of wildlife activity in the newly restored Bonnie Park area. You'll get the opportunity to see how the area has changed over the last several years throughout the restoration process.

Trail Challenge: Topography Trek

Brecksville Reservation

Wildflower Loop Trail - .75 miles, Natural Surface

Meets at [Brecksville Nature Center](#)

June 3, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Explore the varying topography along Wallin Creek with an Outdoor Recreation Specialist. We'll experience the up's and down's of the Wildflower Loop, stopping along the way to learn about how to read and understand topographic maps.

Trail Challenge: Kayak Wallace Lake

Mill Stream Run Reservation

Wallace Lake – 1 mile, Water Trail

Meets at **Wallace Lake Beach**

June 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Paddle the perimeter of Wallace Lake with a certified Kayak instructor. Discover the beauty of this inland urban lake while learning a few basic paddling techniques along the way. ***Registration Required**



These trails are most accessible and suitable for all types of users.

Thanks to grants from the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation and from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, an all-terrain Action Trackchair as well as a GRIT Freedom Chair are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Both are designed to allow guests with disabilities to have access to a variety of trail terrain. Adaptive paddling equipment designed to accommodate a broad spectrum of both physical and cognitive disabilities is also available with advanced notice. Contact Cleveland Metroparks Outdoor Recreation at 216-341-1704 (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or email or@clevelandmetroparks.com to reserve this equipment or to discuss any disability related needs.