

FOC 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

13,408

Visitors in the
Center

&

22,122

Visitors in the
Center since
opening



over

100

Events/Programs
offered



nearly

200

Volunteered
hours

83

Group hikes



1,466

Species
identified

by

148

Observers on
iNaturalist



Berea College Forestry Outreach Center 2019 Year in Review



We've had a great year at the Forestry Outreach Center, and we wanted to take this time of reflection to look back at what made this year special: the amazing community that surrounds us. Here are some of our highlights from 2019. Thank you to everyone who partnered with us, attended an event, or walked on the trails. We hope to see you next year!

"I am SO glad the College opened up the Forestry Center with it's activities for all ages. I have enjoyed it since day one, learning and growing through its offerings." - Gin Petty



Choose Your Own Outdoor Adventure

CELTS, PFE, and the FOC partnered with Berea Community School to offer an environmental education afterschool program for middle school students. Bonner Scholars worked with FOC staff and middle school students to engage in activities and self-directed research projects focused on the Berea College Forest.



Berea Kids Eat

The FOC loved partnering with Martina LeForce and Grow Appalachia this summer by providing weekly environmental education activities at the Glades Community Garden. Learning and lunch is a great way to spend a summer day!

Pollinator Projects

The Madison County Pollinator Working Group, the Madison County Conservation District, and the FOC sponsored two teacher workshops where we planted the pollinator garden at the Center. Did you know Berea College has recently *bee*-come a Bee Campus?



Restorative Forestry

Our BC foresters are doing great work, which we are proud to share with visitors. Last November, the FOC hosted a Restorative Forestry Demonstration Day for the Society of American Foresters. In the coming year, watch for bigger and better forest celebrations!



Community Connections

Consider joining our regular events such as group hikes, bird walks, and Documentary Dialogues. We enjoy working with new partners each year such as Tinkergarten, Independent Opportunities, Envirothon, and Scout troops.

We Love Our Students

Our student employees work on so many projects and keep the building clean. We appreciate all of their work!

Stephen Nwaloziri, who made our website, countless videos, and took beautiful pictures, will be working at the BC Greenhouse next semester and will be graduating in May. We will miss him greatly and can't wait to see what he does next!

Berea's Biodiversity

Using the iNaturalist app or website, anybody can take a picture and contribute to the FOC's citizen science project to document the unique biodiversity of the Berea College Forest. As of the end of 2019, Berea's iNaturalist project has more species listed than that of Yellowstone National Park! Come explore and learn about all that the BC Forest has to offer!



Biodiversity of the Berea College Forest

Number of Unique Species

Invertebrates: 600

Most Observed:
Banded Tussock Moth, 45



Plants: 527

Most Observed:
Crane-fly Orchid, 23

Fungi: 164

Most Observed:
Pear-shaped puffball, 9



Birds: 83

Most Observed:
Chipping Sparrow, 10

Reptiles: 21

Most Observed:
Five-lined skink, 15



Mammals: 21

Most Observed:
Eastern Gray Squirrel, 16

Amphibians: 20

Most Observed:
Red salamander, 18

