

BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

September
2020 Friends of the Forest Newsletter

Brushy Fork Trail Update!

Recently the Berea College Foresters, along with labor student Tsu Isaka, installed new trail markers throughout the Brushy Fork and Cross-Country trail system. New markers have been installed and each trail is color-coded to assist hikers in navigation. These trails are located adjacent to college's main campus, directly behind the Alumni Building and Alumni Fields.



The Pinnacles, Brushy Fork, and Anglin Falls trails are OPEN. The Forestry Outreach Center and restrooms are CLOSED.

We appreciate you practicing safe social distancing as well as Leave No Trace in order for the trails to remain open safely.

Read the full re-opening announcement on our social media and website listed below.



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Citizen Science Project:
Biodiversity of the Berea
College Forest



Seek app by
iNaturalist, great I.D.
tool for kids and
families

<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/>

Berea College Forest: Did You Know?

The 203 acres where the Brushy Fork and Cross-Country trail system is located is the oldest tract of the Berea College Forest! It was purchased by Forester Silas Mason (featured in our last newsletter, check it out!) from former Berea College President E.P. Fairchild and his wife Lillian in January of 1903.



President Edward Henry Fairchild, born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts moved with his family to Northeast Ohio. Fairchild studied theology at Oberlin College, and as a member of the anti-slavery movement was offered the position of president at Berea College (1869-1889).

What's New? Tools and Tips

seek
by iNaturalist

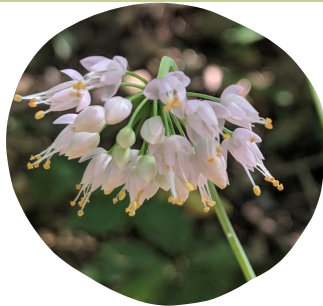
New from iNaturalist, the Seek app allows you to brush up on your plant and animal identification skills in seconds!



Using image recognition technology, you simply point the Seek camera at the object you find in the forest to identify it and learn more!

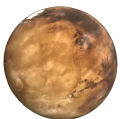


The Seek app is a great opportunity for individuals and families to get outside and learn more about nature together!



Just 15 minutes outdoors can relax you and restore your mental and physical health. So take a break from your screen and head outside! *(The Nature Fix)*

September Skies Over the Forest



September 2nd: Full moon

September 10th: Last Quarter Moon

September 17th: New Moon

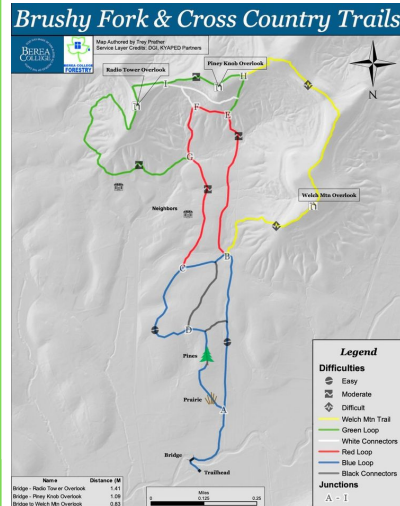
September 24th: First Quarter Moon

Look out for Mars rising a earlier in the East. Check out the Skies Over the Pinnacles page under Forest Ecosystems on our website for more info!

<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/skies-over-the-pinnacles/>



Forest Spotlight: Brushy Fork



In addition to updating the trail markers, a new map has been made for the Brushy Fork trails (featured left). A map is available there and on our website under 'Hiking Adventures'.

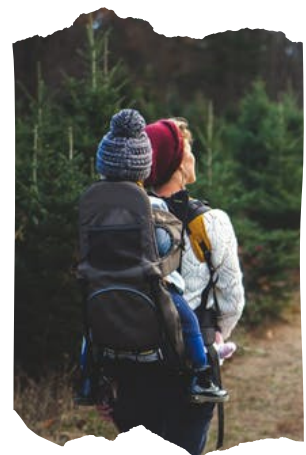
This trail is just a short walk from campus, the bridge over the stream is a great starting landmark!



Fall Hiking

Ready for Autumn? We are too! Fall is a fantastic time of year for hiking on any of our trails. Here are a few quick tips to keep yourself safe this season:

- Check the trail conditions
- Let someone know where you're going
- Wear sturdy shoes
- Bring water
- Watch the Weather
- Share the trail
- Take a picture of the map at the trailhead



Reach Out!

Questions about the forest? Hiking? The natural world? Feel free check out our website (<https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/>) or reach out to:

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