

BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

July 2021 Friends of the Forest Newsletter

Summer School and Snakes!

Snakes are on the move right now, so be sure to travel with care. Most snakes are harmless, and the snakes that can hurt you would much rather avoid you, too, if they can. Best to leave them alone, while recognizing that they play an important role in the ecosystem.

Land Acknowledgement:

Osiyo. Hatito. (Hello)

The lands which comprise the Berea College Forest are the traditional homelands of Shawnee and Cherokee peoples who hold these mountains in care and tradition. Thank you to Tiffany Pyette for this Land Acknowledgment Statement.

July Events:

- Pinnacles Hikes: Saturdays - 10am
- Craft Festival, Jul. 9-11
- Request a hike with us!

*details on page 2



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



Berea College Forestry Outreach Center



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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/>

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| Eastern Garter Snake | Gray Ratsnake | Eastern Copperhead | Ring-necked Snake | Black Kingsnake |
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| Eastern Worm Snake | Red-bellied Snake | Dekay's Brownsnake | Rough Greensnake | North American Racer |
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| Common Watersnake | Timber Rattlesnake | Smooth Earthsnake | Eastern Milksnake | |

Snakes of the Berea College Forest

Common snakes of the Berea College Forest in order from most to least common.
 *Species with a yellow background are venomous and should be appreciated from a safe distance!



We spent time with Middle School students from Berea Community who were attending summer school this past June. We worked in the City Park to identify plants and animals, learn the parts of the tree, and build our own natural shelters! Thanks to the students and Berea Community Teachers for all their hard work.

What's Been Happening at the Pinnacles?

Students from Madison County joined us for a summer program, learning all about the parts of the forest and enjoying a hike in the woods.



Wildflowers are blooming and pollinators are out and about! Come take a look along the trails at the Pinnacles.



We had a Summer Solstice Star Party! With the help of our astronomer, Jeff Hutton, we were able to view the skies over the Pinnacles!



July Skies Over the Forest

- Last Quarter: July 1st
- New Moon: July 10th
- First Quarter: July 17th
- Full Moon: July 24th

Learn all about the Berea College telescope from the old science building. Our astronomer was able to observe the removal of the telescope from the building before it was torn down.

Check out Jeff Hutton's June Skies article for more information! You'll find it at: <https://forestryoutreach.berea.edu/skies-over-the-pinnacles/>

July Activities

Berea Craft Festival

July 9-11, 2021

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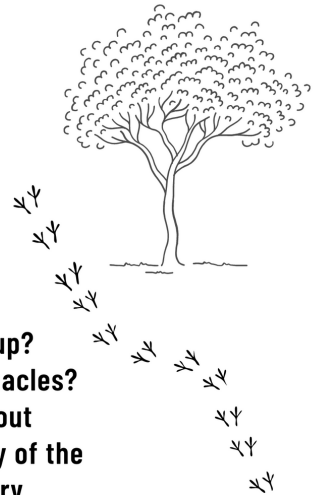
Hiking Menu

Saturday Hikes

Join us at the Pinnacles at 10am every Saturday for a public hike

Request a Hike

Prefer to hike with a group?
First time hiking the Pinnacles?
Interested in learning about Berea College, the history of the forest, restorative forestry practices, local plants/critters?



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Email us at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a hike with one of our staff.



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Follow the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center and the Berea College Forestry Department's social media pages for information on upcoming activities!

Wado. Niyaawe. (Thank you).

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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