



BEREA COLLEGE FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

at the Pinnacles: Homelands of Shawnee and Cherokee Peoples

2047 Big Hill Rd. Berea, KY 40403-----859-756-3315
Tues-Sat: 10am-4pm Sun: 12-4pm, trails open daily dawn to dusk

July 2023 Friends of the Forest Newsletter

It Takes a Village...

a huge thanks to everyone that cares for the forest!

Whether you're in town or in the forest, you are a part of the ecosystem. There are many ways that folks are showing stewardship for the land and welcoming others to enjoy their place in nature!



Photo by Martina Leforce

Trail maintenance is a never-ending job. Our skilled forester, Glen Dandeneau and his students, can remedy many obstacles hikers may face. Heavy winds from storms this year have knocked down a significant amount of pine trees in Brushy Fork. This photo shows an area where Glen cleared the path and left the logs to return to the Earth!

In addition to things like downed trees and water bars, trail maintenance includes keeping the area free of litter. We are so appreciative of how many of our visitors carry out what they carry in and clean up their dog waste. We are also grateful for individuals and groups that volunteer their time to keep our community clean.

Get Outside KY helps maintain the park and boat ramp around Owsley Fork Reservoir, as they love sharing its beauty with visitors coming to spend time on the water.



Berea Earth Warriors is a group "committed to litter recovery and restoration efforts in both urbanized and natural areas." They have removed countless pounds of litter from Owsley, Brushy Fork, Flat Rock and more. If you would like to get involved, join them at Owsley Fork Reservoir the second Sunday of each month.

Directions to Owsley can be found on our website:
forestryoutreach.berea.edu/owsley-fork-reservoir/

"May your children hear and breathe the words of our Indigenous ancestors. May we all be so lucky to know an Indigenous future."
~Matika Wilbur, Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America

July Events:

All events at the FOC/Pinnacles unless otherwise noted.
Free and open to all.

Outdoor activities weather-dependent.
CENTER CLOSED, JULY 4TH
TRAILS AND OUTDOOR RESTROOMS REMAIN OPEN

Notice: Berea Craft Festival July 7th-9th in lower forest. Hiking trails remain open.

- **Nature Hikes at the Pinnacles, every Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am**
- **Nature Relaxation and Restoration at the Pinnacles (see page 2)**
-July 13th, 5:30-7:30pm
-July 20th, 5:30-7:30pm
- **Star Party! July 27th, 8:00 pm**

Kid Activities

- **July 9th: Add to the Nature Art Piece**
- **July 12th, 10:30am: Toddler Picnic**
- **July 30th, 11:00am: Bubbles and Eco-Friendly Water Balloons**



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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/>

"Community cleanups will be held the last Saturday of every month in various locations in and around the Berea area. All cleanups are announced in our Facebook group the week before, and weather cancellations are posted there as well. We provide everything needed and handle the removal and disposal of all trash. There is no sign up list or registration, volunteers can simply show up and participate when they are able to do so."

-Berea Earth Warriors



Learn about what the local night sky will look like this month on our website under *Skies Over the Pinnacles* thanks to Jeff Hutton!

☆☆☆☆ Wonders of the Night ☆☆☆☆
 Thursday, July 27th at 8:00pm

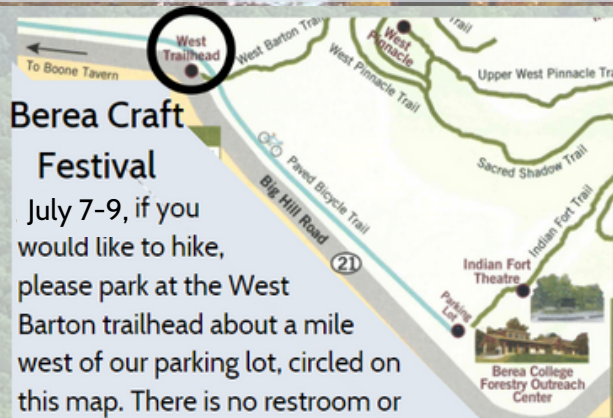
Join us for an evening of learning about the night sky with local astronomer, Jeff Hutton. If the night is clear, we'll head outside to look through telescopes. If you have one of your own, bring it along! Jeff can answer any questions you might have about setup and viewing. If it's cloudy, the FOC staff will guide a short walk in the woods. Please bring a flashlight!

Student Spotlight



Ilona is working with us for her last summer at Berea!

Berea Bridge students Bryanna, K-lord, and Oakbee are working with us just before starting their Berea College experience.



Berea Craft Festival

July 7-9, if you would like to hike, please park at the West Barton trailhead about a mile west of our parking lot, circled on this map. There is no restroom or water accessible there so please come prepared! The Pinnacles will be full of crafts, music, food, and activities thanks to Berea Tourism. Stop by this annual festival to support local artists.



Nature R&R



a slow-paced, relaxing and restorative forest experience

Bring water and a portable seat or ground cover.

- July 13, 5:30-7:30 @ the Pinnacles
- July 20, 5:30-7:30 @ the Pinnacles

Please reserve your spot on Eventbrite by searching for Berea College Forestry Outreach Center. Learn more about Nature R&R by watching the informational video on the event pages or on <https://www.youtube.com/@bereacollegefoc>

Summer Kid's Activities

Follow our Facebook for updates/cancellations, starred cancelled in case of rain/storms

July 9th, all day: *Add to the Nature Art Piece*

In the spirit of the Berea Craft Festival, find natural materials to add to the creation by the sycamore trees outside the FOC.



*July 12th, 10:30am: *Toddler Picnic*

Spend some time enjoying the outdoors with your toddler and friends! We will have some fruit and packaged snacks, please bring any other food/drinks for you and your little one.

*July 30th, 11:00am: *Bubbles & Eco-Friendly Water Balloons*



A fun way to play outdoors and cool off!

