



BEREA COLLEGE

FORESTRY OUTREACH CENTER

at the Pinnacles: Homelands of the Shawnee and Cherokee Peoples

Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm, Sun. 12-4pm

Trails open dawn to dusk, daily

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MARCH EVENTS

The FOC will be closed on the 28th & 29th

All events at the FOC/Pinnacles unless otherwise noted. Free and open to all. Outdoor activities weather-dependent

Nature Hikes at the Pinnacles:

Saturdays at 1:00 pm, meet at FOC

Eclipse Presentations & Stargazing:

March 1st, 15th, and 22nd 7:00pm

Wildflower Walk at Anglin Falls

March 27th, 5:00 pm

Bird Watching with BC Ornithology Club

March 30th 8:45-11:30 am

Safe Solar Viewer Workshop

March 30th, 2:00pm

Nature R&R

March 20th, 5:15-7:15pm

RSVP on Eventbrite, info on p. 2.

Family Activities

March 17th: Water Detectives

2:00-3:00pm

March 23rd: Woodland Playscape

Day of Creation, 2:00-4:00 pm

March 24th: Flower Hunt

2:00-3:00pm



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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/>



MARCH 2024 FRIENDS OF THE FOREST NEWSLETTER

THE JOY OF SPRING'S BIRDS AND BLOOMS

The equinox on March 19th ushers in the season of spring! Longer and warmer days reawaken wildflowers and welcome migrating birds home.

The first birds to arrive back in Kentucky are the woodcocks and waterfowl. As elusive as the ephemeral flowers, there are some species that are only seen in Kentucky as they pass through headed for more northern regions.

There are many spring ephemerals--flowers that only bloom for a short time--to see here at the Pinnacles. The West Barton and Walnut Trails boast populations of flowers such as trout lily, Dutchman's breeches, toadshade, and rue anemone. **Join us for a wildflower walk Saturday, March 27th at Anglin Falls at 5:00pm!**

You never know what you might see!



Red breasted merganser



Eastern phoebe

Come birdwatching with us! Join the **Berea College Ornithology Club** on **March 30th, from 8:45 to 11:30 am**, in the lower Pinnacles forest. Bring your binoculars (some will be available) and cameras! Let's spot and listen to as many bird species as we can, welcoming them back from migration.

Wildflowering by Car



Ann Longworth, dedicated FOC volunteer and wildflower enthusiast, will be sharing her knowledge on **how to find wildflower species** from the comfort of your car! Ann has been searching for and recording wildflower sightings for decades and wants to share her passion. Learn more at the Berea Branch of the Madison County Public Library, March 23rd at 10:00am!

STAR PARTIES

with Jeff Hutton & Diego Colorado --- stargazing is weather permitting

Eclipse Presentation & Stargazing
March 1st and 22nd, 7:00 pm

Learn about eclipses to gear up for
April 8th, the last coast-to-coast solar eclipse until 2045! Stargazing through telescopes to follow, weather permitting.

Eclipse Extravaganza with the
Madison County Public Library
March 15th, 7:00 pm

An eclipse presentation followed by stargazing. Enjoy snacks along with a virtual reality experience thanks to MCPL!

Safe Solar Viewer Workshop
March 30th, 2:00 pm

Learn how to build a sun projector to safely view the sun! The first 14 families will receive a free DIY kit!



NATURE R&R

Nature Relaxation and Restoration is a slow-paced, restorative forest experience. Please bring a portable chair or something to sit on the ground. We hope you join us!

**weather dependent, those who RSVP will be notified of cancellations*

- **March 20th, 5:15-7:15pm**
at Brushy Fork, directions on our website



Use the QR code or search *Berea College Forestry Outreach Center* on Eventbrite.com to **learn more and RSVP!**

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

*Free and open to all. *** outdoor activities are weather-dependent, RSVP on Facebook to follow any updates*

- **Water Detectives**
March 17th, 2:00-3:00pm
Let's learn about the scientific method through observing, collecting, and testing different water samples.
- **Playscape Day of Creation: "Build and Create like Andy Goldsworthy!"**
w/ Winterberry Studio
March 23rd, 2:00-4:00 pm
*rain date: April 20th
- **Flower Hunt**
March 24th, 2:00-3:00pm
Let's go on a flower hunt and explore how flowers operate and benefit the environment through observation and crafts.

