CanalWay Matinee: The Men Who Built America

**December 4 @ 1 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Ohio-Erie-Canal-Reservation-12.aspx)

**Facility**: [CanalWay Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/CanalWay-Center-2.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Ages**: 10 years & over

**Phone**: 216-206-1000

**Email**: [canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com)

This History Channel mini-series focuses on the men whose big ideas and hard work transformed the country after the Civil War. We will watch episodes one *A New War Begins* and two *Oil Strike* in our comfortable theater. Beverages and snacks are available for purchase or bring your own.

**Star Wars: A Review of Cosmic Pugilism - Cleveland Astronomical Society**

**December 5 @ 6:30 -7 p.m. Meeting, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Speaker**

**Reservation**: [Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Ohio-Erie-Canal-Reservation-12.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Program Leader**: Cleveland Astronomical Society

**Phone**: 216-206-1000

**Email**: [canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com)

Dr. Karen Bjorkman, Professor of Astronomy and Director of Ritter Observatory, University of Toledo, and Dr. Jon Bjorkman, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, University of Toledo will debate Star Wars: A Review of Cosmic Pugilism.

6:30 – 7 p.m. Meeting  CanalWay Center

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Winter Bird Walk

**December 6 @ 10 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Reservation**: [Garfield Park Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Garfield-Park-Reservation-7.aspx)

**Facility**: [Garfield Park Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Garfield-Park-Nature-Center-3.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Terrain Difficulty**: Moderate, some small hills 3.5 miles

Join a naturalist as we walk the interior of Garfield Park looking for our wintering birds. Find out who is tough enough to stick it out through the northeast Ohio winter. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars.

Emerald Necklace Hikers

**December 6 @ 10 a.m. - noon**

**Reservation**: [Brecksville Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Brecksville-Reservation-4.aspx)

**Facility**: [Brecksville Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Brecksville-Nature-Center-1.aspx)

9000 Chippewa Creek Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141

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**Price**: Free

**Program Leader**: Jenny McClain

**Terrain Difficulty**: hills, 2.5 miles

**Activity Level**: moderate

**Phone**: 440-526-1012

Don’t feel comfortable navigating the trails on your own? Join us for this monthly hiking series to explore the trails throughout the Emerald Necklace while we get some  exercise. This month we’ll enjoy winter’s quiet beauty while we warm up on the hills of Brecksville Reservation.

Fall Hike

**December 7 @ 10 a.m. - noon**

**Reservation**: [Euclid Creek Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Euclid-Creek-Reservation-6.aspx)

Meet at Highland Picnic Area parking lot,

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**Price**: Free

**Ages**: Families, Adults

**Program Leader**: Angelec Hillsman

**Terrain Difficulty**: paved, 5 miles

**Phone**: 440-473-3370

**Email**: [northchagrinnc@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:northchagrinnc@clevelandmetroparks.com)

Don't let the cold stop you from coming to the park. Bundle up and join Naturalist Angelec Hillsman for a fall hike in the park. We'll get our heart pumping as we hike the paved trail in this beautiful reservation.

## Related

**Make and Take: Feed the birds**

**December 8 @ Noon - 1 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Ohio-Erie-Canal-Reservation-12.aspx)

**Facility**: [CanalWay Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/CanalWay-Center-2.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Equipment Provided**: suet, bird seed, feeder

**Phone**: 216-206-1000

**Email**: [canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com)

Find out how to make an easy suet mix your backyard birds will love. We will whip up a batch and create a simple feeder to take home along with the recipe. The suet contains peanuts.

Habitat Hike

**December 8 @ 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Reservation**: [West Creek Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/West-Creek-Reservation-16.aspx)

2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma, OH 44134

## About

**Categories**: [Children/Family](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Children/Family), [Hiking/Walking](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Hiking/Walking)

**Price**: Free

**Ages**: Adults, families

**Program Leader**: Tim Krynak

**Terrain Difficulty**: Moderate

**Activity Level**: Moderate, some hills, 2-2.5 miles

**Phone**: 440-887-1968

West Creek Reservation has several habitats packed into a relatively small area. Oak hillsides transition into red maple forest with a large meadow restoration project in the middle. We will learn more about the history and future of this green space in the middle of Parma.  
  
Watershed Stewardship Center parking lot  
Ages: adults, families  
Terrain: moderate, some hills, 2-2.5 miles

Breakfast In The Park

**December 8 @ 8 - 10 a.m.**

**Reservation**: [Brecksville Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Brecksville-Reservation-4.aspx)

**Facility**: [Brecksville Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Brecksville-Nature-Center-1.aspx)

9000 Chippewa Creek Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141

## About

**Categories**: [Culinary/Food](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Culinary/Food)

**Price**: Free

**Program Leader**: Kelly McGinnis

**Prerequisites**: Each registrant will be instructed on what food item to bring

**Terrain Difficulty**: 1 mile

**Phone**: 440-526-1012

Join Naturalist Kelly McGinnis for a hike through the woods around Brecksville Nature Center. We will return to a hot, delicious breakfast prepared by volunteers.

Register beginning November 17 by calling 440-526-1012.

## Related

Woodlands Of Bedford: Dusk To Darkness Hike

**December 14 @ 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Circle Emerald Field**

**Reservation**: [Bedford Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Bedford-Reservation-1.aspx)

## About

**Categories**: [Exploring Nature](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Exploring%20Nature), [Hiking/Walking](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Hiking/Walking)

**Price**: Free

**Program Leader**: Fred Losi

**Terrain Difficulty**: Moderate; slow

Enjoy an evening hike with Volunteer Naturalist Fred Losi that transitions into the quiet serenity of nighttime. If the sky is clear, the Geminid meteor shower, nearly full Moon and Jupiter will delight us. Bring a flashlight for emergencies only. Dress for the weather.

Acacia’s Birds

**December 15 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Reservation**: [Acacia Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Acacia-Reservation-17.aspx)

26899 Cedar Rd, Lyndhurst, OH

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**Ages**: adults, families

**Program Leader**: Traci Williams

**Phone**: 440-473-3370

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Not all of the birds have flown south for warmer climate. Join us at Acacia Reservation to see which birds will grace us with their presence among the leafless trees and rolling landscape. Binoculars are recommended; some available for loan.

## Related

Hike TO Deer Lick Cave

**December 15 @ 2 - 4 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Brecksville Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Brecksville-Reservation-4.aspx)

**Facility**: [Brecksville Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Brecksville-Nature-Center-1.aspx)

9000 Chippewa Creek Drive, Brecksville, OH 44141

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**Price**: Free

**Program Leader**: Naturalist Kelly McGinnis

**Terrain Difficulty**: hills, slippery, 4 miles

**Activity Level**: Moderate

**Phone**: 440-526-1012

Winter is near. Venture out and explore the beauty of the season along the Deer Lick Cave trail.

Hiking For The Young At Heart

**December 17 @ 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Reservation**: [Brecksville Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Brecksville-Reservation-4.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Program Leader**: Naturalist Pam Taylor

**Terrain Difficulty**: hills, 3 - 4 miles

**Activity Level**: moderate

**Phone**: 440-526-1012

A crisp morning hike is a great way to start your day. Join Naturalist Pam Taylor as we head over to Deer Lick Cave and venture down some of the Buckeye Trail.

Meet at Oak Grove Picnic Area parking lot.

**Urban Explorations: Cleveland’s Arcades**

**December 19 @ 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Cleveland, OH

## About

**Categories**: [Children/Family](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Children/Family), [Culture/History](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Culture/History), [Hiking/Walking](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Hiking/Walking)

**Cost**: $5.00

**Ages**: adults, 8 years & over with adult

**Terrain Difficulty**: city streets

**Phone**: 216-206-1000

**Email**: [canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com)

Doug Kusak leads an exploration of downtown Cleveland’s arcades: the Old Arcade, Colonial Arcade and Euclid Arcade. We’ll stroll through a part of Cleveland’s grand past en route to understanding their role in Cleveland today. Meeting place given after registration.

Fee: $5

Register beginning December 2

216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com

#### Solstice Eve

December 20 @ 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. (*30* spots left)

**Reservation**: [Brecksville Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Brecksville-Reservation-4.aspx)

**Facility**: [Brecksville Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Brecksville-Nature-Center-1.aspx)

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**Cost**: $3

**Program Leader**: Naturalist Pam Taylor

**Food Provided**: treat

**Terrain Difficulty**: hills, 2.5 miles

**Phone**: 440-526-1012

Join Naturalist Pam Taylor on this eve of the solstice for a hike among the hemlocks. We will celebrate the lengthening of the days and enjoy a tasty treat upon our return.

Register online beginning December 1 at clevelandmetroparks.com.

Solstice Dog Stroll

**December 21 @ 10-11:30 a.m.**

**Reservation**: [West Creek Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/West-Creek-Reservation-16.aspx)

2277 W. Ridgewood Drive, Parma, OH 44134

## About

**Categories**: [Hiking/Walking](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Hiking/Walking)

**Price**: Free

**Program Leader**: Debra Shankland

**Terrain Difficulty**: Terrain: Paved, easy

**Activity Level**: 1.2 miles

**Phone**: 440-887-1968

Let's celebrate the gradually lengthening days by getting the whole family out and about! The well-behaved family dog is also welcome on this outing which will explore all that nature has to offer.  
Watershed Stewardship Center parking lot

**Winter Walk**

**December 21 @ 1 - 3 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Lakefront Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Lakefront-Reservation-18.aspx)

Cleveland, OH

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**Price**: Free

**Phone**: 216-206-1000

**Email**: [canalway@clevelandmetropars.com](mailto:canalway@clevelandmetropars.com)

Join us for a winter solstice walk throughout Edgewater Park. We will meet at the beach picnic shelter and enjoy a brisk walk around the park. Dress for the weather it will be windy near the Great Lake.

Lakefront Reservation

Edgewater Beach Picnic Shelter

216-206-1000

**Winter Walk In The Woods**

**December 22 @ 1 – 2 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Garfield Park Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Garfield-Park-Reservation-7.aspx)

**Facility**: [Garfield Park Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Garfield-Park-Nature-Center-3.aspx)

## About

**Categories**: [Hiking/Walking](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Hiking/Walking)

**Price**: Free

Need a break in the midst of the busy holiday season? Take time to enjoy the peace of a winter walk in the woods. Allow the stillness of nature to rejuvenate you.

Tracks In The Snow

**December 29 @ 2 - 3:30 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Ohio-Erie-Canal-Reservation-12.aspx)

**Facility**: [CanalWay Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/CanalWay-Center-2.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Terrain Difficulty**: all purpose trail, one hill

**Phone**: 216-206-1000

**Email**: [canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com)

Ever walk outside during the winter and wonder what made those tracks? Come down to CanalWay Center for a hike outside to see if we can spot some tracks and try to figure out who made those tracks in the snow. Dress for the weather. Cancelled if no snow.

**Toast The New Year Hike**

**December 31 @ 10 a.m. - noon**

**Reservation**: [Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Ohio-Erie-Canal-Reservation-12.aspx)

**Facility**: [CanalWay Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/CanalWay-Center-2.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Terrain Difficulty**: paved,1 hill, 1.5 miles

**Phone**: 216-206-1000

**Email**: [canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:canalway@clevelandmetroparks.com)

Take time to reflect on the closing year and as you look forward to the next. We will start at CanalWay Center and head into the Cuyahoga Valley. Toast the New Year with hot cocoa after the hike.

Register beginning December 2

clevelandmetroparks.com

**Full Moon Hike**

**January 15 @ 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Garfield Park Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Garfield-Park-Reservation-7.aspx)

**Facility**: [Garfield Park Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Garfield-Park-Nature-Center-3.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Terrain Difficulty**: mostly flat, some hille, 1.2 miles

Destress from work, get some exercise, and have fun with your family on this short walk through the forests of Garfield Park Reservation. See real owl feathers and talons, and learn how to call owls in with your voice!

Winter Woodland Hike

**January 17 @ 10 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Reservation**: [Garfield Park Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Garfield-Park-Reservation-7.aspx)

**Facility**: [Garfield Park Nature Center](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Facilities/Garfield-Park-Nature-Center-3.aspx)

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**Price**: Free

**Terrain Difficulty**: moderate, some hills, 2.5 miles

Walk with a naturalist through the winter woods of the Garfield  Park Reservation. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy the crisp winter air and take in the beauty of the winter woods. Trails may be icy so be sure to wear appropriate footwear.

Winter Tree ID and Hike

**January 17 @ 3 - 5 p.m. Meet at Alexander Bike Lot & Trail Head**

**Reservation**: [Bedford Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Bedford-Reservation-1.aspx)

## About

**Categories**: [Exploring Nature](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Exploring%20Nature), [Hiking/Walking](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Hiking/Walking)

**Price**: Free

**Terrain Difficulty**: steep hills, creek crossing, 3.6 miles

Winter is a great time to learn common Ohio trees by bark, buds, and habitat. Join us to see how many species we can find along the rugged and hilly Sagamore Creek Loop Trail. Dress for the weather!

Woodlands of Bedford: Winter Wonderland Trek

**January 19 @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Egbert Picnic Area**

**Reservation**: [Bedford Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Bedford-Reservation-1.aspx)

## About

**Categories**: [Exploring Nature](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Exploring%20Nature), [Hiking/Walking](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Events-Programs-Search-Results.aspx?Cat=Hiking/Walking)

**Price**: Free

**Terrain Difficulty**: rugged, hilly; some off trail; 4 miles

Experience a remote forested landscape leading down to Tinker’s Creek with Volunteer Naturalist Fred Losi. Several remote waterfalls and towering shale cliffs will also be visited. Bring nourishment to sustain yourself and a camera to record the experience. Be prepared for potentially difficult mid-winter conditions.

**The History of Maple Sugaring**

**March 1 - 9 @ Weekends 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

**Reservation**: [Rocky River Reservation](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Reservations-Partners/Rocky-River-Reservation-13.aspx)

## About

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**Price**: Free

**Prerequisites**: Dress for the weather

**Food Provided**: No

**Equipment Provided**: No

In early March, Ohio's maple trees are ready to be tapped.  Take a hike along the Sugarbush Trail and view sap collecting methods used by Native Americans and pioneers, as well as present-day technology. Don't forget to visit the Sugarhouse where boiling sap transforms into tasty maple syrup!

Note: Normally, Rocky River Reservation is not accessible by Paratransit or bus, except during weekday rush hours. Afternoon hours accessibility, I discovered, are from 3 to 6 PM. Maybe we can get a group together outside the normal times for viewing the maple sugar tree tapping during the week.