



Outdoor Experiences

COMMUNITY GARDENS

NEW! Community Garden Plots

The Community Gardens at Friendship and Hannah Parks are the perfect places to grow your garden. New policies and procedures are in place to create a true community garden atmosphere. Renewal for the 2018 season begins March 1. If you wish to renew the same plot as the previous season, you must renew annually no later than March 21. All plots not renewed by this date will be released for general sale.

We look forward to working with GRIN this season and providing Gahanna residents with fresh local produce. In order to maintain this goal, plots will not be available to rent after June 1. Any remaining plots will then be planted, managed and harvested by city staff.

Friendship Park (new plots)

Location: 150 Oklahoma Ave.

Lease Term: Mar 1, 2018-Oct 31, 2018

Friendship raised beds are available in two sizes:

4'x4' bed: RDR: \$10 each NR: \$15 each

4'x8' bed: RDR: \$15 each NR: \$20 each

Hannah Park

Location: 6547 Clark State Rd.

Lease Term: Mar 1, 2018-Oct 31, 2018

Hannah raised beds are available in two sizes:

4'x8' bed: RDR: \$15 each NR: \$20 each

4' round x 2' tall or 4' round x 3' tall beds:

RDR: \$10 each NR: \$15 each

How Does Your Garden Grow? Ask a Master Gardener

Calling all Gahanna gardeners and community garden participants! Bring your gardening questions and join OSU Master Gardeners for a unique learning opportunity at our Hannah Park Community Gardens. Companion plants, crop rotation, soil building common pests. Each month a free new lesson will be presented followed by a Q&A session. This is a rain or shine event with a tent.

Day: Thu

Date: May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11

Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Instructor: OSU Master Gardeners

RDR/NR: Free

Location: Hannah Park, 6547 Clark State Rd.

Project WILD Training

Project WILD is a supplemental curriculum supported by the Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife that focuses on wildlife and wildlife habitat in support of lessons in science, math, English and language arts across the curriculum. Hands-on experiences with the natural world bring Ohio's Learning Standards to life, by analyzing and interpreting data, describing patterns and conducting investigations inside and outside your classroom. Join us to model and receive activities from the national Project WILD and Aquatic WILD materials along with Ohio wildlife education resources for your science and field studies. Join Linda Pettit from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District in this fun, interactive and engaging workshop.

Age: 18+

Activity	Day	Date	Time
62251.101	Sat	Mar 10	9am-4pm

Instructor: Linda Pettit

RDR/NR: Free

Location: Gahanna Parks Garage @ Friendship Park, 152 Oklahoma Ave.



OUTDOOR EXPLORER SERIES

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Explore the outdoors with Gahanna Parks & Recreation staff! Families can come explore in guided play and outdoor education for each specific theme. Get your hands dirty and learn more about the world around you!

Ages: 5+

RDR/NR: Free

Night Hike

See what Gahanna's parks and trails look like in the moonlight! Under the light of a full moon, Parks & Recreation Staff will lead a guided night hike. Lights will be provided, to assist with more visibility and safety. Hike will begin promptly at 8:30.

Activity	Day	Date	Time
65261.201	Thu	Jun 28	8:30-10:30pm

Location: Creekside Plaza, 117 Mill St.

Creeking

Explore the Big Walnut Creek by stepping in to it and discover the habitants of this unique ecosystem. Participants should wear old, appropriate closed-toe shoes they wouldn't mind getting wet and muddy. Wildlife catching equipment will be provided, and staff will be available to help direct activity and share some great nature knowledge. This is an open house style program.

Activity	Day	Date	Time
65261.202	Sun	Jul 15	1-3pm

Location: Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave.

Fishing

Whether you have years of fishing experience or this is your first try at it, this is a great opportunity to learn to fish. Fishing poles and bait will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring along their own as well. This is an open house style program.

Activity	Day	Date	Time
65261.203	Sat	Aug 4	9:30-11:30am

Location: Hannah Park, 6547 Clark State Rd.



Exploration Paddle

Explore the Big Walnut Creek on a paddling adventure! Naturalists will be on-hand to talk about the ecosystems and watersheds that make the Big Walnut Creek a crown jewel of Gahanna. The journey will begin at the northern border of Gahanna, at Morse Rd. and Stygler Rd., floating down the creek, venturing through several of Gahanna's Parks, City of Columbus properties and the airport, ending at Pizzurro Park. Gahanna Parks & Recreation certified kayak/canoe instructors will lead the float along with naturalists from Columbus Recreation & Parks and Franklin County Metro Parks, providing a natural interpretation of these one of a kind outdoor places. All equipment will be provided, and lunch is included with registration. Participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should park at Pizzurro Park, and transportation will be provided to the boat launch site.

Age: 12+

Activity	Day	Date	Time	RDR/NR
65041.201	Sat	May 5	8:30am-3:30pm	\$15/\$20

Location: Park at Pizzurro Park, 940 Pizzurro Park Dr., transportation to the launch site provided.

Active Adult Kayak & Canoe

If you enjoy getting outdoors, staying active, and trying something new, this is for YOU! We will travel to Alum Creek Reservoir to an accessible launch where we will easily enter and exit the water for a beautiful morning on the water! Certified canoe and kayak Instructors will provide basic instruction. No experience necessary. Boats and equipment provided.

Activity	Day	Date	Time	RDR/NR
62041.201	Fri	Jun 29	9am-1pm	\$10/\$15
62041.202	Tue	Sep 18	9am-1pm	\$10/\$15



Paddlin' in the Moonlight

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Bask in the glow of July's Full Moon...the Buck Moon! While floating down the Big Walnut Creek certified instructors will be on hand to provide a paddling adventure like never experienced before. The evening will conclude over a bonfire in the park with refreshments. All equipment will be provided including lights. Space is limited, paddling experience is recommended, and participants must meet essential eligibility criteria (posted online). Paddle will begin at Woodside Green Park, participants should park at the ending location Friendship Park, a shuttle will be provided to take participants to the launch location.

Age: 18+

Activity	Day	Date	Time	RDR/NR
65041.202	Fri	Jul 27	7:30pm	\$20/\$25

Shuttle Location: Friendship Park 150 Oklahoma Ave.



The Department of Parks & Recreation wishes to recognize the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation for its support of many of our events and programs. These programs are shown throughout this Gateway using the tree from the GPRF logo. Thank you!



Pool Boating Day

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Gahanna Swimming Pool will play host to kayakers and canoers to practice their skills such as strokes, rolls and rescue moves. The open sessions are for practice, not lessons, but experienced paddlers will be available to help. No advance registration is required. Participants can bring their own boats and equipment or borrow one from Gahanna Parks & Recreation. Proper swim attire is required. A helmet is required for those practicing rolls. The kayaks and canoes must be rinsed, inside and out, prior to use and a hose will be available near the pool. Youth must be supervised by an adult.

Day Date Time

Sun Aug 12 4-8pm

Location: Gahanna Swimming Pool, 148 Parkland Dr.

Cost: Members Free / Non-members \$5 per boat

Big Walnut Creek Family Canoe & Kayak Float

Relax and enjoy the beauty of the Big Walnut Creek waterway that is right here in our backyard! The day will start at the boat put-in at the corner of Morse and Stygler Roads with ODNR/American Canoe Association certified instructors providing a Paddling SmartStart introduction to canoeing and kayaking. After the paddling introduction, the float will begin at the creek under the Morse Road bridge and conclude at Friendship Park. Participants 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. A light lunch at Woodside Green Park will be included along with canoes, kayaks, life vests, paddles and guides to help along the float. Participants should park at Friendship Park, and transportation will be provided to the boat launch site.

Ages: 8+

Activity	Day	Date	Time
65041.301	Sat	Sep 29	9am-3pm

RDR/NR: \$15/\$20 (per person)

Location: park at Friendship Park, 150 Oklahoma Ave., transportation to the launch site provided

CREEKSIDE PADDLE BOATS

	Spring May 4 - 27	Summer May 29 - Aug 19	Fall Aug 20 - Oct 1
Sun	12pm - 5pm	12 - 8pm	12pm - 5pm
Mon	Closed	4 - 8pm	Closed
Tue	Closed	4 - 8pm	Closed
Wed	Closed	4 - 8pm	Closed
Thu	Closed	12 - 8pm	Closed
Fri	4-8pm	12 - 9pm	4pm - 8pm
Sat	11am - 4pm	11am - 9pm	11am - 4pm

Cost: \$6/ride for 2 person boat or \$8/ride for 4 person boat for 30 min
*Schedule is weather dependent. Hours may vary for special events, holidays and/or other conditions.