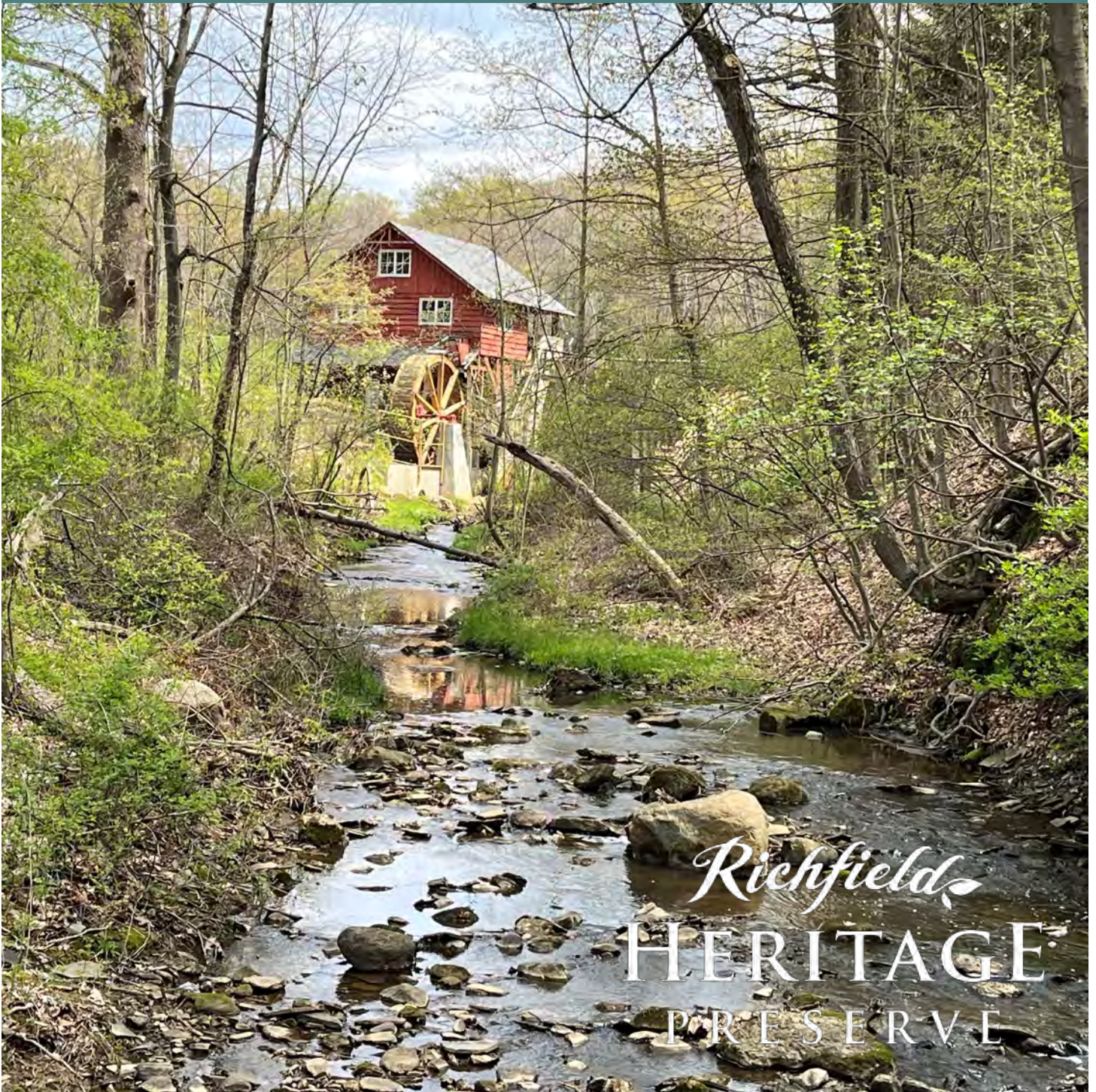


# Heritage High Points

Richfield Heritage Preserve

*at the highest point in Summit County*

2024 Program Guide





Of all the paths you take in life,  
make sure a few of them are dirt.  
*-John Muir*



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Richfield Heritage Preserve is  
open, free of charge, dawn to dusk  
every day of the year.



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HERITAGE PRESERVE

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contributed photos. We truly  
appreciate each one!*

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Get out your Calendars! It's time to start planning your spring, summer, and fall at Richfield Heritage Preserve! We have many offerings that are sure to fit everyone's interests. We're bringing back favorites and introducing new events. We have fitness programs, offerings for nature enthusiasts, summer camps, architectural and historical hikes. Also mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Goat Derby (May 4) and Music Festival (July 20). See you at the park!

*~ Anita Gantner, board chair*



Richfield Joint Recreation District is the result of a cooperative effort between the residents of the Village of Richfield and of Richfield Township. The board of trustees is made up of three trustees appointed by Richfield Village Council, three by Richfield Township Trustees, and a seventh appointed by these six board members. Trustees serve for terms of three years.



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*present the*  
**2nd Annual Goat Derby  
& Craft Fair**

*Our version of  
the Kentucky Derby*

**FREE TO PUBLIC**  
**ONSITE PARKING - \$10**  
**FOR FIRST 200 CARS**



**GOAT RACES**  
**at noon, 1p.m.,**  
**2p.m. & 3p.m.**

**May 4, 2024 11 am - 3:30 pm Amity Lawn**

*Richfield*  
**HERITAGE**  
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***Join us for***

**More than 20 Craft Booths**  
**Food Trucks**  
**Beer and Beverage Stations**  
**Goat Wagers and Raffles**  
**Special VIP area for Sponsors near The Amity House**  
**and Best Dressed Awards**

***Wear your finest Derby attire!***  
***Trophies will be awarded for best costume, best-dressed couple,***  
***most creative costume, and most creative hat!***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRAFT FAIR AND SPONSORSHIPS,**  
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*Richfield Heritage Preserve ♦ 4374 Broadview Road ♦ Richfield, OH*





## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the RJRD is to safeguard, support and maintain the natural properties of Richfield while encouraging recreational and educational opportunities in our community.*

## RICHFIELD HERITAGE PRESERVE FUNDING

The purchase and operations of Richfield Heritage Preserve are funded primarily by the taxpayers of the Village of Richfield and Richfield Township, supplemented by revenue from park reservations, programs, and events. There are two levies: operating and bond.

The operating levy collects a stable amount which gets divided among all taxpayers. Summit County reappraises residents' properties every three years. An individual taxpayer's tax amount for the park's operating levy would change if that taxpayer's property value has a disproportionate increase or decrease compared to the average taxpayer. The total amount that the park receives from the operating levy does not change. The current operating levy is .5 mills.

For the bond levy, the county budget commission determines the exact amount of tax that gets charged to each property owner. The calculation changes each year, as they strive to collect only a sufficient amount to cover the annual bond payments, which change from year to year due to varying interest rates for different terms of the bond. When the bond was refinanced in 2018, for example, the annual payment on the bond decreased, resulting in a smaller amount needing to be collected from taxpayers in 2019 going forward, and taxpayers generally should have experienced a tax decrease because of that. Changes in property values also affect how the amount gets divided among all taxpayers for this levy.

The percentage of your taxes that you contribute to the Richfield Joint Recreation District is very small. Please take an opportunity to visit and enjoy the tremendous resource that is Richfield Heritage Preserve.

## *Thank you!*

Thank you to all of the residents, volunteers, partner groups, and visitors who make Richfield Heritage Preserve the successful park that it is! Without your foresight the park would not exist. Countless hours and many talents have been donated to the ongoing improvement of this unique Preserve. A huge thank you to all residents and volunteers for your support! If you have not yet experienced Richfield Heritage Preserve, we hope you will visit soon!



## LAKE AND TRAIL UPDATES

**BOATING** - Boating on the Upper Lake is permitted from April 1 through November 1, for hand-powered watercraft only. Please read and follow all boating rules, listed on the RHP website at [richfieldheritagepreserve.com](http://richfieldheritagepreserve.com) under the Activities tab.

**FISHING** - Catch-and-release fishing is permitted in both lakes. Please note that NO ice fishing is allowed.

**BRIDLE TRAILS** - Bridle trails are open June 1 through December, weather permitting. Trails may be closed to avoid trail damage.

**BRIDGE CLOSURES** - The bridge below the lower lake, just south of Kirby's Mill, is closed indefinitely due to safety issues. Please respect the closure and do not cross this bridge.



**MONDAY, APRIL 8TH ~ 1-4 PM**

**@ AMITY LAWN & THE LODGE**

**Solar Eclipse glasses will  
be available for purchase**

**BURGERS & HOT DOGS, MUSIC,  
KID'S CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING  
& MORE!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SUSAN  
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## Experience Camping in Richfield Heritage Preserve

Two primitive tent camping sites are available in Richfield Heritage Preserve.

The A-frame shelter at High Lea features two standard picnic tables, an accessible picnic table, and a fire pit in the center. Next to it, there is an octagon-shaped shelter that is ideal for cooking and is equipped with an access ramp for easy entry. It also has convenient storage units on one side, along with two grills and low prep tables, making it easy to use while seated. A central table and lantern hook complete the setup, ensuring you have everything you need for a successful event. High Lea also includes an outhouse with an accessible ramp.



Non-potable water is available seasonally. Its location on a trail cul-de-sac between the Summer Barn and the gas cut offers quiet seclusion. High Lea is also available to rent as a picnic shelter.

Windy Hill has a shelter with two picnic tables, two charcoal grills, and a fire circle outside the shelter. Additionally, there is a latrine nearby for added convenience. The site is located along the trail, a short walk from the parking lot at the Summer Barn. Situated at the top of a hill, it looks out across the wooded ravine above the lower lake.

To reserve a campsite, please visit our RecDesk website at <https://rjrd.recdesk.com>. Each site can be rented for a fee of \$25 per night (\$35 for non-residents). Water and electricity are not available, but firewood is provided at each site.

### Premier Shelter Options



Mable Smith:

A gravel path leads to the Mable Smith shelter, which includes a concrete floor, two picnic tables, and two accessible tables. Additionally, there is a fire pit located in the center of the shelter and two grills located behind the shelter. An outhouse is located near the shelter. To reach the shelter, go south on the main road from The Lodge.

Waterfront Open-Air:

The Waterfront open-air shelter has three picnic tables, two grills, a fire circle surrounded by benches, and seasonal non-potable water for your convenience. An outhouse is located near the shelter. Waterfront is west of The Lodge, just east of the Upper Lake.



### Additional Shelters

Available for use without a reservation or fee. All non-reserved shelters are first-come, first-served.

Far-a-Way Pines Open-Air:

The Far-a-Way Pines shelter is located north of Chagrin Valley cabin. It offers two picnic tables and is set back off the trail. A latrine is located at the nearby Adirondacks site.

Wayside Open-Air:

The Wayside open-air shelter is on the west side of the main road, south of The Lodge. It features three picnic tables for visitors to enjoy.

Wonken Tonken Open-Air:

The Wonken Tonken shelter is an open-air space with three picnic tables and two grills. Additionally, there is a latrine nearby for added convenience. Wonken Tonken is set back from the main road between Wayside Shelter and Mable Smith Shelter.



# FEEL THE MUSIC

**GREAT MUSIC**  
ON  
**TWO STAGES**

**SATURDAY**  
**JULY 20**



**BEER,**  
**FOOD TRUCKS**  
**& VENDORS**

**2pm -**  
**8:30pm**



Sunday, October 27  
1-4 pm

# TRICK OR TREAT ON THE TRAIL AND SPOOKY TALES







## 2024 PROGRAMMING

Welcome to Richfield Heritage Preserve!

This schedule lists programs and events from April 1 through December 31, 2024. There is such a variety of programs available! Browse through the offerings to find one or more that appeals to you. Then go to our RecDesk registration site, create a free account, and sign up. All of these opportunities are listed on the site, so choose as many as you like.

If you want to reserve a shelter or a campsite, these are available on RecDesk as well.

Lodge tours and reservations can be requested here, and our Lodge Event Consultant will contact you.

To reach RecDesk, scan this QR code or go to <https://rjrd.recdesk.com>



Please be aware that, while every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of program listings and information, all programs are subject to change. Visit RecDesk for the latest updates on programs and schedules. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

We hope you will join us in your park, Richfield Heritage Preserve. Improve your knowledge, increase your fitness, or enrich your life with one of our new programs. At the same time you'll be experiencing some of the beauty and uniqueness that your park has to offer.

Come to Richfield Heritage Preserve - where the benefits are endless!

**Richfield HERITAGE PRESERVE** Events 2024  
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(330) 888-0511 • [park-director@rjrd.org](mailto:park-director@rjrd.org)

**Snowbird Festival**  
Sunday, January 21 • 1 to 4pm

**Youth Art Contest**  
Exhibit March 10  
2 - 4pm

**PHOTO CONTEST**  
Beginning April 1

**A Total Eclipse of the Park**  
Monday, April 8  
1pm - 4pm

**Goat Derby & Craft Fair**  
Saturday, May 4  
11am - 3:30pm

**May Day Celebration**  
Saturday, May 11  
11am - 3pm

**WATERFRONT MUSIC FEST**  
Saturday, July 20  
2-8:30pm

**KIRBY DAY**  
Saturday, September 7  
12 to 4pm

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, September 28  
11am to 3pm

**Trick or Treat on the Trail and Spooky Tales**  
Sunday, Oct. 27  
1 to 4pm

**WINTER WONDERS**  
Saturday, December 7  
11am to 4pm





### "Discover Your Outdoor Experience" Photo Contest

Monday, April 1 - Tuesday, April 30

"Discover Your Outdoor Experience at Richfield Heritage Preserve"

Photos can be submitted to [volunteer-info@rjrd.org](mailto:volunteer-info@rjrd.org) through April 30, 2024. Any photo taken at Richfield Heritage Preserve between May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 is eligible.



For complete rules and more information contact [volunteer-info@rjrd.org](mailto:volunteer-info@rjrd.org) or visit [richfieldheritagepreserve.com](http://richfieldheritagepreserve.com)

Fee: \$5 ~Virtual

### Total Eclipse of the Park

Monday, April 8; 1pm - 4pm

This exciting afternoon will be filled with fun activities, games, and refreshments. A limited quantity of eclipse glasses will be available for purchase. Make sure you don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!



FREE ~The Lodge and Amity House area

### Friends annual report presentation

Wednesday, April 17; 7pm - 9pm

Annual report on Friends activities and



Friends quarterly membership meeting

Leader: Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve

FREE ~The Lodge

### Ephemerafest

Saturday, April 20; 10am - 7pm

Ephemerafest is a yearly festival celebrating the native plants in Ohio that either bloom during the springtime or whose entire above-ground existence happens before the trees leaf out. This event will provide access to classes, forays, and a chance to taste spring ephemerals.

We will learn about ways to appreciate spring ephemerals including canopy expansion, cultivation, community involvement, and ways in which to collect and consume them. I believe the best way to teach appreciation for plants and mushrooms is to show that they have a purpose beyond being something pretty to look at and have value as an edible, as medicine, and as an integral part of the ecosystem in which we all live.



We will come together to meet like-minded individuals, learn about initiatives happening in the area surrounding conservation and native food consumption, share food and music, and build community surrounding wild edible plants and mushrooms.

Leader: Ursula McVey

Fee: \$45 residents/ \$50 non-residents

~The Lodge

### Ephemerafest - Camping

Overnight primitive tent camping available for those participating in the Ephemerafest. Bring your own equipment and water.

Fee: Additional \$25 residents/ \$45 non-residents

~Windy Hill and High Lea Campsites



### Hike YogAdventure: Sunday Series

Sunday, April 21; 10am - 12pm

(Also on June 2, Sept. 22, Nov. 17, Dec. 15)

Take a hike with accessible yoga pauses throughout the hike with OneTreeLove guides. Open to ages 12+ (youth must have guardian participation); must be able to walk on uneven terrain for up to 2.5 miles. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/onetreelove-17830005441>

Giveback: 15% will go back to Richfield Heritage Preserve; resident discount upon request.

Ages: 12 and up

Leaders: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$17 ~Meet in Main Parking Lot

### Mill Docent Training

Sunday, April 28; 2pm - 5pm

Become a docent at Kirby's Mill. Enter the park through the Oviatt gate at 3771 Oviatt Rd. Kirby's Mill is just beyond the south parking lot. The training is free and open to anyone who is even remotely considering becoming a docent. Learn the ins and outs of Kirby's Mill, review the history of mills and how Kirby's Mill fits into that history, and discuss how to be a docent and the general background and layout of RHP. Participants should bring a camp chair.

Leader: Lynn Richardson / Friends of RHP

FREE ~Kirby's Mill



### Migratory Bird Hikes

Saturday, May 4; 7am - 9am and

9:30am - 10:30am



We will walk into the different park habitats, looking for birds in the height of their spring migration.

1-mile hike, held rain or shine.

Bring binoculars.

Leader: Fred Dinkelbach

FREE ~Meet at Summer Barn

### Goat Derby and Craft Fair

Saturday, May 4;

11am - 3:30pm

Rain Date: Sunday, May 5

Presented by

Broadview Rental Equipment & Events and Sequoia Financial Services



Join us on Derby Day for an exciting and entertaining event!

- Goat Races at noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm
- Craft Fair - browse and buy
- Goat wagers, raffles
- Beer and beverage stations, food trucks
- Live music, "Best Dressed" awards
- VIP area at Amity House

Sponsorship opportunities available

FREE ~Amity Lawn, Lodge and Amity House







### May Day Celebration at Oviatt House

Saturday, May 11; 11am - 3pm

Join Oviatt House at the southern end of RHP for family fun! Learn about the history of Oviatt House, take a tour of our restoration project and get your NPS Passport Stamp! Enjoy kids crafts and activities and picnic refreshments. For more information and updates, please visit [oviathouse1836.com](http://oviathouse1836.com)

Presented by Oviatt House Inc.

FREE

### Wildflower Hike

Saturday, May 11; 1pm - 3pm

Hike through the park to observe spring wildflowers in bloom. Program will feature insights on protecting our park's native species as well as about their role in the life of RHP.



Leader: Jennifer Windus, ecologist

FREE ~Mill

### 24-Hour Trail Run

May 17 - 19; Friday 4pm - Sunday 5pm

Are you looking for a spring challenge? Trying to conquer a new distance? High Lea 6/12/24 hour race is waiting for you!

For more information and to register, visit <https://fastgirlsrunningcompany.com>

Presented by Fast Girls Running Company

~Summer Barn

### Survival 101 Weekend

May 31 - June 2; Friday 5pm - Sunday 3pm

This weekend campout workshop will give you the necessary skills to meet any unexpected emergency in the future. Physical fitness is not required for this knowledge based, hands-on learning class - not hiking long distances or carrying heavy packs! You will learn how to become "Lost-Proof", build a "One Match Fire", sharpen a knife correctly, cure poison ivy or prevent an infection with wild plants, build an effective natural shelter, open discussions at nighttime campfires and much more. All meals included - family and novice friendly!

Leader: Tom Laskowski

Ages: 8 to adult

Fee: \$395 ~Campsite High Lea

### Hike YogAdventure: Sunday Series

Sunday, June 2; 10am - 12pm

See April 21 event listing.

Ages: 12 and up

Leaders: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$17.00 ~Meet in Main Parking Lot

### Summer Camp

Week 1 - Ultimate Warrior

June 3 - 7; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

Your child's summer days will be full of fun, learning, and friendship! Each morning creative themes will be implemented to provide daily structure with weekly change. Children will choose from electives in the afternoon with a variety of sports, fun activities, and crafts projects!

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/>Jump Start Sports> Click Register/Cleveland Akron, then search for Richfield Summer Camp 2024 Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports ~Chagrin Cabin



### Richfield Library Story Hour

Thursdays, June 6 and 20; 11am - 12pm

Join the fun for an outdoor story hour with Miss Diane at the Richfield Heritage Preserve. Come along and enjoy an hour of stories, rhymes, music, movement, and more. Each session we will explore a different nature theme. This program will take place at Waterfront Shelter near the Lodge; available seating is limited so bring a blanket, or camp chairs.



Please keep in mind that this program is held outdoors so dress accordingly, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle, and closed-toe shoes are recommended. In the event of inclement weather, this event will be moved to the Lodge. Extend the park adventure, pack a picnic lunch to enjoy with friends then go and explore the beautiful trails.

Leader: Diane Nagy

FREE ~Waterfront Shelter



### Summer Camp

#### Week 2 - World Cup Soccer

June 10-14; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/> >Jump Start Sports Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin



### Fitness in the Forest

Saturday, June 15; 9am - 10am

Discover the beautiful and historic trails at Richfield Heritage Preserve while improving your health and well-being. Fitness in the Forest combines mindful hiking with resistance conditioning using braided tubing (provided, mat work (bring your own) and breathwork/meditation. All levels.

Embrace nature to nurture body, mind and spirit. Outdoor fitness improves metabolism, muscle/bone health, cognitive function and stress reduction.



Proper footwear for hiking recommended. For more information, contact Kim @216-952-6508. Fee donated back to RHP.

Leader: Kim Sowinski

Fee: \$15 ~Main Parking Lot





### Summer Camp Week 3 - Sticks & Stones

June 17 - 21; Mon.-Fri. 9am - 3pm



See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/> >Jump Start Sports Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin

### "Nature as Therapy / Dark Skies"

Wednesday, June 19; 7pm - 9pm

Presented by Dr. Joe Blanda  
Follows Friends quarterly membership meeting.

Leader: Dr. Joe Blanda

FREE ~The Lodge



### Primitive Campfire Skills

June 22-23, Sat. 9am - Sun. 2pm

Master the Flames! Embark on a unique learning adventure where ancient fire making techniques meet cutting-edge . From the timeless artistry of the bow drill and hand drill to the innovation of the pump drill and beyond, this class is your gateway to becoming a fire-making virtuoso. Take home not only knowledge but also your handcrafted tools ready for your next

outdoor adventure. Blends tradition with innovation.

Comprehensive training in both primitive and modern techniques.

Leader: Tom Laskowski

Ages: 18 and up

Fee: \$395

~Campsite High Lea



### Paddle YogAdventure

Thursday, June 27; 6pm - 8pm

Get on your blue-green mind! Learn or relearn the basics of Standup Paddle boarding (SUP) and SUP Yoga on the calm Upper Lake surrounded by trees with Lisa Meranti of OneTreeLove. Standing up optional.

Register at onetreeLove.com.

Advance registration required.

Gear: Bring drinking water, board, paddle, leash, life jacket, and anchor (optional), or rent gear.

Ages: 12 to adult (youth must have guardian supervision at least on-shore); all participants must be able to swim.

Leaders: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$26; \$29 additional if gear rental is needed. ~Boat House





## Summer Camp

### Week 4 - Sports Around the World

June 24 - 28; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/>Jump Start Sports> Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin

## Nature Buddies! (6-week series)

Fridays, June 28 - Aug. 2

Session 1 - 9:45am - 10:45am

Session 2 - 11:15am - 12:15pm

WEEK 1: STORYBOOK - Pirates, princesses, and more! We will pretend to be storybook characters in our outdoor space. Make & take craft, outdoor play activities, and lots of fun!

WEEK 2: LET'S GET MOVING - We will learn the importance of moving our bodies and fun ways to do that outside! Slack line, ropes course, hiking, and more.

WEEK 3: DINO WEEK - Learn about dinosaurs, dig for gems & fossils, and imagine what the forest looked like when dinosaurs roamed there!

WEEK 4: WATER PLAY - Water is a big part of our world and fun to play with! Water play activities and learning all about water.

WEEK 5: ON THE FARM - Learn about farm animals and food we can get from the farm. We may even have a surprise guest!

WEEK 6: MESSY PARTY! - Party time for our last day together! Fun messy outdoor activities and a make & take craft to remember our time together this summer.

This program is inclusive, and children of all abilities are welcome! This program will be held mostly outdoors and will be held rain or

shine, so be prepared to dress for any weather!

Although these groups are not therapy sessions, the facilitator is a pediatric occupational therapist with 10 years of experience as a school-based therapist and 19 years of experience working with children and adults of all abilities.

Leader: Shannon Kerns - Wild & Free OT, LLC

Ages: 3-6

Fee: \$180

~Waterfront



## Nature Tots! (6-week series)

Fridays, June 28 - Aug. 2; 8:30am - 9:15am

WEEK 1: NATURE ARTISTS - We will have some fun arts & crafts nature-based activities set up. We will start to explore nature and have fun outside!

WEEK 2: LET'S GET MOVING - We will learn the importance of moving our bodies and fun ways to do that outside! Swing, small obstacle course, and more.

WEEK 3: DINO WEEK - Learn about dinosaurs, dinosaur-themed sensory bin, and imagine what the forest looked like when dinosaurs roamed there!

WEEK 4: WATER PLAY - Water is a big part of our world and fun to play with! Water play activities and learning all about water.

WEEK 5: ON THE FARM - Learn about farm animals and food we can get from the farm. We may even have a surprise guest!





### Nature Tots! (continued)

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Leader: Shannon Kerns - Wild & Free OT, LLC

Ages: 1-2

Fee: \$155 ~Waterfront Shelter

### Fitness in the Forest

Saturday, June 29; 9am - 10am

See June 15 event listing.

Leader: Kim Sowinski

Fee: \$15 ~Main Parking Lot

### Summit OHC Murder Mystery

Saturday, June 29; 8am - 5pm

*"The woman's body lay face down on freshly mown grass near the north side of the Summer Barn. Her right arm and hand extended as if greeting her best friend. A horse stood nearby with dried blood smeared down his left shoulder."*



Join us to solve the mystery. Ride or hike the trail, collecting clues and evidence to

help you find the answer to this puzzle. Challenge your sleuthing skills as you examine the murder scene, analyze clues and eliminate suspects. Intrigue and fun for all!

For information contact Lee Hendrickson at leehendrickson49@gmail.com

Sponsored by Summit County Ohio Horsemen's Council

Fee: \$25

~Summer Barn

### Murder Mystery - Camping

Saturday, Jun 29, overnight

Primitive camping

Fee: \$35 Limit 12 rigs

~Summer Barn

### Summer Camp

#### Week 5 - American Sports

July 1 - 3; Mon.-Wed., 9am - 3pm



See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit

<https://www.jumpstartsports.com/> > Jump Start Sports Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports ~Chagrin Cabin

### Summer Camp

#### Week 6 - Survivor Camp

July 8 - 12; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/> > Jump Start Sports

Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin





### Richfield Library Story Hour

Thursdays, July 11 and 25; 11am - 12pm

See June 6 event listing

Leader: Diane Nagy

FREE ~Waterfront Shelter

### Fitness in the Forest

Saturday, July 13; 9am - 10am

See June 15 event listing.



Leader: Kim Sowinski

Fee: \$15.00 ~Main Parking Lot

### Paddle YogAdventure

Sunday, July 14; 9:30am - 11:30am

See June 27 event listing.

Ages: 12 to adult (youth must have guardian supervision at least on-shore); all participants must be able to swim.

Leader: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$26; \$29 additional if gear rental is needed.

~Boat House



### Friends of RHP Architecture Hike

Sunday, July 14; 2pm - 4pm

Learn about RHP's historic structures -- how they are connected to their owners and the natural spaces around them.

Leader: AIA registered architect and Friends president Corey Ringle

FREE ~Meet on Lodge Lawn



### Summer Camp

#### Week 7 - Football & Cheerleading

July 15 - 19; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

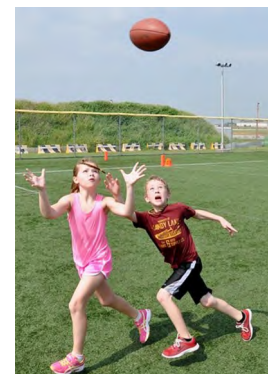
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For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/> > Jump Start Sports

Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin



### Paddle YogAdventure

Thursday, July 18; 6pm - 8pm

See June 27 event listing.

Ages: 12 to adult (youth must have guardian supervision at least on-shore); all participants must be able to swim.

Leader: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$26; \$29 additional if gear rental is needed.

~Boat House





### Waterfront Music Fest

Saturday, July 20; 2pm - 8pm

Feel the Music! Enjoy a variety of musical groups with the backdrop of the beautiful Richfield Heritage Preserve!

Food trucks, beer, and vendors

Presented by  
Richfield Joint  
Recreation District

~The Lodge



### Survival 101 - 6 day survival training

July 21-27; Sun. 5pm - Sat. 2pm

This 6-day class is a more in-depth version of the Survival 101 Weekend Class. You will learn how to work WITH Nature rather than fight against it to acquire the basics to live COMFORTABLY in the wilderness, even if you are in a "survival situation".

In addition to having more one-on-one time with our instructors, more topics will be covered such as Navigation (with and without a compass), edible and medicinal plants, how to build various Survival Kits, primitive shelters, fish fileting / preparation, and a supervised "Simulated Survival Situation" where you will get to practice the skills you acquired during the week. All meals are included, and you WILL NOT need to eat bugs during the week.

Leader: Tom Laskowski

Age: 18 and up

Fee: \$995

~Campsite High Lea



### Summer Camp

#### Week 8 - Olympics

July 22 - 26; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/> >Jump Start Sports Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin

### Fitness in the Forest

Saturday, July 27; 9am - 10am

See June 15 event listing.

Leader: Kim Sowinski

Fee: \$15 ~Main Parking Lot

### Summer Camp

#### Week 9 - College Days Sports Camp

July 29 - Aug. 2; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/> >Jump Start Sports

Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin



### Paddle YogAdventure

Thursday, August 1; 6pm - 8pm

See June 27 event listing.

Ages: 12 to adult (youth must have guardian supervision at least on-shore); all participants must be able to swim.

Leader: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$26; \$29 additional if gear rental is needed.

~Boat House



## Poker Ride

Saturday, August 3; 8am - 3pm

Summit Ohio Horseman's Council sponsors the Annual Poker Ride/Hike at the Richfield Heritage Preserve. The entrance and parking area is located at 4225 Oviatt Rd., near the Summer Barn facility. Riding will take place between 10am and 2pm.

Entry fee includes the ride through the scenic Preserve, great prizes, coffee and doughnuts, as well as fun and camaraderie among fellow equine enthusiasts. A lunch will also be available for purchase. Come and join us!

For more information, contact Summit OHC President, Cathy Matonis, at 216-798-0496.

Presented by Summit OHC



## Summer Camp

Week 10 - Forever Summer

August 5 - 9; Mon.-Fri., 9am - 3pm

See June 3 event listing.

For more information or to register online, visit <https://www.jumpstartsports.com/>Jump Start Sports> Grades: 1-6

Leader: Jump Start Sports

~Chagrin Cabin



## Richfield Library Story Hour

Thursdays, August 8 and 29; 11am - 12pm

See June 6 event listing.

Leader: Diane Nagy

FREE ~Waterfront Shelter

## Map & Compass Navigation

### Intensive Weekend

August 10 - 11; Saturday 9am - Sunday 3pm

This Weekend Workshop is for the novice or experienced hiker who wants to become comfortable using a map and compass to navigate. The class starts with



understanding the basics of a compass and ends with the precision of using GPS, decoding topographic maps, unraveling UTM coordinate systems, and engaging in hands-on exercises — this class is your "compass" to navigating the great outdoors with confidence. Equip yourself with the skills to explore the world confidently!

Leader: Tom Laskowski

Age: 18 and up

Fee: \$395 ~Campsite High Lea

## Paddle YogAdventure

Sunday, August 11; 9:30am - 11:30am

See June 27 event listing.

Ages: 12 to adult (youth must have guardian supervision at least on-shore); all participants must be able to swim.

Leader: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$26; \$29 additional if gear rental is needed.

~Boat House





### Fitness in the Forest

Saturday, August 17 and August 24;  
9am - 10am

See June 15 event listing.

Leader: Kim Sowinski

Fee: \$15 ~Main Parking Lot

### Friends member potluck

Wednesday, August 21; 6pm - 9pm

Friends member appreciation potluck and partner presentations. Follows Friends quarterly membership meeting.

FREE ~The Lodge

### Richfield Library Story Hour

Thursdays, Sept. 5 and 12;  
11am - 12pm

See June 6 event listing.

Leader: Diane Nagy

FREE ~Waterfront Shelter



### Kirby Day

Saturday, September 7; 12pm - 4pm

A free, family-friendly event to celebrate the creative engineering that inventor Jim Kirby contributed to what eventually became Richfield Heritage Preserve. It includes crafts, games, marble and STEM-related activities, refreshments, and more.

Presented by Friends of RHP

FREE ~Kirby's Mill



### Paddle YogAdventure

Sunday, Sept. 8; 9:30am - 11:30am

See June 27 event listing.

Ages: 12 to adult (youth must have guardian supervision at least on-shore); all participants must be able to swim.

Leader: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$26; \$29 additional if gear rental is needed.

~Boat House

### Crowell Hilaka Trail Run

Sunday, September 15; 8am - 4pm,

Girls on the Run trail run starting at Summer Barn

Presented by Fast Girls Running Company

~Summer Barn



### Summit OHC Prayer Ride

Saturday, September 21; 12pm - 9pm

The Prayer Ride is an annual event where believers gather for a silent prayer ride or hike through the trails, live music and lunch in the summer barn, plus a bonfire, weather permitting. All are welcome, with or without a horse! Bring a lawn chair!

Plan to come, refresh your soul, and relax around the evening bonfire.

RSVP: Traudy Cook, vm or text (330) 703-9940

Presented by Ohio Horsemen's Council - Summit County

FREE ~Summer Barn





### Hike YogAdventure: Sunday Series

Sunday, September 22; 10am - 12pm

See April 21 event listing.

Ages: 12 and up

Leaders: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$17 ~Meet in Main Parking Lot

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### Survival 101 Weekend

September 27 - 29; Fri. 5pm - Sun. 2pm

See May 31 event listing.



Leader:

Tom Laskowski

Ages: 8 to adult

Fee: \$395

~Campsite High Lea

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### Fall Festival at Oviatt House

Saturday, September 28; 11am - 3pm

Join Oviatt House at the southern end of RHP for family fun! Learn about the history of Oviatt House, take a tour of our restoration project and get your NPS Passport Stamp! Enjoy kids' crafts and activities and picnic refreshments.

For more information and updates, please visit [oviatthouse1836.com](http://oviatthouse1836.com)

FREE ~Oviatt House



### RHP History Hike

Sunday, October 6; 2pm - 4pm

Learn the history of the Oviatt, Kirby, and Neal families and the buildings associated with them.

2-mile hike held rain or shine.

Leader: Lynn Richardson

FREE

~Lodge Lawn

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### Fitness in the Forest

Saturdays, October 12 and October 26;

9am - 10am

See June 15 event listing.

Leader: Kim Sowinski

Fee: \$15.00 ~Main Parking Lot

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### Trick or Treat on The Trail and Spooky Tales

Sunday, October 27; 1pm - 4pm

What a TREAT to have 336 acres of permanently protected winding streams, lakes, and forests in our backyard. Join us for this family-friendly fun event!



Presented by Richfield Heritage Preserve and Village of Richfield Parks & Recreation

FREE ~Lodge area to Chagrin Cabin





### Fitness in the Forest

Saturdays, November 2 and 16; 9am - 10am

See June 15 event listing.

Leader: Kim Sowinski

Fee: \$15 ~Main Parking Lot

### Hike YogAdventure: Sunday Series

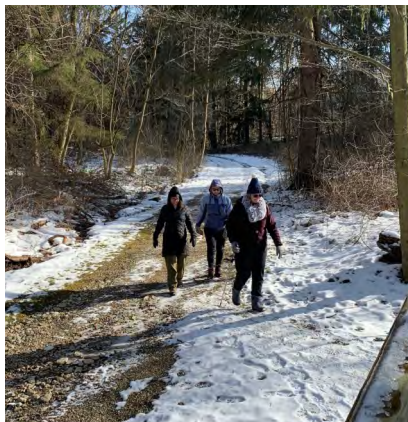
Sundays, November 17 and December 15;  
10am - 12pm

See April 21 event listing.

Ages: 12 and up

Leaders: Lisa Meranti and Laura Tecca

Fee: \$17 ~Meet in Main Parking Lot



### Winter Wonders 2024

Saturday, December 7; 11am - 4pm

Family-friendly fundraising event featuring the Friends' famous cookie sale; horse drawn carriage rides; local artisans offering handmade/handcrafted items for purchase; Sunny the Reindeer Horse photo ops; Father Christmas and several of his elves on horseback -- distributing candy canes to park visitors; children's crafts, face painting and



on horseback -- distributing candy canes to park visitors; children's crafts, face painting and

storytelling; holiday swag, Friends' merchandise; refreshments; and more.

Additional details can be found at [friendsofrhp.org](http://friendsofrhp.org).

Presented by Friends of RHP

FREE ~The Lodge



Watch for more programs to be announced!

Check back often on RecDesk to see additional program offerings and events as they are scheduled.

Follow Richfield Heritage Preserve on Facebook or Instagram to see upcoming events, or visit [richfieldheritagepreserve.com](http://richfieldheritagepreserve.com)

If you have a suggestion for a program, or you would like to share a skill or an interest by being a program facilitator, please contact John Piepnsy, Park Director, at (330) 388-3095 or [park-director@rjrd.org](mailto:park-director@rjrd.org).

### To receive the RHP "Footprints" monthly newsletter:

Click the Newsletter link on our website at [Richfieldheritagepreserve.com](http://Richfieldheritagepreserve.com), scan this code, or contact the office at 330-888-0511 or [office@rjrd.org](mailto:office@rjrd.org)



**We hope you'll take advantage of all your park has to offer!**



## Looking for ways to give back? Make a donation!

Donate money directly to RHP - Online go to [richfieldheritagepreserve.com](http://richfieldheritagepreserve.com) and click Get Involved/Donate. Or mail a check to RJRD, PO Box 246, Richfield OH 44286. *Thank you!*

Volunteer Registry - lists many types of tools and supplies that will help our park staff and volunteers do the important work of keeping RHP a beautiful and safe place to visit. All volunteers and partner groups of Richfield Heritage Preserve will have the use of these items.



Click the link on the [RichfieldHeritagePreserve.com](http://RichfieldHeritagePreserve.com) website OR [MyRegistry.com](http://MyRegistry.com), Richfield Heritage Preserve, Gift List

Lodge Registry - a variety of items that would add to the convenience and ambience of The Lodge to make it more comfortable and inviting for weddings, parties, conferences, and other events.

[MyRegistry.com](http://MyRegistry.com), Richfield Heritage Preserve, Housewarming Gift List

## Ways to stay in touch with Richfield Heritage Preserve:

1) Sign up for our monthly e-**newsletter, "Footnotes"**. Learn about current happenings in the park, see photos of the park from visitors (or submit your own!), and read messages from partner groups, board members and our park director, John Piepsny. Visit [richfieldheritagepreserve.com](http://richfieldheritagepreserve.com) and click Newsletter/Join Our Email List.



2) Like and follow RHP on social media! Richfield Heritage Preserve has a presence on social media. You can find pictures of recent events, current conditions in the park, announcements of events or caution areas, program changes or cancellations, and much more. Choose Facebook or Instagram and find out about your park!

[facebook.com/RichHerPres](https://facebook.com/RichHerPres)



[@richfieldhp](https://instagram.com/@richfieldhp)



3) Get involved! If you have not yet "joined the crowd", there are many volunteer opportunities available. Whether you enjoy working



on trail enhancements, assisting with programs and events, or contributing your special skill, there's a place for you here! Join our determined volunteers who gather to help improve Richfield Heritage Preserve while making new friends and spending time outdoors in this beautiful park. Contact volunteer coordinator, Susan Czaplicki, at [volunteer-info@rjrd.org](mailto:volunteer-info@rjrd.org) or (330) 317-2597 for information.





Perfect venue for weddings, corporate parties, social events and more!

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- Beautiful knotty pine featured throughout
- Handsome stone fireplace

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[thelodge@rjrd.org](mailto:thelodge@rjrd.org)



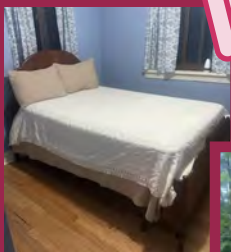
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- Beautiful wooded setting along the trail past The Lodge
- Rustic wood walls, ceiling, and furniture
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- Serving/craft countertops
- Latrine nearby for convenience



Visit [rjrd.recdesk.com](http://rjrd.recdesk.com) for rates, details, and to reserve.



We anticipate that Amity House will be available for rental in Autumn 2024.

**Day use only • Max capacity 50**





# Richfield

HERITAGE PRESERVE  
**TRAIL MAP**



1/2 MILE TO  
PARK ENTRANCE,  
BROADVIEW ROAD  
AND PARK OFFICE  
→

Park Office  
Park Entrance  
4374 Broadview Rd.

## LEGEND

- BUILDING OR SHELTER
  - LATRINE
  - Ⓟ PARKING
  - CONNECTOR TRAIL
  - PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE TRAIL
  - BRIDLE TRAIL
  - BUCKEY TRAIL
  - CONSERVATION EASEMENT BOUNDARY (CLEAN OHIO)
- YELLOW LOOP TRAIL 3.17 mi.
  - WHITE LOOP TRAIL 0.79 mi.
  - RED LOOP TRAIL 2.68 mi.
  - GREEN LOOP TRAIL 2.35 mi.
  - BLUE LOOP TRAIL 0.9 mi.

