

Outdoor and On-line Resources in Central Ohio

Looking for ideas to educate and entertain your children during these days of remote learning? Here is a list of resources you can explore:

Source	Resource	Description	Location
Alley Park	Nature Tales	Plant and animal You Tube videos	Alley Park
Bring the Farm to You	Virtual Farm and In-home Delivery	Live online group presentations and delivery of in-home programs	For program details contact: info@bringthefarmtoyou.com
COSI	COSI Connects	Daily educational videos, engaging at-home learning activities and science challenges, virtual gallery tours, citizen science projects and more!	https://cosi.org/cosiconnects
Columbus Zoo and Aquarium	Columbus Zoo School and Virtual Adventures	Animal information and activities and presentations by zoo education staff.	https://www.columbuszoo.org/home/disc-over/learn-at-the-zoo/digital-learning
Dawes Arboretum	Trails and natural areas/wind sculptures	Explore ~13 miles of hiking trails or take the 4 mile auto-tour through plant collections and natural areas. View L. Whitaker kinetic wind sculptures through Dec. 2020.	www.dawesarb.org
City of Dublin Parks and Recreation	Hiking and Biking Trails	Dublin has 63 parks with many habitat features and an Arboretum with 60+ native tree species.	https://dublinohiousa.gov/parks-open-space
Environmental Education Council of Ohio (EECO)	At Home Outdoor Education Resources	A listing of on-line resources from Ohio environmental and nature-based organizations	http://www.eeco.wildapricot.org/news/8853883



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Fairfield County Park District	Activities for Kids (of all ages)	Activity sheets and coloring pages	https://www.fairfieldcountyparks.org/
Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District	SWIFTlets	Environmental lessons and coloring pages for teachers, students and families	www.franklinswcd.org/swiftlets
	Virtual classroom presentations	Engaging environmental programs live via ZOOM or a similar platform. Most of the programs listed in our brochure are available virtually.	https://www.franklinswcd.org/docs/documents/37/Education-Brochure.pdf schedule through Linda at: lpettit@franklinswcd.org .
Gahanna Parks and Recreation	E-Rec Activity Fun	Daily on-line activities and virtual park tours	https://www.gahanna.gov/parks-recreation/e-rec-daily-activities/#toggle-id-1
Grange Insurance Audubon Center	Child and Family Engagement	Storytime, Adventure and Discovery Backpacks, Facebook Recordings, Indoor/Outdoor Play Areas, Live Animal Feedings, Family-Focused Programs	https://grange.audubon.org
	STEM/Environmental Education	Prerecorded and Live Virtual Lessons with Activities, Classroom Visits, Small Group Fieldtrips, Teacher Toolkits, Audubon Adventures (reading materials)	
	Community Science Opportunities	Audubon-based Community Science Programs, Teen Conservation Action Opportunities	
Metro Parks	Trails and Resources	Trails to Hike & Scavenger Hunts for Exploring	https://www.metroparks.net/blog/explore-your-metro-parks/



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ODNR: Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Environmental Education Resources	Environmental Education Resource page providing link to all of ODNR's educational resources Live video webinars and recordings on a variety of wildlife related topics. Announcements are on Facebook and the recordings are on YouTube.	https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education https://www.youtube.com/user/TheOhioDNR/videos Facebook page
ODNR: Division of Forestry Project Learning Tree - Ohio	Many Environment Related Resources	Activities, lessons, guides, E-Units, and online resources for parents and educators, including professional development.	https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education/ https://www.plt.org/
ODNR: Division of Geologic Survey	Ohio Rocks!	Educational Resources from ODNR's Division of Geological Survey. Earth Science Week is coming up in October!	https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/educator-resources/earth-science-educational-program
ODNR: Division of Natural Areas and Preserves - Scenic Rivers	Scenic Rivers Activity book How to find a stream bug video	Explore the hidden world of water bugs with coloring sheets, puzzles and fun facts Video description of how to find the stream bugs in the activity book	https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr-core/divisions/division-d-dnap/related-resource/scenic-rivers https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MOXFEk1VA5M



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ODNR-Division of Wildlife	All Things Wildlife!	Wildlife related resources, materials and guides	https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education/wildlife-educator-documents
	Chat with a Biologist	Live virtual presentations to your class by a wildlife specialist on a variety of wildlife related topics	https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education/chat-with-biologist
	Citizen Science Projects	Project based learning resources and citizen science projects to connect with	https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/educator-resources/project-based-learning-resources
Ohio Energy Project	Educator Resources	Online resources and programs for educators to support in-person, hybrid, or virtual learning.	https://ohioenergy.org/
Ohio EPA, Office of Environmental Education – Project WET	Home & Distance Learning Resources	Activities, lessons and additional resources for parents and teachers	https://www.projectwet.org/distancelearning
	Discover Water Site	On-line activities for students to explore	https://www.discoverwater.org/
Ohio Nature Education	Distance Learning Opportunities	Real time programs featuring live animals via Zoom and Facebook live.	www.ohionature.org



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OSU -Center for Applied Plant Sciences	Videos to View	Plant science videos developed in a partnership with COSI	https://caps.osu.edu/https%3A/caps.osu.edu/research-education/educational-videos-about-plant-science
PAST Foundation	STEMStreaming	Resources for educators and parents/guardians and includes STEM Activities at Home, Webinars for Educators and Podcasts for Everyone	STEMStreaming
Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District	Digital Education Resources	An organized listing of on-line resources including activities, lessons, videos, books, and more	http://www.pickawayswcd.org/digital-education-resources.html
Preservation Parks	Parks, Trails, and Virtual Programs	Online activities, nature and living history farm videos, and live or recorded virtual programs, offered through social media and virtual meeting platforms.	https://www.preservationparks.com/
Rural Action	Young Naturalists Club	Home based education - Blogs and virtual field trips of our natural world	http://youngnaturalistsclub.com/
SWACO Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio	At Home Activities	Waste diversion learning is fun and can be done easily at home with items you already have on hand	At Home Activities
	Virtual Landfill Tour	A virtual field trip of the daily operations at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill	https://www.swaco.org/203/Landfill-Tour



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