

2026 Gwynne Conservation Area Speaker Schedule

Tuesday, September 22

	Forages and Grazing/Consumer Horticulture	Cabin	Wildlife and Aquatics	Woodlands
10:30		Connecting Conservation & Natural Resource Professionals with “EPN Connect” Harrison Fried	Fishes of Deer Creek: What do they tell us about water quality? ODNR/Division of Wildlife (All day electrofishing demo - take wagon to stream)	From Acorns to Insects: Supporting Forest Food for Wildlife - Marne Titchenell
11:00	Planting for Pollinators Hocking Soil & Water Conservation District	Managing Against Invasive and Nuisance Species in Ponds - Eugene Braig	Engaging Youth in Fishing - A Local Success Story - Michelle Stumbo	Controlling Invasive Plants in Your Woodland Danielle Lampley
11:30	Drought Tolerant Forages for Summer Grazing: Native Warm Season Grasses - Jason Jones	250 Years of Fruit Trees in America: Learn Pruning Techniques - Chevula Motswaledi	Update on Ohio Bats Marne Titchenell	
12:00	Creating Habitat at Home: Gardening for Wildlife Tracy Winters	Rooted in History: The Pawpaw Story and America's Lost Fruit - Valerie Libbey (with an Ice Cream Social)	Identification of Ohio's Snakes Brian Hackett	All Things Forest Management Steve McGinnis
12:30	Problematic Pastures: Toxic Plants to Control Jessica Burns			
1:00	Fancy Fungi: How to Grow Gourmet Mushrooms at Home - Jacob King	The History of Conservation in Ohio and Future Challenges Randy Sanders	Women In Agriculture Session Working Lands, Working Wildlife: Integrating Habitat into Productive Farms Janessa Hill and Erika Lyon	Tips and Tricks for Tree Identification Jim Downs
1:30				
2:00	Soil Health for Home Gardeners Kendra Rose	Human Composting, a Future Burial Option? Maggie Rivera and Dr. Jeff Hattey	Attracting Wildlife to Your Property Brian Hackett	Forest Pathology: Historic and Contemporary Pests and Pathogens Shaping Ohio's Forests Ambria Small
2:30	Developing a Resilient Grazing System Jarrod Hittle		History of Best Management Farm Practices for Improved Water Quality Heather Torlina	

Wednesday, September 23

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10:30		Fitting non-chemical practices into your lawn management - Shaohui Wu	Fishes of Deer Creek: What do they tell us about water quality? Ohio EPA (All day electrofishing demo - take wagon to stream)	Tree and Woodland Care - Why monitoring & controlling invasives is important Jacob Winters
1:00	Exploring Silvopasture in Ohio Jessica Burns	From Research to Results: What We're Learning About Water, Land, and Farm Resilience Kimberly Winslow	Bees & Trees: Why Ohio Pollinators Need Forests! Marne Titchenell	
11:30	Update on PFAS in Soils Maggie Rivera and Dr. Jeff Hattey		An Update on Ticks Tim McDermott	Planning for your Woodland's Future: Woodland Legacy Planning - Leslie Horner
12:00		Controlling Spotted Lanternfly. What are my options? Thomas deHaas	Footprints of Freedom: Wildlife Signs and America's Conservation Story Janessa Hill	The unintended legacy of Ohio's 18th century land surveyors: Ohio's frontier landscapes and today's remnants of Ohio's natural history - Richard Gardner
12:30	Growing Blueberries Clifton Martin			
1:00		The Molly Caren Agricultural Center—A History of the Land and its People John Stroman		
1:30	Honey Bees and Beekeepers: Collaborators in Stewardship Central Ohio Beekeepers Association	Raising Game Birds Leeoria Willis	Amphibians of Ohio JT Benitez	Native Ohio Specialty Crops: Something Old and New - Logan Minter
2:00				
2:30	The Art of Composting - Josh Winters			

Thursday, September 24

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10:30	The Bug Stops Here Rylee Kay Puthoff	Garden for Wildlife and the movement for native bee conservation: historical efforts to the present Emily Runnion and Michelle Pham	Whose Croaking? Ohio's Frogs and Their Calls Marne Titchenell	Are My Woods Healthy? Some Steps for Evaluating Woodland Health Leslie Horner
11:00			WLEB Water Quality- through the lens of time Jocelyn Ruble	
11:30	Creating Backyard Habitat: What you have and what you need Tracy Winters and Jessica Burns	Ohio Biological Survey: supporting science and research of Ohio's flora and fauna for 114 years Connie Hausman	Managing Pond Fisheries (and a Short North American History Thereof) Eugene Braig	
12:00				Tree Identification Ann Channon

2026 Gwynne Conservation Area – FFA Forestry and Wildlife Career Development Trainings

For Students and Advisors

Training sessions offered by Ohio State University Extension, ODNR Division of Forestry, and ODNR Division of Wildlife

Time	Tuesday September 22	Wednesday September 23	Thursday September 24
10:00- 10:50 am	Map Reading, Compass and Pacing,	Tree Identification	Tree Identification Concurrent Session: Mammal Identification
11:00 - 11:50 am	Timber Cruising	Forest Products	Timber Cruising Concurrent Session: Mammal Identification
12:00 - 12:50 pm	Forest Products	Map Reading & Compass and Pacing	Forest Products
1:00 - 1:50 pm	Tree Identification	Timber Cruising	Map Reading & Compass and Pacing

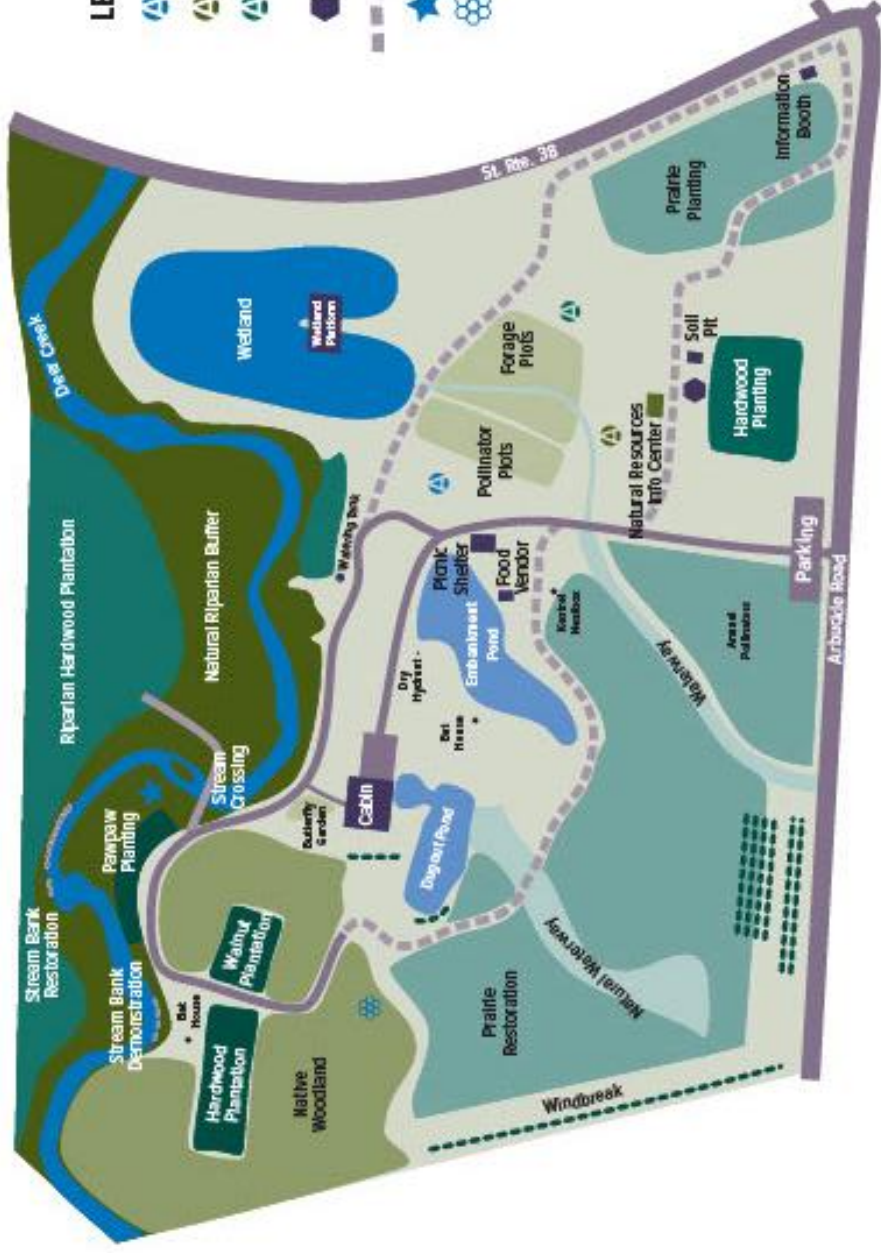
All the above Training Sessions will use the **Gwynne Conservation Area Picnic Shelter** as the meeting space.

* On Tuesday September 22nd from 10:30 – 2:30 - Fish Identification will be offered alongside the Electroshocking – take wagon ride to stream.

To register Your Class for Farm Science Review, fsr.osu.edu/visitors/youth-and-schools

See map of the Gwynne Conservation Area on the following page for further directions.

The Gwynne Conservation Area



LEGEND

- Wildlife & Aquatic Amphitheatre
- Woodland Amphitheatre
- Forage/Grazing Amphitheatre
- OSU ACEL Science of Ag
- Shuttle Route
- Electrofishing Demonstration
- Bee Hives



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