

PROGRAM SCHEDULE


Otter River State Forest/Lake Dennison Recreational Area

June—August 2025


Programs At a Glance

SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30am—12pm: Nature Center Open House (OTTR)1pm-2:15pm: Mucking About (LDEN)	THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">1pm—2pm: Kidleidoscope (OTTR)2pm—3pm: Nature Center Open House (OTTR)3pm—4pm: Super Senses Hike (OTTR)	FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">2:30pm—4pm: Mucking About (LDEN)7pm—8pm: Night Hike (OTTR)
WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">9:30am—12pm: Mobile Nature Center (LDEN)2pm—3:15pm: Mucking About		SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">12:30pm—3:30pm: Nature Center Open House (OTTR)7pm—8pm: Welcome Campfire


Program Descriptions

KIDLEIDOSCOPE  Join us each week for Kidleidoscope! We will read a short book, followed by an outdoor activity. Afterwards, enjoy a craft that relates to the story. Each week has a new theme, stop by often!


Meet at the Otter River Nature Center. Designed for ages 3 to 6. Siblings are welcome.

MOBILE NATURE CENTER  We bring the nature center to you! Check out pelts, skulls, and other items related to the animals that live in the park. Stay for five minutes or an hour! Bring your questions.


Meet at the Lake Dennison beach by the lifeguard towers. Suitable for all ages.

MUCKING ABOUT  Take a peek under the surface of Lake Dennison! Explore the bugs, tadpoles, newts and other creatures that live here. We'll use nets and buckets to catch (and then release!) some cool critters. Stay for five minutes or the whole time.


Meet at the Lake Dennison Beach. Appropriate for ages 6 & up.

NIGHT HIKE  Let's explore Otter River State Forest at night! With your sight limited, see how your other senses kick in. With luck we'll see or hear some of the park residents coming out for the evening.


Meet at the Otter River Nature Center. Appropriate for ages 8 & up. About 1.5 miles over easy to moderate terrain.

NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE  Stop by the Nature Center to find out more about Otter River State Forest and the plants, animals, and birds that live here. Check out our wildlife display and learn a little (or a lot) about our local history. Games, books, and activities are available for the kids. Stay for five minutes or an hour!

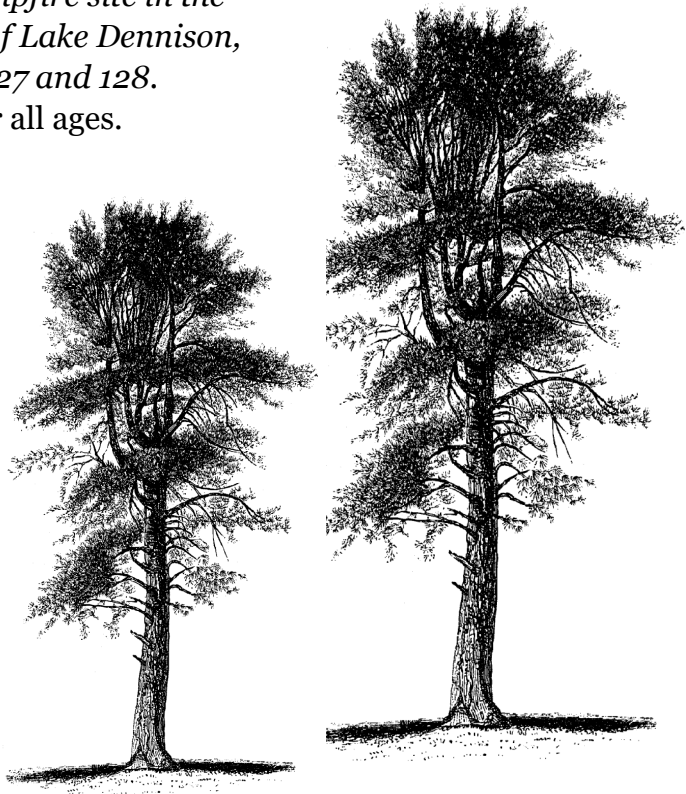
Meet at the Otter River Nature Center. Appropriate for all ages.

SUPER SENSES HIKE  Come join us on a hike where we will explore our 5 senses. See how our senses relate to the animals that call the woods home.

Meet at the Otter River Nature Center. Suitable for ages 8 & up. Approximately one mile over easy terrain.


WELCOME CAMPFIRE  Join us for a welcome campfire. Meet some of your fellow campers as we tell stories, and sing songs. We provide the fire, bring your s'mores supplies!





Meet at the campfire site in the North section of Lake Dennison, between sites 127 and 128. Appropriate for all ages.



Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. **An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15.** Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.

 ADA/Reasonable Accommodations
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-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Designed for kids
-  Fun for the whole family
-  Hiking

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