

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District

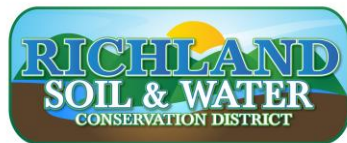
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Attend a Nature Park Program and Listen to Live Music at the Richland County Fair

Mansfield, OH – In addition to the rides, barns and eating your favorite Fair food, make sure you check out what's happening at the Nature Park during the Richland County Fair, August 8 to 14. At the Nature Park you can relax on seating shaded by large trees and surrounded by beautiful native plant gardens, enjoy natural resource and environmental programs, and listen to live music. Programs and entertainment at the Nature Park are free with your paid admission to the Fair. Don't forget to stop by the exhibit area, located behind the Nature Park Stage. in the building. The Nature Park is across from the "Big Red Barn."

Stop in the Nature Park exhibit space Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for kids activities, contests and to learn more about conservation, recycling and animals native to Richland County.

Richland Soil and Water Conservation District – kids will have fun making farm animal-themed headbands. Enter the Only Rain Down the Drain contest sponsored by Meijer for a chance to win prizes. Learn more about cover crops, H2Ohio and Only Rain Down the Drain at the exhibits.

City of Mansfield Engineering Department – pick up educational materials on storm water, trees, volunteer opportunities, recycling, litter prevention and enter into a drawing to win a prize for answering questions found in the educational materials or in the display. A limited number of giveaways made from recycled materials will also be available.

Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority – activity sheets and recycling challenges for kids, brochures, flyers and giveaways

Richland County Park District – Touch and hold snakes, turtles and amphibians, all of which are native to Ohio. Look at posters, ODRN wildlife guides and examples of many natural history items from around the county.

Richland Area Beekeepers Association – learn about beekeeping

Master Gardener Volunteers – pick up a greenhouse bag kits, learn how to make newspaper pots, have your gardening questions answered and get information about Master Gardener classes.

Here is the complete listing of Nature Park stage events:

Sunday, August 8

7:00 p.m. "Mercy and Grace" and "Justified" – gospel music

Monday, August 9

3:00 p.m. "Life in the Soil and How Everything is Connected," Eric Larson, Master Gardener,

4:00 p.m. "Malabar Farm-One of Richland County's Hidden Gems", Mark Sommer, Park Naturalist

7:00 p.m. "Mid-Ohio Community Band"

Tuesday, August 10

3:00 p.m. "Cover Crops-What They are and Their Benefits, Matt Wallace, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District

4:00 p.m. "Lessons from the Lorax," Kristin Yoshioka, Richland County Solid Waste Management Authority

7:00 p.m. "Nickel Plate" – bluegrass

Wednesday, August 11

3:00 p.m. "Turtles of Richland County," Jason Larson, Richland County Park District

4:00 p.m. "Meet Nathan and his Black Labrador Retriever, May," ODRN Div of Wildlife K-9 Unit

7:00 p.m. "Semer & Kastran" – live music

Kids from 8 to 17 are invited to join a scavenger hunt at the Nature Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a chance to win great prizes. Entries will be put into a drawing for three different prizes drawn at 12 noon, 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt rules will be on the back of the entry forms.

Thursday, August 12

7:30 a.m. "What is H2Ohio – the Benefits and How to Apply", Jordan Keller and Evan Stern, Richland Soil and Water Conservation District

3:00 p.m. "Basic Beekeeping," Richland Area Beekeepers Association

4:00 p.m. "When it Rains, it Drains-the Dirt of Water Pollution," Learn about stormwater and how can be part of the solution, Kim Hildreth, Project Planner, City of Mansfield Engineering Department

7:00 p.m. "Oolong Gurus" – Americana-style music

Friday, August 13

12:00 noon "Caterpillar Program," Vickie Eichof, Master Gardener

3:00 p.m. "Snakes of Richland County," Jason Larson, Richland County Park District

4:00 p.m. "Landscaping with Native Plants," Bill Flanagan, Richland County Master Gardener
7:00 p.m. "Marsh Run" – classic rock

Saturday, August 14

7:00 p.m. "Sobos" from the Wooster Area-'70s & '80s vocal rock music

Enjoy the Fair!

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