

Bernheim Forest full of activities in April

CLERMONT — April at Bernheim Forest and Arboretum brings a full slate of programs celebrating the season's return. Visitors can explore wildflowers, join guided hikes and workshops, and experience hands-on nature discovery across the forest. From Earth Day celebrations to creative art-making and backcountry adventures, offerings span all ages and interests. Led by Volunteer Naturalists and community partners, April highlights the curiosity, energy, and renewal of spring at Bernheim.

Featured Event: RESTORE: Healthy Planet, Healthy Us
When: Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Details: Celebrate Earth Day with hands-on activities, science demos, nature exploration, and community partners inspiring sustainable living and a healthier planet for all ages.

Cost: Free event; \$15 suggested admission for non-members
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/restore-healthy-planet-healthy-us/>

GUIDED WALKS AND EXPLORATION

Spring Wildflower Strolls

Details: Join Bernheim Volunteer Naturalists for weekend wildflower walks and discover what's emerging across the forest floor each week.

The Business of Blooming — Saturday, April 11

URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/spring-wildflower-stroll-the-business-of-blooming/>

Mid-season Woodland

Beauties — Sunday, April 12
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/spring-wildflower-stroll-early-to-mid-season-woodland-beauties/>
Cost: \$15 for Bernheim members and \$20 for non-members.

Backcountry Discovery Hike & Tour
When: Sunday, April 12, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Details: Backcountry hike and van tour with Volunteer Naturalists. Explore hidden areas, including Wilson Creek and a 2-mile loop. Moderate hikes total ~3 miles; bring water, lunch, and sturdy shoes.

Cost: \$20 for Bernheim members and \$25 for non-members.
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/backcountry-discovery-hike-tour/>

Bernheim Fire Tower Tour & Hike
When: Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Details: Visit Bernheim's Historic Fire Tower with Volunteer Naturalists, then enjoy an easy spring hike to spot wildflowers, migrating birds, and signs of wildlife.

Cost: \$15 for Bernheim members and \$20 for non-members.
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/guided-fire-tower-tour-hike/>

Birding for Beginners
When: Sunday, April 19, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Details: New to birding? This introductory hike covers binocular basics, bird identification tips, and field etiquette during a relaxed morning walk led by experienced Volunteer Naturalists.

Cost: \$15 for Bernheim members and \$20 for non-members.
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/>

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Kids and Family Programs
Spring Break Discovery Days

When: Monday, April 6 — Friday, April 10, 12:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. daily

Details: Join Volunteer Naturalists for Spring Break Nature Discovery, April 6 to 10. Enjoy hands-on activities, simple crafts, and short trail explorations near the Visitor Center.

Cost: Free program; \$15 suggested admission for non-members
URL: <https://bernheim.org/series/spring-break-nature-discovery-days/>

Free Play Saturday
When: Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Details: Enjoy a day of child-led play at Playcosystem. Kids explore, create, and imagine with loose parts, while caregivers learn about the benefits of free play in nature.

Cost: Free program; \$15 suggested admission for non-members
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/free-play-saturday/2026-04-11/>

Forest Homeschool Hike
When: Thursday, April 23, 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

Details: Designed for families with K-5 students and homeschool co-ops, these guided programs pair a short, hands-on lesson with a forest hike that brings seasonal topics to life.

Cost: \$4 for Bernheim members and \$6 for non-members.
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/forest-homeschool-hike-10/>

ARTS IN NATURE WORKSHOPS AND TOURS

Nature (+)

Bookmaking from Scratch
When: Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.

— 12 p.m.
Details: Join artist Christina Clifford for a two-part workshop creating handmade paper journals, from pulp to stitched sketchbook, inspired by nature.

Cost: \$90 for Bernheim members and \$110 for non-members
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/nature-bookmaking-from-scratch/2026-04-04/>

Arts in Nature Tour: ACRE
When: Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Details: Join Arts in Nature Curator Jenny Zeller for a guided walk through ACRE by Anne Peabody, a living installation of 81 Merlot Redbud trees honoring Bernheim's history and forest renewal.

Cost: \$15 for Bernheim members and \$20 for non-members
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/arts-in-nature-tour-acre/>

Creatures of the Night: Froggy Night Adventures
When: Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Details: From throaty croaks to bright, trilling calls, our amphibian neighbors turn wetlands and woodland edges into a full chorus after dark. Tune in to their world. Learn to tell species apart by sound, spot them along the water's edge, and discover why these small, slippery creatures play such an outsized role in the ecosystem.

Cost: \$15 for Bernheim members and \$20 for non-members.

URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/creatures-of-the-night-froggy-night-adventure-2/>

Apollo: Hope & Peace
When: Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.

Details: Relive the Moon landing with NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Dan Price and explore future lunar missions. Includes a laser-guided night sky tour, telescope viewing, and insights from Volunteer Naturalists.

Cost: \$15 for Bernheim members and \$20 for non-members.
URL: <https://bernheim.org/event/apollo-hope-peace/>

For more information, registration, and a complete list of upcoming events, visit [Bernheim.org/events](https://bernheim.org/events) or call (502) 215-7155. No pets allowed.

ABOUT BERNHEIM FOREST AND ARBORETUM

Bernheim's mission is connecting people with nature. At over 16,000 acres, Bernheim is the largest privately held contiguous forest block in the eastern United States dedicated to conservation and education. Bourbon maker Isaac Wolfe Bernheim established the Arboretum and forest in 1929 as a gift to the people of Kentucky. Explore fun, educational programs, diverse tree collections, a renowned art collection, 40 miles of hiking trails, and varied landscapes hosting over 229 bird species. Suggested admission is \$15 per vehicle for non-members. For more information about Bernheim, visit <https://bernheim.org/>. Follow us on Facebook,

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lifelong regret."

Officials from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety and the Kentucky State Police (KSP) joined forces to support the enforcement campaign spearheaded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

To encourage safe driving behaviors early in life, teens are encouraged to participate in this year's Kentucky Safe

Teen Driving Challenge. Teens aged 15 -19 with a learner's permit or driver's license can register through April 16. Using a smartphone app, participants' driving behaviors will be evaluated on five core safe habits, see real-time insights to help adapt driving behaviors, and compete to be named as Kentucky's safest teen driver. A total of \$10,000 in cash prizes, sponsored by Intoximeters, AAA East Central and AAA Blue Grass, will be awarded to the top five scorers. The teen with the highest overall score will win \$3,000 and

their school will be recognized.

"Teen drivers are some of our most vulnerable on the road due to their inexperience," said Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Executive Director Ryan Fisher. "We are committed to keeping them safe and reminding all drivers that no text or phone call is worth a life. Stay focused and stay safe."

There are three types of distraction when behind the wheel: visual, manual and cognitive. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, any one

of these can be dangerous on its own. Using a phone while driving is especially risky because it combines all three.

In Kentucky, drivers under 18 are prohibited from using a personal communication device while the vehicle is in motion, except in emergencies to contact law enforcement or medical services (KRS 189.294).

"Distracted driving

is one of the dangers on our roadways that is completely preventable," KSP Public Affairs Branch Commander Sgt. Sudduth said. "Whether it's a cellphone, adjusting the radio, or anything else that takes your attention away from driving, those few seconds can change lives forever. The Kentucky State Police is committed to protecting the people of

this commonwealth, and that includes encouraging drivers to stay focused and make safety their top priority every time they get behind the wheel."

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Pioneer Village Community Yard Sale & Spring Clean Up Day

Pioneer Village Community Yard Sale
Any Resident in the City of Pioneer Village
Can Participate Without a Permit on
Saturday April 18, 2026 from 8am-4pm

Pioneer Village Spring Clean Up Day
4700 Summitt Drive Louisville, KY 40229
Saturday April 25, 2026 from 8am-12pm
Residents of Pioneer Village Only -- ID's will be required.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED:
Batteries – Tires – Paint – Hazardous Materials
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