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Our trails are open from dawn to dusk every day.

The Nature Center is located six miles south of the University of Mount Union on Daniel Street, just off Route 183

Contact us at (330) 823-7487 or naturecenter@mountunion.edu
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Friday, April 19
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*Sounds of Spring
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Dr. Spiro Mavroidis (assistant professor of biology, University of Mount Union) will be conducting evening hikes to listen and identify breeding anurans (frogs and toads). Multiple species breed during the spring in northeast Ohio. Each species has its own unique call. Come join Dr. Mavroidis for an early evening hike around the multiple Nature Center walking paths and enjoy the sounds of spring while learning to identify various frog species. April 9 and 16. Sessions start at 8 p.m. and will last 60 – 90 minutes. *Registration is required and space is limited. Registration will end on April 5.

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**Bird Count Held**

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The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are.

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Second Quarter Workshop Schedule
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Sunday, June 2  Acoustic Jam  2 p.m.
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Monday, June 10  *Puddle Jumpers  10–11 a.m.
Friday, June 13  *Woods Walkers  10–11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, June 19  *Kids in the Garden: Gifts from Honeybees  9 a.m. – Noon
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General Information
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Attention Educators!
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Please contact Natalie Kee at 330-829-8161 or keenm@mountunion.edu for more information.

Leave No Child Inside
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