

## Outdoor and On-line Resources in Central Ohio

Looking for ideas to educate and entertain your children at home, outdoors and on-line? Here is a list of resources you can explore:

| Source                                         | Resource                          | Description                                                                                                         | Location                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Alley Park                                     | Nature Tales                      | Plant and animal You Tube videos                                                                                    | <a href="#">Alley Park</a>                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Columbus & Franklin County Metro Parks         | Trails and Resources              | Trails to Hike & Scavenger Hunts for Exploring the different parks                                                  | <a href="https://www.metroparks.net/blog/expl-ore-your-metro-parks/">https://www.metroparks.net/blog/expl-ore-your-metro-parks/</a>                                                                          |
| COSI                                           | COSI Connects                     | Educational videos, engaging at-home learning activities, virtual gallery tours, citizen science projects and more! | <a href="https://cosi.org/cosiconnects">https://cosi.org/cosiconnects</a>                                                                                                                                    |
| EECO: Environmental Education Council of Ohio  | Creer Chats                       | Interviews and virtual field trips with a professionals in a variety of environmental related careers               | <a href="#">Environmental Education Council of Ohio - Students: STEM Careers</a>                                                                                                                             |
| FLOW: Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed | Landowner Resources               | Tips and Advice for rain gardens, rain barrels, recycling, composting and more to protect our water quality         | <a href="https://www.olentangywatershed.org/?page_id=938">https://www.olentangywatershed.org/?page_id=938</a>                                                                                                |
|                                                | FLOW Activity book                | Downloadable Watershed activity booklet with a water quality theme                                                  | <a href="https://www.olentangywatershed.org/?page_id=10607">https://www.olentangywatershed.org/?page_id=10607</a>                                                                                            |
| Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District  | Roots Activity Pages              | Environmental lessons and coloring pages for teachers, students and families                                        | <a href="https://www.franklinswcd.org/roots">https://www.franklinswcd.org/roots</a>                                                                                                                          |
|                                                | Environmental video presentations | Engaging environmental programs offered through YouTube –                                                           | <a href="#">FSWCD Soil Tunnel - YouTube</a><br><a href="#">Soil Erosion Simulator - YouTube</a><br><a href="#">Enviroscape Watershed Model</a><br><a href="#">Searching for Macroinvertebrates - YouTube</a> |



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| Ohio EPA, Office of Environmental Education – Project WET     | Home & Distance Learning Resources | Activities, lessons and additional resources for parents and teachers                                        | <a href="https://www.projectwet.org/distancelearning">https://www.projectwet.org/distancelearning</a>                                                                                                                     |
|                                                               | Discover Water Site                | On-line activities for students to explore                                                                   | <a href="https://www.discoverwater.org/">https://www.discoverwater.org/</a>                                                                                                                                               |
| ODNR: Ohio Department of Natural Resources                    | Environmental Education Resources  | Environmental Education Resource page providing link to all of ODNR's educational resources                  | <a href="https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education">https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education</a> |
|                                                               |                                    | Live video webinars and recordings on a variety of wildlife related topics.                                  | <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/TheOhioDNR/videos">https://www.youtube.com/user/TheOhioDNR/videos</a>                                                                                                               |
| ODNR: Division of Forestry Project Learning Tree-Ohio         | Environment Related Resources      | Activities, lessons, guides, E-Units, and online resources                                                   | <a href="https://www.plt.org/">https://www.plt.org/</a>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ODNR: Division of Geological Survey                           | Ohio Rocks!                        | Educational Resources from ODNR's Division of Geological Survey. Earth Science Week is coming up in October! | <a href="#">Educational Resources   Ohio Department of Natural Resources</a>                                                                                                                                              |
| ODNR: Division of Natural Areas and Preserves - Scenic Rivers | Scenic Rivers Activity book        | Explore the hidden world of water bugs with coloring sheets, puzzles and fun facts                           | <a href="#">Scenic Rivers Activity Book   Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ohiodnr.gov)</a>                                                                                                                          |
|                                                               | How to find a stream bug video     | Video description of how to find the stream bugs in the activity book                                        | <a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MOXFEk1VA5M">https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MOXFEk1VA5M</a>                                                                                                                         |



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| ODNR-Division of Wildlife                      | All Things Wildlife!        | Wildlife related resources, materials and guides                                                                                     | <a href="https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education/wildlife-educator-documents">https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/education-training/environmental-education/wildlife-educator-documents</a> |
|                                                | Chat with a Biologist       | Live virtual presentations to your class by a wildlife specialist on a variety of wildlife related topics                            | <a href="#">Chat+with+Biologist_Flyer_sml.pdf</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PAST Foundation                                | STEMStreaming               | Resources for educators and parents/guardians and includes STEM Activities at Home, Webinars for Educators and Podcasts for Everyone | <a href="#">STEMStreaming</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District  | Digital Education Resources | An organized listing of on-line resources including activities, lessons, videos, books, and more                                     | <a href="http://www.pickawayswcd.org/digital-education-resources.html">http://www.pickawayswcd.org/digital-education-resources.html</a>                                                                                                                                           |
| SWACO<br>Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio | At Home Activities          | Waste diversion learning is fun and can be done easily at home with items you already have on hand                                   | <a href="#">At Home Activities</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                | Virtual Landfill Tour       | A virtual field trip of the daily operations at the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill                                                | <a href="https://www.swaco.org/203/Landfill-Tour">https://www.swaco.org/203/Landfill-Tour</a>                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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