



# January 2025



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**Fernald Preserve Visitors Center**  
7400 Willey Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

## Month-at-a-Glance

### Cold War Technology Self Guided Hike

January 1 – 31

The Feed Materials Production Center at Fernald was at the forefront of uranium metals processing in the site's Pilot Plant. This innovation, however, was not limited to Fernald. During the Cold War, the nation needed an entrepreneurial spirit to come out on top in the event of a war with the Soviet Union. Walk along our Weapons-to-Wetland Trail (0.25 mile paved trail) to see what inventions we still interact with today that spawned from a certain demand during the Cold War.

### Cincinnati Astronomical Society: Exoplanets

Friday, January 10 • 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Join Cincinnati Astronomical society as we explore the topic of Exoplanets! How long have we known about these extrasolar bodies and what information might we be able to glean from them! If weather permits, feel free to stick around after the presentation to look through the telescopes.

### Sunday Morning Sparrow Banding

Sunday, January 12, and 19 • 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Have you noticed all the sparrows around the visitors center in the winter? Come learn a little bit about these migratory marvels as we try and catch a few! Feel free to stop in anytime during the program and come inside the visitor center to warm up between net checks.

### Monthly Bird Walk: North Woods

Saturday, January 25 • 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Join us on a new series of bird walks around the preserve, this month we will be exploring the north woods of the hickory trail, Red-headed woodpeckers and Fox sparrows are regulars in this area in the winter and purple finches are found occasionally as well! This 3-mile hike on flat, but unpaved trails is a great experience year round!

### Short-Eared Owl Walk

Saturday, January 11, 18, and 25 • 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Everyone's favorite wintertime visitor should be back and prowling the prairies of Fernald at sunset! Come join us on a 1 mile walk in the former production area as we look for the Short-eared Owls. We recommend wearing sturdy shoes for this as the trails are unpaved and sometimes uneven.