



In the Glen

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE
GLEN HELEN ASSOCIATION

FALL 2025



COVER: Education at Glen Helen Raptor Center

Photo by Kathleen Galarza



From the Director

In the early morning of June 8, 2025, a microburst dropped as much as three inches of rain on the Glen Helen watershed. This caused a flash flood—water that rose quickly, and also subsided quickly. And, oh, what a mess the rapidly rising flood waters caused. Trees fell. The family of beavers, who ordinarily are deftly suited to be in the water, needed to evacuate their Yellow Springs Creek lodge, and the flood claimed the life of at least one young beaver. Our boardwalks around the beaver pond were lifted up and torqued. The beaver dam itself was breached, which meant that after the flood waters receded, the water level in their pond dropped. We were not hit nearly as hard as other regions—such as the recent devastating flash floods in Texas, New York, and Maryland, but we were worried that it might take months to repair the damaged boardwalks and reopen trails, and we weren't sure what would become of the beavers and the habitat that they have cultivated in the Yellow Springs Creek valley.

So, this is, in part, a story of ecological vulnerability. As Outreach Manager Holly Pohlman notes in further detail in her story on page 11, this is a predictable outcome from the one-two punch of climate instability, coupled with land-use changes that make it so that rainwater enters streams much faster than it once did.

But, this is also a story of resilience, for everything that happened after the flood.

As news broke, we were humbled by an incredible outpouring of public support. Contributions and offers

of volunteer support flooded in, and this was a much more welcome flood! This support made it possible to open the access road to the Outdoor Education Center within hours, to reopen most of our trails within days, and to repair most boardwalks within two weeks. The most heavily damaged stretch of boardwalk, shown here during the flood, needed to be fully rebuilt. Our trail crew has completed that as well, so I'm delighted to note that all boardwalks and trails are now reopened.



For their part, the beavers decided to stay. They got to work repairing the dam, which in turn refilled their pond. Because of their work, jewel weed has taken root on the dam itself. The jewel weed flowers, over the course of the fall, will serve as an important food source for migrating Ruby-throated hummingbirds. Just one potent example of interconnections in nature, and one reason that beavers are considered a keystone species.

Likewise, even though it was temporarily damaged by the flash flood, the beaver dam did its job, serving as a natural surge protector to slow the flow of water as it made its way further downstream. Thus, even though we saw damage to the Inman Trail boardwalks, that damage was contained, and not replicated downstream.

This was the most significant flood the Glen has seen in over a decade. We know it won't be the last, and we hope to continue to grow our resilience while we work for changes that reduce our vulnerability.

Nick Boutis
Executive Director, Glen Helen Association

In the Glen Contributors

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Glen Helen Nature Preserve

Trails are open daily, sunrise to sunset. All wildlife, vegetation, and natural features are protected. For general information: 937-769-1902

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Thurs-Sun, 10am-4pm

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Overnight environmental education center for school groups and summer Ecocamps. 1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs, 937-767-7648

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Raptor education and rehabilitation center. Visitors are welcome to visit the center and see the resident birds. Summer Hours 9am-7pm. 1075 State Route 343, Yellow Springs, 937-767-6656

Mission

The mission of the Glen Helen Association is to steward and strengthen Glen Helen nature preserve for present and future generations, safeguard the ecological, historical, and geological resources within its bounds, and utilize the preserve to offer life-shaping environmental learning to our students and visitors.

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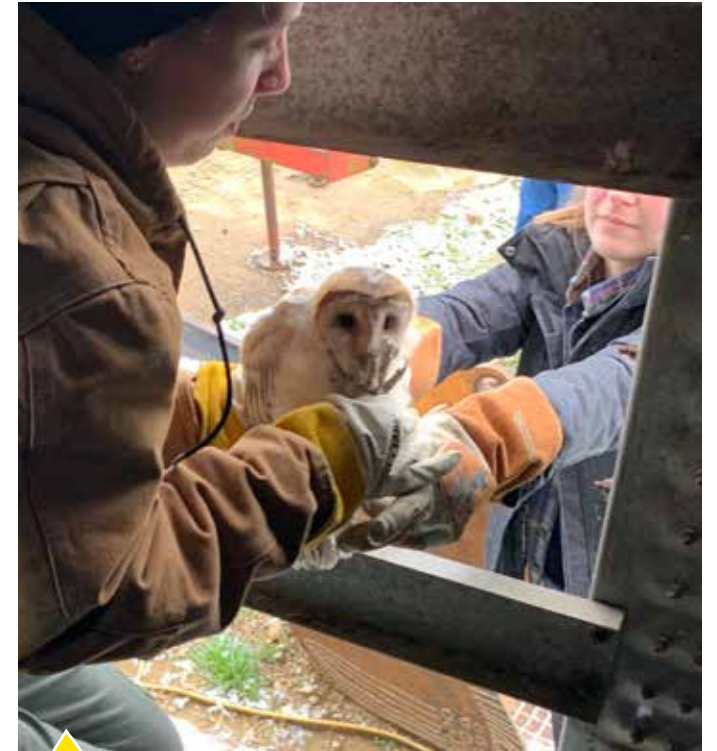
— See and Experience —

Education Opportunities at the Raptor Center

Twice a year, staff at the Glen Helen Raptor Center sift through cover letters from hopeful applicants wanting to join the internship program to learn the myriad of skills required to be a wildlife rehabilitator and educator. During this process we evaluate their prior experience, future goals, and educational background in conjunction with their passion, drive, and sense of adventure in hopes to find someone who will both benefit the Raptor Center, and also, grow and learn during their internship towards a future career. Many times during the interviews, candidates seem to have a strong preference for either the rehabilitation or the education work, but here at the Glen Helen Raptor Center we find that the balance of both rehab and education to be the best combination for the raptors themselves. Without education, all we can do is hope to care for the birds that are lucky enough to be found and brought to the center, but through education we can hopefully prevent other birds from needing our help in the first place.

“Many of these interns have gone on to work at rehabilitation centers, zoos, or other wildlife conservation centers due to this hands-on training.”

Education at the Raptor Center happens in a variety of ways. Our 27 raptor ambassadors live in outdoor enclosures that are viewable to the public during daily open hours 365 days a year. Visitors can walk along our accessible sidewalk and read the signage about owls and their camouflage, falcons and their streamlined profiles or vultures and their benefits to humans. For a more interactive experience, visitors can come on the weekends from 11am - 2pm. During this time, docents are available to introduce interested individuals to our avian coworkers and provide up close opportunities to learn about birds in an unforgettable setting. The opportunity to see a hawk fly across the yard to its food or watch an owl blend seamlessly into the bark of a nearby tree creates an educational moment unlike any that can be gained from books, television or far away zoo exhibits.



Former intern Sydney Matda reuniting with young barn owl to its nest after receiving a thorough medical exam.

In addition to providing educational opportunities to public visitors, the Raptor Center has developed an extensive curriculum of lessons for educators looking to supplement their own lesson planning. Paired with just the right birds, we have programs to fit the youngest kindergarten learners all the way to thought-provoking ethics discussions appropriate for college classrooms. The combination of live animals and tailored educational outcomes results in a truly unforgettable class experience. Additionally, teachers have the opportunity to bring their classes to the Raptor Center and extend their lesson to include a hike through the 1000+ acre preserve. These human-animal interactions we provide have been the subject of study regarding the benefits of having animals in education settings. Incorporating live animals into teaching either as classroom pets or through visiting programs and field trips has been suggested to increase feelings of empathy, inquiry and responsibility in students. For example, see



Current intern Jess Scaff at an educational program with Valkyrie, a red-tailed hawk.

"How animals help students learn: Research and practice for educators and mental-health professionals," edited by Gee, Griffin, and McCardle, 2017.

Although teaching the visiting public, inspiring classrooms of middle-schoolers, and even sharing stories during a program in a nursing home facility are incredibly important to fulfilling the educational and conservation goals of the Raptor Center, perhaps my favorite educational opportunity that the Raptor Center offers brings us back to the beginning of this article. The intern training program might be my favorite and also the most challenging educational opportunity that we offer at the Raptor Center. Every year two to four individuals participate in a six-to twelve-month intensive training program to get hands-on experience in all aspects of the Raptor Center from rehabilitation to education to animal training and beyond. Although someone wanting to pursue a career in wildlife education and rehabilitation can generally earn a degree in education, experience teaching with a live animal coworker is a unique skillset that needs to be developed through direct mentorship and practice. The subtleties of engaging a classroom while attending to the comfort and safety of your ambassador, and ensuring the comfort of each student, and mitigating their unique levels of fear all while delivering accurate educational material is no small feat. Add to that the ability to leave the classroom with a clean and intact carpet and you have mastered the art of teaching with a wild costar.

Interns have the opportunity to not only watch but participate and lead many programs of varied topics and audiences as well as develop their own individual teaching voice rather than simply deliver a pre-scripted stage speech.

On the medical side, very few colleges offer any sort of program in wildlife rehabilitation or care. Even through vet school, it is not until the residency program that there is any chance of learning about wildlife over domestic dogs, cats and horses. Most wildlife rehabilitation is taught through intern mentorship, organizationally offered classes and workshops, and good old fashioned networking. As I am often fond of saying, wildlife rehabilitation is the wild west of veterinary medicine. Through the internship program, individuals receive an opportunity to learn first-hand skills that they may not have a chance to learn through any other means. Since the beginning of the Raptor Center in 1970 over 100 interns have been given specialized training in the medical care of injured, sick and orphaned raptors and wildlife. Many of these interns have gone on to work at rehabilitation centers, zoos, or other wildlife conservation centers due to this hands-on training. At the end of their internship training program, they may not know what their next step is, but I hope that the time they spent at the Raptor Center was life shaping and I feel so grateful that they entrusted that time to us.




Current intern Danelly Cartagena at an educational booth with Odin, an educational American kestrel.


 Rebecca Jaramillo, Director, Glen Helen Raptor Center

Rent The Glen

Did you know that Glen Helen has many unique rental facilities for hosting a variety of functions such as weddings, graduation parties, reunions, celebrations of life and business retreats?




Vernet Ecological Center
 With its spacious auditorium and beautiful natural stone patio, Vernet Ecological Center is the perfect space for weddings, receptions, celebrations of life, dances, and business meetings.


Camp Greene
 The 200-person capacity lodge and outdoor spaces make Camp Greene the ideal private location for weddings, receptions, family reunions, business retreats, and celebrations of life.


Birch Manor
 Birch Manor's historic home and surrounding lawns are a welcoming setting for weddings, receptions, and business retreats.


Outdoor Education Center Lodge
 The cafeteria-style dining room, lobby area with fireplace, and outdoor areas make the Outdoor Education Center Lodge a great place for day retreats, birthday & anniversary celebrations, and family reunions.

Please visit glenhelen.org/rentals for photos and information. For rates, questions, or to schedule a tour, contact rentals@glenhelenassociation.org or 937-769-1902 x1101.



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SEPTEMBER OCT NOV 2025 Glen Helen Program Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 4** Golden Walkers Club
9:00-10:00am
- 11** Gather Thursdays for a slow-paced ½ mile wooded, moderate trail walk. Gearing toward older adults, but all ages and abilities are welcome. Meet outside the Vernet Ecological Center at the north end of the parking lot: 405 Corry St, Yellow Springs. Free program and free parking for program participants. Registration suggested, walk-ins welcome. Weather permitting. Registered participants will be notified of cancellations. Co-sponsored by the Yellow Springs Senior Center. For registration, through the Yellow Springs Senior Center, visit MyActiveCenter.com. Questions to Maggie Dean at info@ysseniors.org, 937-767-5751.



6 Harvest Full Moon Hike
8:00-10:00pm

Experience the beauty of the Glen under a full moon! Join volunteer naturalist Brendan Baumann for a 3-mile hike to the Pine Forest and nearby School Forest—Ohio's oldest educational forest. Moderately strenuous hike. We recommend bringing a small or red flashlight. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

7 Saving Seeds, Saving Stories
1:00-2:30pm

Learn how to save seeds from native and cultivated plants while exploring the cultural and ecological significance of this age-old tradition. Program led by Beth Brooks & Holly Pohlman. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

14 Who Cooks for You
4:00-8:00pm

Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating nature, food, and community at Glen Helen's signature fundraising event. Guests will enjoy a gourmet, locally-sourced dinner prepared by chef-owned chefs, paired with local beer and wine, and served in a stunning outdoor setting beneath the stars. The evening includes live music, a nature-inspired silent auction, and opportunities to meet our animal ambassadors. Proceeds support the work of the Glen Helen Raptor Center. \$225/ ticket. Advance ticket purchase required via glenhelen.org.

19 Eco-Game Nite
6:00-9:00pm

Join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Jake Haney, for an evening of fun, environmentally-themed board games trails and more. Feel free to bring your favorite game to share. No experience necessary, all ages. Registration suggested; walk-ins welcome. Program free. Parking \$10, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

20 Fall Migration Birding
8:00-10:00am

Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis for a two-hour walk in search of southbound migratory birds. \$5, members free. Registration required at glenhelen.org. Grinnell Mill, 3536 Bryan Park Rd.

21 Nature Journaling
1:30-3:30pm

Join retired teacher and nature journaling enthusiast, Anne Griffith, for some guided, creative time in the Glen. Bring drawing supplies: colored pencils and blank paper or your favorite sketchbook and drawing materials. Ages 12 and up are welcome. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

27 The Path Less Traveled: Little Miami River Trail, South Glen
1:30-3:30pm

Join volunteer Michelle Stroh and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Cheryl Meyer, for this easy 1-mile hike along a lovely stretch of the National Scenic Little Miami River in the South Glen. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5, members free. Meet at the Covered Bridge Parking Area on Grinnell Rd.

28 Raptor Photo Program
10:00-11:30am

Join us for an opportunity to capture stunning pictures of hawks, owls, and falcons in natural settings while learning about their natural history, behaviors and importance for maintaining healthy ecosystems. The raptor photography program offers a unique blend of education, adventure, and close-up experience. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$50/ticket, \$40 for members. Only 12 tickets will be sold! Park at our Cascades Lot for this Raptor Center program: 1075 State Route 343. Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 5.

OCTOBER

9 Golden Walkers Club
9:00-10:00am

See September 4 for full description of this slow-paced ½ mile moderate trail walk.

16 Fall Migration Birding
8:00-10:00am

Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis for a two-hour walk in search of southbound migratory birds. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Cascades Parking Lot, 1075 State Route 343.

4 Fall Family Photos in the Glen
10:00am-2:00pm

Capture the colors of the season with a professional family photo in the heart of Glen Helen. Each session includes a brief, natural-light photo shoot with a Glen photographer and access to digital images for download. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$30 per family. Free parking for registrants. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St. Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 5.

4 Hunter's Full Moon, Haunted Hike
8:00-9:30pm

A moderate 1-mile hike. Join volunteer naturalist Pan Reich to search for ghosts along the Inman Trail and hear about the haunted history of the Glen. We recommend bringing a small or red flashlight. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

5 Fall Tree Hike
1:30-3:30pm

Enjoy the Glen's gorgeous trees on this tree themed, moderate hike with Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Amy Harper. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Meet at the Cascades Parking Lot: 1075 State Route 343.

11 Yellow Springs Street Fair
9:00am-5:00pm

Come visit our booth during the Fair! Downtown Yellow Springs.

17 Eco-Game Nite
6:00-9:00pm

See September 19 for full description of this monthly game night.

19 Glen Helen History Hike
1:30-3:30pm

Explore Glen Helen's history with a moderate one-mile hike on the Inman Trail led by naturalist Patrick Dwyer. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Meet at the Cascades Parking Lot: 1075 State Route 343.

25 Owl-ween at the Raptor Center
11:00am-2:00pm

Celebrate Owl-ween with the owls of the Raptor Center. No registration required. Suggested donation \$5/kid or bring something from our donation list as a treat for our birds. (see www.glenhelen.org/raptor-center-wish-lists) 'Whoow' will have the best costume? Come find out! Raptor Center, 1075 State Route 343.

25 The Path Less Traveled: Oak Triangle & Pottery Trail, North Glen
1:30-3:30pm

Join volunteer Michelle Stroh and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Cheryl Meyer, for this moderate 1.5 mile hike in the North Glen. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Meet at the Cascades Parking Lot: 1075 State Route 343.

NOVEMBER

1 Late Fall Birding
8:00-10:00am

Join Glen Helen director Nick Boutis for a two-hour walk in search of late fall migrants and resident birds. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Cascades Parking Lot, 1075 State Route 343.

1 Beaver Full Moon Movie Night: Hundreds of Beavers
5:00-7:00pm

Celebrate the full Beaver Moon with a screening of Hundreds of Beavers, a wildly inventive silent comedy. Optional: join us after the movie for a hike to our beaver pond under a full moon (additional registration required). Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$8 per ticket, \$4 for members. Free parking for registrants. Vernet Ecological Center, 405 Corry St.

1 Beaver Full Moon, Beaver Pond
7:00-8:30pm

Journey into the Glen for a moonlit walk on the Inman Trail with volunteer naturalist Brendan Baumann. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Trailside Museum, 505 Corry St.

8 The Path Less Traveled: Talus Trail
1:30-3:30pm

Join volunteer Michelle Stroh and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist, Cheryl Meyer, for this moderate 2-mile hike. Registration required at glenhelen.org. \$5 program + \$10 parking, members free. Meet at the Steps Parking Lot: 405 Corry St.

15 Raptor Photo Program: Raptor Center
10:00-11:30am

See September 28 for full description of this rare opportunity to photograph raptors up-close. Rain date: Nov 22.

21 Eco-Game Nite
6:00-9:00pm

See September 19 for full description of this monthly game night.

Group sizes are limited. Register early to ensure your participation. Many programs are discounted for Glen Helen members. Please visit glenhelen.org to learn more. Contact programs@glenhelenassociation.org for member discount code.



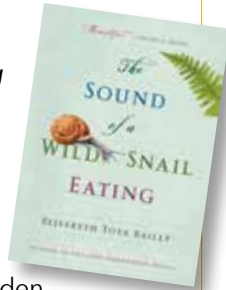
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Announcements

Winter Eco-Book Club Reads

Connect to the natural world with these short, moving reads for our upcoming winter Eco-book Clubs. Both are available as physical books, audiobooks or digital reads from your local library or favorite book store.

January Eco-book Club
The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating
 By Elisabeth Tova Bailey

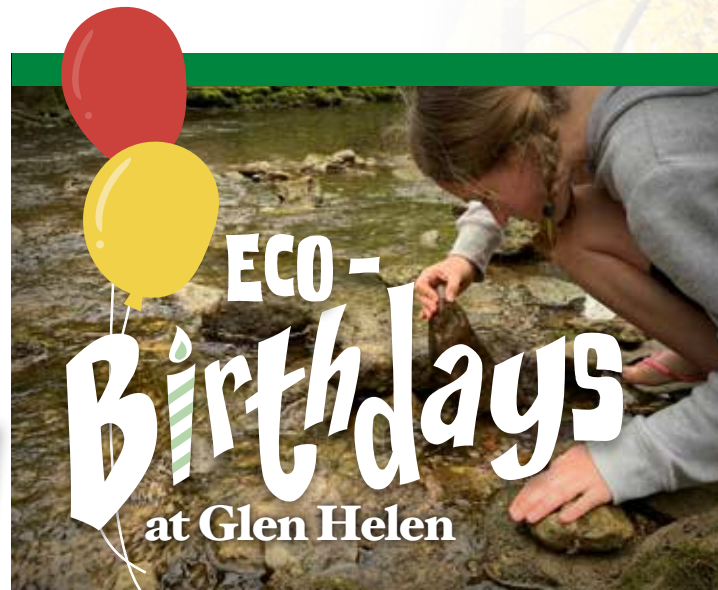


Written with a sense of wonder and place, amusement, and intrigue, this human-snail story is a quick and fascinating read worthy of discussion. After a sudden illness confines the author to bed, a friend strangely adds a wild snail to her bedside violet plant. The active snail's life unfolds before her eyes to reveal a hidden world of mystery, courtship rituals, clear decision making, and cryptic defenses.

February Eco-book Club
The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World
 By Robin Wall Kimmerer
 Author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*, *Gathering Moss*



"All flourishing is mutual", author Kimmerer begins *The Serviceberry*. She then leads readers through a poetic, joyful path to the native berry patch and the idea of a gift economy. Kimmerer tells us "the serviceberry shows us another model, one based on reciprocity, where wealth comes from the quality of your relationships, not from the illusions of self-sufficiency." A lighthearted read interwoven with themes of hope and generosity, defines gifts, whether a basket of juicy serviceberries or physical items, as a part of a moving, reciprocal economy able to bring joy and worthy of our attention.



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Outdoor activities!



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— Outdoor Education Center —

Cooling Down & Warming Up

Looking out into the Glen this time of year yields a view of the growing season drawing to a close. Plants are dying back, leaves are changing color and falling to the ground, and there is a general sense of the world getting ready to rest.

For those of us at Glen Helen's Outdoor Education Center, this backdrop of winding down is in opposition with the buzz of activity, the hum of enthusiasm, and the vibrations of excitement for the onset of a new year of Outdoor School.


This annual restart of the environmental education season is one of renewal and hope for the year to come. With it comes a fresh new batch of Naturalist Teacher Interns to train, brand new students to get to know and inspire, and a chance to improve upon classes, games, and teaching techniques from the year before.

The privilege of introducing students to the natural world is rewarding and challenging. The hard work of our Naturalist Teacher Interns during their training pays off in dividends when you can hear students asking questions, laughing, wondering, investigating, and discovering. They develop amazing and trusting relationships so quickly with visiting students. This enables quality educational experiences to happen. It's the backbone of the work that happens at the Outdoor Education Center.

Many schools return year after year to Outdoor School eager for a new batch of students to take part in the traditions and the STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) classes the Outdoor Education Center is known for. They value the life skills learned and the natural history the Glen has to offer that cannot be replicated in the classroom. Brand new schools arriving at Outdoor School are warmly welcomed and quickly immersed into the fun and learning with the Naturalist Teacher Interns and Outdoor Education Center staff.

"The hard work of our Naturalist Teacher Interns...it's the backbone of the work that happens at the Outdoor Education Center."

That sense of newness, the restart of the environmental education year, and the hope of great things to come are the hallmark of the fall season for the Outdoor Education Center. It's an exciting time for staff, interns, students and teachers alike. The trees of the Glen and many animals may be preparing for a long winter's sleep, but the Outdoor Education Center is just warming up.

 Robyn Wright, Outdoor Education Center Director
 Below photo by Emily Foubert.



— What the Land Is Telling Us —

Flooded Trails, Displaced Beavers & More

This summer season, Glen Helen has been reshaped by severe storms. Trails washed out, boardwalks buckled, beavers displaced, and trees toppled under the surge. The creek rose with a force we couldn't hold back.

Yes, the weather is changing. Storms are stronger, more frequent, and less predictable. But, the real story is how the land meets those storms. That's something we can influence.

Two hidden forces are quietly making floods worse: drainage tiles and soil degradation.

Drainage Tiles: The Hidden Highways Beneath Us

Beneath much of Ohio's farmland are perforated pipes designed to move water quickly off the land. Once hailed as a farming innovation, these systems bypass nature's filters. They:

- Send stormwater rushing into creeks instead of soaking into soil
- Prevent aquifers from recharging
- Carry pollutants straight to waterways

The result? Faster, dirtier floods that strain downstream ecosystems like the Glen.



Outreach Manager Holly Pohlman and Raptor Center Director Rebecca Jaramillo examine a flooded section of the boardwalk while searching for a displaced beaver kit.

Soil Degradation: The Erosion of Resilience

Healthy soil acts like a sponge. It stores carbon, slows runoff, and shelters life. But decades of tilling, chemical use, and pavement have left soil compacted and lifeless.

Without deep roots and organic matter, the land can't hold water. It cracks, washes away, and leaves us more vulnerable to every storm.

What You Can Do?

These floods aren't just one-off disasters, they are signals. If we listen, the land has both warning and wisdom to share.

Rethink your yard: Plant native species, reduce chemical use, and avoid tilling

Support smart land use: Advocate for green space, wetland protection, & reduced pavement

Learn and share: Explore regenerative farming, watershed education, and soil health

Support Glen Helen: Help us educate, restore, and protect this living sanctuary

To all who donated, reached out, and showed up to help, thank you. Your care, time, and action remind us that healing the land is possible when we do it together!

Holly Pohlman, Outreach Manager



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Notes from the Trail



Meet the new Outreach Manager, Holly Pohlman

From the moment I stepped into Glen Helen, it felt like I had found a place where all of my paths and passions could finally meet.

I'm Holly Pohlman, and I'm honored to introduce myself as the new Outreach Manager here at the Glen. In just a few weeks, I've jumped in with both boots and already feel deeply welcomed by this place and the people who love it. Whether I'm watching a trail ambassador greet hikers, helping volunteers settle into Trailside, or pausing under a sycamore to hear goldfinches call overhead, there's a rhythm here that feels both ancient and alive.

Like any good trail through the woods, mine has twisted, climbed, and doubled back. I once worked as a lumberjill in Gatlinburg, performed aboard cruise ships, and flew across the world as a flight attendant. Each chapter taught me something about wonder, connection, and what it means to care for a place or a person in a fleeting moment.

Now, I get to bring those stories and skills to Glen Helen. The Glen is a place that invites deep listening, reciprocal care, and joyful curiosity. In addition to my background in nonprofit programming and environmental education, I'm a regenerative farmer, a soil enthusiast, and a certified Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. I believe in the power of hands-in-the-dirt learning and creating programs that make space for community, creativity, and stewardship.

My work at Glen Helen focuses on building bridges between people and land, between volunteers and opportunities, between memory and future. I'm here to support public programs, volunteer coordination, and the many ways Glen Helen continues to serve as a beloved ecological sanctuary and living classroom.

I hope to meet you soon with muddy boots, curious hearts, and stories to share beneath the canopy, as we listen, learn, and grow together in the spirit of this place we all care so deeply about.



Junior Naturalist Camps

Learn skills to become an official Glen Helen Junior Naturalist!

Become an official Glen Helen Junior Naturalist! Each camp will have a different focus based on the season. Complete all three camps to get a certificate for completion of the Glen Helen Junior Naturalist Program! Each completed camp comes with a nature journal, exciting new skills and activities as well as a camp specific badge for your junior naturalist lanyard.

Learn skills to become an official Glen Helen Junior Naturalist!
\$220 per camp, scan the above QR code for more information.

November 24 - 26, 2025
The Great Glen Scavenger Hunt!
Search for clues through the trails of the Glen. Can you solve the clues and finish the scavenger hunt in time? Complete this camp to earn your fall junior naturalist badge. (ages 5-7, 8-11, 12-15)

December 29 - 31, 2025
Winter Wonders
Track animals through the snow, keep warm by the fire, and build a sturdy shelter all while exploring the Glen! Investigate how plants and animals adapt during the colder months. Complete this camp to earn your winter junior naturalist badge. (ages 8-15 ONLY)

March 23 - 25, 2026
Spring into Action
Explore the Glen as it enters spring and participate in a group project to better the Outdoor Education Center. Learn how to use the "go-to" tools in a naturalist's tool kit. Complete this camp to earn your spring junior naturalist badge. (ages 5-7, 8-11, 12-15)



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Resort Days

Going back to the late 1800s with this remarkable image from the days when the Glen was developed as a resort. Here, you see the east shore of the pond on the Yellow Springs Creek, with the boathouse and lots and lots of visitors lounging on the hillside. Are those

wool bathing suits?! The pond, of course, is no longer with us. The great Dayton flood of 1913 took out the stone dam that held back the water, and the area has returned to forest. 🍁