

Meeting Host Site Field Tour – Saturday April 2, 2022

From Upland Forest to Stream Restoration and Everything in Between. Jenn Grieser, Connie Hausman, Josh Philipps, and Dan Volk, Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland, Ohio.
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Field trip participants are responsible for their own transportation to the AB Williams Parking Lot at North Chagrin Reservation (10 min from Manakiki).

Participants will split into two groups to experience both segments.

AB Williams Woods: Visit this historic setting that contains mature beech maple and hemlock hardwood forest. Learn about 225+ year old Moses Cleveland Trees, AB Williams' historic records and modern comparison. And explore ways that Cleveland Metroparks is managing these aging forests in light of various pests, such as Elongate Hemlock Scale and Beech Leaf Disease. The walk for this portion of the fieldtrip is ~1 mile on flat, unpaved terrain.



Beecher's Brook / Foster's Run: After a brisk walk to the southern terminus of North Chagrin Reservation, observe a recently completed stream restoration project, which includes removal of a fish migration barrier and installation of habitat/grade control structures and a variety of bioengineering methods. As we return uphill, the group will pass by an aged stream daylighting project on Fosters Run and evaluate whether or not the project was successful. Further upstream (and uphill) we will explore an area slated for infrastructure removal and stream restoration funded through Ohio Department of Natural Resources H2Ohio program. Please note: While the majority of this walk will be on paved surface, roundtrip this hike will be 3 miles, including entirely uphill walk on the return. The uphill portion will be broken up by several stops along the way.

The final half hour of this fieldtrip will allow participants to explore interpretive exhibits and owl aviary at North Chagrin Nature Center and the ponds, wetlands and boardwalk that surround it. Amphibian breeding season should be in full swing and this area will provide ample opportunity for observation through sight and sound.

