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See the “Timberdoodle Flutter” and learn habitat tips at April 16 family event

On the evening of April 16, families will have the opportunity to hike Western Reserve Land Conservancy’s Cahlik Preserve in search for young forest wildlife species, including the American woodcock. Also known as Timberdoodles, these birds perform magnificent aerobatics and “sky dances” during their courtship displays.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at Western Reserve Land Conservancy’s Cahlik Preserve located at 9568 Penniman Rd in Orwell.

Before the hike, attendees will enjoy a short presentation describing recent management efforts to benefit the American woodcock and many other wildlife species. A short tour of managed sites will be led by biologists from the Wildlife Management Institute, Ruffed Grouse Society, Ohio Department of Natural Resources’ Division of Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. Along the way, wildlife enthusiasts and landowners will hear about opportunities and assistance programs to enhance forest and shrub habitat on their fields and forests. Local USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service staff members and wildlife biologists will share tips to attract a greater diversity of wildlife to your property.

To access the Cahlik Preserve, guests should follow signs from Penniman Road along the gravel driveway to the Cahlik cabin. Parking is available on site. Attendees should bring binoculars, warm clothes, and field footwear. Anyone in need of special accommodations should call ahead of time. This twilight flight is weather dependent.

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