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## Firefly Romantic Spectacular at Cincinnati Nature Center

Enjoy a summer-time firefly display in the fields at Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods during the last weeks of June. Join a naturalist-led evening hike when the peak firefly viewing occurs. The fields and treetops sparkle with light as firefly breeding season reaches its climax.

Visitors will learn about the natural history of these luminary insects and hike the trails to watch their show and attempt to lure them to you for a closer look. What fireflies are doing when they dart around emitting light?

Connie Brockman, Director of Education answers, "The male fireflies troll for females by flying around flashing a sequence unique to their species. A female, while staying perched in one spot, will flash the same sequence back to the male, luring him closer to mate. There are some species of females, however, that mimic the flash sequence of the male in question. Then when he flies up to her to mate, she eats him!"

If you would like to be notified to join this program, contingent on the weather conditions, email Amy Johnson at [ajohnson@cincynature.org](mailto:ajohnson@cincynature.org) and write FIREFLIES in the subject field. All ages are welcome. Admission is always free for members. Nonmembers pay daily admission. For more information, please visit [www.CincyNature.org](http://www.CincyNature.org) or call Amy Johnson at 513/831-1711x129. Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods is located at 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH 45150.

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