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Winter Weather Brings Added Beauty to Trails at Cincinnati Nature Center

While this week's winter weather made for an ugly commute, it brings added beauty to the more than 20 miles of hiking trails at Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods and Long Branch Farm & Trails.

Hikers who visit CNC can see winter's many signs of life in the aftermath of the snowfall. Tracks including those of deer and field mice are visible on the trails and across frozen ponds and lakes. Forest-dwelling animals of all kind are more visible in the bright white backdrop created by the snow.

Rare and beautiful birds native to the Cincinnati area flock to the feeders outside the windows at CNC's Rowe Visitors Center.

Chief Naturalist Bill Creasey says, "Birds at the feeder include an immature Red-Tailed Hawk which seems to pose for even amateur photographers, as well as less common winter birds such as Pine Siskins, Rusty Blackbirds, Purple Finches, and American Tree Sparrows."

Other signs of life show up on trees in the form of seeds and fruit trapped in ice.

"Tuliptree, beechnuts, and clusters of blue or red berries on Viburnums make large glass-like ornaments that decorate the forest trails," Creasey says.

Cincinnati Nature Center is open seven days a week. Admission is free on Mondays, \$3 for adults and \$1 for children Tuesday through Friday, and \$5 for adults and \$1 for children Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on CNC and its trails, please visit www.CincyNature.org or call 513/831-1711. Cincinnati Nature Center's Rowe Woods is located at 4949 Tealtown Road, Milford, OH 45150.

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