



Take a High-Flying Hike at ZipZone's Forest Discovery Tour

ZipZone Canopy Tours teams up with Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District to give zip line guests a lofty look and lesson on the local landscape and wildlife.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (May 1, 2014)—Ever wonder what it is like to fly like a bird? [ZipZone Canopy Tours](#) not only offers that chance, but in partnership with naturalists from the Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, it will bring nature alive for all who zip this season during the popular Forest Discovery Tour.

"It's environmental education at its highest form. As we traverse through the trees, we will teach guests how to understand the language of the forest," said Jill Snyder, naturalist at Highbanks Metro Park who will lead one of the tours. "The tree tops offer us a living aerial laboratory to discover and explore nature."

The Forest Discovery Tour has naturalists from the [Metro Parks](#) along for the ride offering educational insights and conversation on the flora, fauna, fungi and any other forms of life seen from above. These special tours are being offered once a month through the end of the season on the following dates and times:

- May 11, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.
- June 6, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
- July 13, 2104 – 9:30 a.m.
- August 1, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
- September 7, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.
- October 12, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.

"With the naturalists on board these zips, we've created a nature seekers adventure experience where the forest inhabitants play a headlining role," said Lori Pingle, owner of ZipZone Canopy Tours. "Being on the beautiful grounds of Camp Mary Orton, our tours offer an 'instant getaway' experience uncommon in a large metropolitan setting."

The 2014 season is open and tours are booking now. The cost for the three-hour Forest Discovery Tour is \$69 per person. Throughout the season, Canopy Tours can be enjoyed for \$64 Monday through Thursday and \$69 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Guests must register either online at <http://zipzonetours.com/>, or by calling (614) 847-9477.

About ZipZone, LLC

In full swing since 2012, ZipZone provides guests an outdoor adventure experience filled with high-speed fun and an up-close view of the forest canopy. Each two-hour tour is designed to fit into the schedules of today's active families and professionals, as well as adventure seekers. The first zip line tour in Franklin County, ZipZone is located just north of Interstate 270 off of U.S. Route 23 in scenic Camp Mary Orton near Worthington, Ohio. Group rates, seasonal special offers and military [discounts](#) are available. Guests must be at least 7 years old and weigh a minimum of 50 lbs (maximum weight 270 lbs). For more information, visit <http://zipzonetours.com/>.

About Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District

Established in 1945, Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, "Metro Parks," features 17 natural area parks with more than 200 miles of trails, and protects more than 27,000 acres of land and water in seven Central Ohio counties. Metro Parks offers free educational and recreational opportunities every day of the year. The Mission of Metro Parks is to conserve open spaces, while providing places and opportunities for people to discover and experience nature.

To learn more, visit <http://www.metroparks.net>.

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