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Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

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November, 2019

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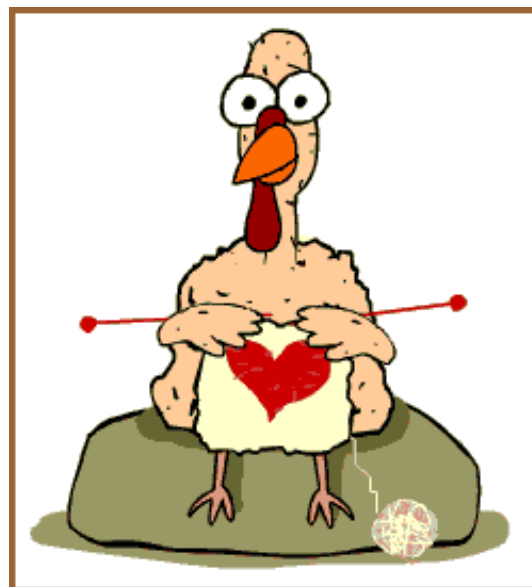
November Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

River Center MetroPark

120 Carmody Blvd., Middletown, OH 45044

7:00-9:00 PM



Letter from the President

There is no longer any doubt that summer is behind us and winter well on the way. After the wet spring and dry summer many of us didn't expect to see good color in autumn foliage. Turns out that colors were better than usual this year. The windy cold rain on Halloween did its best to strip the trees but many leaves remained attached. Perhaps their poor little fingers were too cold to let go of their branches.

There are lots of fun activities going on in the parks this month. Don't let a little chilly weather keep you indoors. Dress in layers and brave the elements! Do as I say, not as I do. I'm heading off in a few weeks for a Caribbean cruise.

See you in the parks!

Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Upcoming Events

Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy spring on the farm with Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: Plan & Simple Life the Amish-Mennonite Way, Reading the Weather, ABC's of Farm Life, Turkey Talk, Cornucopia, Pilgrim Adventures, Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals

Fun on the Farm is on Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am and Sunday's from 2:00-4:00pm (No Program on Thanksgiving Day)

Ready...Set...Recycle!



Happy America Recycles Day! America Recycles Day is November 15th and we are ready to celebrate. Join us at the River Center for some fun recycling based activities and craft. Free!

Saturday, November 9, 1:00-2:00 PM
River Center Welcome Center-120 South Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45044

Let's Go Hiking! Animal Homes



Animals have all kinds of different homes, from in the ground, to in the trees, to under water. Let's go on a hike to explore these different animal homes to see who lives in Huffman Park and who is preparing for winter! Please prepare for winter as well, and dress for the weather.

FREE and open to all ages. Meet at the Shelter A. Registration is requested by calling 513.867.5348. Walk-ups are welcome!

Saturday, November 16, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Huffman Park 2100 John Gray Road Fairfield
Ohio 45014

Leonid Meteor Shower Watch



Meteors are out of this world! Join us for a fantastic viewing of these meteors with members of the Cincinnati Observatory and the Cincinnati Astronomical Society. View the stars like never before through the lens of a telescope and participate in sensory activities. Bring a blanket or chair to relax and watch the meteors brightly soar across the sky. Free!

Saturday, November 16, 6:00-9:00 PM
Elk Creek MetroPark: Meadow Ridge Area
Shelter-5101 Circle Pkwy., Middletown

Did You Know

Kroger Community Rewards Update

FOMPBC organization # TM866

Kroger is committed to helping our communities grow and prosper. Year after year, local schools, churches and other nonprofit organizations earn \$4 million in Greater Cincinnati, Dayton and Northern

Kentucky through their Community Rewards program. FOMPBC is one of the Many wonderful organizations that benefit from this program.

How Can YOU Help Us?

In April 2017 Kroger's updated their Community Rewards process and software. As of April, supporters will no longer have to re-enroll their Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for your organization. This will make it easier for you to support us! Please take a moment and make sure you are enrolled and supporting FOMPBC. <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

Once you're enrolled you will earn rewards for FOMPBC every time you shop and use your Plus Card.



Amazon Smile

What is Amazon Smile?

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you and your family to support FOMPBC every time you shop from Amazon, at no cost to you. Instead of shopping at Amazon.com you go to <https://smile.amazon.com>. You will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to FOMPBC.

To make a reservation please see the annual meeting invitation in the April issue of the Voice. Or, call 513.593.2735, or email kochtrees@gmail.com.

Farm Animal Fund

Chrisholm Farmstead MetroPark is almost ready to begin adding livestock to the new pens. Because

MPX can only make purchases from pre-approved vendors, this red tape makes it difficult to buy animals from individual farmers. Our status as a 501C3 tax-exempt non-profit group makes it possible to streamline livestock purchases for Chrisholm. We have set aside a special account for such purchases. Please send your tax-free donation to: Friends of MetroParks of Butler County PO Box 691, Hamilton, OH 45012

Please make sure to make a note on the memo line of your check “Chrisholm Animal Fund” to make sure your donation helps populate the new FarmScape..

The first item purchased to help with the care and feeding of farm animals at Chrisholm is shown below. This hay bale feeder will place round bales where the animals can easily access them while keeping the hay off the wet ground.



Ready...Set...Recycle!

By Shawnee Banks

Celebrate America Recycles Day with the MetroParks of Butler County at the Bicentennial Commons on November 9th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m (registration is required). America Recycles Day is organized by Keep America Beautiful. It is a day to celebrate, motivate and educate about recycling worldwide.

Our national recycling rate has been continually increasing little by little. Currently, our nation’s

recycling rate is 25.8% percent annually as of 2015 (EPA, 2018). A recycling rate of 30% is almost equivalent to removing 30 million cars off the road (CEF, 2019). Imagine the difference we could make by increasing our recycling rate.



AMERICA RECYCLES DAY®

A KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL® PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 15

Although recycling is important, reducing and reusing are the best waste management strategies to follow as seen in figure 2. During our program, we will learn all about reducing, reusing and recycling (the three “R’s”) and how to implement them in your home in a fun interactive way.

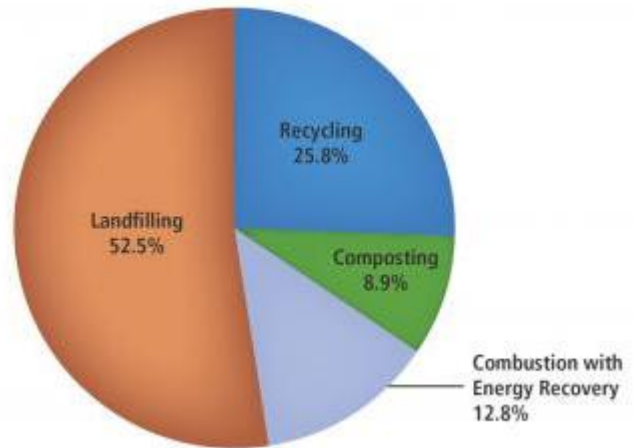


Figure 1. Total Municipal Solid Waste Collection for the United States in 2015 (EPA, 2018)

During our program, we will utilize hands on learning activities that the kids will love like creating recycled crafts, participating in relay races and pledges. Registration is required for this event so check out our website to reserve your spot and have a great time.



Figure 2. Waste Management Hierarchy with the least preferred method at the bottom (EPA,

References:

(EPA) “National Overview: Facts and Figures on Materials, Wastes and Recycling.” Environmental Protection Agency. October 26, 2018. <https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/national-overview-facts-and-figures-materials>

(CEF) Kukreja, Rinkesh. “Importance of Recycling.” Conserve Energy Future. 2019. https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/importance_of_recycling.php



The Howl





Wiggly Field Ribbon Cutting



Members Only Tour

FoMPBC members were treated to a tour of the MillerCoors brewery in Trenton. Thanks to Maria Cruset for her hard work in making the visit possible.



Critter Corner Sexual Dimorphism



Looking at the previous two pictures one would be forgiven for thinking them to show two different species of bird. The first is large, loud, and black with iridescent highlights and a v-shaped tail. The second is smaller, quieter, and yellowish-brown. Turns out that both are boat-tailed grackles (*Quiscalus major*), but of different genders. Common along coastal areas of the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, the black males (16 – 17”) are frequently heard loudly arguing with other males as to who is most attractive to the ladies (13 – 14”). In between vocalizations, they are frequently seen chasing, or otherwise bullying, smaller beach birds. The females tend to band together and avoid “the boys”. Guess that we’re not that different from our feathered friends, after all.

Travelers to Mexico have seen similar birds, the great-tailed grackle. This variety tends to be slightly larger, with a longer tail on males. Their calls are more musical than those of the boat-tailed grackle. The two species ranges overlap in Texas and Louisiana, but are not thought to interbreed. If you get close enough, eyes of the great-tailed grackle (photo below) are usually yellow, while those of the boat-tailed are black.



Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

- Upcoming members events & meetings
- Volunteering with MPX
- MPX programming



October Volunteers

Friends of Chrisholm Annual Meeting 10/19/19 Chrisholm MetroPark



The Howl 10/19/19 Voice of America MetroPark



November Birthday Corner!

David Traut	11/5	James Peters	11/16
Donna Marquardt	11/7	William Higdon	11/20
Neeraj Ghule	11/8	Clinton Wilder	11/20
Judith Shillinglaw	11/8	Zurijanne Carter	11/21
John Baumann	11/9	Stephanie Burk	11/23
Jason Cave	11/12	Ann Banks	11/24
Thomas Broderick	11/15	William Walker	11/30
Kim Schneider	11/15		



MetroPark Staff Spotlight



David VanArsdale -Chief Ranger

Tell us a little about your background and what brought you to MetroParks?

My career in Law Enforcement started at age 18 as a cadet for the Middletown Division of Police. (so now I have 20 years in Law Enforcement ☺) I retired from the Division in 2015 as Chief of Police. I then served two years with Middletown as Director of Public Safety, overseeing both the Police and Fire Divisions. While with Middletown, I worked with MetroParks on the River Center project. In April of 2015 I started working for MPX as a part-time Ranger. I left my position as Director of Public Safety in 2017 and started a full-time position with MPX as the Division of Public Safety department head.

Tell us a little about your family:

I have a great family that I love deeply!

Do you have any hobbies?

I usually change hobbies every few years. I enjoy boating, water skiing, riding dirt bikes and ATVs, kayaking, cycling, and stand up paddle boarding.

What do you like to do for fun or Is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share?

I get bored easily and I am a little C.D.O. (that's O.C.D. in alphabetical order)

What do you love most about working for MetroParks?

From the top down, we have a tremendously talented staff and I enjoy working with most of them (Rusty makes me say "Gee Whiz" a lot). I most enjoy being out in the parks either patrolling in a truck, on a bike, on an ATV, or on foot and interacting with the public.

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Timberhill Service Day

When: October 26, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Rentschler Forest MetroPark-Timberhill area

3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Fairfield Twp. OH 45011

What: Help us prepare camp for the winter! We have canvas cabin tents on platforms that we'll take down for storage. All necessary tools will be provided.

Brunch with Santa

When: December 15, 2019

Event runs: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Shifts available: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm; 11:00 am – 1:30 pm; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Ho, Ho, Ho....Merry Brunch-with Santa! Come help make pancakes, be an elf and watch the kids enjoy the excitement of brunch with SANTA!

If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Murder Mystery Dinner

When: February 15, 2020

Event runs: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Shifts available: 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm; 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm; 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Who did it? Come help with registration, bussing tables and everything else and find out! If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Decorating for the Murder Mystery Dinner

When: February 14, 2020 time to be determined

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Have a knack for decorating? We could use a few hands to help us transform the Lodge into the scene of the crime! If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Ongoing Service Opportunities

Trail Maintenance Steward

When: Flexible

Where: Assigned hiking trails within MetroParks

What: Trail Ambassador Stewards hike marked trails in assigned MetroPark at least 4 hours a month. Volunteers report any maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff and pick up any trash. Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Group Service Projects

When: Flexible

Where: Flexible

What: MetroParks always has various projects for groups to complete! If you have a youth group, church group, student group, or business group that is interested in scheduling a private service day, contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information. Please allow 3-6 months for planning.

Program/Event & Preparation Support

When: Flexible

Where: Multiple Locations

What: Park Connections staff presents multiple education, recreation, and conservation programs and events throughout the year. Volunteers are needed to help with preparing for MetroParks events and programs. Volunteers may create crafts, prepare signage, organize materials and supplies, clean materials and supplies, and other general tasks, as well as, volunteer for the program itself. Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Administrative Office Support

When: Flexible

Where: Forest Run MetroPark-Administrative Office

2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

What: Comfortable with spreadsheets and data entry? We are looking for a volunteer to help with entering information into our Motor Vehicle Permit database. If interested, please contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Photography opportunity

Are you an amateur/professional/hobbyist photographer? Do you like to take pictures of people, places and special events? We are looking for high resolution photos with a dpi of 300 or more. If interested, please contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net

Administrative Office Support

****NEW OPPORTUNITY****

When: Flexible

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Like a little variety in your day? Have administrative support skills? We are looking for someone to assist with some light clerical work, writing notes and seasonal decorating! If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Long-term Survey Project

****NEW OPPORTUNITY****

When: flexible

Where: Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Elk Creek MetroPark, Forest Run MetroPark - Wildlife Preserve Area

What: We are looking for volunteers to count passengers in vehicles coming into the three park areas listed above. Timing can be flexible in 1-2 hour increments with a one year commitment required. We will provide equipment and training. If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Contact Us Give us a call or visit us on the web for more information about service opportunities.

MetroParks Of Butler County
2051 Timberman Road
Hamilton OH 45013
513.867.5835
www.YourMetroParks.net

Or email Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net

Did you know?

- Volunteers gave over 540 hours of their time in September. That equates to a value of \$13,505.43!
- Visit www.YourMetroParks.net, select "Support Us", then "Volunteering". Scroll down to the Volunteer Policy. On page 8 is the list of all the rewards! Don't know how many hours you have? Just let me know!

"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

SHOW AND TELL ON THE FARM



Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN

Sundays

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WHERE

Chrisholm MetroPark
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
2070 Woodsdale Road
Trenton, OH 45067

PRICE

FREE programs for all ages
No Registration Necessary

ABOUT

Come on over to Chrisholm Historic Farmstead for Show and Tell on the Farm. Each day will feature different themes with special guest stars — some furry & some feathery — crafts, and games! Come for any amount of time. Designed to delight kids and kids at heart.

November 3 Plain & Simple Life
the Amish-Mennonite Way

November 7 Reading the Weather

November 10 ABC's of Farm Life

November 14 Turkey Talk

November 17 Cornucopia

November 21 Pilgrim Adventures

November 24 Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals

December 5 Let's Make Soap

December 8 ABC's of Farm Life

December 12 Winter Wreath Fun

December 15 Holidays New & Old

December 19 Presents for the Animals

*There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on November 28, December 1, 22, 26 & 29.

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RIVER CENTER SERIES



River Center Series

WHERE **Bicentennial Commons River Center**
120 S. Carmody Boulevard Middletown OH 45044

PRICE **FREE**

All About Water

Saturday, March 30, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Let's get crazy about water! World Water Day is March 22nd, so let's celebrate. Learn about the importance of water and all that it does for us at the River Center. Read a story, engage in an activity, and have fun.

Amazing Animals

Saturday, June 1, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Want to learn all about Ohio Wildlife? Come check out the River Center while you experience an animal story and see a live animal presentation with our native program ambassadors!

Build a Butterfly Garden

Saturday, August 24, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Can't miss the butterflies when they are out and about. Their vibrant colors always catch your eyes. Let's learn how to build a garden to support our beautiful butterflies. Join us at the River Center for a fun program on How to Build a Butterfly Garden including a craft.

Ready...Set...Recycle!

Saturday, November 9, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Happy America Recycles Day! America Recycles Day is November 15th and we are ready to celebrate. Join us at the River Center for some fun recycling-based activities and a craft.

* Pre-registration required by the Friday before program

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Join MetroParks of Butler County and the City of Fairfield for some exciting programming at Fairfield Parks!

LET'S GO HIKING SERIES

Free & Open to the Public
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2019 Locations to be determined

- 10/20/18 Fall Blooms
Harbin Park
- 11/17/18 Habitat Hike
Huffman Park
- 12/15/18 Surviving Winter
Harbin Park
- 1/19/19 Winter Tree ID
- 2/16/19 Tracks, Scats & Signs
- 3/16/19 Eastern Bluebirds
- 4/20/19 Spring Wildflowers
- 5/18/19 Spring Birding Hike
- 6/15/19 Creeking
- 7/20/19 Summer Wildflowers
- 8/17/19 Invasive Species
- 9/21/19 Autumn Birding Hike
- 10/19/19 Fall Wildflowers
- 11/16/19 Animal Homes
- 12/21/19 Surviving Winter

PRE-SMARTIES & SMARTIES

Programming for City of Fairfield Registered Preschool Students Only

- 11/13/18 Amazing Animals
- 2/5/19 Calling All Farm Hands
- 4/9/19 Animal Games



NATURE PROGRAMS

Free & Open to the Public
2019 Locations to be determined

- 11/3/18 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Autumn Leaves
Huffman Park
- 1/26/19 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Owl Hike
- 3/24/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Fossils
- 4/6/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Spring Babies
- 6/1/19 9:00 – 10:30 p.m.
Night Hike
- 7/2/19 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Water Conservation
- 9/7/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Amazing Animals
- 10/6/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Nature Craft

Registration is requested for the Let's Go Hiking Series and Nature Programming. Call 513.867.5348 to save your spot!



NOVEMBER EVENTS



NOVEMBER 2019

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM PLAIN & SIMPLE LIFE

The Amish-Mennonite Way
Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., November 3, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM READING THE WEATHER

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., November 7,
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
FREE

PHOTO WALK TIPS FOR SHOOTING FALL COLORS

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sat., November 9, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Registration required by 11/8/2019
FREE

READY SET RECYCLE!

Bicentennial Commons
River Center
Sat., November 9, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Registration required by 11/8/2019
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM ABC'S OF FARM LIFE

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., November 10, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM TURKEY TALK

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00
a.m.
FREE

LET'S GO HIKING SERIES ANIMAL HOMES

Huffman Park
2100 John Gray Road, Fairfield 45014
Sat., November 16,
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Pre-register by calling 513.867.5348
FREE

LEONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Elk Creek MetroPark
Meadow Ridge Area
Sat., November 16, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Registration required by 11/15/2019
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM CORNUCOPIA

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., November 17, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM PILGRIM ADVENTURES

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., November 21, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00
a.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR THE ANIMALS

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., November 24, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FREE

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The mission of the MetroParks of Butler County is to provide a superior park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education, and recreation. For more information visit us at www.YourMetroParks.net or call 513.867.5835

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STAR SERIES



Star Series

WHEN

Saturday Evenings
Starting in February and running through November of 2019
See dates below

PRICE

FREE programs for all ages
Registration required by the Friday before each program

ABOUT

Enjoy the night sky at MetroParks! A few nights this year, we will be exploring the stars with local astronomers. You'll have the chance to observe the planets, moon, stars, and a few meteor showers through the lens of some amazing telescopes. Plus, you'll be able to participate in fun family crafts at our Meet the Planet programs! Bring a blanket or chair, relax, and enjoy the night like you have never before!

MEET THE PLANET: MOON & MARS

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Riegart Road Area
Saturday, February 16, 2019
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

MEET THE PLANET: JUPITER

Elk Creek MetroPark
Sebald Park Area
Saturday, June 8, 2019
8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area
Saturday, August 10, 2019
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

MEET THE PLANET: SATURN

Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge
Saturday, September 7, 2019
7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

ORIONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Governor Bebb MetroPark
Saturday, October 19, 2019
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

LEONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Elk Creek MetroPark
Meadow Ridge Area
Saturday, November 16, 2019
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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PHOTO WALKS



Photo Walks: Seasons in MetroParks

Join Photographer Susan Milinkovich as she shares different tips on photography in nature in a hands-on setting. Bring your mobile phone, Point-and-shoot or DSLR camera – no photography experience needed.

COMPOSING A GREAT PHOTOGRAPH

Start the morning with a short presentation on compositional tools in the Welcome Center. Then we'll go outside and search for good photo opportunities in the fields and around the ponds. Learn tips on composition to help you frame and capture spring flowers and early morning light.

Saturday, April 13, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Forest Run MetroPark Welcome Center

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LIGHT

Join us for a summer evening at VOA as we search for good compositions that capture the evening light. Learn tips on the different types of light, how that light can impact your image, and how to use light correctly to create great photographs.

Monday, June 17, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Voice of America MetroPark Ronald Reagan Lodge

SHOOTING CLOSE-UPS AND INTIMATE LANDSCAPES

Spend a summer evening looking for the "small stuff". When you start to look for the "small stuff", you'll discover all kinds of interesting new subjects on a summer evening.

Thursday, July 18, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge Area

PHOTOGRAPHING HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Join us as we wander around the Pioneer Village and capture photographs of the historic buildings. Learn tips for telling a story with your photographs and capturing architectural features.

Saturday, September 7, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Governor Bebb MetroPark Pioneer Village

SHOOTING FALL COLORS

Embrace Autumn at Chrisholm Farm as we search for fall colors and capture photographs of the historic Farmstead. Learn tips for capturing fall colors and share a little about how to use color theory in your photography.

Saturday, November 9, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead

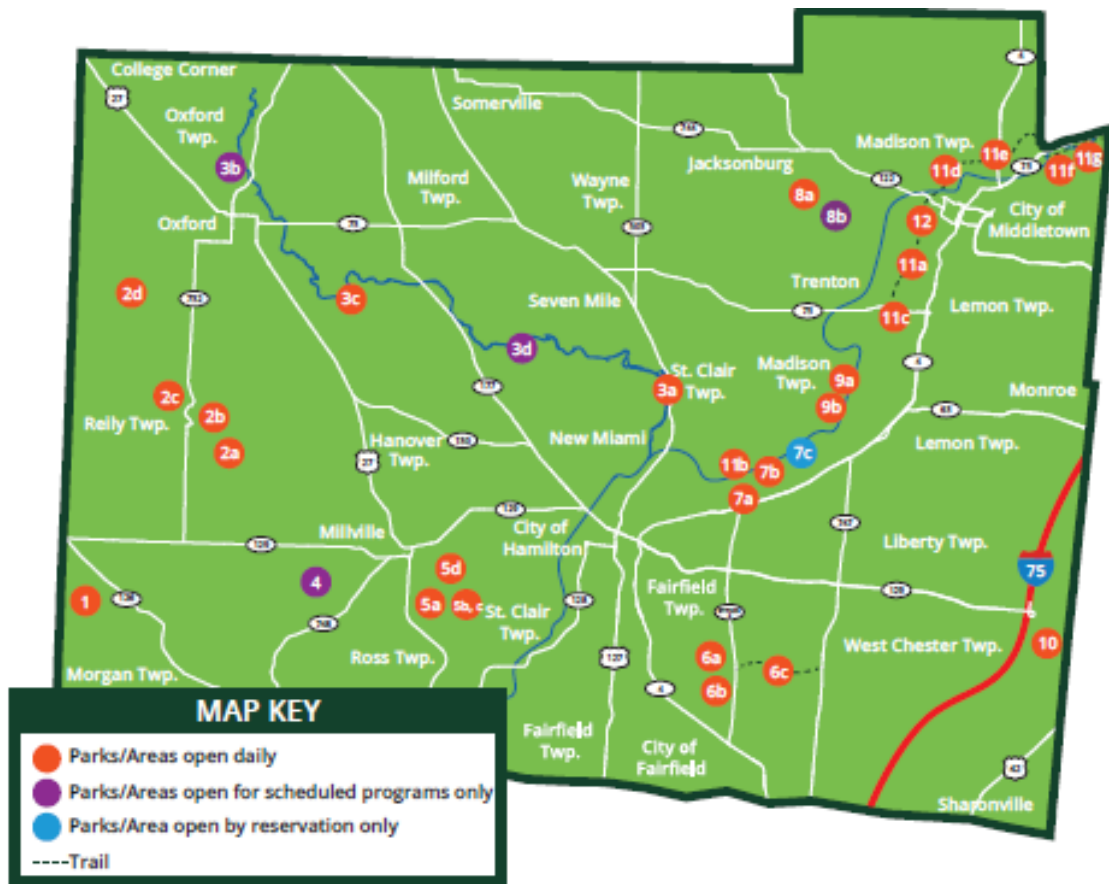
All programs are FREE. Registration is required by the Friday before each program.

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1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053
Bebb Natural Area
Dry Fork Campground
Pioneer Village

2. INDIAN CREEK METROPARK

2A. Bunker Hill Cemetery
 5351 Reily-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056
2b. Oxford Road Area
 1899 Oxford-Reily Road (SR 732)
 Oxford OH 45056
2C. Springfield Road Area
 6500 Springfield Road Oxford OH 45056
2D. Pioneer Church
 3000 Indian Creek Road Oxford OH 45056

3. FOUR MILE CREEK METROPARK

3A. Antenen Preserve
 2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011
3B. Mill Race Area
 5911 Morning Sun Road Oxford OH 45056
3C. Sycamore Bluffs Area
 3742 Lane: Mills Road Hamilton OH 45011
3D. Davidson Woods Area
 1200 HogUe Road Hamilton OH 45013

4. SALAMANDER RUN PRESERVE

4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

5. Forest Run MetroPark

5A. Engle House - Little Dry Run - Administrative Office
 2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5B. Welcome Center
 1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5C. Timberman Ridge
 1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5D. Wildlife Preserve Area
 1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013

6. GILMORE METROPARK

6A. Gilmore Road Area
 7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015
6B. Bilstein Boulevard Area
 8500 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015
6C. Port Union Trail Area

7. RENTSCHLER FOREST METROPARK

7A. Riegart Road Area
 5701 Riegart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
7B. Line Hill Mound Area
 3620 Hamilton-Middletown Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
7C. Timberhill Area
 3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road Fairfield Township OH 45011

8. Elk Creek MetroPark

8A. Sebald Park Area
 5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042
8B. Meadow Ridge Area
 5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042

9. Chrisholm MetroPark

9A. Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
 2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067
9B. Woodsdale Regional Park
 1917 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

10. Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069
Athletic Complex
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Natural Areas & Chill Hill Sledding Hill
Wiggly Field Dog Park
Wheelhouse Outdoor Area

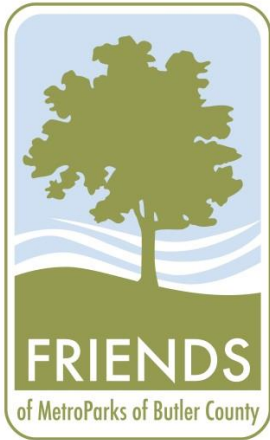
11. Great Miami River Trail

11A. North Section
 50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044
11B. South Section
 5701 Riegart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
11C. Parking Areas
 50 Oxford State Road, Middletown OH 45044
 26 North. Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45044
 2399 North Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45042
 3801 North Verity Parkway, Middletown OH 45042
 4401 North Verity Parkway, Middletown OH 45042

12. Bicentennial Commons

Carmody Boulevard at Central Avenue

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County



Our Mission	To improve and preserve the parks for future generations, to educate and inform the public about the unique qualities of each MetroPark, and to encourage individuals and groups to participate in volunteer programs
Member Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to Member-only events • Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects • Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction
Who Are We?	<p><i>Private citizens who have come together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor programs & activities, promoting the use of MetroParks for conservation, education and recreation • Encourage volunteerism toward support of MetroParks of Butler County • Identify and implement improvements to the park • Assist in raising funds, securing donations, and obtaining grants monies to further MetroParks' mission

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- Group/Business - \$100
- Donation - \$ _____

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Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Group or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (required to receive newsletter) _____