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Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

May, 2019

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May Board Meeting! Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

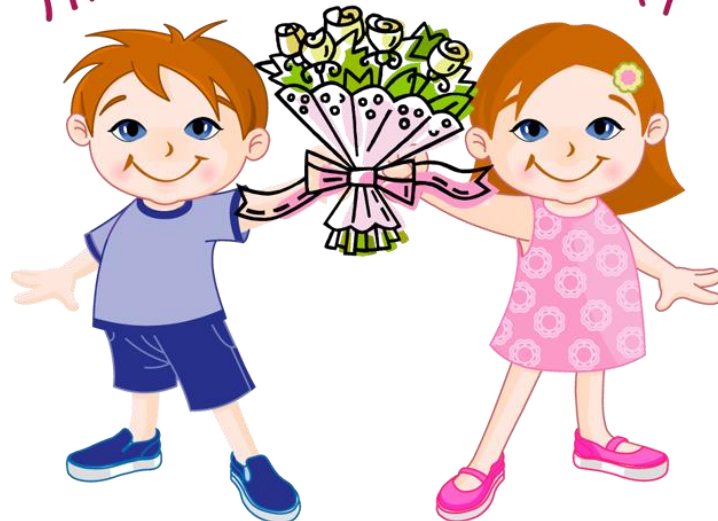
Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Timberhill Area, Rentschler MetroPark

3976 Hamilton Middletown Road
Hamilton, OH 45011

7:00-9:00 PM

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Letter from the President

“It’s May, the lusty month of May.” So sang Julie Andrews in Camelot, and so say I. Thus far, we have had sun, clouds, and the promise (threat?) of rain on the 1st day of May. Last weekend we had wind, rain, and shadow-loosening wind gusts. If it happened today, Noah’s flood would only take a week of rain before the storm sewers backed up. Last I looked, the weather forecast predicted rain almost every day for the coming week. You may want to make sure your ark is ready to float free. Just sayin’ . . .

Assuming that the weather relents, there are lots of fun activities coming up in the parks: Show and Tell on the Farm, Great Week of Birding, and Rivercon are just a few of the coming attractions. See you in the parks!

Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Upcoming Events

Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: May Day, Farm Games, Magnificent Moms, Rainbow Gardens, ABC’s of Farm Life, Busy Bees, 3-Sisters Garden,

Fun on the Farm is on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30pm and Sunday’s from 2:00-4:00pm

Rivercon



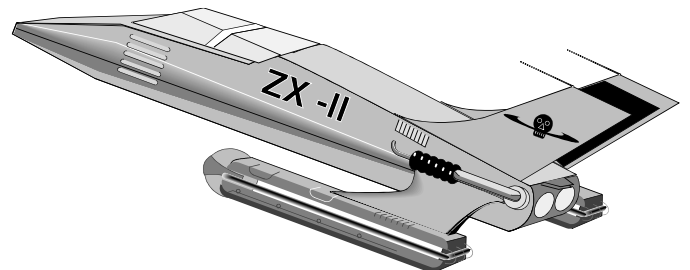
Come experience where Star Wars and the Great Miami River meet. At this new event, guests will have the chance to participate in a Star Wars costume contest, a 5-mile Star Wars costume bike ride or 5K walk on the Great Miami River Trail (pre-registration required). But, that’s not all! Train like a Jedi with a variety of fitness activities and learn how to stay safe with water-related demonstrations. And don’t forget to check out all the local vendors - from Franklin to Hamilton! ...plus much more! FREE May the 4th be with you

This is the launch event for the Great Miami Riverway’s Tour de Way. To find out more about the 100 mile passport program (and to win prizes) visit

<https://www.greatmiamiriverway.com/welcome/tour-de-way.php>

RiverCon is co-sponsored by MetroParks of Butler County, Miami Regionals, and Great Miami Riverway with help of program sponsors, Middletown Visitors Bureau and Spoken Bicycles. #MayTheRiverBeWithYou

**Saturday. May 4, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Bicentennial Commons**



Let's Go Hiking! Spring Birding Hike



It's a very exciting time of year-Spring migration! Watch for the vibrant warblers and tanagers as they make their way North with the warming temperatures to begin their breeding season. Join us at Harbin Park as we watch for our feathered friends. If you have binoculars, we encourage you to bring them!

FREE and open to all ages.

Meet at the Overlook Shelter. Registration is requested by calling 513.867.5348. Walk-ups are welcome!

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Harbin Park 1300 Hunter Road Fairfield Ohio
45014

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.

Ohio's Spring Wildflower: The Great White Trillium

While hiking through the trail systems in the Metro Parks this spring, visitors may notice a variety of spring wild flowers emerging from their winter sleep. One that particularly stands out is the great white trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*), Ohio's state wildflower. With almost all its' parts coming in threes, the petals, sepals, and leaves, it practically introduces itself to those who take notice. One single white flower sits on a stock, standing

anywhere from 15cm to 45 cm tall, which can be seen as a lone plant, or as many in a colonial community linked by the rhizomes (underground root stock). A perennial, it will come back year after year, and may live up to 25 years, though can take several years for the first bloom to appear. [1]



Image source: Photo: JackFrost2121
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Great_White_Trillium.JPG

This trillium is native to most of eastern North America, found mostly in woodlands in rich soil. It begins to grow before trees have gained their leaves in late March and through April, taking advantage of the sunlight shining through the tree's bare branches. Blooms may be viewed as late as June though. As the plant ages the flower will often take on a pinkish color as well. [2]

Picking the flower can be extremely damaging to the plant, potentially killing it, and at best setting it back to the point that it may not bloom again for several years. In some states and in parts of Canada it is protected due to declining populations and can even be illegal to pick the flowers or harvest the plant for home use. It is highly encouraged that hikers appreciate this and other wildflowers with only their eyes, no matter where they are hiking. [3]

The biggest threats to this beautiful spring ephemeral besides humans is the increasing deer population, which enjoy browsing on the plant. Other threats include invasive plants such as honeysuckle which can shade out spring wildflowers by developing leaves much earlier than native shrubs and trees. Control of invasive is

paramount to the biodiversity and survival of our spring wildflowers, as well as many other species of plants which in turn can have negative effects on wildlife as resources they depend on are diminished. [2] [4]

Other wildflowers that can often be viewed blooming alongside white trillium are jack in the pulpits, dutchman's britches, and may apple. Great white trillium and many other wildflowers can also be grown in wildflower gardens at home as a native alternative to many traditionally grown flowers. Growing wildflowers at home is not only delightful to the gardener, but also to the native wildlife in the area that have developed alongside one another for millennia. In many cases, growing native plants is also easier and cheaper than growing non-native plants, as natives are adapted to local conditions [5]. Just make sure that seed and plant sources are grown sustainably and are not dug up from natural areas that could harm the biodiversity of different areas. For more information on native plants visit: <http://ohiodnr.gov/gonative>

References:

- [1] <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=f317>
- [2] https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/trillium_grandiflorum.shtml
- [3] https://www.lakeforest.edu/academics/programs/environmental/courses/es203/trillium_grandiflorum.php
- [4] <https://www.wcpo.com/news/insider/cincinnati-wildflower-preservation-society-wages-war-against-honeysuckle-in-caesar-creek>
- [5] <http://ohiodnr.gov/gonative>

Invasive Plants and Why We Care

Invasive plant species occur in a variety of habitats, such as forests, wetlands, and prairies. These are generally nonnative species brought to a new region by accident or for horticultural purposes. Since they do not have any natural predators in introduced areas, their populations are not kept in check and can increase rapidly. Within a short amount of time the invasive species can overtake a habitat, and in return interrupt the entire ecosystem.

<https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide/Threats-to-Wildlife/Invasive-Species>

Impact on Native Plant Species

Some invasive plant species are more aggressive than others. For example, common dandelion is not native to North America, yet they typically only compete with lawn species. On the other hand, Tree of Heaven can grow in a variety of habitats and reproduce at a rapid pace through seeds or their root system. When this happens, the invasive plant outcompetes native plants for nutrients and growing space. This includes all types of natives, from spring wildflowers to the biodiversity of trees within a forest.



Amur Honey Suckle in bloom. (*Lonicera maackii*)
[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lonicera_maackii_\(Amur_Honeysuckle\).jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Lonicera_maackii_(Amur_Honeysuckle).jpg)

An Ohio Miami University professor conducted a study comparing areas that had dense patches of the invasive Amur Honeysuckle to areas

where honeysuckle was purposefully removed. Where honeysuckle was present, native tree seedling survival rate was reduced up to 70 percent. The result was most likely due to the shade from the honeysuckle.

<https://www.nwf.org/Magazines/National-Wildlife/2013/FebMarch/Gardening/Ecological-Traps>

Impact on Wildlife

Ohio's state bird, the Northern Cardinal, is one of many wildlife species that is negatively impacted from invasive species such as honeysuckle. Even though honeysuckle provides berries for birds to eat, they lack the nutrition that native berries have to keep birds healthy.



Male Northern Cardinal. (*Cardinalis cardinalis*)
<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cardinal.jpg>

This becomes a problem in reproduction when female Northern Cardinals chose a mate by the brightness of his red plumage. The bright plumage is typically an indicator of a healthy bird that has found nutritious food. However, honeysuckle berries contain more pigments, but less nutritious value than native berries. As a result, females choose the brightest mate even though he may not be fit or resourceful enough to raise a successful brood with her. The effect on the species may not be immediate, but over time this issue could negatively impact the species.

<https://www.nwf.org/Magazines/National-Wildlife/2013/FebMarch/Gardening/Ecological-Traps>

Many insects have evolved to use specific native plants during their larva stage. A classic example would be the monarch butterfly larva and milkweed. When an invasive species takes over an area by outcompeting these host plant species, not only do the insects suffer, but so do the birds that prey upon the insects.

Honeysuckle can quickly take over a forest, leaving only honeysuckle leaves to fall onto the forest floor and nearby streams. Macroinvertebrates, which live in the streams and are an essential part of the ecosystems food web, feed upon fallen leaves. However, honeysuckle leaves breakdown faster than native leaves, resulting in less food for macroinvertebrates and other animals such as tadpoles.

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/gardens-gardening/gardening-in-st.-louis/invasives/bush-honeysuckle.aspx>

Conclusion

The honeysuckle invasion has come with many issues, and effecting every corner of the ecosystem including plants, trees, wildlife, and water quality. It is easy to focus on honeysuckle since there has been extensive research done due to its aggressive nature, but there are many other invasive species that should be noted. For example, wetlands have purple loosestrife and phragmites, prairies have common teasel and Canada thistle, and woodlands have multiflora rose and autumn olive. If you would like to view a larger list of local invasives, visit <http://ohiodnr.gov/invasiveplants/publications>.

Each of these invasive species, and many more, compete with native plants for space, sunlight, and nutrients. Fewer native species results in a negative impact to other species that have evolved with and relied on the natives. For this reason, there is a huge effort between different groups, agencies, and concerned citizens to control and reduce the spread of invasive species. Unfortunately, many invasive species

were brought to this region for landscaping purposes. The Ohio Division of Wildlife has provided a thorough list of alternative native plants to invasive species at the following link: [http://ohiodnr.gov/portals/0/pdfs/invasives/Alternatives to Ohio Invasive Plant Species.pdf](http://ohiodnr.gov/portals/0/pdfs/invasives/Alternatives%20to%20Ohio%20Invasive%20Plant%20Species.pdf)

Shanti, Shanti, Shanti

(Peace in Body, Speech & Mind)

Namaste,



Want to improve your flexibility, respiration, energy, and vitality? Practicing yoga can do just that along with many other benefits. We're taking yoga out on the trail again this summer at Rentschler Forest with instructor Laura Lejeune. Harmonize your breath with the rhythm of nature and unwind from your busy day as we practice mindful movement with traditional yoga poses along the meandering forest trail. All body shapes, sizes, and experience levels are welcome. This is truly something you need to experience to appreciate!

FOMPBC Annual Meeting



The Voice of the Turtle, May, 2019





Photo Walk: Composing the Perfect Picture

Susan Milankovich, from West Chester Photography Club, showed attendees at Forest Run MPX tools for composing the perfect photograph. After classroom training, the group adjourned to the grounds to practice the lesson.





Earthstock Earth Day 2019

Edible and Medicinal Wild Plant Walk

Shawnee Banks led a group of hardy hikers through muddy trails at Governor Bebb MetroPark to learn how to identify plants that can be used for food or medicinal purposes. After the hike, the use of herbs and spices to make flavored sugars was demonstrated.





Critter Corner
MPX Visitor Seen at 4 Mile Creek



Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



SHOW AND TELL ON THE FARM



Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN Sundays 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.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.

May 2 May Day

May 5 Farm Games

May 9 Magnificent Moms

May 16 Rainbow Gardens

May 19 ABC's of Farm Life

May 23 Busy Bees

May 30 3-Sisters Garden

June 2 Goat Jamboree

June 6 Dandelion Delight

June 9 ABC's of Farm Life

June 13 Fabulous Fathers

June 20 Summer Solstice

June 23 Yoga on the Farm

June 27 Bug Bites

June 30 Bingo on the Farm

*There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on May 12, May 26, and June 16.

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MAY EVENTS



MAY 2019

BIG WEEK OF BIRDING

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
Wed., May 1, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM MAY DAY

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., May 2, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
FREE

BIG WEEK OF BIRDING

Four Mile Creek MetroPark
Mill Race Area
Thurs., May 2, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Pre-registration Required by 5/1/19
FREE

BIG WEEK OF BIRDING

Four Mile Creek MetroPark
Davidson Woods Area
Fri., May 3, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Pre-registration Required by 5/2/19
FREE

RIVERCON

Bicentennial Commons
Sat., May 4, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
FREE

BIG WEEK OF BIRDING

Governor Bebb MetroPark
Sat., May 4, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM FARM GAMES

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., May 5, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM MAGNIFICENT MOMS

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., May 9, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM RAINBOW GARDENS

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., May 16, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
FREE

RIDE WITH A RANGER

Bicentennial Commons
River Center
Sat., May 18, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Pre-registration Required by 5/17/19
FREE

LET'S GO HIKING!

SPRING BIRDING
Harbin Park
1300 Hunter Road Fairfield 45014
Sat., May 18, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Pre-register by calling 513.867.5348
FREE

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

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., May 19, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
FREE

ANNUAL SALUTE TO PIONEERS

Indian Creek MetroPark
Pioneer Church
Sun., May 19, 2:30 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM BUSY BEES

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., May 23, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM THE 3-SISTERS GARDEN

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., May 30, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 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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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!

ANNUAL SALUTE TO PIONEERS



Annual Salute to Pioneers

- WHEN** Sunday, May 19, 2019
2:30 p.m.
- WHERE** Indian Creek MetroPark
Pioneer Church Area
3000 Indian Creek Road
Oxford, OH 45056
- PRICE** FREE
No registration required

ABOUT

This year's guest speaker is Chad Smith, the Executive Director of Three Valley Conservation Trust. The organization has permanently protected more than 22,000 acres for future generations. Chad will be speaking about "Preserving Our Rural Landscape".



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GREAT MIAMI RIVER FIRST PEOPLES CELEBRATION



Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration

WHEN Saturday, June 29, 2019
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Please note: Grand entry is at noon

WHERE Governor Bebb MetroPark
1979 Bebb Park Lane
Okeana, OH 45053

PRICE \$5/Ages 5+ | FREE/Under 5yo
No registration required

ABOUT

Butler County is rich with cultural history! Come experience first-hand the vibrant culture of Native Americans while embracing the opportunity to honor their traditions.

Activities will include a drum circle, dancers dressed in regalia, and intertribal traditional/contemporary dance & song demonstrations! Food, beverages, and Native American vendors will also be available to delight guests outside of the dance ring. And dive even deeper into Butler County's history by exploring the Pioneer Village with our historical interpretation tours running throughout the day!

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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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BIG WEEK OF BIRDING



Big Week of Birding in Butler County

First Things to Expect with Dave Russell

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead

Big Week of Birding Dates

Saturday, April 27, 2019
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Gilmore MetroPark
Gilmore Road Area

Saturday, April 27, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Indian Creek MetroPark
Springfield Road Area

Sunday, April 28, 2019
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge

Sunday, April 28, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Salamander Run Preserve

Monday, April 29, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Hueston Woods State Park
Bird Banding Station
Rain Date: Thursday,
May 2, 2019

Tuesday, April 30, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Elk Creek MetroPark
Meadow Ridge Area

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Riegart Road Area

Thursday, May 2, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
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Mill Race Area
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Friday, May 3, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Four Mile Creek MetroPark
Davidson Woods Area
Pre-registration required
by 5/2/19

Saturday, May 4, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Governor Bebb MetroPark

About

It's the time of year to keep our eyes open for some amazing spring migrants like warblers, vireos, and orioles. Join us with members of the Audubon Miami Valley in celebration of these birds and many other species during the 6th annual Big Week of Birding. Enjoy bird hikes at various MetroParks locations lead by birding experts. Binoculars will be available to those who need them. All programs are FREE and most do not require pre-registration.



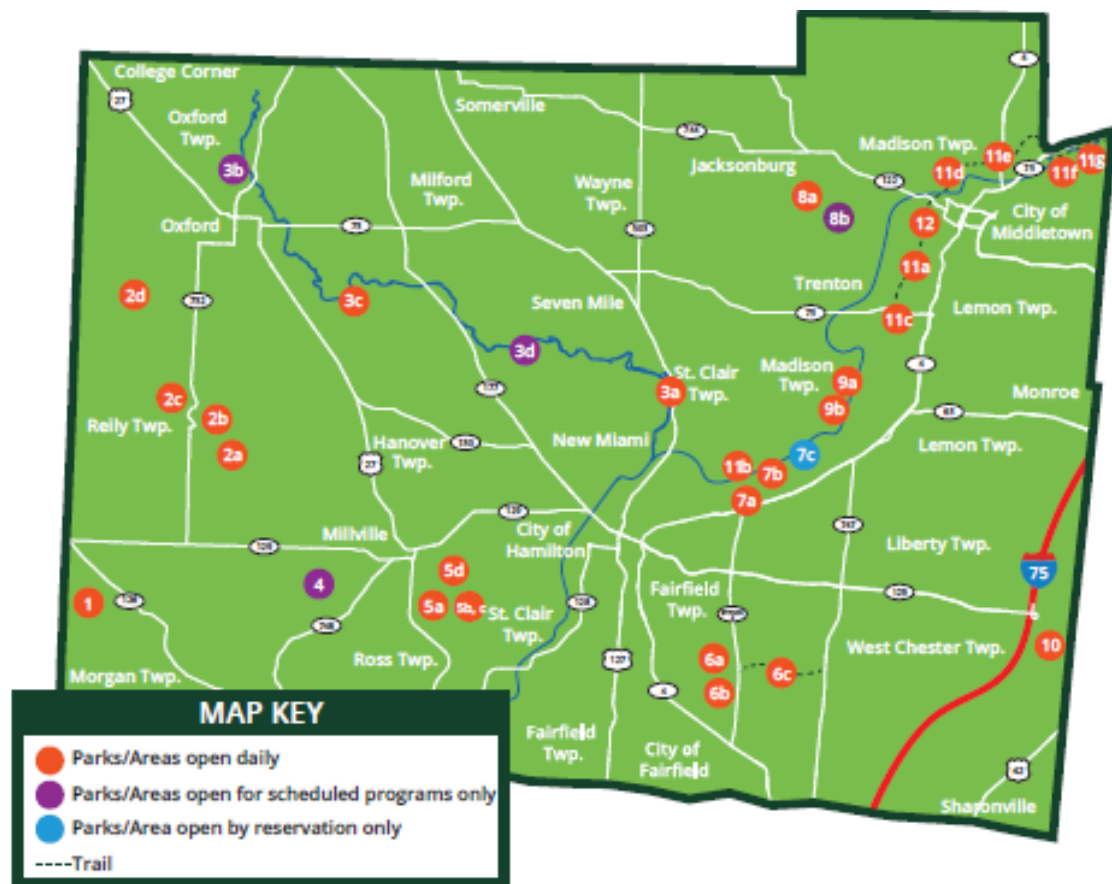
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1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

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

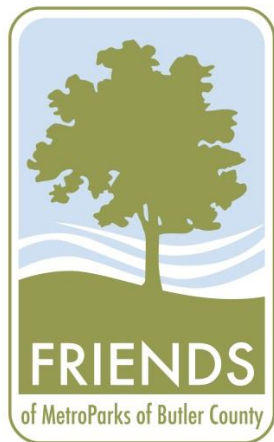
11. Great Miami River Trail

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

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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
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Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Group or Business Name _____

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Email (required to receive newsletter) _____