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Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

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March Board Meeting! Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

River Center MetroPark

120 South Carmody Blvd.
Middletown, OH 45044

7:00-9:00 PM



Letter from the President

In a news report from Pennsylvania, Phil the groundhog is being sued for false prophecy. Furthermore, the number of internet hits searching for recipes for groundhog stew has hit an all time high. Try to be brave, spring is really just around the corner. I know that it's cold outside, but at least we didn't have to shovel the drive after winter's last hurrah. It won't be too long before our complaints turn to how hot it is, and why do we have to mow the lawn twice a week.

We would appreciate your thoughts going out to two of our FoMPBC board members, Darryl Young and Don Eberwine. Darryl went through recent surgery with flying colors, and is ready to get back to work. Don has been admitted to Christ Hospital in his continuing fight with cancer. Please let both of them know that we're thinking of them and wishing them well.

The select committee met this week to review fifty-two applicants for this year's Hump Day concert series. This is the largest group of applications since Hump Day began. A wide spectrum of musical groups included many old favorites and a number of new entries. The resulting short list of candidates is in the hands of MPX to negotiate schedule and budget. Watch this space for the next few months to see which bands will perform in this year's concerts.

A last piece of advice before March's lion gives way to the lamb – dress in layers and be ready for anything Mother Nature can throw at us when we visit our 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: Slow Food vs Fast Food, We are Rockin', Nesting Wreaths, Luck of a 4-Leaf Clover, There's a Cow in my marshmallow, ABC's of farm life, Break Out of Your Shell, Little Red Hen, Horsing around.

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

Let's Go Hiking! Eastern Bluebirds



Bluebirds are a favorite of Ohioans. Enjoy a hike and learn about Bluebirds, their nesting boxes, while learning about nesting box monitoring and the role in their habitat.

FREE and open to all ages. Meet at Shelter A. Registration is requested by calling 513.867.5348. Walk-ups are welcome! **Saturday, March 16,** 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Huffman Park 2100 John Gray Road Fairfield Ohio 45014

Things that flutter series: Bird Banding and Rookeries.



Let's talk birds! Join us at the beautiful Gilmore MetroPark for an unforgettable birding experience. Participate in bird banding with birding experts and observe communal nesting grounds called rookeries. You don't have to be an experienced birder to enjoy this program. Come out to Gilmore and have a blast!

Saturday. March 23, 7:00-9:30 AM
Gilmore Ponds MetroPark - Bilstein Boulevard
Area 8300 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton, OH
45015

Fossils!



Did you know that Ohio has some very unique fossils that you can't find anywhere else? Come learn about the different types of fossils found in the

Southwest corner of Ohio. The program will include a lot of fun crafts and activities that may get messy- So dress appropriately!

Free and open to all ages. Meet at the shelter. Registration is requested by calling 513.867.5248. Walk-ups are welcome!

Sunday. March 24, 2:00-3:30 PM
Point Pleasant Park, 2001 Resor Road Fairfield,
OH 45014

All about Water

World water day is March 22, 2019 so let's celebrate. So join the celebration. Learn about the River Center. Read a story, engage in activity, and have fun. Free!

Saturday, March 30th, 1:00-2:00PM
Bicentennial Commons

Be on the Lookout for these future events

Flashlight egg hunt, Photo walks, wildflower walks, Dog-Bone egg hunt.

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.

Save the Date

Friends of MetroParks Butler County is pleased to announce it will be having its 2019 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 6 pm, at the River Center – Bicentennial Commons MetroPark, 120 South Carmody Boulevard, Middletown, Ohio 45044. Please plan on attending. Ms. Emily Archibald, Private Lands Biologist, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will present, “The Re-introduction of Quail in Ohio, Successes and Failures”. A delicious meal will be provided. The desserts will be homemade and fresh by the members of the Friends of MetroParks Board of Directors.

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

Things that Flutter Series

Flutter, you say? Why, yes!

Not only does your heart flutter when you see your loved one, but there are winged animals such as birds, bees, and butterflies who flutter to get around.

This brand new series will focus on these fluttering critters at different times throughout the year. This month will focus on bird banding and rookeries, as springtime is a great time to see the nesting sites of many birds (often called rookeries when many are gathered at one site). This summer, bees will be the central focus, as we learn what it takes to become a beekeeper. The theme this fall will be on butterflies and the migration of Monarchs down south to Mexico. Bring your butterfly nets and help us to tag the Monarchs as part of the 27th year of this citizen science project!

If this new series sounds like your “bread and flutter,” then join us on the following days:

Bird Banding & Rookeries • Saturday,
March 23, 2019 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Gilmore MetroPark
Bilstein Blvd. Area



Bees

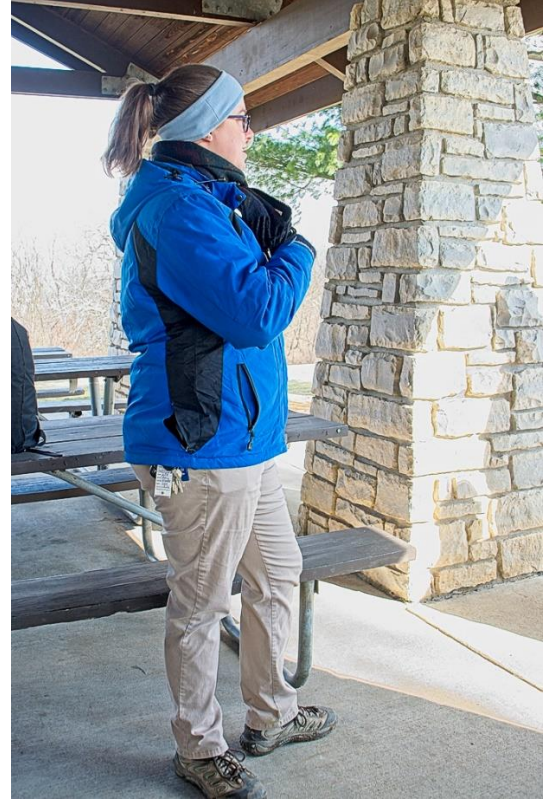
- Saturday, June 8, 2019 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge



Butterfly Hunt & Monarch Tagging •

Saturday, September 14, 2019 11:00 a.m. –
1:00 p.m. Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area



Nature Walks

As part of the nature walk series in Fairfield parks, Stephanie McCabe led a walk at Harbin Park to identify wildlife by their tracks and scat. The signs most frequently encountered were deer and possum tracks. It's nice to know that not all possums are flattened piles of fur in the middle of the road.

Keep an eye on the attached flyers of other nature walks in the parks, whether owls at Governor Bebb Park, amphibians at Salamander Run, or fossils at Point Pleasant Park.



Food Waste



Food waste is an issue here in the US as well as throughout the world. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization 1/3 of all food produced globally is lost or wasted. This represents a waste of the resources used to create food including land, water, energy as well as carbon emissions produced in vain. In North America About 40% of food loss and waste happens after the food is obtained by consumers. When greenhouse gas emissions are included, global food waste becomes more than a lost opportunity. Food waste generates greenhouse gas emissions at the equivalent of 3.3 billion tons of carbon. If food waste was a nation, it would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases after China and the US.

Action

The good news is that we can make meaningful change ourselves as both business owners and consumers.

Fourth Harvest is a local organization that takes food donations from grocers and helps them get tax benefits.

As a grocer, farmer, in-between or other food donor you are protected from liability by the “Good Samaritan” law signed in 1996. This means that even if you are not the original manufacturer of an item you are protected from civil or criminal prosecution in the event that your donation provided in good faith later cause harm to the recipient.

As a member of your community you can volunteer to take food waste from produce terminals, farms, super markets, and other sources to give to shelters and other recipients. For example, a Meal Center in Hamilton takes food that would otherwise be wasted from Bob Evans, Starbucks and Fort Hamilton Hospital. Butler County United Way takes non-perishable food donations and places them in blessing boxes on campus.

As a shopper, buying local and at farmers markets reduces the number of hoops your food goes through to get to you. This reduces waste in the supply chain. Often time food with cosmetic blemishes is not advertised but you can ask farmers about “seconds” by the bushel or peck which can be heavily discounted.

Know what packaging information means. Don’t confuse dates meant for quality rather than safety to tell you whether food is or is not spoiled.

Try to reduce food waste at home. Changing your diet and preparing your own meals can also make keeping track of food easier. Meat and dairy products are more apt to spoil if your attention lapses. Unprocessed fruits, nuts, vegetables and grains are more forgiving and can be composted easily at home.

If you organize an event or meal, plan for what happens to the food after the event to ensure that it either gets eaten, saved for later, or composted. Planning a brown bag lunch or potluck can be a way to get ahead of the game on food waste.

It is possible to make meaningful change as business owners and consumers to reduce food waste locally.

Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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





2019 Annual Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

The River Center at Bicentennial Commons MetroPark
120 South Carmody Boulevard, Middletown, Ohio 45044
Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 6:00 – 8:30 pm |
Dinner (6:30) - Business Meeting - Program

Dinner with Drinks and Homemade Dessert, \$20/person, \$5 under 12

Speaker:

Emily Archibald, "Re-Introduction of Quail in Ohio - Success and Failures"

Deadline for Reservations is Monday, **April 8**.

Please make your check payable to:

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County, PO Box 641, Hamilton, OH 45012

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____ Pay at the Door _____

*Or RSVP by responding to this email with name and number attending,

**Or e-mail your RSVP to kochtrees@gmail.com (state name, # attending)

February Service Day at Forest Run MetroPark – Wildlife Preserve Area



Chi Psi Fraternity cleared non-native trees and shrubs from the meadow area.

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

March Birthday Corner!

Kim Lipscomb	3/3	Eric Hollins	3/14
Pamela Knudson	3/7	Maddie Deselms	3/16
Addison Kennedy	3/10	Rachael Weekley	3/16
Michael Smith	3/10	Patti McDonald	3/17
Thomas Lacerda	3/11	Katie Conrad	3/28
Kim Burkhart	3/12	Jennifer Roth	3/30
Susan Corthell	3/12		



We L  ve our Volunteers!!

Volunteer Spotlight



Bob Schutte-

How long have you lived or worked in Butler County? I have lived in Butler County all my life. I ran an advertising/printing business for several years. I retired from Hamilton City Schools, where I managed the printing operations for the district.

Tell me a little about your family: I have 5 children, 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. My oldest daughter worked summers at the parks with Bonny (Seegmueller). When Barb and I had a program at Bebb, the kids would joke with us about going out to be pioneers. All that old-time stuff.

Do you have any hobbies? Hobbies are blacksmithing, woodworking, camping, and outdoors. Since I retired, I have been able to work at blacksmithing more.

What do you like to do for fun or is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share? For fun I like to go camping, hiking, and demonstrate blacksmithing.

What do you love most about volunteering for MetroParks? I have volunteered most at Gov. Bebb. I treasure the friends I made and the people I have met over the years in the village. I have been a volunteer since back in the 80's just after they started the pioneer village at Gov. Bebb. I love meeting the people and sharing the history of the area.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Tree Planting

When: March 30, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Elk Creek MetroPark – Meadow Ridge Area

5101 Circle Parkway, Middletown OH 45042

What: Volunteers are needed to assist with planting 200 trees. Depending on weather conditions prior to the planting day, the holes will be pre-dug. Volunteers will place trees, backfill, and water the trees. Great opportunity for a small group! Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information. Rainout date: March 31, 2019 or April 6, 2019.

Service Day at VOA MetroPark - Athletic Complex

When: March 30, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Athletic Complex

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers are needed to help put up the nets on goals at the Athletic Complex. Great opportunity for a small group! Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Service Day at Rentschler Forest MetroPark – Timberhill Area

When: March 23, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Rentschler Forest MetroPark – Timberhill Area

3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Fairfield Twp. OH 45011

What: Volunteers are needed to help put up tents on platforms at the camp. Great opportunity for a small group! Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information. Rain out date March 30, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Feeder Fill

When: Flexible-Year Round

Where: Forest Run Welcome Center & (Bothwell)

1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton OH 45013

What: Families & Adults who volunteer will fill bird feeders at the bird viewing area located at the Welcome Center in the Timberman Ridge Area of Forest Run MetroPark. Filling feeders takes approximately 30 minutes and should be done 1 or 2 days each week between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. By filling feeders and maintaining the feeder area, MetroParks is able to provide an excellent location for viewing birds. If interested, contact Joe Dumyahn at jdumyahn@YourMetroParks.net to schedule training.

Nest Box Monitor

When: **March – August 2019**

Where: Monitoring sites throughout MetroParks

Register: by emailing **Madeline Pruszenski** at mpruszenski@YourMetroParks.net.

What: Learn about becoming a volunteer Nest Box Monitor with MetroParks! Volunteers are needed to monitor nest boxes twice per week with 3-4 days between visits from the beginning of March through the end of August. Monitors will record data to be submitted to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Monitoring sites are available in several parks. Nest Box Monitoring is a great way to learn about nesting birds and enjoy the outdoors.

Ongoing Service Opportunities

Trail Ambassadors – Great Miami River Trail

When: Flexible

Where: Great Miami River Trail – Trenton to Middletown Section

What: Trail Ambassadors monitor the trail at least 4 hours a month on their bicycle. Trail Ambassadors report maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff, assist trail users when necessary, provide information to trail users, and perform light trail maintenance. 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.

Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark

When: Mondays, Fridays & Weekends

Where: Voice of America MetroPark

Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers (age 18+) are needed at the Welcome Center of Voice of America MetroPark. Duties include welcoming park customer/owners with a smile and providing information about programs and the parks. Training provided. Contact Sara Schapman sschapman@YourMetroParks.net. This position will require a background check. Details will be provided during interview.

Wheelhouse and Concessions - Voice of America MetroPark

When: evenings and weekends end of April through the summer.

Where: Voice of America MetroPark

Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers are needed to assist at the Wheelhouse with rental(s) and information. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with concessions on the Wednesday evening Hump Day Concert series and occasional weekends. Please indicate if you are interested in either or both when responding. Contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."
African proverb



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!



Spring Salamanders & Amphibians with Jeff Davis



Spring Salamanders & Amphibians with Jeff Davis

WHEN **Saturday, March 9, 2019**
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Rain Date March 16, 2019

WHERE **Salamander Run Preserve**
4821 Layhigh Road
Hamilton, OH 45013

PRICE **FREE**
Registration required by 3/8/19

ABOUT

Experience salamanders and amphibians like never before with Jeff Davis, one of Ohio's most well-known herpetologists. Join him at MetroParks' otherwise closed park, Salamander Run Preserve, to learn all about the species. Wear your muck boots and go on an adventure spotting salamanders and other amphibians.

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MARCH EVENTS



MetroParks of Butler County, OH

MARCH 2019

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM IN LIKE A LION, OUT LIKE A LAMB

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 3, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM SLOW FOOD VS FAST FOOD

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 7, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

SPRING SALAMANDERS & AMPHIBIANS WITH JEFF DAVIS

Salamander Run Preserve MetroPark
Sat., March 9, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Rain date - March 16.
FREE - Pre-registration Required
by March 8th

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WE ARE ROCKIN'

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM NESTING WREATHES

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 14, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

LET'S GO HIKING SERIES EASTERN BLUEBIRDS

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

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM LUCK OF A 4-LEAF CLOVER

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 17, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM THERE'S A COW IN MY MARSHMALLOW

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 21, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

THINGS THAT FLUTTER SERIES BIRD BANDING & ROOKERIES

Gilmore MetroPark
Bilstein Boulevard Area
Sat., March 23, 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Ages 10 and up
FREE

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

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 24, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

FOSSILS!

Point Pleasant Park
2001 Resor Road, Fairfield 45014
Sun., March 24, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Pre-register by calling 513.867.5348
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM BREAK OUT OF THE SHELL

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 28, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

ALL ABOUT WATER

Bicentennial Commons
River Center
Sat., March 30, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM HORSEING AROUND

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 31, 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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BECOME A NEST BOX MONITOR



Nest Box Monitor Volunteer

Want to learn more about the birds in your area while earning volunteer hours? Become a nest box monitor for one of our numerous park locations! Boxes are monitored from March through August, and are checked every 3-4 days. The data that you record will be submitted to Cornell Lab of Ornithology. If you would like more information, please email Madeline Pruszenski at mpruszenski@YourMetroParks.net.

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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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FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT



Flashlight Egg Hunt

WHEN

Friday, April 12, 2019
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE

**Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area**
1810 New London Road
Hamilton, OH 45013

PRICE

\$5.00 per participant
Pre-registration required
by April 10th

Friday, April 19, 2019
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Elk Creek MetroPark
Sebald Park Area**
5580 Elk Creek Road
Middletown, OH 45042

\$5.00 per participant
Pre-registration required
by April 17th

ABOUT

When the park is dark, your flashlight will be your guide! Bring your own flashlight and join in the fun! Egg cartons will be provided for collecting. All participants will hunt for one dozen eggs to turn in for a goodie bag. Check-in opens at 8:00 p.m. Crafts will be available in between hunt times.

8:30 p.m.: 3- to 5-year-old hunt
8:45 p.m.: 6- to 8-year-old hunt,
9:00 p.m.: 9- to 12-year-old hunt
9:15 p.m.: Family Hunt (if you have multiple aged children that want to participate together)

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DOG-GONE BONE HUNT



Dog-Gone Bone Hunt

WHEN **Sunday, April 14, 2019**
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE **Rentschler Forest MetroPark**
Reigart Road Area
5701 Reigart Road
Fairfield Township OH 45011

PRICE **\$5/dog through April 7, 2019**
\$6/dog on and after April 8, 2019
Pre-registration Requested,
Walk-ups Welcome

ABOUT

Bring your pooch for an egg hunt designed for dogs! Put their nose to the test as they sniff out a dozen treat filled plastic eggs. They will even receive a new toy as an extra reward. Some activities include: shopping at dog-friendly vendors, concessions, dog obstacle course, socializing time, and photo opportunities!

Hunt times are scheduled by weight:
12:00 p.m. – Registration/Check-In Opens
1:00 p.m. – Dogs Under 30 pounds
1:15 p.m. – Dogs 30-50 pounds
1:30 p.m. – Dogs 50 pounds and over

Event Rules: We ask that all dogs are well-behaved, socialized, and current on vaccinations. One dog per handler. Stoop and scoop rules apply – we will provide poop bags and garbage cans at the event for your use. Dogs must remain on a leash at all times during the event.

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Earthstock | Earth Day Festival



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WHEN	Sunday, April 28, 2019 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
WHERE	Voice of America MetroPark 7850 VOA Park Dr., West Chester OH 45069
PRICE	FREE
REGISTER	YourMetroParks.net Reduce-Reuse-Recycle art competition, Vendor, & Sponsorship information under About, Special Event Forms

ABOUT

NEW! Celebrate Earth Day and get closer to nature at Earthstock | Earth Day Festival! Guests will have the chance to experience lectures and demonstrations on a variety of environmental topics, try out various recreation equipment and activities, view natural artwork in the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle art competition, check out all the Earth-friendly vendors and opportunities for service around MetroParks... plus MORE!

Want to enter the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle art competition? Just head to Special Event Forms at www>YourMetroParks.net for rules and registration.

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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

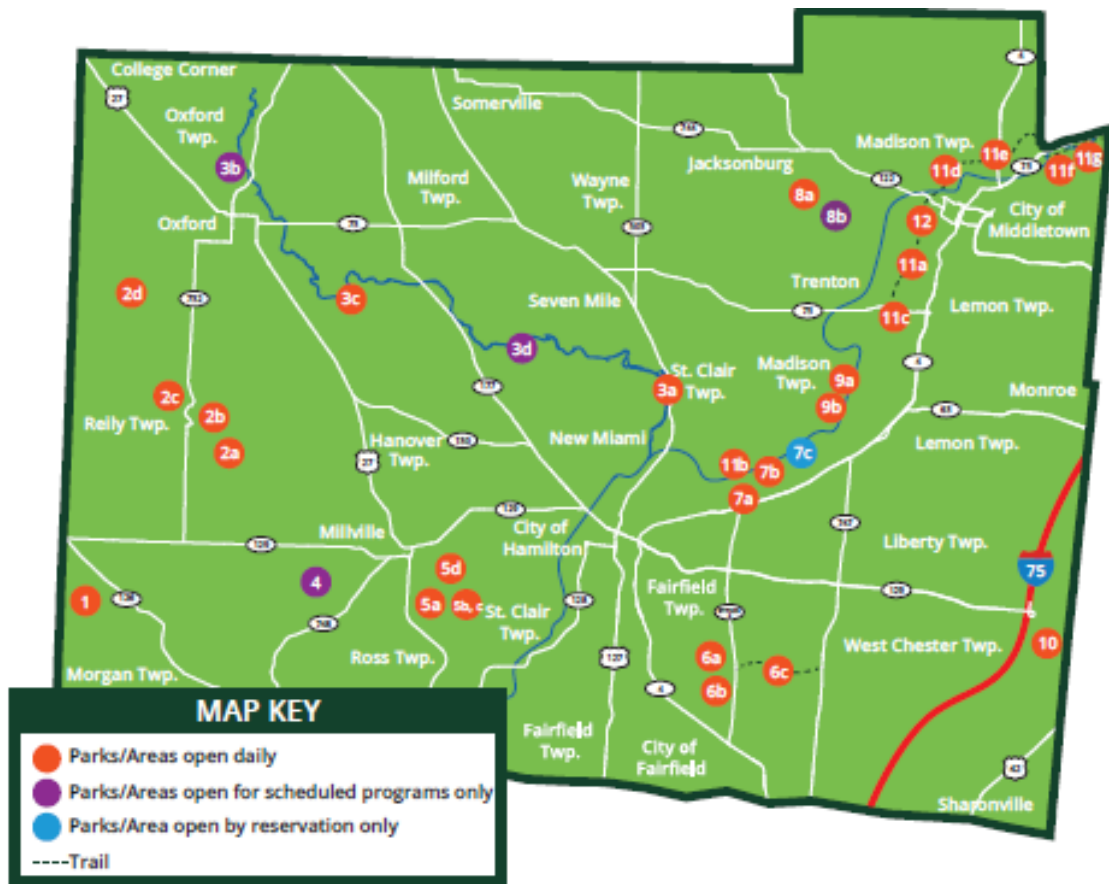
All programs are FREE. Registration is required by the Friday before each program.

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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

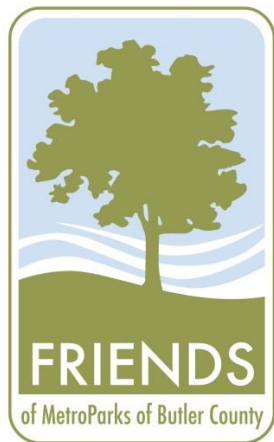
11. Great Miami River Trail

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

Yes, I/We want to be a member of Friends of MetroParks of Butler County!

Detach the form below and Mail it with your check to the address below

Become a Friend!

Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County
PO Box 691
Hamilton, OH 45012

Pick an Annual Membership

- Individual - \$10
- Family - \$15
- Group/Business -\$100
- Donation - \$ _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Group or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (required to receive newsletter) _____