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Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

September, 2019

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September Board Meeting and Members-Only Pizza Picnic! Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Chrisholm MetroPark

2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, OH 45067

7:00-9:00 PM

Matt Latham will provide an update on the status of the new MPX master plan.

Please RSVP to bug_jock@yahoo.com by Monday, 9/16, to let us know how many from your family will attend.



Letter from the President

Hurricane Dorian is skirting the east coast of the country after dealing major damage and loss of life in the Bahamas. At times like this, one almost appreciates an inland home range. (I'm selfishly hoping that the Outer Banks is gently treated in the next few days, since I've reserved a timeshare at the end of the month in Nag's Head, NC.) Please keep those on the east coast in your thoughts and prayers.

Hump Day concerts are done for the year. Thanks to the dedicated MPX employees who made this year's concert series such a success. Each year has shown improvement over the year before. At this rate, next year will be eagerly awaited to see what new and wonderful acts will appear at VOA. Great season, all.

Members of FoMPBC are invited to join us at Chrisholm MetroPark Wednesday, 9/18, for our monthly board of directors meeting. Pizza will be provided to attendees. Please RSVP to bug_jock@yahoo.com before Monday, 9/16, letting us know how many from your family will join us. (We wouldn't want to run low on pizza!) Matt Latham from MPX will share preliminary results from his on-going master plan update.

We are trying to work with Miller-Coors in Trenton to schedule another Members-Only outing in October. We hope to visit the wetlands on their plant site to view migrating waterfowl. I will let you know next month about details.

There are lots of activities scheduled in the parks for September. Coming up is Fun on the Farm, Movies in the Park, and Pioneer Life, plus many more exciting programs for kids of all ages.

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: Who Tastes with Their Feet, Fossil Find, Sunflower Supreme, Let's Take a Spin, Awesome Asters, Spiders Are Our Friends, ABC's of Farm Life.

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

<u>Photo Walks</u>
Tips for Photographing Historic Buildings



Join us as we wander around the Pioneer Village and capture photographs of the historic buildings. Photographer Susan Milinkovich will share tips for telling a story with your photographs and capturing architectural features. Bring your iPhone, Point-and-shoot or DSLR camera - no photography experience needed.

Saturday. September 7, 8:30-10:00 AM Governor Bebb MetroPark - Pioneer Village -1979 Bebb Park Ln., Okeana, OH

Tips for Shooting Fall Colors



Join us as we wander around Chrisholm Farm in search of fall colors and capture photographs of the historic Farmstead. Photographer Susan Milinkovich will share tips for capturing fall colors and share a little about how to use color theory in your photography. Bring your iPhone, point-and-shoot or DSLR camera - no photography experience needed.

Saturday. November 9, 9:00-10:30 AM Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead - Picnic Shelter - 2070 Woodsdale Rd., Trenton, OH





Are you ready to meet the planet? Come visit with us to learn all about the planet Saturn as well as other space related topics with members of the Cincinnati Observatory. Start the evening with a craft and learn how to use star wheels before the sun sets. After, get a close up view of the stars with some amazing telescopes. Bring a blanket or chair. Free!

Saturday. September 7, 7:30-10:30 PM Forest Run Welcome Center - Timberman Ridge Shelter- 1976 Timberman Rd., Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Fun on the Farm



Experience life and activities away from the city and down on the farm at this year's Fun on the Farm - farm fun the old fashion way! Enjoy a petting zoo with the opportunity to feed the animals, wagon rides, samples of open hearth cooking, tours of the 1874 Amish-Mennonite Augspurger Home, and MORE!

Admission: \$5 per vehicle

Sunday. September 8, 12:00-4:00 PM Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead 2070 Woodsdale Rd. Trenton, OH

Movies in the Parks

Friday nights were made for the Movies!!! Bring the Family out for a FREE movie outdoors on a nice summer evening starting Friday August 16th thru September 20th at Rentschler Forest. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us for an evening out in the parks, and maybe even pack a picnic to make it a dinner and a movie! The movie will start at dark. This month come see Charlotte's Web, Incredibles 2, Spirit, Stallion of the Cimarron,

8:00-10:30 PM

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area - Cummins Shelter - 5701 Reigart Rd. Hamilton, OH

Butterfly Hunt and Monarch Tagging



Join Bob Nuhn on a hunt for butterflies and their predators! Bob has had the butterfly "bug" since childhood and has led a local butterfly count for years - even submitting his findings to the North American Butterfly Association! End the day with an exciting Monarch tagging experience. Dress for exploring tall grassy areas. Participants should bring their own water and sunscreen. Program is weather dependent.

Saturday. September 14, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Forest Run Wildlife Preserve - 1810 New London Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

Let's Go Hiking! Autumn Birding Hike



Bird Nerds, it's that time again! It's Fall migration season for many of our Ohio native and northern birds. Join in on the fun as we look up at the skies and in the trees in search of our feathered friends making their long journey south.

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

Saturday. September 21, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Harbin Park 1300 Hunter Road Fairfield Ohio 45014

Pioneer Life



Step back in time, to the early 1800's and witness the life of the pioneers and Native Americans. Visit with interpreters and demonstrators. See live animals and make crafts during your visit at our authentic Pioneer Village. Food and beverage purchases will be available.

Saturday. September 21, 12:00-5:00 PM Governor Bebb MetroPark- Pioneer Village Area-1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, OH

Great Outdoor Weekend

Bird Banding

Great Outdoor Weekend is here! Do you have an interest in birds? Just want to get outside and learn something new? Come out and learn about bird banding and enjoy a hike to discover what kinds of birds live at Forest Run MetroPark. Bird banding is an important practice to track and learn many things about birds, and is an

essential tool in the study and conservation of migratory birds. September is a big month for birds, as they make their way south to their winter homes in the southern areas of North America, the Caribbean, and even Central and South America!

This program will take place twice on the same day!

Early Birds arrive from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Late arrivals from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Saturday. September 28, 8:00-9:30 am Forest Run Wildlife Preserve Area 1810 New London Rd., Hamilton OH 45013 **Saturday. September 28**, 10:00-11:30 am Forest Run Wildlife Preserve Area 1810 New London Rd., Hamilton OH 45013

Sense in The Dark

Looking for a fun and interactive way to end your evening? Come and explore with us as we use our senses in the dark during a night hike at Rentschler Forest MetroPark! We will be using our night vision during the night hike, so flashlights are not needed. Specific start time. Registration is required by 9/27/19.

Saturday. September 28, 7:30-9:00 PM Rentschler Forest MetroPark- H.F. Walsh Shelter- 5701 Reigart Rd, Fairfield Township, OH 45011

Amazing Animals

Animals are amazing! Come learn about many of Ohio's native animals and the habitats they live in. During the first hour of the program, we will have native animal ambassadors to meet and learn from. During the second hour, we will explore different habitats, such as ponds, prairies, and woodlands in our search for native wildlife. Join in on the fun!

Sunday. September 29, 12:00-2:00 PM Forest Run Welcome Center- Timberman Ridge Shelter- 1979 Timberman Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

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/enrollCommunity RewardsNow

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..

Turf Tips: Fall Tips for"Winterizing" Your Lawn

Britt Barry, Former Turf/Park Manager at Voice of America MetroPark

As we approach fall, don't miss out on the best opportunity to look forward to next year. A good fall fertilizer program is the best thing you can do for great results next spring. Is there a better feeling than having your yard lush and green while your neighbors is still brown coming out of winter dormancy? Use these tips to help promote healthy grass for next year, starting this fall.

Aerifying is a great way to de-compact high traffic areas in your lawn, as well as get oxygen down to the roots of the grass plants. It also creates great channels for fertilizer to get down directly to the roots. This fall, as soil temps begin to drop, core aerify your lawn. You can remove the cores if it's unsightly, or simply let them dry out and mow over them to break them up and spread it back out.

Choosing a fertilizer with phosphorus and potassium is important to help promote root growth at this stage. If available, take a soil sample and get it tested. The soil test can recommend a great fall fertilizer to help make for a healthier stand of turf. Use the recommended rates and a proper spreader to apply to your yard. Any thin areas should be seeded at this time as well, allowing for the seed to take advantage of good weather and fertilizer to get established before winter.

This process alone can and will help you going into the winter. Another step that we use here in the Athletic Complex at Voice of America is to apply one more application of fertilizer with nitrogen as soil temperatures drop to 50°F (Usually around early November). The nitrogen can be absorbed into the plant without being immediately used as temperatures are too low for growth to be encouraged. This nitrogen is stored as energy through the winter and allows the plant to use it in the spring as temperatures begin to warm back up. This gives you a great jump start on the competition (your neighbors)!

Don't be afraid to continue mowing until your lawn quits growing. Letting grass get too long in the fall can make it difficult to get back to your desired height in the spring. The "1/3 Rule" states you should never cut off more than 1/3 of your leaf tissue at any time of the year. Doing so damages the plant and can lead to a decline in health and susceptibility to disease. Mulching leaves, instead of raking them, is a great way to add a little extra "free" fertilizer as well. As the leaves decompose, they will release the nutrients and organic material back into the soil for your grass to take advantage of.

If you notice some areas of your lawn are showing weak spots, look as to why that's an issue. Many times, it is due to traffic. A sidewalk or stepping stones through an often used path can focus the traffic to specific areas and keep grass healthier around it. Keep in mind that grass grows by the inch but dies by the foot!

It's never too early to start planning ahead for next year, and fall is the most beneficial time to apply fertilizer. If you can only fertilize once a year, you will get the most value from choosing to do so in the fall. By using these tips, you can help to improve the quality and aesthetics of your own lawn and ensure that the grass is always greener on YOUR side.

Family Movie Night at the Parks



Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show! What's better than going out to a movie on Friday night? How about a FREE movie outdoors on a nice summer evening!

From the classic *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* and the family favorite *Incredibles 2*, to the new and final segment of *How to Train Your Dragon 3: The Hidden World*. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us for an evening out in the parks.

We have a great lineup of movies showing every Friday night from August 16, 2019 to September 20, 2019 at Rentschler Forest MetroPark. We'll provide the FREE popcorn during the movie. Feel free to pack your dinner to make it a dinner and a movie. The movie will begin at dark.

Pioneer Life

By Shawnee Banks

Step back in time, to the early 1800's and witness the life of those who came before us at Governor Bebb MetroPark on Saturday, September 21 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Immerse yourself in a culturally historic experience while visiting with

Native American demonstrators and Pioneer interpreters.

Listen to Native American intertribal songs, drums and flute playing. And watch as dancers perform beautiful Native American dancing. The demonstrations will highlight Eastern Woodland Native American cultures as well as contemporary powwow styles. Come take part in a children's candy dance at 2:00 p.m. where children pick up candy to the sound of the drum.



In our authentic pioneer village, stop by all our cabins to learn something new about 1800's settler life including blacksmithing, open hearth cooking, butter churning, basket weaving, finger weaving, spinning wool, medicinal and edible herbs and much more. Make a craft or two with the children as one of your stops as well.



Live hooved animals will also be present to delight our guests. Learn all about our animal friends and what it takes to care for them as a pioneer back in the day.



Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. This program is free and enjoyable for all ages so bring the whole family!

Hump Day 12 Concert The Barefoot Movement Band









Critter Corner
The Pennsylvania Leatherwing Beetle



The texture on the orange and black elytra (wing coverings) of the Pennsylvania Leatherwing is smooth and shiny, giving it the appearance of leather. It looks a lot like a close relative, the Margined Leatherwing Beetle. As a defensive maneuver, the Pennsylvania Leatherwing is capable of secreting a foul chemical from glands near the tip of its abdomen.

This beetle has a fantastic appetite for aphids which are small plant-sucking insects - the bane of every gardener. The presence of the Pennsylvania Leatherwing Beetle means free, organic pest control. As a bonus, the beetle spends so much time wandering around flowers looking for aphids, it becomes a terrific pollinator as well. They are fast and agile and usually travel in packs, amplifying the benefits they bring to a garden.

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







Volunteer News



August 2019

10th Anniversary Crazy Cardboard Regatta & Mud Mania













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?

- Did you know that you can sign up online and view various opportunities to serve within MetroParks?
- Visit www.YourMetroParks.net, select "Support", then under "Current Volunteers" click the link. Once you sign in you can view openings to serve by month. Anywhere you see "Help Wanted" you can click to see opportunities.

August Birthday Corner!

Caity West	8/2	Stephanie Cronin	8/14
Nathan Hogan	8/3	Braeden Fedders	8/17
Paulette Shim	8/3	Justin Fedders	8/17
Maria Burch	8/6	Kevin Sharp	8/17
Denise Carnevale	8/8	Henry Campbell	8/19
Alfredo Ferguson	8/10	Bryant Riley	8/19
David Johnson	8/10	Margaret Ernst	8/22
Emily Moore	8/10	Kyle Hosler	8/23
Carri Mosier	8/11	Adithya Deepak	8/25
Carole Poffinbarger	8/11	Jill Cates	8/29
Jake Scott	8/12	Virginia Hertenstein	8/29
Ted Schellenbach	8/13	Andrew Stocker	8/30



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MetroPark Volunteer Spotlight



Roger Koch - Friend of MetroParks of Butler County

How long have you lived or worked in Butler County?

We moved to Reily Twp. in 1950 when I was one year old. My parents owned a farm in Boone Co., Ky., but decided to purchase a farm in Butler Co. to take advantage of better school options.

Tell me a little about your family:

My parents, Amy and Charles Koch had nine children. I have three brothers and five sisters. My wife and I, Carol have four children, Paula, Tom, Robert and James. Paula and Tom, both married, are in the DC area, Robert and James, both unmarried, live in Seattle.

Do you have any hobbies?

Hiking, exploring, visiting family, old tractors and county fairs.

What do you like to do for fun or is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share? I was undecided about a college degree, so I majored in what I thought would be fun and interesting, botany. The GI Bill paid for my college. My yard is a small arboretum.

What do you love most about volunteering for MetroParks?

Meeting all sorts of interesting people.

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Fun on the Farm

Event runs 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

When: September 8, 2019

Shifts available: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm & 2:00 pm -4:30 pm Where: Chrisholm MetroPark, Chrisholm Historic Farmstead

2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton, Ohio 45067

What: Ready for some old fashioned fun? Come on down to the Chrisholm Historic Farmstead and kick up your heels! We are looking for volunteers to help with barn dancing, hayrides, open hearth cooking and animal care at the petting zoo. If interested contact Amy Pellman at

apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

The Howl

Event runs 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

When: October 19, 2019

Shifts available: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm & 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark 7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

What: 'Bark' your calendars! Volunteers are needed to assist with setup, the Doggy Dash, the Pupper Costume Parade and tear down. Doggy Dash Registration begins at 11:00 with the race starting at 12:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to be race timers and scorekeepers. For the Pupper Costume Parade, we are looking for volunteers to be prize distributors and gofers. If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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

When/What: New additions at Chrisholm MetroPark August 15, 2019 time tbd; Grand opening of Farmscape, Chrisholm MetroPark September 6, 2019 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Fun on the Farm, Chrisholm MetroPark September 8, 2019 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm; Movies in the Parks, Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Fridays August 16-September 20, 2019; Elk Creek MetroPark – Meadow Ridge Area.

What: 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

"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." - Denzel Washington



Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN Sundays 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays in September 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in October 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

September 5 Who Tastes with Their Feet?

September 12 Fossil Find

September 15 Sunflower Supreme

September 19 Let's Take a Spin

September 22 Awesome Asters

September 26 Spiders are our Friends

September 29 ABC's of Farm Life

October 3 Leaf Changing Experiences

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.

October 6	Insects Alive	
October 10	Broom Swoosha Broom	
October 13	Apples Galore	
October 17	Sensational Seasons	
October 20	ABC's of Farm Life	
October 24	Backbone Bonanza	
October 27	Nursery Rhymes on the Farm	
October 31	Pumpkin Hunt	

^{*}There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on September 1 & 8.

Motor Vehicle Permit Required. FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents \$5/daily or \$10/annually.





River Center Series

WHERE B

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 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. 9/7/19 Amazing Animals 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. 10/6/19

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



Nature Craft





THE FARM

WHEN Sunday, September 8, 2019

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WHERE Chrisholm MetroPark
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead

2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton, OH 45067

PRICE \$5 per vehicle



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Featuring:

- Petting zoo with the opportunity to feed the animals
- · Farmer's market
- · Wagon rides
- · Samples of open hearth cooking
- Tours of the 1874 Amish-Mennonite Augspurger Home
- And MORE!



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:

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.

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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: 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 Ploneer VIIIage

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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Pioneer Life

WHEN

Saturday, September 21, 2019 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE

Governor Bebb MetroPark

Pioneer Village 1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana. OH 45053

PRICE

FREE

No Registration Required

ABOUT

Step back in time, to the early 1800's and witness the life of those before us... the Native Americans and Pioneers. Visit with first person interpreters in our authentic pioneer village. Experience various demonstrations including the life of a blacksmith, 1800's style cooking and Native American demonstrations. See live hooved animals and make a craft during your visit at our authentic Pioneer Village. Free. Food and drinks available for purchase.



Movies in the Parks

ABOUT

What's better than going out to a movie on Friday night? How about a FREE movie outdoors on a nice summer evening! Grab your lawn chair or blanket and join us for an evening out in the parks. Feel free to pack your dinner to make it a dinner and a movie. The movie will begin at dark.

WHEN

Every Friday from August 16, 2019 to September 20, 2019

PRICE

FREE TO THE PUBLIC Registration Not Required



MARY POPPINS RETURNS August 16, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD August 23, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



CHRISTOPHER ROBIN August 30, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



CHARLOTTE'S WEB September 6, 2019 Rentschler Forest MetroPark 5701 Reigart Rd. Fairfield Township, OH 45011



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Wild About Wildflowers Series

WHEN

See Dates & Times Below

PRICE

FREE

REGISTER Registration Requested, Walk-Ins Welcome

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Spring Indian Creek MetroPark Springfield Road Area Saturday, April 13, 2019 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Summer Governor Bebb MetroPark Saturday, July 6, 2019 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fall Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge Area Saturday, October 12, 2019 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ABOUT

hidden gems.

Let's kick off opening day on the trails with the first wildflower hike on 4/13/19. Join us each season for additional hikes and learn all about wildflowers that bloom in Spring, Summer, and Fall. Grab

your hiking boots and explore various MetroPark locations in search of these





Tree ID Series

Have you ever been curious about the various types of trees we have in Ohio? Wonder no further. Join the MetroParks for two relaxing hikes where we will learn how to identify trees in both Spring and Fall. Who knew blossoms and leaves could be so interesting?

REGISTER

Registration Requested, Walk-Ins Welcome. YourMetroParks.net

Spring Blossoms: Trees Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge Saturday, April 6, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

PRICE

FREE

Fall Leaves: Trees Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Saturday, October 26, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WHO TASTES WITH THEIR FEET?

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., September 5, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FREE

MOVIES IN THE PARK CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Fri., September 6, 8:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. FREE

PHOTO WALKS TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHING HISTORICAL BUILDINGS

Governor Bebb MetroPark Sat., September 7, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Registration required by 9/6/19 FREE

AMAZING ANIMALS

Village Green Park 301 Wessel Drive, Fairfield 45014 Sat., September 7, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Pre-register by calling 513.867.5348 FREE

MEET THE PLANET: SATURN

Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge
Sat., September 7, 7:30 p.m.– 10:30 p.m.
Registration Required by 9/6/19
FREE

FUN ON THE FARM

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Sun., September 8, 12:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. \$5.00/vehicle

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM FOSSIL FIND

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., September 12, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FREE

MOVIES IN THE PARK THE INCREDIBLES 2

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Fri., September 13, 8:00 p.m.– 10:30 p.m. FREE

BUTTERFLY HUNT & MONARCH TAGGING

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

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM SUNFLOWER SUPREME

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Sun., September 15, 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. FREE

MORE EVENTS ON BACK!

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM LET'S TAKE A SPIN

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., September 19, 6:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. FREE

MOVIES IN THE PARK SPIRIT, STALLION OF CIMARRON

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Fri., September 20, 8:00 p.m.– 10:30 p.m. FREE

LET'S GO HIKING SERIES AUTUMN BIRDING HIKE

Harbin Park 1300 Hunter Road, Fairfield 45014 Sat., September 21, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pre-register by calling 513.867.5348 FREE

PIONEER LIFE

Governor Bebb MetroPark Pioneer Village Sat, September 21, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM AWESOME ASTERS

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Sun., September 22, 2:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m. FREE

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SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM SPIDERS ARE OUR FRIENDS

Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead Thurs., September 26, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FRFF

GREAT OUTDOOR WEEKEND!BIRD BANDING & HIKE

Forest Run MetroPark Wildlife Preserve Sat., September 28, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. FRFF

GREAT OUTDOOR WEEKEND! SENSES IN THE DARK

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Reigart Road Area Sat., September 28, 7:30 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. Registration required by 9/27/19 FREE

GREAT OUTDOOR WEEKEND! AMAZING ANIMALS

Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge Sun., September 29, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. FREE

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

Historic Farmstead Sun., September 29, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PARK LOCATIONS

1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

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

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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

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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 Lanes 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

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5d. Wildlife Preserve Area

1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013

6. GILMORE METROPARK

óa. Gilmore Road Area

7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015

ób. Bilstein Boulevard Area

8500 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015

óc. 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 Reigart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011 Parking Areas

11c. 50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044

11d. 26 North Carmody Boulevard

Middletown OH 45042

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12.BICENTENNIAL COMMONS

100 South Carmody Boulevard Middletown OH 45044



The HOWL

WHEN Saturday, October 19, 2019

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Walk-up Registration 11:00 a.m.
Doggy Dash 12:00 p.m.
Pupper Costume Parade 1:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Voice of America MetroPark 7850 Voice of America Park Drive

West Chester OH 45069

PRICE

\$5.00/dog + \$5.00/Doggy Dash Participant before 10/13/19

\$6.00/dog + \$6.00/Doggy Dash Participant on or after 10/13/19

Register online or in person the day of the event

ABOUT

Bark your calendars for a Pupper Costume Parade, a trick-or-treat trail designed for both dogs and children, ruff-ruff obstacle course, vendors, and more. Use tail wagging teamwork by adding the 2.4 mile Doggy Dash around the lake. Rescue centers will have adoptable dogs to borrow if you do not have your own pet.

Benefiting *The Wiggly Field Dog Park Fund* at The Community Foundation of West Chester & Liberty.

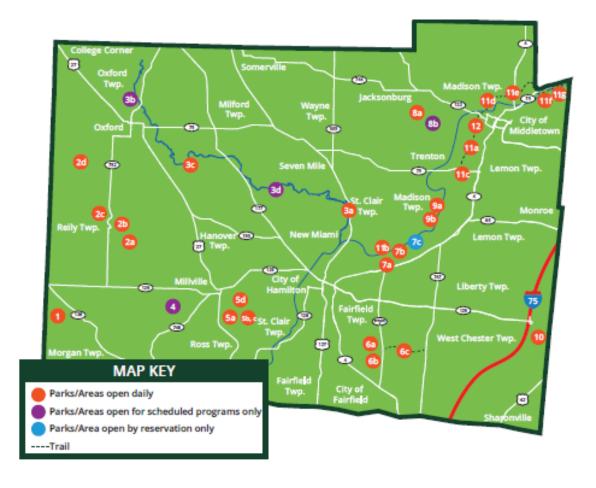
*Doggy Dash participants will receive a t-shirt. Register by 10/10/19 to guarantee t-shirt size and availability.



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12.Bicentennial Commons

Carmody Bouldvard 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	 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?	 Private citizens who have come together to: 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!	Pick an Annual Membership	
Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:	☐ Individual - \$10	
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Hamilton, OH 45012	☐ Donation - \$	
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Email (required to receive newsletter)		