

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

December, 2019

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No December Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County



Why not enjoy the holidays in the parks?

Letter from the President

Picture, if you will, lush tropical islands, beautiful flowers, colorful birds, sunny beaches, warm breezes, sparkling sea water in 1000 shades of blue, and dozens of different varieties of rum. Now picture returning to freezing Ohio at 1 AM and having to scrape the evidence of winter off the windshield. Any doubt that winter is almost here was drowned out by the sound of chattering teeth.

As I said last month, there are lots of fun activities going on in the parks this month. Don't let a little chilly weather keep you indoors. Dress in layers and brave the elements

See you in the parks!

Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Upcoming Events

Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy winter on the farm with Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: Let's Make Soap, ABC's of Farm Life, Winter Wreath Fun, Holidays New and Old, and Presents for the Animals.

Fun on the Farm is on Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am and Sunday's from 2:00-4:00pm

Please Note there will not be programs on the 12/22, 12/26, 12/29 or 1/02 due to the holiday.

Middletown Winter Hike Series



Join us outside for a hike at one, two, or all three great Middletown locations this winter! The first Saturday of the month, these hikes will begin at 10 a.m., and range from 1-3 miles. Enjoy a social, family friendly hike, and learn about the outdoor options Middletown has to offer.

Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate or coffee at each hike! Hikes will be led by Bulls Run Nature Sanctuary, MetroParks of Butler County, and the City of Middletown.

Registration is required at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQ59h2ryj9W7p_VVxN0UGdfewB2QNk_OjPUflxFxNzizR3ew/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQ59h2ryj9W7p_VVxN0UGdfewB2QNk_OjPUflxFxNzizR3ew/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Contact naturalist@bullsrn.org for more information!

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum
3909 Rosedale Road Middletown OH 45042

Winter Bird Count



For over 100 years, Audubon has been conducting a Christmas Bird Count throughout the country. It doesn't matter if you are just learning to bird watch or if you are an accomplished birder, come out for a brisk walk to look for the winter birds! Various MetroParks sites will be included.

Oxford

Meet at the Miami University Research Ecology Research Center at 5806 Somerville Rd, Oxford OH 45056 at 7 AM or contact Larry Gersbach at larrygers@aol.com for details.

Saturday. December 14, 7:00 AM-12:00 PM
Miami University's Environmental Research Center on Somerville Road at 7:am

Hamilton/Fairfield

This bird count is sponsored by the Cincinnati Bird Club.

Contact Mike Busam at mbusam@gmail.com for details.

Saturday. December 14, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Contact Mike Busam at mbusam@gmail.com for meeting location

Brunch with Santa



Time to reserve your seat for this fun, family event. Enjoy a yummy brunch buffet, jazz music, visit and take your own picture with Santa, make a holiday craft, and enjoy entertainment by the MADCAP Puppets as they perform The Great Space Caper. Space is limited. Reservations required. Registration closes 12/8/19.

Sunday. December 15, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM
Voice of America MetroPark Ronald Reagan Lodge 7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

Let's Go Hiking! Surviving Winter



Hibernate, migrate, or tolerate - those are the options animals have in order to survive winter. Join in as we discover who is tolerating the winter cold in Harbin Park. Dress for the weather, as we tolerate the cold too!

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

Saturday, December 21, 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.

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.

Christmas Bird Count,

by Stephanie McCabe

"Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree."

Even in the classic tune, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, there has been a long history of counting birds around Christmas time. The National Audubon

Society's Christmas Bird Count began on Christmas Day in 1900 as a way to start a new holiday tradition, rather than the age-old custom of going on a holiday hunt. Today, this citizen science project is used to collect wildlife census data to gain more understanding on bird

populations and trends, which will then be used to direct conservation measures. Christmas Bird Count hikes take place between December 14th and January 5th all throughout the Western Hemisphere, from the northernmost count that takes place in the Arctic Bay of Canada, south to the Drake Passage off the coast of Argentina.

Do you find yourself asking, “How can I get involved?” I’m so glad you asked. Luckily for you, you don’t have to travel around the globe to participate! There are two Christmas Bird Counts taking place right here in Butler County. All birding skill levels are welcome.

- Oxford Area Bird Count: Saturday, December 14th from 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meet at Miami University’s Ecology Research Center at 5806 Somerville Road, Oxford, OH 45056 at 7:00 a.m. Contact Larry Gersbach at larrygers@aol.com for details.
- Hamilton-Fairfield Area Bird Count: Saturday, December 14th from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. This bird count is sponsored by the Cincinnati Bird Club. Contact Mike Busam at mbusam@gmail.com for meeting location and details.



Critter Corner



It’s always interesting when visiting foreign shores to see what kinds of critters are to be found. This 6” caterpillar was found munching on frangipani leaves in a Bajan churchyard. I guess that this is appropriate, since it’s a frangipani hornworm. This larval state of a hawk moth is found throughout the Caribbean basin. Although fond of mimicking poisonous coral snakes, these are mostly harmless (unless you count scaring the bejeevers out of bug-o-phobes). The use of such bright colors to make predators think the wearer is poisonous, or bad-tasting, is called “aposematic”. The viceroy butterfly is another example of this behavior. Remember the next time you find hornworms on your frangipani that at least their high visibility makes it easy to pluck them off.

Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



ALL NEW 2019 ENTERTAINMENT!

BRUNCH WITH SANTA



Brunch with Santa

WHEN Sunday, December 15, 2019
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Brunch 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Jazz band performance
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
MadCap Puppet Show
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Visit With Santa
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
7850 Voice of America Park Drive
West Chester OH 45069

PRICE Age 7 and Up: \$18.50
Age 3-6: \$13.99
Children Under 3: FREE



ABOUT

Blast off into the best time of the year! Santa has arranged for jazz music, a yummy brunch buffet, photos with Santa, holiday crafts and an all new space themed show presented by MadCap Puppets. MadCap is nationally recognized for engaging and original children's theatre productions. They will present "The Great Space Caper" in which famous space explorer, Buzby, crash lands his spaceship on a strange planet and forms an unlikely friendship with a stranded alien named Galax. Together, they uncover the mysteries of our universe as they search for a new planet that the funny little creature can call home. Reserve now - Seating Limited!

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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Volunteer News



December 2019

November Volunteers



Service Day at Indian Creek MetroPark Pioneer Church Committee 11/2/19



Service Day at Voice of America MetroPark-Athletic Complex 11/2/19



Tree Planting Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge area Beta Theta Pi 11/10/19



Service Day Forest Run MetroPark Timberman Ridge area Beta Theta Pi 11/17/19



2019 Volunteer Appreciation Celebration
 February 6, 2020 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
 Details to follow!



December Birthday Corner!

Ronald Aylward	12/1	Zachary Beltz	12/23
Jennifer Vanderhorst	12/2	Patrick McDonald	12/23
Carl Ruble	12/5	Chris Tompkins	12/23
Jeff Lehman	12/7	Silas Birdsell	12/25
Cameron Bryant	12/10	Tracy Palma	12/25
Naomi Galarza	12/12	Alisa Cox	12/27
Tonya Holman	12/14	Larry Gersbach	12/27
Tedi-Lea Debruler	12/16	Natalie Horne	12/27
Gary Stokes	12/19	Mark Troup	12/27
Braden VanWinkle	12/20	Pamela Harper	12/31



MetroPark Staff Spotlight



Yamini Patel – Supervisor of Financial Services

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

My name is Yamini Patel and I graduated from University of South Carolina majoring in Accounting and Finance. After moving to Ohio in 2016, I was searching for a part-time position and came across the Accounting Associate AR/AP position at MetroParks of Butler County. After going through the interview process, I was selected and started working at MetroParks on 9/12/16. I was promoted to Manager of Financial Services on 8/18/18 and recently to Supervisor of Financial Services on 8/30/19.

Tell us a little about your family: My family consists of my husband and I. My parents live in South Carolina and my in-laws live here in Ohio. I have two younger brothers in South Carolina, and both have graduated from University of South Carolina.

Do you have any hobbies?

My hobbies include running, riding bicycles and listening to music.

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

During the beautiful spring and summer seasons, I enjoy exploring the world outside of Cincinnati.

What do you love most about working for MetroParks?

I love working with all the coworkers at MetroParks because everyone is cooperative and understanding. Everyone works together as a big family to accomplish the end task/goal. Additionally, MetroParks has beautiful parks to cherish with family and friends.

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Decorating for the Murder Mystery Dinner

When: February 14, 2020 time to be determined

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

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

Murder Mystery Dinner

When: February 15, 2020

Event runs: 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

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

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Ronald Reagan Lodge

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

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

Ongoing Service Opportunities

Trail Maintenance Steward

When: Flexible

Where: Assigned hiking trails within MetroParks

What: Trail Ambassador Stewards hike marked trails in assigned MetroPark at least 4 hours a month.

Volunteers report any maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff and pick up any trash.

Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Group Service Projects

When: Flexible

Where: Flexible

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

Program/Event & Preparation Support

When: Flexible

Where: Multiple Locations

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

Administrative Office Support

When: Flexible

Where: Forest Run MetroPark-Administrative Office

2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

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

Photography opportunity

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

Long-term Survey Project

****NEW OPPORTUNITY****

When: flexible

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

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

Contact Us

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

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

Or email Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net

Did you know?

- Volunteer hours are reported to the MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners EVERY month? Please be sure to log your hours or email them to Amy for entry!
- Visit www.YourMetroParks.net, select "Support Us", then "Volunteering". Scroll down to the Volunteer Policy. On page 8 is the list of all the rewards! Don't know how many hours you have? Just let me know!

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." ~ Tom Brokaw

SHOW AND TELL ON THE FARM



Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN

Sundays

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WHERE

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

PRICE

FREE programs for all ages
No Registration Necessary

ABOUT

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

November 3 Plain & Simple Life
the Amish-Mennonite Way

November 7 Reading the Weather

November 10 ABC's of Farm Life

November 14 Turkey Talk

November 17 Cornucopia

November 21 Pilgrim Adventures

November 24 Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals

December 5 Let's Make Soap

December 8 ABC's of Farm Life

December 12 Winter Wreath Fun

December 15 Holidays New & Old

December 19 Presents for the Animals

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

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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!

DECEMBER EVENTS



DECEMBER 2019

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM LET'S MAKE SOAP

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., December 5, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

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

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., December 8, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WINTER WREATH FUN

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., December 12, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT AUDUBON MIAMI VALLEY

Meet at Miami University
Ecology Research Center
to visit various park locations together
Sat., December 15, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
For more information, Contact
Larry Gersbach @ larrygers@aol.com
FREE

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT CINCINNATI BIRD CLUB

Various Locations
Sat., December 15, Dawn until Dusk
For more information, Contact
Mike Busam @ mbusam@gmail.com
FREE

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Sun., December 15, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Registration required by 12/8/2019
Ages 8 & up - \$18.50
Ages 3-6 - \$13.99
Under 3 - FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM HOLIDAYS NEW & OLD

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., December 15, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM PRESENTS FOR THE ANIMALS

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., December 19, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

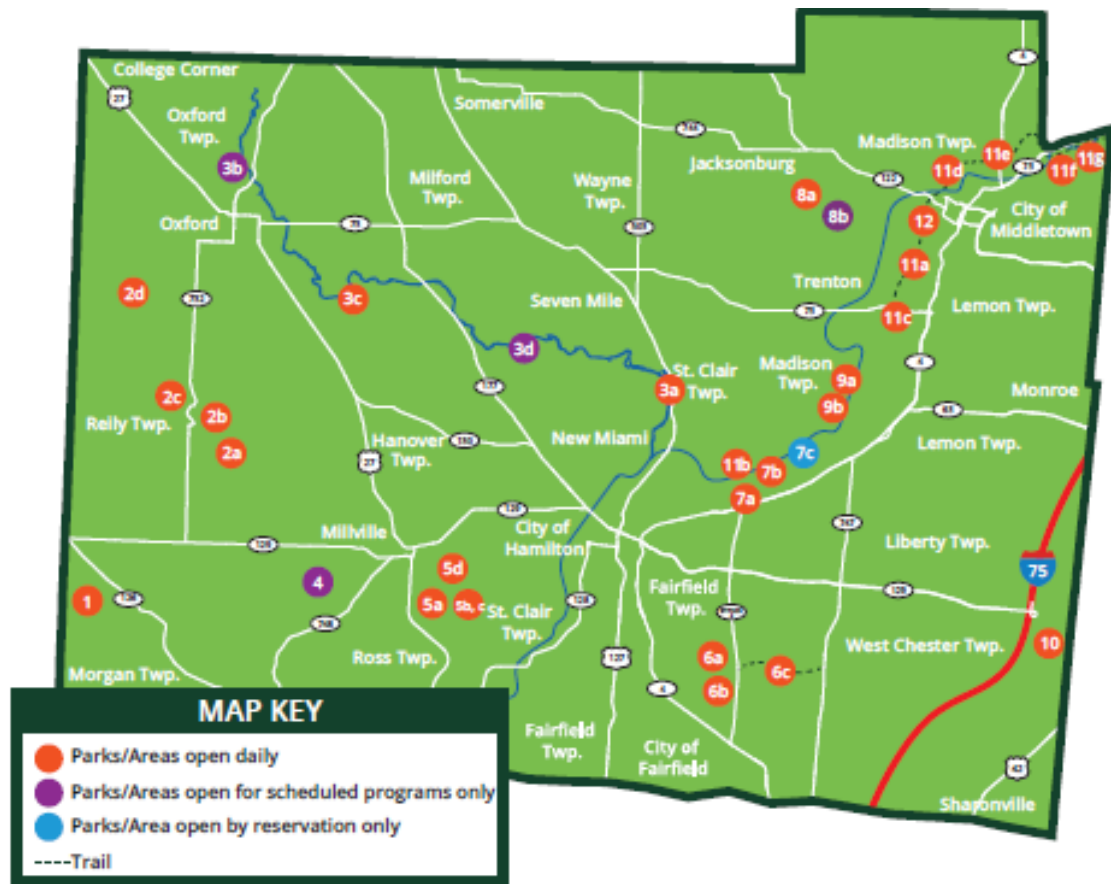
LET'S GO HIKING SERIES SURVIVING WINTER

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

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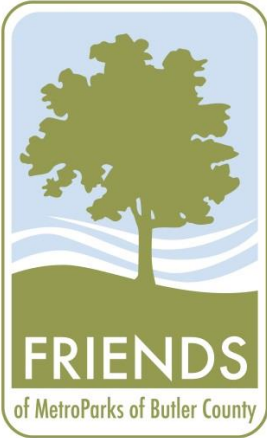
The mission of the MetroParks of Butler County is to provide a superior park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education, and recreation. For more information visit us at www.YourMetroParks.net or call 513.867.5835

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- 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

<p align="center">Become a Friend!</p> <p>Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:</p> <p align="center"><i>Friends of MetroParks of Butler County</i> <i>PO Box 691</i> <i>Hamilton, OH 45012</i></p> <p>Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____</p> <p>Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____</p> <p>Group or Business Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Home/Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____</p> <p>Email (required to receive newsletter) _____</p>	<p align="center">Pick an Annual Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$10</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$15</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Group/Business - \$100</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Donation - \$ _____</p>
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