**Letter from the President**

Just back from a family vacation to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Sunday was a beautiful, sunny day with pleasant temperatures and gentle breezes – a perfect day for a wild horse safari. Bouncing along the sand dunes in the back of a Hummer beyond the end of paved roads is a good way to look for wild horses (or to send one off seeking a chiropractor).

As usual, we managed to schedule a visit at the same time that hurricane Maria was passing by offshore in a huff (and puff). Luckily, no significant storm damage or rains, just gusty winds. Trips to the beach were limited by high surf, rip tides, blowing seafoam, and risk of being sandblasted. (Good thing that the sun wasn’t out or our shadows would have blown loose!) A few showers fell on Tuesday and Wednesday, but not enough to drown you if you looked up.

Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands were under mandatory evacuation orders for non-residents from Monday until 1pm Thursday, when the bridge from the north reopened.

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**Friends of MetroParks of Butler County**

**March, 2018**

**Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter**

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**March Board Meeting**

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

At

Butler County Historical Society

327 N 2nd Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

7:00-9:00 PM

Members and interested parties are welcome to attend
Letter from the President

Last month, we were saddened to receive news that Robin James’ father had been involved in a motorcycle accident that resulted in his death. All our sympathies go out to Robin and her family. From personal experience, I know how hard it is to lose a parent after a long illness. At least in that case we had a chance to make preparations and to have closure. It is much harder to close an estate by remote control from Florida. Please reach out with me to offer our prayers for the family.

See you in the parks,
Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Upcoming Events

Show and Tell on the Farm

What better way to jump into Spring than with Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: In Like a Lion, out like a Lamb, ABC’s of Farm Life, Seed Needs, Farm Sound Bingo, Who Eats a Four leaf Clover, Help us Plow and Nesting Wreaths.

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

Spring Amphibians with Jeff Davis

Jeff Davis is one of the most well-known Herpetologist (someone who studies amphibians and reptiles). Join Jeff on March 17th as he meanders thru Salamander Run from 10am-12pm. Be sure to grab your muck boots and be ready for and adventure with the amphibians.

Flash Light Egg Hunt

Are you ready for a nighttime special delivery? Come out to FR Wildlife Preserve on Friday March 23 from 8:30-11:00pm but make sure to bring your Flashlight and join in the fun! Participants will hunt for one dozen eggs to be exchanged for Bags of goodies. Be on the look out for the GOLDEN EGG.

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

Dog-Gone Bone Hunt

Grab the leash and head out to Rentschler Forest (Reigart Rd. Entrance) on Sunday March 25th from 12:00-4:00pm for an egg hunt designed just for the dogs! Plastic eggs filled with dog treats will be Hidden over a well-defined area of the park. Find a
golden egg which can be redeemed for a special prize. Actives will include: Shopping at dog-friendly vendor, concessions, obstacle course, socializing time, and hiking around the park.

Event Rules: We ask that all dogs are well-behaved, socialized, and have current 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.

**Spring Fever Camp**

Ready to shake off the winter blues and jump into spring? Campers who are itching to get outdoors will enjoy this 2-day camp at Rentschler Forest Metro Park with outdoor actives, crafts, and games on Monday and Tuesday April 2-3rd, from 9:00am-4:00pm.

**Did You Know**

**Kroger Community Rewards Update**

**FOMPBC organization # 5599**

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 will be having its 2018 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 6 pm, at the Chisholm MetroPark, 2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, Ohio 45067, approximately 2 miles south of Trenton. Please plan on attending. Ms. Denise Quinn, Plant Manager at the MillerCoors, Trenton, Ohio Brewery will present “Environmental Sustainability – Brewing with Zero Waste”.

**March**

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**April**

| 2nd, 3rd | 9:00am-4:00pm | Spring Fever Camp | Rentschler Forest |

Be on the Lookout for these future events

Kites N MPX, Big Week of Birding in Butler County, Richter Day Celebration, and Gardening Camps.
delicious meal will be provided by S & C Café and Catering. The desserts will be home made 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 April issue of the Voice. Or, call 513.593.2735, or email kochtrees@gmail.com.

**Volunteer Appreciation Day**

On February 28th, MetroParks welcomed volunteers to the Reagan Lodge at VOA to thank them for their efforts and contributions during 2017. A good time was had by all.
Early Vegetable Planting

The gardening itch has arrived with the seed magazines in the mail. Have no fear – you can start gardening now. What, you say? Gardening in late winter? Yes, we can plant cool weather crops such as lettuce, kale, mustard greens, spinach, carrots, cabbage, and potatoes in March by utilizing a cold frame. It is fun to plan ahead and create a planting schedule in accordance to soil temperature, not the air temperature.

What is a cold frame? This is a small boxlike structure made of wood, plastic, glass or even straw bales. The straw bales can be upcycled and used as mulch in the garden to keep weeds down. The cold frame protects the vegetables from the outdoor elements. There are two options: seeds can be directly sowed inside cold frame or the young plants that have been hardened-off can be transplanted inside the cold frame. A frost cover or “row cover” can be used as additional protection from the cold weather. It is suspended above the plants and made of either lightweight polyester or polyethylene fabric.

Some of our root vegetable crops will survive the entire winter outdoors as long as they are covered with protective mulch such as straw. Examples in this case are beets, onions, rutabaga, carrots, potatoes, turnips, leeks, and radishes.

The earliest spring harvests come from fall crops that over winter and start growing again as soon as the conditions are right. Besides “greens” such as lettuce, other vegetables good for early planting include peas, broccoli, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts.

Lowest soil temperatures that seed will germinate:

- 35°F - lettuce, onions, parsnips, spinach
- 40°F-45°F - beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, parsley, peas, radish, turnips
- 50°F - swiss chard
- 60°F – beans
- 70°F-75°F – cucumbers, pumpkins, squash
- 75°F and up - tomatoes, pepper, eggplant, okra

Are you excited about gardening in 2018 yet?

Great news – the Middletown Community Gardens at 800 Lafayette Avenue, Middletown, OH 45044 are available for rent now by calling 513-867-5835, emailing programs@YourMetroParks.net or check us out on the website at www.YourMetroParks.net

Native Gardening for Spring

As the new year rolls on and the snows melt, we approach that very special time of year when Mother Nature defrosts the earth and gives way to new life. It’s also a gardener’s favorite time of year when they can finally begin their beloved annual activity.

Drum roll please…spring time! Now, while it’s still a little early, that doesn’t mean you can’t start planning and preparing for your garden. But before you begin your preparations, I have a little secret
that I’d like to share that will save you time, money, and back pain. Should we do another drum roll? No? Anyway, the secret is to plant native species! Native species are plants that naturally occur in a particular region or environment. Planting native species in your garden is not only beneficial for you, but for nature as well. Native plants are inherently adapted for the area’s climate and soil. Because of this, they are very low maintenance. This means that you can save money on water, fertilizer, mulches, topsoil, pain medicine, and so on. This also means you can spend the time you’ll save by watching butterflies, birds, and other wildlife flock to your native garden. If you plant it, they will come. Native plants are a vital element in Ohio’s food chains, they provide essential habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity, and help to control erosion.

Are you convinced yet? To help you get started, here’s a list of a few plants that are native to Ohio: Black-eyed Susan, Blue False Indigo, Columbine, Blue Flag Iris, Butterfly Weed, Goldenrod, Smooth Penstemon, and Swamp Milkweed. Be sure to check with your local plant nursery to see what they have to offer. Happy gardening!

-Stephanie McCabe, Program Leader

**Little Birds All in a Row**

Just back from sunny, warm Orange Beach, Alabama. (Temperatures in the 80s – eat your hearts out!) Not only humans were enjoying the weather, as you can see in the picture above. Here brown pelicans, laughing gulls, and a double-crested cormorant are seen enjoying the unseasonable weather. Just out of the picture was a common loon (the feathered kind, not the photographer). Please be patient, soon we will be enjoying the Great Week of Birding here in Ohio.
March Volunteer Opportunities

**Dog Gone Bone Hunt** 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**When:** March 25, 2018

**Shifts available:** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Reigart Road Area, 5701 Reigart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011

**What:** Looking for 8-10 volunteers ages 12 and up to work with people and dogs! Prior to the event, need assistance filling the eggs with treats. Setup and cleanup help needed day of the event as well as help with hiding the eggs, registration, prize table and performing as the Easter Bunny!

**Flashlight Egg Hunt** 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

**When:** March 23, 2018

**Shifts available:** 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

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

**When:** March 30, 2018

**Shifts available:** 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

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

**What:** Looking for 10-12 volunteers ages 14 and up. Will work with children. Able to work in the dark on uneven ground. Please bring your own flashlight or headlamp. Prior to the event, assistance is needed counting and filling the eggs. Setup and cleanup help needed the day of the event as well as help hiding eggs, filling eggs, registration, collection of eggs at end of hunt.

**Kites N MPX** 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**When:** April 8, 2018

**Shifts available:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Voice of America MetroPark, Athletic Complex Practice Fields, 7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

**What:** Looking for 30-35 volunteers ages 14+ to help with registration, kite making, Parachute running, concessions and more!

**Opening Day on the Trails Wildflower Hike**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**When:** April 8, 2018

**Where:** Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Riverside Fire Pit, 5701 Reigart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011

**What:** Looking for 1-2 adult volunteers to assist with registration, hike and who have knowledge of Ohio wildflowers.

**Garden Explorer & Junior Master Gardener Camps** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**When:** April 28, 2018 & September 15, 2018

**Where:** Chrisholm MetroPark, Historic Farmstead, 2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

**What:** Looking for 3-6 volunteers ages 12-14 to assist with preparation of camp materials; camp setup day of registration. Will work with children and animals.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities**

**Feeder Fill**

**When:** Flexible-Year Round

**Where:** Forest Run Welcome Center 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 on 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 Zach Marcum at zmarcum@YourMetroParks.net to schedule training.

**Nest Box Monitor Training**
*When:* Saturday, February 17, 2018
*Where:* Chrisholm MetroPark, Historic Farmstead Augspurger House, 2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton OH 45067
*Register:* by February 14, 2018

**Program Event & Preparation Support**
*When:* Flexible
*Where:* Multiple Locations

**Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark**
*When:* Weekends
*Where:* Voice of America MetroPark, Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

**Group Service Projects**
*When:* Flexible
*Where:* Flexible

Volunteers DO NOT necessarily have the time; They have the Heart.”
Elizabeth Andrew
Like our Facebook Page for updates on:
- Upcoming members events & meetings
- Volunteering with MPX
- MPX programming
MARCH EVENTS

MARCH 2018

Salamander Adventure
Indian Creek MetroPark
Springfield Road Area - Mayer Shelter
Between the dates of 2/1 - 3/31,
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
*You will be contacted when migration begins.
FREE | Pre-registration required. Space limited

Show & Tell on the Farm
In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 1, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (New Time)
FREE

Show & Tell on the Farm
ABC’s of Farm Life
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 4, 200 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

Show & Tell on the Farm
Seed Needs
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 8, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
FREE

Show & Tell on the Farm
Farm Sounds Bingo
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 11, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

Show & Tell on the Farm
Who Eats a 4-Leaf Clover?
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 15, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
FREE

SPRING AMPHIBIANS WITH JEFF DAVIS
Salamander Run Preserve
Sat., March 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
FREE | Pre-registration required. Space limited

Show & Tell on the Farm
Help Us Plow
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 18, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

Show & Tell on the Farm
Nesting Wreaths
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 22, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
FREE

Flashlight Egg Hunt
Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area
Fri., March 23, 8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
$5/child
Pre-registration required. Space limited.

OCIN Egg Orienteering
Governor Bebb MetroPark
Sat., March 24, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 p.m.
$4/child for egg orienteering
$7/OCIN Members, $10/non-members for advanced

Dog-Gone Bone Hunt
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
Sun., March 25, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Show & Tell on the Farm
Woolly Coats
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 25, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

Show & Tell on the Farm
What Is an Easter Egger?
Chriskholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 29, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
FREE

Flashlight Egg Hunt
Elk Creek MetroPark
Sebald Park Area
Fri., March 30, 8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
$5/child
Pre-registration required. Space limited.

OCIN Egg Orienteering
Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge Area
Sat., March 31, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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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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Big Week of Birding in Butler County

**Warbler Refresher Workshop**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chrlisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead

**Big Week of Birding Dates**

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Gilmore MetroPark
Gilmore Road Area

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Indian Creek MetroPark
Springfield Road Area

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Chrlisholm MetroPark
Woodsdale Regional Park

**Sunday, April 29, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Salamander Run Preserve

**Monday, April 30, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Hueston Woods State Park
Bird Banding Station

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Elk Creek MetroPark
Meadow Ridge Area

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Four Mile Creek MetroPark
Davidson Woods Area
Pre-registration Required

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Four Mile Creek MetroPark
Sycamore Bluffs Area

**Friday, May 4, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Governor Bebb MetroPark

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Great Miami River Trail
50 Oxford Road
Parking Area

See map on reverse side for address.

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About
It's the time of year when over 200 species of birds migrate through the area. The 5th annual Big Week of Birding in Butler County is a celebration for anyone with an interest in birds. Hikes are guided by experts and binoculars will be available to those who need them. Birding hikes will take place at 11 locations around Butler County over the course of the week-long series. The programs, held by MetroParks of Butler County in partnership with Audubon Miami Valley, are FREE and most do not require pre-registration.

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ADVENTURE AWAITS!

WINTER WIZARDRY CAMP
Calling all "muggles"! Join us on a day off from school for a little bit of wizardry fun. Allow the Hat to sort you and create your very own wand. Campers will have fun with science, geocaching, crafting, and recreation with a magical twist.
Ages: 6-9
Date: January 15, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Cost: $40/Butler County Resident. $50/Non-Resident

WINTER OLYMPICS CAMP
Campers will take part in their very own MetroParks Olympics! They will play games and do activities related to the theme of the camp.
Ages: 6-9
Date: February 19, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Cost: $40/Butler County Resident. $50/Non-Resident

SPRING FEVER CAMP
Campers who are itching to get outdoors will enjoy this 2-day camp with outdoor activities, crafts, and games to shake off the winter blues!
Ages: 6-9
Date: April 2 & 3, 2018
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
Cost: $70/Butler County Resident. $85/Non-Resident

GARDEN EXPLORERS CAMP
Calling preschoolers plus adult chaperones to join us outside and get your hands dirty. Let's dig, plant and sow the seeds of wonder. Perfect way to explore our natural world through interactive gardening activities on the farm. This camp is co-sponsored by the OSU Extension and MetroParks of Butler County.
Ages: 3-5
Date: April 28, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Location: Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead
Cost: $10/Butler County Resident. $15/Non-Resident

Registration is required and open now at www.YourMetroParks.net/experiences/adventure-camps

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**JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS CAMP**
Perfect way to get outside and encourage kids to grow it, try it and like it! Let's dig, plant and sow the seeds of wonder. We will explore our natural world through interactive gardening activities on the farm. This camp is co-sponsored by the OSU Extension and MetroParks of Butler County.

**Ages:** 6-12  
**Date:** April 28, 2018  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead  
**Cost:** $10/Butler County Resident. $15/Non-Resident

**BARNYARD PALOOZA CAMP**
Campers will spend some time out at the farm learning about the fun animals that call Chrisholm home. Games and other related activities will keep campers busy during this 2-day camp!

**Ages:** 6 - 9  
**Date:** June 25 & 26, 2018  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead  
**Cost:** $70/Butler County Resident. $85/Non-Resident

**PADDLING CAMP**
Come spend the day on the water! Campers will have the opportunity to experience the popular water recreations activities: kayaking, paddle boarding, and canoeing.

**Ages:** 10-12  
**Date:** July 24, 2018  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Voice of America MetroPark  
**Cost:** $40/Butler County Resident. $50/Non-Resident

**OUTBACK CAMP**
Campers will experience outdoor games and activities to enjoy what is left of summer at this 2-day camp.

**Ages:** 6 - 9  
**Date:** July 30 & 31, 2018  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge Area  
**Cost:** $70/Butler County Resident. $85/Non-Resident

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**Ages:** 3-5  
**Date:** September 15, 2018  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead  
**Cost:** $10/Butler County Resident. $15/Non-Resident

**ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE CAMP**
At this week-long day camp, campers will learn outdoor survival skills to help in a number of outdoor adventures!

**Ages:** 6 - 9  
**Date:** July 9 - 13, 2018  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Rentschler Forest MetroPark  
Reigart Road Area  
**Cost:** $140/Butler County Resident. $165/Non-Resident

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Motor Vehicle Permit Required. FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents $5/daily or $10/annually.
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 Relly-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056
   2B. Oxford Road Area
       1899 Oxford-Relly 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. Antenem Preserve
       2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011
   3B. Mill Race Area
       5911 Morning Sun Road Oxford OH 45056
   3C. Sycamore Bluffs Area
       3742 Lenes Mills Road Hamilton OH 45011
   3D. Davidson Woods Area
       1200 Hogue Road Hamilton OH 45013

4. SALAMANDER RUN PRESERVE
   4821 Leyhigh 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. Riegert Road Area
       5701 Riegert 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 Woodside Road Trenton OH 45067
   9B. Woodside Regional Park
       1917 Woodside 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 Riegert 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
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12. Bicentennial Commons
    Carmody Boulevard at Central Avenue
Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

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• 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!

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