

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends

of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

March, 2018

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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 2day camp at Rentschler Forest Metro Park with outdoor actives, crafts, and games on Monday and Tuesday April 2-3rd. from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County calendar of Events

March				
	17 th	10am-12pm	Spring Amphibians with Jeff Davis	Salamander Run
	23 rd	8:30-11:00pm	Flashlight Egg Hunt	FR Wildlife Preserve
	25 th	12:00-4:00pm	Dog-Gone Bone Hunt	Rentschler Forest
April	2 nd -3 rd	9:00am-4:00pm	Spring Fever Camp	Rentschler Forest

Be on the Look out for these future events

Kites N MPX, Big Week of Birding in Butler County, Richter Day Celebration, and Gardening Camps.

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 Chrisholm 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”. A

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.

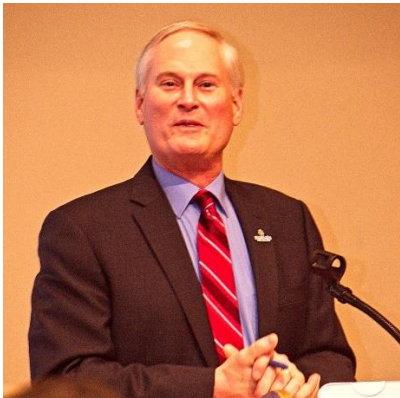
To make a reservation please see the annual meeting invitation in the April issue of the Voice. Or, call 513.593.2735, or email kochtrees@gmail.com.

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.



The Voice of the Turtle, March, 2018





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°-45°F - beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, parsley, peas, radish, turnips

50°F - swiss chard

60°F – beans

70°-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 **Email Zach Marcum** at zmarcum@YourMetroParks.net

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

Trail Ambassadors – Great Miami River Trail

When: Flexible

Where: Great Miami River Trail – Trenton to Middletown Section

What: Trail Ambassadors monitor the trail at least 4 hours a month on their bicycle. Trail Ambassadors report maintenance and safety concerns to MetroParks staff, assist trail users when necessary, provide information to trail users, and perform light trail maintenance. Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Group Service Projects

When: Flexible

Where: Flexible

What: MetroParks always has various projects for groups to complete! If you have a

youth group, church group, student group, or business group that is interested in scheduling a private service day, contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

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 and volunteer for the program itself. Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net

Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark

When: Weekends

Where: Voice of America MetroPark, Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at Voice of America MetroPark. Welcome park customer/owners with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks. Training provided. Contact Claudia Whitacre cwhitacre@YourMetroParks.net

“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

Chrisholm 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

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

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM SEED NEEDS

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 8, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM FARM SOUNDS BINGO

Chrisholm 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?

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 15, 6:30 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

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., March 18, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM NESTING WREATHS

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., March 22, 6:30 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.
\$5/dog. Pre-registration suggested.
Space Limited.

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WOOLLY COATS

Chrisholm 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?

Chrisholm 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.
\$4/child for egg orienteering
\$7/OCIN Members, \$10/non-members
for advanced

DSW/bav 180122 approved.

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



MetroParks
of Butler County, OH

Big Week of Birding in Butler County

Warbler Refresher Workshop

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Chrisholm 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.
Chrisholm 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

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.



See map on reverse side for address.

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CAMPS



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

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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 3, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Voice of America MetroPark

Cost: \$40/Butler County Resident.

\$50/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

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.

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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

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Location: Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead

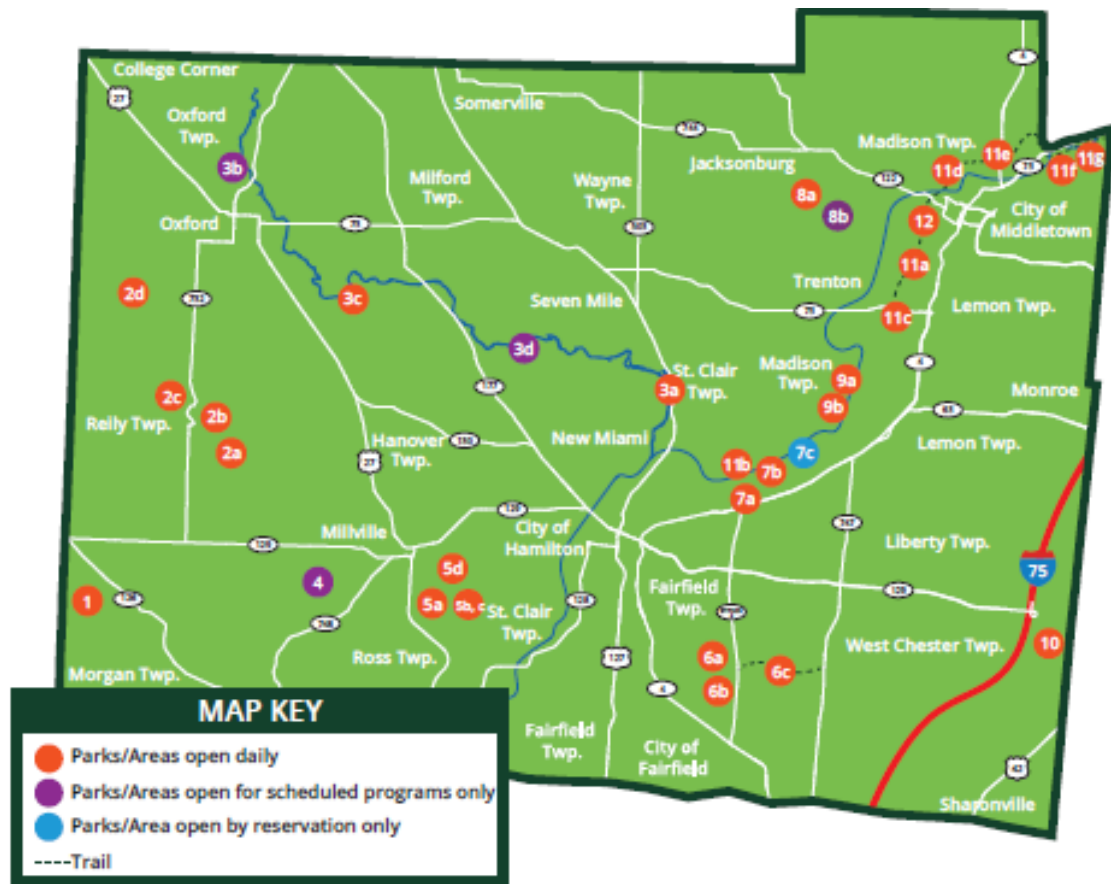
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1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

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

2. INDIAN CREEK METROPARK

2A. Bunker Hill Cemetery
 5351 Reily-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056
2b. Oxford Road Area
 1899 Oxford-Reily Road (SR 732)
 Oxford OH 45056
2C. Springfield Road Area
 6500 Springfield Road Oxford OH 45056
2D. Pioneer Church
 3000 Indian Creek Road Oxford OH 45056

3. FOUR MILE CREEK METROPARK

3A. Antenen Preserve
 2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011
3B. Mill Race Area
 5911 Morning Sun Road Oxford OH 45056
3C. Sycamore Bluffs Area
 3742 Lane: Mills Road Hamilton OH 45011
3D. Davidson Woods Area
 1200 HogUe Road Hamilton OH 45013

4. SALAMANDER RUN PRESERVE

4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

5. Forest Run MetroPark

5A. Engle House - Little Dry Run - Administrative Office
 2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5B. Welcome Center
 1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5C. Timberman Ridge
 1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
5D. Wildlife Preserve Area
 1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013

6. GILMORE METROPARK

6A. Gilmore Road Area
 7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015
6B. Bilstein Boulevard Area
 8500 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015
6C. Port Union Trail Area

7. RENTSCHLER FOREST METROPARK

7A. Riegart Road Area
 5701 Riegart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
7B. Line Hill Mound Area
 3620 Hamilton-Middletown Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
7C. Timberhill Area
 3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road Fairfield Township OH 45011

8. Elk Creek MetroPark

8A. Sebald Park Area
 5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042
8B. Meadow Ridge Area
 5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042

9. Chrisholm MetroPark

9A. Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
 2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067
9B. Woodsdale Regional Park
 1917 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

10. Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069
Athletic Complex
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Natural Areas & Chill Hill Sledding Hill
Wiggly Field Dog Park
Wheelhouse Outdoor Area

11. Great Miami River Trail

11A. North Section
 50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044
11B. South Section
 5701 Riegart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011
11C. Parking Areas
 50 Oxford State Road, Middletown OH 45044
 26 North. Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45044
 2399 North Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45042
 3801 North Verity Parkway, Middletown OH 45042
 4401 North Verity Parkway, Middletown OH 45042

12. Bicentennial Commons

Carmody Boulevard at Central Avenue

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Member Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to Member-only events • Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects • Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction
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