

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

April, 2018

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You Are Cordially Invited....

2018 Annual Meeting

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Important business items will be discussed:

Election of new board members

Election of Officers for the coming year

Chrisholm MetroPark of Butler County

2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, Ohio 45067

Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Dinner (6:30) - Business Meeting - Program

Dinner by S&C Cafe and Catering, \$15/person, \$5 under 12

Homemade desserts provided by Friends of MetroParks Board Members

Speaker:

Denise Quinn

Plant Manager MillerCoors - Trenton, Oh

"Environmental Sustainability, Brewing with Zero Waste"

Please RSVP to Roger Koch

kochtrees@gmail.com

Remember to pay your annual dues!

Letter from the President

Spring is finally here again. Yes, I know that we had snow on Easter. Just Mother Nature's way of saying "April Fools!" Daffodils are in bloom, flower buds are appearing on the Bradford pear escapees, honeysuckle leaves are popping out. Well, one out of three of those is a good thing.

Lots of fun activities coming up in April. Be sure to join us at the Annual Meeting next week. Denise Quinn, VP and Plant Manager at MillerCoors will present the keynote talk about "Environmental Sustainability, Brewing with Zero Waste".

Kites N MPX will take advantage of April zephyrs to float a wide variety of kites aloft. The next day, join us at Rentschler Forest MetroPark for a spring wildflower walk. Later in the month, shake things up at a Richter Day Celebration, and whistle a happy tune during the Big Week of Birding.

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: Wee little Ones, ABC's of Farm Life, Bacteria Breakdown, Every Day is Earth Day, Break Out of Your Shell, Rabbit Roundup.

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

Kites N MPX



Time isn't the only thing that will fly at Kites N MPX at Voice of America MetroPark on April 7th from 12:00pm-5:00pm. Come out to this Family Friendly Event to witness gigantic kite flying demonstrations, kite ballets, and then check out the learn-to-fly field to try some new tricks. You can even make your own kite for \$4.00 per kite as fundraiser for PIGS aloft.

Opening Day on the Trails



April is a great time to get out and see what's coming up on all your favorite trails. Celebrate the national Opening Day on the Trails by taking a wildflower hike on the recently improved Cascade Trail at Rentschler Forest MetroPark. Meet in the parking lot along the Great Miami River-Riverside Fire Pit on April 8th at 10:00am.

Richter Day Celebration



Come celebrate the birthday of Butler County native and creator of the Richter Scale, Charles Francis Richter at the Richter Roundabout (intersection of Busenbark and Hamilton in Trenton.) on April 26th at 11:00am. Participants are invited to place a rock at the Richter Marker as a tribute. Earthquake cookies will be served. Alesia Beckett, graduate of Edgewood High School and Miami University, will be the guest speaker. She currently serves as Director of Curriculum for the Edgewood City Schools and is a life-long resident of Wayne Township.

Garden Camp



Calling all kids who are ready to get their hands dirty for Garden camp at Chrisholm MetroPark on April 28th from 10am-12pm. Preschoolers will explore the natural world through interactive gardening activities on the farm planning and sowing the seeds of wonder.

Older kids will participate in the Junior Master Gardener camp and will encourage kids to grow it, try it and like it. Craft and snack included in registration fee.

Big Week of Birding



The Big Week of Birding in Butler County is starting and by OWL means join us at one of these great events.

Check out a Warbler Refresher Workshop on April 17th at Chrisholm MetroPark at 7:30. Dr. Dave Russell gives his Warbler Refresher in a fast paced interactive way. This indoor program is a great way to start your birding journey, whether you are a novice or an experienced birder.

Gilmore MetroPark has a treasure trove of birds with a Rookery of cormorants, egrets and great Blue Herons as well as an abundance of spring Warblers. Meet at the Gilmore entrance on April 28th at 7:00am for a morning walk.

Salamander Run Preserve is one of the best Birding locations around and last year birders were greeted by orioles and scarlet tanagers. Pre-registration and Carpooling suggested as parking is limited. Look for the program here sign on the south side of layhigh Rd. for this Sunday April 29th from 6:30pm.

Be sure to check out the MetroParks website for all Big Week of Birding activities. Owl promise you won't regret it.



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County calendar of Events

April				
	7 th	12pm-5pm	Kites N MPX	Voice of America
	8 th	10am	Opening Day on the Trails	Rentschler Forest
	26 th	11:00-12:00pm	Richter Day Celebration	Richter Roundabout
	28 th	10:00am-12:00pm	Gardening Camp	Chrisholm Metropark
May	5 th	10:00am-2:00pm	Medicinal and Edible Plant Workshop	Governor Bebb

Be on the Lookout for these future events

Mojo Triathlon and Card Board Regatta,

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.

Don't Forget!!

It's that time of year again. Annual dues need to be paid this month. Individuals owe \$10 per year, while family memberships are only \$15 per year. Please complete the attached form and bring it with your dues to the Annual Meeting on April 11th at Chrisholm MetroPark. (You have already made a reservation for the meeting, and sent your RSVP to Roger Koch, haven't you?) Remember, only dues paid members are eligible to vote in the election of new board members, and to attend Members Only activities. Hope we see you there!

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Directors of Friends of MetroParks of Butler County presently has three vacancies. We ask interested members to contact your editor, Bill Walker, at bug_jock@yahoo.com to volunteer to bring new blood and ideas to the board. If you are interested, please let us know. Interested parties are welcome to visit a board meeting to learn more.

Home for Summer Lease!



Land Stewardship is welcoming bats of Ohio to our parks this summer by installing eight new bat houses (four boxes at Governor Bebb MetroPark and four at Forest Run MetroPark-

Timberman Ridge). Bats are considered a “keystone species”, meaning their role has great impacts on the ecosystems they live in. Some of the roles bats play in our world are insect consumption, seed dispersal, and pollination.

All Ohio bats are insectivores, an insect eating animal. This insect population suppression is good for a summer night hike but also for our farming industry. Bat Conservation International scientists predict that the reduction of pest insects by bats values over \$3.7 billion in the United States because they lower a farmer’s crop damage by pest insects and reduced pesticide use.

Even with these benefits, bats have been in jeopardy. Habitat loss, spread of White-Nose Syndrome, and a lack of education on bats all pose a threat to this animal. But we all can play a role in conserving this animal.

MetroParks is meeting this need by reforestation with trees bats prefer and installing bat houses at our parks. If you are interested in installing a bat house at your home, consider the following guidelines for choosing a good bat home location:

- Bat house should receive 6-8 hours of direct sunlight in the summer months.
- Bat houses on a post should face:
 - o One box - Southeast
 - o Two boxes - one should face North, the other South.
- Box should be mounted at least 12 feet above the ground.
- Box should be at least 20-25 feet from nearest tree branches and within 1030 yards from woodland area.
- Box should be within a quarter mile of water.

If you meet these guidelines, check out <http://wiatri.net/inventory/bats/Resources/BuildingBatHouses.pdf> for building your own bat house.



Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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





April Volunteer Opportunities

Kites N MPX

When: **Saturday, April 7, 2018** **12:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
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 and other activities.

Opening Day on the Trails Wildflower Hike

When: **Sunday, April 8, 2018** **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
Shift: 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
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.
Knowledge of Ohio wildflowers is desired.

Garden Explorer & Junior Master Gardener Camps

When: **Saturdays, April 28, 2018 & September 15, 2018** **10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
Shift: 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
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.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Crazy Cardboard Regatta

When: **Saturday, July 14, 2018** **11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
Shifts available: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; 12:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Where: Voice of America MetroPark
7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069
What: All hands on deck!! Looking for 50-60 volunteers to assist with setup, boat registration, boat inspection, concessions, children's activities, boat retriever/launchers, timers, go-fers and cleanup.

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

When: Flexible

Register: Emailing **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

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — William Shakespeare

BIG WEEK OF BIRDING



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.

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



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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

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 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.

\$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

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Ages: 6-12

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

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

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VOICE OF AMERICA METROPARK Fishing Information



Fish	Daily Limit	Size
Bluegill	15	none
Channel Cat	4	14 in.- 22 in.
Crappie	5	> 8 in.
Hybrid Striped Bass	2	14 in. - 18 in.
Largemouth Bass	2	14 in.- 18 in.
Shovelhead Cat	2	12 in.- 18 in.
Redear Sunfish	8	> 8 in.
Tilapia	2	> 8 in.

Daily Permit

Single	\$8.00
Child (6 & under)	Free
Group/Family	\$20.00

Annual Permit

Adult	\$100.00
Youth (7-16)	\$50.00
Group/Family	\$135.00 per year

Fishing Permit Discounts

Senior	20% (\$6.40 daily, \$80.00 annually)
Military	20% (\$6.40 daily, \$80.00 annually)

Fishing Pole Rental (Does not include Fishing Permit)

1 Hour	\$7.00
3 Hours	\$12.00
Daily	\$20.00

Live Bait

Night Crawlers, Red Worms, Wax Worms	\$4.00
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Rules and Regulations

Bank fishing is permitted from the south, east, and north shores, and east of the boat launch ramp.

No fishing from the west shore, boat docks, bridges, Gazebo, or immediately below the Gazebo.

No purchasing or trading fish.

All vehicles must be parked in the parking lot.

All fish must be checked in at the Wheelhouse prior to leaving the park.

Each person fishing is limited to two poles.

Persons possessing fish over the daily limit may be charged with a minor misdemeanor.

Cleaning of fish on VOA MetroPark Property is prohibited.

Throw nets and lines are prohibited. Use of live fish as bait is prohibited.

No alcoholic beverages may be into the park

For more information, call (513) 755-4402.



2018 WHEELHOUSE OPERATING DATES AND HOURS

March 31, 2018 Wheelhouse opens for **weekend** operation.

	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday-Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
March 31 – May 25	Closed	11:00am – 6:30pm	12:00pm – 5:00pm

May 25, 2018 Wheelhouse opens for **daily** operation.

	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday-Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
May 25 – Aug 16	11:00am – 8:00pm	9:30am – 8:30pm	11:00am – 6:30pm

Aug 17, 2018 Wheelhouse ends Monday-Thursday daily operation.

	<u>Monday-Thursday</u>	<u>Friday-Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Aug 17 – Sept 9	Closed	11:00am – 6:30pm	12:00pm – 5:00pm

	<u>Monday-Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Sept 10 – Sept 30	Closed	11:30am – 6:00pm	12:00pm – 5:00pm

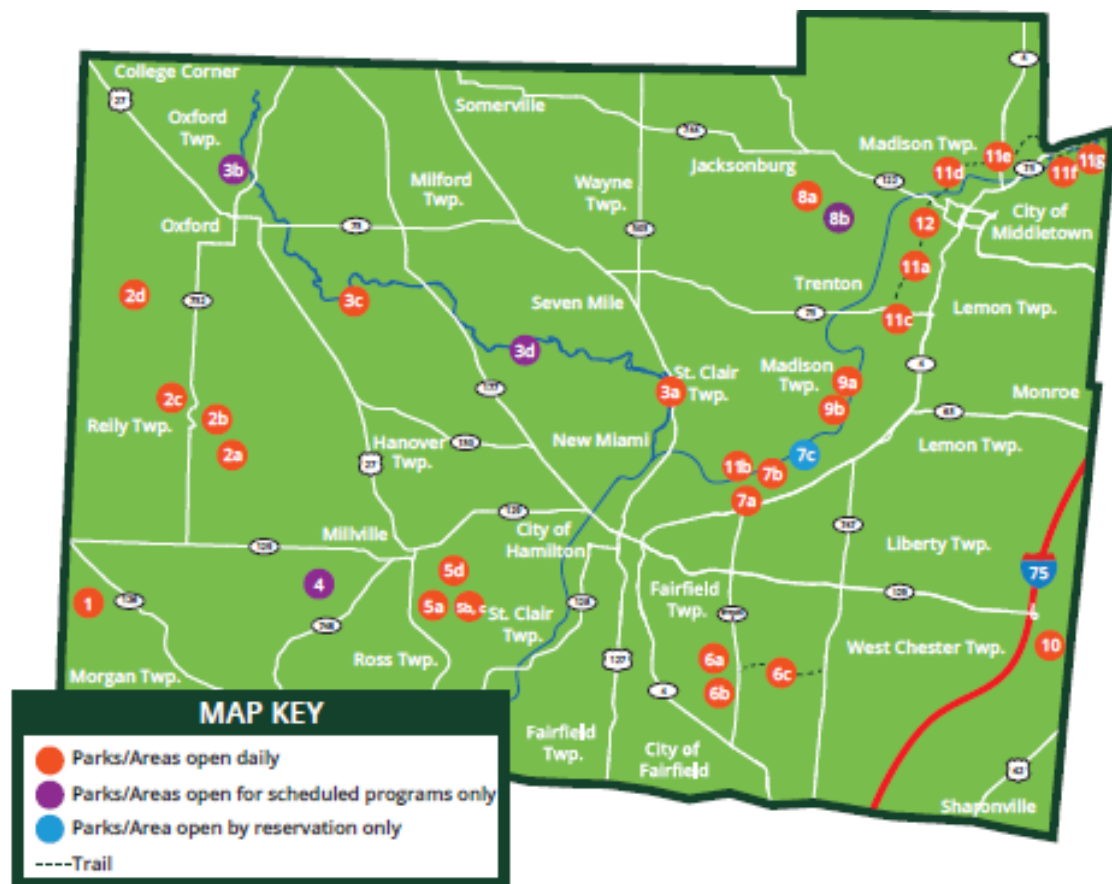
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HOLIDAY HOURS

Memorial Day (Monday, May 28 th)	11:00am – 6:30pm
Independence Day (Wednesday, July 4 th)	11:00am – 6:30pm
Labor Day (Monday, Sept 3 th)	11:00am – 6:30pm

Wheelhouse operation is weather dependent.

- For rental questions, lake conditions, or if inclement weather is expected, please contact the VOA Welcome Center Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm or call 513-755-4402.
- Live bait and tackle machine located at the Ronald Reagan Lodge open dawn to dusk.
- Wheelhouse closed during MetroParks Special Events



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 Reilly-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056
2b. Oxford Road Area
 1899 Oxford-Reilly 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 Lanec 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. Chisholm MetroPark

9A. Chisholm Historic Farmstead
 2070 Wooddale Road Trenton OH 45067
9B. Wooddale Regional Park
 1917 Wooddale 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

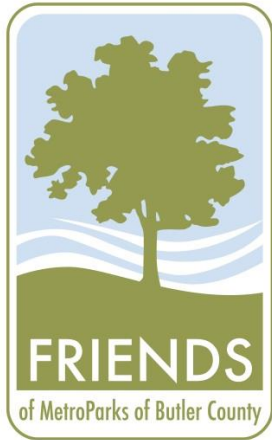
11. Great Miami River Trail

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

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- ☐ Group/Business -\$100
- ☐ Donation - \$ _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

Group or Business Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Business Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email (required to receive newsletter) _____