

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

May, 2018

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May Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Chrisholm MetroPark

2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, OH 45067

7:00-9:00 PM

Members and interested parties are welcome to
attend



Letter from the President

May is here and the weather seems to be giving Spring a kiss and a promise in its haste to welcome Summer. As we all know, weather in Ohio should usually be spelled “whether”. There are a lot of opportunities in the parks to enjoy the approach of temperate conditions. This week is the Biggest Week of Birding, ending in a Medicinal and Edible Plant Workshop. Check out Upcoming Events for more fun opportunities.

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: May Day, Herbalicious, Magnificent Moms, Dandelion Delight, Goat Jamboree, Busy Bees and Bug Bites.

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

Medicinal and Edible Plant Workshop



Want to learn about the various edible plants of Ohio and their medicinal properties? Join the edible plants Workshop on Saturday May 5th from 10:00am-2:00pm at Governor Bebb. Participants will take an educational hike to find these plants and then create your own edible plant supplement to take home. Don't forget to bring a lunch for the break.

Program is for Adults and/or Teens with parental guardian.

Annual Pioneer Salute



Join the Annual Salute to the Pioneers celebration at Indian Creek Pioneer Church and cemetery on Sunday May 20th 2:30-4:30pm at Indian Creek Metro Park. Sue Jones will be a guest speaker and will share the “the History of Quilts in America”. Bring quilts old and new for display or consultation with Ms. Jones.

Hump Day Concert Series



Need a little Mid-Week pick me up? Come out to Voice of America MetroPark and enjoy live Music, Food & Family Fun Wednesday May 30th at 7:00pm for the start of the Hump Day concert series.

The Concert Series will kick off with The Belairs 50's and 60's Rock n Roll Show Band.

The tentative dates for concerts:

- May 30: The Belairs (50s & 60s/Las Vegas Show Band)
- June 6: Frontier (Soft Rock/Country)
- June 13: Parrots of the Caribbean (Jimmy Buffett Tribute)
- June 20: The Kelsey Mira Band (Pop/Top 40s)
- June 27: David Gerald (Rock-N-Soul)
- July 11: Jake Gill (Country Rock/Pop)
- July 18: The McCartney Project & Vinyl Sunshine (Beatles/British Invasion)
- July 25: Jamison Road (Modern Country)
- August 1: The SunBurners (Island Party/Steel Drum)
- August 8: Dat Band (Rock/Soul/Funk/R&B)
- August 15: DV8 (Rock)
- August 22: Stagger Lee (Country Rock)



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.

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

May				
	5 th	10:00am-2:00pm	Medicinal and Edible Plant Workshop.	Governor Bebb
	20 th	2:30-4:30	Salute to the Pioneers	Indian Creek

Be on the Lookout for these future events

Mojo Triathlon and Cardboard 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.

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.

Invasive Watch: Teasel

Spring is a good time to work on non-native invasive plants. One plant the Land Stewardship Unit at MetroParks targets this time of year is Teasel. Two types grow in the MetroParks, common teasel and cut-leaved teasel. Common Teasel has purple flowers and cut-leaved has white flowers. Teasel is a biennial that grows during its first season as a rosette and then in its second year produces a flowering stalk. It is highly competitive and will grow in dense patches. Each plant can produce up to 2,000 seeds and if left untreated can form dense monocultures that outcompete native plants (photo 1).



Photo 1. Teasel in winter forming monoculture

How to identify? Look for the following:

- Large wavy leaves growing in pairs cupping the stem (photo 2).
- Prominent white line dividing leaves.
- Prickly stems.
- Cone shaped flower head with purple or white flowers (photo 3).



Photo 2. Teasel Rosette Patch

MetroParks uses a variety of techniques to control this plant. It is important to match the appropriate control method to the plants life stage and time of year.

If you notice this plant on your property, there are a few methods you can use to control it. For small populations of Teasel you can hand pull the rosettes when the soil is wet. If the plant has flowered, use hand pruners to carefully cut the flower heads, immediately drop into bag, and dispose of. Be careful, seeds easily fall off the head and can be dispersed onto the ground. Do not put this plant in your compost, because it will spread. You should also revisit the plant throughout the growing season because it will likely grow new flower heads.

For larger areas, you can mow the area frequently to prevent the plant from flowering. One mowing will not be enough because it will produce new flower heads after the first cutting. Often a foliar spray application may be necessary. Match the appropriate herbicide to your area and always follow product label guidelines.

It is important not to ignore this plant in your yard or field. Teasel is so aggressive that it will displace the other plants growing in the same area. For questions or more information on invasive plants and plant control, contact the Land Stewardship Unit at MetroParks of Butler County.



Photo 3 and 4. Teasel flower head

MetroParks of Butler County Wildflowers

By Shawnee Banks

Spring has arrived and so have the wildflowers. We investigated some different species at our April wildflower hike at Rentschler Forest MetroPark. Look at some of the species we found!

Bloodroot, a part of the Poppy Family, has a single white flower that grows up through the middle of the leaf (Niering, 1979). The plant produces a red juice from the roots which was used for dyeing clothes and baskets by the Native Americans (Henn, 1998).



Bloodroot at Rentschler Forest MetroPark – Cascades Trail

Rue Anemone, in the Buttercup Family, is a perennial that loves forests and woodland habitats (Henn, 1998). This plant, often mistaken for wood anemone, is made up of three lobed compound leaves with about 2 to 3 flowers per stalk (Niering, 1979; Henn, 1998). Be sure to get out and see this flower soon as it's blooming period is coming to an end.



Rue Anemone at Rentschler Forest MetroPark – Cascades Trail

There are many other wildflowers to watch out for that are currently in bloom including Dutchman's Breeches, Cut-leafed Toothwort, Spring Beauty, Toad Shade (Sessile Trillium), Violets and many more. Be aware of those tricky invasive species that might look beautiful but are harmful to our local biodiversity including Lesser Celandine, Garlic Mustard, Amur Honeysuckle, Periwinkle and more.



Dutchman's Breeches at Rentschler Forest MetroPark – Cascades Trail

Join us in your local MetroParks of Butler County in search of more wildflowers. Be on the lookout for Large Flowered Trillium, Mayapple, and Solomon's Seal soon to bloom (Henn, 1998). Let's get outdoors and find an adventure!

References

Niering, William. *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1979. Print.

Henn, Robert. *Wild Flowers of Ohio*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998. Print.

FoMPBC Awarded Christine Humpries Impact Grant



Congratulations to Robin James and Carri Mosier, FoMPBC board members, for their hard work in earning the Christine Humphries Impact Grant to expand the dog park facilities at Voice of America MetroPark. This \$40,000 grant is awarded for projects whose impact helps create a stronger, more vibrant community. The three main criteria of a project's impact are parks, pets, and quality of life. This project was judged to best fit these needs among applications from the West Chester and Liberty Township area. Good work, ladies!

Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



Volunteer News



May 2018

Volunteers did it! Thanks to all our recent Volunteer groups!!



Spring platform tent installation Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Timberhill Area April 7, 2018



Mulch application by GE Aviation at Rentschler Forest
MetroPark-Reigart Road Area April 20, 2018



Keep Middletown Beautiful at the Community Gardens
April 21, 2018



Day of service at Gilmore MetroPark-Gilmore Road Natural Area
April 21, 2018



Greek Spring Clean group and Butler County 4-H members at the Earth Day Spring Cleanup day
Elk Creek MetroPark-Sebald Park Area April 22, 2018



Community First Day of Caring at Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area April 21, 2018



4-H Group at the Earth Day Spring Cleanup day at Elk Creek
MetroPark-Sebald Park Area April 22, 2018

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."

Audrey Hepburn

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about service opportunities.

MetroParks Of Butler County
2051 Timberman Road
Hamilton OH 45013
513.867.5835

Or email Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net

Visit us on the web at www.YourMetroParks.net

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May Volunteer Opportunities

Honeysuckle Removal

When: Flexible-May 2018

Where: Governor Bebb MetroPark
1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053

What: Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.) is a non-native invasive species that is one of the greatest threats to plant diversity in woodland areas as it out competes native plant species. Help control this invasive in the Pioneer Village Area at Governor Bebb MetroPark. Volunteers will remove honeysuckle with loppers and hand saws. Land Stewardship staff will follow with an herbicide application on cut stumps to prevent regrowth of cut plants. Be sure to wear sturdy foot wear and pants as you will be working in thick brush. Tools, gloves, and safety glasses are provided.

Garlic Mustard Pull

When: Flexible-May 2018

Where: Forest Run MetroPark
1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

What: Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a non-native invasive plant that threatens native woodland wildflowers in our area. Help take out this competitor to our woodland wildflowers by removing the plant in the wooded area near Locust Grove Pond at the Timberman Ridge Area of Forest Run MetroPark. Volunteers will remove the Garlic Mustard by hand pulling and placing in garbage bags to prevent seed dispersal. This is a great opportunity for scout groups or school groups. Schedule before the end of May as our window to remove Garlic Mustard is limited. Be sure to wear sturdy foot wear and pants as you will be working in a wooded area. Gloves and trash bags provided.

Butterfly Garden Weeding

When: May through September

Where: Forest Run MetroPark, Timberman Ridge Area
1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

What: A volunteer is needed to help care for the butterfly garden at the Timberman Ridge Area of Forest Run MetroPark. The butterfly garden volunteer will be responsible for removing weeds from the garden every 1-2 weeks and watering during dry periods, as needed. Strong skills in native prairie plant identification is **required** in order to successfully differentiate weeds from desired pollinator plants. This is an ongoing opportunity that would require a commitment from May-September.

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.

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

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

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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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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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

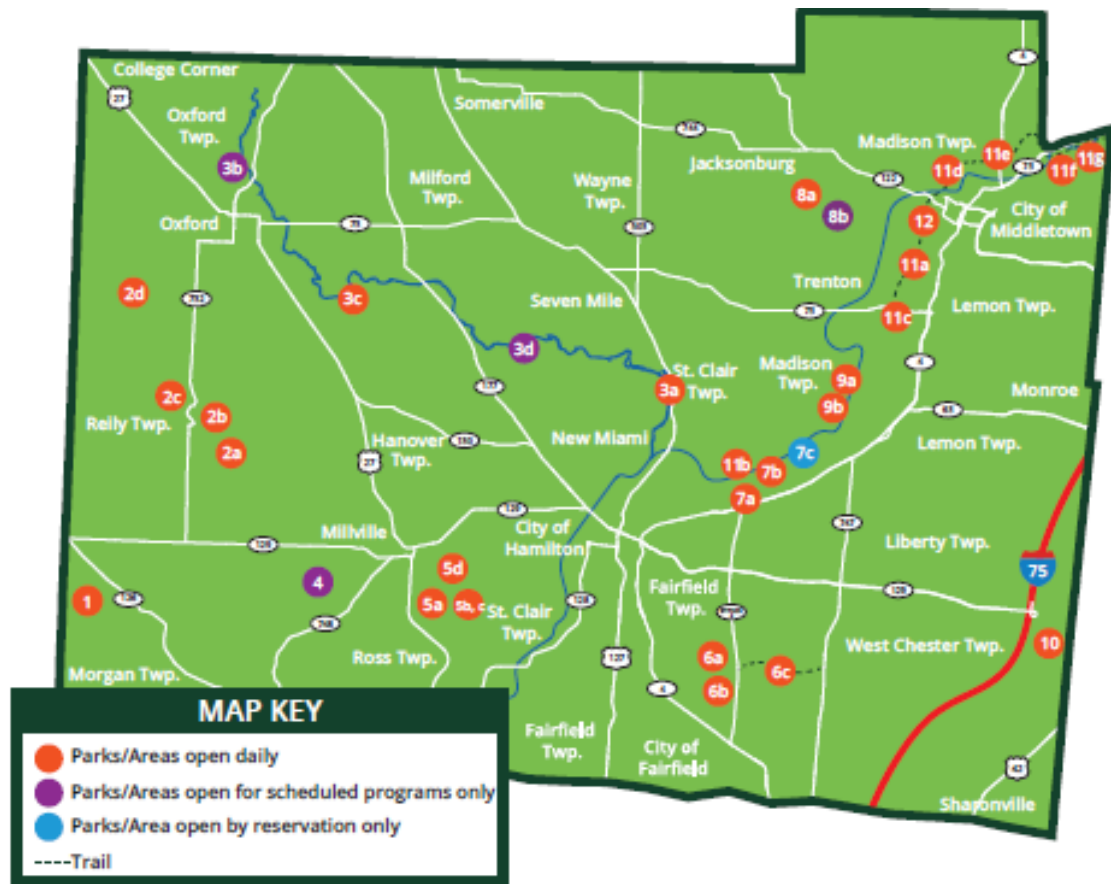
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HOLIDAY HOURS

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 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

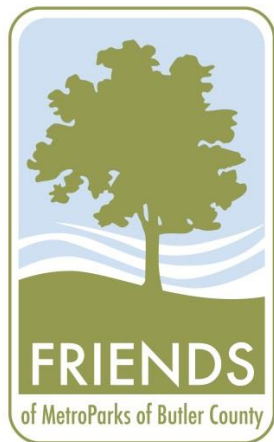
11. Great Miami River Trail

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
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- Donation - \$ _____

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Name(s)/Contact _____ Date _____

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