

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends

of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

December, 2017

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December Board Meeting

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, December 13th

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

December started off with Brilliant Bebb – a visit to an Ohio Christmas celebration on the frontier. For a change, the weather was dry and pleasant, instead of snowy or rainy. This year's festivities included several new features, including reindogs, Father Christmas, and frontier sheriffs.

Still to come in December are the start of this season's Murder Mystery series, breakfast with Santa, and Show-and-Tell on the Farm.

Don't let a little cold weather keep you indoors this month!

See you in the parks,
Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

Brilliant Bebb 2017



Father Christmas and Reindog John





Upcoming Events



Show and Tell on the Farm

The days are shorter, and the weather is cooler but the farm on is still bustling. Show and Tell on the Farm is continuing at Chrisholm Metropark in December and January. Upcoming topics include: Winter is for the Birds, Farm Thaumatrope, Holiday time, Soap on a Rope and presents for the Animals.



Breakfast with Santa

There is still time to sign up for the fun family event at Voice of America on Dec 16th 12:30-3:00pm. Enjoy a buffet, entertainment by Charlie Cadabra, and of course a visit with Santa. A photo of your visit with Santa is available for a small fee. Registration closes on 12/11/2017.





Winter Break Night Hike

Come out to Forest Run Metro Park on December 27th at 6pm for a winter night hike. Whether you are walking off the Christmas goodies, or getting a jump on your New Year's resolution, it will be fun for the whole family. Enjoy the sights and Sounds of a Mid-Winter hike.



Murder Mystery Dinner

Come out to Voice of America for a night of mystery and dinner. Included with your ticket is a three course meal and unlimited soda, tea and coffee. Adult beverages will be available for purchase. The Murder Mystery Co. will be there putting on a spectacular show that you get to join in and be part of the adventure in solving the mystery. The show will begin at 6:00pm and will last 3-4 hours, please arrive 30 minutes early. Come dressed in costume to make for a more interesting evening. All shows are rated PG-13.

Below are the themes for each show:
 January 5, 2018 - Murder at the Masquerade
 February 10, 2018 - Dance with Death, 1950's Prom

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FOMPBC 2017 Calendar of Events

Dec	18	11:00am-3:00pm	Harvest Day at Forest Run	Forest Run
Dec	16	12:30-3:00pm	Breakfast with Santa	VOA
	27	6:00-8:00pm	Winter Break Night Hike	Forest Run
Jan	5	6:00-9:00pm	Murder Mystery Dinner	VOA

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?

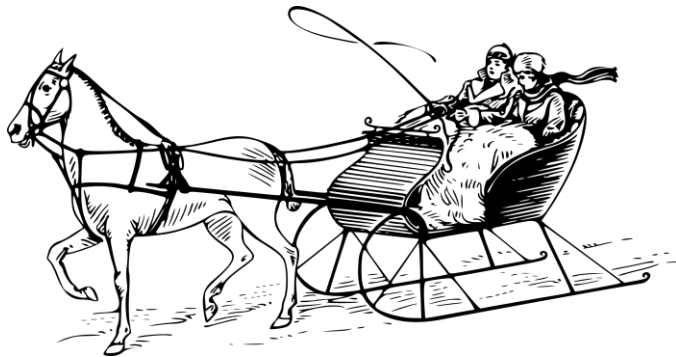
In April 2017 Kroger's updated their Community Rewards process and software. As of April, supporters will no longer have to re-enroll their Kroger Plus Card to earn dollars for your organization. This will make it easier for you to support us! Please take a moment and make sure you are enrolled and supporting 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.



Critter Corner

By Bill Walker

You've heard of Dasher, Dancer, Rudolph and the rest, but this is one of the first documented pictures of the elusive Reindog. Before reindeer and Santa Claus, Father Christmas relied on a horse and sleigh to get around. Since this was before the settling of the Americas and Australia, Dobbin was fast enough to make deliveries on Christmas Eve. As exploration widened the settled parts of the world, Santa needed faster delivery capabilities. This led to replacing the horse with reindogs. Originally bred to help hunt speedy prey, the reindogs helped Santa cross hill and dale to deliver presents to good little boys and girls. Of course, reindogs are incapable of flight, so this led to their ultimate replacement by flying reindeer.



That's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

See you in the parks!

Bill Walker



Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



DECEMBER EVENTS



DECEMBER 2017

BRILLIANT BEBB

Governor Bebb MetroPark
Fri., December 1, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
\$10/ Vehicle

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Governor Bebb MetroPark
Sat., December 2, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
\$10/ Vehicle

BRILLIANT BEBB

Governor Bebb MetroPark
Sun., December 3, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
\$10/ Vehicle

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM HOW DO ANIMALS STAY WARM?

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., December 3, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WINTER IS FOR THE BIRDS

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., December 7, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THE MOST WONDERFUL CRIME OF THE YEAR

Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Sat., December 9, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
\$35/person \$30/person for groups of
8 or more

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM FARM THAUMATROPE

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., December 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM HOLIDAY TIME

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT WITH MIAMI VALLEY AUDOBON

Various MetroParks locations
Contact Larry Gersbach at 513-310-0195
Sat., December 16, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
FREE

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Sat., December 16, 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
\$14.95/ person ages 8 & up
\$12.95/ person ages 3-7
FREE Ages 2 & under

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM SOAP ON A ROPE

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., December 17, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM PRESENTS FOR THE ANIMALS

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., December 21, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

NO PROGRAM TODAY - SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., December 24

WINTER BREAK NIGHT HIKE

Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve
Wed., December 27, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM HIBERNATION HIDEAWAYS

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., December 28, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

NO PROGRAM TODAY - SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM

Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., December 31

ADVANCED ORIENTEERING

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Timberhill Area
Sun., December 31, 7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
\$7/ OCIN Member, \$10/ Non-member

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

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Breakfast with Santa

WHEN Saturday, December 16, 2017
12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

PRICE Age 8 +: \$14.95
Age 3-7: \$12.95
Children Under 3: FREE
\$5.00 for photos with Santa

ABOUT

Enjoy a breakfast buffet, a visit with Santa Claus, Christmas crafts, and a holiday magic show with Charlie Cadabra!

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration required by 12/11/17

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Murder Mystery Dinner Series



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WHEN

Saturday, December 9, 2017
Friday, January 5, 2018
Saturday, February 10, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE

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

PRICE

\$35.00/person
\$30/person for groups of 8 or more
\$10 off/person for your second show
Registration required by 5 days
prior to the event

ABOUT

Get your costumes and come to the Ronald Reagan Lodge for a fabulous meal and a killer evening of improv comedy fun!

- December 9 – The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year
- January 5 – Murder at the Masquerade
- February 10 – Dance with Death 1950's Prom

Please arrive 30 minutes early.

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JANUARY EVENTS



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NEW YEAR'S ORIENTEERING

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Timberhill Area
Mon., January 1, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
\$7/OCIN member, \$10/Non-Member

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM IT'S ALL IN THE SNOW

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., January 4, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SERIES MURDER AT THE MASQUERADE

Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Fri., January 5, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
\$35/person
\$30/person for groups of 8 or more
\$10 off/person for your second show

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM KITS, KITS AND KITS

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., January 7, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM THERE'S A COW IN MY MARSHMALLOW

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

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

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., January 14, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

ADVENTURE CAMP WINTER WIZARDRY

Voice of America MetroPark
Ronald Reagan Lodge
Mon., January 15, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$40/Butler County Resident
\$50/Non-Resident
Pre-registration required

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WIGGLY WORMS KEEPING WARM

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., January 18, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

MYSTERY OF THE WINTER WOODS TREE ID

Forest Run MetroPark
Timberman Ridge
Sat., January 20, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WHERE ARE THE BATS?

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., January 21, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM WHO'S MITTEN IS THIS?

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Thurs., January 25, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FREE

SHOW & TELL ON THE FARM GROW AS WE GO

Chisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead
Sun., January 28, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FREE

BLUE MOON HIKE

Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
Wed., January 31, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
FREE

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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.

\$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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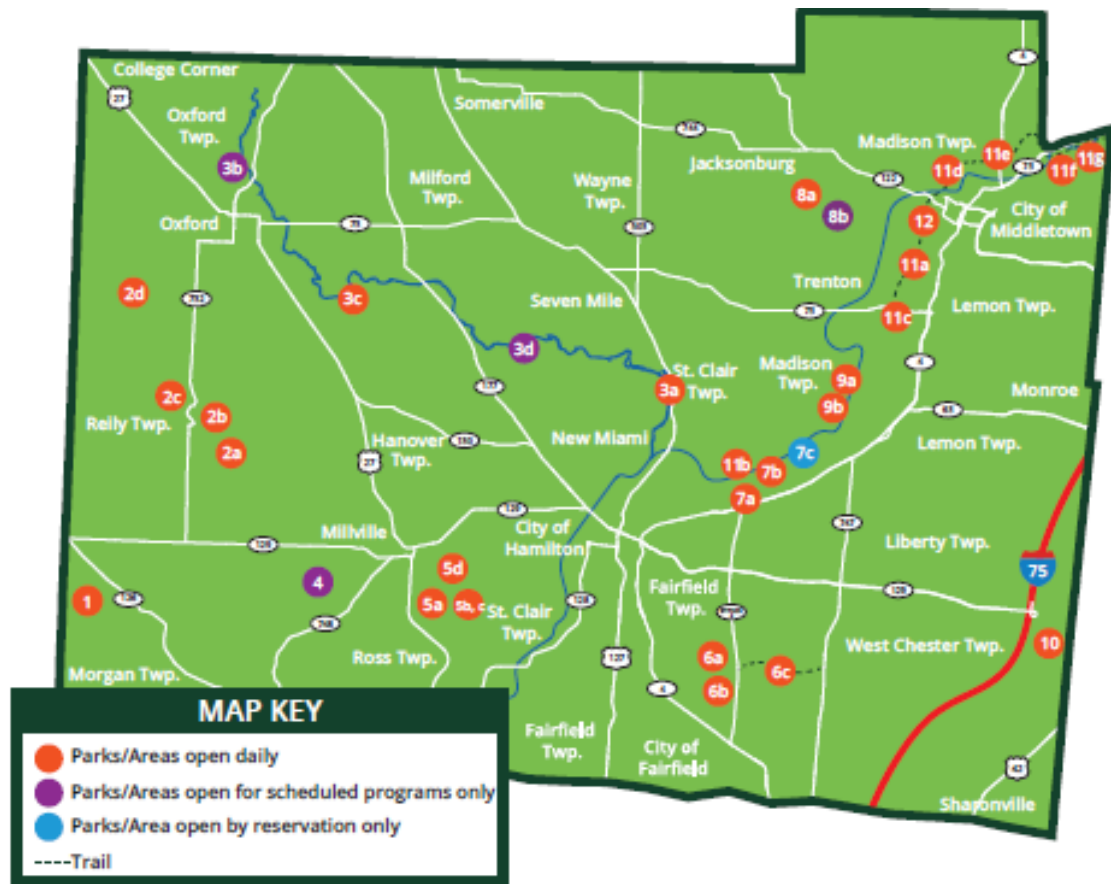
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1. GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

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

2. INDIAN CREEK METROPARK

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

3. FOUR MILE CREEK METROPARK

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

4. SALAMANDER RUN PRESERVE

4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

5. Forest Run MetroPark

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

6. GILMORE METROPARK

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

7. RENTSCHLER FOREST METROPARK

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

8. Elk Creek MetroPark

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

9. Chrisholm MetroPark

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

10. Voice of America MetroPark

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

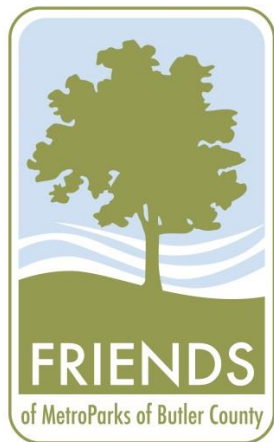
11. Great Miami River Trail

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

12. Bicentennial Commons

Carmody Boulevard at Central Avenue

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County



Our Mission	To improve and preserve the parks for future generations, to educate and inform the public about the unique qualities of each MetroPark, and to encourage individuals and groups to participate in volunteer programs
Member Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitations to Member-only events • Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects • Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction
Who Are We?	<p><i>Private citizens who have come together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor programs & activities, promoting the use of MetroParks for conservation, education and recreation • Encourage volunteerism toward support of MetroParks of Butler County • Identify and implement improvements to the park • Assist in raising funds, securing donations, and obtaining grants monies to further MetroParks' mission

Yes, I/We want to be a member of Friends of MetroParks of Butler County!

Detach the form below and Mail it with your check to the address below

Become a Friend!

Simply fill in this form, detach and mail it with your check. Made payable to:

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County
PO Box 691
Hamilton, OH 45012

Pick an Annual Membership

- Individual - \$10
- Family - \$15
- 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) _____