

# The Voice of the Turtle



## Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

### Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter August, 2016

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## Mud Mania Rentschler Forest MetroPark Aug. 5 - 6 11AM to 3PM



August, 2016

**OUR MISSION:** The mission of the Friends of MetroParks of Butler County is to improve and preserve the parks for future generations, educate and inform the public about the unique qualities of each MetroPark, and to encourage individuals and groups to participate in volunteer programs

**Letter from the President**

Hot, Hot, Hot! August is here and the temperatures are going to be hot (well, it is southwest Ohio). How about some great ways to cool off?

First, only three Hump Day Concerts are left. If you haven't attended one of these events it is not too late to take advantage of some great entertainment, beautiful surroundings, good food and drinks.

- Aug 3            Parrots of the Caribbean
- Aug 10          Sonny Moorman
- Aug 17          Thunder Bay Band

This weekend features one of my personal favorite two day events: MUD MANIA! Not so clean fun, your level of grime is up to you. Last year we had around 2000 participants, and we expect even more this year! I'm not quite sure that I will tackle the obstacle course this year, but it is on my bucket list.

The last big event of the month for FOMPBC is on August 20, at Chrisholm MetroPark: FUN ON THE FARM. This will be our first time participating in the event. \ and we will be interacting with crowd in a new way. Details will come later, but I think we will have some very positive results in accomplishing our mission.

Get out and enjoy our MetroParks!

Chuck Holliday  
President, FOMPBC

**July Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**  
**VOA MetroPark**  
**Community Room**

All members are welcome to attend!

Next Board of Director Meetings

September 14 & October 12 at 6:00 PM

# Mud Mania

Volunteers are needed for MUD MANIA!

Volunteers are still needed for Mud Mania, a super fun event featuring an obstacle course and various activities, all in the mud! Volunteers are needed for registration, monitoring the course for safety, and duct taping shoes to feet, and other event support. Volunteers are needed from 10:00am - 3:30pm on August 5th and 6th at Rentschler Forest MetroPark.

Please volunteer, for more information or to volunteer please contact Zach Marcum at [zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net)

## New Facebook Page and Address

The Friends of MetroParks of Butler County is happy to announce we have a

### New Facebook Address



Go to <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofMetroParksButlerCounty/> and click "Like" at the top of the page. Please note, followers of our old page will need to Like the new page in order to continue to follow us. As a "follower" or "Fan" of our page, you will be able to keep informed about all the exciting things the Friends of MetroParks of Butler County is doing to improve and preserve the parks for future generations. Our page will feature detailed information about upcoming events, Friends "Member Only" events and volunteer opportunities.

We thank you for joining us on the path towards spreading the word about the difference the Friends of MetroParks of Butler County is making in our community. Please invite your friends to visit our page and join also.

Donna Marquardt, Facebook administrator



# Crazy Cardboard Regatta

Update: Another HUGE success! Attendance estimated to be around 3000, with 30 cardboard yachts participating!

Many thanks to the many FOMPBC members that volunteered for MetroParks and helped out at the event, Bill Walker, Sue Tutas, Donna Marquardt, Donna Holliday, Bud and Carol Souder plus others that I am sure I missed.



Thank you to the Friends members that manned the FOMPBC Booth: Craig Wiseman, Kris Hill, Donna Holliday, and Carri Mosier. They passed out stickers and fliers and enlisted new membership. Photos with our Turtle were a hit and made our Facebook page.



Many thanks to the Kohls Associates In Action group for volunteering. With 5 Kohls Associates volunteering for 3 hours service, FOMPBC will receive a check for \$500.00 dollars to further our mission with MetroParks.



Thank You Kohls Associates in Action!

## Fun on the Farm

By Allie Wagner

Come be a part of the Friends booth at upcoming MetroParks events! The Friends group will have a special tent space at Fun on the Farm (Aug 20th), Horse Daze (Sept 17th), and The Howl (Oct 23rd) to help get the word out about the organization & recruit potential members. At each booth, there will be flyers, membership forms, stickers, the Turtle cutout, & as a new addition...FACE PAINTING!!! Kiddos will be excited to have "artwork" on their cheeks & Friends members will have an opportunity to chat with their parents about this wonderful organization! Disclaimer: No artistic abilities required -- just a willingness to try! Please contact Allie Wagner ([beckneal@miamioh.edu](mailto:beckneal@miamioh.edu)) if you are free to assist with any or all of these upcoming events.



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## LETTER FROM BILL ISON:

Following a near fatal accident with my farm tractor, I am glad to report I am back home after surgery to repair damage to my left foot & ankle, followed by 10 days of recovery and rehab in the hospital. It will be several weeks before I will be allowed to bear weight on my left leg and more will be known about my long term prognosis after the doctor removes the temporary cast from my left foot & ankle and evaluates the results in a couple of weeks but, I think the prognosis is good :-).

As the tractor wheel slowly rolled over my body during the accident, I sincerely thought I was experiencing the last few seconds of my life. In your interest, and the interest of all of the people who care about you, I **STRONGLY** encourage all of you to never, ever, exit any kind of motorized vehicle (*tractor, auto, riding mower or ???*) while the engine is running, regardless of all safety features. The only truly safe thing to do is to stop the engine any time you leave a motorized vehicle/machine. A seemingly harmless machine with an idling engine can transform into a dangerous killing machine in the blink of an eye.

I have been pleasantly surprised and pleased by all the cards, phone calls and electronic messages I have received from so many of you. I want you to know how much I appreciate all of them individually and collectively.

I am so thankful that I have been given an opportunity to spend more of my life accomplishing more good things with good folks like you. I am **REALLY AND TRULY** looking forward to seeing all of my friends in the future.

Please be safe and Take Care,

Bill Ison

## Welcome Our newest Friend!



Emma Leigh Wagner

## Hump Day Rabbit Hash String Band



Great blue grass sounds came from this group, especially when they came out from under the gazebo to play for the crowd.

Hump Day Concerts ONLY 3 nights left!



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## Members Only

### Creek Walk

Saturday Sept. 10, 12-2 pm at William F and Cora Dudley Woods Park (Gregory Creek), 5591 Hankins Rd, Liberty Township, Oh 45044. Enjoy an old fashioned explore of the creek with Butler Soil and Water Lynn White and MetroParks Staff. We'll supply the nets, you supply the curiosity! Members and guests welcome. Borrow the neighbor kids, bring your grandkids, or just be a kid yourself for an hour or two.

### Salamander Run Tour

Saturday October 8, 3 -5 pm, Salamander Run 4821 Layhigh Rd. Hamilton, OH 45013. View the restoration work and enjoy a hike through prairie and woods at Salamander Run with Three Valley Conservation Trust and MetroParks guides. Members and their guests are welcome.

(The next "members only" event in 2016 will be in November or December, details to be confirmed).

Cris Trammell

### Horse Daze

By Bill Ison

Mark your calendar to attend the fifth annual Horse Daze event at beautiful Sebald Park on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, rain or shine! Horse Daze is the result of a collaborative effort between Metro Parks of Butler County and the Butler County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council. This wonderful event provides children of all ages and their families a unique opportunity to experience the joy of horses. Attendance has grown each year and this year's event will be designed to accommodate increased attendance.

Separate horseback riding areas will be provided for riders of different ages or skill levels, including the Tiny Tots riding area, which will feature minis & ponies where adults can walk beside the rider.

Activities will include tractor-drawn hayrides, a photo station for riders, demonstrations to include riding skills, grooming, hoof trimming and tack information. Additionally, the popular Kid's Corral area will feature lots of horse-related kid's

activities, face painting, and will introduce Straw Bale Mountain to climb and play on. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at reasonable prices or bring your own picnic meal and utilize one of the many shelters available in the park.

All possible precautionary measures are taken to ensure participant safety, per Ohio Equine Law, participants assume the risk inherent in attending or participating in equine activities.

All event activities will be provided free of charge, however a Motor Vehicle Permit is required. Motor Vehicle Permit FREE to Butler County Residents. Non-Residents \$5/daily or \$10/annual. Volunteers for the event will receive an event volunteer parking pass.

Volunteers are needed for all activities, not all require horse experience. Come be a part of this fun-filled, family friendly event! To sign up as a volunteer for this event visit

[www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d44a8ab2da5fd0-horse](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d44a8ab2da5fd0-horse). For more information, visit [www.yourmetroparks.net](http://www.yourmetroparks.net) or call (513)867-5835.



### Please share with us!

The best ideas are those that are shared, we need your help. Please share with us the honor of discussing your ideas. Tuesday's make a great day to have a meeting during the week. We can travel to Okeana, Oxford, Middletown, West Chester or Millville to discuss your ideas.

Chuck 513.302.6223  
Good Friends

Chuck Holliday  
President, FOMPBC

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# Hump Day Concerts Keep on Dazzling VOA Crowds



**Lisa Biales**



**Amy Sailor Band**



**Parrots of the Caribbean**





## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities August 2016

### Mud Mania

**When:** Friday, August 5, 2016 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Saturday, August 6, 2016 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Where:** Rentschler Forest MetroPark, 5701 Reigart Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45011

**What:** Volunteers are needed to help staff the messiest event in MetroParks! But no need to get down and dirty. Jump into the fun at Mud Mania by helping with info tables, registration, and the mud obstacle course.

### Night Time Exploration

**When:** Friday, August 12, 2016 8:30 PM – 11:00 PM

**Where:** Governor Bebb MetroPark, 1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, Ohio 45053

**What:** Volunteer to help with this night hike through Governor Bebb MetroPark. Volunteers will be assisting with program registration and monitoring participant safety during the night hike by following behind program participants.

### Stepping Forward: Service Day

**When:** Saturday, August 13, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

**What:** Stepping Forward: Service Days allow for volunteers to do a number of activities at various parks throughout the year. Service Days are held to keep parks clean, improve habitat, complete projects, and prepare for events. Volunteer with MetroParks to help create habitat for monarch butterflies at Forest Run MetroPark! Volunteers will be planting plants in an area that will become a Monarch Waystation.

### Fun on the Farm

**When:** Saturday, August 20, 2016 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM

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

**What:** Enjoy a day at the historic Chrisholm farmstead! Fun on the Farm offers farm themed activities, games, and demonstrations. Volunteer help is needed for games and crafts, hayrides, caring for the animals, and other farm activities.

### **Stepping Forward: Service Day**

**When:** Saturday, September 3, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

**What:** Stepping Forward: Service Days allow for volunteers to do a number of activities at various parks throughout the year. Service Days are held to keep parks clean, improve habitat, complete projects, and prepare for events. Volunteer with MetroParks to perform trail maintenance and prepare the horse trails for Horse Daze.

### **Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities Trail Ambassadors – Great Miami River Recreation Trail**

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Great Miami River Recreation 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.

### **Administrative Support**

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Multiple Locations

**What:** Volunteers are needed to help with administrative tasks including document filing, copying program flyers, database management, document preparation, and other general office tasks. Volunteers can help out on a recurrent basis or just once if desired!

### **General Maintenance Support**

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Multiple Locations

**What:** Help MetroParks by lending a hand in general maintenance alongside the Operations Department staff at various locations throughout the MetroParks system. Tasks might include painting, mulching, trail maintenance, equipment maintenance, etc.

### **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 volunteer services for more information.



### **Program/Event Support**

**When:** Program Dependent

**Where:** Multiple Locations

**What:** Park Connections staff can always use an extra hand with programs and events. Do you see something on our program calendar that interests you? You can get involved by inquiring about volunteer opportunities for that event. Contact [zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net) for more information on volunteer opportunities for a particular program or event.

### **Program Preparation Support**

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Multiple Locations



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**What:** Park Connections staff presents multiple education, recreation, and conservation programs 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.

### **Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark**

**When:** Flexible

**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 customers with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks. Training provided.

### **Welcome Center - Forest Run MetroPark**

**When:** Flexible

**Where:** Forest Run MetroPark Welcome Center, 1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton OH 45013

**What:** Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at Forest Run MetroPark. The Welcome Center provides a quiet interior space for visitors. Volunteers will help host guests, collect bird data, and help stock bird feeders. Training provided.

### **Other Ideas?**

If you have skills or interests that you would like to translate into volunteer service for MetroParks, but don't see that option listed, contact us! MetroParks is always looking for new and innovative ways to get volunteers involved in the parks.

**PLEASE NOTE: All ongoing volunteer opportunities must be scheduled directly**

**with volunteer services. If you are interested in any of the above ongoing volunteer opportunities, please contact [zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net) or call (513) 867-5835 for more information.**

### **Looking Ahead....**

MetroParks asks that you begin thinking about any interest you may have in future volunteer opportunities. Some volunteer opportunities to be looking forward to include:

**Horse Daze** – MetroParks teams with Butler County Horsemen's Council for this day full of fun for the whole family! Assist with many activities including assisted horse rides, games, crafts, event set up and clean up.

If any of these future opportunities sound interesting to you, please email Zach Marcum at [zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net](mailto:zmarcum@yourmetroparks.net) for more information.

### **MetroParks 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Crazy Cardboard Regatta**





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### 2016 BOAT WINNERS from the Crazy Cardboard Regatta.

1st place child - Epic One; 2nd place child - Sea Scorpion  
1st place adult - Big Red Machine; 2nd place child - Old Paper Sides

#### THEMED

- Best in Show - Quackers...
- Best Team Spirit - Perry the Platypus
- The Titanic – Marvel
- Judges’s Choice - Chili Dog
- People’s Choice - Old Paper Sides
- Soggy Bottom Battle - Jaws

Check out our 7th Annual Cardboard Regatta album on the Friends of MetroParks Facebook Page to see more photos of the winners!



The Panel of Judges for the Crazy Cardboard Regatta



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## Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree

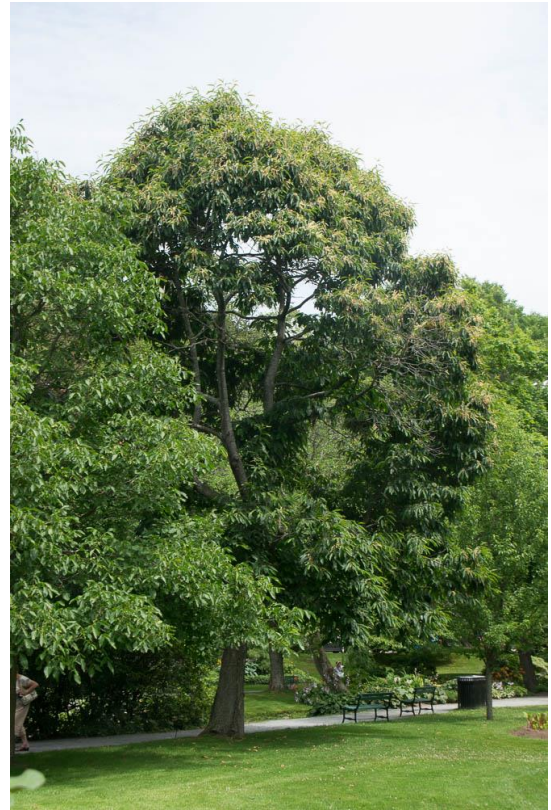
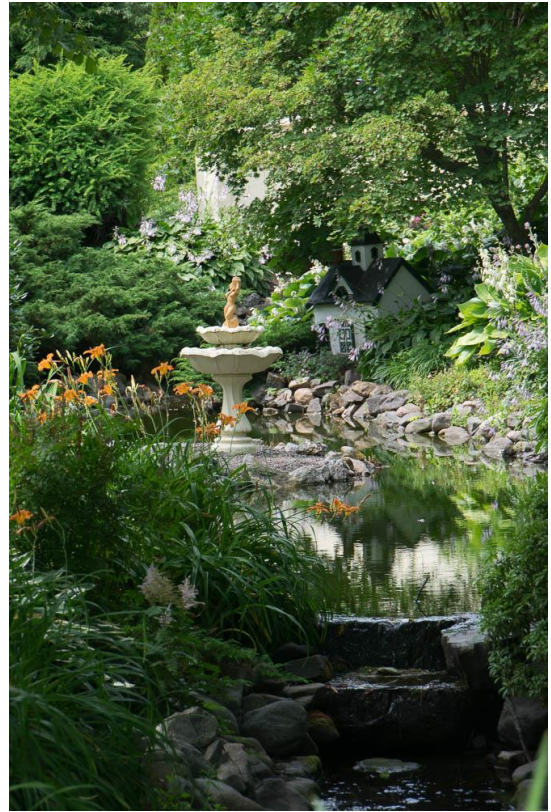
By Bill Walker

Friends of MPX Vice President

Just back from a trip to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island. We saw the tide come in at the Bay of Fundy, crossed the longest bridge in the world across a body of water that freezes in the winter, and saw more potato farms than Carter had little liver pills. I had never known that the color of potato flowers is an indication of the color of the flesh of the potatoes. They look a little like deadly nightshade, if you ask me.



On our last day in Halifax, we visited the Public Gardens. This is one of the oldest classical gardens in English-settled America. Imagine my surprise to find a full-grown American chestnut tree alive, well, and living in Halifax. Guess that the Nova Scotia winters are too cold for chestnut blight.

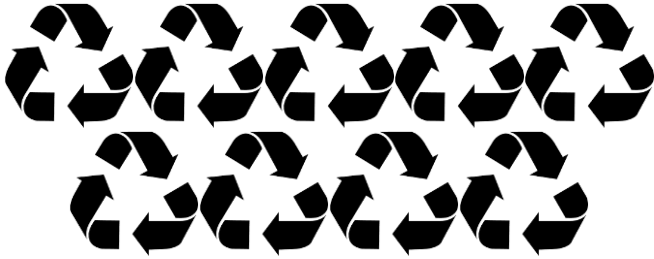


**American Chestnut Tree**



## MetroParks Educational Programs

### Materials Wish List:



As you sort your recyclables on trash night, please consider donating some of the following items to us that might otherwise end up in Rumpke. Please take any donations to:

VOA Welcome Center , VOA Park Drive, West Chester; when open, generally 9am-4:30 pm

Forest Run Engel House (Administrative Building), 2051 Timberman Rd., Hamilton ; 9am- 4:30 pm week days.

- Fabric scraps



Other things you may have laying around:

- Pencils
- Pens
- Paper cups
- Paper plates
- Rubber bands
- Clothespins
- Ziplock baggies
- Craft materials: glitter, stickers, pipe cleaners, feathers, beads, etc.
- Paper for crafts: tissue paper, construction paper, foam paper, cardstock paper, etc.

Recyclable/ re-purposed materials:

- Craft sticks- any sized
- Clean & empty 2 liter bottles
- Clean & empty large coffee containers
- Clean & empty large cottage cheese containers
- Clean & empty large yogurt containers
- Clean & empty paper egg cartons
- Gently used athletic equipment
- Gently used board games
- Gently used Legos
- Any length of 2x4 boards



**EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM**

**JUNE**



**JULY**



**AUGUST**



**RAINOUTS:** Scheduled concerts may be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information, please check MetroParks of Butler County FaceBook page after 4pm on the day of the concert.



**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
JUNE- AUGUST 2016**

**Voice of America MetroPark  
Gazebo on the Lake  
Behind the Ronald Reagan Lodge  
7850 VOA Park Drive  
West Chester, Ohio 45069**

**FEATURING:**

- **FREE MUSIC**
- **FOOD & ADULT BEVERAGES**
- **LAKE ACTIVITIES**
- **BIKE & BOAT RENTALS**
- **MID WEEK RELAXATION**
- **PLAYGROUND FOR THE KIDS**



**NOW THAT'S FAMILY FUN!**

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



# mud mania



## WHEN:

Friday, August 5, 2016

Saturday, August 6, 2016

## TIME:

11:00 AM-3:00 PM both days

## WHERE:

**Rentschler Forest MetroPark**

Reigart Road Area

5701 Reigart Road, Hamilton, OH 45011

**The messiest family FUN around!**

**FEATURING • Mud Volleyball • Slimy Obstacle Course •  
Muddy Pools • Food Vendors • Little Mudders Area**

## A FAMILY FUN EVENT!

Come prepared to get wet & dirty!

## REGISTER ONLINE OR AT THE EVENT

FREE/Under 5

\$2/ages 6-15

\$5/16 & over

## Please Note:

All participants must wear shoes.



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# NIGHT TIME EXPLORATION



FRIDAY AUGUST 12, 2016

9 PM-11 PM

GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

1979 BEBB PARK LANE

OKEANA, OHIO 45053

MEET AT THE MAIN PARKING LOT BY HOWE SHELTER



FREE FOR ALL AGES!

PREREGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

[WWW.YOURMETROPARKS.NET](http://WWW.YOURMETROPARKS.NET)

NIGHT HIKE

STAR SEARCH

NOCTURNAL ANIMALS

SENSORY ACTIVITIES



WANT TO SPEND THE WHOLE  
NIGHT IN THE PARK?

CAMP SITES ARE AVAILABLE AT  
GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK.  
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY AT  
[WWW.YOURMETROPARKS.NET](http://WWW.YOURMETROPARKS.NET)  
OR BY CALLING 513-867-5835.

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**WHEN:**

**Saturday, August 20, 2016**

**12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**WHERE:**

**Chisholm MetroPark  
Chisholm Historic Farmstead  
2070 Woodsdale Road  
Trenton, OH 45067**

**Enjoy a day of fun on the farm! Visit the historic Amish-Mennonite home. Enjoy demonstrators and shop at local farm-friendly vendors.**

Motor Vehicle Permits will be available at the event.

**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**FEE: \$5.00 PER VEHICLE**

**ENTRANCE FEE COVERS:**

- **Farm games & crafts**
- **Egg hunt**
- **Hayrides**
- **Animals**
- **Open hearth cooking**
- **Garden exploration**
- **Farm equipment**



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# BUTTERFLY HUNT



## WHEN:

**Saturday August 27, 2016**  
**11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

## WHERE:

**Forest Run MetroPark - Wildlife Preserve Area**  
**1810 New London Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013**

*It's the perfect time of year to look for butterflies! Join Bob Nuhn, butterfly expert, as he hunts for these beautiful insects and their predators*

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**ALL AGES  
WELCOME**

**COST: FREE**



- **Bring sunscreen**
- **Water**
- **Rain will cancel**







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515.893.5035

## August & Sept. 2016 At Your MetroParks

See our website for details:  
[www.yourmetroparks.net](http://www.yourmetroparks.net)

**Hump Day Concerts**  
Every Wednesday  
through Aug. 17

### August

**A Walk in the Park**  
Summer Walking Club -  
Every Tuesday &  
Thursday thru August 25

**Adventure Camp**  
L.E.A.P. into the Wild  
Sebald MetroPark  
Mon. Aug. 1  
9:30 – 11:30 AM  
\$ - pre-registration required

**Adventure Camp**  
Destination Outdoors  
Sebald MetroPark  
Mon. & Tue. Aug. 1 & 2  
9:30 AM – 3 PM  
\$ - pre-registration required

**Hump Day Concerts**  
Voice of America MetroPark  
Wed. Aug. 3, 7 - 9 PM

**Creekin' in the Park**  
Governor Bebb MetroPark  
Thur. Aug. 4, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Mud Mania**  
Rentschler Forest  
MetroPark  
11 AM - 3 PM  
Fri. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> & Sat. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Hump Day Concerts**  
Voice of America MetroPark  
Wed. Aug. 10, 7 - 9 PM

**Night Time Exploration**  
Gov. Bebb MetroPark  
Fri. Aug. 12, 9 – 11 PM

**Hump Day Concerts**  
Voice of America MetroPark  
Wed. Aug. 17, 7 - 9 PM

**Fun on the Farm**  
Cinsholm MetroPark  
Cinsholm Historic Farmstead  
Sat. Aug. 20, 12 – 4 PM - \$

**Butterfly Hunt**  
Forest Run MetroPark  
Wildlife Preserve Area  
Sat. Aug. 27, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

**Learn to Row with**  
Row America Hamilton  
Voice of America MetroPark  
Sat. Aug. 27, 3:30 – 5:30 PM  
\$ - pre-registration required

**Mountain Music Jam**  
Indian Creek MetroPark  
Pioneer Church  
Sun. Aug. 28, 2 – 4 PM

### September

**Learn to Row with**  
Row America Hamilton  
330 North B Street Hamilton OH  
Sat. Sept. 3, 3:30 – 5:30 PM  
\$ - pre-registration required

**Horse Daze**  
Sebald Park  
Sat. Sept. 17  
10 AM – 4 PM

### Great Outdoor Weekend

**Sept. 24 – 25**  
[greatoutdoorweekend.com](http://greatoutdoorweekend.com)

**Geocaching Fun!**  
Glimore MetroPark  
Sat. Sept. 24, 10 AM – 12 PM

**Stepping Forward Service Day**  
Gov. Bebb MetroPark  
Sat. Sept. 24, 9 AM – 12 PM

**Hike Salamander Run**  
4821 Layhigh Rd.  
Hamilton OH 45013  
Sat. Sept. 24, 3 – 5 PM

**Flour, Floorboards & Floods**  
Lecture on Saw & Grist Mills  
& Cinsholm MetroPark  
Farmstead Tours  
Sun. Sept. 25, 2 – 4 PM

**Harvest Hayrides**  
For Groups

**Forest Run MetroPark**  
Sept. 24 – Oct. 22  
11 AM - 1PM  
Reservations required - \$

**Look for:**

**Harvest Day**  
Forest Run MetroPark  
Sat. Oct. 29  
11 AM – 3 PM - \$

**"Run Forest Run"**  
(Sweetest Day) Fun-K,  
Forest Run MetroPark  
Sat. Oct. 15, 5-10 PM  
\$ - pre-registration required

**The Howl**  
Voice of America  
MetroPark  
Sun. Oct. 23,  
12:30 - 4 PM

# HORSE DAZE



## WHEN:

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

**10 am– 4 pm** {Join us rain or shine}

## WHERE:

**Sebald Park**

**5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042**

Lasso up some FUN!

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

**FREE Family  
Friendly Event**

## FEATURING:

**Horse Rides  
Tractor Drawn Hayrides  
Horse Photo Opportunity  
Demonstrations  
Games & Activities  
Food & Drinks**

**Co-Sponsored By:**

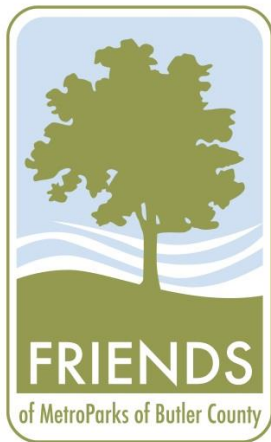


**The Butler County Chapter of**





# 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"> <li>• Invitations to Member-only events</li> <li>• Opportunity to apply for funding to support MetroParks programs and projects</li> <li>• Attend Annual Meeting and have a voice in Friends activities and direction</li> </ul>
Who Are We?	<p><i>Private citizens who have come together to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor programs &amp; activities, promoting the use of MetroParks for conservation, education and recreation</li> <li>• Encourage volunteerism toward support of MetroParks of Butler County</li> <li>• Identify and implement improvements to the park</li> <li>• Assist in raising funds, securing donations, and obtaining grants monies to further MetroParks' mission</li> </ul>

***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 \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required to receive newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_