

# The Voice of the Turtle



# Friends

of MetroParks of Butler County

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

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## Horse Daze Sebald MetroPark September 17 10AM to 4PM (Rain or shine!)



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**September Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016  
7:00 PM  
Sebald MetroPark  
Shelter #11**

All members are welcome to attend!

Next Board of Director Meetings  
October 12 at 7:00 PM

**“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 Kathy Edelen. 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.

**Special THANK YOU!**

To Sarah Burkart,

Sarah was a real trooper at Fun on the Farm this year! Due to a scheduling snafu the face painting table at Fun on the Farm lacked a face painter. Sarah stepped to the plate and showcased her talent as a face painter. Well done and “Thank You” Sarah.



**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**

I usually pick up the FOMPBC mail from the Post Office in Hamilton, or most of the time my wife runs in the building while I search for parking. We usually don’t get a large quantity of mail but the quality of our mail was really good this past month: two new membership applications came in, a check from Krogers for \$164.99 and a check from Kohls for \$500.00..

Thanks to all of you that participate in the Kroger Rewards Program. I did notice that we did drop in the total family enrollment from 22 families to 16 families last quarter. Did you remember to re-enroll in the program in April, our ID # is 15599. The total amount of funds received by FOMPBC from Krogers in this program is over \$750.00.

Thanks to Kohls for their Associates in Action Program FOMPBC received our first check of \$500.00. During the Crazy Cardboard Regatta five Kohls employees donate 3 hours each of volunteer time at the event to qualify FOMPBC to receive this \$500.00 grant. Thanks to those Kohls AIA volunteer for their time and effort and to Kohls for their generous donation.

Of course lots of events going on in MetroParks, we always need you help and participation. Horse Daze on September 17<sup>th</sup> is one of the best events of the year. New for this Fall is another very interesting program called Harvest Day 2016, to be held at Forest Run MetroPark on Saturday October 9 from 11AM to 3 PM.

Get out and enjoy our MetroParks!

Chuck Holliday  
President, FOMPBC

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## 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

Many thanks to the Kohls Associates In Action group for volunteering. Friends of MetroParks of Butler County has received a \$500.00 check from the Kohls Associates in Action program. The Kohls associates, family and friends in the above photo helped at Crazy Cardboard Regatta in July. Thank you to this fine group!



## Fun on the Farm

Rain showers may have dampened the day for Fun on the Farm, but spirits ran high for those that attended this event. Farm animals and kids = SMILES, rain or shine! Our first face painting attempt went really well, faces smiled all day long with butterflies, bees and bats.

Thanks to the FOMPBC members for helped man the tent: Sue and Maria Tutas, Craig Wiseman, Donna Holliday, Carri Mosier, Bill Walker, and Allie Wagner.





## 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

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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.



## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities September 2016

### Historical Interpreter Training

**When:** Wednesday, August 31, 10:00am-1:00pm

**Where:** Chrisholm MetroPark, 2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, OH 45067

**What:** Learn about becoming a volunteer for historical programs at Chrisholm MetroPark. Historical Interpreter volunteers will help to prepare and present historical programs to the public, primarily school groups. Volunteers can expect to dress in period specific attire (provided), perform demonstrations, and provide education to groups. Training provided for historical interpretation.

### Historical Interpreter Training

**When:** Thursday, September 1, 10:00am-2:00pm

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

**What:** Learn about becoming a volunteer for historical programs at Governor Bebb MetroPark. Historical Interpreter volunteers will help to prepare and present historical programs to the public, primarily school groups. Volunteers can expect to dress in period specific attire (provided), perform demonstrations, and provide education to groups. Training provided for historical interpretation.

### 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.

### Trail Ambassador: Trail Ride

**When:** Saturday, September 3, 2016 1:00PM – 3:00 PM

**Where:** Bicentennial Commons, Carmody Boulevard and Central Ave, Middletown, OH

**What:** Join trail ambassadors in monitoring the Great Miami River Recreation Trail and learn more about becoming a MetroParks of Butler County Trail Ambassador. 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.



### Stepping Forward: Service Day

**When:** Friday, September 16, 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 prepare Sebald for Horse Daze. Tasks will include setting up event fencing and staging the area for the event.

### Horse Daze

**When:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 various shifts

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

**What:** Help with Horse Daze, a day of horse activities and family fun! There are multiple volunteer shifts during the event - volunteers may sign up for more than one shift. Sign up to volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d44a8ab2da5fd0-horse>



### Stepping Forward: Service Day

**When:** Saturday, September 24, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

**What:** Stepping Forward: Service Days allow for volunteers to do a number of activities at various parks throughout the

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year. Service Days are held to keep parks clean, improve habitat, complete projects, and prepare for events. Volunteer with MetroParks to help with park projects at Governor Bebb MetroPark! Volunteers will be performing trail maintenance, general maintenance of the Pioneer Village area, and other tasks.

### **Upper Mill Creek Clean Up**

**When:** Saturday, September 24, 2016  
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**Where:** Gilmore MetroPark, 7950 Gilmore Road, Hamilton, OH 45011

**What:** Join MetroParks of Butler County and the Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities in the Upper Mill Creek Clean Up. Help clean up the Mill Creek watershed by removing trash from Gilmore MetroPark. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and wildlife at Gilmore MetroPark while you make a positive impact on the local environment.

### **Fall Hayrides**

**When:** Saturday, September 24, 2016  
10:45 AM – 2:15 PM

**Where:** Forest Run Metropark, 1976 Timberman Ridge, Hamilton, OH 45013

**What:** Assist MetroParks with Fall Hayrides at Forest Run MetroPark. Volunteers will help prepare the hay wagon and ride on the wagon with groups to ensure safety.

### **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. Must be 18 years of age or older.

### **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

**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.

## 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:

**The Howl** – Help staff this event and make it a howling good time for our canine friends.

**Volunteer Celebration** – SAVE THE DATE - November 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate MetroParks volunteers and all that they do.

**Fall Hayrides** – Volunteers are needed to assist with scheduled hayrides every Saturday through October 22<sup>nd</sup>

## The Care and Feeding of Monarch Caterpillars

By Bill Walker

Friends of MPX Vice President

While taking pictures of Monarch butterfly caterpillars in the flower garden at Chrisholm MetroPark during Fun on the Farm, I did not pay attention to a problem visible elsewhere in the photo. If you look carefully in the right side of the picture you will see a number of yellow spots on the stems of the host milkweed. Turns out that in addition to hosting Monarchs, the plant had a large number of aphids sucking a free meal. This may not be a major problem unless you want to harvest milkweed seeds for use next year. The following web page, gives instructions on getting rid of the little suckers (pun intended).

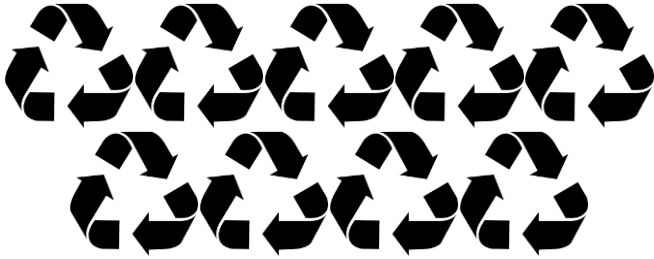
<http://monarchbutterflygarden.net/control-aphids-milkweed-plants/>





## 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

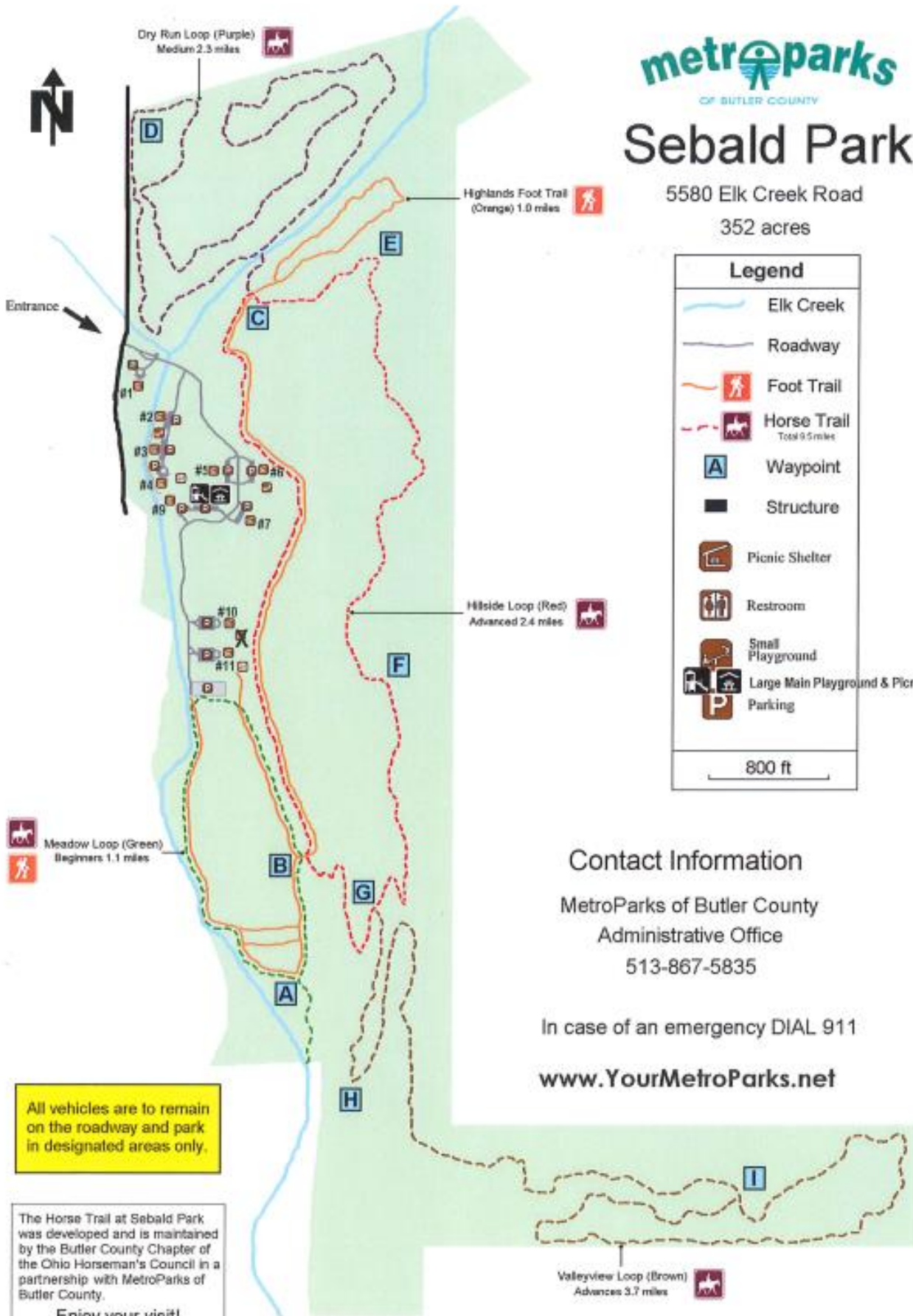




# Sebald Park

5580 Elk Creek Road  
352 acres

Legend	
	Elk Creek
	Roadway
	Foot Trail
	Horse Trail Total 9.5 miles
	Waypoint
	Structure
	Picnic Shelter
	Restroom
	Small Playground
	Large Main Playground & Picnic Shelter
	Parking
800 ft	



## Contact Information

MetroParks of Butler County  
Administrative Office  
513-867-5835

In case of an emergency DIAL 911

[www.YourMetroParks.net](http://www.YourMetroParks.net)

All vehicles are to remain on the roadway and park in designated areas only.

The Horse Trail at Sebald Park was developed and is maintained by the Butler County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council in a partnership with MetroParks of Butler County.  
Enjoy your visit!

# 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



**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  
Christholm MetroPark  
Christholm 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!  
Gilmore 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 Laxhigh Rd.  
Hamilton OH 45013  
Sat. Sept. 24, 3 – 5 PM**

**Flour, Floorboards & Floods  
Lecture on Saw & Grist Mills  
& Christholm 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 - \$**

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

# Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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





# HARVEST

# HAYRIDES

Saturdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22

11 AM, Noon, or 1 PM

Forest Run MetroPark  
1976 Timberman Rd., Hamilton

\$75 per group

All ages welcome · Reservations required

Includes:

Group Hayride · Hay Bale Maze  
Campfire · S'mores · Pumpkins

Book your adventure at

**metroparks**

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**NOW THAT'S FAMILY FUN!**

[www.YourMetroParks.net](http://www.YourMetroParks.net)

513.867.5835

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# 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) \_\_\_\_\_