

The Voice of the Turtle



Friends

of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

October, 2018

FOMPBC Officers

President:

Bill Walker

Vice-President,

Nick Lengyel

Secretary:

Robin James

Treasurer:

Larry Gersbach

Nominating Chair:

Roger Koch

Publicity Chair:

Bill Walker

Outreach Chair:

Michel Price

Finance Chair:

Richard Burgstrom

Grants & Fund Raiser Chair

Robin James

Membership Chair:

Nick Lengyel

Events Chair

Carri Mosier

Web Master:

Craig Wiseman

Newsletter Editor:

Bill Walker

October Board Meeting Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Butler County Historical Society

327 N 2nd Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

7:00-9:00 PM



Letter from the President

Fall is here, at least according to the calendar. I know that it will not be too long before we're all sipping hot cider and missing warm weather, but a little seasonal weather would be nice. Soon the leaves will be changing color and the grass will stop requiring weekly attention from the lawn mower. This is the time of year for fall migrants to pass through on their way south (although some may not yet feel any real sense of urgency). This is a fine time of year to visit the parks to see the fall wildflowers and watch the squirrels making last minute deposits in their nut bank.

Please join me in wishing Larry Gersbach a speedy recovery from his recent surgery to repair a torn Achilles tendon. Who would have thought that a pickle (or was that a pickleball) could be so dangerous? Best wishes also to Don Eberwine that this round of chemo gets the job done. Being a board member is not for sissies!

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: Corn Galore, Farm Games, Pumpkin Hunt, Apples Galore, A tale of Tails, Pioneer Farmers, Sensational Seasons, and Jack and Jill

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

Horses, Hayrides, and Hocus Pocus



Climb on for a hayride or saddle up for relaxing horse ride or both! Pre-registration is required for horse and wagon rides by calling 513.867.5835. Time slots will be available between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The evening will end with the Sanderson sisters in the feature film Hocus Pocus (rated PG) starting at dusk. We hope you'll join in for a cornucopia of fall fun!

In order to provide you with a positive experience, we ask that you:

- Ride at your own risk: Participants who engage in equine activities assume the risks of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to person or property resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.
- Safety helmets are available and recommended
- Riders must wear shoes
- No riding double (even little children)

Staff may assign riders to a specific horse based upon the rider's size

Spectators are welcome to take photos of riders

Saturday September 8th, 12:00-4:00pm at Chrisholm MetroPark Historic Farmstead.

Admission: \$5.00 per vehicle.

Trail of Treats



Come to Rentschler Forest MetroPark dressed in your favorite Halloween costumer on Friday, Oct 26th and take part in Trail of Treats. You will get a map showing the locations of several “treat” baskets. Use the Map and your wits to find each basket and collect a token. At the finish, turn your tokens for candy or toy!.

Come before 6:00pm to finish the course before dark or for an extra challenge come by 7:00pm and finish the course in the dark!

Friday, October 26, 5:00-8:00 PM
G.E. Condo Shelter - 5701 Reigart Rd. Hamilton, OH

Amazing Animals



Check out the NEW River Center while you experience a live animal presentation of the MetroParks program ambassadors. You'll learn about Ohio wildlife, the food chain, tracks, adaptation and insect ecology.

Saturday October 20, 10:00-11:00am.

Bicentennial Commons

Arts in the MetroParks:
Reception & Award Ceremony



BRAND NEW EVENT! Introducing... Arts in the MetroParks!

Arts in the MetroParks is an art series competition with 2018's theme focused on the newly declared “Great Miami Riverway.” Artists and nature lovers from all over the Butler County community will have the chance to experience creative visions of the Great Miami River at the new River Center (120 South Carmody Blvd, Middletown, OH 45044) through various art mediums. Light refreshments will be available each night of the series with short environmental conservation films from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival delighting guests during the open houses.

Reception & Award Ceremony: Friday, October 26th 5:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Open Houses: Following three Fridays - November 2nd, November 9th, and November 16th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. all days

Cost: Spectator entry is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. Participants receive free viewing entry.

*Deadline to submit artwork is 10/12/18

Friday, October 26, 5:00-8:00 PM
River Center

The Howl



Bark your calendars for The HOWL!!!

The Howl is back this year and promises to be Pawsitively a good time for the whole family. There will be a Pupper Costume Parade, trick-or-treat for both the dogs and children. You and your best friend and use some of your tail wagging teamwork by participating in the Doggy Dash around the lake.

The Trick-or-treat Trail will be open from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Doggy Dash takes off at 12:00 p.m.
Parade starts at 1:30 p.m.

Dog prizes for **cutest, scariest, best duo/group**, and **most original** categories are awarded in the parade. Photo opportunities, vendors, and a dog obstacle course will also be available.

Rescue centers will have adoptable dogs to “rent” if you don’t have your own pet. Day-of registration for the Fun Run will begin at 11:00 a.m. and registration for all other activities will begin at 11:30 a.m. Children are FREE with a paid canine.

Please note: Price will increase to \$6/dog + \$6 for the Fun Run after 10/22/18 through the day of the event.

***Volunteers Needed

This year Friends will be offering easy to apply and removable temporary tattoos free for the kids and

treats for their 4 legged friends. Friends will also have an informational booth. To Volunteer for this event please contact Carri.Mosier@Gmail.com

Be on the Lookout for these future events

Breakfast with Santa

Did You Know

Kroger Community Rewards Update

FOMPBC organization # TM866

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.

Tree Planting Extravaganza



Planting trees can transform a landscape. Recently the operations team has been hard at work to reforest areas throughout MetroParks.

Our biggest project this year has been at the Meadow Ridge Area of Elk Creek MetroPark. With the help of volunteers and staff we have planted close to 1,000 trees. The reforestation of these landscapes provides vital habitat for wildlife, increases the diversity of trees, and helps prevent invasive species from moving back onto the landscapes after they have been cleared. In this article, we have *Tree Planting 101* so you can do this in your very own backyards.

Timing: The time of year is important. Fall and spring have been identified as the best times of year to plant.

Choosing your tree: Research what native plants grow best in your chosen location. If you are planting in a very sunny location or very shaded location, certain trees may survive better than others. Visit a local nursery for assistance on selecting a tree. We recommend native trees.

Planting the tree: Before you begin, make sure to remove any invasive plants that may compete with your young tree.

1. Dig a hole at least twice the width and same depth of the tree's container. The hole should be wider than it is deep.
2. Carefully remove plant from plastic container and set in hole. The top of the

tree's soil (from container) should sit 1 inch above ground level.

3. Fill in the hole with the removed dirt.
4. Pour 1-2 gallons of water around tree. This sets the soil between planted tree and ground. Pour at small intervals around the perimeter. Add additional soil as it settles if it does not meet the needs in Step 2.
5. Consider putting woodchips around the tree (leaving 1-2-inch circle around trunk). This increases the ground's ability to hold moisture, which is needed for young tree growing in dry conditions.
6. Protect your tree from deer. We recommend putting a small fence around the tree with stakes. Make sure the fence is at least 1.5 feet from the trunk in all directions, allowing for natural growth. Keep fence around tree until it is tall enough to have leaves that deer cannot reach. Using a deer fence prevents the deer from eating the leaves on the tree and from rubbing their antlers on it. Both threats can cause stress to a young tree.
7. Don't forget to check up on your tree regularly. Water if dry conditions persist for a few weeks.

Now you are ready to plant your very own tree!
Have questions? Contact Land Stewardship.



Great Miami River First Nations Festival



The First Nations Festival at Governor Bebb MetroPark on September 22 received acclaim from the audience that braved threatening weather to enjoy the spectacle. Four drum circles highlighted the performance, which shared folklore and traditions to describe each dance. Lovely regalia and expert dancers made for a memorable day.

Arts in the MetroParks - featuring the Wild & Scenic Film Festival

The MetroParks of Butler County is gearing up to debut another new event; this time, an art series! Arts in the MetroParks is a juried competition with 2018's theme focused on the newly declared "Great Miami Riverway." Artists and nature lovers from all over the Butler County community (and beyond) will have the chance to experience creative visions of the Great Miami River at the new River Center in Middletown through various art mediums. Art submissions can directly showcase the river or have relativity to the river; the Great Miami River's color scheme, vegetation/wildlife, texture, etc. are all accepted! Painters, sketchers, potters, photographers, and all other artists alike that wish to enter this new art series should do so by October 12th. Registration information can be found on MetroParks' website.



The evening of October 26th kicks off the series with a reception and awards ceremony from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., followed by open houses the following three Fridays at the same time – November 2, November 9, and November 16. Light refreshments will be available each night of the series with short environmental conservation films from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival delighting guests during the open houses. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

The first night of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival screenings will showcase: Guided, Can We Save the Frog Prince?, and The Curve of Time. The second night will showcase: A Ghost in the Making: Searching for the Rustypatched Bumble Bee, Writing on Stone, and Biomimicry. The final night will showcase: Coral Reef Rescue, My Irnik, The Invisible Mammal: The Bat Rescuer, and Climbing Kilimanjaro: A 12 Year Old's Passion Project. All films are family-friendly and incredibly inspiring; you will leave with new perspectives of the outdoors and how we can better our planet. Films will begin at 6:00 p.m. each night of the open houses.



Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



2018 Mud Mania, Mutt Mania & Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration



Contact Us

Give us a call or visit us on the web for more information about service opportunities.

MetroParks Of Butler County
 2051 Timberman Road
 Hamilton OH 45013
 513.867.5835
www.YourMetroParks.net

Or email Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net

October Birthday Corner!

Melinda Fuller	10/2	Bonnie Stokes	10/13
Eric Slattery	10/2	Judy Burton	10/13
Robert Jesse Jr.	10/3	Grace Lee	10/18
Kelly Turner	10/4	Melissa Wanninger	10/18
Divya Patel	10/4	Anne Holbrook	10/20
Alex Moore	10/6	Raven Gates	10/27
James Grimm	10/6	William Lee	10/28
Robert Gunn	10/7	Thomas Serey	10/30
Daniel Edwards	10/8	Jenny Curp	10/31
Julieta Ramirez	10/10		



We L  ve our Volunteers!!

Volunteer Spotlight



Kathy Takanen – West Chester Photo Club

How long have you lived or worked in Butler County?

My husband, Rick and I moved to Butler County shortly after we were married. We have lived here ever since, just a little over 36 years. We moved to the area because Rick took a job with General Electric's Aircraft Engine Division.

Tell me a little about your family:

Rick retired from GE after working there for 34 years. I taught middle school math before we had our children. I stayed home with them for 8 years and then continued my teaching career at Bethany school until I retired. We have two sons, Richard and Matthew. Both sons were born and raised here. Richard graduated from The Ohio State University and now lives in Harmony, Florida. Matt graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and now lives in Durham, North Carolina.

Do you have any hobbies?

I have a passion for photography and card stamping. I am also a member of the Montgomery Woman's Club. MWC is a service organization, which raises money to support local area non-profits. I am an avid participant in UC's Osher Lifetime Learning Institute (OLLI). For a modest fee, I am able to take classes on a wide variety of topics.

What do you like to do for fun or is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share?

Rick and I love to travel. In addition to trips within North America, we've been to Japan and Europe. My favorite trip was *The Canadian Rockies by Road and Rail*.

What do you love most about volunteering for MetroParks?

As I said earlier, photography is a passion. MetroParks offers a wide variety of programs. It gives me an opportunity to photograph things and events which the average person doesn't have the opportunity to experience. My favorite event is *Mud Mania*, closely followed by *The Crazy Cardboard Regatta*. MetroParks has a new program this year, *Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration*. I am looking forward to photographing it.

October Volunteer Opportunities

Horses, Hayrides & Hocus Pocus

When: October 6, 2018 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Movie will begin at dark.

Where: Elk Creek MetroPark-Sebald Area 5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042

What: Volunteers are needed to assist with setup (3:00 pm), registration and cleanup. Contact Amy Pellman apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

Arts in the MetroParks-Reception and Awards Ceremony

When: October 26, 2018 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: River Center 120 South Carmody Blvd. Middletown OH 45044

What: Volunteers are needed for guest registration and to assist with concessions. Contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net for more information.

The Howl

When: October 28, 2018 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark 7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers are needed to assist with setup, the Doggy Dash, the Pupper Costume Parade and tear down. Doggy Dash Registration begins at 11:00 with the race starting at 12:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to be race timers and scorekeepers. For the Pupper Costume Parade, we are looking for volunteers to be prize distributors and gofers. If interested contact Amy Pellman at apellman@YourMetroParks.net.

Ongoing Service Opportunities

Welcome Center – Middletown River Center ****NEW OPPORTUNITY****

When: Tentatively M/W/F/Saturday

Where: Middletown River Center 120 South Carmody Blvd., Middletown OH 45044

What: Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center at the Middletown River Center.

Welcome park customer/owners with a smile, provide information about programs and the parks. Training provided. Contact Sara Schapman sschapman@YourMetroParks.net.

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 Sara Schapman sschapman@YourMetroParks.net.

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."

Unknown.

Horses, Hayrides, and Hocus Pocus



Horses, Hayrides, and Hocus Pocus

WHEN

Saturday, October 6, 2018
Horse & Hayrides: Pre-registered time slots available from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Movie will begin at dark

WHERE

**Elk Creek MetroPark
Sebald Park**

5580 Elk Creek Road
Middletown, OH 45042

PRICE

FREE
Pre-registration by phone required by Wednesday, October 3, 2018 for Horse Rides & Hayrides.
No registration required for the movie.

ABOUT

"Hay" there! Fall is just beginning, so why not start it off with a FREE fun-filled time at Sebald Park? Climb on for a hayride or saddle up for relaxing horse ride — or both! Pre-registration is required for horse and wagon rides by calling 513.867.5835. Time slots will be available between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The evening will end with the Sanderson sisters in the feature film Hocus Pocus (rated PG) starting at dusk. We hope you'll join for a cornucopia of fall fun!



513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



cmw/sjb 180904 approved

Trail Yoga



Trail Yoga

WHEN **Tuesdays, September 18, 2018**
 – October 23, 2018
 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

WHERE **Rentschler Forest MetroPark**
 5701 Reigart Road
 Hamilton, OH 45011
 Meet by the Stone House

PRICE \$7.00 per class
 \$36.00 for all 6 classes
 Pre-registration required by
 the Monday before each class.
 Register by phone to receive the
 series discount.

ABOUT

Hiking and Yoga, what could be better? It is a great way to reduce stress through awareness and increase positive emotions. In fact, being present in nature has been proven to lower heart rate/blood pressure and even boost immunity! Join us on Tuesday evenings with Laura Lejeune for a time of relaxation in and around Rentschler Forest MetroPark.

Please note: Wear comfortable "old friend" closed-toed shoes, as we will be out on the trail. You will **not** need a yoga mat for this program. Open to all fitness levels.

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



cmw/sjb 180522 approved

Arts in the MetroParks



MetroParks
of Butler County, OH

Arts in the MetroParks

WHEN **Reception & Award Ceremony**
Friday, October 26th 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Open Houses - Following three Fridays
November 2nd, November 9th, and
November 16th 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
all days.

WHERE **River Center**
120 South Carmody Blvd,
Middletown OH 45044

PRICE **\$2/person or \$5/family**
Spectator registration not required,
art registration required by 10/12/18

ABOUT

Arts in the MetroParks is an art series competition with 2018's theme focused on the newly declared "Great Miami Riverway." Artists and nature lovers from all over the Butler County community will have the chance to experience creative visions of the Great Miami River at the new River Center through various art mediums. Light refreshments will be available each night of the series with short environmental conservation films from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival delighting guests during the open houses.

mac

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



Trail of Treats



Trail of Treats

- WHEN** Friday, October 26th, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- WHERE** Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
5701 Reigart Road
Fairfield Township OH 45011
- PRICE** \$4.00/child or \$10.00/family maximum
No registration required

ABOUT

Come dressed in your Halloween costume as you join Orienteering of Cincinnati and MetroParks on Friday, October 26th, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Trail of Treats! You will receive a map showing the locations of several "treat" baskets. Use this map and your wits to find each basket and collect a token. At the finish, turn in your tokens for candy or a toy! Come before 6:00 p.m. to finish the course before dark. Or come by 7:00 p.m. or later for an extra challenge in the dark! Participants must be finished by 8:00 p.m.



513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



cmw/sjb 180911 approved

THE HOWL



The HOWL

WHEN

Sunday, October 28, 2018	
12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	
Doggy Dash Registration	11:00 a.m.
Parade & Trick-or-Treat	
Trail Registration	11:30 a.m.
Doggy Dash	12:00 p.m.
Pupper Costume Parade	1:30 p.m.
Trick-or-Treat Trail Open	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Voice of America MetroPark
7850 Voice of America Park Drive
West Chester OH 45069

PRICE

\$6.00/dog + \$6.00/dog to add the Doggy Dash*
Register online or day of the of the event.
Pre-register for \$5.00/dog by Monday, October 22, 2018.

ABOUT

Bark your calendars for a Pupper Costume Parade, a trick-or-treat trail designed for both dogs and children, ruff-ruff obstacle course, vendors, and more. Use tail wagging teamwork by adding the 2.4 mile Doggy Dash around the lake. Rescue centers will have adoptable dogs to borrow if you do not have your own pet.

*Doggy Dash participants will receive a t-shirt. Register by 10/19/18 to guarantee t-shirt size and availability.

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



cmw/sjb 180806 approved

PHOTO WALKS



Photo Walks: Seasons in MetroParks

Join Photographer Susan Milinkovich as she shares different tips on photography in nature in a hands-on setting.

TIPS FOR COMPOSING A GREAT PHOTOGRAPH

Join us for a summer morning walk around Forest Run MetroPark as we search for good photo opportunities in the fields and around the ponds. Learn tips on composition to help you frame and capture summer flowers and early morning light.

Saturday, July 21, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
**Forest Run MetroPark
Wildlife Preserve Area**
1810 New London Road
Hamilton, OH 45013

TIPS FOR SHOOTING FALL COLORS

Join us as we wander around Chrisholm Farm as we search for fall colors and capture photographs of the Historic Farmstead. Learn tips for capturing fall colors and share a little about how to use color theory in your photography.

Saturday, September 15, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
**Chrisholm MetroPark
Historic Farmstead**
2070 Woodsdale Road
Trenton, OH 45067

TIPS FOR SHOOTING CLOSE-UPS AND INTIMATE LANDSCAPES

Join us as we explore the Pioneer Village and look for close-up photographs. As you start to look for the "small stuff", you discover all kinds of interesting new subjects. Learn tips for shooting close-ups and intimate landscapes.

Saturday, November 10, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
**Governor Bebb MetroPark
Pioneer Village**
1979 Bebb Park Lane
Okeana, OH 45053

*All programs are FREE. Registration is required by the Friday before each program. Bring your iPhone, Point-and-shoot or DSLR camera - no photography experience needed.

cmw/sjb 180605 approved

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



Trail of Treats



Trail of Treats

- WHEN** Friday, October 26th, 2018
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- WHERE** Rentschler Forest MetroPark
Reigart Road Area
5701 Reigart Road
Fairfield Township OH 45011
- PRICE** \$4.00/child or \$10.00/family maximum
No registration required

ABOUT

Come dressed in your Halloween costume as you join Orienteering of Cincinnati and MetroParks on Friday, October 26th, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for Trail of Treats! You will receive a map showing the locations of several "treat" baskets. Use this map and your wits to find each basket and collect a token. At the finish, turn in your tokens for candy or a toy! Come before 6:00 p.m. to finish the course before dark. Or come by 7:00 p.m. or later for an extra challenge in the dark! Participants must be finished by 8:00 p.m.



513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



cmw/sjb 180911 approved

STARS IN THE PARKS



Meteor Showers

Join us after dark to explore the stars at MetroParks! Bring a blanket/chair for your star-gazing comfort.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Saturday, August 11, 2018
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

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

Enjoy the Perseid Meteor Shower. Be on the lookout for the constellation Perseus, as the showers will be coming from that direction. Explore the stars and enjoy sensory activities.

Pre-registration required by Friday, 8/10/18.

LEONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Saturday, November 17, 2018
9:00 pm -12:00 am

**Governor Bebb MetroPark
Howe Shelter**
1979 Bebb Park Lane
Okeana, OH 45053

The Leonid Meteor Shower is here! It's been about 30 years since this meteor shower has been witnessed. Explore the stars and enjoy sensory activities.

Pre-registration required by 11/16/18.

*Both are FREE Programs open to all ages.

SWB/bav 7/9/18 approved

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



SHOW AND TELL ON THE FARM



MetroParks
of Butler County, OH

Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN Sundays 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Through the end of October

WHERE **Chrisholm MetroPark**
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
2070 Woodsdale Road
Trenton, OH 45067

PRICE **FREE programs for all ages**
No Registration Necessary

ABOUT

Come on over to Chrisholm Historic Farmstead for Show and Tell on the Farm. Each day will feature different themes with special guest stars — some furry & some feathery — crafts, and games! Come for any amount of time. Designed to delight kids and kids at heart.

September 6	Whose Tracks are These?
September 9	Colors on the Farm
September 13	Broom Swoosha Broom
September 16	Insects Alive
September 20	Goober Peas on the Farm
September 23	ABC's of Farm Life
September 27	Let's Take a Spin
September 30	Backbone Bonanza

October 4	Corn Galore
October 7	Farm Games
October 11	Pumpkin Hunt
October 14	Apples Galore
October 18	A Tale of Tails
October 21	Pioneer Farmers
October 25	Sensational Seasons
October 28	Jack & Jill

*There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on September 2nd



513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



bav/sjb 180802 approved

SHOW AND TELL ON THE FARM



MetroParks
of Butler County, OH

Show and Tell on the Farm

WHEN Sundays 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

WHERE **Chrisholm MetroPark**
Chrisholm Historic Farmstead 2070
Woodsdale Road
Trenton, OH 45067

PRICE **FREE programs for all ages**
No Registration Necessary

ABOUT

Come on over to Chrisholm Historic Farmstead for Show and Tell on the Farm. Each day will feature different themes with special guest stars — some furry & some feathery — crafts, and games! Come for any amount of time. Designed to delight kids and kids at heart.

November 1	The Three-Sisters Garden
November 4	ABC's of Farm Life
November 8	Turkey Talk
November 11	Pumpkin Smash
November 15	Pilgrims
November 18	Machines that Help Us
November 29	Thanksgiving Feast for the Animals

December 2	Scavenger Hunt
December 6	Presents for the Farm Animals
December 9	Ice Harvest
December 13	Winter Wreaths
December 16	Yokes and Yolks
December 20	Holidays New & Old on the Farm
December 27	Fat, Feather, and Fur on the Farm

*There will be no Show & Tell on the Farm program on November 22 & 25 and December 23 & 30. Happy Holidays!



513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Breakfast with Santa

WHEN Sunday, December 16, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Santa arrives - 11:30 a.m.
Magic show - 12:30 p.m.
Children's Craft Shop - 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 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

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas... perhaps...means a little bit more!"

It's the most wonderful time of year to have Breakfast with Santa! Enjoy a breakfast buffet, a visit with Santa Claus, Christmas crafts, and a Grinch-themed holiday magic show with Charlie Cadabra!

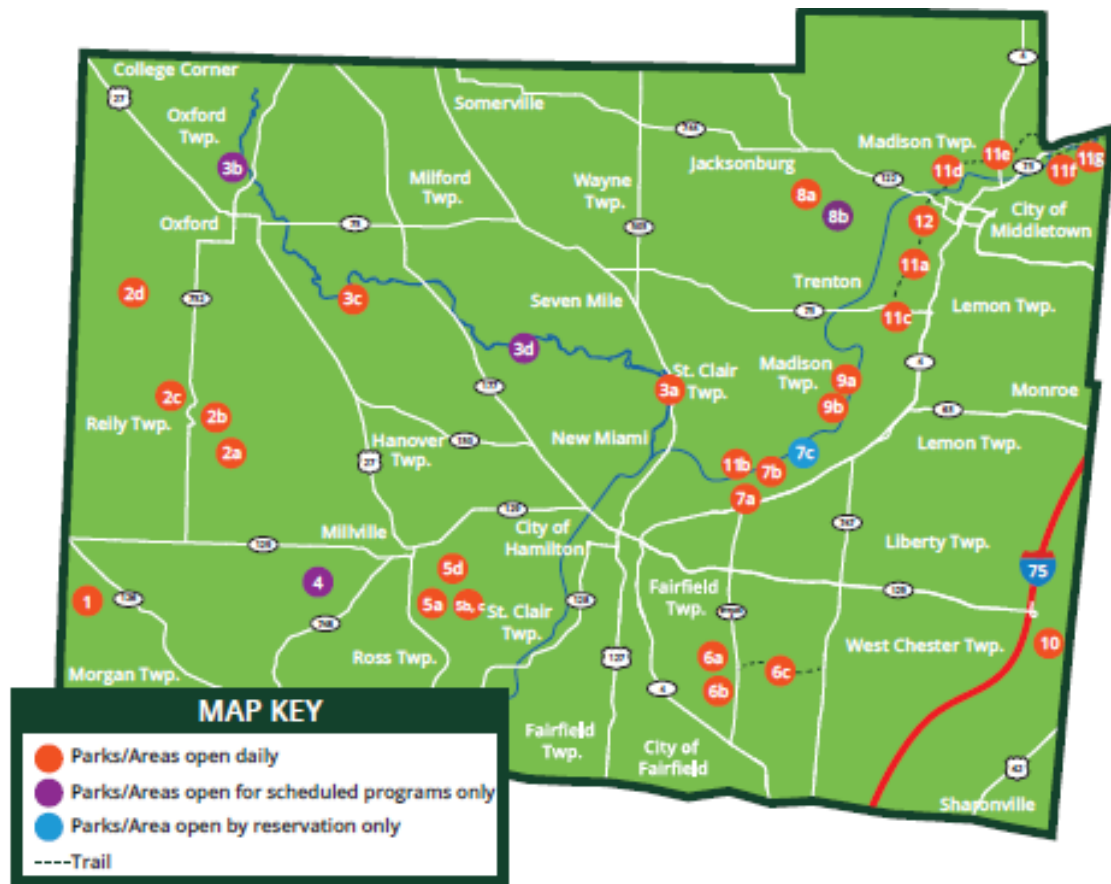
REGISTRATION: Pre-registration required by 12/10/18

513.867.5835 | YourMetroParks.net

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

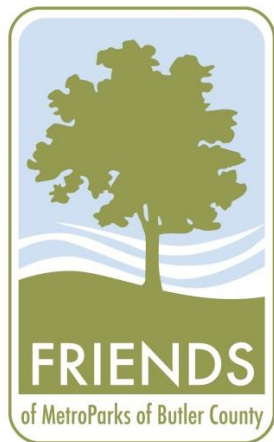


cw/sjb 180924 approved



- 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) _____