

# The Voice of the Turtle



# Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Friends of MetroParks of Butler County Monthly Newsletter

February, 2019

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## February Board Meeting! Friends of MetroParks of Butler County

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Butler County Historical Society

327 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hamilton, OH 45011

7:00-9:00 PM



## Letter from the President

Mother Nature is going through the change – nothing but hot and cold flashes!

So far this year we have had a Winter Tree Identification hike at Huffman Park in Fairfield called on account of rain. Another January hike, an Owl hike at Harbin Park in Fairfield, drew forty brave hikers who attempted conversations with owls during snow flurries. Sub-zero cold to near-record highs – at least no one can accuse winter in Ohio of being boring.

February has also gotten off to a wild start, with several parks and trails closed because of flooding. Punxsutawney Phil has promised a timely end to winter. Assuming a rodent is more credible than local meteorologists, maybe the next Owl Hike at Gov. Bebb will forego precipitation. At least the upcoming Dinner Murder Mystery and Volunteer Appreciation Night are indoors. Don't let variable weather scare you, it's always a good day to visit our parks. Hope to see you there soon.

Bill Walker, President FOMPBC

## Upcoming Events

### Show and Tell on the Farm



Come out and enjoy Show and Tell on the Farm at Chrisholm MetroPark. Topics this month include: It's All in the Snow, Love is Chocolate, Love is on the Farm, A farmer to president of the USA, A Farmer's Native Friends, ABC's of Farm Life, Mini Gardens, In like a Lion, and Out like a Lamb.

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

### Murder Mystery Dinner



Come join us 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 WhoDunIt? Players will be there putting on a spectacular show for you to join in and be part of the adventure in solving the mystery. The show "Death of a Gangster" (a 1920's Mafia Marriage Murder Mystery) will begin at 7:00pm and will last about 2 hours, please arrive 30 minutes early. Come dressed in costume to make for a more interesting evening.

All shows contain Adult Humor and are not intended for a young audience.

Menu: Appetizers, dinner, and dessert included with the show. \$35 per person. For groups of 6 or more, please call our administration office at 513-867-5835 for the \$30 per person group rate

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-9:00pm

Voice of America MetroPark

### Let's Go Hike! Tracks, Scats & Signs



Join the MetroParks of Butler County and the City of Fairfield Parks & Recreation to see what animal tracks, scats, & Signs are in the winter woods at Harbin Park. Free and open to all age detectives. Bring your best senses to look for animal clues in the park. Meet at the shelter next to the scenic overlook. Registration is requested by calling 513.867.5348. Walk-ups are welcome!

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM -12:00PM

Harbin Park 1300 Hunter Rd Fairfield OH 45014

**Meet the Planet: Moon and Mars**

Join us with members of the Cincinnati Astronomical society and the Cincinnati Observatory to learn all about our planets. Start the night with a fun craft and learn all about Mars and our Soon-to-be Supermoon. View these phenomenal sights with some amazing telescopes. Free

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30PM

Rentschler Forest MetroPark Cummins Shelter

**Owl Prowl**



WHOOO's ready for another Owl Prowl? Due to popular demand, a second Owl Prowl has been added to the schedule. Register now for the chance to see live owls, learn different owl calls, and practice calling them in on a night hike through the

forest. It will be a hoot. Space is limited and registration is required by 2/22/19

Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30-7:30PM

Governor Bebb Metro Park- Howe Shelter

**Be on the Lookout for these future events**

Spring Salamanders and amphibians with Jeff Davis, Things that Flutter series.

**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.

### Save the Date

Friends of MetroParks Butler County is pleased to announce it will be having its 2019 Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 6 pm, at the River Center – Bicentennial Commons MetroPark, 120 South Carmody Boulevard, Middletown, Ohio 45044. Please plan on attending. Ms. Emily Archibald, Private Lands Biologist, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will present, “The Re-introduction of Quail in Ohio, Successes and Failures”. A delicious meal will be provided. The desserts will be homemade and fresh by the members of the Friends of MetroParks Board of Directors.

To make a reservation please see the annual meeting invitation in the March or April issue of the Voice. Or, call 513.593.2735, or email [kochtrees@gmail.com](mailto:kochtrees@gmail.com).

### MetroParks Star Series



MetroParks of Butler County invites you to join us for our brand new Star Series! Enjoy FREE fun in the parks while observing the night sky and learning about planets, meteor showers, and more! Don't miss out on the chance to look at the

stars and planets through a telescope, and learn about these amazing sights from local astronomers. Craft activities will also be included at our Meet the

Planet programs. The Star Series will take place at a different MetroParks location for each program, and times will vary depending on the program as well. Please join us for some astronomical excitement at your MetroParks!

### Topics for the Star Series Include:

- **Meet The Planet: Moon and Mars-** Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Reigart Road Area
- **Meet The Planet: Jupiter** – Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Elk Creek MetroPark, Sebald Park Area
- **Perseid Meteor Shower Watch-** Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Forest Run MetroPark, Wildlife Preserve Area
- **Meet The Planet: Saturn** – Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Forest Run MetroPark, Timberman Ridge
- **Orionid Meteor Shower Watch** – Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Governor Bebb MetroPark
- **Leonid Meteor Shower Watch** – Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Elk Creek MetroPark, Meadow Ridge Area

**Please join us for some FREE family fun!**



### Recycling More in 2019:

Recycling reduces landfill waste, saves energy, and prevents pollution. In addition to recycling common household products such as paper, aluminum, and plastic bottles other items like compact fluorescent lightbulbs, printer ink cartridges, rechargeable batteries, and old electronics can be recycled too. It is important to remember that electronic devices contain metals that can be harmful to the environment if they're left in landfills.



Photo 1. Recycle CFL lightbulbs, ink cartridges, and rechargeable batteries.

### CFL Lightbulb and Batteries

Even though compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) save energy, they release small amount of mercury when broken. Therefore, CFLs must be properly disposed to reduce mercury exposure. You can take them to any Lowes, Home Depot, or Batteries Plus Bulbs for free recycling.

Rechargeable batteries cannot be placed in your recycling bin, since they contain a variety of hazardous materials that cannot be recycled in the same facilities as most house hold products. Batteries Plus Bulbs (located in West Chester, Hamilton, and Cincinnati), and Cohen (located in Hamilton and Middletown) will accept all batteries.

### Ink Cartridges

Ink cartridges can be recycled for their plastic, and ink to make new products. This common office item is easily recycled by simply dropping off at a variety of retail stores such as, Staples, Office Max, Best Buy, Walmart, and Office Depot. Staples and Best Buy will even offer \$2 off your next purchase of ink cartridges.

### Old Technology

Stores such as Best Buy and Staples offer a free recycling service for most used electronic items. Table 1 displays common electronic devices and where they should be recycled.

Table 1. Where to recycle old electronic devices

Small Electronics	Cell Phones, Memory Cards, Cameras, GPS devices	Best Buy, Staples  (Free)
Medium Electronics	CD/DVD players, Tablets, Laptops, Laptop Batteries, Keyboards, Hard Drives, Shredders,	Best Buy, Staples, Cohen  (Free)
Large Electronics	Monitors, Tube TV, Flat Screen TV	Best Buy (\$25 Fee)

Butler County Recycling and Solid Waste District has their own website to assist in finding a local place to recycle different products and materials. Go to [www.butlercountyrecycles.org](http://www.butlercountyrecycles.org) and click on 'Search: How to Recycle Specific Items'. Once you type in the item you want to recycle it will bring up a list of local businesses that will recycle the item for you for free or for a fee. It is a good idea to call a business before you drop off items to recycle to confirm they recycle it, and if there is a fee.

We use electronics in our everyday lives, so it is important to know where to properly dispose of these products to reduce landfill, decrease the amount of harmful metals and plastics into the environment, and have material reused to make new products.

# Like our Facebook Page for updates on:

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



## Thank you for a great 2018!

2018 was a busy year and 2019 is looking like it will follow suit! I'd like to personally thank you for all you did for MetroParks in 2018. Without you, we wouldn't have been able to float cardboard at the Crazy Cardboard Regatta, have 'Good Clean Fun' at Mud Mania, dive deep into History at the Great Miami River First Peoples Celebration, or make Tail Waggin' memories at the Dog Gone Bone Hunt and the Howl. We had a wide variety of service days that allowed us to put up tents and goals, take down tents and goals and pretty much everything in between. Volunteers also monitored nest boxes, fed birds, removed honeysuckle and planted over 900 trees! Scouts built kiosks, fire pit rings, a dog agility course, repaired a bird blind and built a compost bin. I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season and have a very happy New Year. MetroParks of Butler County couldn't have done it all without you.

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

Or email Amy Pellman at [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net)

**February Birthday Corner!**

Melissa Troup	2/1	Mary Lawson	2/21
Kyler Dean	2/2	Thomas Collins	2/22
Crystal Ford-Bingle	2/10	Conant Smith	2/22
Jaime Kimbrough	2/10	Robin Koby	2/24
Gabriel Hammann	2/11	Bailey Cronin	2/26
Valerie Laduca	2/13	Danielle Hart	2/27
Kenadi Meadows	2/13		



We L  ve our Volunteers!!

# Volunteer Spotlight



## **Bud and Carol Souder-**

**How long have you lived or worked in Butler County?** We have lived in the same house in Fairfield for the past 31 years. Prior to that, we lived in College Hill (suburb of Cincinnati) for about 16 years.

**Tell me a little about your family:** We were married 50 years in October of 2018. We have 3 adult children who still live in the area and 4 granddaughters-2 still in high school, 1 in college and 1 out of school who also lives out of state.

**Do you have any hobbies?** Bud enjoys reading, doing crossword puzzles, golfing, shooting muzzleloaders and volunteering in the community. Carol also enjoys golfing, volunteering in the community and working as a Master Gardener. Either in their personal garden, her Master Gardener project garden (at the MetroParks Administration Building) or anywhere else she can dig in the dirt!

**What do you like to do for fun or Is there a fun fact about yourself you would like to share?** Both Bud and Carol grew up in Northern Kentucky and were children of farmers. Bud is one of 3 and Carol am the oldest of 9.

**What do you love most about volunteering for MetroParks?** Being outside and knowing that we are giving back to the community.



## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### Tree Planting

When: March 30, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Elk Creek MetroPark – Meadow Ridge Area

5101 Circle Parkway, Middletown OH 45042

What: Volunteers are needed to assist with planting 200 trees. Depending on weather conditions prior to the planting day, the holes will be pre-dug. Volunteers will place trees, backfill and water the trees. Great opportunity for a small group! Contact Amy Pellman [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) for more information. Rainout date: March 31, 2019 or April 6, 2019.

### Service Day at VOA MetroPark - Athletic Complex

When: March 30, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Voice of America MetroPark – Athletic Complex

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers are needed to help put up the nets on goals at the Athletic Complex. Great opportunity for a small group! Contact Amy Pellman [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) for more information.

### Service Day at Rentschler Forest MetroPark – Timberhill Area

When: March 23, 2019 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Rentschler Forest MetroPark – Timberhill Area

3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road, Fairfield Twp. OH 45011

What: Volunteers are needed to help put up tents on platforms at the camp. Great opportunity for a small group! Contact Amy Pellman [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) for more information. Rain out date March 30, 2019 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

### Feeder Fill

When: Flexible-Year Round

Where: Forest Run Welcome Center & (Bothwell)

1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton OH 45013

What: Families & Adults who volunteer will fill bird feeders at the bird viewing area located at the Welcome Center in the Timberman Ridge Area of Forest Run MetroPark. Filling feeders takes approximately 30 minutes and should be done 1 or 2 days each week between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. By filling feeders and maintaining the feeder area, MetroParks is able to provide an excellent location for viewing birds. If interested, contact Joe Dumyahn at [jdumyahn@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:jdumyahn@YourMetroParks.net) to schedule training.

### Nest Box Monitor

When: **March – August 2019**

Where: Monitoring sites throughout MetroParks

Register: by March 1, 2019. **Email Joe Dumyahn** at [jdumyahn@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:jdumyahn@YourMetroParks.net)

What: Learn about becoming a volunteer Nest Box Monitor with MetroParks! Volunteers are needed to monitor nest boxes every 3-4 days from the beginning of March through the end of August. Monitors will record data to be submitted to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Monitoring sites are available in several parks. Nest Box Monitoring is a great way to learn about nesting birds and enjoy the outdoors.

## Ongoing Service Opportunities

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net) for more information. Please allow 3-6 months for planning.

### 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, as well as, volunteer for the program itself. Contact Amy Pellman [apellman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:apellman@YourMetroParks.net).

### Welcome Center - Voice of America MetroPark

When: Mondays, Fridays & Weekends

Where: Voice of America MetroPark

Ronald Reagan Lodge, 7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester OH 45069

What: Volunteers (age 18+) are needed at the Welcome Center of Voice of America MetroPark. Duties include welcoming park customer/owners with a smile and providing information about programs and the parks. Training provided. Contact Sara Schapman [sschapman@YourMetroParks.net](mailto:sschapman@YourMetroParks.net). This position will require a background check. Details will be provided during interview.

*"Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns."*

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## Join MetroParks of Butler County and the City of Fairfield for some exciting programming at Fairfield Parks!

### LET'S GO HIKING SERIES

Free & Open to the Public  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
2019 Locations to be determined

- 10/20/18 Fall Blooms  
Harbin Park
- 11/17/18 Habitat Hike  
Huffman Park
- 12/15/18 Surviving Winter  
Harbin Park
- 1/19/19 Winter Tree ID
- 2/16/19 Tracks, Scats & Signs
- 3/16/19 Eastern Bluebirds
- 4/20/19 Spring Wildflowers
- 5/18/19 Spring Birding Hike
- 6/15/19 Creeking
- 7/20/19 Summer Wildflowers
- 8/17/19 Invasive Species
- 9/21/19 Autumn Birding Hike
- 10/19/19 Fall Wildflowers
- 11/16/19 Animal Homes
- 12/21/19 Surviving Winter

### PRE-SMARTIES & SMARTIES

Programming for City of Fairfield Registered Preschool Students Only

- 11/13/18 Amazing Animals
- 2/5/19 Calling All Farm Hands
- 4/9/19 Animal Games



### NATURE PROGRAMS

Free & Open to the Public  
2019 Locations to be determined

- 11/3/18 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Autumn Leaves  
Huffman Park
- 1/26/19 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Owl Hike
- 3/24/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Fossils
- 4/6/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Spring Babies
- 6/1/19 9:00 – 10:30 p.m.  
Night Hike
- 7/2/19 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Water Conservation
- 9/7/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Amazing Animals
- 10/6/19 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Nature Craft

**Registration is requested for the Let's Go Hiking Series and Nature Programming. Call 513.867.5348 to save your spot!**





## 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.**  
Through the end of February

#### 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.

**January 3** Whose Mitten is This?

**January 6** Bird Beak Buffet

**January 10** Migrate, Hibernate, and Tolerate

**January 13** First Farmers

**January 17** Whose Tracks are These?

**January 20** Farming by the Moon

**January 24** Feathers, Fat, and Fur

**January 27** ABC's of Farm Life

**January 31** Can We See a Shadow?

**February 3** Grow as We Go

**February 7** It's All in the Snow

**February 10** Love is Chocolate

**February 14** Love is on the Farm

**February 17** A Farmer to President of the USA

**February 21** A Farmer's Native Friends

**February 24** ABC's of Farm Life

**February 28** Mini Gardens



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## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION



### Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

**WHEN** Thursday, February 7, 2019  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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

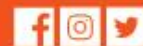
**RSVP** Email Amy Pellman at  
apellman@YourMetroParks.net  
by **Friday, January 25, 2019**

#### ABOUT

You're invited to an evening in celebration of YOU! Without our amazing volunteers, much of what we do would not be possible. Join us as we show our appreciation for your volunteer efforts, time, and dedication to MetroParks of Butler County. The celebration will include: Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner, Door Prizes, Awards, and MORE!

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## Murder Mystery Dinner



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**WHEN** Saturday, February 9, 2019  
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 per person or \$30 per person  
for groups of 6 or more  
Pre-registration is required

## ABOUT

Join us from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
for an evening of fun and mystery!  
Cocktails, appetizers, dinner, dessert,  
and a great mystery show are included  
in this killer evening! Please, arrive  
30 minutes early to mingle with the  
improv comedy cast.



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## Owl Prowl



**MetroParks**  
of Butler County, OH

## Owl Prowl

**WHEN** **Saturday, February 9, 2019**  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

**PRICE** **FREE**  
Registration required by 2/8/19

## ABOUT

Are you ready for the Owl Prowl? Join us for a fun-filled evening all about owls! Witness a live owl presentation, learn different owl calls, and practice calling them in on a night hike through the forest.

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## Spring Salamanders & Amphibians with Jeff Davis



### Spring Salamanders & Amphibians with Jeff Davis

**WHEN** **Saturday, March 9, 2019**  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Rain Date March 16, 2019

**WHERE** **Salamander Run Preserve**  
4821 Layhigh Road  
Hamilton, OH 45013

**PRICE** **FREE**  
Registration required by 3/8/19

#### ABOUT

Experience salamanders and amphibians like never before with Jeff Davis, one of Ohio's most well-known herpetologists. Join him at MetroParks' otherwise closed park, Salamander Run Preserve, to learn all about the species. Wear your muck boots and go on an adventure spotting salamanders and other amphibians.

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## Star Series



## Star Series

### WHEN

**Saturday Evenings**  
Starting in February and running through November of 2019  
See dates below

### PRICE

**FREE programs for all ages**  
Registration required by the Friday before each program

## ABOUT

Enjoy the night sky at MetroParks! A few nights this year, we will be exploring the stars with local astronomers. You'll have the chance to observe the planets, moon, stars, and a few meteor showers through the lens of some amazing telescopes. Plus, you'll be able to participate in fun family crafts at our Meet the Planet programs! Bring a blanket or chair, relax, and enjoy the night like you have never before!

### MEET THE PLANET: MOON & MARS

Rentschler Forest MetroPark  
Riegart Road Area  
Saturday, February 16, 2019  
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### MEET THE PLANET: JUPITER

Elk Creek MetroPark  
Sebald Park Area  
Saturday, June 8, 2019  
8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

### PERSEID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Forest Run MetroPark  
Wildlife Preserve Area  
Saturday, August 10, 2019  
9:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

### MEET THE PLANET: SATURN

Forest Run MetroPark  
Timberman Ridge  
Saturday, September 7, 2019  
7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

### ORIONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Governor Bebb MetroPark  
Saturday, October 19, 2019  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### LEONID METEOR SHOWER WATCH

Elk Creek MetroPark  
Meadow Ridge Area  
Saturday, November 16, 2019  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Earthstock | Earth Day Festival



## Earthstock | Earth Day Festival

- WHEN** Sunday, April 28, 2019  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- WHERE** Voice of America MetroPark  
7850 VOA Park Dr.,  
West Chester OH 45069
- PRICE** FREE
- REGISTER** [YourMetroParks.net](http://YourMetroParks.net)  
Reduce-Reuse-Recycle art competition,  
Vendor, & Sponsorship information  
under About, Special Event Forms

### ABOUT

NEW! Celebrate Earth Day and get closer to nature at Earthstock | Earth Day Festival! Guests will have the chance to experience lectures and demonstrations on a variety of environmental topics, try out various recreation equipment and activities, view natural artwork in the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle art competition, check out all the Earth-friendly vendors and opportunities for service around MetroParks... plus MORE!

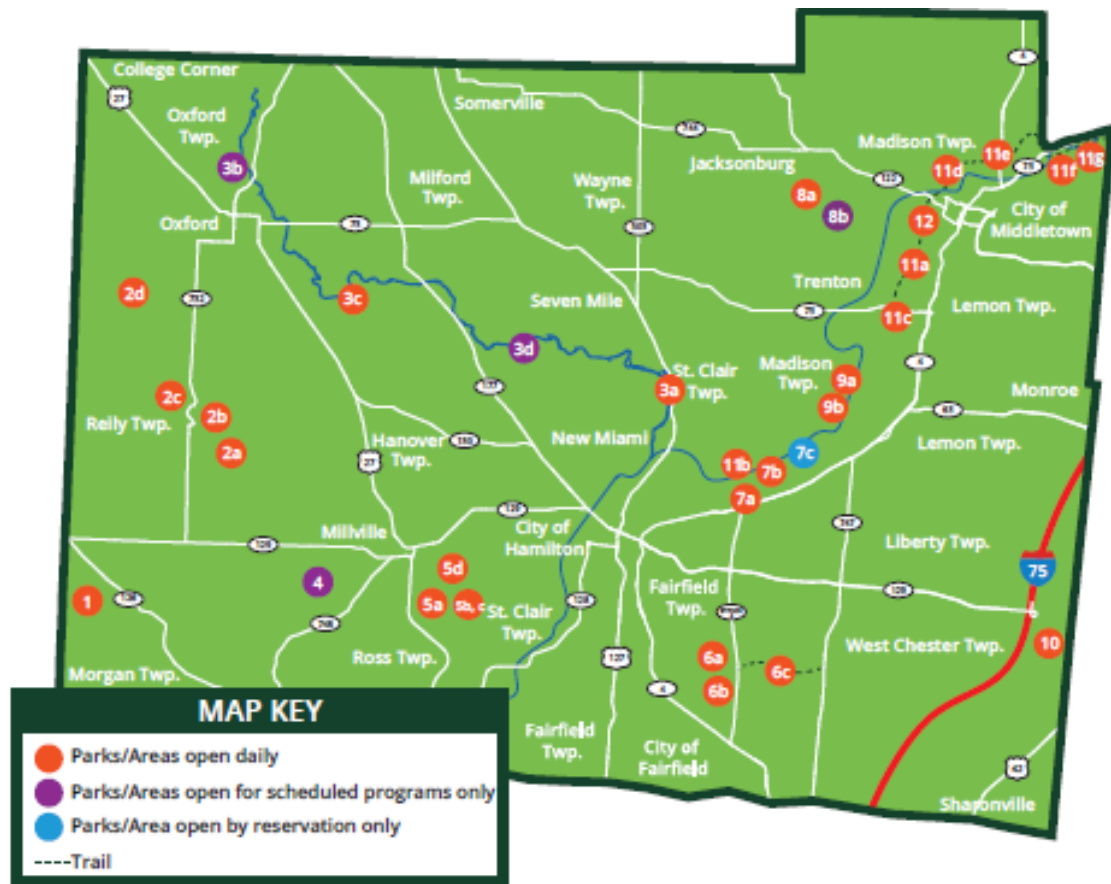
Want to enter the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle art competition? Just head to Special Event Forms at [www.YourMetroParks.net](http://www.YourMetroParks.net) for rules and registration.

513.867.5835 | [YourMetroParks.net](http://YourMetroParks.net)

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



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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**

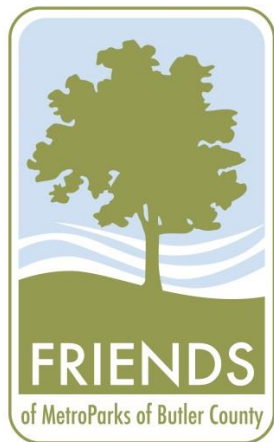
**11A. North Section**  
 50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044  
**11B. South Section**  
 5701 Riegart Road Fairfield Township OH 45011  
**11C. Parking Areas**  
 50 Oxford State Road, Middletown OH 45044  
 26 North. Carmody Boulevard, Middletown OH 45044  
 2399 North Carmody Boulevard, Middletown 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"> <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 \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s)/Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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