

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: CLEAN SWEEP OF THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER



September has been a month of many different activities for our volunteers across the parks from Fun on the Farm to the National Public Lands Trail cleaning project and more, but there was one project in particular we want to highlight this month.

On September 17th, 23 volunteers joined not just MetroParks but 12 different organizations along the length of the Great Miami River for the annual Clean Sweep of the Great Miami River. This annual program is led by Butler Soil and Water Conservation District. It's a day for communities to demonstrate their desire for clean water and healthy rivers. It's an opportunity to learn about our river, and it's a time to come together with your families, your neighbors, your community, and your friends to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of our Great Miami River.

This year's crew put in some serious work, after three hours of combing the river's edge they collected, four car tires, a bicycle, several inflatable rafts, a car battery, and a refrigerator door along with a couple hundred pounds worth of other trash! We did have to unfortunately bump some black rat snakes out of a den they had made in one of the rafts, but they were no worse for wear. By all accounts, everyone had a great time and helped make the Great Miami better for all of us!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER

To register and see other events sign in to your MyImpact Account

The Howl:

"Bark" your calendars for a fun filled day celebrating the cute canine friends in our community. Look forward to a costume contest, an obstacle course, vendors, and more! We are looking for volunteers to support the different stations scattered around the dog park

October 21st, Wiggly Field Dog Park - Voice of America MetroPark

Pioneer History Field Trip Training:

Looking to become a volunteer for our living history field trips. This training opportunity is for both new and returning volunteers for the Pioneer Field Trip programs we host at Governor Bebb MetroPark before the fall field trips kick-off. We will go over the standards and expectations for those interested in serving as living history interpreters. This training is required for new volunteers but is highly encouraged for returning interpreters.

October 3rd, Governor Bebb MetroPark

Community Service Day:

Join our Natural Resources crew for a day of tree planting as we work to expand our native forests! we are looking to plant 175 trees ranging in size from 1-4ft tall. This event is open to both individuals and groups of all ages

October 21st, Timberman Ridge - Forest Run MetroPark

Trunk or Treat:

Join our MetroParks, Hamilton Parks Conservancy, and 17 Strong for a spooky night as we host our annual Trunk or Treats event We are looking for volunteers to help hand out candy to families coming to the event all volunteers are encouraged to dress in their best Halloween costumes!

October 24th, Millikin Woods

Community Service Day:

Join our Natural Resources crew for a day of tree planting as we work to expand our native forests! we are looking to plant 30 trees ranging in size from 6-10ft tall. This event is open to both individuals and groups 13 and up

October 28th, Meadow Ridge Area - Elk Creek MetroPark

SIGN UP HERE!

TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

Looking for new trails to explore? The following parks haven't seen many ambassadors!

To Join the Trail Ambassador program email us at volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

- Elk Creek MetroPark - Meadow Ridge (Bike)
- Gilmore MetroPark - Miami 2 Miami (Bike)
- Forest Run - Wildlife Preserve (Hike)
- Governor Bebb MetroPark (Hike)
- Green Heron MetroPark (Hike)
- Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark (Hike)
- Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Chrisholm MetroPark - Woodsdale (Hike)

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