



Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need a Motor Vehicle Permit to enter the parks?

A: Motor Vehicle Permits (MVP) are required in all park areas owned or managed by MetroParks of Butler County. Butler County residents may receive a free annual MVP from select locations by completing a short application and providing proof of residency. Non-county residents may purchase a \$5/daily or \$10/annual permit. For a small fee, Group MVPs can be purchased in conjunction with a reserved facility use. Rental of the interior of the Ronald Reagan Lodge at VOA MetroPark automatically includes a Group MVP with the rental fee.

Q: Can I still enter the parks if I do not have an MVP on my car?

A: Yes, vehicles may enter the park if the gate staff is not on duty. Be prepared to purchase a permit from Rangers patrolling the parks or if gate staff is on duty as you leave. Guests at park sites without a gate booth should plan to obtain their permit prior to visiting. MVPs are available at the MetroParks Administrative Offices at 2051 Timberman Road, and at various park offices or concession locations. Look for the MVP Available Here sign. The website will also provide other "partner" locations throughout the county for convenience.

Q: Who gets a free annual MVP?

A: Anyone who is at least 16 years of age, lives in Butler County, shows proof of residency (driver's license or state ID) and fills out the short form. Residents may receive 1 free permit per year. Additional permits can be purchased at the non-resident rate.

Q: Why do Butler County residents get an MVP for free?

A: Butler County residents pay a dedicated tax to help support the park system. Non-residents support the parks by paying \$10 for an annual permit or \$5 for a daily permit.

Q: Where can I get an MVP?

A: Resident MVPs can be obtained at convenient locations across the county in addition to various park areas. Please see the list on the website or call the office at 513.867.5835 for all locations. Non-residents can purchase their tags at the Administrative Offices in Ross Township, the VOA Welcome Center in West Chester, at any park entrance booth when staffed, or from the Park Managers or Park Rangers.



Q: Can I get a free MVP for another family member or a friend?

A: An official ID must be shown and a separate form filled out for each person who would like a Resident MVP. If you would like to pick up a Resident MVP for another person, please provide an ID and be prepared to fill out a form for them.

Q: Why do we need the permits?

A: The permits help distinguish between residents and non-residents of the county. It is important that MetroParks retains the revenue generated by the non-resident permits to help maintain the park areas.

Q: When are the Gate Booths staffed?

A: Booths are staffed when use patterns indicate large numbers of visitors will be entering the parks. MetroParks cannot staff entry gates at all times when the parks are open because it would be cost-prohibitive. If most shelters are reserved for the day and have purchased group motor vehicle permits, then it is not financially responsible for MetroParks to staff that particular booth. MetroParks, however, does require Motor Vehicle Permits. If you or your group does not have a permit(s), and the Rangers patrol the parks, be prepared to purchase one at that time.

Q: Are there other parks where I can use my Motor Vehicle Permit?

A: Your Motor Vehicle Permit is valid for any park area in Butler County owned or maintained by MetroParks of Butler County.