



Hourly Programs

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The mission of the MetroParks of Butler County is to provide a superior park system that maximizes the community's quality of life through conservation, education and recreation.



MetroParks of Butler County manages over 5,000 acres of park land, including unique natural features, cultural history sites and outdoor recreational areas. Fee-based programming is available for school groups, organizations, private groups, and corporations at MetroParks locations. Reservations are dependent on staff availability. Additional topics are available.

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Cultural History

Pioneer Life

- Experience life in the 1800s through activities, historical objects and games.
- Pioneer craft

Locations: Chrisholm MetroPark, Elk Creek MetroPark, Forest Run MetroPark, Governor Bebb MetroPark, Indian Creek MetroPark, or Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Early Americans

- Discover the lifestyles of Indigenous Peoples through authentic artifacts, pictographs, sign language and games
- Native Peoples' craft

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It's the Amish-Mennonite Way

- Delve into the daily life of the historic Amish-Mennonites in Butler County
- Fun hands-on activities that represent the chores done by a young Amish-Mennonite child on a busy farm in the late 1800s

Locations: Chrisholm MetroPark

Natural History & Science

Amazing Animals!

- Live animals and sensory items such as shells, skulls, furs, seeds, skins, pictures, games, and songs are used
- Choose one of the topics below
 - What's In Our Natural World? - Ohio Wildlife
 - Predator Prey Relationships - The Food Chain
 - Animal Tracking
 - Animal Games – Athleticism of Animals
 - Migrate, Hibernate, Tolerate (seasonal) – Adaptations for Survival
 - Wake Up Sleepy Heads (seasonal) – Hibernation

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Incredible Insects (seasonal)

- Simple and complete metamorphosis are explained through examples and demonstrations
- Catch and observe insects, then discuss their adaptations

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Reap the Rewards - 5 R's

- Become recycle heroes through fun games, activities and experiments
- Observe live animal recyclers in action

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Busy Bees- seasonal

- Explore the world of pollinators and pretend to be a beekeeper working with a beehive
- Learn what plants are pollinated that humans eat and drink

Locations: Chrisholm MetroPark

Calling All Farm Hands

- Recognize different examples of farms, farm animals and their uses
- Compare adult to baby farm animals and recognize their feed
- Learn farm skills through wheelbarrow races, games, sounds, hay/straw, animal feed sensory activities, and live animal demonstrations.

Locations: Chrisholm MetroPark

Pizza Parts

- Investigate where food comes from through songs, games, sensory activities and imagination
- Learn the life cycle of plants from seed to plant to plate
- Plant a seed to grow a part of a pizza

Locations: Chrisholm MetroPark

Fossil Find

- Compare and describe fossils from Ordovician Period
- Identify dinosaur characteristics through games and activities
- Understand the work of a paleontologist and dig up fossils

Locations: Elk Creek MetroPark, Forest Run MetroPark, Governor Bebb MetroPark, Indian Creek MetroPark, or Rentschler Forest MetroPark

COST AND PARAMETERS OF HOURLY PROGRAMS

Hourly programs – (includes programs at shelters, hikes, tours, etc.)

- \$75 for the first hour, \$25 for every additional hour for the same program on the same day
- Shelter/room rental included
- Motor Vehicle Permits included

If you are interested in a full day (3-4 hours) options in one of our parks please see MetroParks Field rip information.

Park Locations for your Hourly Program

Chrisholm MetroPark is a 17-acre park located at 2070 Woodsdale Rd in Trenton, OH 45067. This Park features the historic 1874 Amish-Mennonite Augspurger home, gardens, an early 1800's bank barn and farm animals.

Lunches can be eaten under the Chrisholm Shelter or in the Rosemont Barn. There are compostable toilets located near the bank barn. There is access to potable water near the shelter.

Elk Creek MetroPark is a 456-acre park area located along Elk Creek. Sebald Park Area is located at 5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042 and the Meadow Ridge Area is located at 5101 Circle Parkway, Middletown, OH 45042. The Park is nestled along the Elk Creek Valley with open areas, play areas, and hiking trails throughout the woods. Elk Creek is an excellent location for fossils!

There are 10 covered picnic shelters and multiple playgrounds for children. There are pit toilets. This Park does not have potable water.

Forest Run MetroPark is a 342-acre park located in Ross Township. The Wildlife Preserve is located at 1810 New London Road, Hamilton, OH 45013. The Timberman Ridge Area is located at 1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013. They include a variety of natural landscapes and habitats with opportunities for a mixture of outdoor activities.

There is a playground at the Wildlife Preserve and a 3-sided shelter at Timberman Ridge. There are pit toilets and/or port-a-lets.

Governor Bebb MetroPark is a 264-acre park located in Morgan Township, OH at 1979 Bebb Park Lane in Okeana, OH 45053. The Pioneer Village includes a working forge and an authentic covered bridge as well as 6 authentic cabins from the 1800s which were relocated to the park. Numerous nature trails can be explored in the park and Dry Fork Creek runs along the park's border.

Lunches can be eaten at the Howe Shelter, at the village green or the covered bridge. Pit toilets are located in the rear of the village, by the shelter and an ADA accessible portable toilet at the edge of the village. There is access to potable water in the village.

Indian Creek MetroPark is a 135-acre scenic natural area with two different entrances with Indian Creek connecting them. It is located at 1899 Oxford-Reily Rd, Reily Township, OH 45056 and 6500 Springfield Rd. Reily Township, OH 45056. The park's varied landscape of heavily wooded hillsides and bluffs with rock outcroppings is covered by many species of native trees and wildflowers in season. There are opportunities for fossil hunting and creek exploration in Indian Creek.

Lunches can be eaten under the Mayer Shelter. There are pit toilets but no potable water.

Rentschler Forest MetroPark is a 400-acre park located at 5701 Reigart Road, Fairfield Township. This site has miles of woodland trails, the Great Miami River, remnants of the old Miami-Erie Canal, a wetland, a creek, and meadows to explore. The creek allows for fossil and rock hunting as well as other fun, hands-on activities. The Great Miami River Recreation Trail is accessible from this park. A playground is available for free time.

There are numerous shelters available to eat lunch and flush restrooms in the Stone House, pit toilets and water fountains.