

Field Trips & Group Programs

A Guide for Schools, Scouts & More



MetroParks
of Butler County

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Welcome!

Thank you for exploring educational offerings with MetroParks of Butler County

MetroParks of Butler County offers recreation, outdoor space, and educational opportunities at 14 parks with over 5,000 acres throughout the county. MetroParks began as the Butler County Park Board in 1955, when a group of concerned citizens came together with the common purpose to preserve and restore natural areas in Butler County. Today, park users experience educational and recreational programs and activities happening county-wide with MetroParks.

Our Mission

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



PARK EXPERIENCES

MetroParks of Butler County offers unique, engaging, educational, and fun outdoor education programs for children and children-at-heart of all ages, backgrounds, and interests. These programs are conducted for a variety of audiences including: schools, organizations, private groups, homeschool groups, birthday parties, scout groups, and more. All program instruction can be adapted to meet the needs of specific groups.

If there is not a program prepared that is of interest to your group, ask about customizing a program just for you! As part of a program customization, MetroParks staff could modify the activities, topic, or time frame within reason. Scout programs are prepared to fulfill specific badge or activity requirements. School programs are prepared to satisfy age/grade specific Ohio Learning Standards.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS: SOCIAL STUDIES

Bring your class for an Ohio Learning Standard-driven field trip. Look in the public programs tab at YourMetroParks.net for programs catered to smaller homeschool groups & individuals.



LIVING LIKE PIONEERS

Students are immersed in the daily lives of the Ohio settlers in the early 1800s through engaging activities and historic interpretation at the Governor Bebb Pioneer Village.

GRADES: Kindergarten – 8th

FEES: \$7 per Butler County student;
\$8 per out of county student

DURATION: 3.5 hours (30 minute lunch break time included)

PARK LOCATION(S): Governor Bebb

STATE LEARNING STANDARDS: Social Studies K.2, K.7, K.9, K.10, 1.2, 1.3, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.10, 1.12, 1.13, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6, 2.8, 3.3, 3.5, 3.16, 4.3, 4.10, 5.15, 6.13, 7.1, 8.11, 8.16

A PLAIN AND SIMPLE LIFE

Delve into the daily life of the historic Amish-Mennonites in Butler County at the Chrisholm Historic Farmstead.

GRADES: Kindergarten – 8th

FEES: \$6 per Butler County student;
\$7 per out of county student

DURATION: 2 hours

PARK LOCATION(S): Chrisholm Historic Farmstead

STATE LEARNING STANDARDS: Social Studies K.2, K.3, K.7, K.9, 1.2, 1.3, 1.7, 1.8, 2.2, 2.3, 3.3, 3.5, 3.16, 4.10, 4.12, 5.9, 5.10, 6.9, 7.1, 7.16, 8.1, 8.2



SCHOOL PROGRAMS: NATURAL HISTORY & SCIENCE

Bring your class for an Ohio Learning Standard-driven field trip. Look in the public programs tab at YourMetroParks.net for programs catered to smaller homeschool groups & individuals.



SENSATIONAL SENSES

Students will explore the natural world through their five senses. Activities include a nature hike, games, and sense-based activities.

GRADES: Preschool – 1st

FEES: \$6 per Butler County student;
\$7 per out of county student

DURATION: 2 hours

PARK LOCATION(S): Chrisholm Historic Farmstead, Elk Creek, Forest Run, Governor Bebb, Rentschler Forest

STATE LEARNING STANDARDS:

Early Childhood: Inquiry, Explorations of the Natural World, Explorations of Living Things;
Science: K.PS.1, K.LS.1, K.LS.2, 1.LS.1



WATCH MY GARDEN GROW

Investigate plants, how they grow, and how they are used in everyone's favorite food—pizza! Program will include songs, games, sensory activities, and more!

GRADES: Preschool – 2nd

FEES: \$6 per Butler County student;
\$7 per out of county student

DURATION: 2 hours

PARK LOCATION(S): Chrisholm Historic Farmstead

STATE LEARNING STANDARDS:

Early Childhood: Inquiry, Explorations of the Natural World, Explorations of Living Things;
Science K.LS.1, 1.ESS.1, 1.LS.1, 2.LS.1

CALLING ALL FARMHANDS*

Students experience a working farm while learning about the dedication and hard work it takes to keep a farm running.

GRADES: Preschool – 3rd

FEES: \$6 per Butler County student;
\$7 per out of county student

DURATION: 2 hours

PARK LOCATION(S): Chrisholm Historic Farmstead



STATE LEARNING STANDARDS: Early Childhood: Inquiry, Explorations of the Natural World, Explorations of Living Things;
Science K.LS.1, K.LS.2, 1.LS.1, 1.LS.2, 2.LS.1, 3.LS.1, 3.LS.3



AMAZING ANIMALS*

Visit with live animals and explore of their habitats while learning about animal adaptations and their role within the local ecosystem.

GRADES: Preschool – 8th

FEES: \$6 per Butler County student;
\$7 per out of county student

DURATION: 2 hours

PARK LOCATION(S): Elk Creek, Forest Run,
Governor Bebb, Rentschler Forest,
Voice of America

STATE LEARNING STANDARDS:

Early Childhood: Inquiry, Explorations of the Natural World,
Explorations of Living Things; Science K.LS.1,
K.LS.2, 1.ESS.1, 1.LS.1, 1.LS.2, 2.LS.1, 3.LS.1, 3.LS.2,
3.LS.3, 4.LS.1, 5.LS.1, 5.LS.2, 6.LS.4, 7.LS.2, 8.LS.3

FOSSIL EXPEDITION*

Students will explore Ohio's ancient history by becoming a paleontologist for the day to search for fossils. Field trip will include a nature hike by the creek.

GRADES: 1st – 5th

FEES: \$6 per Butler County student;
\$7 per out of county student

DURATION: 2 hours

PARK LOCATION(S): Elk Creek, Forest Run,
Governor Bebb, Rentschler Forest

STATE LEARNING STANDARDS: Science 1.PS.1,
2.LS.1, 2.LS.2, 3.ESS.1, 4.LS.2, 5.LS.1



WANT US TO COME TO YOU?

MetroParks offers some of our field trips in the classroom! The three starred field trips above (Amazing Animals, Fossil Expedition, and Calling All Farmhands) are able to be adapted for outside the parks.

GRADES: Each off-site program can cover the same grades and learning standards as their field trip version.

FEES: The first program at a location each day is \$150, with each additional program being \$50.

DURATION: 45 minutes

LOCATION: Anywhere in Butler County

GROUP SIZE: No more than 30 participants per program.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

MetroParks offers public homeschool programs seasonally. Program are

- similar in length to fieldtrips
- \$6 per participant

See what programs we have coming up by visiting

reservations.yourmetroparks.net/programs.

Large homeschool groups that can meet the 25 participant minimum payment are more than welcome to schedule a private field trip.

SCOUT GROUPS



PUBLIC SCOUT PROGRAMS

MetroParks offers scout programs for individuals and small scout groups throughout the year. Work towards your badge requirements with our expert park staff.

- \$6 per participant (scout/adult)
- 1.5-2 hours depending on program

Visit yourmetroparks.net to find upcoming program dates under the Events tab.

PRIVATE SCOUT PROGRAMS

Have a large group of scouts? Schedule a personalized program for your group. Contact programs@yourmetroparks.net for more details.

Is your scout group interested in completing a community service or Eagle Scout project? Email volunteers@YourMetroParks.net to learn how you can volunteer.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES



Celebrate your birthday with MetroParks! Each birthday party includes a one hour naturalist-guided program, and an outdoor shelter rental.

Select one location and one theme from the lists below. Don't see the perfect theme? Let us know your interests and MetroParks would be happy to put together a custom program.

PARTY LOCATIONS:

- Elk Creek
- Chrisholm Historic Farmstead
- Indian Creek—Springfield Road Area
- Forest Run—Timberman Ridge Area
- Rentschler Forest—Reigard Road Area
- Governor Bebb

PARTY THEMES:

- Amazing Animals
- Fossil Expedition
- Farm Frenzy (Chrisholm only)
- Living Like Pioneers (Governor Bebb only)

COST:

\$150 for a 1 hour guided program and shelter rental for up to 20 children. Each child in attendance over the 20 child limit will be charged an additional fee of \$6 per child.

FOOD, BEVERAGE & DECORATIONS:

Birthday party organizers are welcome to bring their own food to serve, but MetroParks will not provide any utensils of any kind. Alcohol is strictly prohibited. Decorations are permitted, but must follow MetroParks' facility rules and regulations.



SCHEDULING A PROGRAM

READY TO SCHEDULE?

To schedule a program with MetroParks, email programs@yourmetroparks.net, or call 513-867-5835. All programs must be scheduled at least 30 days in advance.

Once you receive the finalized program proposal it must be completed, and a deposit paid within 14 calendar days.

PAYMENT

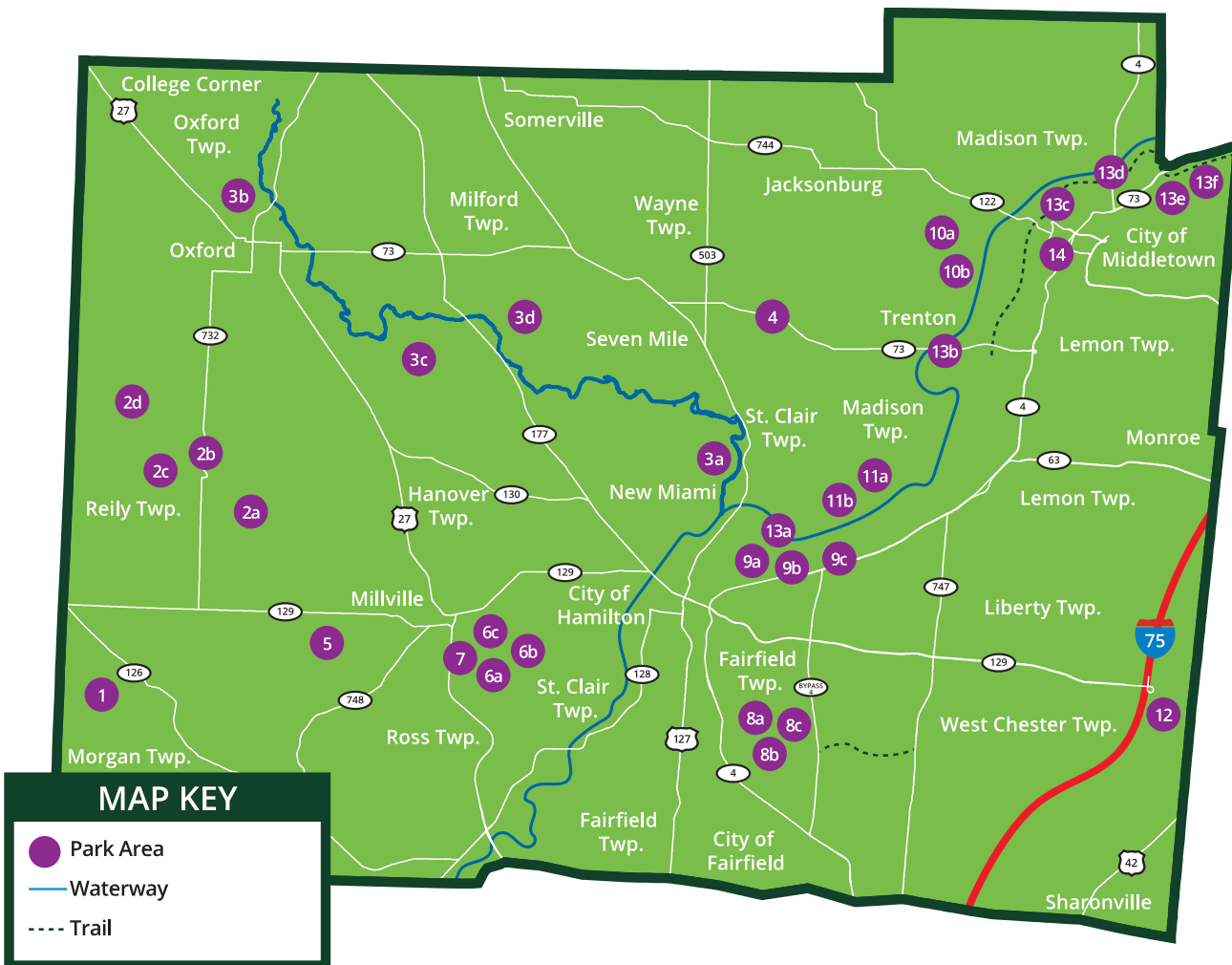
Cost is listed with each program description. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is required for each day scheduled to finalize your planned program(s) and will be applied your total program cost.

The remaining balance will be invoiced after your program. Payment can be processed online, over the phone via card, or by mailed in check. Payments cannot be accepted at or before your program.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Deposit is not refunded if the customer cancels the program. If MetroParks cancels the program due to inclement weather or some other unforeseen circumstance, the deposit is refunded in full.





1. Governor Bebb MetroPark
1979 Bebb Park Lane Okeana OH 45053

2. Indian Creek MetroPark
2a. Oxford-Reily Road Area
1899 Oxford-Reily Road (SR 732)
Oxford OH 45056

2b. Springfield Road Area
6500 Springfield Road Oxford OH 45056
2c. Pioneer Church Area
3000 Indian Creek Road Oxford OH 45056
2d. Bunker Hill Cemetery
5351 Reily-Millville Road Oxford OH 45056

3. Four Mile Creek MetroPark
3a. Antenen Nature Preserve
2385 Treiber Road Hamilton OH 45011
3b. Mill Race Preserve Area
5401 Corso Road Oxford OH 45056
3c. Sycamore Bluffs Area
3742 Lanes Mill Road Oxford OH 45056
3d. Davidson Woods Area *
1200 Hogue Road Hamilton OH 45013

4. Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark
4050 Trenton-Oxford Road Hamilton OH 45011

5. Salamander Run MetroPark
4821 Layhigh Road Hamilton OH 45013

6. Forest Run MetroPark
6a. Administrative Office
2051 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013

6b. Timberman Ridge Area
1976 Timberman Road Hamilton OH 45013
6c. Wildlife Preserve Area
1810 New London Road Hamilton OH 45013

7. Green Heron MetroPark
2161 New London Rd. Hamilton, OH 45013

8. Gilmore MetroPark
8a. Gilmore Road Area
7950 Gilmore Road Hamilton OH 45015
8b. Bilstein Boulevard Area
8300 Bilstein Boulevard Hamilton OH 45015
8c. Miami-Erie Canal Trail
8290 Seward Road Fairfield OH 45011

9. Rentschler Forest MetroPark
9a. Reigart Road Area
5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011
9b. Line Hill Mound Area
3620 Hamilton Middletown Road Hamilton OH 45011
9c. Timberhill Area **
3976 Hamilton-Middletown Road Hamilton OH 45011

10. Elk Creek MetroPark
10a. Sebald Park Area
5580 Elk Creek Road Middletown OH 45042
10b. Meadow Ridge Area
5101 Circle Parkway Middletown OH 45042

11. Chisholm MetroPark
11a. Historic Farmstead Area
2070 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

11b. Woodsdale Area
1917 Woodsdale Road Trenton OH 45067

12. Voice of America MetroPark
7850 VOA Park Drive West Chester OH 45069

13. Great Miami River Trail
13a. South Section
5701 Reigart Road Hamilton OH 45011

North Section Trailheads
13b. Trenton Trailhead
50 Oxford State Road Middletown OH 45044

13c. Columbia Trailhead
26 North Carmody Boulevard
Middletown OH 45042

13d. Eagle Trailhead
2399 North Carmody Boulevard
Middletown OH 45042

13e. Flyer Trailhead
3801 North Verity Parkway
Middletown OH 45042

13f. Miami Trailhead
4401 North Verity Parkway
Middletown OH 45042

**14. River Center at
Bicentennial Commons Middletown**
120 South Carmody Boulevard
Middletown OH 45044

*Parks / Areas open for scheduled programs only.

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