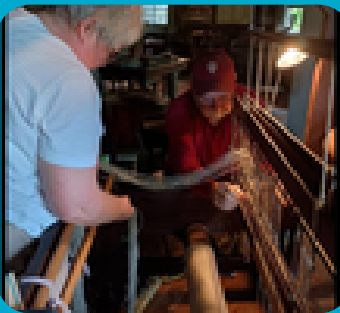




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Volunteer Story: Volunteers Bring the Weaving Back to Bebb Cabin

Story provided by Nancy Clark

The large floor loom in the Bebb Cabin at Governor Bebb Pioneer Village got a much needed new warp in 2025. Mice had chewed through the warp threads during the COVID-19 closure year leaving only a small fraction of the strands intact. A group of five people (Debbie Bidwell, Nancy Clark, Bonny Seegmueller, Bonnie and Gary Stokes) put in close to 100 volunteer hours to get the loom in weaving condition for the 2025 Pioneer Life program. The old warp and woven cloth were removed before the large wooden loom was cleaned of several years of dust and dirt. Three hundred new stainless-steel heddles were added to the harnesses to replace the rusty wire ones. The harnesses had to be reconnected to the treadles. Linen threads were measured on the warp board – 8 yards of 180 ends before being transferred to the loom. Each linen strand was threaded through its own heddle eye. Once the threading was completed, the warp was wound onto the rear warp beam before being tied to the cloth beam at the front of the loom and the tension of each bundle of 10 threads was adjusted. The treadles connections were fine-tuned to allow for the widest shed opening to slip the shuttle through with ease and start weaving. Gary was able to demonstrate weaving at Pioneer Life!

TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

Looking for new trails to explore? The following parks haven't seen many Ambassadors in the past month!

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

Make sure you're logging your hours on Better Impact

- Salamander Run MetroPark
- Timberman Ridge MetroPark
- Woodsdale MetroPark

Volunteer Appreciation Potluck

This is a great opportunity to share some time, knowledge, and delicious food with one another. Burgers and hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided; feel free to bring any side dishes you want!





Please RSVP on Better Impact. We hope you will make plans to join!

April 17 - 5:00 pm-7:00 pm Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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Trail Work Days

Join MetroParks staff to do trail work on our trails, developing more sustainable trails, and improving hiking conditions for all park uses for future generations to come.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. All tools will be provided. All work days are broken into 2-hour shifts. Select as many as you would like!

Locations will be announced at the beginning of each week.

- April 8 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- April 15 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- April 29 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm

TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Program Hiking Monitor meeting. This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to TAPs as we take a hike through one of our parks and go over the responsibilities of a Hiking Monitor!

- April 10, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Forest Run MetroPark

Nest Box Monitor Orientation

This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to the Nest Box Monitor program as we go through the role and responsibilities of a Nest Box Monitor and check our actual Nest Boxes spread through the parks.

- April 10, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm,
Forest Run MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Wildflower Walk

Nature's in bloom, with flowers, trees, and shrubs all trying their best to attract pollinators. Hike with us to find the best spots for this seasonal display!

- April 11, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm,
Indian Creek MetroPark

1800's Farm Life - Field Trip

What was life on the Augspurgen farm like for a child in the 1800s? From farm chores to agricultural advancements, we'll even take a break for some traditional toe-tapping fun. Travel back in time and learn from the perspective of standout members of this groundbreaking Butler County family and their community.

- April 13, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- April 14, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- April 16, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Interested in helping with field trips? please email volunteering@yourmetroparks.net.

Farm Animal Orientation

Looking for a new way to get involved with the parks, curious about what it takes to raise farm animals? Meet with Metroparks staff for a monthly orientation of our Farm Animal Care program. See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- April 17, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Living Like Pioneers - Field Trip





What was life like for pioneer children during the 1800s in southwestern Ohio? Travel through this reconstructed historical village, meet the inhabitants, and even go to school! Learn skills and trades of the time, such as spinning yarn for clothes, making candles, and becoming an apprentice at the forge.

- April 8, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm
- April 18, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- April 20, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
- April 23, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- April 24, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- April 29, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- April 30, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

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- April 17, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Middletown Community Garden - Spring Cleanup

Work with our Programming staff to prep the community gardens for the planting season tasks may include weeding/repairing beds/fixing the shed/hanging hoses/spreading dirt/digging up some fruit plants to be moved to CHF/removing debris from compost/flipping compost/planting cold veggies and more!

- April 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Middletown Community Garden

Fossil Expedition - Field Trip

The evidence for ancient life is right here under our feet! Become paleontologists for a day as you hike out to search our fossil-filled creek beds, discovering Ohio's surprising past along the way. This program involves a hike up to one mile with changes in elevation and uneven terrain.

- April 22, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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Community Service Day - Gilmore Ponds Litter Cleanup

Join MetroParks staff as we clean up litter around the wetlands at Gilmore Ponds MetroPark.

- April 25 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Gilmore Ponds MetroPark

City of Trenton Earth & Arbor Day

Join the City of Trenton for our annual Earth & Arbor Day in the Park! Come join the fun as we plant seeds of joy (literally) and celebrate Arbor Day! We're giving away FREE Ohio native trees or shrubs, plus a variety of native herbs, veggies, and wildflower seeds.

- April 25 - 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Trenton Community Park

Wildflower Walk

Nature's in bloom, with flowers, trees, and shrubs all trying their best to attract pollinators. Hike with us to find the best spots for this seasonal display!

- April 25 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Harbin Park





Choppportunities - Invasive Species Removal

Join MetroParks staff as we meet to continuously work on beating back the invasive species in our parks, making room for natives to thrive

- April 7 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- April 14 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- April 28 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Forest Run MetroPark

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