

AUGUST



2026

MetroParks introduces our Adopt-A-Trail Program

We are excited to announce our newest initiative for business or groups looking to make a lasting impact here in MetroParks. The Adopt-A-Trail Program invites local organizations, community groups, and small businesses to partner with MetroParks of Butler County to support the stewardship and beautification of our trail system. By adopting a trail, participants make a meaningful contribution to the health and enjoyment of our parks while strengthening their visibility within the community.



Why adopt a trail?

The Adopt-A-Trail Program is an excellent way to give back, build team spirit, express community leadership, and show your support for preserving the natural spaces that make Butler County and the MetroParks special!

If your business or group is interested in getting involved, please reach out to Rhiana Barrero, Director of Business Development and Visitor Experience at rbarrero@yourmetroparks.net

TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

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

In the case of an emergency, please call 911 before contacting MetroParks staff. In the case of safety or security hazards, volunteers should contact the Butler County Non-Emergency line **513-785-1300**

Make sure you're logging your hours on Better Impact

- Indian Creek MetroPark
- Line Hill Mound MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve MetroPark
- Salamander Run MetroPark
- Sebald MetroPark
- Sycamore Bluffs MetroPark

Share your volunteer story!

Do you have a story or message from a volunteer experience you'd like to share? Your stories will be featured in the monthly newsletter, so everyone will get a chance to see all the different projects going on in the MetroParks! To submit a story, messages, and any photos you want to share, send them to volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

STAY UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PARKS ON FACEBOOK!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUST

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Wiggly Worms at Work

Meet the worm heroes who turn organic materials into healthy, nutrient-rich soil.

- August 7, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Rooted Living: Disappearing Nine Patch

The disappearing nine patch quilt block is a quick, beginner-friendly quilting technique that transforms a simple 9-patch block into a complex-looking design.

- August 8, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Perseid Meteor Shower Observation

One of the biggest meteor showers every year, the Perseids peak in the early morning hours on the night of August 12. With the new moon, we might just see some shooting stars!

- August 12, 10:30 pm - 12:30 am
Chrisholm MetroPark

TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Orientation.

- August 14, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Forest Run MetroPark

Farm Animal Orientation

Looking for a new way to get involved with the parks, curious about what it takes to raise farm animals? See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- August 14, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Chrisholm 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.

- August 14, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm,
Forest Run MetroPark

Active in the Outdoors: Stand-Up Paddleboard Yoga

Challenge your balance with a gentle yoga flow on a stand-up paddle board.

- August 15, 8:30 am - 11:00 am
Voice of America MetroPark

Active in the Outdoors: Beginner Stand-Up Paddle Board

This is the perfect way to dip your toes into the world of stand-up paddle boarding (SUP). Learn how to launch, stand up, and maintain balance in this introductory class.

- August 15, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Voice of America MetroPark

Fossils with MetroParks

Here in southwestern Ohio, the signs of ancient life are right under our feet! Join MetroParks educators in finding and identifying fossils in the creek.

- August 15, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Point Pleasant Park

Rooted Living: Intro to Horsemanship

Get up close and personal with Chrisholm MetroParks' equines! This class focuses on developing safe, confident, and respectful partnerships with horses and donkeys.

- August 22, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

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Operation Fresh Air

This experience, in partnership with MHARS and Butler County Veterans Services Commission, is an opportunity to unwind, recharge, and find peace in nature.

- August 27 - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark

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!

- August 11 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- August 18 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark
- August 25 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Miami Woods

Trail Work Days

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

- August 5 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- August 12 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- August 19 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- August 26 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Volunteer Story: Barb and Bob Riggs

Story provided by Bob Riggs

There used to be a helper that worked mostly Middletown for MetroParks name Ray and he would do a lot of stuff along a trail. He pulled weeds in the parking lot, parks and everywhere! During Covid when they couldn't get on the trail or wasn't working, Barb got upset, cause the weeds were growing wild in the parking lot and the river center amongst the flowers so she started making all the volunteers pull a few garbage bags of weeds every time we rode! Kind of nice to help out, but we were there to bike not pull weeds! But Barbie was the boss!

Barb and Bob have been volunteering with the MetroParks regularly as Biking Trail Ambassadors for the last 8 years. In that time they have served 1300 hours and biked over 5000 miles across the MetroParks mostly along the Great Miami River Trail!

We want to thank them for their continued service to the MetroParks and the greater Butler County community!



Barb and Bob celebrating her birthday with some of the other Trail Ambassadors 3 years ago

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