



DECEMBER 2025

Winter in the Village and the Winter Hike Series return!



Get ready for cold noses and hot soup because the Winter Hike Series is back. This weekly hiking event will highlight the beauty of Butler County in winter by exploring a different park each week. These guided hikes will average about 3 miles and end with a hot beverage and a bowl of soup.

How did early Ohioans stay occupied when it was much too cold to go outside? Walk through the Pioneer Village at Governor Bebb to experience a wintry evening from over 200 years ago. In this self-guided exploration, fires will be roaring in the cabins to help keep away the cold. Join the staff to help us bring this winter experience to the public!

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

- Governor Bebb MetroPark
- Indian Creek MetroPark
- Line Hill MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve MetroPark
- Salamander Run MetroPark
- Woodsdale MetroPark
- Voice of America MetroPark

Volunteer Appreciation Potluck

This is a great opportunity to share some time, knowledge, and delicious food with one another. Hot chilli and drinks in the Murstein cabin 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!

December 19 - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Governor Bebb MetroPark

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

FACEBOOK



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER

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Rooted Living: Soapmaking

Learn about different methods of making soap, traditional and modern. Design your own glycerin soap to take home and craft fun, handmade gifts to share with loved ones during the holidays.

- December 6, 9:00am-12:00pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Winter Tree ID Hike

How do you identify trees without their leaves? Use clues such as bark, branching, and buds to learn how to identify common trees during winter. Please dress for the weather.

- December 6, 9:30 am-11:30 am
Creekside Park (Fairfield)

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!

- December 12, 10:00am-11:00am
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? 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!

- December 12, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Winter in the Village: Program Assistant

Assist with the setup of the program. Lead/assist with hands-on living history stations, including pioneer cooking, pastimes, and other daily aspects of life in the 1800's. Please specify preferences for specific areas/topics (if any), eagerness to dress in 1800's historical clothing (not mandatory), and if you will provide your own historical outfit.

- December 12, 4:30 pm-8:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Winter in the Village: Check-In Table

Assist with checking in pre-registered participants, directing vehicles to the parking area, and the cleanup of the program. MPX Cash handling certification preferred to assist walk-up participants.

- December 12, 4:30 pm-8:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Geminid Meteor Shower Observation

The Geminids are considered one of the best meteor showers of the year for younger viewers, as the shower starts earlier in the night than many others. Bundle up to enjoy this cold, bright evening under the stars in your park after dark. This program will only take place if the weather is clear; please check for cancellation on our website and social media the day of the program to verify.

- December 13, 10:00 pm-12:00 am
Forest Run MetroPark

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Annual Christmas Bird Count Hike

Join us for a hike to participate in Audubon's 126th Christmas Bird Count. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced birder, you can help collect December bird species numbers for the longest-running community science survey in North America. Dress for the weather and prepare to walk on uneven trails and across fields.

- December 20, 9:45 am-12:15 pm
Sebald MetroPark

Chopportunities - 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

- December 2 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- December 9 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- December 16 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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!

- December 3 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Line Hill MetroPark
- December 17 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
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Winter Hike Series: Hiking Sweep

We are looking for volunteers to act as group sweeps working in pairs of two, bringing up the rear of each group, making sure no one is separated, and letting the staff lead know about any issues the group may encounter from behind. Volunteers need to be comfortable hiking 3 miles. Volunteers must be 14 years or older.

- January 10, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- January 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark
- January 24, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Meadow Ridge MetroPark
- January 31, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Winter Hike Series: Soup Server

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down the cooking station at each hike as well as serve soup to participants. Volunteers must be 14 years or older.

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