



FEBRUARY 2026

Nature in a Blink: Salamander Migration



We still have open positions, and can use your help! The moment the ground begins to thaw, the salamanders of Indian Creek are ready to go! Join us for this one-night special evening program to observe migration from the forest to vernal pools, where salamanders can safely lay their eggs. We need volunteers to act as sweeps for this night and make sure the group stays together!

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
- Meadow Ridge MetroPark
- Salamander Run MetroPark
- Timberhill MetroPark

Volunteer Appreciation Potluck

This is a great opportunity to share some time, knowledge, and delicious food with one another. Soup and drinks in the River Center 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!

February 27 - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Great Miami Room, River Center

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY

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- February 1 - March 31, 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Indian Creek MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Owl Prowl

It's owl courting season! We'll enjoy hot chocolate and a fire while learning about the adaptations that make owls such amazing hunters. Then we'll venture out into the cold to try to find them.

- February 6, 5:45 pm - 8:30 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

It's for the Birds - Build a Birdhouse

Hone your skills and learn how to participate in Project Feeder Watch and the Great Backyard Bird Count. Build a wooden birdhouse to take home for the birds who spend time in your own backyard. All tools, hardware, and safety equipment will be provided on-site.

- February 7, 12:15 pm - 3:15 pm
River Center, Bicentennial Commons

Winter Bird Festival

Join us at Fernald Preserve this winter to learn about the wildlife that call Fernald home during February — owls, waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and more. We'll offer classes and speakers about the many interesting species, and hikes to explore our beautiful winter migration destination.

- February 8, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm,
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Fernald Nature Preserve

Owl Prowl

Join us as we explore Harbin Park at night in search of owls. We'll learn about the adaptations that make owls such amazing hunters before venturing out on the trails to try to find them.

- February 10, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Harbin Park

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!

- February 13, 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? 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!

- February 13, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Magic in Maples - Hike Sweep

Explore your MetroPark after dark with a night hike to reveal the magic maple trees use to create their liquid treasure. Follow the journey of maple syrup from tap to table and discover mysteries usually hidden in the daylight.

- February 14, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm,
Timberman Ridge MetroPark

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Spring Sprouts - Grow Your Own Herbs

Spring is just around the corner. Plan for your spring herb garden! In this fun-filled workshop, children will learn how to start their own herb garden from seed. We'll explore the magic of spring planting, decorate pots, and create garden journals to track their herbs' growth.

- February 28, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Chrisholm 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! Locations will be announced at the beginning of each week.

- February 18 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- February 25 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm





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

- February 3 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- February 10 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- February 17 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- February 24 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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