



# JANUARY 2026

## Join in on the Winter Hike Series!



We still have open positions, and can use your help! Get ready 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.

### 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](mailto:volunteering@yourmetroparks.net)

Make sure you're logging your hours on  
Better Impact

- Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark
- Antenen Nature Preserve MetroPark
- Governor Bebb MetroPark
- Green Heron MetroPark
- Indian Creek MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve MetroPark
- Sycamore Bluff MetroPark

## Share your volunteer story!

Do you if you have a story or message from a volunteer experience? We want to hear about it! 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](mailto:volunteering@yourmetroparks.net)

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

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER

To register and see other events sign in to your MyImpact Account

## 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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## 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!

- January 16, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm  
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 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!

- January 16, 10:00am-11:00am  
Forest Run MetroPark

## Full Moon Hike

Let's hike by the light of the moon! See the park in a different light as we talk about moon lore and animal communication. Please dress for the weather and bring appropriate footwear for steep and icy trails.

- January 16th, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Harbin Park

## Rooted Living: Knitting

Learn to knit with Mrs. Nancy Clark and get hands-on experience with basic knitting stitches to create your very own scarf.

- January 24, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm  
Chrisholm MetroPark

## Rooted Living: Beginner's Guide to Sourdough

This introductory class covers the fundamentals of sourdough bread making. Participants will learn how to feed and maintain a sourdough starter, understand the fermentation process, and practice basic techniques for mixing, shaping, and baking. The class is designed for those with little to no experience and aims to provide a solid foundation for baking sourdough at home.

- January 25, 1:30 pm-4:00 pm  
Chrisholm MetroPark

THE MISSION OF THE METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY IS TO PROVIDE A SUPERIOR PARK SYSTEM THAT MAXIMIZES THE COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RECREATION.



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