

JULY



2026

Help Needed: Gilmore Ponds Kayak Cleanup



Join MetroParks and Butler Soil and Water Conservation District for a day on the water at Gilmore Ponds on July 12th as we work to clean up litter floating just out of reach on the shore in your own kayak.

This is a BYOK (bring your own kayak) and personal flotation device. Registrations are required for every recreational boat in Ohio, including canoes, kayaks, and inflatable boats. We will have tools and bags for collecting the trash. We will be paddling through wooded areas, so you will need to dodge and weave between tree branches. This event is dependent upon water levels in Gilmore Ponds MetroPark being deep enough for us to safely navigate!

TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

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

- Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark
- Governor Bebbe MetroPark
- Green Heron MetroPark
- Timberhill MetroPark
- Woodsdale MetroPark

Make sure you're logging your hours on Better Impact

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**

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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Women Who Wander Hike

Join us each month for a casual one-hour walk for women to find community. This event is open to women aged 18 and up. This volunteer opportunity is for women only.

- July 1, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sycamore Bluff MetroPark

Faith Alliance & Liberty Township Summer Food Program

Join MetroParks staff as they provide educational programming for the Summer Lunch Program led by The Faith Alliance and Liberty Township.

- July 8, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Woodland Elementary
- July 29, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Woodland Elementary

Geo-Explorers

Join MetroParks and MidPointe Library to explore the creek edges to find ancient life that used to live in southwestern Ohio through fossils and rocks.

- July 10, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Sebald MetroPark

Nature Explorers: STEM in Nature

Today, we are exploring science, technology, engineering, and math through our natural environment. Build a mini boat with upcycled materials to harness the power of water, investigate natural water propulsion, and visit a real historic canal on a short hike.

- July 10, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Bat Emergence

Are you batty about bats or just want to learn how important they are to us? Explore their world at the farm and watch these amazing furry friends emerge at sundown.

- July 11 - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

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- July 12, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Gilmore Ponds MetroPark

Summer Village Kids - Field Trip

The life of children in the Pioneer Village wasn't always just fun and games. While there may be a few frivolities involved, kids were expected to help out with many chores - as you all are sure to find out!

- July 14, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- July 21, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Summer Farm Tour - Field Trip

Get up close with all the animals that call the farm home. Enjoy hands-on learning and a relaxing wagon ride through the park's beautiful scenery. A perfect summer outing for animal lovers of all ages!

- July 16, 12:30 pm - 3:30 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!

- July 17, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Forest Run MetroPark

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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.

- July 17, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm,
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!

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

Nature Explorers - Art in Nature

This week, we are using nature as our artistic inspiration with solar photo paper and drawing by sound. Take a short hike to explore where the Fibonacci sequence occurs and take home your very own example to grow through the summer.

- July 17, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark

Rooted Living; Wool Dyeing

In this interactive class, Ms. Nancy Clark introduces the science behind dyeing white fiber into red and blue hues, inspired by the American flag and the nation's 250th anniversary. Participants will apply these concepts and take home samples of their dyed yarn.

- July 18 - 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Sourdough For Beginners

This introductory class covers the fundamentals of sourdough breadmaking. Participants will learn where to source sourdough starter, how to feed and maintain it, and the fermentation process, as well as basic techniques for mixing, shaping, and baking.

- July 18 - 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Fairfield Community Art Center

Dairy Creations

Step back in time for a hands-on family experience that brings the story of dairy to life! In this interactive program, families will meet the dairy animals that call Chrisholm home. Then we will work together to churn our own ice cream using old-fashioned hand-crank machines and taste our creations!

- July 19, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Summer Food Truck Program

The Big Blue Food Truck will be traveling to splash parks across our city. This is more than a meal. It is a full community experience!

And a huge thank you to the amazing community partners who help make each stop special: Lane Public Library, American Legion, MetroParks, Boys & Girls Clubs, City of Hamilton Health Department, and BCESC

- July 20, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Millikin Woods Park
- July 21, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Benninghoffen Park
- July 22, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Jim Grimm Park
- July 23, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Booker T Washington Community Center

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Bald Eagle Basics

Join MetroParks and MidPointe Library in a fun interactive program about our American Bald Eagle's comeback story.

- July 25, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Middletown MidPointe Library

Operation Fresh Air

Enjoy a peaceful hike while connecting with others and exploring the wetland and fields at Gilmore Ponds MetroPark. The majority of this trail is paved.

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

- July 30 - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Sebald 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.

- July 1 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- July 8 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- July 15 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
- July 29 - 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

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!

- July 7 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- July 14 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- July 21 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark
- July 28 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Miami Woods

Nature Explorers: Hunting Treasures

In the final week of Nature Explorers, you'll journey out into the wooded trails beyond the village, following the clues to find the hidden "treasure." This program is an introduction to letterboxing, and participants will create their own booklet they can use to continue searching for more on their own.

- July 31, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

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