



JUNE 2026

WANTED: Spotted Lanternfly



Since first being identified in Ohio in 2020 Spotted Lanternfly have continued to spread across Ohio, and have finally made their way into Butler County. We're looking for your help to slow their populations. Whether you're a Trail Ambassador, Farm Caretaker, or just hanging out with your kids at the Timberman Ridge playground. If you see a Spotted Lanternfly in one of the MetroParks, shoot us an email at volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

Help Needed: Color Run

Join us for a family-friendly color fun run challenge, at Rentschler Forest MetroPark packed with bright colors and joy! Participants of all ages can run or walk through fun stations, getting splashed with vibrant color powder at each stop. Challenge yourself with activities like showing off your dance moves, answering nature trivia, completing teamwork tasks, and even pledging acts of kindness along a course less than 1/2 mile. We are looking for Program assistants to support our staff at the different stations and to help with the Check-in table making sure everyone is registered for this exciting summer event!

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

- Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark
- Antenen Nature Preserve MetroPark
- Forest Run MetroPark
- Indian Creek MetroPark
- Mill Race MetroPark
- Salamander Run 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

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

FACEBOOK



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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, BCESC

- June 1, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Millikin Woods Park
- June 2, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Benninghoffen Park
- June 3, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Jim Grimm Park
- June 4, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Booker T Washington Community Center

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.

- June 3 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- June 17 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm

Family Yoga

Join MetroParks and MidPointe Library in a beautiful grassy meadow with fun, simple yoga poses, stories, and breathing exercises for the whole family.

- June 5, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Voice of America MetroPark
- June 26, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Chrisholm MetroPark

Creeking

Thursdays - Get your feet in the water and see what critters you can find! Butler Soil & Water Conservation District and MetroParks educators will provide their expertise and everything you need for creeking.

Saturdays - What's hidden under the rocks and in the sediment of your favorite MetroParks creeks? Explore the living and fossilized creatures found in our creeks and see if you would also be proud to call these bodies of water home.

- June 4, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sebald MetroPark
- June 11, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- June 18, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Indian Creek MetroPark
- June 20, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Mill Race MetroPark
- June 25, 9:30 am - 12:05 pm
Antenen Nature Preserve

Hamilton Pride

Join Hamilton Ohio's vibrant LGBTQ+ community in celebrating diversity, promoting equality, and creating lasting change through unity and pride.

- June 6, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Salamander Run MetroPark

Trenton Springfest

The Ultimate Summer Kickoff is HERE!

School's out... so let's start summer the right way – with fun, food, and EPIC attractions made just for kids and teens!

- June 6, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Trenton Community Park

National Trails Day

Join MetroParks staff as we work to clean up the trails of both overgrown foliage and litter

- June 6, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Miami Woods

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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

- June 7, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Salamander Run MetroPark

Fishing, and Wetland Animal Hike - Field Trip

Learn what helps our native animals and fish survive in wetlands. With these special adaptations in mind, take a nature hike to investigate their habitats and think about how you'd use those tools.

- June 8, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Voice of America 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.

- June 11 - 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

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.

- June 11 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Gilmore Ponds 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.

- June 12, 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!

- June 12, 3:00 pm - 4:00 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!

- June 12, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Forest Run MetroPark

Toddler Sensory Nature Hike

Come along on a toddler sensory hike with MetroParks and MidPointe Library! We will learn to explore nature using our senses with fun hands-on activities along the paved trail.

- June 12, 9:30 am - 11:30 pm
Meadow Ridge MetroPark

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- June 13, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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Rooted Living: Goat Husbandry

Interested in learning more about the most versatile livestock? This class will cover the basics of caring for goats. You'll learn about feeding, housing, health, and handling, along with tips for understanding goat behavior. Perfect for beginners, this course builds confidence and practical skills for raising happy, healthy goats.

- June 14 - 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Family Art Night

Join MetroParks and MidPointe Library staff at the beautiful River Center to create fun nature-themed pieces of art.

- June 18, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Middletown River Center

Living Like Pioneers - Field Trip

What was life like for pioneer children during the 1800s in southwestern Ohio? Travel through this reconstructed historical village, meet the inhabitants, and even go to school! Learn skills and trades of the time, such as spinning yarn for clothes, making candles, and becoming an apprentice at the forge.

- June 15, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- June 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Governor Bebb MetroPark

Interested in helping with field trips? please email volunteering@yourmetroparks.net.

Fireflies with the MetroParks

In the evening twilight, join us on a short and easy hike to search for fireflies. Learn from MetroParks educators about why and how they make their lights and how you can attract them to your own backyard as you take part in the tradition.

- June 26, 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Harbin Park

Nature in a Blink: Fireflies

Fireflies or lightning bugs? No matter what you call them, we'll shed some light on the mysteries of these bioluminescent superstars. Find out the how's and why's and then explore the trails as we spot these winged wonders in action.

- June 27, 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm
MeadowRidge 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

- June 2 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- June 9 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- June 16 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- June 23 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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