



MAY 2026

Help Needed: Fun on the Farm



Celebrate historic farm life and discover Butler County's thriving farming communities of today at Fun on the Farm. Shop local vendors, see interactive homesteading demonstrations like blacksmithing, beekeeping, foraging, and much more. Tour the Augspurger House with the Friends of Chrisholm and learn about the unique history of this special 1800s farmstead. Visit with MetroParks' superstar farm animal ambassadors as well as special guest animals from around the area, take a wagon ride, and much more! We need help managing parking, running the check-in table, and helping programming staff operate the different activity and demonstration areas.

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
- Green Heron MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve MetroPark
- Miami Woods
- Sycamore Bluffs MetroPark





Share your volunteer story!

Do 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!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY

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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.

- May 6 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- May 13 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
- May 20 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm

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!

- May 15, 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Forest Run 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.

- May 15, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm,
Forest Run MetroPark

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.](#)

- May 6, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Gilmore Ponds MetroPark

1800's Farm Life - Field Trip

What was life on the Augspurgen farm like for a child in the 1800s? From farm chores to agricultural advancements, we'll even take a break for some traditional toe-tapping fun. Travel back in time and learn from the perspective of standout members of this groundbreaking Butler County family and their community.

- May 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- May 7, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Chrisholm MetroPark

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

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!

- May 15, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

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.





- May 6, 8:45 am - 1:30 pm
- May 7, 8:45 pm - 1:45 pm
- May 11, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
- May 12, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
- May 15, 8:45 am - 1:45 pm
- May 18, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Governor Bebb MetroPark

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Big Week of Birding

Spring is in full swing, and it's a fantastic time for birding in Butler County, with many migrating species you may not see any other time of year! Novices and experts alike hike with us to see who's passing through your parks. Binoculars are available for use during this hike. This program is part of the ID 70 challenge.

- May 9, 7:30 am - 9:30 am
Gilmore Ponds MetroPark
- May 9, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Harbin Park
- May 10, 7:30 am - 10:00 am
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Fossil Expedition - Field Trip

The evidence for ancient life is right here under our feet! Become paleontologists for a day as you hike out to search our fossil-filled creek beds, discovering Ohio's surprising past along the way. This program involves a hike up to one mile with changes in elevation and uneven terrain.

- May 21, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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Fun on the Farm - Program Assistant

Assist with the setup of the program. Lead/assist with hands-on activity stations covering gardening, animal, and farming topics (can also include themed games and hayride loading/unloading) Once you sign up, we will reach out directly to find which role makes the most sense for you! Volunteers must be comfortable interacting with the public.

- May 16 - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Fun on the Farm - Parking

Volunteers must be 18 years or older for this role. Assist with directing cars to parking spaces and cleanup of program. Assist with directing cars to parking spaces and cleanup of program.

- May 16 - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Fun on the Farm - Check - In Table

Assist with entry ticket sales and cleanup of program. MetroParks Cash handling certification required.

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