



OCTOBER 2025

The Howl, Trunk and Treats, and Paranormal Tours, oh my!



We've got another busy month of spooktacular volunteer opportunities here in the MetroParks. From the Howl, MetroPark's costumed-canine celebration, to Trunks and Treats, a community event we host with Hamilton Parks Conservancy, and for the first time, we'll be hosting paranormal tours at Christholm Historic Farmstead. All this and more are packed into the October schedule!

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

- Antenen Nature Preserve MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve MetroPark
- Sycamore Bluffs MetroPark
- Timberhill MetroPark
- Voice of America MetroPark
- Woodsdale MetroPark

Fun on the Farm & Pioneer Life

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at this year's Fun on the Farm at Christholm MetroPark and Pioneer Life at Governor Bebb MetroPark. We can't pull off these events without your support, and both went on without a hitch this year. So, from all our staff, thank you!

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

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ID 70: Constellations

Fascinated by the night sky? You're not alone. The stars have occupied the minds of humans as far back as history exists. Whatever meaning you find in the stars, join MetroParks educators to learn to identify 7 of our favorite autumn constellations.

- October 3, - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

BC Water Festival - Fossils

The annual Butler County Children's Water Festival (also known as Water Fest), held at Miami University Hamilton Campus, engages over 1,000 4th, 5th and 6th graders with exciting hands-on activities to teach them all about the importance of water!

- October 3, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
Miami University Hamilton Campus

Nature in a Blink: Monarch Tagging

Each fall, monarch butterflies migrate up to thousands of miles to their overwintering sites in Mexico. Learn what makes these insects unique, as well as how to safely capture, tag, and release them. Become a part of an international effort to contribute valuable data, protect this endangered phenomenon, and learn what you can do to promote their success.

- October 4, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark

Farm Animals 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!

- October 10, 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!

- October 10, 10:00am-11:00am
Forest Run MetroPark

Picasso Pumpkin

Celebrate fall at Chrisholm MetroPark. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch, pick out a pumpkin, and paint it with glow-in-the-dark paint.

- October 16, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Fall Foliage Hike

Why do leaves change color, and what determines the predominant colors we see in them? Join us to enjoy nature's last bold display before the winter quiet..

- October 18, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Harbin Park
- October 18, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Rentchler Forest MetroPark

Backyard Chickens

Discover the joy of backyard chickens! From chick to chicken, you will learn the ins and outs of managing your own flock. This course will teach you everything you need to know to have happy and healthy chickens. Bring fresh eggs and sustainable living to your own backyard!

- October 25 - 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

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The Howl: Program Assistant, Check-in Table, Parking

Bark your calendars for the Howl, Voice of America MetroPark's costumed-canine celebration! Explore Wiggly Field with your dog, visit treat stations sponsored by friends from the local pet community, and compete in the cutest costume contest Butler County has ever seen.

- October 21 - 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
Voice of America MetroPark

Monster Mash

It's going to be spook-tacular! Enjoy: Store-to-Store Trick-or-Treating (while supplies last), Crafts with Fitton Center for Creative Arts, Spooky Animal Exhibit with MetroParks of Butler County, Live music by Saffire Express, Halloween Bounce House, Wednesday Addams Juggler, The Hocus Pocus Trio, Fowling with Fowling Warehouse, and more!

- October 25 - 2:30 pm-6:30 pm Liberty Center

Haunted Harvest

Food, refreshments, costume contest, and pumpkin decorating contest for kids ages 2 and up. Don't miss this fall festival only days before Halloween!

- October 26 - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Hanover Township Park

Trunk & Treats on the Trail: Program Assistant
MetroParks and Hamilton Parks Conservancy invite you to Trunks & Treats on the Trail at Millikin Woods. Join us for this FREE event and enjoy costumes, candy, and a cackling good time.

- October 28 - 3:30 pm-7:30 pm
Millikin Woods

How to Explore the Paranormal

Come out to Chrisholm MetroPark to learn the basics of exploring the unknown. Get hands-on practice with investigative tools, both new and old, as you explore this farmstead steeped in history. With the help of local experts, Spiritual Realm Paranormal Investigators, you'll even get a brief glimpse of a typical paranormal investigation.

- November 1 - 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
ChrisholmMetroPark

Fall Field Trips

If you are interested in helping with field trips but have not previously attended Field Trip Training, please email

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Looking for a chance to engage with the public and develop some naturalist/ educator skills? Join the MetroParks Programming staff for one of our Field Trip training as they prepare for the beginning of their field trip season.

1800's Farm Life

- October 2 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Living Like Pioneers

- October 6, 7, 8, 22, 23, 28, 30 - Various Times
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Fossil Expedition

- October 9, 24 - Various Times
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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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

- October 7 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- October 14 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- October 21 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Rentschler Forest 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!

- October 1 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- October 8 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- October 15 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- October 22 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
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- October 29 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark



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Barret Industries Fence Staining

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