



OCTOBER

2026

The Howl and New Volunteer Software



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. Create canine cuisine, test out enriching toys, and spark your dog's creativity to become the next Pup-casso.

We are also excited to announce a change in our volunteer sign-up and registration software. We are moving away from Better Impact to Get Connected! Get Connected should make signing up and recording your hours easier and more convenient. For those of you who have volunteered with United Way, Serve Ohio, Five Rivers MetroParks in Dayton, or are a student at UC or Miami, this should be familiar software for you, as they all use the same system! Better Impact will remain active until the end of the year, and opportunities will still be posted there. We encourage you to start using Get Connected once you have access. If you need records of your service, all information will be backed up, so please don't hesitate to reach out. Everyone should be receiving an email to activate their accounts in the next couple of days, with more details to follow!

TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

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

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

Make sure you're logging your hours on Better Impact

- Meadow Ridge MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve MetroPark
- Timberhill MetroPark

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!

FACEBOOK



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER

To register and see other events sign in to your Get Connected Account

Women Who Wander Hike

Join us each month for a casual one-hour walk for women to find community.

- October 4, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Butler County Water Festival

Every fall, the Miami University Hamilton Campus comes alive for the Children's Water Fest, a fun, hands-on event that's been inspiring kids for over 25 years!

- October 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Miami University Hamilton Campus

Nature in a Blink: Fall Foliage Hike

Why do leaves change color? What determines the colors we see? Come walk through your MetroParks to explore these answers and more.

- October 17, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

The Howl: Program Assistant

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- October 20, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Voice of America MetroPark

The Howl: Check-in Table

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The Howl: Parking

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TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Orientation.

- October 23, 11:30 am - 12:30 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? See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- October 23, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Operation Fresh Air

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

- October 29 - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Salamander Run 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!

- October 6 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- October 13 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm Green Heron MetroPark
- October 20 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm Timberman Ridge MetroPark
- October 27 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm Miami Woods

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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 users for future generations to come.

- October 7, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Davidson Woods
- October 14, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Davidson Woods
- October 21, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Davidson Woods
- October 28, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Davidson Woods

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.

- October 6, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - October 8, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - October 10, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 - October 13, 8:15 am - 1:15 pm
 - October 14, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
 - October 15, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
 - October 19, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - October 22, 8:30 am - 1:45 pm
 - October 23, 8:45 am - 1:45 pm
 - October 29, 8:45 am - 1:15 pm
- Governor Bebb MetroPark

Animal Adaptations - Field Trip

Students will learn how all animals (including us) have external parts or adaptations that help them sense the world around them. They will compare the sensory adaptations of different animals and explore how animals use those senses to live.

- October 1, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Animal Survival - Field Trip

Students will explore the basic needs of animals (focusing on shelter, water, and food) through hands-on observations with the program animals and by investigating the park habitat on a hike.

- October 5, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
- Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Food from the Farm - Field Trip

Students will tour the historic farmstead meeting animal ambassadors and using real tools. They will learn how farms turn energy and resources into the food we eat.

- October 7, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Chrisholm MetroPark

1800's Farm Life - Field Trip

What was life on the Augspurger 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.

- October 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Chrisholm MetroPark

Monster Mash

Get ready for a frightfully fun day of Halloween festivities for the whole family! Grab your costumes and join us for trick-or-treating, live entertainment, interactive activities and plenty of spooky surprises throughout Liberty Center.

- October 24, 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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