



SEPTEMBER

2026

Pioneer Life & The Clean Sweep of the Great Miami



Travel back in time to early 1800s Ohio at Governor Bebb MetroParks' historic Pioneer Village. Immerse yourself in the daily life of Midwest pioneers as you taste traditional foods, learn skills that time forgot, meet historic interpreters, play games, and make candles. We need help running the check-in table and helping programming staff operate the different activity and demonstration areas.

If living it up like a Pioneer isn't your thing, then we can use your help. The Clean Sweep is an annual volunteer event focused on removing trash and restoring the health of the Great Miami River. This river cleanup is about much more than picking up trash. It's a day for communities to demonstrate their desire for clean water and healthy rivers. It's an opportunity to learn about our river, and it's a time to come together with your families, your neighbors, your community, and your friends to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of our Great Miami River. Many partners coordinate this cleanup, and hundreds of wonderful volunteers attend.

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

- Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark
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- Forest Run MetroPark
- Governor Bebb 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!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

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Women Who Wander Hike

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

- September 2, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark

Pioneer Village Cleaning day

Join MetroParks Staff as we prepare pioneer village for the upcoming field trip and programming season!

- September 3, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Nothing by the Moon

Ohio has over 1,000 moth species, many of which are more colorful than butterflies, and they are very important for pollinating plants.

- September 4, 9:00 pm - 12:30 am
Meadow Ridge MetroPark

Oxford Hike-A-Thon

Hike-A-Thon in Oxford, Ohio signals an official goodbye to summer and an enthusiastic hello to autumn while celebrating the progress of Oxford Area Trails and Miami University Natural Area Trails!

- September 12, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Dewitt Trailhead Oxford

Monarch Tagging

Join us to learn about these amazing animals and see how to safely capture, tag, and release them to help ensure future generations.

- September 19, 9:30 am - 11:30 pm
Huffman Park

Nature in a Blink: Monarch Tagging

Join us to learn about these amazing animals and see how to safely capture, tag, and release them to help ensure future generations.

- September 19, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark

Friends of Chrisholm Cellar and Barn Tour

Join MetroParks and Friends of Chrisholm for an opportunity to view the cellar of Chrisholm with its vaulted sub-cellar, and the large Pennsylvania German historic bank barn.

- September 19, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Clean Sweep of the Great Miami

The Clean Sweep is an annual volunteer event focused on removing trash and restoring the health of the Great Miami River.

- September 20 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Great Miami River Trail

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.

- September 24 - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Meadow Ridge 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!

- September 24 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Governor Bebb 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 Orientation.

- September 25, 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!

- September 25, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Chrisholm 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!

- September 1 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- September 8 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm Green
Heron MetroPark
- September 15 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark
- September 22 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm Miami
Woods
- September 29 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm
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 users for future generations to come.

- September 2, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Davidson
Woods
- September 9, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Davidson
Woods
- September 16, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm - Davidson
Woods
- September 23, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm -
Davidson Woods
- September 30, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm -
Davidson Woods

Pioneer Life: Program Assistant

Assist with setup of program. Lead/assist with hands-on living history stations including pioneer tools and weapons, cooking, games, and other daily aspects of life in village in the 1800's. Please specify preferences for specific areas/topics (if any), eagerness to dress in 1800's historical clothing (not mandatory), and if you will provide your own historical outfit.

- September 26 - 10:30 am-5:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- September 27 - 10:30 am-5:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Field Trip Training

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 trainings as they prepare for the beginning of their field trip season.

- September 8th, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Animal Adaptation
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- September 8th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Fossil Field Trip
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- September 9th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Food from the Farm
Chrisholm MetroPark
- September 10th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Living Like Pioneers
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- September 11th, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
1800's Farm Life
Chrisholm MetroPark

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