



SEPTEMBER 2025

Help Needed: 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. This cleanup is coordinated by many partners and attended by hundreds of wonderful volunteers.

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
- Governor Bebb MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve MetroPark
- Sebald MetroPark
- Sycamore Bluffs MetroPark

Volunteer Appreciation Potluck

Join us for our new bi-monthly potluck. This is a great opportunity to share some time, knowledge, and delicious food with one another. Pizza and chips and drinks will be provided; feel free to bring any side dishes you want! Please RSVP on Better Impact We hope you will make plans to join us!
September 26th - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

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ID 70: Reptiles

Can't tell a turtle from a tortoise? How about a skink from a snake? Head out with MetroParks educators to identify 7 of our scaled residents.

- September 5, - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Gilmore Ponds 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 6, 8:30 am - 1:30 Pm
Dewitt TrailHead in Oxford

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!

- September 12 - 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!

- September 12 - 10:00am-11:00am
Salamadar Run 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 training as they prepare for the beginning of their field trip season. This training opportunity is for both new and returning volunteers.

- Fossils Field Trip
September 11, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark
- Animal Survival & Animal Adaptations Field Trip Trainings
September 18th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- Living Like Pioneers Training
September 25, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Daisy Girl Scouts

Animals are all around us if you know what to look for. Adventure out on the trails as we track the clues they leave behind and even play some of our favorite animal-themed games along the way. From tracks, to sounds, and even scat, everything will get recorded in our handmade field notes.

- September 13, 9:30 am-11:30 am
Point Pleasant Park

ID 70: Scats & Tracks

What's that scat? Whose print is that? If you've ever asked yourself, we've got the program for you! MetroParks educators will help you identify 7 different tracks and scat made by local animals.

- September 19 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Voice of America MetroPark

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Autumn Bird Hike

Migrating back to their winter homes in Central and South America, many birds make their way through Ohio on their journey. Let's see who's passing through and check in on our resident birds who will be staying through the winter!

- September 20 - 8:00 am-10:00 am
Harbin Park

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

Village Cleaning

Join MetroParks Staff for a spring cleaning of our Pioneer Village at Governor Bebb MetroPark. We'll be opening up all the cabins to prepare them for the upcoming field trip and programming season!

- September 23 - 9:00 am-12:30 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Farm School

Come get your hands dirty and experience the satisfaction of farm work firsthand! We will provide hands-on training while you spend the morning helping us care for Chrisholm's farm animals.

- September 24 - 9:00 am-12:30 pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

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- September 26 - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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 27 - 10:30 am-4:00 pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- September 28 - 10:30 am-4:00 pm
Governor Bebb 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

- September 2 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Green Heron MetroPark
- September 9 - 10:00am-12:00pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- September 23 - 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!

- September 3 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Line Hill Mound MetroPark
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