

*Bricks are a great way  
to set life's special  
moments in stone.*

As a birthday gift

As an anniversary gift

As a wedding gift

As a holiday gift

As a memorial tribute

As a tribute to a beloved pet

As a way to show your support  
for Wildwood Preserve

## Metz Visitors Center at Wildwood Preserve



5100 West Central Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43615-2106

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A Great Gift Idea!

# GetConnected! Buy A Legacy Brick

*A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity  
to be a part of the Metz Visitors Center  
at Wildwood Preserve Metropark*



# Be Part of the Historic Metz Visitors Center



The Stranahan family initially purchased the stunning Oak Openings property we now know as Wildwood Preserve, as a natural setting to ride their many horses, far from the bustle of modern life. It is no surprise then, that

the first home constructed on their sprawling estate housed their equine companions. Finished in 1936, the horse stables once included a second story apartment for the estate's horse trainer, a blacksmith shop, stalls to accommodate many horses and a sitting room with a large fireplace to relax after a lively ride across the 750 acre property.

Features of this attractive, yet practical structure were repeated throughout the estate's other support buildings when the family decided to make the property their permanent home in the late 1930s. The stable's white picket fences and graceful arches set the tone for the many structures that now accommodate visitors at the district's most popular park.

Metroparks purchased the former Stranahan Estate in 1974, after Lucas County voters generously approved a levy to create Wildwood Preserve. Recognizing the beauty, legacy and utility of the estate's historic structures, Metroparks' management decided to employ adaptive re-use concepts in an effort to

preserve the site's buildings by finding new uses for them. To this end, the former horse stables were converted into the Metz Visitors Center and serve as the primary trailhead in the preserve. Stables that once housed horses now feature an interactive Window on Wildlife display where visitors can observe nature in action throughout the entire year. Restrooms, visitor lockers and Metroparks customer service department reside in the center ready to assist visitors any way possible.

This beautiful structure remains as important and beloved today as it was when first constructed over 70 years ago. Now you have the opportunity to add your name to its storied history and ensure its preservation for this and future generations.

*Photo: Barbara Stranahan, circa 1940*

## Your Legacy Bricks

Each brick will have up to three lines of text, 12 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation). To preserve the historical character of the area, no logos or other artwork will be used in the brick walkway.

Metroparks reserves the right to approve all copy to be engraved on the bricks. For more information, call 419-407-9723.

Complete this form and return it to Metroparks, 5100 West Central Avenue, Toledo, OH 43615-2106.

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total pavers @ \$150 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card:     Visa    or     MasterCard

Card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please print name as it appears on credit card

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Metroparks of the Toledo Area*

### Your Message


In Memory of       In Honor of

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Person to notify of my gift

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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