



**METROPARKS
TOLEDO**

Give Time ... Give Talent ... Give Back

The following are descriptions of the different volunteer programs at Metroparks. Individuals may volunteer in one area or several areas. Training is provided as needed. Other opportunities may be available. To learn about our current volunteer needs, please attend a Volunteer Orientation, call 419-407-9703, or go to www.metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer

Maintain Our Parks

Garden Keeper *Lori Miller*

Adopt a landscape bed at your favorite Metropark. Duties include planting, plant care, weeding, edging, and additional tasks needed to keep the ornamental beds in tip top shape.
Spring—Fall; Various parks

Stewardship Volunteer *Annie Devine*

Participate in restoration projects throughout the park district. Stewardship Projects include removal of invasive plants, prairie seed gathering and tree planting. Programs including Land Stewardship Work Days, Global Youth Service Day and Make a Difference Day.
Year round; Various parks

Maintenance Aide *Annie Devine*

Help keep Metroparks clean and green by participating in the care and preservation of the parks. Projects include trail maintenance, gardening, green house plant care, playground upkeep, painting, and general park cleanup. Join us throughout the year at Global Youth Service Day, Make a Difference Day, or volunteer on your own as your schedule permits. Individuals and groups welcome!
Year round; Various parks

Native Seed Nursery *Annie Devine*

Help operate the native seed nursery while learning more about native plants through this hands-on experience. Activities include transplanting, weeding, seed cleaning and seed collecting.
Year round; Blue Creek Conservation Area

Window on Wildlife *Lori Miller*

Volunteer to maintain one of Metroparks Windows on Wildlife. Duties include filling and cleaning feeders, washing finger and nose prints off the windows, and general upkeep of both the inside and outside of these facilities.
Year round; Various parks

Educating Our Visitors

Manor House Docent *Kelly Griffin*

Share the history and beauty of Wildwood Preserve's Manor House as a Docent for public tours.
Year round; Wildwood

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Oak Grove School Volunteer *Kelly Griffin*

The Oak Grove School is a restored 1890s one-room school house. Volunteers act as docents and greeters, informing visitors about early school days as they experience a typical day in the classroom.
Year round; Wildwood

Facility Host *Lori Miller*

Facility Rental Host volunteers are needed to show off the Metroparks rental facilities during monthly open houses.
Year round; Various parks.

Roving Interpreter *Lori Miller*

Share your love of the outdoors with others. Volunteers use exciting interpretive materials to educate park visitors about the wide variety of plants and animals that make their homes at Metroparks.
Year round; Various parks & out in the community

Volunteer Trail Patrol *Lori Miller*

While walking or biking Metropark trails, these dedicated volunteers answer questions for park visitors and identify any potential issues they may see while they are patrolling.
May - April; Various parks

Walk Leader *Trish Hausknecht*

With guidance and training from Metroparks staff, these volunteers walk the beautiful Metropark trails while leading interpretive nature walks for area schools and the general public.
Year round; Various parks

Monitoring Our Natural Resources

Bat Monitor *Annie Devine*

Using a device called the Anabat, volunteers are able to record and hear bat echolocation as they walk through various Metroparks. These sound recordings can be used to identify bat species active in the area.
June - August; Various parks

Breeding Raptor Monitor *Annie Devine*

Search for signs of hawks, owls and other raptors in the Oak Openings Region. On designated dates throughout the season, volunteers survey and record raptor occurrences.
March - May; Oak Openings

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Butterfly Monitor *Annie Devine*

Butterfly Monitors will assist with locating and identifying butterfly species. This effort is part of a larger, statewide long term monitoring project in which data can reveal long term population trends.

April - October; Various parks

Cavity Nesting Birds Program *Annie Devine*

Help Metroparks keep tabs on cavity nesting bird populations. Monitor nesting boxes on Metroparks property, check your box(es) weekly, record your findings and report the data to staff.

April - August; Various parks

Frog Survey *Annie Devine*

Learn to distinguish frogs simply by hearing their calls. Team up with a fellow volunteer or two to participate in this night time count of breeding frog and toad species.

March through May; Oak Openings

Plant Monitor *Annie Devine*

Assist with locating, identifying, measuring and counting rare plant species within Metroparks in order to maximize efforts to protect these species and their habitats.

April - September; Various parks

Vernal Pool Monitor *Annie Devine*

Investigate the biodiversity of these unique habitats by identifying aquatic life. Volunteers work as part of a team to survey a vernal pool.

Spring to Fall; Various Parks

Water Quality Monitor *Annie Devine*

Assist staff in the use of biological monitoring to determine the water quality of streams and rivers in and near Metroparks.

May through October; Various parks

Assisting With Programs

Counselor in Training (CIT) *Kelly Griffin*

Teens ages 14-18 have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, earn service hours and gain experience in outdoor education while interacting with campers ages 3-15. Recruitment is January-March.

Summer; Various park

Program Assistant *Kelly Griffin*

Each year numerous volunteers are needed for a variety of programs throughout the park district. From Outdoor Skills, Environmental Education, Interpretation of the Manor House.

Year round; Various parks

Program Assistant - Outdoor Skills *Lori Miller*

Assist staff during fun outdoor adventure programs. Whether you like archery, paddle sports, fishing, or snowshoeing, Metroparks has an opportunity for you.

Year round; Various parks

Public Relations and Administration

Information Table Host *Kelly Griffin*

Help Metroparks get the word out! Hosts are needed to staff information tables at area festivals, public events and at Metroparks.

Year round; Various parks and out in the community

Mascot Corp *Trish Hausknecht*

Appear at Special Events in the park and in the community as Otis the Oak Leaf, Owlberta the Barred Owl, or Boggs the Leopard Frog. Must be at least 18 years of age and have an outgoing personality. Mascot Handlers, who speak and interact with the public during a Mascot appearance, are also needed.

Year round; Various parks and out in the community

NCNP Gallery Host *Kelly Griffin*

Greet the public as they enter the National Center for Nature Photography to view beautiful photos of nature. Volunteers are needed during the weekend open hours.

Year round; Secor

Additional Opportunities

Scouts *Annie Devine*

For decades, local Scout Programs have completed service projects in the Metroparks as part of the requirements for advancement throughout their program. Projects range from building boardwalks and bridges, to native planting and invasive species removal.

Year round; Various parks

Friends Groups *Trish Hausknecht*

Friends Groups provide programs and assist with special projects and fundraising events in support of Metroparks. Friends groups include Friends of Side Cut, Friends of Pearson, Volunteers in Parks, and Manor House Volunteers.

Year round; Various parks

Volunteer Internship *Trish Hausknecht*

These meaningful learning experiences are available throughout the year in a wide variety of departments. Internships may include experiences with Camp, at the Canal Experience, with Natural Resources and at Special Events.

Year round; Various parks

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