



SPRING 2019

# Visitor Guide

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Outside  
Yourself.**





## *Finally, Spring!*

Wildwood Willie's Groundhog Day forecast was accurate: We have, indeed, had six more weeks of winter since February 2.

Right on cue, March roared in like a lion with a blast of cold air. And Maumee River ice was still piled high at Side Cut even as fishermen were getting antsy for the start of the spring walleye run.

We deserve the break that spring will bring.

Soon, the songs of the warblers will return, green leaves will sprout and the trails will be bustling again.

If you are ready to shake the winter blahs and Get Outside Yourself, here are a few suggestions for those first spring weekends.

- Visit Howard Marsh. The newest Metropark, not yet a year old, has a 1,000-foot boardwalk through the marsh and six miles of hiking trail. Last year, it quickly became a must-see destination for birders because of the variety of shorebirds it attracted.
- Hit the trails, especially one you haven't hiked or biked before. A 1.4-mile stretch of the Chessie Circle Trail in South Toledo opened last year. The Moseley Trail, which will be dedicated in April, is even newer. The two-mile trail connects Secor and Wiregrass Lake Metroparks.
- Attend a program. Kayaking, tree climbing, nature walks for all ages and other programs are a great way to get into the swing of spring and enjoy the best of what the Metroparks has to offer.

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### Reservations

Program Reservations: 419-407-9700

Online Reservations:

[MetroparksToledo.com](https://www.metroparkstoledo.com)

Volunteer Services: 419-407-9703

### There's More!

For a complete list of events and programs, go to [MetroparksPrograms.com](https://www.metroparkstoledo.com).

For more information about Metroparks, visit [MetroparksToledo.com](https://www.metroparkstoledo.com).



# About Metroparks

The mission of Metroparks Toledo is to conserve the region's natural resources by creating, developing, improving, protecting, and promoting clean, safe, and natural parks and open spaces for the benefit, enjoyment, education, and general welfare of the public.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

All Metroparks open daily, 7 am until dark. Admission is free. Other hours and fees apply to specific attractions.

## **PROGRAMS**

Metroparks programs and activities encompass a wide variety of interests related to the park district's purpose. Programs are open to everyone. Children must be accompanied by adults unless noted as a drop-off program.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

If you would like information and support for accessibility to programs, services, facilities or applying for a job at Metroparks, call 419-407-9700.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Metroparks Toledo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Go to the Careers page on our website to complete an employee interest form for future job postings. Seasonal hiring starts in January.

## **METROPARKS TRAILS**

Trails in each of the Metroparks offer a variety of distances and experiences, from winding dirt paths through the woods and prairies, to hard surfaces for bicycling and skating. Oak Openings Preserve also has horse trails.

A close-up photograph of several light purple flowers with yellow centers. A small black ant is visible on one of the petals. The background is a soft-focus green.

# *Wildwood Preserve*

*Natural beauty, local history and a million visitors are part of the Wildwood story.*

Natural beauty and manmade elegance come together as one at Wildwood Preserve, the busiest of the Metroparks, with more than a million visitors annually. The 493-acre park is the former estate of Toledo's Stranahan family, whose home, now known as the Manor House, it is available for tours and rentals. Trails begin at the Visitors Center, formerly the riding stables for the estate. Trails lead to a footbridge over the Ottawa River and a scenic stream-side boardwalk.

**5100 W. CENTRAL AVENUE  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43615**

## *Park Highlights*

As winter fades to spring, walk the trails at Wildwood and see what animal tracks you can find in the mud of April showers. The Blue trail offers a vivid display of wildflowers including wild phlox and wild geranium.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**WARD PAVILION & MANOR HOUSE  
WHITETAIL SHELTER  
FARMHOUSE**



# Howard Marsh

## *Newest Metropark restores marsh near Lake Erie shore.*

The newest Metropark is the second largest in the system – twice the size of Wildwood Preserve – as well as the closest to the Lake Erie Shore. Howard Marsh is a large birdbath located at the crossroads of two migratory flyways. For the human visitors, a long trail with a boardwalk into a restored marsh, and a waterway through the marsh, offer exciting new experiences.

**611 S. HOWARD ROAD  
CURTICE, OHIO 43412**

**TRAILS:** 6 miles of dike top walking trail; includes a ¼-mile boardwalk into the marsh

**SURFACE:** Mowed natural surface

**ACTIVITIES:** May 11, International Migratory Bird Day

## *Park Highlights*

A wide variety of birds awaits birding enthusiasts in May, as migratory birds return to the area to refuel and rest as they travel. As the weather warms, enjoy the breeze from Lake Erie.



# Oak Openings Preserve

*The largest Metropark is a small part of an important region.*

Located between Whitehouse and Swanton, Oak Openings Preserve takes its name from the surrounding region, which is 23 times larger than the park itself. Oak Openings, Secor, Wiregrass Lake and Westwinds Metroparks are all located in the Oak Openings Corridor.

## **MAJESTY IN ITS NATURAL HABITAT**

Pioneers trudging through a dense swamp called this area “Oak Openings.” Most of the park is an oak savanna ecosystem, characterized by alternating wetlands and vegetated dunes. The Nature Conservancy once named the sandy region one of the 200 “Last Great Places on Earth.”

Prickly-pear cactus, wild lupine and sand cherry bloom atop dry, hot sand dunes not far from orchids growing in low, wet swales. Stands of isolated pine and spruce planted by the WPA during the Great Depression are still visible.

Oak Openings is a birder’s paradise. It is the nesting place of bluebirds, indigo buntings, whippoorwills, lark sparrows and many other species, as well as an excellent location to see migrating songbirds in spring.

Naturalists, birders, hikers, equestrians and researchers converge at Oak Openings, which is a popular destination for recreation, quiet reflection and nature study.



## *Park Details*

**5402 WILKINS ROAD  
WHITEHOUSE, OHIO 43571**

**TRAILS:** 11

**MILES:** 67.3

**SURFACES:** Native Material, Hard Surface, Crushed Stone

**ACTIVITIES:** Nature Walks & Hiking, Running, Biking, Playground, Birding, Window on Wildlife, Summer Camps, Horseback Riding, Fishing, Camping, Cross-Country Skiing, Beach Ridge Single Track Trail

**NOTES:** Oak Openings is connected by the Wabash-Cannonball Trail to Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Side Cut Metroparks.

## *Park Highlights*

Take a stroll through Oak Openings in May and see why the area is host to Blue Week! Sign-up for a program to learn about blue-racers, blue-spotted salamanders or blue-birds, that are all found the Oak Openings Region.

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## *Rental Facilities*

### **CARETAKER'S COTTAGE**

A small cottage available for rent to families or groups to enjoy the sounds of nature. Sleeps up to 8 comfortably.

### **BUEHNER CENTER**

A great indoor rental facility for your next family gathering, graduation party, or corporate event. Kitchenette and electricity are available.

### **OAK OPENINGS LODGE**

The view at this historical building is beautiful inside and out. Located in the woods, the Lodge is a popular wedding venue, with a stone fireplace, a spacious kitchen and a patio. The room accommodates 80 to 100 people.

### **PINE RIDGE CHALET**

A secluded retreat in a pine plantation. Sleeps 5 with room for an outdoor gathering of up to 20.

### **WHITE OAK CAMPGROUND**

This primitive campground offers the opportunity for tent campers to rent individual or group campsites.

### **SPRINGBROOK CAMPGROUND**

This primitive campground offers the opportunity for tent campers to rent individual or group campsites. There are two sites with horse corrals, so riders can now camp with their horses.



# Maumee River Parks

## *Three Metroparks all connected by the Towpath Trail overlook the Maumee River.*

The young Metroparks district secured a lease for these former “canal lands” in the early 1930s from the State of Ohio, providing the backbone for the riverside parks we enjoy today.

### **PROVIDENCE**

History comes to life at Providence Metropark, where a water-powered mill still grinds grain and saws logs. Nearby, mules pull an 1870s canal boat loaded with passengers through an original Miami & Erie Canal lock.

New: You can launch your canoe or kayak from a new access off Grand Rapids Road.

### **BEND VIEW**

You'll find Bend View on just about any list of the most scenic places in Lucas County. The park overlooks a dramatic 90-degree bend in the Maumee. A shelter built by Depression-era workers awaits those who hike from either the Bend View or Farnsworth parking areas.

### **FARNSWORTH**

Farnsworth is a sentimental favorite for generations of scouts and families who hiked, camped and picnicked at the narrow riverside park with 30-foot bluffs overlooking the river.

Visit the most significant geologic feature in NW Ohio! The Bowling Green Fault line can be seen when river levels are low; look for a fracture in the river's bluff with a stream flowing between two plates in the Earth. You'll find this just upstream of Roche de Bout and the old Interurban Bridge.



## *Park Details*

**PROVIDENCE METROPARK**  
13200 S. RIVER ROAD (HISTORIC AREA)  
13827 S. RIVER ROAD (DAM AREA)  
GRAND RAPIDS, OHIO 43522

**BEND VIEW METROPARK**  
10040 S. RIVER ROAD  
WATERVILLE, OHIO 43566

**FARNSWORTH METROPARK**  
8505 S. RIVER ROAD  
WATERVILLE, OHIO 43566

**TRAILS:** 2

**MILES:** 10.55

**SURFACES:** Native Material, Crushed Stone

**ACTIVITIES:** Nature Walks & Hiking, Running, Biking, Playgrounds, Birding, Fishing, Paddling Sports, Boat Launch, Camping

**NOTES:** The Towpath multi-use trail is 9 miles one-way connecting all three parks.

## *Park Highlights*

May begins the Canal Experience season at Providence Metropark! Take a stroll at a leisurely pace on the towpath and say hi to those traveling back to 1876.

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## *Rental Facilities*

### **TIMBER SHELTER**

A new rental facility near the playground and boat launch at Farnsworth.

### **PROVIDENCE DAM SHELTER**

A large, historic rental facility near the Dam at Providence, overlooks the Maumee River.

### **FARNSWORTH CAMPGROUND**

Primitive campsites on the banks of the Maumee River. Fire rings and firewood included.

### **GRANGER ISLAND CABIN AND TENT PLATFORMS**

Available Memorial Day through November 1.

### **MIAMI AND ERIE SHELTERS**



# Blue Creek

## *Blue Creek is a quiet retreat in the country.*

Blue Creek is still in development, but portions are now open. A one-mile loop trail begins at the old hog barn on Shadel Road and leads you through a wetland to scenic quarry pond. Bring a fishing pole! The entrance on Providence Road winds back to the former Nona France Quarry, which was recently opened for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and stand up paddleboarding. A grassy launch is now available for public use.

Blue Creek is operated in partnership with the Village of Whitehouse, Nature's Nursery and the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District. It is home to Metroparks native seed nursery.

**7825 SHADEL ROAD  
WHITEHOUSE, OHIO 43571**

## *Park Highlights*

Go on a fossil hunt at Blue Creek. The bedrock along the western edge of the Nona France Quarry as well as the bedrock at the smaller quarry pond will reveal fossils such as brachiopods and horned coral. Remember to take only pictures of these protected treasures.



# *Fallen Timbers Battlefield*



*Three amazing sites.  
One extraordinary  
Metropark.*

From the street, the connection between Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Fallen Timbers Monument and Fort Miamis aren't obvious. But all three sites are forever connected and each is reminiscent of a substantial turning point in our nation's history. Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site is managed by Metroparks and also Affiliated Unit of the National Park Service.

**4949 N. JEROME ROAD  
MAUMEE, OHIO 43537**

## *Park Highlights*

Late spring is a perfect time to take a walk in the footsteps of those who fought for the Maumee River Valley. Interpretive signs along the trail offer a great self-guided tour, complete with snapshots of the Fallen Timbers history.

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## *Rental Facilities*

### **VISITOR CENTER**

An indoor rental space great for corporate meetings, family gatherings and more.



# Pearson

*There's always something to do at Pearson.*

From birding to baseball to picnicking and fishing, there's something for everyone at Pearson. This Metropark is one of the last remaining stands of the Great Black Swamp, a notorious forest that once blanketed much of northwest Ohio. Activities abound and examples of work done by the Depression-era programs are all around you.

Activities and attractions include baseball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, fishing, a playground and the Johlin Cabin.

**761 LALLENDORF ROAD AT SR2  
OREGON, OHIO 43616**

## *Park Highlights*

As a last remnant of the Great Black Swamp, Pearson offers rich, dark soil perfect for many flowers, including the rare red baneberry that blooms in late May and early June.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**MACOMBER LODGE  
HOMESTEAD SHELTER  
PACKER-HAMMERSMITH CENTER  
TENNIS COURT SHELTER  
PLAYGROUND SHELTER  
BLACK SWAMP SHELTER**



# Toledo Botanical Garden

## *A museum for plants.*

Toledo Botanical Garden offers visitors the opportunity to share, discover and enjoy nature's beauty. With over sixty acres of display gardens and relevant plant collections, TBG is full of beauty, tranquility and opportunities for exploration and reflection.

Green thumbs come to the Garden to learn more about the varieties of annuals and perennials nestled within the various beds and look for ways to incorporate new ideas into their home landscapes.

**5403 ELMER DRIVE  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43615**

## *Park Highlights*

Beautifully cultivated gardens begin to show their colors as the spring warms Toledo Botanical Gardens.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**CONFERENCE CENTER  
SMALL PARK WITH ARCHES  
LAKE LAWN  
GRAND ALLEE  
PERENNIAL GARDEN  
POND GAZEBO**



# Swan Creek Preserve

*Relax and enjoy nature without leaving the city at a pleasant urban oasis.*

Swan Creek Preserve provides a pleasant, pastoral respite from city life for people who look to the park to connect with nature.

Activities and attractions include scenic overlooks along the trails, a swinging bridge, indoor and picnic shelters, a playground and a Window on Wildlife.

**4659 AIRPORT HIGHWAY  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43614  
2ND ENTRANCE:  
4100 GLENDALE AVENUE**

## *Park Highlights*

The forest floor is not the only place to view beautiful spring blooms. Look into the trees to see the showy floral display of Ohio buckeyes and tulip magnolias.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**YAGER CENTER  
MARY JANE GILL SHELTER  
SWAN CREEK GAZEBO**

The perfect spot for an outdoor wedding.



# Secor

## *A mini Oak Openings with virtues all its own.*

Many distinguishing characteristics of this charming park include its location in the Oak Openings Region, northwest Ohio's largest concentration of native dogwood and a restored tallgrass prairie.

In 2003, the National Center for Nature Photography opened on the site with rotating exhibits from prominent nature photographers.

Additional attractions and amenities include large picnic areas, playing fields, indoor meeting rooms, picnic shelters and a Window on Wildlife.

New: Take the Red Trail and enjoy a new boardwalk through the park's wetter areas.

**10001 W. CENTRAL AVENUE  
BERKEY, OHIO 43504**

## *Park Highlights*

Once home to an arboretum Secor offers the visitor amazing displays of tree and spring wildflower diversity. Journey along the Yellow trail for a glimpse of the great variety.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**SECOR ROOM  
WALNUT GROVE SHELTER  
LONE OAK SHELTER  
MEADOWVIEW SHELTER**



# Side Cut

*Enjoy fishing, sightseeing and communing with nature where it all began.*

Side Cut was the first Metropark and an interesting slice of American history. Today, Side Cut is a refuge for fishermen from around the country as walleye swim upriver to spawn. The “spring run” is the largest of its kind on the Great Lakes.

Activities and attractions within Side Cut include river access, a sledding hill, playground, an indoor facility, picnic shelters, and a Window on Wildlife.

**1025 W. RIVER ROAD  
MAUMEE, OHIO 43537**

**NOTE:** Side Cut is connected via the Wabash-Cannonball Trail to Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Oak Openings Preserve Metroparks.

## *Park Highlights*

As the ice and water from winter recede, Side Cut welcomes back the Walleye. Grab a fishing pole and enjoy some of the best sport fishing in Ohio.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**LAMB CENTER  
MAUMEE ROTARY PAVILION SHELTER  
RIVERVIEW SHELTER**



# Middlegrounds

*An urban oasis with something for everyone.*

The first Metropark in downtown Toledo offers amazing views of the Maumee River and city skyline. Pull up a park bench and watch the lake freighters go by. Drop a fishing line, launch a kayak or take a stroll on a new 1.5-mile loop trail.

Now open: Metroparks first off-leash dog area along Ottawa Street. You can now rent kayaks in the park.

The new Rotary Roundhouse picnic shelter, available by reservation, resembles a railroad roundhouse once located on the property.

The park hosts programs that appeal to neighbors and downtown office workers alike.

**111 OTTAWA STREET  
DOWNTOWN TOLEDO, OHIO  
UNDER THE ANTHONY WAYNE BRIDGE**

## *Park Highlights*

Stretch your legs after a long winter, by walking along the Maumee River at Middlegrounds. Colorful little warblers will be traveling through in May, while herons and egrets can be seen by the water throughout spring.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**ROTARY ROUNDHOUSE**



# Westwinds

## *Region's only public 3D archery course.*

Bring your own equipment during normal operating hours, or attend programs offered through Metroparks where gear is provided. See the Outdoor Skills programs listed at [MetroparksPrograms.com](http://MetroparksPrograms.com) for upcoming programs.

Westwinds is also home to the Flying Tigers RC Model Club, and its members can often be seen flying their remote-control aircraft from the airstrip that they maintain.

Additional features include a shelter and a planned walking trail.

**9918 GEISER ROAD  
HOLLAND, OHIO 43528**

## *Park Highlights*

Listen for the calls of wild turkeys as you walk the trail at Westwinds. These giant upland birds make ground nests, and when their young are learning to forage, you might observe their families feasting on mulberries or other fruits.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**TURKEY FOOT SHELTER**



# Wiregrass Lake

*From lazing on the shore to fishing off the dock, Wiregrass Lake makes for a lovely day on the water.*

The namesake lake is the first thing you will notice at Wiregrass. The scenic water is open for canoeing and kayaking, as well as fishing from the shore or the dock. An accessible launch with rollers is available to assist paddlers entering or returning from the lake.

Attractions and activities at Wiregrass Lake include the lake itself, the boat dock with canoe and kayak launch, a trail around the lake and three primitive camping sites near the lakeshore.

**201 N. EBER ROAD  
HOLLAND, OHIO 43528**

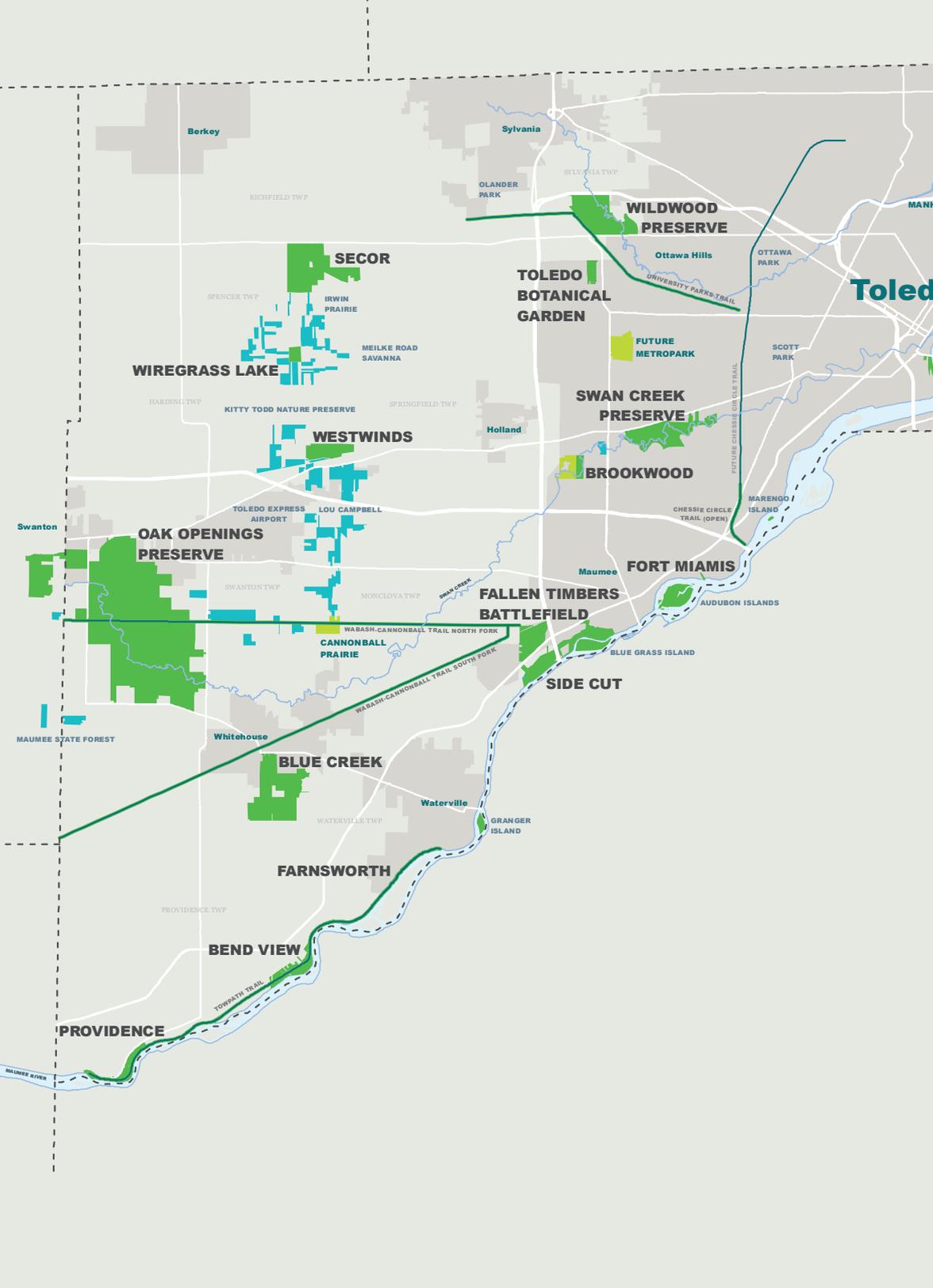
## *Park Highlights*

Start your camping season early at Wiregrass Lake and enjoy the returning migratory dragonflies and songbirds, as well as the flowering trillium that adorns the campsite areas. Picking can destroy these plants that live several decades, so please be gentle and leave them where they grow.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**MEADOWHAWK SHELTER  
WIREGRASS LAKE CAMPGROUND**



Berkey

Sylvania

RICHFIELD TWP

OLANDER PARK

SYLVANIA TWP

**WILDWOOD PRESERVE**

Ottawa Hills

OTTAWA PARK

**SECOR**

**TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDEN**

SPENCER TWP

IRWIN PRAIRIE

MEILKE ROAD SAVANNA

**FUTURE METROPARK**

SCOTT PARK

**WIREGRASS LAKE**

HARDING TWP

KITTY TODD NATURE PRESERVE

SPRINGFIELD TWP

Holland

**SWAN CREEK PRESERVE**

**BROOKWOOD**

FUTURE CHESSIE CIRCLE TRAIL

**OAK OPENINGS PRESERVE**

TOLEDO EXPRESS AIRPORT

LOU CAMPBELL

CHESSIE CIRCLE TRAIL (OPEN)

MARENGO ISLAND

Swanton

SWANTON TWP

MONCLOVA TWP

SWAN CREEK

Maumee

**FORT MIAMIS**

AUDUBON ISLANDS

**FALLEN TIMBERS BATTLEFIELD**

WARASH-CANNONBALL TRAIL NORTH FORK

**CANNONBALL PRAIRIE**

WARASH-CANNONBALL TRAIL SOUTH FORK

**SIDE CUT**

BLUE GRASS ISLAND

MAUMEE STATE FOREST

Whitehouse

**BLUE CREEK**

Waterville

GRANGER ISLAND

**FARNSWORTH**

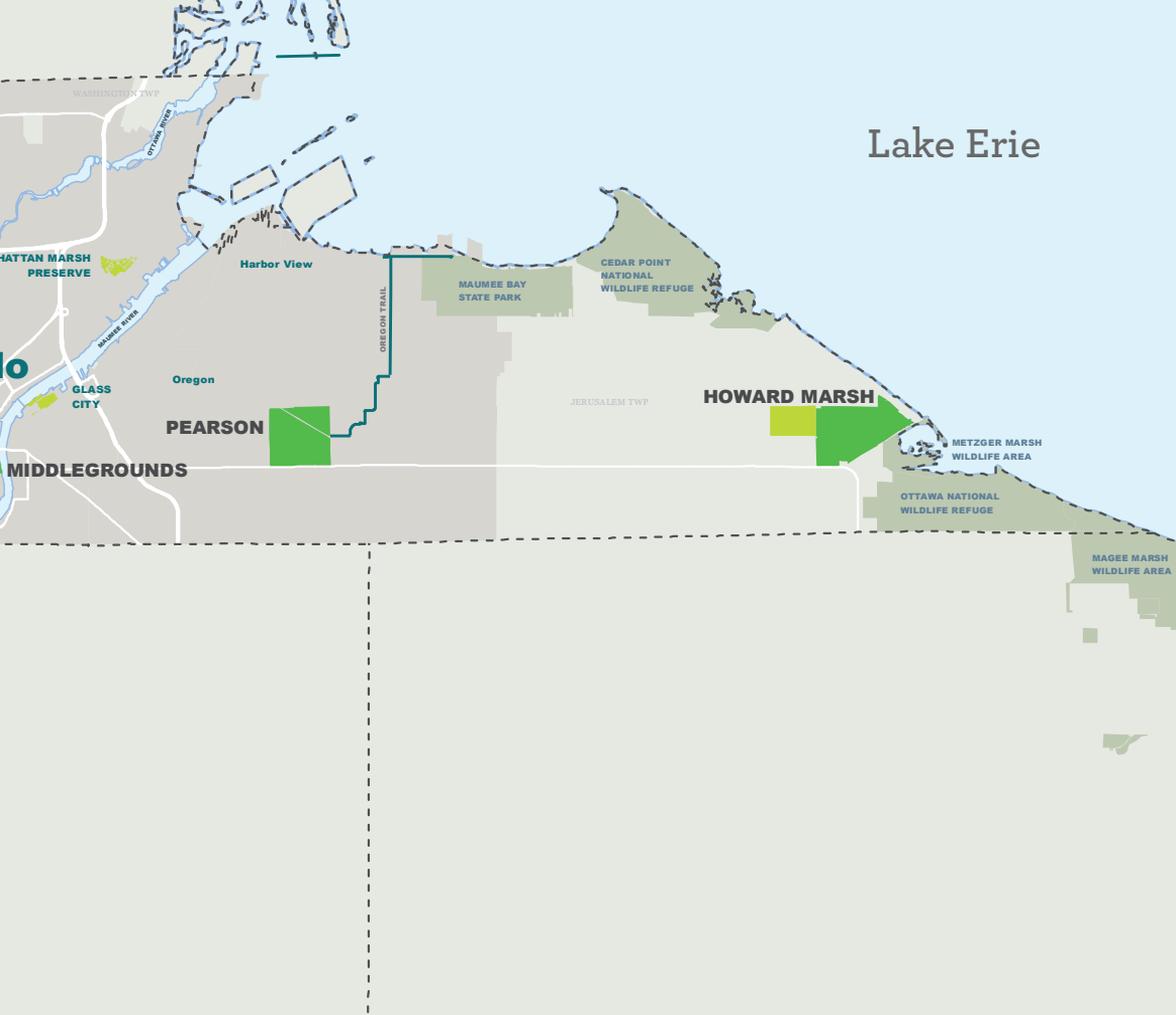
PROVIDENCE TWP

**BEND VIEW**

TOWPATH TRAIL

**PROVIDENCE**

MAUMEE RIVER



Lake Erie

## Connecting People to Parks

Soon, every Lucas County resident will be within five miles of a Metropark. This milestone is the result of new projects being completed and new corridors and greenways connecting the parks, making them more accessible than ever before.

View an interactive map of the region and each of its parks at [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com).

### MAP LEGEND

-  INTERSTATES
-  MAJOR ROADWAYS
-  WATERWAY
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-  FUTURE METROPARKS
-  RESTRICTED/LIMITED ACCESS METROPARKS PROPERTY
-  OTHER PARKS & PRESERVES
-  MUNICIPALITY



## Summer Camps

### WEE WORKSHOP CAMP – CHILD AND ADULT

There is so much magic that awaits us as Metroparks! Sign up for this nature-fueled program where kids will learn about birds, butterflies, flowers and animals while they enjoy outdoor adventures, crafts, story time and nature walks. Dress for outdoor play and bring a water bottle. Children should be toilet independent. Register child only. Fee: \$85 (Members \$75), Reservations

#### **JULY 8 THROUGH 12**

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to Noon  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center*

### WEE WORKSHOP CAMP: CHILD ONLY (AGES 3 TO 5)

There is so much magic that awaits us at Metroparks! Sign up for this nature-fueled program where kids will learn about birds, butterflies, flowers and animals while they enjoy outdoor adventures, crafts, story time and nature walks. Dress for outdoor play, and bring a water bottle. Fee \$105 (Members \$95), Reservations

#### **JULY 8 THROUGH 12**

Monday - Friday, 1 to 3 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center*

#### **JULY 29 THROUGH AUGUST 2**

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to Noon  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

#### **JULY 29 THROUGH AUGUST 2**

Monday - Friday, 1 to 3 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

*Interested in helping?*

**METROPARKS PROGRAMS ARE  
SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTEERS.**

*Call Volunteer Services at 419-407-9703  
for more information.*

## **OUTDOOR EXPLORERS CAMP (AGES 5 TO 7)**

Take advantage of this immersive program, where Outdoor Explorers will have a week-long adventure experiencing how plants and animals at Metroparks use water! Campers will explore how 'water works' and learn their role in water conservation as they chase insects through the meadow, splash in the river and search woodland trails for wildlife. Take part in hands-on experiments, games, crafts and learn new outdoor skills. Camp will be held daily, with rainy day program options if necessary. A daily snack is provided. Fee: \$160 (Members \$150), Reservations

### **JUNE 10 THROUGH 14**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

### **JUNE 24 THROUGH 28**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge*

### **JULY 22 THROUGH 26**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

### **AUGUST 5 THROUGH 9**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

## **NATURE CAMP (AGES 8 TO 12)**

Nature, science and history are all related. Join us for Nature Camp, where you'll combine outdoor activities with other disciplines to experience how plants and animals at Metroparks use water! Campers will explore how 'water works' and learn their role in water conservation as they investigate rivers, forest and dunes. Challenge yourself with hands-on activities, games, crafts and learn new outdoor skills. Bring a friend or make a new one here. Camp will be held daily, with rainy day program options if necessary. A daily snack will be provided. Fee: \$210 (Members \$200), Reservations

### **JUNE 17 THROUGH 21**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

### **JULY 15 THROUGH 19**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge*

## **SURVIVAL CAMP (AGES 8 TO 12)**

Learn how to survive in the wilderness in this exciting and active camp. You'll face and overcome obstacles during very busy outdoor activities, gaining individual and team skills through hands-on learning activities. You'll learn about the importance of the basics of life: food, water and shelter. And you'll gain confidence from knowing what steps to take in the wilderness. Put your skills to work and see if you can survive an optional overnight campout at the Oak Openings Lodge on July 11 and 12. Separate registration required. Fee: \$185 (Members \$175), Reservations

### **JULY 8 THROUGH 12**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge*

## **SURVIVAL CAMP OVERNIGHT (AGES 8 AND UP)**

Survival campers, are you ready to take on the Oak Openings overnight? Here is your chance to put your survival skills to the test. With your adult chaperone you will build your own shelter and sleep in it overnight. Plan to do a little night fishing on Mallard Lake and then tell some fish stories around the campfire. Bring your own tent or borrow one of ours if you prefer. Eat dinner before you come, snacks will be provided. Limited camping equipment available to borrow upon request (please list under special needs). This overnight is available only to survival campers and one adult chaperone. Please register adult in section 03 and child in section 02. Please note that survival camp is a prerequisite and must be purchased or in your cart before you may purchase survival camp overnight. Fee: \$45 (Members \$36), Reservations

### **JULY 11 AND 12**

Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge*

## **ARCHERY CAMP (AGES 8 TO 12)**

Calling all young Katnisses and Green Arrows! Transform into an archer after a mere five days of instruction. This program focuses on the basics, so it's perfect for beginners and those with some archery experience wishing to practice their skills, too. The camp will conclude in a friendly competition on Friday. Ready, Aim Fire! Hit the bullseye with us at Westwinds. Fee: \$185 (Members \$175), Reservations

### **JUNE 17 THROUGH 21**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Westwinds, Static Archery Range*

## **PADDLING CAMP (AGES 8 TO 12)**

Paddlesports are all the rage this summer and this action-packed, week-long program! You'll build technique and teamwork skills as you learn the basics of canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding. Most importantly, you'll learn how to stay safe on the water. Paddling Camp includes in-water activities, so campers should be prepared to get wet. Thursday evening, enjoy an optional overnight camping experience and glow paddle after dark? Please register for the Paddling Camp Overnight separately. Fee: \$210 (Members \$200), Reservations

### **JULY 22 THROUGH 26**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Blue Creek Nona France*

## **PADDLING CAMP - OVERNIGHT (AGES 8 AND UP)**

Grab your tent and head to an evening of camping the beautiful Blue Creek Nona France Quarry Pond area! This family overnight trip will feature a night-time glow paddle. Please eat dinner before you arrive, but we will provide snacks and a light breakfast the next morning. This program is only available to paddling campers and one adult chaperone. Registration is required for both campers and adult chaperones. Finally, if you do not have a tent or sleeping pad, Metroparks will have a few to lend, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: \$45 (Members \$36), Reservations

### **JULY 25 THROUGH 26**

Thursday and Friday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
*Blue Creek Nona France*



### **ADVENTURE CAMP (AGES 11 TO 14)**

Build skills and confidence through a week of outdoor adventures this summer! Discover wildlife and investigate how 'water works' by exploring trails, rivers and learning new outdoor skills. Campers will explore their important role in wildlife conservation through games, experiments and hands-on activities. Camp will be held daily, with rainy day options if necessary. A daily snack will be provided. Fee: \$220 (Members \$210), Reservations

#### **JULY 29 THROUGH AUGUST 2**

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge/Buehner Center*

### **GRANGER ISLAND - OVERNIGHT (AGES 8 AND UP)**

Grab your tent and head to an evening of camping with Metroparks newest overnight adventure on Granger Island. On our walk across the river to Granger Island, you're sure to get your feet wet and muddy as we search for aquatic life and explore the island.

This exclusive experience is only available to campers registered for any 2019 Metroparks Outdoor Skills or Nature Camp or Adventure Camp session and one adult chaperone. Registration is required for both campers and adult chaperones. Please eat dinner before you arrive, but we will provide snacks and a light breakfast the next morning. Old tennis shoes and cool long pants are recommended. No bare feet or flip-flops. Finally, if you do not have a tent or sleeping pad, the Metroparks do have a few to lend, which are available on a first-come, first served basis. Fee: \$56 (Members \$46), Reservations

#### **JULY 27 THROUGH 28**

Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
*Farnsworth, Granger Island*

## *Interested in helping?*

**METROPARKS PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTEERS.**

*Call Volunteer Services at 419-407-9703 for more information.*



## Special Event Programs

### KIDS FISHING WEEKEND

The Lake at Pearson will be stocked with trout by The Ohio Division of Wildlife. Fishing is reserved for kids only (16 and younger) on April 12 and 13. Everyone is invited to fish beginning Sunday, April 14. Adults must have a valid Ohio fishing license, and the daily limit is five fish.

#### APRIL 12, 13 AND 14

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, normal park hours

*Pearson, Lake Activity Center*

### TBG OPEN HOUSE

National Public Gardens Day is a celebration of the nation's public gardens and the important role they play in promoting environmental stewardship, plant and water conservation, green spaces and education. Join us for a 9am Bird Walk led by Park Supervisor Steve Stockford. Followed by an open house style day from 9am to 2pm. Metroparks Staff and Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the gardens at Toledo Botanical Garden.

#### MAY 10

Friday, 9am to 2pm

*Toledo Botanical Garden*

### OUTDOOR EXPO

Adventure in the outdoors is closer than you think. At the Outdoor Expo you'll try archery, tree climbing, kayaking, biking and so much more. Metroparks experts will be on hand to help you discover your next passion. The expo has something for all ages from the seasoned enthusiast to the beginner. We'll have music, food trucks and outdoor industry exhibitors. May is Bike Month! At the expo you'll meet area biking clubs and businesses and learn about Metroparks biking programs and trails. Watch for more information on - The Outdoor Challenge. You "tried" it at the Expo, then honed your skills throughout the summer, now compete putting your skills to the test. More information on this exciting new fall 2019 event coming soon.

#### MAY 18

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Side Cut*

### MOVIE NIGHT AT SIDE CUT

Join us for a free movie under the stars. Our feature movie will be (TBD). Bring a blanket/chairs and enjoy an outdoor movie experience. Popcorn will be available for a small fee, provided by Volunteers In Parks. All Metroparks Members will receive free popcorn, must show your membership card.

#### JUNE 15

Saturday, 9:30pm movie starts

*Side Cut, Sledding Hill*

## FISHING DERBY

Metroparks is pleased to present a Saturday morning of fishing, fun and prizes. There will be prizes for various age brackets and categories. Once fishing is over, enjoy a snack while the results are being tallied. Metroparks will supply the bait and we have some fishing poles to borrow if needed. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and Fishing begins at 9 a.m.

### JUNE 22

Saturday, 8 a.m. to Noon

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

## GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPOUT

Don't miss your chance to camp out in the new Beach Ridge area of Oak Openings Preserve Metropark, site of the future Cannaley Treehouse Village. Explore the upcoming Treehouse Village with a behind the scenes tour of the site, and enjoy tent camping in the grassy fields nearby. Bring your own bike to enjoy the new mountain bike trail, or explore the trail by foot during a naturalist-led night hike. A campfire with s'mores will be provided. Bring your own camping equipment and any food you may want. Some camping equipment available to borrow upon request. Please register all participants.

### JUNE 22

Saturday, 5pm

*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area*

## UNDER THE MOON 5K: UNDER THE MALLARD LAKE MOON

Experience your Metroparks under the light of the moon. Run or hike the 5k course after dark along a beautiful Metroparks Trail. Toledo Roadrunners place glow sticks lining the route marking your safe passage through the night time woods. You are encouraged to decorate yourself with glow attire. This is a just-for-fun run/hike with no official timing or scoring go at your own pace. Everyone starts together at 9:30pm – no late starters for safety reasons.

### JUNE 27

Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

## Unique Camping Experiences

### 4TH OF JULY UNDER THE FIREWORKS

JULY 4 & 5

*Middlegrounds*

### CAMPING AND MOVIE

AUGUST 17

*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House lawn*

### CAMPING AND MOVIE

JULY 20

*Secor, NCNP parking lot*

### GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPING

JUNE 22

*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area*

Follow us on Facebook for more details.



## Blue Week Programs

### IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: EDWIN MOSELY

Flora of the Oak Openings: The Legacy of Edwin Mosely. Kitty Todd Preserve, intro at shelter and hike led by regional botanists. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404638

#### MAY 13

Monday; 6 to 7 p.m.  
*Kitty Todd Preserve*

### LUPINE IN BLOOM

Our globally unique region is home to many 'blue' plants and animals like Karner blue butterflies, blue spotted salamanders, big and little bluestem, bluebirds, blue racers, and of course the wild blue lupine. Wild blue lupine is one of the signature species of the Oak Openings Region and is the only host plant for the Federally Endangered Karner Blue Butterfly larvae. Oak Openings Blue Week occurs every May after Mother's Day Weekend. Join us for a hike to learn about lupine and the natural environment of the Oak Openings region. Open to all ages. Free, Reservations, Code 204402607

#### MAY 13

Monday; 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge parking lot*

### IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: A FORCE OF NATURE, LUCY BRAUN

A special film event hosted by WildOnes Oak Openings Chapter about the pioneering plant ecologist, Dr. E. Lucy Braun was instrumental in documenting and inspiring preservation of the most significant natural areas in southern Ohio and Kentucky. Video producer, Meg Hanrahan, will introduce this new documentary, followed by Q & A. Location at the Ward Pavilion. To attend, go to [wildonesoakopenings.org](http://wildonesoakopenings.org). Visit [oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404639

#### MAY 14

Tuesday; 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion*

### IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: IRWIN PRESERVE

Considered the finest remaining sedge meadow in the state, Irwin Prairie is a mosaic of distinctive plant communities. Join preserve staff to hear the story of how past naturalists helped in acquiring and preserving this important site. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404640

#### MAY 15

Wednesday; 6 to 7 p.m.  
*Irwin Prairie parking lot*

## ALL THINGS BLUE

It's Blue Week 2019! Come and discover all things blue at Oak Openings Preserve Metropark on a naturalist led walk as we look for wild blue lupine, blue birds, blue jays, blue violets, blue racer snakes and more! Free, Reservations, Code 204402608

### MAY 15

Wednesday; 9 to 10:30 a.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge parking lot*

## BIRDS OF BLUE HIKE

Come discover what 'blue' birds live and visit the Oak Openings Region during Blue Week 2019! Take a hike with a park naturalist and search for bluebirds such as: blue birds, blue jays, indigo buntings and everything blue we can find! Limited supply of binoculars will be provided; participants should bring their own. Bring water, sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Free, Reservations, Code 204402609

### MAY 16

Thursday; 9 to 10 a.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Girdham Road-Reed Road Cemetery*

## IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: HAROLD MAYFIELD

Dr. Elliot Tramer shares contributions from Harold Mayfield, including his role in the remarkable recovery of the endangered Kirkland warbler. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404641

### MAY 16

Thursday; 7 to 8 p.m.

*Secor, NCNP parking lot*

## IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: LOU CAMPBELL

Hike Oak Openings Preserve, Campbell Tallgrass Prairie and Girdham Dunes led by Karen Menard, Denise Gehring and area geologists at dunes. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404642

### MAY 17

Friday; 5 to 6 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

## BLUE WEEK CELEBRATION

Celebrate the beauty of the Oak Openings with friends and food. After the "In Your Footsteps" hike, the Green Ribbon Initiative will connect the past to our future conservation efforts by announcing awards for those that have contributed to the conservation of the Oak Openings. Awards include the Blue Week photo contest youth and adult winners, landowner of the year award, and conservation partner of the year award. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404644

### MAY 17

Friday; 7 to 8 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center*

## NATIVE PLANT SALE

Help restore nature and bring more wildlife to your yard by growing native plants sourced from the Oak Openings Region and Great Black Swamp. Proceeds go to the Oak Openings Green Ribbon Initiative & Wild Ones programs. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404619

### MAY 18 AND 19

Saturday and Sunday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Secor, NCNP parking lot*



### ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY

Oak Openings Blue Week occurs every may after Mother's Day Weekend. Walk with us at Secor as we learn about some of the endangered species that call the Oak Openings Region home. We will highlight the endangered plant species that thrive in the restored prairie. Open to all ages. Free, Reservations, Code 204402610

May 18

Saturday; 10 to 11 a.m.

Secor, NCNP parking lot

### IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS: TOLEDO NATURALIST ASSOCIATION

Tom Kemp and Eric Durbin will talk about the rich history of Toledo Area Naturalists and the diversity of plants and animals in Maumee State Forest. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404643

MAY 18

Saturday; 6 to 7 p.m.

Maumee State Forest

### OAK OPENINGS REGION FAMILY DAY

Green Ribbon Initiative partners have planned a day for the kids to revel in the Oak Openings. Join us for arts and crafts activities, nature hikes, and programs about native plants for both adults and kids. Visit [www.oakopenings.org/blue-week](http://www.oakopenings.org/blue-week) for a schedule of events and activities. Free, Reservations, Code 204404645

MAY 19

Sunday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Secor, NCNP parking lot

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## Toddler and Preschool Programs

### TODDLER TRAILS (UP TO 3 YEARS OLD)

This outdoor, multi-sensory nature play and exploration introduces toddlers to the natural world and promotes its preservation. Adult companions accompany and assist their child's experience along Wildwood's trails. Register toddlers only. Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 204402102

**APRIL 3, MAY 1 AND JUNE 5**

Wednesday; 10 to 11 a.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center*

### NATURE DETECTIVES (AGES 2 TO 5)

Park adventures for our youngest park visitors. Preschoolers, toddlers and their guardians enjoy story time and explore nature together. There is a different theme each session. Please dress for the weather. Register participating children only. Fee: \$3, Reservations, Code 204404105

**APRIL 2 'PERFECT PLANTS'**

**MAY 7 'RIGHT AS RAIN'**

**JUNE 4 'WAY DOWN UNDERGROUND'**

Tuesday; 10 to 11 a.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center*

### TALES AND TRAILS (AGES 3 TO 5)

It's never too early to acquaint your child with our beautiful Metroparks trails. In this preschool program we'll take a walk, complete a craft, and hear a story. Each program features a different topic each time. Please dress for the weather. Register participating children only. Fee: \$3, Reservations, Code 204402101

**APRIL 11 AND 25**

Thursday; 10 to 11 a.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*



## Programs for Families

### STAR STRUCK: DEEP SKY OBJECTS

Escape from the light pollution of the big city and explore the night sky with amateur astronomer John Starr and Metroparks naturalist. Discover the stories in the stars as we constellation hop around the night sky and explore the science of the stars as we view galaxies and other deep sky objects through a telescope. Bring a camp chair and warm beverages (optional), and dress warmly in layers. Cloud/rain date will be Saturday, April 27th at the same time and location. Free, Reservations, Code 204305101

**APRIL 26**

Friday; 9 to 10:30 p.m.

*Bend View, Bend View parking lot*

### SEARCH FOR DRAGONS AND DAMSELS

Grab a net and peek under the water to search for Dragonflies and Damselflies. Kids and Adults will have fun exploring the lake's edges searching for signs of dragonfly larvae, water striders, and diving beetles in their habitat! Wiregrass Lake is the best place to see a huge diversity of dragonflies in Lucas County and we will tread carefully to preserve their homes! Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 204403101

**APRIL 19**

Friday; 6 to 7 p.m.

*Wiregrass Lake, Meadowhawk*

### SCIENCE FUN AT THE METROPARKS EXPERI-TENT

Science and nature go hand in hand! Stop by the playground and visit Metroparks experi-tent! We will be conducting fun mini-experiments for you and your kids to enjoy. Bring the whole family! Free, Reservations, Code 204404104

**JUNE 15**

Saturday; 2 to 4 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Playground (main entrance)*

### FAMILY HIKE

Enjoy an afternoon stroll with the whole family while on a guided nature tour with a park interpreter and experience your favorite Metroparks from new perspectives. Free, Reservations, Code 204402615

**APRIL 20 'BIRDS'**

**MAY 25 'A LITTLE SQUIRRELY'**

**JUNE 22 'POLLINATORS'**

Saturday; 1 to 2:30 p.m.

*Various Metroparks*

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# Camping in the Metroparks

Come to play? Why not stay?

Camping is now available in three Metroparks:

- At Oak Openings, the White Oak and Springbrook Campgrounds have individual and group primitive camp sites
- Wiregrass Lake has primitive campsites near the lake
- Farnsworth's riverside campsites include rental of Adirondack-style shelters
- Granger Island Cabin, Granger Island Tent Platforms

## OTHER OPTIONS

At Oak Openings Preserve, the Caretaker's Cottage and the new Pine Ridge Chalet are quaint cabins in the woods.

For information on these and other rental facilities in the Metroparks, visit [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com) and click on Reservations. Or call 419-407-9700.





## Programs for All Ages

### SENIOR STROLL

Our beautiful Metroparks trails are meant to be enjoyed by all ages and varying fitness levels. Enjoy a slow-paced nature walk with a naturalist as your guide, as they put your stroll into context with information about the environment. Learn the trails along with a group and maintain good health! Dress accordingly for the weather and any age is welcome in this walking group. Free, Reservations, Code 204402626

**APRIL 3, 10, 17 AND 24**

Wednesday; 2 to 3 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center*

### WOODCOCK WHIRLIBIRDS

We have some pretty peculiar birds in our area! Discover one in particular - the super secretive Woodcock! In this family-friendly program, you'll learn all about the life of this unique bird including habitat, mating rituals, and how they nest. We'll watch a video of the Woodcock's unusual dance and flight displays, and you'll get to hear its distinctive call! Then, we'll take to the trails and walk toward the wet meadows of Pearson Metropark to spot Woodcocks in action! Free, Reservations, Code 204404633

**APRIL 5**

Friday; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

*Pearson, Packer-Hammersmith Center*

### OAK GROVE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: A SCHOOL DAY IN 1893

Take a step back in time and discover how natural resources were used in the classroom of the past compared to how they are used in the classroom today. Before modern conventions, items like chalkboards, chalk, pens and many recess games all originated with the natural environment in which humans interacted. Join us for this family-friendly open house anytime between 11am-1pm. Free, Reservations, Code 201102602

**APRIL 6**

Saturday; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Oak Grove School*

### PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS: SIGNS OF SPRING (AGES 8 AND UP)

Nature provides an endless supply of inspiration. Harvest your own inspiration at your local Metropark by learning photography basics with your family. We will explore camera settings, composition, and focus in the classroom before heading out onto the trails to practice your new skills. Bring your own camera or borrow one from the Metroparks. Bring your own SD card to take your pictures home. Fee: \$5, Reservations, Code 206603603

**APRIL 11**

Thursday; 5 to 6:30 p.m.

*Toledo Botanical Garden, Crosby Conference Center*

## GET TO KNOW YOUR TRAILS

Do you have a Metroparks trail bucket list? This program affords you the opportunity to explore different trails at different parks each month. Each session is guided by a Metroparks naturalist to put your walk into context as you learn about our natural environment. Hike with a group and enjoy a healthy activity! Please wear sturdy shoes and dress according to the weather. Registration Required. Free, Reservations, Code 204402613

**APRIL 11 'FALLEN TIMBERS'**

**MAY 31 'SECOR'**

**JUNE 4 'MIDDLEGROUNDS'**

Various Days, Locations and Times

## NATURE AT NIGHT HIKE

Walk in the park after dark and discover the wonders of the night at a time when parks are normally closed. Dress accordingly for the weather and let's get outside! Free, Reservations, Code 204402617

**APRIL 12 'FROGS'**

**MAY 10 'SPRING NIGHTTIME WILDLIFE'**

**JUNE 14 'SENSES'**

Various Days, Times and Locations

## PINE MANAGEMENT WALK

Curious about the pine management going on at Oak Openings Preserve Metropark? Join a park naturalist as we hike and discuss why the pines are being removed and learn about the ecology of the Oak Openings Region. Free, Reservations, Code 204402636

**APRIL 13 AND MAY 14**

Saturday; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

## APRIL WILDFLOWER WALK

The term *spring ephemeral* is used to describe perennial woodland wildflowers. They bloom early every spring and quickly fade. Metroparks has many varieties of spring ephemerals. Discover which ones carpet our forest floors in this spring wildflower walk. Open to all ages. Free, Reservations, Code 204402614

**APRIL 17**

Wednesday; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Secor, NCNP parking lot*

## WHAT'S INSIDE A FLOWER?

Look beyond the beauty. During this family-friendly program, we'll conduct a flower dissection and learn the names of the flower's parts and their purposes. We'll discuss the importance of pollination as well as the different types of pollination (wind and insect). The program concludes with the opportunity to walk through the garden, identify flowers, and possibly spot pollinators in action! Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 204404634

**APRIL 20**

Saturday; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

*Toledo Botanical Garden, Terrace Room*

## OAK OPENINGS WILDFLOWERS

Track the progression of this changing spring wildflower parade week by week at beautiful Oak Openings. This program is facilitated by Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists, Chris and Randy Haar. Discover what spring ephemerals carpet the Oak Openings trails! Register for one or all of these weekly walks. Free, Reservations, Code 204402201

**APRIL 21 AND 28; MAY 5, 12, 19 AND 26**

Sunday; 1 to 2:30 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### **TOWPATH TREK: REDBUDS IN BLOOM**

Spring has sprung! Discover how the Maumee River welcomes spring as we walk along the Towpath Trail connecting Farnsworth and Bend View Metroparks. Keep your eyes peeled for blooming Redbuds and springtime river visitors. We will begin and end at Farnsworth Metropark. Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle for this 4.5 mile hike. Free, Reservations, Code 204402630

#### **APRIL 23**

Tuesday; 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
*Farnsworth, Boat Launch parking lot*

### **IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN**

Do you know the difference between a frog and a toad? Amphibians have unique life cycles and there is so much to be learned from them! In this program geared towards families, you will learn to identify amphibians based on the sounds they make, learn about the threats to their species, and how Metroparks serve as a critical habitat for them. There will be an opportunity for a short walk to listen to amphibian calls! Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 204404635

#### **APRIL 25**

Thursday; 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Secor, Secor Room*

### **ARBOR DAY: IF TREES COULD TALK**

We speak for the trees! Learn the language of trees and discover the stories they tell with their roots, bark and leaves. How do we take care of the forest and restore them at Metroparks? After the walk, kids play among the trees with sticks and leaves. Plan to get wet and muddy in this off trail adventure. Participants will have the opportunity to take home their own tree sapling. Free, Reservations, Code 204402635

#### **APRIL 27**

Saturday; 1 to 3 p.m.  
*Swan Creek, Mary Jane Gill Shelter*

### **BUZZ ABOUT BEES**

This program centers on a variety of bee species and other pollinators and their roles in nature and food production. Weather permitting, this program will conclude with a pollinator identification walk. Free, Reservations, Code 204404622

#### **MAY 2**

Thursday; 6 to 7 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

### **THE GREAT BLACK SWAMP NATURE WALK**

Explore a piece of Ohio's history at your local Metropark. Walk through a remnant of the Great Black Swamp to discover the wildlife that make their home there now and imagine how the landscape has changed over the years. Afterwards, stop by the Johlin Cabin to learn more about the way people lived in the swamp. Fun for the whole family! Free, Reservations, Code 204402627

#### **MAY 5**

Sunday; 10 to 11 a.m.  
*Pearson, Packer-Hammersmith Center parking lot*

### **JOHLIN CABIN OPEN HOURS**

Stop into the Johlin Cabin for some family fun! See how much life has changed in the last 150 years. Explore inside the cabin, then venture outside. The cabin is located at the North entrance to the park on Seaman Road. Free, Reservations, Code 201102604

#### **APRIL 7, MAY 5 AND JUNE 2**

Sunday; 12 to 2 p.m.  
*Pearson, Johlin Cabin*



### THE HEALING WOODS

Immerse yourself in nature through guided invitations and sharing circles that help you connect to the healing elements of the woodlands. Bring an optional sit-upon or lightweight stool, dress for the weather, and plan for a leisurely walk under 1 mile. The fee for this program includes the complete sequence of the Forest Therapy experience as recognized by the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy, led by a Certified Forest Therapy Guide. Healthy snacks and tea will follow. Reservations required. Meet at the National Center for Nature Photography parking lot. Fee: \$20, Reservations, Code 204510102

#### MAY 6

Monday; 6 to 9 p.m.  
*Secor, NCNP parking lot*

### COFFEE WITH AND FOR THE BIRDS

Are you familiar with the varieties of winged creatures that decorate our area's Metroparks? Join us each Tuesday in May for walks at Wildwood to observe the spring migration of colorful songbirds followed by a cup of bird-friendly coffee at the Window on Wildlife. Learn how shade-grown coffee can help our songbirds. Bring binoculars if you have them, and some will be available to borrow. Registration required. Register for one session or all of them! Free, Reservations, Code 204402606

#### MAY 7, 14, 21 AND 28

Tuesday; 8 to 9:30 a.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Window and Wildlife*

### ADULT BEGINNING BIRDING

Have you always wanted to delve into the world of birding, but didn't know where to start? This class, for adult beginners, teaches participants where and how to look for birds in the field. Board the minibus and visit select bird-watching habitats with the help of a guide. If you have binoculars, we encourage you to please bring them along, though some will be available for use, too. Fee: \$10, Reservations, Code 204402103

#### MAY 8

Wednesday; 8 to 11 a.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### WAKE UP WITH THE BIRDS

Reserve Thursday mornings for weekly bird watching. Bring your favorite beverage and join us in the Window on Wildlife for informal viewing to help you understand the changes in bird species and behaviors throughout the year. Sit back, relax and observe the show in front of you. No registration is necessary. The program occurs every Thursday except on those that fall on legal holidays.

### APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

Every Thursday, 8 to 8:45 a.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Window on Wildlife*

### SPOT THE SPARROW! OHIO'S ENDANGERED LARK SPARROW

The Lark Sparrow is an Endangered Species in Ohio and they nest right here in the Oak Openings Region in the early summer. This sparrow has unique markings and nests on the ground in Oak Openings Preserve Metropark among the sand ridges along Girdham Road. Bring your binoculars, some will be provided. Free, Reservations, Code 204402637

### MAY 9

Thursday; 3 to 4 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Girdham Road-Reed Road Cemetery*

### MEALS ON THE CANAL

Did you ever wonder about the meals served on Miami and Erie Canal boats? This program will tell about meals served to crew and passengers, the role of the cook, and how some foods were procured. You can even taste a sample of real canal boat food. Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 201103606

### MAY 11

Saturday; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
*Providence, Historic Area Kimbles Landing*

### NATURE ALONG THE CANAL

The Miami and Erie Canal is home to almost 200 years of history. However, local flora and fauna have come to make this place their home, too. Come see the surprisingly diverse wildlife in one of our most scenic parks. Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 204402104

### MAY 11

Saturday; 9 to 10 a.m.  
*Providence, Historic Area Kimbles Landing*

### INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

We are so fortunate to live in an area saturated with an abundance of bird species. Join us for a hike during the biggest week in birding! It's International Migratory Bird Day! Celebrate with us as we look for migrating birds moving through our newly developed Howard Marsh Metropark. Open to all ages. Free, Reservations, Code 204402612

### MAY 11

Saturday; 8 to 9 a.m.  
*Howard Marsh, parking lot*

### BEGINNER BIRDING

What's all this talk about 'The Biggest Week'? If you're an adult over age 16 who is interested in breaking into birding, join us for a Beginner Birder program. You'll learn about the common birds in our area and how to identify them, consult helpful field guides, and become familiarized with birding etiquette, binocular use, and more! Meet at the Pearson Observation Area located on Lallendorf Road, north of Starr Avenue. Free, Reservations, Code 204402618

### MAY 11

Saturday; 8:30 to 10 a.m.  
*Pearson, North Observation Area parking lot*



### **TICKED OFF: ANNOYING BUGS AND WHY WE NEED THEM**

They aren't just pests – they're important! Learn about the life cycles, typical habitat, and impact on humans (both positive and negative) from insects like ticks, mosquitos, and wasps. Explore their ecological functions and how to keep them from preying on your family. Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 204404636

#### **MAY 28**

Tuesday; 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Brookwood Area, Brookwood Center*

### **CREEPY CRAWLERS**

So much of nature is what we don't see right in front of us! Discover where creepy crawlers make their homes as we search under logs, through the grasses, and inside trees in search of these critters. Free, Reservations, Code 204402629

#### **MAY 30**

Thursday; 6 to 7 p.m.  
*Westwinds, parking lot*

### **NATIONAL TRAIL DAY**

Get outside yourself on this nation-wide day of paying homage to our park systems and trails. This program is open to all ages! Please wear clothing appropriate for trail hiking. Free, Reservations, Code 204402602

#### **JUNE 1**

Saturday; 1 to 2 p.m.  
*Various Location (Oak Openings Preserve, Swan Creek and Howard Marsh)*

### **EXPLORER: EVENING RIDE**

Hop on board the Explorer as a naturalist interprets the passing scenery, as passengers relax in Metroparks wheelchair accessible, open air trolley. Maximum 2 wheel chairs per trip. All other participants must be able to climb 3 steps. Fee: \$4, Reservations, Code 204404629

#### **JUNE 4**

Tuesday; 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### EXPLORER: SUNSET RIDE

Hop on board the Explorer as a naturalist interprets the passing scenery, as passengers relax in Metroparks wheelchair accessible, open air trolley. Maximum 2 wheel chairs per trip. All other participants must be able to climb 3 steps. Fee: \$4, Reservations, Code 204404629

#### JUNE 4

Tuesday; 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### HISTORY AND HABITATS WALK

Explore Blue Creek's quiet country setting and walk a looped trail through unique wetlands, glacial grooves, an oak savannah, and a quarry pond. This program involves covering ground with a naturalist as a guide to put your journey into context. Learn about the history and habitats of our region. Open to all ages! Free, Reservations, Code 204402625

#### JUNE 6

Thursday; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

*Blue Creek, Schadel Road parking lot*

### THE HEALING GARDEN

Immerse yourself in nature through guided invitations and sharing circles that help you connect to the healing elements of the gardens. Bring an optional sit-upon or lightweight stool, dress for the weather, and plan for a leisurely walk under 1 mile. Fee includes the complete Forest Therapy sequence experience as recognized by the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy, led by a Certified Forest Therapy Guide. Healthy snacks and tea will follow. Reservations required. Meet at the conference center parking lot. Fee: \$20, Reservations, Code 204510102

#### JUNE 17

Monday; 6 to 9 p.m.

*Toledo Botanical Garden, Elmer Drive parking lot*

### CELEBRATE THE SOLSTICE!

The phenomenon known as summer solstice occurs when one of Earth's poles reaches its maximum tilt towards the sun, which results in the longest period of daylight in the year. Enjoy the true first day of summer with us as we explore Wiregrass Lake Metropark. This program is open to all ages! Wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and dress for the weather. Free, Reservations, Code 204402604

#### JUNE 21

Friday; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

*Wiregrass Lake, Wiregrass Lake parking lot*

### **LIFE ABOARD A CANAL BOAT**

Travel back to the 1800s and explore how the hardworking men and women of the Miami and Erie Canal lived. You will be able to explore the entire canal boat and learn some of the more elusive details about life during the heyday of the canal. Fee: \$2, Reservations, Code 201104601

#### **JUNE 22**

Saturday; 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

*Providence, Historic Area Kimbles Landing*

### **WHAT FISH IS THIS?**

We have a diverse array of fish living in our Maumee River. Join us for this family program (Ages 5 and up) at Farnsworth Metropark where we'll learn how to identify common fish in our area, learn about each fish's ecology (food, reproduction, predators, interesting facts about them). Then, we'll wade in the river to try to catch some fish and other critters that live in the mighty Maumee! Fee: \$3, Reservations, Code 204404632

#### **JUNE 24**

Monday; 7 to 8:30 p.m.

*Farnsworth, Roche de Bout*

### **BATTY ABOUT BATS**

Discover the bat species that can be found in Northwest Ohio! Bring the whole family to learn about the ecological importance, life history, common myths, and health conditions of our local bats. This program includes a presentation followed by a walk to the bat condo and using Anabat to listen to their calls! Free, Reservations, Code 204402628

#### **JUNE 26**

Wednesday; 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

*Pearson, Packer-Hammersmith Center*





## Outdoor Skills

### ARCHERY

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Ready, aim, fire! Metroparks offers the opportunity for would-be archers to explore the sport with a try-it program, refine their skills with a class or the beginner 3D league, and enjoy fun themed shoots throughout the year. Sign up today to start building your technique!

#### TRY IT! ARCHERY

Ready, aim, shoot! Archery is an excellent way to challenge yourself outdoors and build new skills. Beginners are welcome to participate in this low-pressure, fun and safe program held at Westwinds. Don't worry, we'll provide the equipment. Fee: \$4, Reservations, Code 205502101

#### APRIL 14

Sunday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.  
*Westwinds, parking lot*

#### ARCHERY 101

If you're not exactly a beginner archer and want to build upon your existing skills, join us for Archery 101. Refine and perfect your technique after you've taken advantage of the beginner friendly 'Try-It' program. This class is all about detailed and personal instruction, so come ready to shoot. The program fee covers both sessions, but you only need to sign-up for first session. Fee: \$45, Reservations, Code 205502101

#### JUNE 5 AND JUNE 12

Wednesday; 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Westwinds, parking lot*

### BACKPACKING

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There's a lot that goes into a safe and successful backpacking trip so we are here to help you learn all you need to know! Explore backpacking basics with Metroparks outdoor skills staff and prepare yourself to hit the trail. We offer short informational programs with practice hikes, beginner-friendly overnight trips, and intermediate overnight trips to prepare you to explore the outdoors in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

*Interested in helping?*

**METROPARKS PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTEERS.**

*Call Volunteer Services at 419-407-9703 for more information.*

## BACKPACKING 101, BACKPACK BASICS

Which pack should you buy? Internal frame, external frame or ultralight? Samples of each type of packs will be available to help participants make informed decisions. Complete the evening with an optional 1-mile hike with a weighted pack to see if this sport is for you. Free, Reservations, Code 205503101

### APRIL 9

Tuesday; 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center*

## BACKPACKING 101, CLOTHING AND LAYERING

Dress for success on the trail. Learn what to pack and more importantly what to leave behind as we explore clothing options and layering systems. We will also take a practice hike with weighted backpacks. Free, reservations.

### JUNE 26

Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
*Side Cut, Maumee Rotary Centennial Pavilion*

## TREE CLIMBING

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Join Metroparks naturalist at this “tree-me-dous” recreational climbing opportunity. Participants will be using harnesses and climbing ropes to get to the tree-tops. All equipment provided. Dress for the weather and wear closed-toed shoes.

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING: TREE CLIMBING

We are in need of some highly trained, expert tree climbing volunteers but you do NOT need to have any previous knowledge or skills and you don't even have to climb any trees! We will train you on everything such as set up, tear-down, knots, gear inspections, how to teach climbers, and more.

### APRIL 18

Thursday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Toledo Botanical Garden, Elmer Drive entrance*

## ARBOR DAY TREE CLIMBING

Celebrate Arbor Day with Metroparks and climb our beloved sycamore tree. Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205516102

### APRIL 26

Friday; 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
*Toledo Botanical Garden, parking lot*

## MAUMEE RIVER TREE CLIMBING AND KAYAK ADVENTURE

Metroparks and Wood County Parks are teaming up to give you this full day of high adventure on the water and in the trees. Participants will be kayaking the Maumee River with Wood County Parks and coming back to Side Cut for an afternoon of tree climbing on our hackberry tree that has lovingly been named Hack Solo. Fee: \$55, Reservations, Code 205516102

### MAY 25

Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
*Side Cut, Maumee Rotary Centennial Pavilion*

## TRY IT! TREE CLIMBING

Come check out our hackberry tree at Farnsworth. See the Maumee River from a new angle. Climb and get another trophy knot for your exclusive Metroparks tree climbing keychain. Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205516102

### MAY 10

Friday; 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
*Farnsworth, Indianola parking lot*

## TRY IT! TREE CLIMBING

Come check out our walnut tree at Secor. Climb and get another trophy knot for your exclusive Metroparks tree climbing keychain. Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205516102

### JUNE 8

Saturday; 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Secor, Walnut Grove Shelter*

## TREE CLIMBING: GLOW CLIMB

Glow climbs are an amazing sight to see. We will give you headlamps and have a blast at this incredible glow climb. Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205516102

### JUNE 8

Saturday; 9 to 10:30 p.m.  
*Secor, Walnut Grove Shelter*

## CYCLING

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Pedal through the parks with Metroparks naturalists and enjoy glow rides, family rides, mountain biking classes, bike maintenance classes and more. Build new skills and have fun.

## BIKE MAINTENANCE 101

Learn and practice the basic bicycle maintenance skills that all cyclist need to keep cruising on the trail, including how to change a tire and adjust brakes and gears. Beginner friendly, no experience needed. Free, Reservations, Code 205504102

### APRIL 23

Tuesday; 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Wheelhouse*

## MOUNTAIN BIKING GROUP RIDE

Welcome bike month with this casual group ride. See your parks from two wheels and learn some skills along the way! Free, Reservations, Code 205504102

### MAY 1

Wednesday; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Parking Lot*

## CYCLE CIRCLE, GLOW ROLL

Lights, camera, pedal! Bring your bike, helmet, and amazing lights to go for a casual social ride near the river in downtown Toledo. Decorate and light up your bike and spin around in style! Free, Reservations, Code 205504102

### MAY 25

Saturday; 9 to 10:30 p.m.  
*Middlegrounds, parking lot*

## CAMPING

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Does the thought of sleeping under the stars get you excited? If you just need a little more information to get you started, you came to the right place. Metroparks is the place to learn and try out camping for the first time with your family, or to expand your camping skills. We offer classes, campfire cooking experiences, and opportunities to try camping without the hassle and expense of buying any equipment.

## CAMPFIRE COOKING: STRAWBERRY SAMPLER

Join the Metroparks staff for an enjoyable campfire culinary experience and experiment with different methods of preparing meals around a campfire. Strawberries are one of spring's finest treats. Assist in making and sampling some sweet and savory campfire treats featuring this luscious fruit. Cooking equipment, food, recipes, and instructions will be provided; just bring your appetite. Participants are also encouraged to bring their own reusable plate, bowl, silverware, and mug to minimize the amount of waste generated. Fee: \$8, Reservations, Code 205505101

### JUNE 13

Thursday; 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Wheelhouse*

## **GREAT AMERICAN BACKYARD CAMPOUT**

Don't miss your chance to camp out in the new Beach Ridge area of Oak Openings Preserve Metropark, site of the future Tree House Village. Explore the upcoming Tree House Village with a behind the scenes tour of the site, and enjoy tent camping in the grassy fields nearby. Bring your own bike to enjoy the new mountain bike trail, or explore the trail by foot during a naturalist-led night hike. A campfire with s'mores will be provided. Bring your own camping equipment and any food you may want. Some camping equipment available to borrow upon request. Free, Reservations, Code 205505101

### **JUNE 22 - JUNE 23**

Saturday and Sunday; 5 to 10 a.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Wheelhouse*

## **FISHING**

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There's more to fishing than drowning worms! Learn the basics or expand your skills with Metroparks fishing programs. Give it a try during Free Fishing weekend, explore fly fishing with introductory classes and fly-tying, or broaden your horizons with kayak or night fishing.

### **FREE FISHING WEEKEND**

No license? No pole? No problem! Try your luck angling at Silver Lake on this free fishing weekend program. All equipment and bait will be provided. All ages are welcome. Dress for the weather. Program runs rain or shine. Free, Reservations, Code 205506101

### **MAY 4**

Saturday; 1 to 3 p.m.

*Side Cut, Silver Lake parking lot*

## **TRY IT! PADDLE SPORTS**

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Have you always wanted to try kayaking, canoeing, or stand up paddleboarding? Sign up for a one-hour program to get a sample of these fun and beginner friendly activities. If you like what you experience, sign up for a class or eco-tour to further build your skills and technique!

### **TRY IT! STAND UP PADDLEBOARD YOGA**

Relax with a peaceful session of yoga on the water with RYT-200 registered yoga instructor, Kelly Milewski. All boards and other paddling gear provided; please wear clothing and shoes you don't mind getting wet (no cotton). Fee: \$12, Reservations, Code 205501103

### **JUNE 8 AND JUNE 30**

Various Days and Times

*Wiregrass Lake, parking lot*

### **TRY IT! STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING**

Challenge yourself to try this new and exciting paddle sport. You'll feel like you're walking on water as you experience the pond in a whole new way. Fee: \$12, Reservations, Code 205501103

### **JUNE 8 AND JUNE 30**

Various Days and Times

*Wiregrass Lake, parking lot*

### **TRY IT! KIDS KAYAKING**

This one is just for the kids. It's never too early to learn a new skill... and kayaking is one that will stay with you for life! Participants will learn basic strokes and practice their skills through fun games. This program is beginner friendly, and kid-sized kayaks will be provided. Fee: \$12, Reservations, Code 205501103

### **JUNE 11**

Tuesday; 5:30 to 7 p.m.

*Blue Creek, Nona France Quarry*

## TRY IT! KAYAKING

Kayaking is a fun way to explore the water and stay fit while enjoying nature. Learn basic paddle strokes and give it a try during in this 1 hour program. This program is beginner friendly. Fee: \$12, Reservations, Code 205501103

### JUNE 11

Tuesday; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Blue Creek, Nona France Quarry*

## PADDLE SPORTS CLASSES

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Build confidence and vital skills with Paddle Sports Classes offered through Metroparks. In these programs, you'll explore paddling safety topics, build upon your technique, learn new strokes, and simulate rescue situations in a safe, controlled environment. Each class covers a different topic and area of focus. Choose the right class for you by reading each individual description.

### HOW TO BUY A BOAT: KAYAK EDITION

Learn exactly what you need to know before making that big purchase. This program covers boat types, designs, and construction materials, as well as proper sizing, paddling nomenclature, and worthwhile add-on purchases. Pick up the tools to buy the right boat for your family. Eric Slough is a certified American Canoe Association kayak instructor, member of the Toledo River Gang, and overall kayak gear junkie! He will bring several boats for you to see and compare the pros and cons of each. Free, Reservations, Code 205501101

### APRIL 11

Thursday; 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Wheelhouse*

## KAYAK RESCUES

Do you know how to handle an emergency on the water? Do you know how to help yourself or others in the event of a capsized? In this three-hour paddling safety class you'll work with American Canoe Association certified instructors to learn about paddling safety and practice individual and team rescues in a controlled setting to help you feel more comfortable on larger bodies of water. The course will include on-land classroom-style instruction and material in addition to practicing on the water. Fee: \$40, Reservations, Code 205501101

### JUNE 6

Thursday; 6 to 9 p.m.  
*Blue Creek, Nona France Quarry*

## CANOE RESCUES

Do you know how to handle an emergency on the water? Do you know how to help yourself or others in the event of a capsized? In this three-hour paddling safety class you'll work with American Canoe Association certified instructors to learn about paddling safety and practice team rescues in a controlled setting to help you feel more comfortable on larger bodies of water. The course will include on-land classroom-style instruction and material in addition to practicing on the water. Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205501101

### JUNE 9

Sunday; 4 to 6:30 p.m.  
*Blue Creek, Nona France Quarry*



## METROPARKS PADDLING EXPERIENCES

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If you're ready to kick your paddling skills up a notch, join us for the ultimate adventure! Explore the ponds, streams, and rivers of the Toledo area with a naturalist on a Metroparks Paddling Experience. We offer eco-tours, glow and night paddles, history paddles, and more to keep you out on the water. If you want to learn more about paddling gear, how to buy a boat, and how to perform rescues, check out our Paddle Sports Classes.

### SWAN CREEK CANOE ADVENTURE

Embark on a canoe adventure that's not for the faint of heart. We'll start with a 0.75 mile hike to our launch point, then paddle through Swan Creek Metropark by boat. This scenic paddle will include several small portages around log jams. Participants must be prepared to carry their canoes with a buddy for short distances. Bring a water bottle and a sack lunch for a creek-side meal. Fee: \$20, Reservations, Code 205501102

#### MAY 11

Saturday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Swan Creek, Airport Highway parking lot*

### SWAN CREEK KAYAK ADVENTURE

Enjoy a scenic paddle on Swan Creek with Metroparks naturalists and Northwest Ohio River Runners. You'll never believe you're in downtown Toledo as you enjoy birds and other wildlife on this urban nature escape. We'll provide the kayaks and paddling gear, you wear shoes and clothes you don't mind getting wet. Participants must be 12 or older, register all participants. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205501102

#### MAY 12

Sunday; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Erie Street Market Boat Launch*

### BOAT AND BIRD KAYAK ADVENTURE

Kayaks provide a stealthy way to get close to birds you might not be able to see from shore. Bring your binoculars and see all the amazing new wildlife Howard Marsh is bringing in! Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205501102

#### MAY 26

Sunday; 7:30 to 10 a.m.  
*Howard Marsh, parking lot*

## MAUMEE RIVER OVERNIGHT CANOE ADVENTURE

Immerse yourself in our very own Maumee River, a State Scenic River, by paddling over 30 miles on the newly designated Maumee River Water Trail. Enjoy 3 days of canoeing and two nights of camping, and the unique opportunity to camp on an island at the new facilities on Granger Island. Price includes camping fees, transportation costs, and canoes and paddling gear. We can provide most camping gear if needed. Attendance at the pre-trip informational meeting is required (Thursday, May 23rd, 6-9 pm at Wiregrass Lake Metropark.) For additional trip information contact Amanda Domalski at [Amanda.domalski@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:Amanda.domalski@metroparkstoledo.com). Fee: \$175, Reservations, Code 205501102

### MAY 31 - JUNE 2

Friday-Sunday; 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge parking lot*

## KAYAK GLOW PADDLE

Welcome the summer in a beautiful glow paddle at night. Float under the stars in a kayak equipped with lights. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Nona France Quarry Pond after dark. Participants are encouraged to don their best glow-wear and bring a head lamp if you have one. Fee: \$15, Reservations, Code 205501102

### JUNE 6

Thursday; 9:30 to 11 p.m.  
*Blue Creek, Nona France Quarry*

## CANOE FAMILY GAME DAY

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, paddling instruction, and games! We'll splash around the quarry pond as we learn to maneuver our boats during this 2-hour program. We ask that all participants come dressed to get wet, as we plan to hop in the water. Fee: \$5, Reservations, Code 205501102

### JUNE 9

Sunday; 1 to 3 p.m.  
*Blue Creek, Nona France Quarry*

## LADIES NIGHT OUT: MAUMEE RIVER ECO-TOUR AND SUNSET KAYAK ADVENTURE

Ladies, bring a gal pal and come for a lovely sunset Maumee River Missionary Island paddle. Explore some of the channels and inlets on the island with a naturalist. Bald eagles, foxes, and deer are often spotted while kayaking the river at dusk. Fee: \$25, Reservations, Code 205501102

### JUNE 29

Saturday; 8 to 10:30 p.m.  
*Farnsworth, Boat Launch parking lot*

## GEOCACHING

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### SPRING GEOCACHE

Discover the first signs of spring along the river in this family-friendly outdoor recreational activity. Participants will learn how to use a GPS unit to find caches and do a spring photo scavenger hunt. GPS units are provided. Registration allows for one GPS unit per family of 6. Each family must have at least one chaperoning adult to accompany the group. Fee: \$8, Reservations, Code 205507101

### APRIL 13

Saturday; 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
*Side Cut Metropark, Side Cut Riverview Area*

## HIKING

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There are so many physical and mental health benefits to hiking. Jumpstart your path to overall wellness and enjoy nature by exploring Metroparks trails with a naturalist. We offer evening hikes, fitness hikes, 5 and 10 mile hikes, and more!

### STROLLER ROLL

Does this sound familiar to you? "Get me out of this house!" The Stroller Roll is a group for stay at home parents, part-time parents or any other parent of a young child that just needs to get out of the house. Every Wednesday at 10:30am at Oak Openings Preserve Metropark. Bring your strollers and go for a naturalist led walk down stroller-accessible paths. On the last Thursday of the month, join us for a step-up and for a baby wearing hike on trails that do not accommodate strollers but are easy for someone carrying a little "extra weight". Free, Reservations, Code 205515601

### APRIL 4 - JUNE 27

Thursday; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### 10-MILE HIKE, SEARCH FOR SPRING

Join us for a 10 mile hike through the beautiful and naturally diverse Oak Openings Preserve Metropark. Search for signs of spring while meeting your fitness goals and making new friends! We'll stop for lunch, a fire, and warm beverages partway through the hike to keep you going. Dress for the weather and pack water and a trail lunch. Please wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots. This is an adults only program. Program will run rain or shine. Free, Reservations, Code 205515101

### APRIL 6

Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### FITNESS NIGHT HIKE

Join us for an after work hike in the woods. We will spend 15 minutes checking out the Mercy FitPark at the beginning of the program. Free, Reservations, Code 205515101

### APRIL 18

Thursday; 8 to 9:15 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, FitPark (East Entrance)*

### 5-MILE HIKE

Kick off the gorgeous month of May by getting in shape. Join us for a 5 mile hike in temperate weather in one of Toledo's best-loved Metroparks. Enjoy the newness of spring in the breathtaking setting of the Maumee River region. Free, Reservations, Code 205515101

### MAY 4

*Saturday; 2 to 4:30 p.m.*

*Farnsworth, Roche De Bout parking lot*



## Scout Programs

We've created many fun and engaging programs designed for Scouts in our area. If you wish to sign up your troop, consider requesting a private program via our website, [www.MetroparksToledo.com](http://www.MetroparksToledo.com). Click discover and request a group program. Although these activities are geared towards scouts, any child is welcome to participate.

### CALLING ALL SCOUTS! BEAR GOES FISHING, BEAR CUBS

It's time to wet a line! Bears will learn about the basics of fishing then spend some time trying to "lure" some fish onto their hooks. We will provide the poles, bait, and instruction. Please wear sunblock, sunglasses, sun hat, and bring a small folding chair and full refillable water bottle. Although these programs are geared towards Scouts, any child can participate. Fee: \$3, Reservations, Code 205509101

#### APRIL 13

Saturday; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Pearson, Pearson Pedal Boat Pond

### CALLING ALL SCOUTS! BIRD STUDY, BOY SCOUTS

Birders of a feather flock together! Migrate over to the Metroparks and join us for an in-depth look at our avian friends. Explore the different bird habitats and behaviors. Bring any favorite binoculars and bird field guides. This is a drop off program. All will receive a Metroparks patch for participating. Fee: \$9, Reservations, Code 205509101

#### APRIL 16

Tuesday; 4:30 to 7 p.m.  
*Farnsworth, Roche de Bout*

### CALLING ALL SCOUTS! WEBELOS, INTO THE WILD

Join us for a hike through some of the ecosystems found here in Northwest Ohio and become an amateur naturalist! All will receive a Metroparks patch for participating. Fee: \$6, Reservations, Code 205509101

#### APRIL 17

Wednesday; 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
*Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Fallen Timbers parking lot*

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*There's More! For a complete list of programs, see the calendar of events at [MetroparksPrograms.com](http://MetroparksPrograms.com). Metroparks members receive a 20% discount on most programs. For more information about Metroparks, visit our website at [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com).*



## Help Preserve Metroparks

### Toledo Botanical Garden Programs

#### 54TH ANNUAL CROSBY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – PREVIEW PARTY

**JUNE 28**

6 to 10 p.m.

TBG

#### 54TH ANNUAL CROSBY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

**JUNE 29**

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TBG

**JUNE 30**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TBG

For questions on how to purchase tickets contact Toledo GROWS at 419-720-8714 or email at [info@toledogrows.org](mailto:info@toledogrows.org).

#### JOIN TODAY!

With over 12,000 acres of preserved land and 172 miles of trails to explore, your Metroparks offer some of the most stunning outdoor experiences in North America. Working together, we are making progress toward providing clean, safe and natural parks within 5 miles of every Lucas County resident.

Thanks to the generosity of members and other friends we can continue to expand Metroparks preservation and educational activities. Each membership supports important Metroparks initiatives – like Metroparks Connections Camp that brings over 500 children from disadvantaged communities to nature camp – free of charge.

#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 50% Discount on admission for 2 to the Crosby Festival of the Arts
- Discounted admission to Jazz in the Garden at Toledo Botanical Garden
- Discounts on Metroparks rental facilities and programs
- Invitation to private preview at Holidays at the Manor House
- Special Members only programs
- The Metroparks Program Guide mailed to your home
- Member's gift and decal
- Invitation for lunch with the Director (Oak Tree and Director's Circle Members)

#### WAYS TO GIVE

[MetroparksToledoFoundation.org](http://MetroparksToledoFoundation.org)  
By Phone – Call 419-407-9712 with your Credit or Debit card information.



# Volunteers

## VOLUNTEERS SERVICES: OFFICE HOURS

Want to get started as a Metroparks Volunteer? Stop in to the Volunteer Services Offices at the Metz Visitor Center during our open office hours on Tuesdays from 12pm-2pm.

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING: TREE CLIMBING

We are in need of some highly trained, expert tree climbing volunteers but you do NOT need to have any previous knowledge or skills and you don't even have to climb any trees! We will train you on everything such as set up, tear-down, knots, gear inspections, how to teach climbers, and more.

### APRIL 18

Thursday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Toledo Botanical Garden, Elmer Drive entrance*

*Be part of the excitement!*

**BECOME A METROPARKS VOLUNTEER.**

*Go to [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com) to fill out an application then sign up to attend a Volunteer Orientation.*



## Friends & Partners

### FALLEN TIMBERS BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Battle of Fallen Timbers helped to shape American history. Help shape the future of this fascinating site by participating in Commission meetings. For further questions emails can be sent to [jwiley@rcolaw.com](mailto:jwiley@rcolaw.com), Julie Wiley President. Free, No Registration Required, Code 500000602

**APRIL 2; MAY 7; JUNE 4**

Tuesday; 7 to 9 p.m.

*Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Fallen Timbers Visitor Center*

### FRIENDS OF SIDE CUT: "MIRACLE MATERIALS TURNED ENVIRONMENTAL SCOURGE" WITH STEVE POLLICK

Plastic bags are harmful to our environment. Did you know that plastic grocery bags are used at a rate of two million per minute worldwide and can take up to 1,000 years to decompose? Join featured speaker and retired Outdoor Editor of The Blade, Steve Pollick, as he addresses this crucial environmental concern. Free program brought to you by Friends of Side Cut Metropark in conjunction with the Maumee Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library. Free, No Registration Required, Code 200000601

**APRIL 27**

Saturday; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Maumee Branch Library parking lot*

### FRIENDS OF SIDE CUT: LOCAL TURTLE RESEARCH AND THE USE OF TURTLE DOGS

Herpetologist and researcher, Matt Cross of the Toledo Zoo will present this program about local turtle conservations and research methods, including the fascinating use of turtle-dogs to help find populations. Free, No Registration Required, Code 200000601

**MAY 23**

Thursday; 7 to 8 p.m.

*Side Cut, Lamb Center*

### VOLUNTEERS IN PARK PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast with friends and neighbors in beautiful Wildwood Preserve. Volunteers will be cooking up a feast of pancakes, sausage links, orange juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Tables are set inside as well as outside. All proceeds are used to purchase items from the Metroparks Staff Wish List. Rain or Shine. Fee: \$5/Adults; \$2.50/Children Under 12; Toddlers are Free, No Reservations Required.

**JUNE 8**

Saturday, 8 to 11 a.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*



## Manor House Programs

### STORY TIME IN THE MANOR HOUSE

We'll meet in the Manor House Library for some stories and crafts before taking a short hike outside. Adults must accompany child during the program. Register participating children only. Fee: \$3, Reservations, Code 202202101

**APRIL 2 AND 17 'LIFE IN A POND'**  
**MAY 21 AND 29 'LIFE IN THE DESERT'**  
**JUNE 18 AND 26 'LIFE IN LAKE ERIE'**  
Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 10 to 11 a.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

### TEA AT STRANLEIGH

Celebrate Spring by sipping a specially brewed tea and sampling delicious sandwiches and desserts while overlooking the Shipman Garden. Reservation tables are 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and walk-in guest are from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Reservations open March 6, 2017. To make a reservation, please call 419-470-9790. Presented by Manor House Volunteers. Fee: \$10

**APRIL 5, MAY 3 AND JUNE 7**  
Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

### BGSU CONCERT SERIES

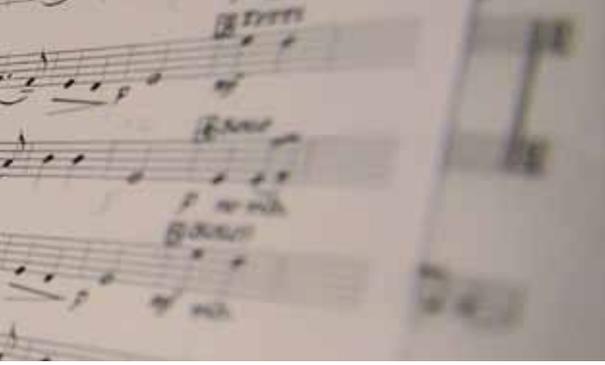
Enjoy beautiful harmonies in a stately setting. No reservations required. Free, Reservations, Code 202203602

**APRIL 9 'WINNERS OF THE DOUGLAS WAYLAND CHAMBER COMPETITION'**  
**APRIL 16 'GRADUATE STRING QUARTET'**  
**APRIL 23 'PIANO STUDENTS OF SOLUNGGA LIU'**  
Tuesday; 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

### SPRING EMERSON: A WOODWIND QUINTET

An exciting highly varied musical program featuring woodwind compositions played by Black Swamp Winds. Join us for this special performance that will appeal to all. No registration Required. Free, Reservations, Code 202203602

**APRIL 24**  
Tuesday; 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*



### **MUSIC IN THE STRANLEIGH GRAND MANOR**

Start the day with a delightful concert by Amy and Danny followed by the popular salad buffet. Reservations begin Monday, April 15th by calling 419-407-9790 and the fee is Fee: \$15. Sponsored by Manor House Volunteers. Fee: \$15, Reservations, Code 202203601

#### **MAY 17**

Friday; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Come enjoy the toe-tapping Dixieland band music of Ragtime Rick, delicious homemade ice cream from Handel's, tasty cupcakes and beverages for a low cost of 50 cents. Rain or shine meet us on the front lawn by the Manor House. Fee: \$.50, Reservations, Code 200000604

#### **JUNE 9**

Sunday; 6 to 8 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

## **Members**

### **BEHIND THE SCENES BUS TOUR OF BEACH RIDGE AREA AND MANHATTAN MARSH WITH TIM SCHETTER, NATURAL RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

#### **MAY 1**

*Meeting Location TBD*  
Lunch will have an additional fee

### **WINE & GARDEN TOUR – A GENIUS FOR PLACE: CELEBRATING ELLEN BIDDLE SHIPMAN**

#### **JUNE 20**

*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

# Directory

## METROPARKS OF THE TOLEDO AREA HEADQUARTERS

5100 W. Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43615  
419-407-9700

### Administrative Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Program Reservations

419-407-9700

### Facility and Wedding Reservations

419-407-9700

### Manor House & Wildwood Wedding Reservations

419-407-9784

### Athletic, large group and special event permits

419-407-9700

## SPECIAL GROUP & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Program Reservations

419-407-9700

### Canal Experience

419-407-9741

## YOUR METROPARKS

### Wildwood Preserve and Administrative Offices

5100 W. Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43615

### Blue Creek Conservation Area

7825 Shadel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

### Farnsworth Metropark

8505 S. River Road (Roche de Bout Area)  
Waterville, Ohio 43566

### Bend View Metropark

10040 S. River Road, Waterville, Ohio 43566

### Oak Openings Preserve

5402 Wilkins Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

3520 Waterville-Swanton Road, Swanton, Ohio  
43558 (Beach Ridge Area)

### Pearson Metropark

761 Lallendorf Road at SR2, Oregon, Ohio  
43616

### Providence Metropark

13200 S. River Road (Historic Area)  
13827 S. River Road (Dam Area)  
Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522

### Secor Metropark

10001 W. Central Avenue, Berkey, Ohio 43504

### Side Cut Metropark

1025 W. River Road, Maumee, Ohio 43537

### Swan Creek Preserve Metropark

4301 Airport Highway, Toledo, Ohio 43614  
2nd Entrance 4000 Glendale Avenue

### Fallen Timbers Battlefield

The intersection of US23/I-475 and US24 (Anthony Wayne Trail). A parking lot and visitors center are located at 4949 Jerome Road.

### Westwinds

9918 Geiser Road, Holland, Ohio 43528

### Wiregrass Lake

201 N Eber Road, Holland, Ohio 43528

### Howard Marsh

611 S. Howard Road, Curtice, Ohio 43412

### Middlegrounds

111 Ottawa Street, Toledo, Ohio  
Under the Anthony Wayne Bridge

### Toledo Botanical Garden

5403 Elmer Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43615

### **GREENWAYS TRAILS**

University/Parks Trail  
Wabash-Cannonball Trail  
Towpath Trail  
Oregon Parks Trail

### **WINDOW ON WILDLIFE**

Oak Openings Preserve, Pearson, Secor, Side  
Cut, Wildwood Preserve, Swan Creek Preserve

### **ATTRACTIONS**

The Canal Experience at Providence  
Johlin Cabin, Pearson  
Oak Grove School at Wildwood Preserve  
Wildwood Manor House  
Oak Openings Beach Ridge Singletrack Trail

### **RENTAL FACILITIES**

Picnic Shelters and indoor facilities available  
by reservation, 419-407-9700

### **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

419-407-9703

### **PLANNED GIVING**

419-407-9708

### **BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Scott J. Savage, President  
Lera Doneghy, Vice-President  
Fritz Byers, Vice-President  
Molly Luetke  
Kevin Dalton

### **METROPARKS STAFF**

Dave Zenk, Executive Director  
Matt Cleland, Deputy Director/Treasurer

Board meetings are typically held the third  
Wednesday of the month and are open to the  
public. See [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com) for location  
and agenda.

### **Everyone is Welcome**

Metroparks does not discriminate on the basis  
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disability or age in the delivery of services.

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# Summer Camp

Registration begins February 1, 2018  
See page 22 for details.