



FEBRUARY 2025

VOLUNTEER STORY: BARB AND BOB RIGGS



After 6 years I can honestly say Barb and I have enjoyed working with our other ambassadors who have become friends along with many Metropark employees... whenever we saw a problem on the trail we would send a message and the problem was cleaned up or solved quickly... needless to say Metropark employees have become friends that care about their jobs and you can see it daily !

We also have had many cyclists from out of state that come to SW Ohio and thank us for a clean trail ... I can foresee many more cyclists come to this area as it is a hotbed for rails to trails cyclists.. Many come to stay in B and B's for a week or so and eat at our local coffee shops and restaurants .. it has been a pleasure directing groups in that area ... Thanks to everyone with Metroparks for their support
Barb and Bob Riggs

TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

Looking for new trails to explore? The following parks haven't seen many Ambassadors!

To Join the Trail Ambassador program email us at

volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

Make sure you're logging your hours on Better Impact

- Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Antenen Nature Preserve, Mill Race Preserve)
- Governor Bebb MetroPark
- Meadow Ridge MetroPark
- Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- Salamander Run MetroPark
- Timberhill MetroPark
- Timberman Ridge MetroPark
- Voice of America MetroPark

Share your volunteer story!

Do you have a story or message from a volunteer experience? We want to hear about it! Your stories, will be featured in the monthly newsletter. So everyone will get a chance to see all the different projects going on in the MetroParks! To submit a story, messages and any photos you want to share send them to volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY

To register and see other events sign in to your MyImpact Account

Little Learners - Hearts at the Park

How does your heart differ from an animal's heart? Let's explore relationships in the animal kingdom and celebrate Valentine's Day with fun activities.

- February 11th - 9:00am-12:00pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Discovery on the Farm - Love is in the air

Help us celebrate Valentine's Day at the farm by making Valentine's Day cards for your favorite humans and the farm animals, too. Explore the world of love through hands-on activities and games revolving around hearts.

- February 15th - 9:00am-12:00pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Magic in Maples

Experience Nature in a Blink, a year-long series in which MetroParks offers opportunities throughout the year to appreciate fleeting natural occurrences. Explore your MetroPark after dark with a night hike to reveal the magic maple trees use to create their liquid treasure. Follow the journey of maple syrup from tap to table and discover mysteries usually hidden in the daylight. Warm up by the fire while sampling maple-inspired recipes and making your own maple memories.

- February 16th - 6:00pm-9:30pm
Timberman Ridge MetroPark

Little Learners - Grow as We Go

Do you know how our education animal ambassadors grow and change throughout their lives? Have fun learning about their developmental milestones while comparing them to ours.

- February 18th - 9:00am-12:00pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Farm Helper Orientation

Looking for a new way to get involved with the parks, curious about what it takes to raise farm animals? Meet with Metroparks staff for a monthly orientation of our Farm Animal Care program. See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- February 14th - 3:30pm-4:30pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Owl Prowl

Experience Nature in a Blink, a year-long series in which MetroParks offers opportunities throughout the year to appreciate fleeting natural occurrences. It's owl courting season! We'll enjoy hot chocolate and fire while learning about the adaptations that make owls such amazing hunters. Then we'll venture out into the cold to try to find them.

- February 7th - 6:00pm-8:30pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- February 15th - 6:00pm-8:30pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Program Hiking Monitor meeting. This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to TAPs as we take a hike through one of our parks and go over the responsibilities of a Hiking Monitor!

- February 14th - 10:00am-11:00am
Line Hill Mound MetroPark

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Little Learners - Mini Gardens

Get your hands in the dirt and make your own mini-garden to take home. Pick out plants for sensory and health benefits. Wonder which ones we will feed to the farm rabbit?

- February 25th - 9:00am-12:00pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Nature in a Blink: Salamander Migration

The moment the ground begins to thaw, the salamanders of Indian Creek are ready to go! Join us during this one-night, special evening program to observe migration from forest to vernal pools where the salamanders can safely lay their eggs.

- Date TBD - 7:00pm-10:00pm
Indian Creek MetroPark

Urban Coyote

Coyotes have been in the area for several decades, but you may notice them more as their wild habitat decreases. Since this is the peak of their mating season, we can anticipate more sightings. Join us to discuss how they got here, their role, common behaviors, and how to avoid negative interactions.

- February 18th - 6:30pm-8:30pm
Bicentennial Commons

Discovery on the Farm - The Little Hen Makes the Bread

Let's help the little hen make some bread. Participate in a puppet play, meet a live animal, and learn how bread is made through fun activities.

- February 27th - 9:00am-12:00pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Chopportunities - Invasive Species Removal

Join MetroParks staff as we meet to continuously work on beating back the invasive species in our parks making room for natives to thrive

- February 4 - 9:30am-11:30am Green Heron MetroPark
- February 7 10 - 9:30am-11:30am Green Heron MetroPark
- February 11 - 9:30am-11:30am Forest Run MetroPark
- February 18 - 9:30am-11:30am Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- February 21 - 9:30am-11:30am Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- February 25 - 9:30am-11:00am Meadow Ridge MetroPark
- February 28 - 9:30am-11:00am Meadow Ridge MetroPark

Possible Group Projects

Are you looking to make new connections with your coworkers, or do you want your students to participate in a service-learning opportunity? The MetroParks can offer private projects for your work, church, school group, or troop. You'll get to know each other better and develop teamwork while working on an energizing project that will positively impact the environment and your community.

Check out the full list of possible projects on Better Impact!

These projects are meant for groups ranging in size from 5 to 40+ volunteers

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