

JULY



2024

BIO BLITZ SUCCESS!

From May 17th to June 16th several volunteers took part in our annual Bio Blitz. Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark opened up to the public in October 2021. In 2023, we seeded a 6-acre prairie, 42-acre native grassland, and began the riparian reforestation project. The goal of the Bio Blitz was to see how successful the restoration process has been. Nearly 100 different species of plants insects and birds were identified at Angst during this Bio Blitz. Thanks to all the volunteers who participated. We couldn't have pulled an event like this off without you!

A BioBlitz is an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a given time, in a specific area (National Geographic), and promotes community understanding of the importance of biodiversity.



Photo's by Rachel Dinan



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

- Meadow Ridge Area - Elk Creek MetroPark
- Sycamore Bluff Four Mile MetroPark
- Wildlife Preserve - Forest Run MetroPark
- Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- Salamander Run MetroPark
- Sycamore Bluffs - Four Mile Creek MetroPark
- Mill Race Preserve - Four Mile Creek MetroPark
- Salamander Run 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

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR JULY

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Creeking in the Parks

Water isn't just fun to play in, it can also tell you a lot about our environment. Join MetroParks and Butler Soil and Water Conservation District for our fourth summer creek exploration! We'll find out about our watershed and the creatures that call Dry Fork Creek home. We'll supply everything you need to explore the water, the creek's fossils, and aquatic wildlife. Volunteers will support staff in the transporting of creeking supplies, helping keep the group together, and interacting with program participants.

- July 13 9:30am-11:30am
Fairfiled YMCA

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!

- July 12 - 10:00am-11:00am
Gilmore MetroPark

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- July 12 - 12:00pm-1:00pm
Gilmore 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!

- July 19 - 3:30pm-4:30pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

Tuesday Hound Hike

Join us for a tail-wagging, paw pattering hound hike. Bring your canine friend for a fun, stress-free walk at different parks throughout the summer. We are looking for volunteers to provide general support, assist with the setup, and teardown of the event, and serve as sweeps during the hike. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own dogs as well!

- July 30th - 6:30pm-8:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Community Service Day - Trail Maintenance Day

Trails throughout Indian Creek MetroPark have started becoming pretty overgrown during this warm wet weather and we need your help to cut it back. We'll cut back and prune the Mound Trail to clear the trail of hazards and discourage trail braiding. We'll be working with loppers, handsaws, and pruners. Feel free to bring your own tools or you can borrow ours.

July 20th 9:00am-12:00pm
Indian Creek MetroPark

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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

- July 2 - 9:30am-11:30am
Green Heron MetroPark
- July 9 - 9:30am-11:30am
Forest Run MetroPark
- July 11- 9:30am-11:30am
Forest Run MetroPark
- July 16 - 9:30am-11:30am
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- July 18 - 9:30am-11:30am
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- July 23 - 9:30am-11:30am
Elk Creek MetroPark
- July 30 - 9:30am-11:30am Elk Creek
MetroPark

Nature Explorers

What better way to enjoy mid-summer than with fun programs in YOUR MetroParksParks! Join us on Friday mornings and explore a different park each week. Creek with Butler Soil & Water educator Lynn White, meet MetroParks' program animals, learn more about plants and explore art in the parks.

- July 12 - 9:00am-11:30am
Four Mile Creek MetroPark
- July 19 - 9:00am-11:30am
Elk Creek MetroPark
- July 26 - 9:00am-11:30am
Forest Run MetroPark

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Meadow Ridge Area, Elk Creek MetroPark. Photos by Therese McGoron



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