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Welcome

Where Memories Are Made

Pictures taken in the Metroparks are part of a lot of family albums and – increasingly – wedding albums.

The Metroparks have always been venues for treasured family occasions, and the park district has responded to increased demand in recent years by making more areas available for ceremonies and celebrations, including the Manor House.

In 2011, more than 100 events took place in the grand house at Wildwood Preserve, including 17 weddings and 51 baby or bridal showers. Even more weddings and receptions are expected this year.

To accommodate the growing interest in rentals while also keeping the historical house available for free tours, hours for the Manor House have been adjusted. The house will be open for tours from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays from January through March. New hours from April through October are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Saturdays are now reserved for rentals only.

The house is available for weddings, showers, business meeting or special occasions. For rental availability and arrangements, call 419-407-9784. You can learn more about wedding and reception options, and read the new Metroparks Weddings blog, at MetroparksToledo.com.

See the Manor House page for information about behind-the-scenes tours and other events this winter. Also see the special events page to find out how you can help solve a “murder mystery” in the house.



About Metroparks

Metroparks of the Toledo Area is a regional system of premier natural, historical and cultural parklands. A public agency serving Lucas County, Metroparks maintains parks and conservation areas totaling 11,000 acres. The park district's mission is to enhance our quality of life and inspire preservation efforts in this and future generations.

Hours of Operation

All Metroparks open daily, 7 a.m. until dark. Admission: 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.



If you have a disabling condition and would like information and support for accessibility to programs, services, facilities or applying for a job at Metroparks, call 419-407-9701. Park Partners volunteers or interpreters are available upon request.

Metroparks of the Toledo Area is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate in employment. Programs and services are available to any member of the public.

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-surface all-purpose trails suitable for bicycling and skating. Oak Openings Preserve also has horse trails.

Memories Are Made At Metroparks Camps

All camps are held rain or shine, with plenty of rainy day options.

Wee Workshop Preschool Summer Camp (Ages 3 to 5)

Explore favorite Ohio animals through songs, puppets and games. Enjoy multi-sensory activities, crafts and outdoor exploration. Adults will play alongside their child. Register child only.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

All Sessions Monday-Friday

Fee: \$45 | Reservations

■ Session 1: June 4-8, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

■ Session 2: June 4-8, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Metroparks Explorers (Ages 5 to 6)

4 | Spend an exciting week discovering what wild things live nearby. A week of hands-on activities, songs and outdoor fun awaits. Homebase is Wildwood Preserve with exciting trips planned to Oak Openings and Farnsworth Metroparks to enjoy fishing, wildlife watching and hands-on nature activities. Bring your own lunch and water bottle. Equipment, supplies and field trip transportation are provided.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

All sessions Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fee: \$95 | Reservations

■ Session 1: August 6-10

■ Session 2: August 13-17



Kids will make treasured memories of outdoor adventures at a Metroparks summer camp.

Nature Camp (Ages 7 to 12)

An action-packed week of nature discovery and exploration for kids that includes fun and educational activities, games and outdoor exploration. Each day features a new theme making this a great educational experience for children who enjoy nature, history and the outdoors. Homebase is Wildwood Preserve with exciting trips planned to Oak Openings and Farnsworth Metroparks to enjoy fishing, wildlife watching and hands-on nature activities. Bring your own lunch and water bottle. Equipment, supplies and field trip transportation are provided.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

All sessions Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$95 | Reservations

■ Session 1: June 18 - 22

■ Session 2: July 9 - 13

■ Session 3: July 16 - 20

■ Session 4: July 23 - 27

RESERVATIONS: 419-407-9701 OR METROPARKSPROGRAMS.COM

One Day Camps

The Art of Nature Camp (Ages 8 to 14)

Nature is the greatest artist of all. At this special camp, use natural materials and nature as inspiration to create your own works of art. This camp includes a visit to Metroparks National Center for Nature Photography. Bring your own lunch and water bottle.

Session 1: July 11, Clay and Natural Fibers

Session 2: July 13, Photography and Watercolors
Secor, Secor Room

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fee: \$70 | Reservations

Ready Set Glow – Family Camp

Calling all night owls. The whole family will enjoy this evening camp as you hike in the twilight to search for deer, owls, raccoons and fireflies.

After an evening on the trails, return to the glow of a campfire for storytelling, songs and s'mores.

Equipment, supplies and s'mores are provided.

Children must be 5 years and older. Register all family members attending.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

Friday, July 6, 6 to 10 p.m.

Fee: \$10 | Reservations

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Oak Openings Camps

Camp Blue Jay (Ages 3-5)

Explore favorite Ohio animals through songs, puppets and games. Enjoy multi-sensory activities, crafts and outdoor exploration. Adults will play alongside their child. Register child only.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

Monday-Friday, June 18-22, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$45 | Reservations

Registration for all camps begins February 1, 2012. Applications for financial assistance are available for all camps, call 419-407-9701.

Camp Earthstar (Ages 5-6)

Butterflies, raccoons and birds, oh my! Spend an exciting week discovering what wild things live nearby. A week of hands-on activities, songs and outdoor fun awaits. Homebase is Oak Openings with exciting trips planned to Farnsworth and other Metroparks to enjoy fishing, wildlife watching, and hands-on nature activities. Bring your own lunch and water bottle. Equipment, supplies and field trip transportation are provided.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

Monday-Friday, June 11-15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fee: \$95 | Reservations

Camp Badger (Ages 7-12)

This is a week of nature discovery and exploration for kids that includes fun and educational activities, games and outdoor exploration. Each day features a new theme making this a great educational experience for children who enjoy nature, history and the outdoors. Homebase is Oak Openings with exciting trips planned to Farnsworth Metropark and Blue Creek Conservation Area to enjoy fishing, wildlife watching and hands-on nature activities. Bring your own lunch and water bottle. Equipment, supplies and field trip transportation are provided.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

Monday-Friday, July 30-August 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$95 | Reservations

Camp Dune (Ages 12 to 16)

Gear up for exciting outdoor adventures and wilderness survival. Teens will encounter the outdoors through live animal demonstrations, nature photography, geocaching, swimming and canoeing. Homebase is Oak Openings with exciting field trips planned to Farnsworth, Blue Creek and Wildwood Metroparks to enjoy fishing, boating, wildlife watching, historical tours and hands-on nature activities. Bring your own lunch and water bottle. Equipment, supplies and field trip transportation are provided.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

Monday-Friday, June 25-29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fee: \$125 | Reservations

Open for the Season

Schedule a private tour of a Metroparks attraction for your youth or adult club for a nominal fee. Call 419-407-9701 for details and to schedule your next unique outing.

Wildwood Manor House

The stunning Georgian Colonial style mansion at Wildwood Preserve stands as one of Toledo's architectural icons. Enjoy free guided or self-guided tours every weekend at this 32,000 square foot Depression era home and learn about the region's rich history. Be sure to plan some extra time to visit the rare Ellen Biddle Shipman garden, Frank Stranahan exhibit and the Manor House library. *Tour Hours: January-March, Sundays, Noon to 5 p.m. and April-October, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, Noon to 6 p.m.*

Free. Private group reservations available during the week for a nominal fee.

See *Wildwood Manor House listing for programs and special events.*

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The National Center for Nature Photography is an ideal winter destination. Stay warm and dry while enjoying nature indoors and out in the center's galleries and attached Window on Wildlife. Admission is free, and the building is accessible to all.

The Canal Experience

Make your reservation to let the Providence mules pull you back to 1876 aboard a replica canal boat. This is the only place in Ohio where you can still pass through an original 19th century lock. Plan time to stop by the 140 year-old Isaac Ludwig Mill and witness the power of water as we grind grain and saw logs.

Open May through October

Visit MetroparksToledo.com for hours of operation.

Prices: Canal boat tickets \$6 adults, \$5 Metropark Members and seniors (60 and over), \$4 children (3 to 12); ages two and under Free. Mill tours Free.

Oak Grove School

Meet a 19th century schoolmarm and experience how much education has changed in the past 100 years. The one-room Oak Grove School, located at the East Entrance to Wildwood Preserve, is the perfect place to spend an afternoon. Call for Reservations.

See History listing for programs.

National Center For Nature Photography

Exhibits from the nation's premier nature photographers hang alongside images by local talent in this gallery. The National Center for Nature Photography at Secor Metropark is the only center of its kind in the country.

Hours: noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays (and during special events)

Free.

See Nature Photography listing for workshops and special exhibits.

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Travel Circle

Spend an afternoon with Hostelling International. Hike or ski at 1 p.m., weather permitting. At 2:15 p.m., enjoy a slide show presented by a guest speaker. Each week features an exciting, new world travel destination.

Free

- **Argentina, the Party at the End of the World - Allison and Michael Holly**
Saturday, January 7, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge
- **Desert Desserts to Dubai, Egypt and Petra - Judy Pfaffenberger**
Saturday, January 14, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
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- **Hawaii, Maui and Oahu - Tim Kreps**
Saturday, January 21, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall
- **From the Amazon River Basin to the Galapagos Islands - Rose and Andy Kandik**
Saturday, January 28, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall
- **Israel and Jordan - Nancy and Tom Verner, Sue Wilson and Ron Toneff**
Saturday, February 4, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge
- **Bicycling 1,038 miles from Perrysburg to Maine - Larry Lindsay**
Saturday, February 11, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Secor, Secor Room
- **Brussels, Belgium and Slovakia - Dave Beckwith**
Saturday, February 18, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall
- **Italy, A Tuscan Adventure - Connie Bauer**
Saturday, February 25, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall
- **Africa, Animals and More - Judy Pfaffenberger**
Saturday, March 3, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge



Each Travel Circle begins with an optional walk or ski, depending on the weather.

- **An UnBelizeable Beauty - Laura Schetter**
Saturday, March 10, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Secor, Secor Room
- **Cruising the Mediterranean - Leslie Panczner**
Saturday, March 17, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall
- **Vancouver's Winter Olympics 2008 - Jack McBride**
Saturday, March 24, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall
- **Yanks Invade London - Dana and Deb Smith**
Saturday, March 31, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
Secor, Secor Room

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Special Events

Oak Openings Forum: Keynote

This year, welcome keynote, John O'Meara, executive director of Columbus-Franklin County Metro Parks, who will highlight the protection of natural areas in Central Ohio, including bison reintroduction and rare species and prairie conservation. Let a twilight savanna walk and dinner at Oak Openings Lodge set the stage for this keynote address for Saturday's Oak Openings Research Forum. Walk at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and keynote at 7 p.m. Thanks to a Metroparks Members grant, scholarships are available. If you would like a vegetarian dinner, please make a note at the time of registration. For details, call 419-407-9706.

Friday, January 27, 4:30 to 10 p.m.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge
Fee: \$25 | Reservations

Oak Openings Research Forum

Metroparks is partnering with the Toledo Lucas County Public Library to present this update on a year's worth of research in the globally-rare Oak Openings Region of northwest Ohio. Presentations and posters highlight subjects including rare plants, insects, birds, amphibians, ecology and geology. Presentations will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. Parking Garage opens at 8:45 a.m. For a full agenda, see our story under Parks and Places at MetroparksToledo.com. Cost includes materials, lunch, courtesy parking at the Main Library garage on Adams Street and refreshments. For more information, call 419-407-9700. If you would like a vegetarian lunch option please make a note at the time of registration.

Scholarships available thanks to a generous Metroparks Members grant. Call 419-407-9706 for details.

Saturday, January 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Main Library, McMaster Center
Fee: \$25 | Reservations

Murder Mystery At The Manor House: CSI ASAP

The elegant Manor House makes the perfect backdrop for this mysterious whodunit. Relax, enjoy a fine meal and test your detective skills during this event of entertainment. Presented by Random Acts. Catered by Michaels. Sponsored by Manor House Volunteers.

Friday, January 20, 6 to 9 p.m.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House
Fee: \$50 (Metroparks Members \$40)
Reservations

S'Mores and More

Grab your mittens and hats to inaugurate our new winter addition to Side Cut - a portable ice rink! Bring those sleds to conquer the Wagener sledding hill. Enjoy winter fun, with skating, sledding, s'mores, music, ice carving, refreshments and more. Sponsored by The Andersons.

Saturday, January 21, 2-7 p.m.

Side Cut Silver Lake Area
Free

Good Morning Groundhog!

Will the groundhog see his shadow? Shake away the winter blues with fun-filled activities, humorous weather lore and a visit to Wildwood Willie's meadow habitat. This is a great program for kids and their adult companions.

Thursday, February 2, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall
Free | Reservations



Will Wildwood Willie see his shadow? Kids will find out at this year's Good Morning Groundhog program, February 2.



Butterflies are always a welcome sight, but they are even more fun and interesting to see when you know how to identify them. A daylong workshop March 31 will give you the skills to use in the field this summer.

Valentines Passion: Chocolate and Candlelight

Rejuvenate your passion for the outdoors and each other on this romantic, self-guided winter walk along a wooded, candle-lit trail. You and your sweetie will be provided with a lantern to help guide your way to the fire at the Lodge, where you will delight in sampling a variety of decadent chocolate desserts. Sip gourmet hot cocoa by the fire while enjoying soft music. Due to the popularity of this program a second night has been added.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge
Fee: \$15 (Metroparks Members \$12)

Reservations

■ *Sunday, February 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m.*

■ *Tuesday, February 14, 7 to 8:30 p.m.*

Ohio Environmental Council Vernal Pool Conference

Metroparks and the Ohio Environmental Council partner for this annual statewide event featuring the Oak Openings Region's hot spots of biodiversity known as vernal pools. For more information on fees, times and locations call 419-407-9706.

Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge
Fee: \$15

Butterfly Identification Workshop

Spend a day learning to identify Ohio butterflies, attracting them to your garden and learning to monitor local butterfly populations. Professional photographer, Ian Adams, will discuss photographing insects. This day-long workshop is designed to benefit anyone from beginner to serious lepidopterist. Metroparks of the Toledo Area is partnering with Ohio Lepidopterists, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, The Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Ohio Biological Survey to present this 15th annual workshop. Fee includes lunch, snacks and educational materials. Contact Jerry Wiedmann at 440-413-3778 or wiedmannb@aol.com for questions and registration.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House

Saturday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15 (\$5 without lunch) | Reservations



Birds of a Feather programs will sharpen your birding skills, whether you are a beginner or experienced observer.



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Metroparks Seniors

This program is accessible to all seniors who love nature, history and local parks. An optional, short walk will follow the presentation.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

Fee: \$2 | Reservations

■ Virtual Hike

Grab a seat for this relaxing tour of your beautiful Metroparks. A naturalist serves as guide with stunning photographs of the most inspiring scenes in the parks. Visitors will stay warm at this indoor winter program, but still enjoy all the scenery of a virtual stroll through 10,000 acres of preserved natural habitat.

Wednesday, January 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

■ The Eyes of March

Nature's sense of sight is the focus of this seniors program as a Metroparks naturalist explores the amazing optical abilities found in nature. This new program will certainly make you aware of the eyes of March.

Wednesday, March 14, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Birders of a Feather

Become a part of a bird-watching flock. First-timers and experienced birders love these monthly avian programs. Bring your binoculars and field guides to test your new knowledge as we hike the site together in search of birds.

Fee: \$3 | Reservations

■ Resident Birds

Walk the floodplain in search of resident birds.

Saturday, January 14, 8 to 10 a.m.

Wildwood Preserve, Window on Wildlife

■ Urban Birds

Just like people, some birds prefer the city life.

Find out which birds are spending the winter at Swan Creek.

Saturday, February 11, 8 to 10 a.m.

Swan Creek Preserve, Window on Wildlife

■ Siskins & Tree Sparrows

Take a walk around Secor to look for siskins, tree sparrows and possibly an owl.

Saturday, March 10, 8 to 10 a.m.

Secor, Window on Wildlife

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Bird Study

Bird Study will meet monthly for an in-depth look at bird structures, behaviors and species. This indoor discussion is a sharing and learning experience designed to enhance and hone bird identification skills.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

Fee: \$3 | Reservations

■ The Whole Bird

Do all birds fly? An overview of what makes a bird a bird. Learn basic bird anatomy and how field marks help identify birds.

Wednesday, January 18, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Behaviors and Habitats

Who flocks together and who scratches the ground? Knowledge of behavior and how birds relate to their habitats is helpful in identifying birds.

Wednesday, February 15, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Seasons of the Birds

What birds are found in northwest Ohio and when are they here? Not all are year round residents. This month we focus on the thrush family.

Wednesday, March 21, 7 to 9 p.m.

Full Moon Walk

The full moon sheds all the light needed on this special, naturalist-led night hike. Track nocturnal wildlife, call owls and gaze at a sky full of stars. No dogs permitted.

Thursday, March 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Secor, NCNP parking lot

Free | Reservations



Experience the full moon like never before at Secor March 8.



Set your child's imagination free at an age-appropriate program designed to foster a love of nature.

Programs for Kids

Toddler Trails (Ages 18 months to 3 years)

This outdoor, multi-sensory nature play and exploration program runs the first Wednesday of each month. Parents must accompany their child at the program. Register toddlers only.

Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center

Fee: \$3 | Reservations

■ *Wednesday, January 4, 10 to 11 a.m.*

■ *Wednesday, February 1, 10 to 11 a.m.*

■ *Wednesday, March 7, 10 to 11 a.m.*

Tot Trot (Ages 3 to 6)

If your little one has graduated from Toddler Trails but still loves nature walks, this program is for you. Enjoy healthy outside activity with a special theme each week. Parents must accompany their child at the program. Dress for outdoors. Register children only.

Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center

Fee: \$3 | Reservations

■ *Thursday, January 12, 2 to 3 p.m.*

■ *Thursday, February 9, 2 to 3 p.m.*

■ *Thursday, March 8, 2 to 3 p.m.*

Hooray for Homeschoolers

Fee: \$5 (Metroparks Members \$4) | Reservations

■ How Does Nature Survive Winter?

In the Winter, some animals and plants sleep. Other wildlife just naps and waits for the sun. Bundle up to go outside and see how nature handles the colder temperatures. Hike is followed by a craft project.

Thursday, January 19, 10 a.m. to Noon
Side Cut, Lamb Center

■ Let it Snow

Snow is a beautiful mystery. What is it? How is it made? How do animals use it? Take a close look at snow and how important it is to plants and animals then make snowflakes to take home.

Thursday, February 16, 10 a.m. to Noon
Secor, Secor Room

■ Around the World for St. Patrick's Day

Through art, song and dress learn all about why we celebrate this holiday. Today's program explores the history and celebrations surrounding St. Patrick's day. A parade adorned in our best holiday garb is the perfect end to this fun filled day.

Friday, March 16, 10 a.m. to Noon
Pearson, Macomber Lodge



Homeschoolers will learn about a timely topic – snow! – February 16.



Mammals that live in the Metroparks are fascinating, especially for children. Mammals large and small will be the topic of the January 21 Club Camp.

Club Camp (Ages 7 to 11)

Nature Camp doesn't have to end just because summer is over. Every month camp is not in session in 2012, Metroparks is hosting a special time for campers to reunite and extend their great nature experience.

Fee: \$3 | Reservations

■ Mammals, Mammals, Mammals

During summer camp, campers spotted many mammals. How many can you still identify by looking at their skins and skulls?

Saturday, January 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, FarmHouse

■ Winter Wilderness Survival

Campers learned about Wilderness Survival in the summer. Learn how survival is different in the winter? Perhaps you will track some animals.

Saturday, February 18, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

■ Take a Shot at Spring

Practice your digital camera skills and take some pictures that show spring is on its way. Metroparks supplies the cameras and photo opportunities. Tour the Nature Photography Center and view winning photos from the 'Click With Nature Contest' featuring local young photographers.

Saturday, March 17, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Secor, Secor Room

Wee Workshop (Ages 3 to 5)

Wee Workshop is a hands-on nature experience designed to cultivate your child's love for the outdoors and includes a craft, story time and a nature walk. Register child only. Parents must accompany their child during this program.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

Fee: \$5 (Metroparks Members \$4) | Reservations

■ Winter Wonderland

Discover the wonderful world of winter. Find out which animals are awake and which sleep through the frigid winter days. Go on a hike to look for animal tracks and other signs of life in the frosty landscape.

Tuesday, January 24, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

■ Whooo's There?

They are often heard, but rarely spotted. Learn all about different species of owls living in the Metroparks.

Tuesday, February 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

■ Spring has Sprung

Celebrate the end of winter as you look for more than a date on the calendar to prove that spring's changes are happening.

Tuesday, March 20, 10 to 11:30 a.m.



Programs for scouts help them earn credits toward advancement.

Programs for Scouts

Calling All Brownies: Hikers

Every Trail leads to a new adventure. Try out a hiking skill, pick the right gear and hunt for signs of animals. Each scout should bring a "handful" of their favorite snack in a resealable bag to add to a group gorp. Scouts with food allergies should bring a snack. Dress to be outside for a portion of the program.

Thursday, January 12, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

Fee: \$5 (Metroparks Members \$4)

Reservations

Calling All Boy Scouts: Mammal Study

Take part in an engaging outdoor habitat improvement project and lecture. Boy Scouts earn all but one requirement (#3) for this merit badge. Mammal Study is a drop-off program for Scouts in grades 5-12. Dress for the weather.

Thursday, February 9, 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge

Fee: \$3

Reservations

Calling All Webelos: Geologist

Webelos will be amazed at how much rock and minerals surround them in their everyday lives. From our homes, to the food we eat and the roads we travel, geology affects everything we do. Learn about mountains, fossils and more as we study our local fault line at Farnsworth Metropark. The trail is primitive and can be seasonally unavailable, a safety or accessibility concern. Dress for outdoor walking. This drop-off program runs rain or shine.

Thursday, March 22, 4 to 5:15 p.m.

Farnsworth, Roche de Bout Shelter

Fee: \$3

Reservations

Underground Railroad Essay Contest

Friends of the Lathrop House and Metroparks are sponsoring the annual essay contest to pay tribute to both the courage of the slaves who risked everything to escape bondage and the conductors who defied the law and followed their conscience to aid the runaways.

The contest is for students in grades 5-8 with separate prompts for grades 5-6 and 7-8. Teachers will be asked to submit one essay per class.

Prizes will be awarded to individual students in each age group. There will be one first place prize (\$100 savings bond) and two honorable mentions (\$50 savings bonds) per age group.

Students accompanied by parents will receive their award at the May 1 meeting of the Friends of the Lathrop House.

In early May the Metroparks will provide a long program experience for up to 30 students at the Oak Grove School House located at Wildwood Preserve to the winning student's class in each age group. Please check MetroparksToledo.com for more details.

Submissions must be postmarked
by April 6, 2012

Mail entries to:
Janice Scovic
5338 River Oaks Court
Sylvania, OH 43560





Nature Photography Programs

The National Center for Nature Photography (NCNP) will be closed Saturday, December 17 through Sunday, January 1. The center will re-open Saturday, January 7, 2012 with all new exhibits.

Naturalists Camera Club of Toledo

Programs include guest speakers, photo instructions, club information and light refreshments. Please visit the NCNP gallery exhibits before or after the programs.

Secor, Secor Room

Free

■ **Beginning Nature Photography 'How To' Series**

Sunday, January 8, 2 to 4 p.m.

■ **Best Nature Photo Locations in our Area**

Sunday, February 12, 2 to 4 p.m.

■ **Butterflies of Kitty Todd Nature Preserve presented by Angie Cole**

Sunday, March 11, 2 to 4 p.m.



Learn more about nature and photography at the National Center for Nature Photography.

New Gallery Exhibits

Be the first to see the new exhibits on Saturday, January 7. New exhibits continue through Sunday, April 1, noon to 5 p.m.

Secor, NCNP

Free

■ **New Lands, New Discoveries**

Every acre in Metroparks harbors something special and there are always new scenes and species to be discovered. This is a revealing look at some of the special qualities to be discovered on newly acquired natural areas not yet open to the public. This exhibit made possible by a Metroparks Members Grant.

■ **Travelogue: North Shore Minnesota**

Minnesota's Lake Superior coastline is one of America's natural treasures. This wild North Woods landscape was created when lava-born rocky ramparts were pounded by the world's greatest and most unpredictable freshwater lake. Extraordinary scenery, wildlife, opportunities for adventure, great accommodations and unique shopping are all there for the taking. These photos will be an inspiration to add the Minnesota North Shore to your bucket list.

■ **Winning Photos From The 2011 Outdoor Writers Association Of America Excellence In Craft Contest**

This exhibit features stunning nature photography that brings the beauty and wonder of the outdoors indoors. Experience nature through the eyes of OWAA professional photographers. OWAA is the Voice of the Outdoors with members representing professional photographers and outdoor communicators in the United States.

■ **Click With Nature**

WGTE Family Channel and Metroparks invited youths 13 and under to submit photos of the nature that inspired them, whether in their backyards or favorite Metroparks. This display is a selection of those entries and showcases how these boys and girls Clicked With Nature.

Watch for additional new exhibits in the gallery each month.

Becoming A Better Photographer: The Creative Process

This is a two-session workshop led by award-winning nature photographer Art Weber. This is a classroom-style workshop aimed at those who already know the basics of exposure and camera operations that want to take the quality of their images to the next level. Sessions concentrate on the creative process and how to make photos better and more distinctive.

Monday, January 23 and 30, 7 to 9 p.m.

Secor, NCNP

Fee: \$50 (Metroparks Members \$40)

Reservations

Nature Shoot: Reptiles

This session includes a unique, behind-the-scenes opportunity to photograph species in the Toledo Zoo's renowned Reptile House. Session led by Andrew Odum, the zoo's curator of reptiles, as well as an exceptional photographer.

Saturday, February 11, 9 to 11 a.m.

Toledo Zoo

Fee: \$40 (Metroparks Members \$32)

Reservations

Nature Shoot: Birds Of Prey

This popular annual program combines tips on taking great wildlife photos with an opportunity to photograph magnificent birds of prey. Meet at Nature's Nursery, in the Blue Creek Conservation Area, Whitehouse, for the opportunity to take intimate close-ups of these birds against a natural backdrop.

Saturday, February 18, 1 to 3 p.m.

Blue Creek Conservation Area, Nature's Nursery

Fee: \$30 (Metroparks Members \$25)

Reservations

Nature For The Photographer

Understanding nature is as important as understanding your camera. This two-session classroom-style workshop takes students through the basics of how to read nature. Led by the National Center for Nature Photography's Art Weber,

participants will be introduced to habitat recognition, ecological niches and nature's calendar. After this workshop, you are sure to be in the right place at the right time for the photos you seek.

Monday, February 27 and March 5, 7 to 9 p.m.

Secor, Secor Room

Fee: \$50 (Metroparks Members \$40)

Reservations

Nature Shoot: Woodpeckers

Work from blinds to get close-up photo opportunities of nature's flying lumberjacks. Includes learning opportunities on woodpecker natural history and effective use of blinds. Minimum 200mm lens recommended. Limited to three photographers per session.

Secor, National Center for Nature Photography

Fee: \$30 (Metroparks Members \$25)

Reservations

■ *Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

■ *Tuesday, March 6, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. or
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Special Exhibits At The Main Library

Here is your opportunity to view a selection of the best of the NCNP exhibits in the stunning Main Library Gallery – including images from New Lands, New Discoveries funded by Metroparks Members Grant, The Black Swamp Conservancy's 10,000 Acres:

Preserved Forever, 25 Years – 25 Logos by Jesse Mireles and other highlights from the National Center for Nature Photography.

Opening reception is Monday, January 9, 5 to 7 p.m. with light refreshments provided.

Main Library – Downtown Toledo

*January 9 through February 25, Monday
and Tuesday: Noon-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday
through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.*

Free



Photo Arts Club Of Toledo 27th Annual Photo Contest

This all-entries exhibit is hosted by the National Center for Nature Photography. Contest entries will be accepted at the NCNP during the month of March. *Saturday & Sundays, Noon to 5 p.m.*

Engraved Bricks Are Lasting Tributes

Engraved bricks make great memorials or tributes for special occasions, such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and holiday gift ideas. Engraved bricks are available for placement at the Visitors Center or Oak Grove School at Wildwood and at Johlin Cabin at Pearson. For more information call, 419-407-9723.

Engraved bricks are also available at Side Cut Metropark. For more information, call the Friends of Side Cut at 419-897-8663.



Parks & Places

Let It Snow!

When the snow flies, make your first stop for winter recreation MetroparksToledo.com. The latest updates on skiing, skating and sledding conditions will be posted on the front page. You can also use the search box.

Sledding, Skating

A new sledding hill at Side Cut Metropark in Maumee was a popular destination last winter, and it's bound to be even more so this year with the addition of an ice skating rink.

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The 80 ft. X 200 ft. ice rink and the Wagener Sledding Hill are located at the Silver Lake area, just off the parking lot. The addition of lights will now allow the fun to continue after dark.

The tradition of skating and sledding continues at Pearson Metropark in Oregon, where lights also allow for nighttime sledding on the sledding hill and skating on the lake.

Mallard Lake at Oak Openings Preserve in Swanton is also open for ice skating during regular park hours when conditions allow.

Conditions for sledding and skating can change rapidly, and open hours may vary.

When the snow flies, call 419-407-9700 to access the Snow Line for current outdoor recreation conditions.



The Wagener Sledding Hill opened last year at Side Cut in Maumee.



All un-paved trails and open areas in the Metroparks welcome cross-country skiers. A dedicated ski trail is available at Oak Openings.



Open Late

Pearson and Side Cut are open until 9 p.m. Monday through Friday for skating or sledding when ice and snow conditions are suitable.

Skiing

All unpaved trails and open playfields in the Metroparks are suitable for cross-country skiing during daylight hours. There is one trail in the Metroparks dedicated for skiers only, at the Evergreen Lake Area at Oak Openings.

Stay Warm Inside

Windows on Wildlife are warm, dry places where you can watch birds and other wildlife in winter. WOWs are located at Pearson, Wildwood Preserve, Oak Openings Preserve, Swan Creek Preserve, Secor and Side Cut. It's not unusual for these rooms to be busy on both sides of the window, as park visitors take a break from the cold air and wildlife stop by to take advantage of the full feeders.



Skate on ponds at Pearson and Oak Openings. A new ice rink also opens this winter at Side Cut.



History Programs

Behind the Scenes

See how the other half lived when you explore parts of the Manor House typically out of sight during regular tours. From the attic through the maids' quarters to the boiler room, this tour will forever change how you view one of Toledo's architectural icons. Space is limited.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House

Fee: \$9 (Metroparks Members \$7)

Reservations

- Thursday, January 12, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 14, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, January 15, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 23, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 25, 9 to 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, February 26, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Remember the Ladies

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Members of the AAUW (American Association of University Women), bring to life women past and present who have made a significant difference in the lives of all women and men. This program is free and open to grades 3-6. Limited reservations each Wednesday. Please call Susan at 419-277-0107.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House

Free

- Wednesday, January 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 25, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 29, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 7, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m.



The American Association of University Women brings to life fascinating women in history through dramatic portrayals at Remember the Ladies.

Johlin Cabin Open House

Calling pioneers of all ages. The Black Swamp Cabin is open for you to enjoy. See how much home life has changed in the last 145 years when you meet the lady of the house dressed in period clothing, help with daily chores or just have a look around.

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pearson, Johlin Cabin

Free | Reservations

Oak Grove School Open House

Walk through the double doors of Oak Grove School and travel back to the late 1890s. The flag has 44 stars and students in grades 1-8 learned lessons from McGuffey Readers, arithmetic on slate boards and penmanship in their copybooks. A schoolmarm serves as guide to the past.

Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wildwood Preserve, Oak Grove School

Free

RESERVATIONS: 419-407-9701 OR METROPARKSPROGRAMS.COM



Can You Solve The Mystery At The Manor House?

Friday, January 20
6 to 9 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve
Manor House

The elegant Manor House makes the perfect backdrop for an entertaining who-done-it mystery. Relax, enjoy a fine meal and test your detective skills. Sponsored by Manor House Volunteers.
\$50 (Metroparks Members \$40) | Reservations: 419-407-9701

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COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

Metroparks is seeking teens ages 13 to 17 with exceptional interests in nature, the environment, and youth education to serve as Counselors in Training (C.I.T.s) for 2012 Metroparks Summer Camps.

C.I.T.'s work along side camp counselors teaching campers, playing games, making crafts, fishing, canoeing, swimming, and more! This is an excellent opportunity for leadership development, service hours, and experience in outdoor education!

Spaces are limited. Interested individuals should call (419) 407-9701 for more information on the application process.





Manor House Programs

TAARS: Toledo Area Aboriginal Research Society

The answers to history's great mysteries lay buried under our feet. Join TAARS for its monthly meeting to discuss topics related to the field of archaeology.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House

Free

- *Thursday, January 26, 7 to 9 p.m.*
- *Thursday, February 23, 7 to 9 p.m.*
- *Thursday, March 22, 7 to 9 p.m.*

Scholars of a Different Note: BGSU Concert Series

Talented students again fill one of Toledo's best-known homes with music. Enjoy a different performer every week.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House

Free

- **Oboe students of Dr. Jacqueline Leclair**
Tuesday, January 31, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Piano students of Dr. Thomas Rosenkrantz**
Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Cello students of Alan Smith**
Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Violin studio of Penny Thompson Kruse**
Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Students from the vocal studio of Sean Cooper**
Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Piano students of Robert Satterlee**
Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Students of Myra Merritt – An Evening of Art Songs**
Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **The Viola Students of Matthew Daline**
Tuesday, March 27, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Student musicians from BGSU perform in the Manor House during the Scholars of a Different Note series.

Collectibles: Oh, You Beautiful Doll

Judy Kraus of The Buckeye State Doll Study Club shares a variety of the multitude of dolls in her collection. Refreshments served prior to the program courtesy of the Manor House Volunteers.

Tuesday, March 27, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House

Free

Tea In The Solarium

Think spring! Tea season returns April 6. The fee for one sitting is \$9, and 60 cents for each additional item. Limited reservations will be taken beginning March 5, but are not required. Call 419-344-4765.



TBG Programs

Toledo Botanical Garden is open daily. Admission is free. The garden is operated by a non-profit organization and hosts a variety of educational programs and special events. Open year-round during daylight hours. For more information, visit ToledoGarden.org

Seed Swap

A gardeners' pep rally to kick off the growing season. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn new skills and diversify their gardens by mingling with others and swapping favorite seeds and bulbs. The Seed Swap offers gardeners of all abilities exposure to new plants and helps preserve unique local and cultural strains, as many gardeners grow plants that are unique to their ethnicity or taste. There will also be activities for kids, workshops, music and more. Bringing seeds to swap is encouraged but not required.

Saturday, February 25, Noon - 3 pm

Erie Street Market

Free

All Species Ball

Come dressed as your favorite non-human animal. There will be entertainment, snacks and a cash bar. Proceeds benefit Toledo GROWs small livestock programs.

Saturday, February 25, 7 to 11 p.m.

Erie Street Market

Fee: \$25



Get in the gardening spirit for the coming season at the annual Seed Swap.



Nature's Nursery

Nature's Nursery is a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation and conservation education organization located at the Blue Creek Conservation Area, a Metroparks property in Whitehouse. Found an injured animal? Call 419-877-0060. For non-emergency information and a list of outreach programs, visit www.natures-nursery.org

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Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District

The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District, a Metroparks partner, provides many educational programs in the realm of natural resource conservation, awareness and appreciation. Please call Jamie Kochensparger, education specialist at 419-893-1966 for further information.

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Make a difference... *become a volunteer!*



Help preserve and protect the natural heritage of northwest Ohio – a rewarding way to contribute to the community. What you'll get in return is a greater understanding of the area's nature, history and culture. The view is pretty good, too!

**Administrative Opportunities | Volunteer Trail Patrol | Manor House | History
Nature Programming | Special Events | Stewardship & Beautification**

Learn more about how to get involved – call 419-407-9703.



Volunteer Programs

Welcome to Volunteering!

Interested in becoming a Metroparks Volunteer? Come to a volunteer orientation and explore all the programs and positions available. From pouring tea at the Manor House to planting trees in the park, volunteers do it all! Learn about all the opportunities that Metroparks has to offer, including a special session on the special topic of the night.

Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion

Free | Reservations

■ Volunteer Trail Patrol

This group patrols the park trails in pairs and serves as the volunteer eyes and ears of the park services staff. Learn more and find out how to apply by attending one of the informational meetings.

- *Wednesday, January 11, 7 to 8 p.m.*
- *Saturday, January 14, 3 to 4 p.m.*
- *Sunday, January 15, 2 to 3 p.m.*

■ Stewardship

Make a difference by learning how you can help with preservation efforts at Metroparks. Love the outdoors? Stewardship is for you. *Saturday, February 11, 10 to 11 a.m.*

■ Programs & Summer Camps

Get involved leading nature walks, working with campers or assisting staff with historic programs. Youths 13 to 17 years old can also learn more about the Counselor in Training program for Summer Camp 2012.

- *Wednesday, February 22, 7 to 8 p.m.*
Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion
- *Saturday, March 10, 3 to 4 p.m.*
Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

Volunteer Trail Patrol Interviews

Anyone interested in Volunteer Trail Patrol is encouraged to speak with a volunteer coordinator and schedule an interview at one of the following dates and times. Interviews are scheduled every 30 minutes.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

Free | Reservations

- *Wednesday, February 1, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.*
- *Thursday, February 2, Noon to 5 p.m.*
- *Friday, February 3, 9 a.m. to Noon*
- *Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. to Noon*

Sewing Circle

Have a knack for a needle and thread? Lend a helping hand mending historic clothing for living history re-enactors to wear during public programs.

Sunday, February 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

Pearson, Johlin Cabin

Free | Reservations

Volunteer Naturalist Training

Nature interpretation, seasonal plant and animal cycles and northwest Ohio natural history are the focus of this monthly, outdoor field study at various locations. Recommended for Metroparks walk leaders, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and Volunteer Trail Patrol.

Free | Reservations

- *Friday, January 20, 1 to 3:30 p.m.*
Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center
- *Saturday, January 21, 1 to 3:30 p.m.*
Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center
- *Friday, February 17, 1 to 3:30 p.m.*
Swan Creek, Window on Wildlife
- *Saturday, February 18, 1 to 3:30 p.m.*
Swan Creek, Window on Wildlife
- *Friday, March 16, 1 to 3:30 p.m.*
Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch
- *Saturday, March 17, 1 to 3:30 p.m.*
Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch



Volunteering in the Metroparks is a rewarding and fun experience. Sign up yourself or a group and make a difference!

Core Training for New Volunteer Trail Patrol

For new VTP recruits who have completed the interview process in February will be trained for the 2012 patrol season at these classroom style, interactive sessions.

Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall

Free | Reservations

- *Thursday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
- *Saturday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
- *Friday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Spring Clean-up

Give back to your Metroparks this spring at a clean up day. Volunteer projects include: trail maintenance, gardening, stewardship, land management, litter pick up and landscaping. Work gloves, a reusable drinking bottle and sturdy boots are recommended. Groups, families and individuals welcome.

Free | Reservations

- Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center
Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. to Noon
- Swan Creek, Airport Hwy. parking lot
Sunday, March 11, 1 to 3 p.m.
- Side Cut, Riverview parking lot area
Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. to Noon
- Farnsworth, Indianola parking lot area
Sunday, March 25, 1 to 3 p.m.

Friends and Partners Programs

Friends of the Lathrop House

For years, Lucian Lathrop opened his doors to shelter runaway slaves escaping on the Underground Railroad. Join the Friends for a bi-monthly meeting, and lend a hand in the restoration process of the Lathrop House.

Wildwood Preserve, Manor House

Free

- *Tuesday, January 3, 7 to 9 p.m.*
- *Tuesday, March 6, 7 to 9 p.m.*

Fallen Timbers Battlefield Preservation Commission

Let your voice be heard as this volunteer group works with Metroparks to shape the battlefield's fate for the next 100 years. For more information, email Dave Westrick at evadwest@buckeye-express.com

Tuesday, February 7, 7 to 9 p.m.

Side Cut, Lamb Center

Free

VIPs: Volunteers In Parks

The VIPs do many things to support Metroparks. Everyone is welcome to all VIP meetings and activities. If you're interested in getting involved, contact the VIPs at wildwood.volunteers@live.com.

■ Board Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Wildwood Preserve, Administration Building

Friends of Pearson

Join the Friends of Pearson at their monthly meetings and programs.

Free

- Winter's long hours of darkness provide a great opportunity for nocturnal animals. Come find out what is going bump, hoot and howl in the night. Meeting follows the program.

Wednesday, February 8, 7 to 9 p.m.

Pearson, Packer-Hammersmith Center

- Early spring wildflowers and photography will be presented by Metroparks staff highlighting the National Center for Nature Photography's current exhibits. Meeting follows the program.

Wednesday, March 14, 7 to 9 p.m.

Pearson, Macomber Lodge



Nocturnal animals – like the screech owl – will be the focus of the February 8 Friends of Pearson meeting.



This year's March Lecture Series at Pearson will mark the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

March Lecture Series: Western Lake Erie and the War of 1812



Join Friends of Pearson for a Sunday lecture series highlighting the Western Lake Erie Region and the War of 1812.

Pearson, Macomber Lodge

Free

■ Battle Of Lake Erie

Perry's Victory Park Ranger Jeff Helmer discusses the Battle of Lake Erie, Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial.

Sunday, March 4, 2 to 3 p.m.

■ Fort Meigs

Join Dan Woodward from Fort Meigs to discuss the battles that took place at the Perrysburg War of 1812 battlefield.

Sunday, March 11, 2 to 3 p.m.

■ Battle At River Raisin

Daniel Downing, Chief of Interpretation, Education and Operations at the Battle of River Raisin site discusses this important historical event.

Sunday, March 18, 2 to 3 p.m.

■ Eastside Heros and the War of 1812

Local historian and author Larry Michaels leads a discussion about pioneer Peter Navarre and other local citizens.

Sunday, March 25, 2 to 3 p.m.



Members Programs

Members Preview Presentation

Enjoy a continental brunch and preview presentation of the new NCNP gallery exhibits including your members grant funded New Lands, New Discoveries. Learn about the special qualities of recently acquired Metroparks natural areas. Be the first to tour the new gallery exhibits following the presentation.

Saturday, January 7, 11 a.m. to Noon

Secor Metropark, Secor Room

Free for Metroparks Members | Reservations

Winter Wildlife Tracks and Signs

Discover Wildwood's winter wildlife as you search for animal tracks and signs during this family friendly program. After a naturalist led walk to Susan's Meadow, head back to Metroparks Hall to create plaster casts of the tracks you spotted. This walk and take-home plaster tracks are sure to provide lasting memories for you and your family. Call Patty at 419.407.9723 for reservations.

Sunday, February 5, 2 to 4 p.m.

Wildwood, Metroparks Hall

Free | Reservations

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Rotary Pavilion, Side Cut



Playground Shelter, Pearson



Riverview Shelter, Side Cut

Facility Rentals

Whether you're planning a board meeting or a baby shower, a team banquet or a family reunion, Metroparks offers a variety of meeting rooms and open shelters to suit your needs.

Metroparks members receive a discount on the cost of all facility rentals, any day of the week. Other discounts may be available on weekdays only for non-profit and senior citizens organizations, and other government agencies. **Only one discount per rental may be applied.*

Manor House

Reserve the Wildwood Manor House for your wedding or other special occasion. The Manor House has several unique wedding packages to choose from. Call 419-407-9784 for details.

Outdoor Weddings

Weddings are welcome in Metroparks public areas by reservation.

For reservations, availability and complete terms and regulations, call the Metroparks reservations number: 419-407-9710 or visit MetroparksToledo.com. Reservations can be made online.



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Metroparks publishes this quarterly Program Guide which is distributed directly by mail to members and frequent users, and by request. Programs and news are also sent by email. Sign up here. It's free.

Name: _____ Your age: _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Please:

- Put me on your Program Guide mailing list.
- Contact me about Volunteer opportunities.
- Add me to your "This Week At Metroparks" email list (sent weekly)
- I am interested in more information about the following park or topic: _____

Return to: Metroparks Marketing
5100 W. Central Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615

Or email: webmaster@metroparkstoledo.com

Directory

Metroparks of the Toledo Area

Headquarters

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday
5100 W. Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43615

Headquarters:
419-407-9700

Program Reservations:
419-407-9701

Facility & Wedding Reservations:
419-407-9710

Manor House & Farmhouse Reservations:
419-407-9784

Athletic, large group and special event permits:
419-407-9769

Online Program and Facility Reservations:

MetroparksToledo.com

Special group and educational programs can be arranged by calling:

Program reservations: 419-407-9701
Nature Photography Center: 419-407-9757
Canal Experience: 419-407-9741

Your Metroparks:

Wildwood Preserve and Administrative Offices
5100 West Central Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43615

Blue Creek Conservation Area
St. Rt. 64 at Shadel Road
Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

Farnsworth Metropark
8505 S. River Road
Waterville, Ohio 43566

Oak Openings Preserve
4139 Girdham Road
Swanton, Ohio 43558

Pearson Metropark
4600 Starr Avenue
Lallendorf Road at SR2
Oregon, Ohio 43616

Providence Metropark
13827 U.S. 24 West
Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522

Secor Metropark
10001 West Central Avenue
Berkey, Ohio 43504

Side Cut Metropark
1025 W. River Road
Maumee, Ohio 43537

Swan Creek Preserve Metropark
4659 Airport Highway
Toledo, Ohio 43615

Toledo Botanical Garden
5403 Elmer Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43615

Greenways:

University/Parks Trail
Wabash Cannonball Trail
Towpath Trail

Windows On Wildlife:

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

Attractions:

The Canal Experience at Providence
Johlin Cabin, Pearson North
Lathrop House, Sylvania
National Center for Nature Photography at Secor
Oak Grove School at Wildwood Preserve
Pearson Pedal Boats
Wildwood Manor House

Retail:

General Store, Providence

Rental Facilities:

Picnic shelters and indoor facilities
available by reservation, 419-407-9710

Volunteer Services:

419-407-9703

Visit MetroparksToledo.com for hours, prices, maps, directions, and to make program and facility reservations.

5 Ways To Sign Up For Programs

Many programs require no advance reservations. For those programs where reservations are needed, there are five ways to sign up.

Online: Register and pay by credit card online at MetroparksToledo.com

By Phone: Call 419-407-9701.

In Person: Come to the Metz Visitors Center at Wildwood Preserve, 5100 W. Central Avenue, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By Mail: Use form below.

** Reservations are made in the order they are received; some programs have limited openings.*

By Fax: 419-407-9785

PROGRAM RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Group Name _____ # Attending _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

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Email address (to be added to our email list) _____

Metroparks Membership: Family \$40 Individual \$30 Full-Time/Senior (60+)
(10% off any category)

MetroBarks Family \$45 MetroBarks Individual \$35

Program	Date	Age of attendee	Cost (if any)

Total amount enclosed _____

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