

## Page 4 Summer Day Camps

Summer Day Camps offered for youth ages 5 to 14.

## Page 8 Amphitheater Programs

Join us every Saturday night at the Ottawa Metro Park amphitheater with a variety of entertainment including instrumental and vocal performances, puppeteers, magicians and nature based performances.

## Page 9 50th Anniversary

Join us on Saturday, June 25 for a day long celebration with event and activities for the entire family. Finish the day with a performance by NASHVILLE CRUSH!



## Director's Corner

### Director

Tyler Black

### Board of Commissioners

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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Tyler Black - Director

What an exciting time to be able to get out and connect with others in our community! I know for the staff at the park district it

is always a great feeling when summer rolls around because we all know that summer brings great opportunity to connect and reconnect with everyone using the parks. Whether it be you taking a walk with your dog or enjoying a nice day hiking the trails at Hermon Woodlands, our hope is that you get a chance to connect/reconnect with whatever your passion is and that the experiences you have while visiting the parks are positive and fulfilling.

The idea of connection is something that has been and continues to be vital for communities to thrive. We believe that we help play a major role within Allen County in connecting our community. Whether you are connecting with family at a reunion, connecting with friends for a round of disc golf, or simply connecting with nature, we are here for you!

Remember those summer nights that we all daydream of during the middle of winter? Maybe those memories bring you back to past connections you have made at the parks... I can think of some great memories from the past, like an evening in early summer of 2008 when I had my first date, kayaking at Lima Lake with my future wife (*I did tip the kayak while demonstrating how they are harder to tip than canoes and I had to swim my way back to shore, kayak in tow, not too slick for a first date...*) or I think of times like the surprise parties we have had for family members at Hermon Woodlands or graduation party season at the Allen County Farm Park. I hope you have fond memories at the parks too. I know there will be some great opportunities to make more memories this summer during our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We hope to see you out and connecting in all that we have to offer!

We thank you for your continued support and as always, your feedback is welcomed.

Tyler Black, Director

## Donations

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| In memory of    | Tammy Hallard      |
| Clayton Bacon   | Elizabeth Long     |
| Duane Boyd      | John McPheron      |
| Thomas Eversole | Marcel & Pat Miron |
| Craig Gallaher  | Dan Siferd         |



In honor of  
Charlotte Apfelbeck  
Julie Nunley &  
Rick Jordan

# Ottawa Metro Park Beach



The Ottawa Metro Park Beach, located at 2632 Ada Road opens for the season (weather permitting) on Saturday, May 28 at 12 p.m. Dates of operation are Saturday, May 28, through Sunday, August 7. Hours of operation are 12 noon to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Daily passes and season passes are available to purchase at the beach.

## Season pass rates

Family (Must be living in same household)

(2 member) - \$75 (\$25 each additional member)

Adult single (ages 13+) - \$50

Youth single (ages 3-12) - \$40

## Daily Rates

Ages 0-2—Free

Ages 3-12 - \$3

Ages 13+ - \$5

Days and hours of operation are subject to change depending on available, staff, weather, attendance, or any other factor that may inhibit the ability of everyone's safety. Water and air temperatures must be 70 degrees or higher for the beach to open.



# 50th Anniversary Celebration Nature Area!

Visit the Nature Area during our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on June 25 to experience the following and more!!! This area is sponsored by the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society, as well as Lifelong Learning Institute and Dot's Pet Center.

- Native Plant Sale – pick up some hardy and beautiful grasses, flowers, and woody plants to plant in your garden! We will be giving away plants, so everyone will go home with a beneficial and beautiful native plant!
- Live Raptors – Back-To-The-Wild will display a number of Ohio's large

raptors, including owls, hawks, and even a Bald Eagle!

- Butterfly Enclosure – All-A-Flutter Butterfly Enclosure Exhibition offers a unique opportunity to experience first-hand and up-close the wonders of Ohio butterflies!
- Animal Ambassadors – Enjoy a display of our own Park animals, including reptiles, amphibians, and fish!

Nature Projects at the Park – learn and engage with various nature projects & programs including wildlife monitoring and prescribed burns, as well as some park partners!

# Scouting Programs

The Park District naturalists are happy to help scouts complete requirements for badges, achievements and electives.

Below is a list of what programs we offer. Please contact the naturalists at 419-223-1025 to schedule a program.

## Cub Scouts & Webelos

**Tiger Adventure:** Backyard Jungle /Tigers in the Wild

**Wolf Adventure:** Paws on the Path  
**Bear Adventure:** Fur, Feathers, and Ferns

**Bear Elective Adventure:** A Bear Goes Fishing

**Webelos/Arrow of Light Elective Adventure:** Into the Wild / Into the Woods / Earth Rocks/Walkabout

## Boy Scouts

The JAMPD naturalists are merit badge counselors in: Bird Study, Mammal Study, Insect Study, Reptile & Amphibian Study, Nature, Hiking, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, Sustainability

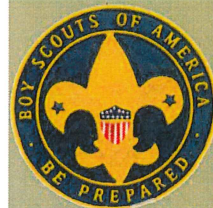
## Girl Scouts

**Daisies:** Rose Petal, Clover Petal

**Brownies:** Bugs, Senses, Hiker

**Juniors:** Flowers, Animal Habitats

**Cadettes:** Trees, Night Owl, Trailblazing



# Metro Park Adventures

## Summer Day Camps



**METROPARK TRAILBLAZERS**  
(AGES 5 & 6)



**METROPARK DISCOVERERS**  
(AGES 7 to 9)



**METROPARK EXPLORERS**  
(AGES 10 to 14)

### FEELIN' FROGGY

Tues., July 12 & Wed., July 13  
10 a.m.- 1 p.m. – MTB

Ribbit, Ribbit! Ready for a "toad-ally" awesome camp? Come spend time with some live amphibians and reptiles! Slither like a snake as we hike through the forest; run like a lizard as we play games; hop like a frog to the pond for exploration with nets; and, saunter like a turtle as we have loads (or should I say "toads") of fun! Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Dress appropriately to be outdoors. Registration along with a \$15 fee is required by July 8.

### BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS

Tues., Aug. 2 & Wed., Aug. 3  
10 a.m.-1 p.m. – MTB

Come join our flock as we learn all about birds. You'll leave as wise as an owl! You'll be as happy as a lark once we make our binoculars and use our eagle eye to spot different birds on the trail. You'll be as proud as a peacock to complete all of the exciting, planned activities. And you'll be as crazy as a loon as we play fun games. Don't miss this day camp! It will be something to crow about! Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Dress appropriately to be outdoors. Registration along with a \$15 fee is required by July 29.

### ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

Tues., June 28, Wed., June 29, & Thurs., June 30 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – MTB

Animals have incredible features that help them survive in all sorts of environments and situations. We will have so much fun exploring the adaptations of various live animals and comparing them to our own human adaptations. We will then use our imaginations to create adaptations for our own 3-D creatures. Please bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Dress appropriately to be outdoors. Registration along with a \$20 fee is required by June 24.

### BUGS GALORE!

Tues., July 26, Wed., July 27, & Thurs., July 29 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. – MTB

Bugs! Not just the crawly, squirmy kinds, but bugs that swim, fly, burrow, jump, and more! Youth ages 7 through 9 years old will learn about bugs of the land, water, and air. Hikes throughout the park will be included. Be prepared for the weather and wear shoes to potentially get muddy! Please bring a sack lunch, water bottle and sunscreen. Registration along with a \$20 fee is required by July 22.

### NATURE HEROES

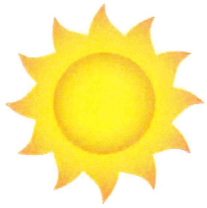
Wed., July 6, Thurs., July 7 & Fri., July 8  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. – MTB

You can be a Nature Hero! Together we will learn to explore nature around our homes and be amazed with what we can find! We will spend time learning hands-on what nature needs to survive, and we will use these tools and knowledge to improve the habitat in our yards and watch the beneficial wildlife flourish! Hikes to throughout the park will be included, be prepared for the weather and wear shoes to potentially get muddy! Please bring a sack lunch, water bottle and sunscreen. Registration along with a \$25 fee is required by July 2.



REGISTER ONLINE AT [JAMPD.COM](http://JAMPD.COM) or call 419-221-1232

All programs are supervised and led by the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Staff.



# Summer Programs

## June, July & August

If program description indicates registration required, please register online at [jampd.com](http://jampd.com) or by calling 419-221-1232.

### PARKS LEGEND

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| ACF     | Allen County Farm Park                 |
| ATA     | Antibus Trail Access                   |
| AR      | Agerter Road River Access              |
| DC      | Deep Cut                               |
| FA      | Fort Amanda Park                       |
| HP      | Heritage Park                          |
| HR      | Haver Ridge                            |
| HWMP    | Hermon Woodlands Metro Park            |
| KW      | Kendrick Woods                         |
| LBS     | Lippincott Bird Sanctuary              |
| LHF     | Lauer Historical Farm                  |
| MEEC    | McElroy Environmental Education Center |
| MMP     | Motter Metro Park                      |
| MTB     | McLean Teddy Bear Park                 |
| OMP     | Ottawa Metro Park                      |
| OMP/AMP | Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater         |

### June

#### SUMMER STROLL

**Sat., June 4 – 9:30 a.m. – HWMP**  
Enjoy a pleasant Saturday walk through beautiful Hermon Woodlands. We'll catch some late spring flowers, appreciate some summer blooms, and watch the birds busy with their families. Plan on a 1-1.5-hour hike, be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by June 3.

#### VERNON MCINTYRES APPALACHIAN GRASS

**Sat., June 11 - 7 p.m. - OMP/AMP**  
See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

#### IMAGINATURE PLAYGROUP

**Thurs., June 16 - 10 a.m. OR 1p.m. – HWMP**  
Come play with us at the Hermon Woodlands Imaginature Playscape! Join a naturalist at the West Shelter for a mini-program, then spend the rest of the time playing and exploring in the Playscape and creek. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch and extra shoes and/or clothes for the ride home! Register by June 14.

#### SUMMER STROLL

**Sat., June 18 – 9:30 a.m. – KW**  
Join a naturalist for an early summer walk in one of the largest contiguous woodlands in Allen County! Plan on a 1-1.5-hour hike. Pack some bug spray and be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by June 17.

#### THE BUG STAGE SHOW - MARK BERMAN

**Sat., June 18 - 7 pm - OMP/AMP**  
See Amphitheater Program on page 8.

#### GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY! (FISHING)

**Sun., June 19 – 2 p.m. – OMP**  
Join us for this month's "Go Outside and Play!" program as we spend our afternoon fishing and trying to skim stones. (A perfect activity for Father's Day!) Dress for the weather conditions. For more information, see the article on page 10. Register by June 17.

#### HEALTH THROUGH NATURE

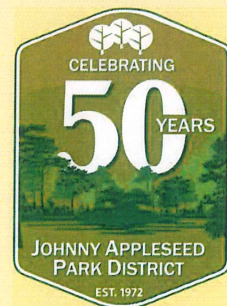
**Wed., June 22 – 5:30 p.m. – HP**  
Although modern technologies are making our life easier, more and more people are experiencing a sense of unease and anxiety. New scientific research is concluding that our disconnect from nature may be the cause. Scientists are finding that a connection to the natural world is crucial

for our health and well-being. Join a naturalist on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month this summer to reap the health benefits of being in nature. Register by June 20.

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Sat., June 25 - OMP**

*Events throughout the day!*



#### 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

- Youth Fishing Derby (pre-registration requested but not required)

#### 12 Noon to 6 PM

- Kids & Adult Activities
- Nature Area
- Entertainment
- Food Trucks

#### 6 PM to 8 PM

- Performance by Nashville Crush

\*\*\*See Page 9 for details.\*\*\*

#### METROPARK DISCOVERERS DAY CAMP (ages 7-9)

#### ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

**Tues., June 28, Wed., June 29 & Thurs., June 30 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - MTB**  
See page 4 for details.

## July

### SUMMER STROLL

Sat., July 2 – 9:30 a.m. – HP

Appreciate a mid summer walk in one of the Park District's first properties – Heritage Park! Plan on a 1-1.5-hour hike, be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by July 1.

### LIAM STOLLY

Sat., July 2 – 7 pm - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### METROPARK EXPLORERS DAY CAMP (ages 10-14)

#### NATURE HEROES

Wed, July 6, Thurs., July 7 & Fri., July 8  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - MEEC

See page 4 for details.

### 60'S SURVIVOR BAND

Sat., July 9 – 7 pm - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### 1940'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT LAUER FARM

Sun., July 10 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – LHF

Travel back in time to the 1940's and enjoy the simple pleasures of an old-fashioned ice cream social. Try your hand at cranking the ice cream maker and then re-live the anticipation of the delicious result of your efforts. The 1940's era historic farmhouse will be also open for tours.

### METROPARK TRAILBLAZERS DAY CAMP - FEELIN' FROGGY (ages 5-6)

Tues., July 12 & Wed., July 13

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - MTB

See page 4 for details.

### BEGINNING ARCHERY PROGRAM

Wed., July 13 - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. OR  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - KW (Evans Archery  
Range - 1376 N. St. Marys Rd.)

Participants age 9 through adult will meet with certified archery staff to assist beginning archers on the fundamentals of archery. Mathews Genesis bows

and all other supplies will be provided by the Park District. Archery supplies are cosponsored by the ODNR Division of Wildlife in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wildlife Restoration Program. Participants in the program must use bows provided. Wear close toed shoes, tie back long hair and remove dangly earrings. Register for one of the two one- hour time blocks. Register by July 12.

### SUMMER STROLL

Sat., July 16 – 9:30 a.m. – MTB

Come explore the first JAMPD park! 50 years ago McLean Teddy Bear Park was the first property in Allen County to become part of the Park District. Plan on a 1-1.5-hour hike, be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by July 15.

### MR. PUPPET

Sat., July 16 – 7 pm - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### IMAGINATURE PLAYGROUP

Thurs., July 21 – 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

#### HWMP

Come play with us at the Hermon Woodlands Imaginature Playscape! Join a naturalist at the West Shelter for a mini-program, then spend the rest of the time playing and exploring in the Playscape and creek. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch. Caregivers might want to pack extra shoes and/or clothes for the ride home! Register by July 19.

### CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL BY ASHTON CROOK

Sat., July 23 – 7 p.m. - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY! (PICNIC, MUD)

Sun., July 24 – 12 p.m. – MTB

Pack a picnic lunch and join us for this month's "Picnic & Mud" program. After our picnic we will have fun playing with mud! Dress to be outdoors. See the article on page 10. Register by July 22.

### METROPARK DISCOVERS DAY CAMP BUGS GALORE! (ages 7-9)

Tues., July 26, Wed., July 27 & Thurs.,  
July 28 – 10 a.m to 2 p.m. - MEEC

See page 4 for details.

### HEALTH THROUGH NATURE

Wed., July 27 – 5:30 p.m. – HP

See June 22<sup>nd</sup> program description. Register by July 25.

### NIGHT HIKE

Thur., July 28 – 8:30 p.m. – KW

See the forest come alive with the night as all the nocturnal critters start waking up! We'll stop and see the bats, explore the night on the trail, and finish up at the moth sheets! Plan on a 1-1.5-hour hike, be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by July 27.

### TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC BY TORAIGH

Sat., July 30 – 7 p.m. - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### 14TH ANNUAL RALLY POINT RIVER RIDE

Sat., July 30 - HP (Start & Finish)

Start Times Vary:

62.5 & 50 mile riders:

- 6:30am to 9am rides may begin

20 & 10 mile riders:

- 9am to 11am rides may begin

For all the details visit [rallyup.org](http://rallyup.org)

## August

### METROPARK TRAILBLAZERS DAY CAMP (AGES 5-6)

#### BIRDS, BIRDS, BIRDS

Tues., Aug. 2 & Wed., Aug. 3

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - MTB

See page 4 for details.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tues., Aug. 2 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – HP

Come join family and friends at Heritage Park for National Night Out. There will be food, games for the kids, a 5K fun run and displays from your local Fire and Law Enforcement Departments. Parking will be at Apollo Career Center.

### **NATURE PALS: AT THE BEACH**

Thurs., Aug. 4 - 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - OMP

Kids, ages 3-5 and their adult companion and siblings are invited to the Beach. Enjoy the water, along with games and a scavenger hunt. Dress for swimming. \$3 per child, adults are free. Register by Aug. 2.

### **JUST FOR KIDS: STREAM STROLL**

Fri., Aug. 5 - 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

OMP/AMP

Kids, ages 5-12, are invited to explore life in a creek. We will be searching the creek for clues of who lives there by using dip nets and hand lenses. Be prepared to get wet and muddy. Wear old clothing and water shoes, rubber boots or old gym shoes. Register by Aug. 3.

### **SUMMER STROLL - DC**

Sat., Aug. 6 - 9:30 a.m. - DC

Join us for a summer stroll along the Miami-Erie Canal towpath! We'll meet at the newly built Roebuck Shelter, take a walk through the prairie area, and hit the towpath from there. Plan on a 1-1.5-hour hike, dress for the weather and ground conditions. Register by Aug 5.

### **NAPKIN BASKET WORKSHOP**

Sat., Aug. 6 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - MEEC

Join us this summer for a quick basket project. Learn how to make a napkin basket with Chris Baker. \$30 fee. Registration required, class size is limited.

### **JUST FOR KIDS: STREAM STROLL**

Sat., Aug. 6 - 1 p.m. - OMP/AMP

Kids, ages 5-12, are invited to explore life in a creek. We will be searching the creek for clues of who lives there by using dip nets and hand lenses. Be prepared to get wet and muddy. Wear old clothing and water shoes, rubber boots or old gym shoes. Parents might want Register by Aug. 4.

### **LITTLE HOG CREEK DULCIMERS**

Sat., Aug. 6 - 7 p.m. - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### **BEGINNING ARCHERY PROGRAM**

Wed., Aug. 10 - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. OR 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - KW (Evans Archery Range 1376 N. St. Mary's Rd.)

See July 13 article. Register by Aug. 9.

### **PERSEID METEOR SHOWER**

Fri., Aug. 12 - 9 p.m. - KW

Wednesday night members of the Lima Astronomical Society will be present with telescopes to help the public watch the annual meteor shower and other nights objects. Bring bug spray, lawn chairs, ground blanket, and a light jacket for comfort. This event is dependent on weather and cloud cover and often continues into the morning hours! Check the Lima Astronomical Society Facebook page in case the event is cancelled due to weather. Register by Aug 10.

### **CHRIS ROWLANDS**

Sat., Aug., 13 - 7 pm - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### **INTRO TO NATURE JOURNALING**

Tues., Aug. 16 - 6:30 p.m. - MEEC

Nature journaling is a great way to be present in nature, appreciate and record it. Consisting of sketches, paintings, notes, and descriptions, nature journaling offers an opportunity to try to capture a moment (animal, plant, sunset, landscape, etc.) and recall observations that otherwise would be forgotten. And the great thing is, it's for you! And you don't have to be an artist to participate. This session will offer a brief introduction, as well as some tools to get you started. Registration and \$10 fee required by Aug 9.

### **IMAGINATURE PLAYGROUP**

Thurs., Aug 18 - 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m. - HWMP

Come play with us at the Hermon Woodlands. Join a naturalist at the West Shelter for a mini-program, then spend the rest of the time playing and exploring in the Playscape and creek. Feel free to pack a picnic lunch. Pack extra shoes and/or clothes for the ride home! Register by Aug 16.

### **SUMMER STROLL - HR**

Sat., Aug. 20 - 9:30 a.m. - HR

One of the most recent additions to the Park District, Haver Ridge offers a unique look at the history of this region, well beyond the Park District's 50 years! Plan on a 1-1.5-hour hike, be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by Aug. 19.

### **FJ BOEROG**

Sat., Aug., 20 - 7 p.m. - OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### **JAMPD at the ALLEN COUNTY FAIR**

Sat., Aug. 20- Sun., Aug. 28

Allen County Fairgrounds

Stop by the conservation tent (near the SW corner of the fairgrounds) to appreciate what the naturalists, with local partners, have put together! Programming during the week as well as an engaging and informative display. We'd love to see you there!

### **HEALTH THROUGH NATURE**

Wed., Aug. 24 - 5:30 p.m. - HP

See June 22<sup>nd</sup> program description. Register by Aug 22.

### **E.Z. & CO.**

Sat., Aug. 27 - 7 p.m.-OMP/AMP

See Amphitheater Programs on page 8.

### **GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY! (INSECT SAFARI)**

Sun., Aug. 28 - 2 p.m. - HP

Who's ready for an Insect Safari? Join us this month as we "make friends with a bug". Dress for the weather conditions. For more information, see the article on page 10. Register by Aug. 26.

# 2022 Summer Amphitheater Program Series

FREE

LOCATION: Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater

2632 Ada Road, Lima, OH

*(In case of rain the program will be held in the McElroy Environmental Education Center located at 2355 Ada Rd., Lima, OH)*

## June

### VERNON MCINTYRES APPALACHIAN GRASS

**Sat., June 11 - 7 p.m.** - Kicking off the Summer Series and back by popular demand is the McIntyres. Vernon and Kitty and friends. Vernon brings his strong rhythm guitar and Kitty her lively fiddle as they play traditional and modern bluegrass music in their high-energy style. There's sure to be quite a bit of toe-tappin' and hand-clappin' tonight!

### THE BUG STAGE SHOW - MARK BERMAN

**Sat., June 18 - 7 p.m.** - Entomologist, educator and entertainer, Mark Berman will present a fun, dynamic and interactive program on... BUGS! His mantra is, "Re-spect the In-sect!" Live animals will be present.

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

#### MIKE HEMMELGARN—MAGICIAN, PUPPETEER,

**JUGGLER Sat., June 25 - 2 p.m.** Mike Hemmelgarn provides quality, fun, family-friendly programming for the young and young at heart. His performances are always a good time!



#### NASHVILLE CRUSH

**Sat., June 25 - 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.**

With their high-energy, award-winning stage show we'd like to welcome Nashville Crush and their multitudes of fans to the Amphitheater stage. The band is made up of some of the best musicians and vocalists around, Nashville Crush presents a perfect blend of country and rock music. Bring your lawn chairs for an extended night of music!

## July

### LIAM STOLLY

**Sat., July 2 - 7 p.m.** - The headline should read, "Local Musician Lands in Nashville". Liam Stolly, an accomplished guitarist, singer, and songwriter grew up in Lima but now calls Nashville home. Playing country standards from the past decades.

### 60's SURVIVOR BAND

**Sat., July 9 - 7 p.m.** - The boys from the 60's are back and ready to rock and roll with the Golden Oldies. Re-learning songs that they played 50 years ago has been quite challenging but these guys are still rockin'. Join us for a rocking and rolling good time!

### MR PUPPET

**Sat., July 16 - 7 p.m.** - A perennial favorite, Mr. Puppet is back and ready to entertain us with his cast of puppet characters. In the entertainment business since 1996, Mr Puppet has honed his comedic timing and ability to relate to children and adults all in the same show.

### CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL BY ASHTON CROOK

**Sat., July 23 - 7 p.m.** - Local budding gospel musician-singer-songwriter, Ashton Crook will perform his own songs and renditions of standard gospel songs in a keyboard driven performance. Join us for a deeply meaningful evening under the summer sky.

### TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC BY TORAIGH

**Sat., July 30 - 7 p.m.** - Join us for a wee bit of traditional Irish music, played by seasoned professionals. Toraigh's repertoire draws on much of the century-old traditional dance music and ballads of Ireland and Scotland and other Gaelic lands. You won't be able to resist the urge to clap your hands along with the playful sounds of the traditional instruments.

## August

### LITTLE HOG CREEK DULCIMERS

**Sat., Aug. 6 - 7 p.m.** - Always a hit, the ladies with the dulcimers are back and ready to play. A favorite act since the inception of the Amphitheater Summer Series, will these performers finally fill the "Hole in the Bucket" or find Five MORE pounds of 'possum? Join us for their sweet sounds under the summer sky.

### CHRIS ROWLANDS

**Sat., Aug. 13 - 7 p.m.** - Talented, singer, songwriter, musician, artist, naturalist, puppeteer and all-around crazy guy, Chris Rowlands will bring his "A" game and friends to entertain us with his songs about the natural world and his life experiences. You don't want to miss this performance! CD's and his art will be available for purchase.

### FJ BOEROG

**Sat., Aug. 20 - 7 p.m.** - Turning melodies into memories. Local, seasoned musicians, led by Jim Boedecker, will be playing the classics from the 70's. Any "Boomer" will immediately remember the words to all their favorite songs, Join us for a rockin' good time!

### E.Z. & CO.

**Sat., Aug. 27 - 7 p.m.** - Always a favorite, EZ & Co will finish up our great Summer Series with fantastic harmonies of jazz, gospel and classics from the 60's and 70's, these talented musicians and vocalists will delight us with their musical harmonies.

*A special thank you to  
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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!!!

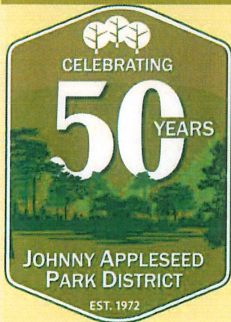
**SATURDAY, JUNE 25**

9:30 AM to 8 PM

OTTAWA METRO PARK - 2632 Ada Road, Lima, OH

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**



### YOUTH FISHING DERBY

PRIZES FOR EACH AGE GROUP!

Ottawa Metro Park Swim Lake (enter from south gate)

3 Age Groups \* Ages 3 -6 \* Ages 7-11 \* Ages 12 - 15

Pre-registration requested for the fishing derby through the Park District's website [jampd.com](http://jampd.com) or by calling 419-221-1232.

**ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

**12 PM - 6 PM**

### ACTIVITIES

Bounce House, Obstacle Course, Zipline  
Axe Throwing

Nature Area!

(Native Plant Sale/Giveaway, Live Raptors, Butterfly Enclosure, Park District Live Animals, Nature Projects at the Parks)

Free Swimming for ages 12 & Under, plus much more!!!!

### ENTERTAINMENT

Mike Hemmelgarn- 2 PM



### FOOD TRUCKS

Taco Movil, Fat Kid BBQ, Lugibihl Ice Cream, Kona Ice, N & H Concessions, Jays' Cones

ALL ENTERTAINMENT AND EVENTS ARE FREE EXCEPT FOR FOOD

**6 PM - 8 PM**

### ENTERTAINMENT

Nashville Crush



OTTAWA METRO PARK AMPHITHEATER

SEATING AVAILABLE OR BRING YOUR FAVORITE LAWN CHAIR

### SPONSORS

Bobcat of Lima, Cenovus Energy, Dot's Pet Food Center, Life Long Learning Institute, Nutrien, Procter & Gamble, Steve Myers Service, Tri-Moraine Audubon Society, Park District Foundation of Allen County

# Naturalist Notebook

## “The Hook”

For me, it's not as much fish as it is birds.

In a literary sense, the “hook” is the attempt to capture a reader's attention in an opening statement, so they want to read more.

For many of us, nature, has a funny way of bringing us in and capturing our attention. Perhaps for a lot of us, it does have to do with fish. Do you remember when Grandpa used to take you fishing? Or maybe you'd spend Saturday with your friends, fishing in the creek. Perhaps your “hook” wasn't fish, but butterflies, or dragonflies, or flowers, or (as is the case with my daughter) plain ol' worms!

Whatever it was that drew you in, in some cases it doesn't let you go back. For me, this goes back to birds. I loved animals as a kid (my patient parents put up with me bringing a myriad of critters home, from the woods and the pet shop alike). But it wasn't until later, high school and even into college, that I really decided that nature was what I wanted to do when I grew up (the jury's still out on that...).

I can distinctly remember stepping outside and hearing a beautiful sound: “purdy, purdy, cheer! Cheer!” coming from the park across the street (Faurot Park). This was early spring, sometime early in my high school career. And it kept singing, so I looked for it. To my

surprise, I found it. A bright red Northern Cardinal was singing his mightiest from the treetop. It almost seems trivial to think of now, but that was a really cool moment for me, being able to connect those dots was like unlocking a code or finishing a puzzle. This was simple, but it offered an ability to connect with the natural world in a new and exciting way.

We have a lot going on at the Park District. I won't renumerate it all here, except to remind you to join us on June 25th for our 50th Anniversary Celebration (which will include birds, by the way). Amid all the busyness, it's helpful for me to pause a moment and remember what we are doing, and why we do it. And it doesn't hurt to remember what started it all, what got us hooked in the first place.

So, what's your experience? Perhaps you were able to participate with the park district in its infancy, 50 years ago. Have you enjoyed McLean Teddy Bear Park, JAMPD's first park? Or Haver Ridge, one of our most recent additions? Maybe as a school child you came on a field trip to the Parks, or had a naturalist bring live animals into your school. Come back outside and relive some of those great memories! Hopefully you have an opportunity to participate in the 50-mile challenge and get



out and enjoy the Parks. Maybe you haven't had your conversion experience yet. Well, there's still time! Allow yourself to be drawn in some of the things we have planned this year.

Birds seem to be a gateway for a lot of nature enthusiasts – they are lively, engaging, wonderfully varied, and often they come to you! We've created a 50-bird checklist as a springboard to get you outside and into the woods. Visit our website [www.jampd.com](http://www.jampd.com) to download it or pick it up at the park office. Can you find all 50 types of birds?? Are they nesting near you? It pairs nicely with ODNR's pocket field guide to “Common Birds of Ohio”, which you can get for free by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE. Perhaps this challenge can help you motivate your kids or your grandkids to get outside also!

At this point for me, it's not as much about what's captured my attention, but how I can help facilitate that for other people. Because nature is for everyone, and these are your parks. So, regardless of what your nature “hook” is, when you feel the tug, don't worry! Just give in and get outside!

Dan Hodges  
Naturalist Supervisor

## Go Outside and Play!

Families, celebrate the Park District's 50th Anniversary by trying to complete all 50 activities listed on the UK National trust's list of “50 Things To Do Before You Are 11 3/4” Join us

once each month this year, March through November, as we support children's physical, mental, and emotional health simply by spending time outdoors. Dress appropriately for



weather conditions. Be prepared to have oodles of fun as we “Go Outside and Play!”

# Program Registrations & Facility Reservations

Visit our website [jampd.com](http://jampd.com) to register for free & fee based programs and reserve facilities/shelters. You will be asked to create an account with a password. (A valid email address is required). Once the account is created it can be used to register for other programs and shelters/facilities. The site is secured.

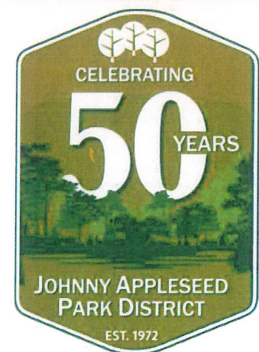
Availability of shelters and facilities can be viewed and reserved through the site. The exception to this is the Allen County Farm Park, Lauer Historical Farm and the Lee & Ruby Roebuck Shelter. They can be viewed for availability but can only be reserved by calling the Park District office at 419-221-1232.

Why register and reserve online? It is convenient and gives the flexibility to register/reserve and pay at your convenience, anytime from anywhere.

We are happy to assist you by phone or in person with registering for a program or reserving a facility/shelter.

*Celebrate Tradition and Embrace Innovation*

Visit our 50th Anniversary website at [jampd.com](http://jampd.com). 50 year historical timeline filled with wonderful photos and videos.



## Volunteering Opportunities



Join our Metroparks Volunteer Program and make a difference in the community!

Young, old, or in between, all of our volunteers have something great to offer! Your dedication and hard work will not only bring you satisfaction, but will support the efforts and goals of the Park District as well! There are no minimum hours needed to volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering please complete the Volunteer Enrollment Form on our website and return to the Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteers@jampd.com](mailto:volunteers@jampd.com) or mail to the Park District Office.

- Nature trail guiding (Park District offers training)
- Pioneer Skills Demonstrations
- Photography
- Wildlife Monitoring- Bird Feeders, Butterfly, Wildflower, Bluebird, Purple Martin
- Trail Monitors
- Festivals
- Land Management
- Elementary School Field Trip



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT. APPLE FEST IS BACK!

Sat., & Sun., September 17 & 18

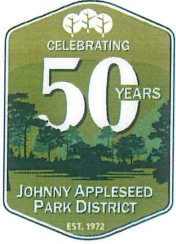
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\*\*New Location\*\*

Lauer Historical Farm

800 Roush Road, Lima, OH

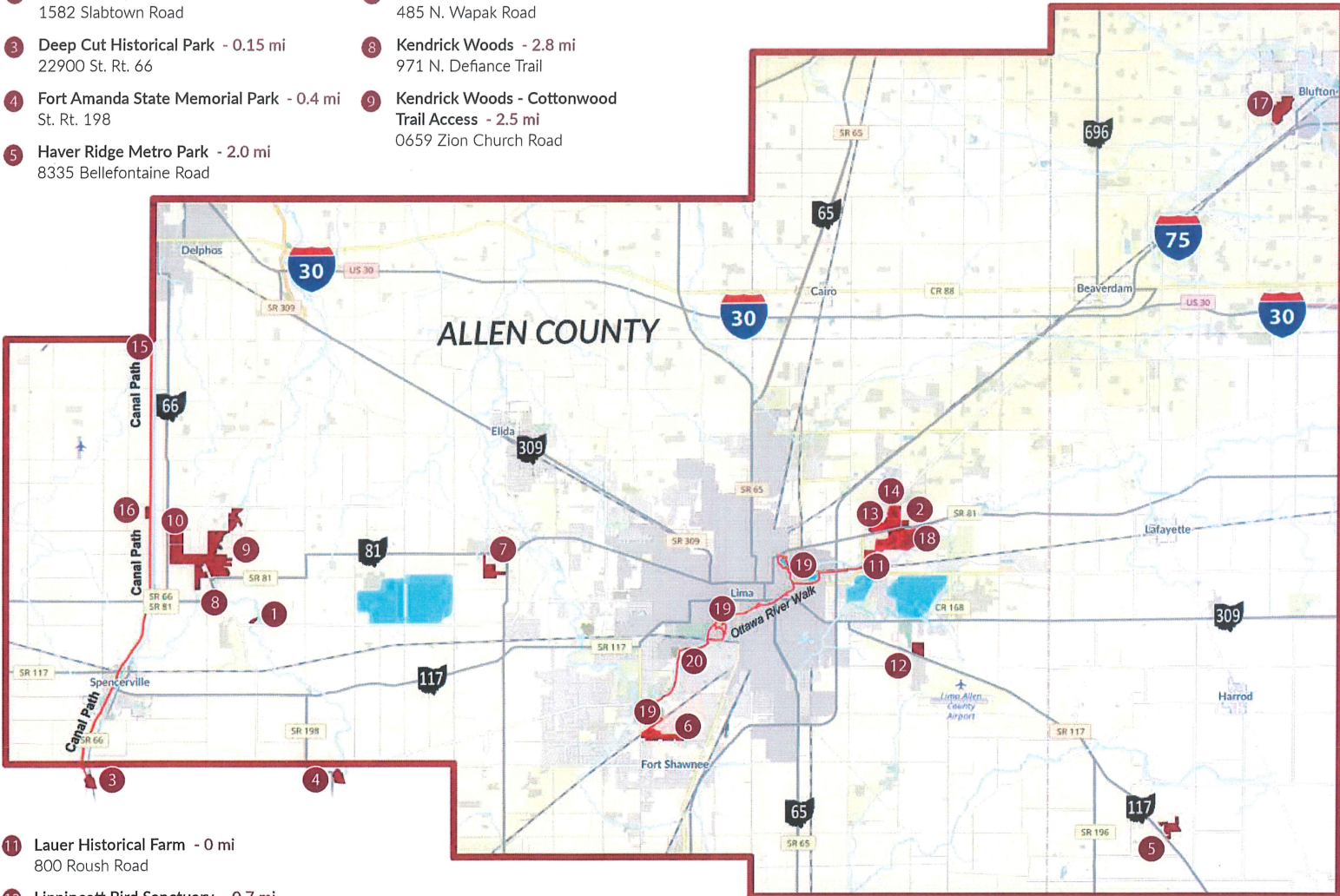




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| 1 Agerter Road River Access - 0 mi<br>16410 Agerter Road     | 6 Heritage Park - 3.8 mi<br>2092 Reed Road (West Ent) 1772 Reed Road (East Ent) | 10 Kendrick Woods - Evans Archery Range - 0 mi<br>1376 N. St. Mary's Road |
| 2 Allen County Farm Park - 2.5 mi<br>1582 Slabtown Road      | 7 Hermon Woodlands Metro Park - 1.5 mi<br>485 N. Wapak Road                     |   |
| 3 Deep Cut Historical Park - 0.15 mi<br>22900 St. Rt. 66     | 8 Kendrick Woods - 2.8 mi<br>971 N. Defiance Trail                              |   |
| 4 Fort Amanda State Memorial Park - 0.4 mi<br>St. Rt. 198    | 9 Kendrick Woods - Cottonwood<br>Trail Access - 2.5 mi<br>0659 Zion Church Road |   |
| 5 Haver Ridge Metro Park - 2.0 mi<br>8335 Bellefontaine Road |   |   |



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| 11 Lauer Historical Farm - 0 mi<br>800 Roush Road                       | 16 Robert K. Antibus Trail Access - 0.20 mi<br>12395 Zion Church Road       | 19 Rotary Riverwalk/Ottawa River Bikeway - 4.6+ mi<br>from Heritage Park to Ottawa Metro Park |
| 12 Lippincott Bird Sanctuary - 0.7 mi<br>3093 Bellefontaine Road        | 17 Motter Metro Park - 2.0 mi<br>10740 Columbus Grove Bluffton Rd. Bluffton | 20 Veterans Freedom Flag Monument - 0 mi<br>1191 Buckeye Road                                 |
| 13 McElroy Environmental Education Center - 0 mi<br>2355 Ada Road       | 18 Ottawa Metro Park - 5.0 mi<br>2632 Ada Road                              |   |
| 14 McLean Teddy Bear Park - 2.25 mi<br>2004 N. Dixie Hwy.               |   |   |
| 15 Miami and Erie Canal Towpath Trail - 12.5 mi<br>Miami and Erie Canal |   |   |