



## Page 4 Walking Thru Autumn

Join us beginning September 10 for the 16th annual Walking Thru Autumn hiking series

## Page 8 Lauer Farms 1944

Travel back in time on Sat. & Sun., October 15 & 16 to 1944 at the Lauer Historical Farm to experience World War II.

## Page 9 Apple Festival

You don't want to miss it! Apple Festival is back at a new location, the Lauer Historical Farm on Sat. & Sun., September 17 & 18.



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## Director's Corner



Tyler Black - Director

### What's Next?

As we enter fall and our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year starts to wind down, we are looking forward to what's next... First off, I cannot begin to express the gratitude for the support the community has shown the park district through our various programs and events throughout this year. Our anniversary celebration that we had on June 25<sup>th</sup> completely blew the staff away. The staff worked hard to make the day special for all of you and to see the smiles on the faces of everyone, from every walk of life and from every age, it was special.

We are committed to staying true to our tagline, "Celebrate Tradition, Embrace Innovation". The Park District staff and commissioners are committed to bringing continued innovation through a variety of ways. We are working on amending our strategic plan for the next 10 years. This will include things like park and facility upgrades, programming and education expansion, marketing, and

funding strategies. This is crucial for our continued success and will be a beacon for us to achieve these strategic goals. The most important part of this is that we hit these goals while following our mission, vision, and values.

We will be conducting a number of surveys in order to gain input on what you want to see throughout the parks. These surveys will continue to drive our strategic plan in the direction that YOU want. It is important that we continue to take care of the things that you feel are important. Many of those are things like restrooms, playgrounds, other updates to our amenities, and facilities. We have made great strides in a number of these areas and are continually evaluating our next steps for taking care of what you have entrusted to us. This update to our strategic plan will only work with your engagement in the process, so I want to encourage you to take part, take action, and ask questions. Keep your eye out for information on our website, within the local news, and on our social media pages.

Yours in servant leadership,

Tyler Black, Director

## We Have Moved

Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District's office has moved to 1682 Slabtown Road, Lima, OH 45801

The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District's office has officially moved to its new location at 1682 Slabtown Road, Lima, OH 45801 (just north of the Allen County Farm Park).



# 2023 Shelter & Facility Reservations to be Accepted

On Thursday, September 1, the Park District will begin accepting 2023 reservations.

On Thursday, September 1, the Park District will begin accepting 2023 reservations for shelters in Heritage, Hermon Woodlands, Kendrick Woods, Lauer Historical Farm, McLean Teddy Bear, Ottawa Metro, Fort Amanda, Allen County Farm Park and the Allen County Farm Park Cabin. All reservations include use of electricity. The Park District Office hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Please call 419-221-1232 for information.

## 2023 FEES

### Heritage Park

Veterans Shelter -	\$75
Freedom Shelter -	\$35
Lions Shelter -	\$50

### Fort Amanda Park

Fort Amanda Shelter -	\$35
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### Teddy Bear Park

Hornung Shelter -	\$35
Wheeler Shelter -	\$35

### Hermon Woodlands

East Shelter -	\$125
West Shelter -	\$125



Hermon Woodlands West Shelter & Interior



### Kendrick Woods

Oak Shelter -	\$35
Hickory Shelter -	\$35
Maple Shelter -	\$50

### Ottawa Metro Park

Miami Shelter -	\$75
Erie Shelter -	\$75
Wyandot Shelter -	\$75

### Allen County Farm Park

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays - \$300 for 5 hrs., \$60/each additional hour. Monday through Thursday - \$250 for 5 hrs., \$50/each additional hour

### Allen County Farm Park Cabin

(maximum capacity of 28)  
Monday through Sunday - \$50 for 5 hrs., \$10/each additional hour.

### Lauer Historical Farm

*Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays*  
Lauer House - \$300 - 5 hrs., \$60/each additional hour

Lauer Barn - \$300 - 5 hrs., \$50/each additional hour



Lauer Historical Event Barn & Interior



Erie Shelter at Ottawa Metro Park

Pergola - 10 am to 2 pm or 3 pm to 7 pm - \$50

Celebration Garden Venue - \$150 (Includes Pergola)

### Lauer Historical Farm

*Monday through Thursday*

Lauer House - \$200 - 5 hrs., \$40/each additional hour

Lauer Barn - \$200—5 hrs., \$40/each additional hour

Pergola - 10 am to 2 pm or 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. - \$50

Celebration Garden Venue - \$100 (Includes Pergola)

### Lee & Ruby Roebuck Shelter (enclosed year-round facility)

*Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays*

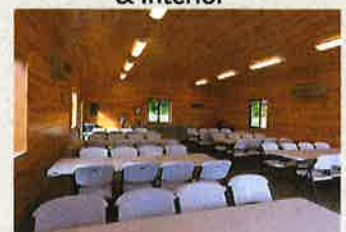
\$300 - 5 hrs., \$60/each additional hour

*Monday through Thursday*

\$150 - 5 hrs., \$30/each additional hour



Lee & Ruby Roebuck Shelter & Interior





# Walking Thru Autumn

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Naturalist Supervisor Dan Hodges leading Walking Thru Autumn.

There is nothing quite like a brisk walk and a breath of fresh air on a crisp autumn morning! Please join us for our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Walking Thru Autumn hiking series. Each week 60-90 participants gather for a guided hike, to take in the beauty of fall and explore some of the 30+ miles of Metro Park trails. Upon completing 6 out of the 8 offered hikes, participants will receive a 2022 Metro Parks hiking stick medallion. Hand-made wood hiking sticks are available for \$10, and specially designed Park District t-shirts will be available online during the first few weeks of the program. All participants are required to pre-register at [www.jampd.com](http://www.jampd.com) or by calling 419-221-1232.

All hikes start at 9:00 am, last approximately 1.5 hours and will be on easy to moderate terrain. September 10<sup>th</sup>

marks the first hike; however, participants may register as late as September 23<sup>rd</sup> for the final 6 hikes. Registrations after this date are welcome and encouraged but will not be eligible for the hiking stick medallion.

Come enjoy the amazing beauty of fall in your Johnny Appleseed Parks!

## Walking Thru Autumn

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|-------|----|--------------------------|
| Sept. | 10 | Heritage Park            |
| Sept. | 17 | McLean Teddy Bear Park   |
| Sept. | 24 | Deep Cut Historical Park |
| Oct.  | 1  | Motter Metro Park        |
| Oct.  | 8  | Kendrick Woods           |
| Oct.  | 15 | Haver Ridge              |
| Oct.  | 22 | Allen County Farm Park   |
| Oct.  | 29 | Hermon Woodlands         |

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.

# Fall Programs

September, October, November 2022

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 Historical Park
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

## September

### SEEK AND IDENTIFY NATURE

Sat., Sept. 3 – 11 am – HR

Become an expert at plant and animal identification with Seek an app by iNaturalist. We will teach you how to use this new tool that instantly identifies the world around us. We'll explore outdoors seeking new organisms and snapping pictures. Be prepared for the weather and ground conditions and bring a fully charged phone or tablet. Register by Sept 2.

### NATURE'S NURSERY

Tues., Sept. 6 – 7:30 pm – Visitor Center at OSU Lima

Jamie Forbush, Education Director at Nature's Nursery, will bring a live animal to share with the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society and discuss their mission "to improve the well-being of Northwest Ohio wildlife populations and habitats through public education and rehabilitation with an emphasis on coexistence."

### NATURE PALS: BUTTERFLY KISSES

Thurs., Sept. 8 – 10 am OR 1 pm MEEC

Children ages 3-5 and their adult companion are invited to learn about amazing butterflies. Exploration Stations, our weather song, a craft, and a hike will all be part of the fun. Come dressed appropriately to be outdoors. Registration is required by Sept. 6.

### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Sept 10 – 9 am – HP

See Article on page 4.

### SINGING INSECTS 101

Thurs., Sept. 15 - 6 pm - MEEC

Spring is for the birds, autumn is for the bugs! Come listen to the orchestra of nature, meet some of the players and learn how they contribute to the symphony. Be prepared to take a short hike to listen to the sounds of the woods! Register by Sept. 14.

### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Sept 17 – 9 am – MTB

See Article on page 4.



**APPLE FESTIVAL**

**SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 17 & 18**  
**12 pm to 6 pm**  
**LAUER HISTORICAL FARM**  
**800 ROUSH ROAD,**  
**LIMA, OH**  
**\*\*new location\*\***



### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Sept 24 – 9 am – DC

See article on page 4 for details.

### GO OUTSIDE & PLAY!

Sun., Sept. 25 – 2 pm – KW

Join us for this month's "Go Outside and Play!" program as we spend our afternoon trying to complete more activities on the UK National Trust's list of "50 Things To Do Before You Are 11 ¾". We will find our way with a map as we go on a scavenger hunt. Dress for the weather conditions. Register by Sept. 23.

### CREPUSCULAR CRAWL

Tues., Sept. 27 – 7:30 pm – MTB

Take a walk through the forest while our day is turning into night. Join us as we learn about the crepuscular animals that are active at this time and use our senses to better navigate the trails. Be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by Sept 26.



## October

### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 1 – 9 am – MMP

See article on page 4 for details.

### INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT

Sat., Oct. 1 – 6 pm – KW

Join observers around the world on this specific day to take a close look at our very own Moon. Members of the Lima Astronomical Society will have telescopes setup for the public to observe the Moon in detail. Other astronomical objects will also be featured. This event is weather and cloud cover dependent.

Check the Lima Astronomical Society Facebook page for updates. Register by Sept. 29.



### LOG CABIN & SMOKEHOUSE PIONEER DEMONSTRATIONS

Sun., Oct. 2 - 1 pm to 3 pm - ACF Cabin

Have you ever wondered how our ancestors preserved their foods before refrigeration and modern canning methods? Meat was preserved through the long process of smoking and salting. Many fruits and vegetables were preserved for the winter by drying and salting. Early 1800's reenactors will be on site to provide hands-on demonstrations of the daily challenges and creative solutions developed by the Ohio pioneers.

### URBAN TREES AND INVASIVE SPECIES

Tues., Oct. 4 - 7:30 pm – Visitor Center at OSU Lima

Stephanie Miller, an Urban Forester with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will be speaking with the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society about the importance of species and variety in urban forests and why the Callery Pear tree is being added to Ohio's list of invasive plants.

### NATURE PALS: LEEEAFF PIIILLLE!

Thurs., Oct. 6 - 10 am OR 1 pm – MEEC

Children 3-5 years old and their adult companion are invited to join us as we enjoy the beauty and fun of autumn leaves through Exploration Stations, our weather song, a craft, and a hike in the woods. Come dressed appropriately to be outdoors. Register by Oct. 4.

### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 8 – 9 am – KW

See article on page 4 for details.

### LEAF LITTER 101

Wed., Oct. 12 – 6 pm – MEEC

Those leaves strewn across the ground serve a very important role in the health of our environment! Join a naturalist to learn about those fallen leaves and what lives in them! Be prepared to be hands on and perhaps take a short walk. Who knows, maybe by the end of the night you'll go home and leave the leaves!!! Register by Oct. 11.

### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 15 – 9 am – HR

See article on page 4 for details.

## LAUER FARMS 1944

Sat., Oct. 15 - 10 am to 5 pm &

Sun., Oct. 16 - 10 am to 3 pm

Lauer Historical Farm

800 Roush Road, Lima, OH

See page 8 for details.



### DIY NATURE - Pumpkins

Tues., Oct. 18 – 7 pm – MEEC

It is said that the butterflies returning to Mexico are the souls of the dead returning home in time for the Day of the Dead celebration. Learn more about butterflies and about the holidays happening this week. We'll then decorate pumpkins accordingly to take home. This is an indoor program. Register by Oct. 17.

### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 22 – 9 am – ACF

See article on page 4 for details.

### GO OUTSIDE & PLAY!

Sat., Oct. 22 – 6:30 p.m. – OMP

Join us for this month's "Go Outside and Play!" program as we spend our evening trying to complete more activities on the UK National Trust's list of "50 Things To Do Before You Are 11 ¾". We will watch the sunset before we take a nature walk at night and, hopefully, see some stars. Dress for the weather conditions. Register by Oct. 20.

### WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 29 – 9 am – HW

See article on page 4.



Sat., Oct. 29 – 5 pm to 8 pm

McLean Teddy Bear Park



## PHOTOGRAPHS ARE DUE!

Sun., Oct. 30 – 11:59 pm – Online  
Turn in your photos for our 45<sup>th</sup> annual Nature Photography Contest! Follow us on Facebook and Flickr to view the results. See [www.jampd.com](http://www.jampd.com) for official rules and more details.

## November

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Tues., Nov. 1 – 7:30 pm – Visitor Center at OSU Lima

Jamie Hampton is a County Extension Educator from the Auglaize County Extension Office. Her specialties include agriculture and natural resources. She is planning a natural resources program for the Tri-moraine Audubon Society.

### NATURE PALS: TURKEY TIME

Thurs., Nov. 3 – 10 am OR 1 pm - MEEC  
Gobble, Gobble, Gobble! It's that time of the year! Children ages 3-5 and their adult companion are invited to learn about Ohio's wild turkeys. Exploration Stations, our weather song, a craft, and a hike will all be part of the fun. Come dressed appropriately for a hike in the woods. Register by Nov. 1.

### NIGHT HIKE

Thurs., Nov. 3 – 7 pm - MTB  
See, hear, smell, touch, and taste the forest at nighttime. We'll practice using all our senses to help guide us and hunt for nature that glows in the dark. You may bring a flashlight, but we will turn it off during portions of the hike. Be prepared for the weather and ground conditions. Register by Nov 2.



### WINTER BIRDS AND BIRD FEEDING

Sat., Nov. 5 – 9 am - MEEC  
Winter is a great time to do some bird watching – the birds come to you! Join us for an indoor presentation to learn

about winter birds and how to attract them to your yard. Stick around and learn about a citizen science monitoring program, that you can participate in! Coffee and tea will be provided. Register by Nov. 4.

### FEEDING DAY

Thurs., Nov. 10 – 4 pm - MEEC

The Park District maintains several education animals in the McElroy Environmental Education Center, using them throughout the year for nature presentations and programs. Join the Critter Care volunteers to help (or watch) them clean and feed all our animals. Register by Nov. 9.

### GO OUTSIDE & PLAY!

Sun., Nov. 13 – 2 pm - MTB  
Join us for our last "Go Outside and Play!" program as we spend our afternoon trying to complete more activities on the UK National Trust's list of "50 Things To Do Before You Are 11 ¾". We will go on a wintry adventure as we discover wild animal clues. Register by Nov. 10.

### ALLEN COUNTY NATURAL HISTORY

Tues., Nov. 15 – 6 pm – MEEC  
A lot has happened to nature in Allen County over the last few centuries. Join a naturalist for an overview of the history of our area from a natural perspective, with emphasis on the role that the Park District has played over the last 50 years. Register by Nov. 14.

### HARVEST DINNER AT THE CABIN

Fri., Nov. 18 OR Sat., Nov. 19 – 6 pm to 8 pm – ACFP Cabin  
How would an Allen County farm family celebrate a successful harvest in the 1860's? Come join us for a historic harvest dinner. A full meal will be served in traditional family style in our cozy, authentic log cabin. Experience how food was cooked and tasted in the 19th century. Learn about the history behind our Thanksgiving dinners and how they have changed through the past 300

years. Reservations accepted beginning on Sept. 7th by calling 419-221-1232, limit of 4 guests per reservation. Hurry and reserve your spot at the dinner table, as seating is very limited. This program is not suitable for children under 16 years old. A donation of \$30 per person is suggested.

### NATURE MYTHS

Sat., Nov. 19 – 7 pm – MEEC

Do centipedes have 1000 legs, does moss grow on the north side of a tree, can groundhogs predict the weather? Dive into these nature myths and discover the truth. We'll spend our time both indoors with a presentation and outdoors hiking for answers. Register by Nov. 18.

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT THE ALLEN COUNTY MUSEUM

Wed., Nov. 30 - 10 am to 5 pm

Thurs., Dec. 1 - 10 am to 5 pm

Fri., Dec. 2 - 10 am to 8:pm

Sat., Dec. 3 - 10 am to 5 pm

Sun., Dec. 4 - 12 pm to 6 pm

620 W. Market Street, Lima

Join us for the 50th annual Christmas Tree Festival, a (free) holiday tradition in Lima. Enjoy the entertainment and Christmas trees decorated by area organizations while in the museum, and don't forget to visit the MacDonnell House and the 1800's log home to experience Christmas as it was in the past.

### ANIMAL DISPLAYS

The Park District is very excited to partner with Dot's Pet Center for our new education animal displays. Dot's is a local, family-owned business that develops, unites & empowers people to support our community's pet needs. They have generously sponsored some incredible displays in the McElroy Environmental Education Center. Come check it out during one of our programs, or on Feeding Day on Nov 10!



# LAUER FARMS 1944

Join us as we travel back in time to 1944 at the Lauer Historical Farm to experience World War II. Interact with 150-200 living history re-enactors and watch as the Allied Forces battle the oppositional Axis Powers. This is the largest WWII re-enactment in Northwest Ohio.

SAT., OCTOBER 15

10 am to 5 pm

(Battles at 11 am & 4 pm)

SUN., OCTOBER 16

10 am to 3 pm

(Battles at 11 am & 2 pm)



LAUER HISTORICAL FARM  
800 ROUSH ROAD, LIMA, OH

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LEARN ABOUT LIMA'S ROLE IN THE WAR  
MILITARY VEHICLES  
PLUS MUCH MORE!!**



Saturday, October 29

5 pm to 8 pm

McLean Teddy Bear Park  
2004 N. Dixie Hwy., Lima, OH

Enjoy a Saturday evening with park rangers and friendly creatures of the night-time forest! Our Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District Rangers will be on hand to meet and greet you and then escort you through the forest to meet our Wildlife In Legendary Disguise (costumed nocturnal animals)! The short walk will include take-home treats for the youngsters and will conclude with a bonfire for s-mores. On arrival, please check in at the B.E.E.T.L.E., as groups will leave every 15 minutes starting at 5:00 pm. The last hike will leave at 8 pm. No registration is necessary.



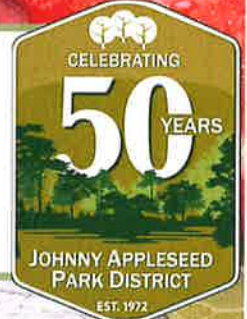


Johnny Appleseed Metro Park District

# APPLE FESTIVAL



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**SEPTEMBER 17 & 18**  
**12 pm to 6 pm**  
**LAUER HISTORICAL FARM**  
**800 ROUSH ROAD, LIMA, OH**  
**\*\*new location\*\***



**CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES • HAYRIDES**  
**PUMPKIN PAINTING • PONY RIDES**  
**STRAW PYRAMID • DEMONSTRATING CRAFTSMEN**  
**APPLES, CIDER & APPLE BUTTER • FOOD TRUCKS**  
**AND MUCH MORE!!!!**

## ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

**1 pm Gordon Russ Magician**  
**2 pm Shifferly Road Band**  
**3 pm Gordon Russ**  
**4 pm Shifferly Road Band**

### SUNDAY

**1 pm Dr. Insecta Bug Lab**  
**2 pm Steve Madewell & Friends Band**  
**3 pm Dr. Insecta Bug Lab**  
**4 pm Steve Madewell & Friends Band**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 419-221-1232 OR VISIT [JAMPD.COM](http://JAMPD.COM)**

# Naturalist Notebook

## “Autumn Ambassadors”



It's autumn, my favorite time of the year!

It's autumn, my favorite time of the year! From cooler temperatures and less humidity to the beautiful colors of autumn leaves, from the excitement of new school supplies to nail-biter football games, autumn has it all! I wholeheartedly agree with author Lauren Destefano who has been quoted as saying “Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale.”

There are many signs in nature that point to the changing seasons. In fall the spectacular colors of autumn leaves can lead to true amazement. But, on a smaller scale, there's nothing more delightful than seeing the familiar autumn sight of an adorable Woolly Bear caterpillar inching its way across a sidewalk as it searches for a winter home.

Woolly Bears are the colloquial name for the Isabella Tiger Moth caterpillar (*Pyrrharctia isabella*). These caterpillars are found throughout North America, and depending on the location, are called Woolly Bears, Woolly Worms, Fuzzy Bears, Banded Woollys, or, my favorite, Woolly Boogers. This common caterpillar is easy to identify based on its coloring. It is mostly black with a rusty-brown band of color in the middle. The caterpillar is covered in 13 bands of stiff bristles giving it a fuzzy look. Those bristles come in handy for protection from predators.

According to folklore dating back to Colonial times, the colors of the bristles are supposed to predict the severity of the upcoming winter weather. (Move over Punxsutawny Phil!) During pre-Weather Channel days, the colonists needed a method to determine when to plant and harvest crops. Woolly

Bears to the rescue! A narrow band of rusty-brown color on the caterpillar was interpreted to mean more severe weather was on its way, while a wider band indicated an upcoming mild season. An alternative tale stated that the woollier (is that even a word?) the caterpillar was, the more severe the winter would be.

The Woolly Bear's forecasting abilities was popularized in 1948 through a newspaper article describing the work of Dr. C. H. Curran, a curator of insects at the American Museum of Natural History, who measured just 15 caterpillars (not much of a sample size!) and concluded the weather predicting abilities were true. Dr. Curran continued his research for eight consecutive years, always with small samples sizes. Each year in the fall, Dr. Curran, his wife, and a group of friends travelled from New York City north to Bear Mountain State Park. Dr. Curran's research on weather-predicting Woolly Bears was ultimately inconclusive but the group (self-named “The Original Society of the Friends of the Woolly Bear”) enjoyed their annual escape from the city to the lush autumn scenery in the Hudson Valley. Could the research have been a convenient excuse for a nice autumn vacation in the country?

Current entomologists disagree as to the cause of the variations in the width of the rusty-brown band. Woolly Bear caterpillars molt several times as they grow and progress through different stages of development called instars. According to one theory, with each molt, a black band of bristles becomes a rusty-brown band, so a caterpillar with a wide rusty-brown band is simply an older caterpillar. Another theory proposes that caterpillars living in wetter conditions will exhibit a thinner

rusty-brown band while caterpillars with wide rusty-brown bands are growing in drier areas. A third theory focuses on the considerable variations in band widths found within newly-hatched caterpillars from a single clutch of eggs, leading to a belief that the differences are due to natural genetic variations within the population.

Regardless of the scientific theories, it's fun to think about the folklore. I know that I, honestly, each autumn will ignore the darker Woolly Bear caterpillars in favor of finding the wide rusty-brown banded ones with the hopes of a mild winter. Woolly Bears are a favorite autumn find of both children and adults, so much so that Woolly Bears are celebrated at many festivals each fall. Festivals can be found in New York, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and North Carolina. The oldest festival is held right here in Ohio. The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Woollybear Festival (started in 1972 just like our park district!) will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Vermillion. I've got it on my calendar! There's nothing like celebrating our fuzzy friends with a Woollybear 500 caterpillar race, a Woollybear parade, a Woollybear pet costume contest, and the crowning of the Woollybear King and Queen. Throw in some festival food and life can't get any better!

May your autumn be full of wide rusty-brown banded Woolly Boogers!

Beth Theisen  
Naturalist

# Nature Photography Contest

Calling photographers of all ages—submit your photos!

Calling photographers of all ages - submit your photos! This is our 46<sup>th</sup> year; let's make it the best yet! This contest is designed to showcase the beauty and uniqueness of our own backyard. As such, we will be accepting only those photos taken in Allen County, Ohio. There are so many amazing natural things right here; all we must do is look!

There are 4 categories for your entry:

- Specific Nature Flora (plants)
- Specific Nature Fauna (animals)
- Landscape
- Parks Potpourri

Youth and adult entries will be judged separately. Cash awards and ribbons will be given for Best of Show and to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category for youth and adult competitions. Awards are sponsored by Alloway Environmental

Testing.

Winners will be displayed at Art Space Lima through December.

See complete rules and online entry details at [www.jampd.com](http://www.jampd.com). All entries must be submitted by Sunday, October 30.



Photo Courtesy of Grace Bailey - 2021 Photo Contest Fauna 1st Place

## Seed Collecting



The Natural Resources Department will have several seed collecting sessions throughout the fall. Collected seeds will be used to reseed sparse areas within various prairies, or to establish new prairie areas via spreading the seeds or growing plugs indoors. Collection will

take place at Kiracofe prairie at Kendrick Woods. Dates and times will vary according to seed readiness and volunteer availability. Please contact Anne Smedley at [asmedley@jampd.com](mailto:asmedley@jampd.com) or 419-221-1232 if you would like to help.

## Donations

In memory of

Joanne Antibus

Diane Hoffman

Wanda Miller



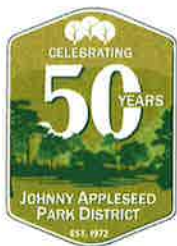
Photo courtesy of Becky Pescosolido—2021 Best of Show

## Meet the New Naturalist

Welcome Amy Banner to our Naturalist team.



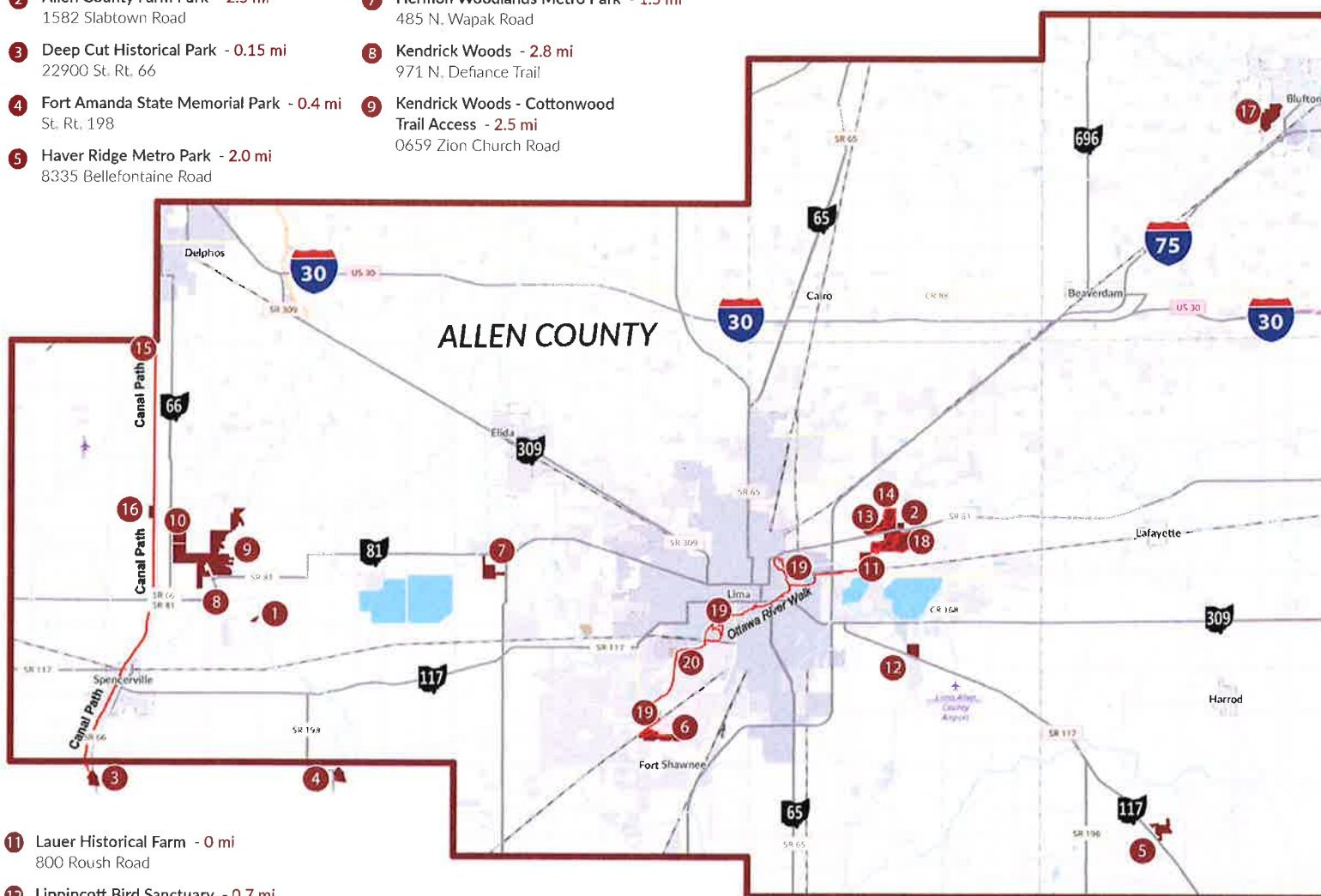
Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District welcomes Amy Banner to our Naturalist team. Amy most recently came to us from Heller Nature Center in Highland Park, Illinois. While in the north Chicago suburb, she worked as a Naturalist doing programs for all ages including family programs, outdoor recreational activities, and facilitating educational experiences for school children. Amy spent a lot of her career in the residential outdoor education world while working at the Lorado Taft Field Campus and Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center. She taught elementary and middle school children lessons in geology, forest and water ecology, as well as teambuilding, orienteering, and cross-country skiing. In her spare time, Amy enjoys taking walks, playing games, and finding new adventures.



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| <p><b>1</b> Agerter Road River Access - 0 mi<br/>16410 Agerter Road</p> <p><b>2</b> Allen County Farm Park - 2.5 mi<br/>1582 Slabtown Road</p> <p><b>3</b> Deep Cut Historical Park - 0.15 mi<br/>22900 St. Rt. 66</p> <p><b>4</b> Fort Amanda State Memorial Park - 0.4 mi<br/>St. Rt. 198</p> <p><b>5</b> Haver Ridge Metro Park - 2.0 mi<br/>8335 Bellefontaine Road</p> | <p><b>6</b> Heritage Park - 3.8 mi<br/>2092 Reed Road (West Ent) 1772 Reed Road (East Ent)</p> <p><b>7</b> Hermon Woodlands Metro Park - 1.5 mi<br/>485 N. Wapak Road</p> <p><b>8</b> Kendrick Woods - 2.8 mi<br/>971 N. Defiance Trail</p> <p><b>9</b> Kendrick Woods - Cottonwood Trail Access - 2.5 mi<br/>0659 Zion Church Road</p> | <p><b>10</b> Kendrick Woods - Evans Archery Range - 0 mi<br/>1376 N. St. Mary's Road</p> |
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| <p><b>11</b> Lauer Historical Farm - 0 mi<br/>800 Roush Road</p> <p><b>12</b> Lippincott Bird Sanctuary - 0.7 mi<br/>3093 Bellefontaine Road</p> <p><b>13</b> McElroy Environmental Education Center - 0 mi<br/>2355 Ada Road</p> <p><b>14</b> McLean Teddy Bear Park - 2.25 mi<br/>2004 N. Dixie Hwy.</p> <p><b>15</b> Miami and Erie Canal Towpath Trail - 12.5 mi<br/>Miami and Erie Canal</p> | <p><b>16</b> Robert K. Antibus Trail Access - 0.20 mi<br/>12395 Zion Church Road</p> <p><b>17</b> Motter Metro Park - 2.0 mi<br/>10740 Columbus Grove Bluffton Rd, Bluffton</p> <p><b>18</b> Ottawa Metro Park - 5.0 mi<br/>2632 Ada Road</p> | <p><b>19</b> Rotary Riverwalk/Ottawa River Bikeway - 4.6+ mi<br/>from Heritage Park to Ottawa Metro Park</p> <p><b>20</b> Veterans Freedom Flag Monument - 0 mi<br/>1191 Buckeye Road</p> |
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