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2024 Facility Reservations accepted beginning Friday, September 1..

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Travel back in time on Sat., & Sun., October 14 & 15 to 1944 at the Lauer Historical Farm to experience World War II.

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Meet our friendly creatures of the night time forest on Sat., October 28.



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Director's Corner



Tyler Black - Executive Director

BALANCE

Balance has many different meanings, when I think of balance as a Park District, I think of this definition... *Balance*: A condition in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions.

The Park District's mission is to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Allen County by providing passive outdoor recreational and educational opportunities while conserving and protecting the natural resources of the area for future generations. When I reflect on our mission it strikes at the heart of balance. Balance between recreation and education. Balance between conservation (the active management of land) and preservation (the idea of protecting what is already there). The balance between what we have had, what we currently have, and what we could have (future generations).

The mission of the Park District is foundational to everything the staff and volunteers do day-in and day-out. I have heard it said many times that "you never drift to the destination you are seeking; you must be intentional." This rings no truer than today.

As a staff we are committed to

balance. There are many examples from each department but one area that needs the most clarity is our commitment to the balance between cultural and natural history programming/events. A couple examples of cultural history programming/events are pioneer skills and Apple/Maple festival. A couple examples of natural history programming/events are Nature 101 and Meet the W.I.L.D.

These areas are within the Nature Education Department and affect not only the staff within that department but the many committed and engaged volunteers who help fulfill our mission through that department. In our commitment to strike a better balance between these two areas, things may begin to look different. **This does not mean** that cultural history programming will be cut to benefit natural history programming. **It does mean** that we are reimagining these programs/ events to reach every generation. **It does mean** that partnerships between the Park District and other entities are being explored and created to fulfill our mission and to benefit EVERYONE! There must be a balance in everything that we do, a balance that is worthy of being upheld and keeps us intently focused on our mission.

Thank you for your continued support! If you have questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Yours in servant leadership,

Tyler Black, Executive Director

2024 Shelter & Facility Reservations to be Accepted

On Friday, September 1, the Park District will begin accepting 2024 reservations.

On Friday, September 1, the Park District will begin accepting 2024 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.

2024 FEES

Heritage Park

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

Fort Amanda Park

Fort Amanda Shelter -	\$35
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Teddy Bear Park

Hornung Shelter -	\$50
Wheeler Shelter -	\$50

Hermon Woodlands

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



Hermon Woodlands West Shelter & Interior



Kendrick Woods

Oak Shelter -	\$50
Hickory Shelter -	\$50
Maple Shelter -	\$75

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 pm 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

There is nothing quite like a brisk walk and a breath of fresh air on a crisp autumn morning!



Naturalist Supervisor Dan Hodges leading Walking Thru Autumn.

Please join us for our 17th 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 2023 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 hikes start at 9:00 am, last approximately 1.5 hours and will be on easy to moderate terrain.

Register online at www.jampd.com September 9th marks the first hike; however, participants may register as late as September 22nd 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. | 9 | Ottawa Metro Park |
| Sept. | 16 | Haver Ridge |
| Sept. | 23 | Motter Metro Park |
| Sept. | 30 | Kendrick Woods—
Cottonwood Trail |
| Oct. | 7 | Heritage Park |
| Oct. | 14 | McLean Teddy Bear Park |
| Oct. | 21 | Kendrick Woods |
| Oct. | 28 | Hermon Woodlands |

REGISTER ONLINE AT 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 2023

If program description indicates registration required, please register online at 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

SHIFFERLY
ROAD BAND
Sat., Sept. 2
7 pm
OMP/AMP



Join us at the Ottawa Metro Park Amphitheater for fan favorite Shifferly Road. An experienced, female-fronted band covering a mix of Modern Country, Classic Rock, Blues and Pop from Bluffton.

THE BIRDS OF INDIAN LAKE

Tues., Sept. 5 - 6:30 pm - Visitor Center at OSU Lima

Join the Tri-Moraine Audubon Society at a new meeting time, 6:30 p.m., to welcome Troy Shively! Troy is a local bird expert and coordinator of the Christmas Bird Counts of Indian Lake and Grand Lake St. Mary's. He has extensive knowledge about local birds and will be sharing about his new book featuring birds of Indian Lake.

NATURE PALS: INSECTS ALL AROUND

Thurs., Sept. 7 - 10 am or 1 pm—MEEC

If you look close enough, you will be surprised at the number of insects that can be found. Children ages 3-5 and their adult companion are invited to learn all about insects through stories, songs, and crafts. Come dressed to be outdoors! Registration is required by Sept. 5.

WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Sept. 9 - 9 am - OMP
See Article on page 4 for details.

BEGINNING ARCHERY

Sept. 9 - 10 am to 12 pm - KW Evans Archery Range

Participants age 9 through adult can go to the Evans Archery Range for a session from 10 am to 11 am or from 11 am to 12 pm. Certified archery staff will be on hand 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 co-sponsored 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 earrings. 20 participants per 1 hour time block. Sign up for one time block only. Register by Sept. 7.

WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Sept 16 - 9 am - HR
See Article on page 4 for details.

KAYAK ADVENTURES

Thur., Sept. 21 - 6:30 pm - OMP LL
We've started a boating program with the help of ODNR's Boating Safety Education Grant! Join a Naturalist as we enjoy the end of summer with a sunset float on beautiful Lima Lake. This program is dependent on the weather. Participants are limited to 10, all equipment is provided. Prepare for the weather and the water, bring snacks, drinking water, and sunscreen. Register by Sept 19.

WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Sept 23 - 9 am - MMP
See article on page 4 for details.

FEEDING DAY

Thurs, Sept. 28 - 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) us clean and feed all our animals. Register by Sept 27.

October

WOODCARVING: HIKING BOOT

Mon., Oct. 2 – 7 pm – MEEC

With as much hiking we're doing this fall, now's a good time join the Lima Area Woodcarvers to try your hand at carving a small hiking boot! This is a project that can be enjoyed by all skill levels, beginners included. Program is limited to 10 participants, ages 13 and up (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). Register by Sept. 29.

TRI-MORAINE: THE COMMON LOON

Tues., Oct. 3 – 6:30 pm - Visitor Center at OSU Lima

Join the Tri-Moraine Audubon to welcome John "Jay" Mager, Professor of Biological Sciences at Ohio Northern University. His research interests and education focus on the behavioral ecology of birds. Specifically, his current research focuses on the Common Loon "Gavia immer". Jay will share findings from his recent research into the biology and social behavior of these beautiful birds.

NATURE PALS: SPIDERS

Thurs., Oct. 5 - 10 am or 1 pm - MEEC



Children 3-5 years old and their adult companion are invited to join us as we investigate the lives of spiders through stories, songs and crafts. Come dressed for a hike in the woods. Registration is required by Oct. 3.

WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 7 - 9 am - HP

See article on page 4 for details.

WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 14 - 9 am - MTB

See article on page 4 for details.

MARKET BASKET WORKSHOP

Sat., Oct. 14 - 10 am to 1 pm - Park Office Conference Room

Learn how to make a market basket this fall with Chris Baker. Class size is limited. Cost for the workshop is \$40 Register by Oct. 11.

LAUER FARMS 1944

Sat., Oct. 14 - 10 am to 5 pm &
Sun., Oct. 15 - 10 am to 3 pm
Lauer Historical Farm
800 Roush Road, Lima, OH
See page 8 for details.



BIRDS AND BIRD FEEDING

Thurs., Oct. 19 - 6:30 pm – MEEC

Now is the time to do some great bird watching – the birds come to you! Join us for an indoor presentation to learn about resident birds that stick around all winter and how to attract them to your yard. Stick around and learn about a citizen science monitoring program that you can participate in! Register by Oct. 18.

WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 21 – 9 am – KW

See article on page 4 for details.

INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT

Sat., Oct. 21 – 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 present a program on the Moon, astrono-

my handouts will be available in the shelter house, and telescopes will be set up for observing the Moon and other astronomical objects. This event is weather and cloud cover dependent. Check the Lima Astronomical Society Facebook page for updates. Register by Oct. 20.

Meet the W.I.L.D.

Sat., October 28
5 pm to 8 pm
McLean Teddy Bear Park
See article on page 8 for details.



FEEDING DAY

Thurs., Oct. 26 - 4 pm - MEEC

See Sept 28 program description. Register by Oct. 25.

WALKING THRU AUTUMN

Sat., Oct. 28 – 9 am – HWMP

See article on page 4 for details.

PHOTOGRAPH'S DUE!

Sun., Oct. 29 - 11:59 pm - Online
Turn in your photos for our 47th annual Nature Photography Contest! Follow us on Facebook and Flickr to view the results. See www.jampd.com for official rules and more details.

November

NATURE PALS: NUTS ABOUT SQUIRRELS

Tues., Nov. 2 -
10 am or 1 pm -
MEEC



Children ages 3-5 and their adult companion are invited to learn about squirrels, who are quite busy this time of year preparing for winter! Stories, songs and crafts will all be part of the fun. Come dressed for a hike in the woods. Registration is required by Oct. 31.

INTRO TO NATURE JOURNALING

Sat., Nov. 4 - 3 pm - Lima Public Library

Nature journaling is a great way to be present in nature, appreciate and record it. Using words, pictures, and numbers, nature journaling offers an opportunity to try to capture a moment and recall observations that may otherwise be forgotten. And the great thing is, it's for everyone! We'll join the Lima Public Library to offer a brief introduction, discussing benefits, tools, and methods as well as trying it out for ourselves! Register at the Library or calling 419-228-5113 by Nov. 2.

CHUNKY BLANKET WORKSHOP

Sun., Nov. 5 - 1 pm to 4 pm -
Park Office Conference Room

Learn how to make a chunky blanket with Adelyn Lafferty. You will need to bring 8 skeins of Hobby Lobby Yarn Bee Eternal Bliss yarn. Class size is limited. Class fee is \$15 per person. Register by Nov. 2 by visiting our website at jampd.com.

WOODCARVING: WINTER BIRD

Mon., Nov. 6
7 pm -
MEEC



With birds starting to visit your bird feeders and the holidays fast approaching, join the Lima Area Woodcarvers to carve a small, stylized bird! This is a project that can be enjoyed by all skill levels, beginners included. This program is limited to 10 participants, ages 13 and up (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). Register by Nov. 3.

TRI-MORAIN: GARDENING FOR MOTHS

Tues., Nov. 7 - 6:30 pm - Visitor Center at OSU Lima

Join the Tri-Moraine in welcoming long-time favorite speaker, Jim McCormac! Jim has a tremendous bird and wildlife background which includes a long career with ODNR in field botany and wildlife diversity projects, especially birds. He is an award-winning and accomplished author and co-author, writes a column, Nature, for the Columbus Dispatch, authors an excellent blog (Ohio Birds and Biodiversity), and is a recognized and award winning communicator. His latest book focuses on Gardening for Moths and will be available for only \$35. Come and hear from Jim, buy a book, and have it signed by the author!

NIGHT HIKE

Thurs., Nov. 16 - 7 pm - HW

See, hear, smell, touch, and taste the forest at nighttime. We'll practice using all our senses to help guide us as we embrace 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. 15.

FEEDING DAY

Thurs., Nov. 30 - 4 pm - MEEC

See *Sept 28 program description*.
Register by Nov. 9.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT THE ALLEN COUNTY MUSEUM

Wed., Nov. 29 - 10 am to 5 pm

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

Fri., Dec. 1 - 10 am to 8:pm

Sat., Dec. 2 - 10 am to 5 pm

Sun., Dec. 3 - 12 pm to 6 pm

620 W. Market Street, Lima

Join us for the 51st 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.



Boardwalk at Kendrick Woods
Photo Courtesy of Lori Baldauf

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 14

10 am to 5 pm

(Battles at 11 am & 4 pm)

SUN., OCTOBER 15

10 am to 3 pm

(Battles at 11 am & 2 pm)



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www.Facebook.com/lauerfarms1944

Instagram @lauerfarms1944



Saturday, October 28

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 pm. The last hike will leave at 8 pm. No registration is necessary.



Volunteer Opportunities

with Natural Resource and Environmental Education Departments

Seed Collection for Habitat Restoration

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. Many collection trips will take place at Kiracofe Prairie at Kendrick Woods. A few other parks will be visited as well. Dates will vary according to seed readiness and volunteer availability. Collection will mainly take place in the afternoon. Please contact Anne Smedley at asmedly@jampd.com or 419-221-1232 if you would like to help.



Volunteer Conservation Work

Spring: Garlic mustard control, transplanting seedlings grown indoors/greenhouse, plug planting for habitat restoration/native garden

Summer: Teasel seed head removal, seed collection (sedges)

Fall: Seed collection (grasses/flowers/trees/shrubs)

Winter: Seed cleaning, indoor or greenhouse planting, habitat restoration seedings

Year round: Invasive woody plant removal

Above projects will appear in the newsletter with more detailed descriptions and dates. If you have a large group interested in a service project, please contact Anne Smedley at 419-221-1232 or asmedley@jampd.com to set up a date.



Critter Care Volunteers

The Park District maintains several live animals as ambassadors for environmental education. Mostly reptiles and amphibians with a few invertebrates, these animals need to be cared for – and that’s where we need help! We’re looking for excited 8-12th grade volunteers to help with our Critter Care program. We tend to the animals in the MEEC on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. Each volunteer will be required to receive training, stressing animal care and sanitary standards, which includes a volunteer manual. Interested students should have their parents contact Naturalist Dan Hodges at dhodges@jampd.com



Naturalist Notebook

“Go Buckeyes!”



I have a secret. Something most of you don't know about me. Something I've been reluctant to share. Okay . . . deep breath . . . I'm not an Ohio Buckeye by birth! WHAT?! Please don't ridicule me the next time we meet.

I grew up two states over to the west in Illinois and had no idea what it meant to be a Buckeye until I moved to Ohio 28 years ago. I never grew up with chocolate buckeye candy at Christmas. I never wore scarlet and gray as a kid, and I had never seen a buckeye necklace until I moved here. I even had trouble learning how to spell OH-IO!

You native Ohioans are buckeye crazy, as evidenced in the fact that the official state tree is the Ohio Buckeye and the state's largest university's mascot is the OSU Buckeyes. A buckeye as a school mascot? For not having legs, arms, or sharp teeth, those nut-like seeds sure can torment wolverines!

As a non-native Ohioan I was curious to find out about why almost 12 million people living in Ohio would be so enamored with buckeyes. I found the information to be fascinating.

First things first. Buckeye “nuts” are produced by . . . wait for it . . . buckeye trees. They aren't botanically classified as true nuts but are instead considered nut-like seeds. There are 6 native species of buckeye trees in North America with two species being native to Ohio – the Ohio Buckeye and the Yellow Buckeye. The seeds, which fall to the ground in autumn, are covered in a prickly greenish-gold leathery husk that, as it dries and turns brown in color, opens to reveal one to three glossy mahogany-colored seeds. The spheri-

cal seeds, which are one-inch or more in diameter, have a pale tan spot called a hilum which is said to resemble a deer's eye, hence the name “buck-eye”.

Buckeye seeds contain a naturally produced chemical called glycoside which is toxic to humans and livestock. American Indians living in the Ohio Valley were able to eat the buckeye seeds by first roasting the seeds, mashing them into a pulp, and then leaching the toxic tannins out with water over several days. (The extracted tannins were then used in leather-making.) According to legend, the indigenous people also took advantage of the seed's toxicity by placing crushed, raw buckeye seeds into a basket and submerging it into slow-moving bodies of water. The glycoside leached out of the seeds and stunned the nervous systems of fish causing them to float to the water's surface, ready for easy collection for dinner.

To figure out why residents of Ohio, in general, are referred to as buckeyes, we must go back in history to 1788. Colonel Ebenezer Sproat, a delegate at the first Northwest Territory court held in Marietta was nicknamed “Hetuck” by the local American Indians. Sproat, a large man with a commanding presence, proudly accepted this moniker which translated to “eye of the buck deer”. Eventually the term “hetuck” or “buck-eye” became synonymous with the early white settlers in the Ohio area. The 1840 presidential election solidified the buckeye as a symbol of Ohio when candidate William Henry Harrison adopted the buckeye tree and seeds as his campaign symbol. “From that time on, buckeyes were associated so closely with Ohio that the state just adopted them as a statewide symbol,” stated Julie Petersen from The Ohio

State University Archives, in a November 2000 edition of The Lantern, an independent OSU news source.

Buckeye seeds are so emblematic of Ohio that the state flag has a buckeye symbol on it. (Maybe you native Ohioans know that, but I had no idea!) The next time you look at the state flag, notice the white “O” representing the first letter in “Ohio”. Notice, also, a red disc superimposed on the white circular “O”. The combination of the two circles represents, of all things, a buck-eye. The flag truly represents the “Buckeye State”!

According to many folktales, buckeye seeds can do amazing things. Early settlers in Ohio believed that rubbing a buckeye seed could cure asthma, headaches, arthritis, and rheumatism. (Although if you truly wanted to cure your rheumatism, you had to carry the buckeye in your left pants pocket.) Many people nowadays have held on to the legend that rubbing buckeye seeds will bring good luck. So, as you partake in the tradition of cheering on the Ohio State University football team this fall, make sure to have at least one lucky buckeye in your pocket!

From this non-native Ohioan to all of you natives: OH . . .

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 47th 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, mushrooms)
- Specific Nature Fauna (animals)
- Landscape
- Parks Potpourri

Youth and adult entries will be judged separately. Cash awards will be given for Best of Show and to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category for youth and adult competitions. Awards are spon-

sored by Alloway Environmental Testing.

Winners will be displayed at Art Space Lima through December and the McElroy Environmental Education Center through 2024.

See complete rules and online entry details at www.jampd.com. All entries must be submitted by Sunday, October 29.



Photo Courtesy of Brad Crawford - 2022 Photo Contest Fauna 1st Place

Naturalist Beth Theisen Retires



Naturalist Beth Theisen, retired from the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District on August 16th after 13 years of service.

Beth is well known for her Nature Pals, Go Outside & Play, Imaginature Playgroup, and Just For Kids Stream Stroll programs as well as numerous school programs and summer day camps. Beth's dedication, compassion, creativity and love for environmental education will be greatly missed.

Congratulations and Best Wishes on your next chapter! We'll miss you!

Donations

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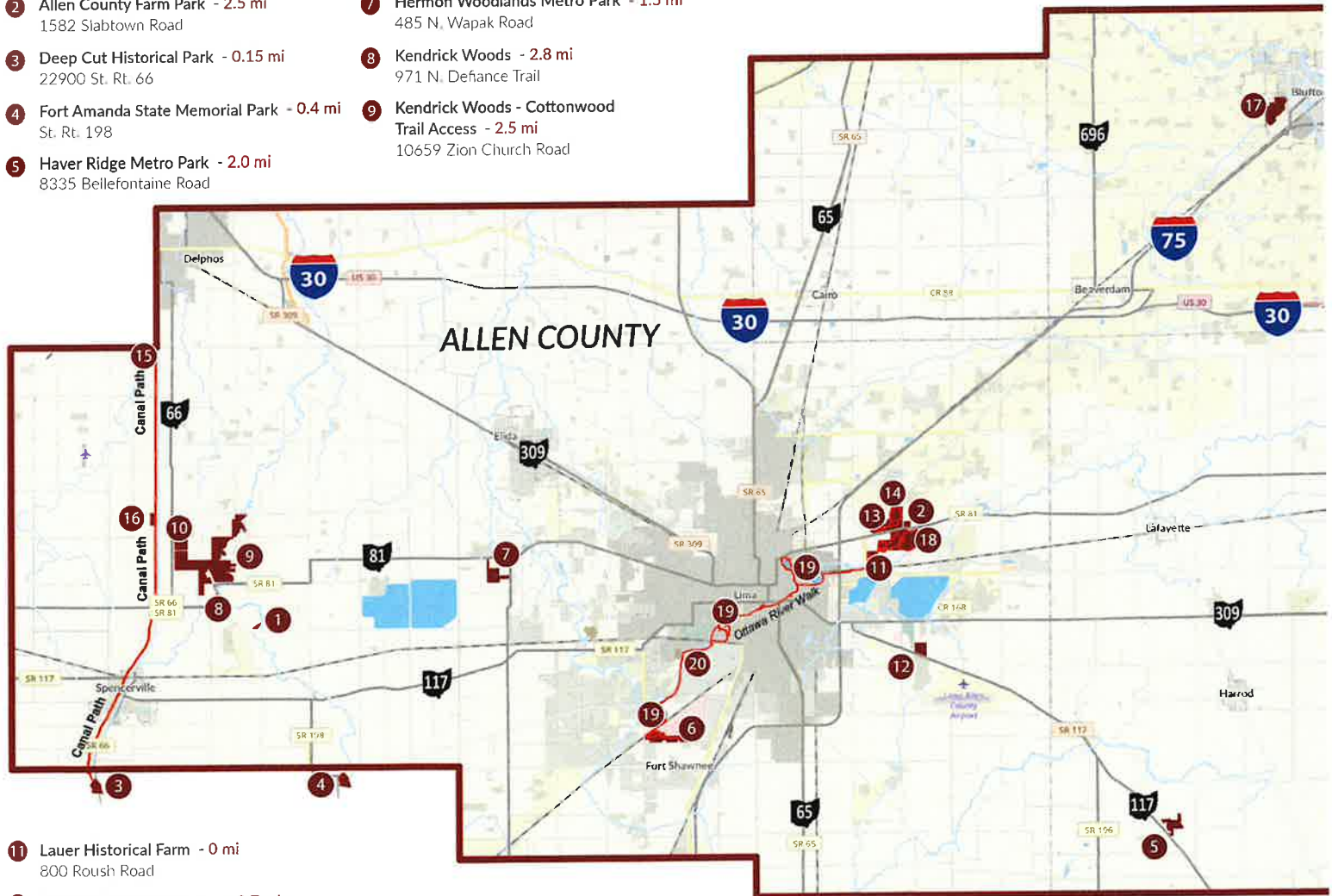
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| 1 Agerter Road River Access - 0 mi
16410 Agerter Road | 6 Heritage Park - 3.8 mi
2092 Reed Road (West Ent) 1772 Reed Road (East Ent) | 10 Kendrick Woods - Evans Archery Range - 0 mi
1376 N. St. Mary's Road |
| 2 Allen County Farm Park - 2.5 mi
1582 Slabtown Road | 7 Hermon Woodlands Metro Park - 1.5 mi
485 N. Wapak Road | |
| 3 Deep Cut Historical Park - 0.15 mi
22900 St. Rt. 66 | 8 Kendrick Woods - 2.8 mi
971 N. Dehance Trail | |
| 4 Fort Amanda State Memorial Park - 0.4 mi
St. Rt. 198 | 9 Kendrick Woods - Cottonwood
Trail Access - 2.5 mi
10659 Zion Church Road | |
| 5 Haver Ridge Metro Park - 2.0 mi
8335 Bellefontaine Road | | |



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