



FALL 2019

# Visitor Guide

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Outside  
Yourself.**





# Where to Enjoy the Show

It's time. That crispness in the air, the crunch of leaves underfoot, the sound of your nylon jacket as you head out down a trail. Every day of autumn brings new sights, sounds and smells to discover in your Metroparks. Time to get outdoors and enjoy the show.

If you are enrolled in the Trail Challenge program, autumn is prime time to hike, bike or paddle miles toward your goal. With a June 2020 deadline, there's plenty of time to sign up and get started.

Whether you are tracking your miles or just wandering, here are some great destinations to consider.

## PEARSON AND SECOR

East or West of Toledo, the big woods of Pearson and Secor Metroparks, respectively, should be on any leaf-peeper's itinerary. The kaleidoscope of colors and lengthy walking trails make these parks prime locations for a hike.

## THE RIVER PARKS

The first flashes of fall colors are likely to be on the edges of streams. The five Metroparks on the Maumee River offer scenic views of water and wildlife.

Providence, Bend View and Farnsworth are connected by the Towpath Trail, one of the longest trails in the park system. Side Cut in Maumee and Middlegrounds in downtown Toledo get you up close to the big river for stunning views of nature as well as the city skyline.

## MEET THE MIGRATION

Shorebirds love the new Howard Marsh Metropark in Jerusalem Township. With three diked marsh units and six miles of trail to roam, it's an excellent destination for birders from novice to expert level to observe migrating waterfowl and shorebirds in the fall.

See [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com) for updates as the fall colors progress.



# METROPARKS TOLEDO

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### Reservations

Program Reservations: 419-407-9700

Online Reservations:

[MetroparksToledo.com](https://www.metroparkstoledo.com)

Volunteer Services: 419-407-9703

### There's More!

For a complete list of events and programs, go to [MetroparksPrograms.com](https://www.metroparkstoledo.com).

For more information about Metroparks, visit [MetroparksToledo.com](https://www.metroparkstoledo.com).



# About Metroparks

The mission of Metroparks Toledo is to conserve the region's natural resources by creating, developing, improving, protecting, and promoting clean, safe, and natural parks and open spaces for the benefit, enjoyment, education, and general welfare of the public.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

All Metroparks open daily, 7 am until dark. Admission is free. Other hours and fees apply to specific attractions.

## **PROGRAMS**

Metroparks programs and activities encompass a wide variety of interests related to the park district's purpose. Programs are open to everyone. Children must be accompanied by adults unless noted as a drop-off program.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

If you would like information and support for accessibility to programs, services, facilities or applying for a job at Metroparks, call 419-407-9700.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Metroparks Toledo is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Go to the Careers page on our website to complete an employee interest form for future job postings. Seasonal hiring starts in January.

## **METROPARKS TRAILS**

Trails in each of the Metroparks offer a variety of distances and experiences, from winding dirt paths through the woods and prairies, to hard surfaces for bicycling and skating. Oak Openings Preserve also has horse trails.



# Wildwood Preserve

*Natural beauty, local history and a million visitors are part of the Wildwood story.*

Natural beauty and manmade elegance come together as one at Wildwood Preserve, the busiest of the Metroparks, with more than a million visitors annually. The 493-acre park is the former estate of Toledo's Stranahan family, whose home, now known as the Manor House, it is available for tours and rentals. Trails begin at the Visitors Center, formerly the riding stables for the estate. Trails lead to a footbridge over the Ottawa River and a scenic stream-side boardwalk.

**5100 W. CENTRAL AVENUE  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43615**

## *Park Highlights*

Check out Mercy Fitpark station near the Ward Pavilion for ideas on outdoor work-outs.

## *Rental Facilities*

**WARD PAVILION & MANOR HOUSE  
WHITETAIL SHELTER  
FARMHOUSE**



# Howard Marsh

## *Newest Metropark restores marsh near Lake Erie shore.*

The newest Metropark is the second largest in the system – twice the size of Wildwood Preserve – as well as the closest to the Lake Erie Shore. Howard Marsh is a large birdbath located at the crossroads of two migratory flyways. For the human visitors, a long trail with a boardwalk into a restored marsh, and a waterway through the marsh, offer exciting new experiences.

**611 S. HOWARD ROAD  
CURTICE, OHIO 43412**

**TRAILS:** 6 miles of dike top walking trail; includes a ¼-mile boardwalk into the marsh

**SURFACE:** Mowed natural surface

**ACTIVITIES:** Canoeing, Kayaking, Bird Watching and Hiking

## *Park Highlights*

Listen and watch for the large, mixed flocks of black bird species feasting on wetland vegetation in preparation for their long migratory journeys.

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## *Rental Facilities*

### **KAYAK RENTAL LOCKERS**

Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend and holidays.



# Oak Openings Preserve

*The largest Metropark is a small part of an important region.*

Located between Whitehouse and Swanton, Oak Openings Preserve takes its name from the surrounding region, which is 23 times larger than the park itself. Oak Openings, Secor, Wiregrass Lake and Westwinds Metroparks are all located in the Oak Openings Corridor.

## **MAJESTY IN ITS NATURAL HABITAT**

Pioneers trudging through a dense swamp called this area “Oak Openings.” Most of the park is an oak savanna ecosystem, characterized by alternating wetlands and vegetated dunes. The Nature Conservancy once named the sandy region one of the 200 “Last Great Places on Earth.”

Prickly-pear cactus, wild lupine and sand cherry bloom atop dry, hot sand dunes not far from orchids growing in low, wet swales. Stands of isolated pine and spruce planted by the WPA during the Great Depression are still visible.

Oak Openings is a birder’s paradise. It is the nesting place of bluebirds, indigo buntings, whippoorwills, lark sparrows and many other species, as well as an excellent location to see migrating songbirds in spring.

Naturalists, birders, hikers, equestrians and researchers converge at Oak Openings, which is a popular destination for recreation, quiet reflection and nature study.



## *Park Details*

**5402 WILKINS ROAD  
WHITEHOUSE, OHIO 43571**

**TRAILS:** 11

**MILES:** 67.3

**SURFACES:** Native Material, Hard Surface, Crushed Stone

**ACTIVITIES:** Nature Walks & Hiking, Running, Biking, Playground, Birding, Window on Wildlife, Summer Camps, Horseback Riding, Fishing, Camping, Cross-Country Skiing, Beach Ridge Single Track Trail

**NOTES:** Oak Openings is connected by the Wabash-Cannonball Trail to Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Side Cut Metroparks.

## *Park Highlights*

Listen for the crackle of fall leaves as your tires roll along the single-track mountain bike trail at Beach Ridge.

## *Rental Facilities*

### **CARETAKER'S COTTAGE**

A small cottage available for rent to families or groups to enjoy the sounds of nature. Sleeps up to 8 comfortably.

### **BUEHNER CENTER**

A great indoor rental facility for your next family gathering, graduation party, or corporate event. Kitchenette and electricity are available.

### **OAK OPENINGS LODGE**

The view at this historical building is beautiful inside and out. Located in the woods, the Lodge is a popular wedding venue, with a stone fireplace, a spacious kitchen and a patio. The room accommodates 80 to 100 people.

### **PINE RIDGE CHALET**

A secluded retreat in a pine plantation. Sleeps 5 with room for an outdoor gathering of up to 20.

### **WHITE OAK CAMPGROUND**

This primitive campground offers the opportunity for tent campers to rent individual or group campsites.

### **SPRINGBROOK CAMPGROUND**

This primitive campground offers the opportunity for tent campers to rent individual or group campsites. There are two sites with horse corrals, so riders can now camp with their horses.



# Maumee River Parks

## *Three Metroparks all connected by the Towpath Trail overlook the Maumee River.*

The young Metroparks district secured a lease for these former “canal lands” in the early 1930s from the State of Ohio, providing the backbone for the riverside parks we enjoy today.

### **PROVIDENCE**

History comes to life at Providence Metropark, where a water-powered mill still grinds grain and saws logs. Nearby, mules pull an 1870s canal boat loaded with passengers through an original Miami & Erie Canal lock.

New: You can launch your canoe or kayak from a new access off Grand Rapids Road.

### **BEND VIEW**

You'll find Bend View on just about any list of the most scenic places in Lucas County. The park overlooks a dramatic 90-degree bend in the Maumee. A shelter built by Depression-era workers awaits those who hike from either the Bend View or Farnsworth parking areas.

### **FARNSWORTH**

Farnsworth is a sentimental favorite for generations of scouts and families who hiked, camped and picnicked at the narrow riverside park with 30-foot bluffs overlooking the river.

Visit the most significant geologic feature in NW Ohio! The Bowling Green Fault line can be seen when river levels are low; look for a fracture in the river's bluff with a stream flowing between two plates in the Earth. You'll find this just upstream of Roche de Bout and the old Interurban Bridge.



## *Park Details*

**PROVIDENCE METROPARK**  
13200 S. RIVER ROAD (HISTORIC AREA)  
13827 S. RIVER ROAD (DAM AREA)  
GRAND RAPIDS, OHIO 43522

**BEND VIEW METROPARK**  
10040 S. RIVER ROAD  
WATERVILLE, OHIO 43566

**FARNSWORTH METROPARK**  
8505 S. RIVER ROAD  
WATERVILLE, OHIO 43566

**TRAILS:** 2

**MILES:** 10.55

**SURFACES:** Native Material, Crushed Stone

**ACTIVITIES:** Nature Walks & Hiking, Running, Biking, Playgrounds, Birding, Fishing, Paddling Sports, Boat Launch, Camping

**NOTES:** The Towpath multi-use trail is 9 miles one-way connecting all three parks.

## *Park Highlights*

Crush and smell the very large, sweet American sycamore leaves, and feel the waxiness of the heart-shaped ones falling from Eastern cottonwoods as you explore the Towpath Trail.

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## *Rental Facilities*

### **TIMBER SHELTER**

A new rental facility near the playground and boat launch at Farnsworth.

### **PROVIDENCE DAM SHELTER**

A large, historic rental facility near the Dam at Providence, overlooks the Maumee River.

### **FARNSWORTH CAMPGROUND**

Primitive campsites on the banks of the Maumee River. Fire rings and firewood included.

### **GRANGER ISLAND CABIN AND TENT PLATFORMS**

Available Memorial Day through November 1.

### **MIAMI AND ERIE SHELTERS**



# Blue Creek

*Blue Creek is a quiet retreat in the country.*

Blue Creek is still in development, but portions are now open. A one-mile loop trail begins at the old hog barn on Shadel Road and leads you through a wetland to scenic quarry pond. Bring a fishing pole! The entrance on Providence Road winds back to the former Nona France Quarry, which was recently opened for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and stand up paddleboarding. A grassy launch is now available for public use.

Blue Creek is operated in partnership with the Village of Whitehouse, Nature's Nursery and the Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District. It is home to Metroparks native seed nursery.

**7825 SHADEL ROAD  
WHITEHOUSE, OHIO 43571**

## *Park Highlights*

Bask in the sun of a fall day while searching for fossils near Nona France Quarry.



# *Fallen Timbers Battlefield*

*Three amazing sites.  
One extraordinary  
Metropark.*

From the street, the connection between Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Fallen Timbers Monument and Fort Miamis aren't obvious. But all three sites are forever connected and each is reminiscent of a substantial turning point in our nation's history. Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site is managed by Metroparks and also Affiliated Unit of the National Park Service.

**4949 N. JEROME ROAD  
MAUMEE, OHIO 43537**

## *Park Highlights*

Listen for the rustle of animals scurrying in the underbrush and hoarding hickory nuts and acorns from the woods at Fallen Timbers Battlefield.

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## *Rental Facilities*

### **VISITOR CENTER**

An indoor rental space great for corporate meetings, family gatherings and more.



# Pearson

*There's always something to do at Pearson.*

From birding to baseball to picnicking and fishing, there's something for everyone at Pearson. This Metropark is one of the last remaining stands of the Great Black Swamp, a notorious forest that once blanketed much of northwest Ohio. Activities abound and examples of work done by the Depression-era programs are all around you.

Activities and attractions include baseball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, fishing, a playground and the Johlin Cabin.

**761 LALLENDORF ROAD AT SR2  
OREGON, OHIO 43616**

## *Park Highlights*

Bring your binoculars to Pearson North to enjoy a search for migrating ducks, shorebirds, songbirds and more!

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## *Rental Facilities*

**MACOMBER LODGE  
HOMESTEAD SHELTER  
PACKER-HAMMERSMITH CENTER  
TENNIS COURT SHELTER  
PLAYGROUND SHELTER  
BLACK SWAMP SHELTER  
BALLFIELD SHELTER**



# Toledo Botanical Garden

## *A museum for plants.*

Toledo Botanical Garden offers visitors the opportunity to share, discover and enjoy nature's beauty. With over sixty acres of display gardens and relevant plant collections, TBG is full of beauty, tranquility and opportunities for exploration and reflection.

Green thumbs come to the Garden to learn more about the varieties of annuals and perennials nestled within the various beds and look for ways to incorporate new ideas into their home landscapes.

**5403 ELMER DRIVE  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43615**

## *Park Highlights*

Be among the first to play at the new Secret Forest at TBG.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**CONFERENCE CENTER  
SMALL PARK WITH ARCHES  
LAKE LAWN  
GRAND ALLEE  
PERENNIAL GARDEN  
POND GAZEBO**



# Swan Creek Preserve

*Relax and enjoy nature without leaving the city at a pleasant urban oasis.*

Swan Creek Preserve provides a pleasant, pastoral respite from city life for people who look to the park to connect with nature.

Activities and attractions include scenic overlooks along the trails, a swinging bridge, indoor and picnic shelters, a playground and a Window on Wildlife.

**4659 AIRPORT HIGHWAY  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43614  
2ND ENTRANCE:  
4100 GLENDALE AVENUE**

## *Park Highlights*

Look for tracks of raccoon, deer and other wildlife along the creek while the water is low.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**YAGER CENTER  
MARY JANE GILL SHELTER  
BROOKWOOD  
SWAN CREEK GAZEBO**

The perfect spot for an outdoor wedding.



# Secor

## *A mini Oak Openings with virtues all its own.*

Many distinguishing characteristics of this charming park include its location in the Oak Openings Region, northwest Ohio's largest concentration of native dogwood and a restored tallgrass prairie.

In 2003, the National Center for Nature Photography opened on the site with rotating exhibits from prominent nature photographers.

Additional attractions and amenities include large picnic areas, playing fields, indoor meeting rooms, picnic shelters, barrier free playground and a Window on Wildlife.

New: Take the Red Trail and enjoy a new boardwalk through the park's wetter areas.

**10001 W. CENTRAL AVENUE  
BERKEY, OHIO 43504**

## *Park Highlights*

Fall presents a great opportunity to enjoy the fall color of a swamp woods on a leisurely stroll along the Red Trail's boardwalk.

## *Rental Facilities*

**SECOR ROOM  
WALNUT GROVE SHELTER  
LONE OAK SHELTER  
MEADOWVIEW SHELTER  
SHEPHERST MEMORIAL**



## Side Cut

*Enjoy fishing, sightseeing and communing with nature where it all began.*

Side Cut was the first Metropark and an interesting slice of American history. Today, Side Cut is a refuge for fishermen from around the country as walleye swim upriver to spawn. The “spring run” is the largest of its kind on the Great Lakes.

Activities and attractions within Side Cut include river access, a sledding hill, playground, an indoor facility, picnic shelters, and a Window on Wildlife.

**1025 W. RIVER ROAD  
MAUMEE, OHIO 43537**

**NOTE:** Side Cut is connected via the Wabash-Cannonball Trail to Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Oak Openings Preserve Metroparks.

### *Park Highlights*

Spy on wildlife around the water from the top of the hill at Seigert Lake.

### *Rental Facilities*

**LAMB CENTER  
MAUMEE ROTARY PAVILION SHELTER  
RIVERVIEW SHELTER**



# Middlegrounds

*An urban oasis with something for everyone.*

The first Metropark in downtown Toledo offers amazing views of the Maumee River and city skyline. Pull up a park bench and watch the lake freighters go by. Drop a fishing line, launch a kayak or take a stroll on a new 1.5-mile loop trail.

Now open: Metroparks first off-leash dog area along Ottawa Street.

The new Rotary Roundhouse picnic shelter, available by reservation, resembles a railroad roundhouse once located on the property.

The park hosts programs that appeal to neighbors and downtown office workers alike.

**111 OTTAWA STREET  
DOWNTOWN TOLEDO, OHIO  
UNDER THE ANTHONY WAYNE BRIDGE**

## *Park Highlights*

Take a cool quick refresher from your busy work schedule and enjoy the fall day at Middlegrounds.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**ROTARY ROUNDHOUSE**



# *Westwinds*

## *Region's only public 3D archery course.*

Bring your own equipment during normal operating hours, or attend programs offered through Metroparks where gear is provided. See the Outdoor Skills programs listed at [MetroparksPrograms.com](http://MetroparksPrograms.com) for upcoming programs.

Westwinds is also home to the Flying Tigers RC Model Club, and its members can often be seen flying their remote-control aircraft from the airstrip that they maintain.

Additional features include a shelter and a planned walking trail.

**9918 GEISER ROAD  
HOLLAND, OHIO 43528**

## *Park Highlights*

Enjoy a colorful tree line of sassafras and red oak as you try your hand at the static archery range.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**TURKEY FOOT SHELTER**

A scenic photograph of a lake at sunset. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, red, and purple clouds, which are reflected in the calm water. The shoreline is lined with dark silhouettes of trees and bushes.

# *Wiregrass Lake*

*From lazing on the shore to fishing off the dock, Wiregrass Lake makes for a lovely day on the water.*

The namesake lake is the first thing you will notice at Wiregrass. The scenic water is open for canoeing and kayaking, as well as fishing from the shore or the dock. An accessible launch with rollers is available to assist paddlers entering or returning from the lake.

Attractions and activities at Wiregrass Lake include the lake itself, the boat dock with canoe and kayak launch, a trail around the lake and three primitive camping sites near the lakeshore.

**201 N. EBER ROAD  
HOLLAND, OHIO 43528**

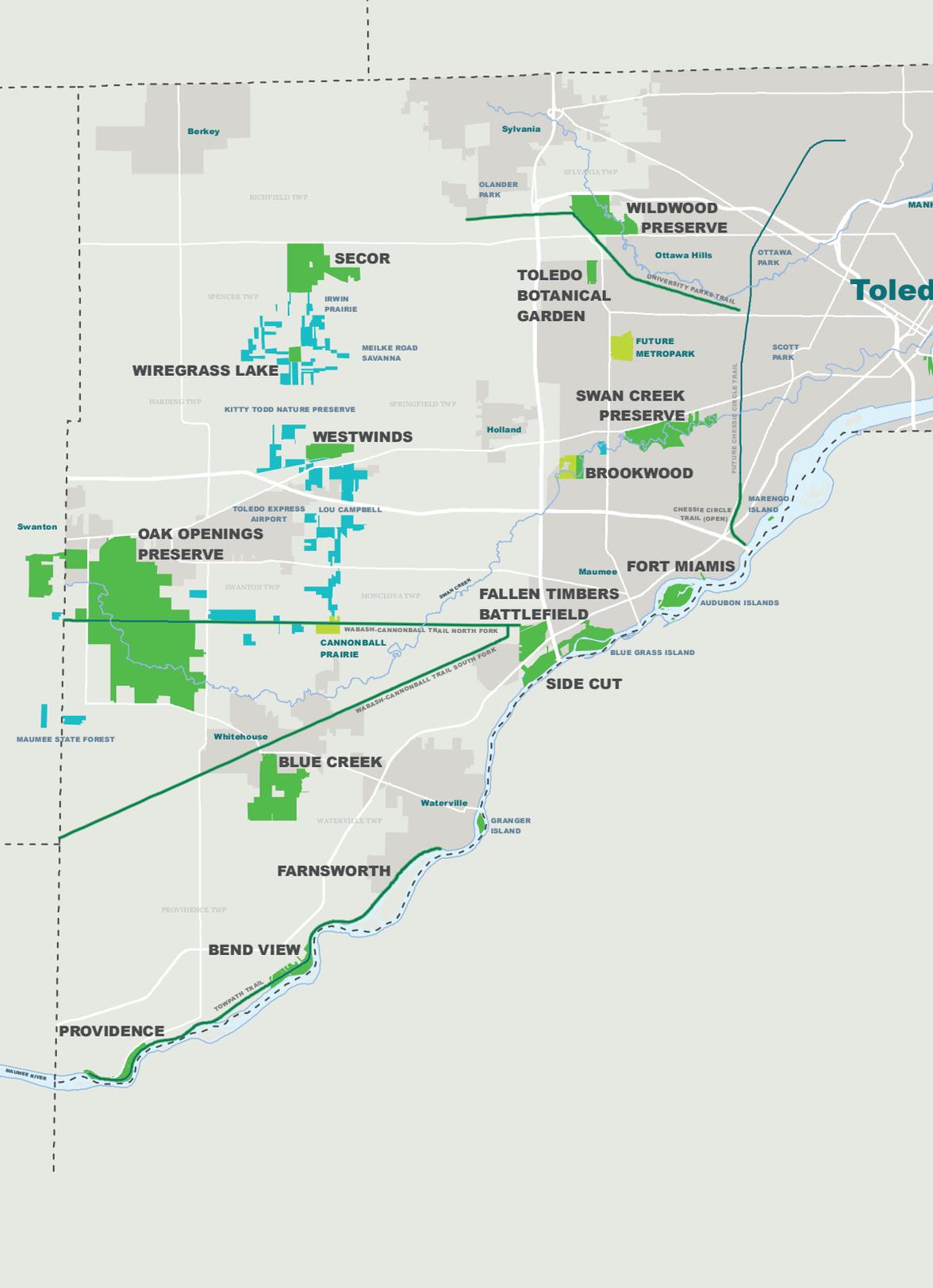
## *Park Highlights*

Stroll around the quiet lake at sunset, listening for the last sounds of singing cicadas and katydids.

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## *Rental Facilities*

**MEADOWHAWK SHELTER  
WIREGRASS LAKE CAMPGROUND**



Berkey

Sylvania

RICHFIELD TWP

OLANDER PARK

SYLVANIA TWP

**WILDWOOD PRESERVE**

Ottawa Hills

OTTAWA PARK

**SECOR**

**TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDEN**

SPENCER TWP

IRWIN PRAIRIE

**FUTURE METROPARK**

SCOTT PARK

**WIREGRASS LAKE**

MEILKE ROAD SAVANNA

HARDING TWP

KITTY TODD NATURE PRESERVE

SPRINGFIELD TWP

Holland

**SWAN CREEK PRESERVE**

**BROOKWOOD**

FUTURE CHESIE CIRCLE TRAIL

**OAK OPENINGS PRESERVE**

TOLEDO EXPRESS AIRPORT

LOU CAMPBELL

CHESIE CIRCLE TRAIL (OPEN)

MARENGO ISLAND

Swanton

SWANTON TWP

MONCLOYA TWP

**FALLEN TIMBERS BATTLEFIELD**

Maumee

**FORT MIAMIS**

AUDUBON ISLANDS

WARASH-CANNONBALL TRAIL NORTH FORK

WARASH-CANNONBALL TRAIL SOUTH FORK

**SIDE CUT**

BLUE GRASS ISLAND

MAUMEE STATE FOREST

Whitehouse

**BLUE CREEK**

Waterville

GRANGER ISLAND

**FARNSWORTH**

WATERVILLE TWP

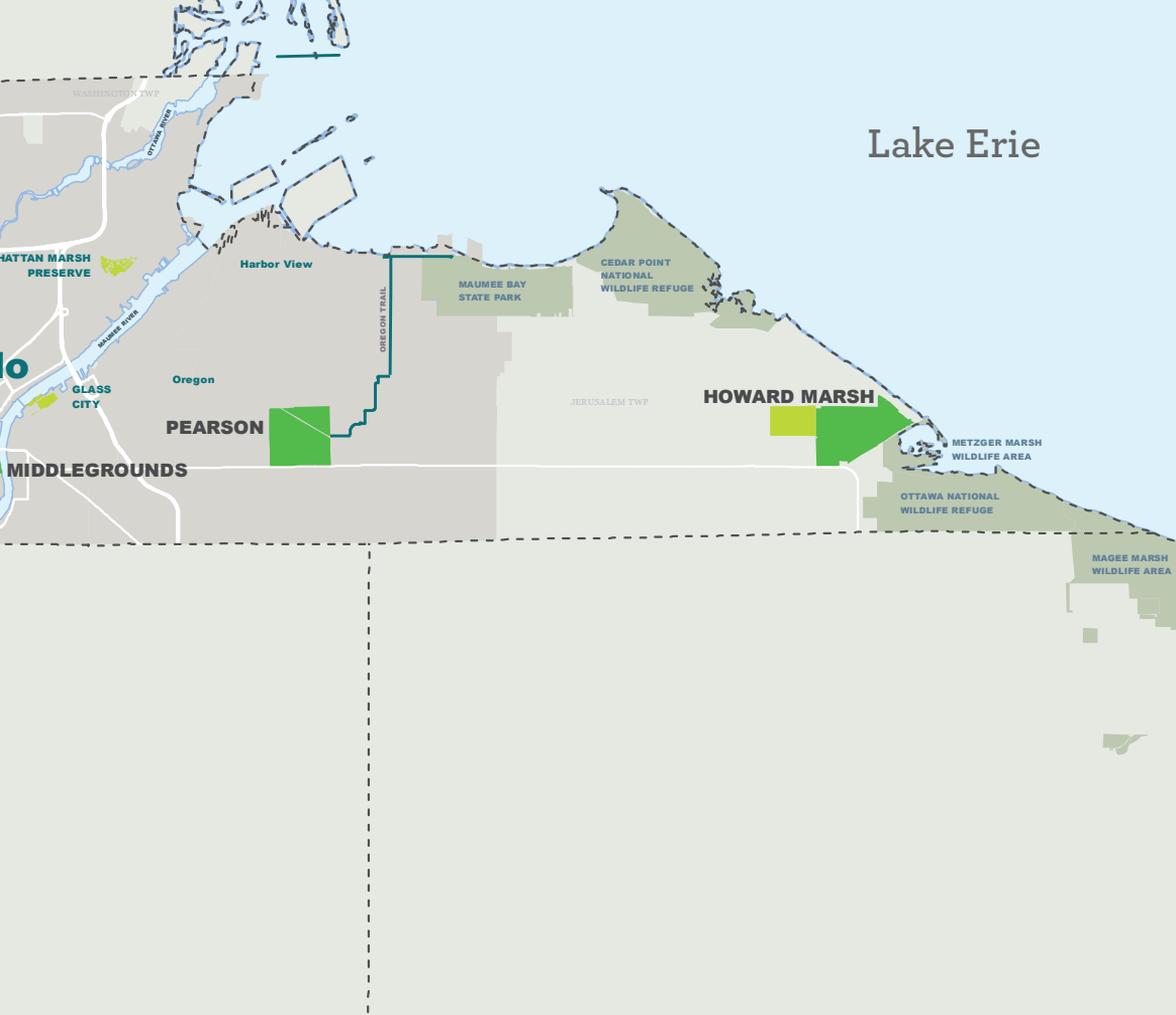
PROVIDENCE TWP

**BEND VIEW**

TOWPATH TRAIL

**PROVIDENCE**

MAUMEE RIVER



Lake Erie

## Connecting People to Parks

Soon, every Lucas County resident will be within five miles of a Metropark. This milestone is the result of new projects being completed and new corridors and greenways connecting the parks, making them more accessible than ever before.

View an interactive map of the region and each of its parks at [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com).

### MAP LEGEND

-  INTERSTATES
-  MAJOR ROADWAYS
-  WATERWAY
-  METROPARKS TOLEDO
-  FUTURE METROPARKS
-  RESTRICTED/LIMITED ACCESS METROPARKS PROPERTY
-  OTHER PARKS & PRESERVES
-  MUNICIPALITY



## Mini Camps

Metroparks Mini Camps fee include winter hat and afternoon snack. All participants should bring a packed lunch and a reusable water bottle. Dress for the weather as many activities will take place outdoors.

### **METROPARK EXPLORERS MINI-CAMP: JUNIOR NATURALIST (AGES 5 TO 10)**

Metroparks popular Outdoor Explorers Camp returns for winter! Crafts, stories, songs and games will all be part of this mini-camp experience. This session will focus on the career of a park Naturalist. Learn what park Naturalists do and become an honorary junior naturalist at the end of the session. \$35, Reservations, Code 409903101

#### **DECEMBER 27**

Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

### **METROPARK EXPLORERS MINI-CAMP: WINTER WEATHER (AGES 5 TO 10)**

Metroparks popular Outdoor Explorers Camp returns for winter! Crafts, stories, songs and games will all be part of this mini-camp experience. This session will focus on winter weather. Learn how animals survive and thrive in Metroparks during Northwest Ohio's colder months. \$35, Reservations, Code 409903101

#### **DECEMBER 30**

Monday; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

### **NATURE'S EVE PARTY MINI-CAMP (AGES 5 TO 10)**

Happy New Year! Ring in 2020 a little early by celebrating the Wildlife that calls Metroparks home. Songs, games and other winter nature activities will all be part of this fun filled day! This is a drop off program. \$35, Reservations, Code 409903102

#### **DECEMBER 31**

Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

*Interested in helping?*

**METROPARKS PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTEERS.**

*Call Volunteer Services at 419-407-9703 for more information.*



## Special Event Programs

### MOVIE NIGHT AT SWAN CREEK

Join us for a free movie under the stars. Our feature movie will be Casper. Bring a blanket/chairs and enjoy an outdoor movie experience. Free, No Reservations Required, Code 408404601

#### OCTOBER 4

Friday, 8:30 p.m.

*Swan Creek, Airport Highway parking lot*

### SPOOKTACULAR SHOOT

The zombie apocalypse has once again descended on Westwinds Metropark. Westwinds has been transformed into another world for a nighttime Halloween themed archery shoot. Bring a flashlight, headlamp or both. Halloween costumes are encouraged and so is your favorite glow-wear (archery safe please). Have your own equipment? Test your skills on the zombie 3D course. If you need a bow to get the job done, Metroparks will provide the gear for beginners ages 8 and over on the static range. A campfire and snacks will be supplied to keep you warm and fueled for the fight. Free for all participants.

#### OCTOBER 11

Friday, 6 to 10 p.m.

*Westwinds, Archery Range parking lot*

### SPOOKTACULAR SHOOT

The zombie apocalypse has once again descended on Westwinds Metropark. Westwinds has been transformed into another world for Halloween themed archery shoot. Family fun includes hay ride, family fun targets on the static range with equipment provided or use your own. Watch for more fun activities for this family friendly time, 2 to 6 p.m.; during the evening Westwinds will be transformed into another world for a nighttime Halloween themed archery shoot. Bring a flashlight, headlamp or both. Halloween costumes are encouraged and so is your favorite glow-wear (archery safe please). Have your own equipment? Test your skills on the zombie 3D course. If you need a bow to get the job done, Metroparks will provide the gear for beginners age 8 and over on the static range. A campfire and snacks will be supplied to keep you warm and fueled for the fight. Free for all participants.

#### OCTOBER 12

Saturday, 2 to 10 p.m.

*Westwinds, Archery Range parking lot*

## **TOMBSTONE TOUR**

Maumee Valley Adventurers invites you to participate in its 54<sup>th</sup> annual Tombstone Bicycle Tour, which now includes the Family Haunted Ride, with routes starting at Oak Openings Preserve, located between Whitehouse and Swanton. A complimentary photo will be taken for later download from MVA website. All participants in bike-friendly costumes are eligible to win prizes, which will be awarded at 2 p.m.! The Family-Haunted route is an enhanced family-friendly five mile route. Join a Metroparks Ranger at one of two guided rides starting at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. at the Buehner Center. The intermediate and long routes include route map notes and GPS route maps that can be downloaded before the event, lunch and SAG support. Take the 'selfie challenge' at each cemetery visited. Registration and check-in begin at 10:30 a.m. with rides beginning at 11 a.m., all riders need to be checked-in by noon. Lunch available from noon to 3 p.m. for all riders inside the Buehner Center. Tombstone Ride is \$25 and the Family Haunted Ride is \$5. For more information visit [www.mvadventurers.org](http://www.mvadventurers.org)

## **OCTOBER 19**

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center*

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

Join us for the first Trunk or Treat at Toledo Botanical Garden. This event provides a safe environment for families to experience the Halloween fun for free. Explore 12 spooky stations across the gardens while collecting Halloween candy or enjoy our Halloween activities, including a scavenger hunt, music, fall snacks and costume contest. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. Free, No registrations required.

## **OCTOBER 15**

Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m.  
*Toledo Botanical Garden*



# Holiday Programming

## HERALDING THE HOLIDAYS

Heralding the Holidays is a decades-long tradition showcasing the artists and garden clubs of the Artist Village at Toledo Botanical Garden Metropark. Throughout the weekend, you will find art, jewelry, stained glass, and pottery for sale, dried herbs and herbal products, food trucks, and roving carolers. Visitors can blow a glass ornament, and glimpse Father Christmas (Fri eve) wandering through the village. Village studios will be decorated. For more details visit the Artist Village website at [artvillage419.org](http://artvillage419.org)

**DECEMBER 6, 5 TO 9 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 7, 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 8, 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
*Toledo Botanical Garden*

## HOLIDAYS AT THE MANOR HOUSE

Ring in the holidays at northwest Ohio's most festive celebrations – Holidays at the Manor House. For over 40 years, community volunteers have transformed over 30 areas of the Manor House at Wildwood Preserve into a holiday wonderland. Tour the Manor House and see why over 40,000 people make Holidays at the Manor House an annual tradition.

## S'MORES, S'MORES AND MORE S'MORES

Stop at the S'mores Shack and make a s'more over an open fire on your way to or from the Manor House compliments of your Metroparks.

## HOLIDAYS AT THE HALL

Take a short walk from the Manor House to Metroparks Hall featuring one of our most beloved displays – Swanton Area Railroad & Model Club will once again transform the Hall into a holiday train delight.

## DECEMBER 7 THROUGH 15

Daily, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*



### **CARRIAGE RIDES**

Take a leisurely ride through scenic Wildwood Preserve aboard a carriage pulled by Molly and Sally – the mule team from our very own Canal Experience. Ticket sales online only at [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com). Ticket sales begin November 1st. \$6 per person, children under 5 free if they sit on an adults lap.

#### **DECEMBER 7, 8, 14 AND 15**

Saturday and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metroparks Hall*

### **HOLIDAY MOVIES**

Escape the brisk cold this December with our Holiday Movie series at Holidays at the Manor House. Sit back, relax and enjoy some of your favorite family-friendly holiday's classics with popcorn and hot cocoa at the Ward Pavilion

#### **DECEMBER 7, 8, 14 AND 15**

Saturday and Sundays, 2 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion*

### **HOLIDAYS FAMILY NIGHT HIKE**

Bring the whole family to Wildwood for a fun filled winter evening at your beautiful Metroparks. There are several family friendly activities to do during Holidays at the Manor house. If you are up for some

more fun and a little adventure, then bundle up to take a night hike as we explore the park after dark on a naturalist led hike. We'll finish the evening with some s'mores around a fire. Please remember to dress for the weather. Arrive by 5:45pm to visit the Holidays displays before joining the night hike program. Free, Reservations, Code 404402607

#### **DECEMBER 11**

Wednesday; 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

### **HOLIDAY TREE CLIMBING**

Join Metroparks naturalists at this festive tree climbing opportunity! This special holiday climb will be a lighted spectacular. Don't miss out, space is limited. \$25, Reservations, Code 405516101

#### **DECEMBER 6, 7, 13 AND 14**

Friday; 5:30 to 7 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion parking lot*

### **LETTERS TO SANTA LOCATIONS**

Bring your letters to Santa and drop them in our express box to the North Pole, located in the lower level of the Manor House.



## Help Preserve Metroparks

### Toddler and Preschool Programs

#### TODDLER TRAILS

This outdoor, multi-sensory nature play and exploration introduces your toddlers up to three years of age to the natural world and promotes its preservation. Adult companions accompany and assist in their child's experience at the program. Register toddlers only. \$2, Reservations, Code 404402105

**OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 6 AND  
DECEMBER 4**

Wednesday; 10 to 11 a.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center*

#### TALES AND TRAILS (AGES 3-5)

Park adventures for our youngest park visitors. Preschoolers and their guardians enjoy story time, a nature walk and a craft to take home. There is a different theme each session. Please dress for the weather. Register only the participating child. \$2, Reservations, Code 404402101

**OCTOBER 10, OCTOBER 24,  
NOVEMBER 14, DECEMBER 12**

Thursday; 10 to 11 a.m.

*Various Locations*

#### JOIN TODAY!

With over 12,000 acres of preserved land and 172 miles of trails to explore, your Metroparks offer some of the most stunning outdoor experiences in North America. Working together, we are making progress toward providing clean, safe and natural parks within 5 miles of every Lucas County resident.

Thanks to the generosity of members and other friends we can continue to expand Metroparks preservation and educational activities. Each membership supports important Metroparks initiatives – like Metroparks Connections Camp that brings over 500 children from disadvantaged communities to nature camp – free of charge.

#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- 50% Discount on admission for 2 to the Crosby Festival of the Arts
- Discounted admission to Jazz in the Garden at Toledo Botanical Garden
- Discounts on Metroparks rental facilities and programs
- Invitation to private preview at Holidays at the Manor House
- Special Members only programs
- The Metroparks Program Guide mailed to your home
- Member's gift and decal
- Invitation for lunch with the Director (Oak Tree and Director's Circle Members)

#### WAYS TO GIVE

MetroparksToledoFoundation.org  
By Phone – Call 419-407-9712 with your credit or debit card information.



## Programs for Families

### FAMILY HIKE: THE MIGHTY MAUMEE RIVER

Enjoy an afternoon stroll with the whole family while on a guided nature tour with a park interpreter and experience your favorite Metroparks from new perspectives. Please remember to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Free, Reservations, Code 404402602

#### OCTOBER 19

Saturday; 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
*Side Cut, Riverview Area parking lot*

### FAMILY HIKE: WITCH HAZEL AND FALL COLOR

Enjoy an afternoon stroll with the whole family while on a guided nature tour with a park interpreter and experience your favorite Metroparks from new perspectives. Please remember to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Free, Reservations, Code 404402602

#### NOVEMBER 16

Saturday; 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
*Secor, Secor Center parking lot*

### FAMILY HIKE AT PEARSON METROPARK

Enjoy an afternoon stroll with the whole family while on a guided nature tour with a park interpreter and experience your favorite Metroparks from new perspectives.

Please remember to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Free, Reservations, Code 404402602

#### NOVEMBER 17

Sunday; 12 to 1 p.m.  
*Pearson, Packer-Hammersmith Center parking lot*

### FAMILY HIKE: WINTER HOMES

Enjoy an afternoon stroll with the whole family while on a guided nature tour with a park interpreter and experience your favorite Metroparks from new perspectives. Please remember to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Free, Reservations, Code 404402602

#### DECEMBER 7

Saturday; 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
*Westwinds, Westwinds parking lot*

### MAMMAL MYTHBUSTERS

Do bats really get tangled in your hair? Do opossums hang from trees by their tails? Get the facts, bust the myths and find something to love about each of these mammals. Free, Reservations, Code 404404608

#### NOVEMBER 15

Friday; 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Secor, Secor Room*



## Programs for All Ages

### MEET ME AT MIDDLEGROUNDS FALL WALKING SERIES

Blood flow increases daily work productivity! Join this mid-week opportunity for an outdoor morning walk in the beautiful season of autumn. Program occurs every Wednesday between Labor Day and Thanksgiving and comes complete with a weekly seasonal 'message-for-the-day' from an experienced naturalist. Free. Reservations. Free, Reservations, Code 405510601

**OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23 AND 30  
NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20 AND 27**

Wednesday; 8 to 8:45 a.m.  
*Middlegrounds, Middlegrounds parking lot*

### SENIOR STROLL

It's important to stay active at all ages and equally important to spend time in nature. Come move, learn and socialize as we take a gently paced nature walk around Wildwood Preserve. Dress accordingly for the weather and we welcome all ages in this walking group. Free, Reservations, Code 404402603

**OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23 AND 30  
NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20**

Wednesday; 2 to 3 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center*

### NATURE AT NIGHT HIKE

Walk in the park after dark and discover the wonders of the night at a time when parks are normally closed. Dress accordingly for the weather and let's get outside! Free, Reservations, Code 404402601

### OCTOBER 4 OWLS

Friday; 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Secor, Secor Center parking lot*

### NOVEMBER 1 WAXING CRESCENT AND OTHER NIGHTTIME WONDERS

Friday; 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Bend View, Bend View parking lot*

### DECEMBER 20 A QUIET WINTERS NIGHT

Friday; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
*Swan Creek, Airport Highway parking lot*

### EXPLORER: FALL COLOR TOUR

Oak Opening's vibrant colors will dazzle on this naturalist narrated excursion aboard Metroparks open-air trolley. Seats are limited, so reserve your place now for this one of a kind road trip. Maximum 2 wheel chairs per trip. All other participants must be able to climb 3 steps. \$4, Reservations, Code 404404606

#### OCTOBER 6

Sunday; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

#### OCTOBER 20

Sunday; 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 4 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### JOHLIN CABIN OPEN HOURS

Stop into the Johlin Cabin for some family fun! See how much life has changed in the last 150 years. Explore inside the cabin, then venture outside. The cabin is located at the North entrance to the park on Seaman Road. Free, No Reservations Required, Code 401103605

#### OCTOBER 6 CAN YOU SURVIVE THE GREAT BLACK SWAMP?

NOVEMBER 3 WARMTH FOR THE WINTER  
DECEMBER 1 HOLIDAY TRADITIONS  
Sunday; 12 to 2 p.m.  
*Pearson, Johlin Cabin*

### FALL COLOR WALK

Get outside yourself and get on the trails with a park naturalist. We will talk about the tree species in the park and why the leaves are changing colors as we explore Oak Openings Preserve Metropark. Free, Reservations, Code 404402608

#### OCTOBER 12

Saturday; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

### NATURE'S ARTISTS: ORB WEAVERS

Start your day off by immersing yourself in nature. On this mile and a half long stroll, we will be searching for the dew covered webs of the orb weaver. Free, Reservations, Code 404402612

#### OCTOBER 15

Tuesday; 8 to 9 a.m.  
*Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Fallen Timbers parking lot*

### PEARSON METROPARK HIGHLIGHTS WALK

This fall color walk will feature a combination of cultural and natural history that is unique to our only Metropark within the historic Great Black Swamp. Free, Reservations, Code 404402611

#### OCTOBER 20

Sunday; 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
*Pearson, Packer-Hammersmith Center parking lot*

### GHOSTS OF PROVIDENCE

Providence is Northwest Ohio's only ghost town. Once a year, the spirits of those who lived and worked and died here come out to tell their stories. Join us for a spooky, lantern-guided walk through historic Providence Metropark to meet the ghosts that appear when the veil between this world and the next is thinnest. Group departs every 15 minutes. \$7, Reservations, Code 401104601

#### OCTOBER 18

Friday; 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Providence, Canal/Mill Parking Lot*

#### OCTOBER 19

Saturday; 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Providence, Canal/Mill Parking Lot*



### GET TO KNOW YOUR TRAILS

Get outside yourself and get on the trails with a park naturalist. We will look at the flora and fauna of northwest Ohio as we explore a trail in a different park each month. It's a great way to experience our beautiful Metroparks and all that they have to offer us. Please wear sturdy shoes and dress accordingly for the weather. Free, Reservations, Code 40440260

#### OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER 9 AND DECEMBER 2

Various Days, Times and Locations

### MURDER MYSTERY AT THE MILL

The year is 1846, and there has been a ghastly murder in the town of Providence! A local constable has called for help from any deputy, sleuth, or private eye in Lucas County. Can you solve this puzzling case before the suspects escape on the canal boat? \$10, Reservations, Code 401104201

#### NOVEMBER 1

Friday; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.  
*Providence, Isaac Ludwig Mill*

#### NOVEMBER 2

Saturday; 4 to 5 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
*Providence, Isaac Ludwig Mill*

### OAK GROVE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: A SCHOOL DAY IN 1893

Take a step back in time and discover how natural resources were used in the classroom of the past compared to how they are used in the classroom today. Before modern conventions, items like chalkboards, chalk, pens and many recess games all originated with the natural environment in which humans interacted. No registration is required for this family-friendly open house! Free, Reservations, Code 401102601

#### NOVEMBER 2

Saturday; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Oak Grove School*

### INVASIVE PLANTS WALK

Take a walk with a naturalist to locate and identify different plants and discover what makes them invasive, native, or aggressive. Free, Reservations, Code 404402613

#### NOVEMBER 13

Wednesday; 10 to 11 a.m.  
*Side Cut, Riverview Area parking lot*

## **WOODY THE WOODPECKER AND OTHER WINTER BIRDS**

Bring your binoculars and meet us in the Window on Wildlife for winter birds viewing. We will take a short hike to search for other winter birds, including the Pileated Woodpecker. Free, Reservations, Code 404402614

### **DECEMBER 3**

Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Window and Wildlife*

## **A BREAK WITH THE BIRDS**

Birds can bring relaxation to the hustle and bustle of this holiday season. Take a break from it all to discover which feathered friends are visiting Pearson's Window on Wildlife today. Bring along your own beverage to sip while watching, and enjoy a doughnut, compliments of Metroparks. Free, Reservations, Code 404404607

### **DECEMBER 7**

Saturday; 10 to 11 a.m.  
*Pearson, Window on Wildlife*

## **WINTER WALK AT HOWARD MARSH**

Bundle up and bring the whole family out to one of our newest Metroparks, Howard Marsh. We'll explore the boardwalk and look for swans, ducks, and hawks. It can be very cold and windy by the Lake, so dress in layers for this winter walk. Free, Reservations, Code 404402610

### **DECEMBER 15**

Sunday; 12 to 1 p.m.  
*Howard Marsh, parking lot*

## **WINTER SOLSTICE WALK**

Celebrate the shortest day of the year and the longest night on the first day of winter. It only happens once a year, so don't miss it! Free, Reservations, Code 404402606

### **DECEMBER 21**

Saturday; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake parking lot*

## **HOLIDAY WALK**

Celebrate the beauty and peacefulness of the season as you enjoy a walk to observe some gifts of nature. Warm up afterwards with Sassafras tea in the Window on Wildlife. Free, Reservations, Code 404101601

### **DECEMBER 25**

Wednesday; 3 to 4:30 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Metz Visitor Center*



## Scout Programs

We've created many fun and engaging programs designed for Scouts in our area. If you wish to sign up your troop, consider requesting a private program via our website, [www.MetroparksToledo.com](http://www.MetroparksToledo.com). Click 'discover' and request a group program. Although these activities are geared towards scouts, any child is welcome to participate.

### CALLING ALL SCOUTS! DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY, JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

Click, Click! Do you know how to get the most out of your digital device and what it takes to capture a winning photo? Scouts will get the chance to use a Metroparks digital camera to explore the ins-and-outs of the camera and fulfill the requirements for the digital camera badge. Scouts must provide their own SD card to take their photos home. This program runs rain or shine. Please dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. No flip-flops. All will receive a Metroparks patch for participating. Although these programs are geared towards Scouts, any child can participate. This is a drop-off program. \$8, Reservations, Code 405509101

#### OCTOBER 12

Saturday; 2 to 4:30 p.m.  
*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Buehner Center*

### CALLING ALL SCOUTS! SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MERIT BADGE

Scouts will learn about soil and water conservation and why these natural resources are important. They will complete the requirements for this merit badge. This is a two-part program, but only register for the first session. This badge will include a tour of the Maumee Water Resource Recovery Facility. \$16, Reservations, Code 405509101

#### NOVEMBER 14 AND 21

Thursdays, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
*Fallen Timbers Battlefield, Visitor Center*

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*There's More! For a complete list of programs, see the calendar of events at [MetroparksPrograms.com](http://MetroparksPrograms.com). Metroparks members receive a 20% discount on most programs. For more information about Metroparks, visit our website at [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com).*



## Outdoor Skills

### ARCHERY

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Ready, aim, fire! Metroparks offers the opportunity for would-be archers to explore the sport with a try-it program, refine their skills with a class or the beginner 3D league, and enjoy fun themed shoots throughout the year. Sign up today to start building your technique.

#### TRY IT! ARCHERY

Fun & safe! Try out archery for the first time, or the first time in a long time, with the instruction and guidance of Metroparks staff. All equipment provided. \$4, Reservations, Code 205502102

#### NOVEMBER 9

Saturday, 1 to 2 p.m.

*Blue Creek, Nona France Sledding Hill*

### BACKPACKING

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There's a lot that goes into a safe and successful backpacking trip so we are here to help you learn all you need to know! Explore backpacking basics with Metroparks outdoor skills staff and prepare yourself to hit the trail. We offer short informational programs with practice hikes, beginner-friendly overnight trips, and intermediate overnight trips to prepare you to explore the outdoors in a safe and environmentally friendly manner.

#### APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACKING ADVENTURE

Begin your 14-state challenge on the Appalachian Trail and check off two states on one trek. We will spend three days on the iconic "AT" and hike in both Pennsylvania and Maryland. Crossing state lines takes on a whole new meaning when you do it on foot! Co-sponsored by Mountain Mentors. Price includes camping fees and transportation costs. We can provide most gear if needed. Attendance at the pre-trip informational meeting is required (Wednesday, September 25, 6-7:30 PM, Oak Openings Lodge). The hike will involve some rock scrambling and constant changes in elevation. For additional trip information, please contact Kim Kaseman at [kim.kaseman@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:kim.kaseman@metroparkstoledo.com). Because of the intense planning for this trip, 50% of the fee is considered a non-refundable deposit and overrides the existing refund

*Interested in helping?*

**METROPARKS PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTEERS.**

*Call Volunteer Services at 419-407-9703 for more information.*

policy. If you need to cancel for any reason, please call Ashley Smith at 419-265-2920. \$350, Reservations, Code 405503101

### **OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 8**

Saturday through Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Oak Openings Lodge parking lot*

### **CYCLING**

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Learn and practice the basic bicycle maintenance skills that all cyclist need to keep cruising on the trail, including how to change a tire and adjust brakes and gears. Beginner friendly, no experience needed.

#### **BIKE MAINTENANCE 101**

Learn and practice the basic bicycle maintenance skills that all cyclist need to keep cruising on the trail, including how to change a tire and adjust brakes and gears. Beginner friendly, no experience needed. Bring a bike if you choose but not required. Free, Reservations, Code 105504101

### **NOVEMBER 16**

Saturday; 12 to 2 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Wheelhouse*

### **BOULDERING**

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#### **BOULDERING 101**

Learn to boulder at the beginner-friendly Wildwood FitPark brought to you in a fitness partnership with Mercy Health. Please bring a water bottle and wear closed toed shoes. No equipment necessary. Free, Reservations, Code 305513101

### **OCTOBER 10**

Thursday; 5 to 6 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, FitPark (east entrance)*

### **CAMPING**

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Does the thought of sleeping under the stars get you excited? If you just need a little more information to get you started, you come to the right place. Metroparks is the place to learn and try out camping for the first time with your family, or to expand your camping skills. We offer classes, campfire cooking experiences, and opportunities to try camping without the hassle and expense of buying any equipment.

#### **CAMPFIRE COOKING: WOOD STOVE**

Warm up with some fireside deliciousness! We will focus on one-pot meals on the historic wood stove and some seasonal goodies. \$8, Reservations, Code 105505601

### **DECEMBER 11**

Wednesday; 5:30 to 7 p.m.

*Providence, Isaac Ludwig Mill*

### **FISHING**

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There's more to fishing than drowning worms! Learn the basics or expand your skills with Metroparks fishing programs. Give it a try during our try-it programs, explore fly fishing with introductory classes and fly-tying, or broaden your horizons with kayak or night fishing.

#### **FISHING 101: FLY TYING**

These introductory fly-tying programs will teach you the basic skills you need to tie your own flies. Learn how to match the hatch and tie flies that will fool hungry fish into taking a nibble. All materials provided, and you get to take the flies you tie home. \$5, Reservations, Code 205506101

### **NOVEMBER 23**

Saturday; 12 to 1:30 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Wheelhouse*

## HIKING

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There are so many physical and mental health benefits to hiking. Jumpstart your path to overall wellness and enjoy nature by exploring Metroparks trails with a naturalist. We offer evening hikes, fitness hikes, 5 and 10 mile hikes, and more!

### 11 MILE HIKE ON 11/11

Bring a daypack with water, lunch and snacks. Dress for the weather. Program runs rain or shine. Free, Reservations, Code 405515101

### NOVEMBER 11

Monday; 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Springbrook parking lot*

### 5 MILE HIKE

Stretch your legs and enjoy a crisp winter hike with Metroparks naturalists. Please dress for the weather and bring water. Free, Reservations, Code 405515101

### DECEMBER 21

Saturday; 9 to 11 a.m.

*Swan Creek, Glendale Ave. parking lot*

## PADDLING

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### HISTORY PADDLE: THROUGH THE LOCK CANOE ADVENTURE

Paddle through the historic Miami-Erie canal and lock and hear stories about the historic ghost town of Providence. Travel through the lock by canoe and experience one of the last functioning 19th century limestone locks up close. \$12, Reservations, Code 305501102

### OCTOBER 3

Thursday; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

*Providence, Historic Area and Canal/Mill parking lot*

## TREE CLIMBING

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Join Metroparks naturalist at this “tree-mendous” recreational climbing opportunity. Participants will be using harnesses and climbing ropes to get to the tree-tops. All equipment provided. Dress for the weather and wear closed-toed shoes.

### TREE CLIMBING: SPOOKY CLIMB

Join Metroparks naturalists at this “tree-menodously” spooky tree climbing opportunity! Let’s have a howling good time. Wear your climbing safe Halloween costumes—extra high fives for native, tree-habiting, critter costumes. \$25, Reservations, Code 405516101

### OCTOBER 26

Saturday, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

*TBG, Crosby Conference Center parking lot*

### TREE CLIMBING

Ready for adventure? Take your love for nature to new heights with our fun and safe tree climbing programs. \$25, Reservations, Code 405516101

### NOVEMBER 29

Friday, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

*Blue Creek, Nona France Quarry*

### HOLIDAY TREE CLIMBING

Join Metroparks naturalists at this festive tree climbing opportunity! This special holiday climb will be a lighted spectacular. Don’t miss out, space is limited. \$25, Reservations, Code 405516101

### DECEMBER 6, 7, 13 AND 14

Friday; 5:30 to 7 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Ward Pavilion parking lot*



## Members

### COFFEE WITH THE DIRECTOR

*(For Oak Tree and Director's Circle Members)*

Join Dave Zenk for morning coffee on the site of his favorite projects. See the new Mercy FitPark Ride and the Cannaley Treehouse Village. Space is limited. For reservations call 419-407-9712 or email felicia.clark@metroparkstoledo.com.

### OCTOBER 24

Thursday, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

*Oak Openings Preserve, Beach Ridge Area Wheelhouse*

### HOLIDAYS AT THE MANOR HOUSE: MEMBERS PREVIEW

Ring in the holidays at one of northwest Ohio's most festive celebrations: Holidays at the Manor House. For over 40 years, community volunteers have transformed over 30 areas of the Manor House into a holiday wonderland. Tour the Manor House and see why over 40,000 people make Holidays at the Manor House an annual tradition. Watch for more details. Discover the Toledo you never knew existed. You must show your current membership card. Free

### DECEMBER 6

Friday, 4 to 7 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

## Volunteers

### VOLUNTEERS SERVICES: OFFICE HOURS

Want to get started as a Metroparks Volunteer? Stop in to the Volunteer Services Office at the Metz Visitor Center during our open office hours on Tuesdays from Noon to 2 p.m.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join Metroparks for Holidays at the Manor House from December 7-15. With decorations, lights, s'mores and more, the Holidays come alive at this annual event – and the only thing missing is you! Volunteers are needed to help in many different ways throughout the event, and it's never too early to sign up.

To find out more about volunteering at Holidays at the Manor House, visit [metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer](http://metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer) or email Trish Hausknecht at [Patricia.Hausknecht@metroparkstoledo.com](mailto:Patricia.Hausknecht@metroparkstoledo.com)

*Be part of the excitement!*

**BECOME A METROPARKS VOLUNTEER.**

*Go to [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com) to fill out an application then sign up to attend a Volunteer Orientation.*



## Manor House Programs

### TEA AT STRANLEIGH

Enjoy specially brewed tea and sample delicious sandwiches and desserts while overlooking the Shipman Garden. Reservation tables are 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and walk-in guests are from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (first come first serve basis; we will not be able to seat any guests after 2:15pm). Reservations for the entire season open March 4, 2019. Please, call 419-407-9790. Presented by the Manor House Volunteers. Cost is \$10.00 per tea setting (Extra items 60 cents each). Proceeds from the Teas are used for the restoration and preservation of the Manor House. Our popular Halloween-style tea returns! \$10, Code 502204601

### OCTOBER 4

Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

### TEA AT STRANLEIGH: PALM BEACH GLAMOUR TEA

Enjoy specially brewed tea and sample delicious sandwiches and desserts while overlooking the Shipman Garden. Reservation tables are 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and walk-in guests are from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. (first come first serve basis; we will not be able to seat any guests after 2:15pm). Reservations for the entire season open March 4, 2019. Please, call 419-407-9790. Presented by the Manor House Volunteers. Cost is \$10 per tea setting (Extra items 60 cents each). Proceeds from the Teas are used for the restoration and preservation of the Manor House. Palm Beach evokes sophistication and glamour! We'll be glamorous too! \$10, Reservations, Code 502204601

### NOVEMBER 1

Friday; 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

## **YOGA IN THE MANOR HOUSE SOLARIUM**

Yoga at the Manor House Solarium. Join Kelly Milewski RYT-200 in an all levels welcome yoga class in the Manor House Solarium. Your view out the windows as you unwind and de-stress will be the beautiful historic Shipman garden and the changing colors of fall. Please bring your own mat and water. \$10, Reservations, Code 405510101

### **OCTOBER 20**

Sunday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

### **OCTOBER 23**

Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

## **MANOR HOUSE FLASHLIGHT TOURS**

Come see the Manor House as you never have (but have always wanted too!) before... in the DARK! Groups of 10 guests will be guided through 32,000 square feet of darkness with only a flashlight! Explore parts of the Manor House normally not available to the public and experience things most people don't have the opportunity too! Fee: \$10, Reservations, Code #####

### **OCTOBER 17, 18, 20, 25 AND 26**

Various Days, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House*

## **STORYTIME IN THE MANOR HOUSE**

Storytime is all about Fall! Pumpkins, leaves, corn and more! Hear a story, enjoy a lite snack and make and take a craft! Fee: \$3, Reservations, Code #####

### **OCTOBER 15**

Tuesday, 10 to 11 a.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House Library*

### **OCTOBER 23**

Wednesday, 10 to 11 a.m.

*Wildwood Preserve, Manor House Library*

# Directory

## METROPARKS OF THE TOLEDO AREA HEADQUARTERS

5100 W. Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43615  
419-407-9700

### Administrative Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Program Reservations

419-407-9700

### Facility and Wedding Reservations

419-407-9700

### Manor House & Wildwood Wedding Reservations

419-407-9784

### Athletic, large group and special event permits

419-407-9700

## SPECIAL GROUP & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Program Reservations

419-407-9700

### Canal Experience

419-407-9741

## YOUR METROPARKS

### Wildwood Preserve and Administrative Offices

5100 W. Central Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43615

### Blue Creek Conservation Area

7825 Shadel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

### Farnsworth Metropark

8505 S. River Road (Roche de Bout Area)  
Waterville, Ohio 43566

### Bend View Metropark

10040 S. River Road, Waterville, Ohio 43566

### Oak Openings Preserve

5402 Wilkins Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

3520 Waterville-Swanton Road, Swanton, Ohio  
43558 (Beach Ridge Area)

### Pearson Metropark

761 Lallendorf Road at SR2, Oregon, Ohio  
43616

### Providence Metropark

13200 S. River Road (Historic Area)  
13827 S. River Road (Dam Area)  
Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522

### Secor Metropark

10001 W. Central Avenue, Berkey, Ohio 43504

### Side Cut Metropark

1025 W. River Road, Maumee, Ohio 43537

### Swan Creek Preserve Metropark

4301 Airport Highway, Toledo, Ohio 43614  
2nd Entrance 4000 Glendale Avenue

### Fallen Timbers Battlefield

The intersection of US23/I-475 and US24 (Anthony Wayne Trail). A parking lot and visitors center are located at 4949 Jerome Road.

### Westwinds

9918 Geiser Road, Holland, Ohio 43528

### Wiregrass Lake

201 N Eber Road, Holland, Ohio 43528

### Howard Marsh

611 S. Howard Road, Curtice, Ohio 43412

### Middlegrounds

111 Ottawa Street, Toledo, Ohio  
Under the Anthony Wayne Bridge

### Toledo Botanical Garden

5403 Elmer Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43615

### **GREENWAYS TRAILS**

University/Parks Trail  
Wabash-Cannonball Trail  
Towpath Trail  
Oregon Parks Trail

### **WINDOW ON WILDLIFE**

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

### **ATTRACTIONS**

The Canal Experience at Providence  
Johlin Cabin, Pearson  
Oak Grove School at Wildwood Preserve  
Wildwood Manor House  
Oak Openings Beach Ridge Singletrack Trail

### **RENTAL FACILITIES**

Picnic Shelters and indoor facilities available  
by reservation, 419-407-9700

### **VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

419-407-9703

### **PLANNED GIVING**

419-407-9708

### **BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

Scott J. Savage, President  
Lera Doneghy, Vice-President  
Fritz Byers, Vice-President  
Molly Luetke  
Kevin Dalton

### **METROPARKS STAFF**

Dave Zenk, Executive Director  
Matt Cleland, Deputy Director/Treasurer

Board meetings are typically held the third  
Wednesday of the month and are open to the  
public. See [MetroparksToledo.com](http://MetroparksToledo.com) for location  
and agenda.

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TOLEDO**

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# *Holidays at the Metroparks*

Heralding the Holidays | Holidays at the Manor House  
Movie Nights | Carriage Rides  
and so much more!

See page 25 for details.