

# Metro Parks E-Newsletter

Columbus & Franklin County



## Winter Hikes 2012

The 39th season of Metro Parks' annual Winter Hikes begins on January 7 at Blacklick Woods. Enjoy guided or self-guided hikes anywhere from 1 mile up to 7 miles in length at any of the 13 hikes. Complete 7 hikes for a decorative patch. Refreshments provided. Click the icon below for the full schedule of hikes.



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## Metro Parks budget for 2012

Park Board Commissioners approved the 2012 budget on Tuesday. Metro Parks will continue fulfilling commitments made during the levy campaign ... [\(more\)](#)

## Ohio To Erie Trail open from Battelle Darby Creek to Cincinnati

With the recent completion of a 1.6-mile stretch of trail in Madison County, bikers can now ride the Ohio To Erie Trail from the canoe access area at Battelle Darby Creek all the way to Cincinnati ... [\(more\)](#)

## Groundbreaking ceremony opens the way for construction of the nature center at Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park

Construction is underway for the new 14,000-square foot nature center at Battle Darby Creek Metro Park ... [\(more\)](#)

## Short eared owl and northern harriers seen at Battelle Darby Creek

A confirmed sighting of a short eared owl has been made at the wet prairie areas near Kuhlwein Road at Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park ... [\(more\)](#)

## Get in the holiday spirit

Inniswood Metro Gardens and Slate Run Living Historical Farm are hosting free seasonal programs for all the family this December ... [\(more\)](#)