

METRO PARKS' PROGRAMS

Free education programs are offered throughout the year for children with varying interests and ability levels. Most programming takes place outdoors and allows students to experience nature while in a park by seeing a variety of plants and animals and exploring fields, forests, ponds and gardens. Programs are designed with student academic achievement and environmental responsibility in mind. Programs help to reinforce Ohio's science and social studies education standards and may be adapted for a group's special needs or interests. Ages and date ranges indicated on the "Program Topics Listing and Location" chart are suggested for optimal learning experiences.

During the months of April through October, groups may schedule a program on Metro Parks' 42-passenger tram. Learn about the park's natural and cultural features as you travel through a park with a Metro Parks' educator as your guide. For tram locations and availability call 614.508.8111.

Metro Parks' staff can also bring educational programs directly to your classroom or group free of charge. When you contact us to schedule your program, the education staff will work with you to choose a topic that best meets your needs, and help you choose an appropriate time frame with consideration to subject matter and program location.

Scout Day Events are offered periodically throughout the year for Girl and Boy Scout groups. During these events, scout groups or individual scouts can work toward achieving specific requirements set forth by group leaders and/or youth organizations. Scout Day Event schedules and topics are advertised through Metro Parks' various media outlets during the school year. Participation at Scout Day Events is free but pre-registration is required. If you have a request that cannot be met by attending a Scout Day Event, contact the Metro Park you would like to visit to learn about programs for individual groups.

SCHEDULING A PARK PROGRAM

Metro Parks' programs fill quickly. Please try to make your reservations at least one month in advance by calling the appropriate park. If you need further assistance or would like information about tram programs please call 614.508.8111.

Battelle Darby Creek - 614.878.3711

Blacklick Woods - 614.861.8759

Blendon Woods - 614.895.6221

Chestnut Ridge - 614.837.8759

Clear Creek - 740.969.9001

Glacier Ridge - 614.873.2660 ext 2

Highbanks - 614.846.9962

Inniswood - 614.895.6216 (9am-2pm Tue-Fri)

Pickerington Ponds - 614.834.0606

Prairie Oaks - 614.879.8903

Sharon Woods - 614.865.4507

Slate Run - 614.837.1680

Slate Run Living Historical Farm - 614.508.8111

Three Creeks - 614.409.9914

When scheduling a visit to your Metro Parks, please be prepared to provide the following information:

- Several preferred dates already cleared with your administration (including transportation provider).
- Multiple preferred options for program topics.
- Multiple preferred options for the park you would like to visit.
- Number of children and adults attending. We prefer groups with a minimum of 15 participants and can sometimes accommodate larger groups of up to 200 students with advance notice.
- School or group name and grade level (if applicable).
- Contact name, phone number, school address and email address.

YOUR METRO PARKS

Attracting over 6.8 million people per year, your Metro Parks are a vital asset to the social, cultural, environmental and economic health of Central Ohio. Metro Parks offer exceptional settings for renewal of the human spirit. Visitors can enjoy healthy, fun-filled interaction with the natural world every day of the year. Each year Metro Parks' naturalists offer over 4,000 free programs for individuals of all ages and abilities.

Established in 1945, under authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code, Metro Parks has grown steadily. From woodlands to wetlands, prairies and streams, the park system manages more than 26,000 acres—operating 16 natural area parks and providing more than 175 miles of trails.

In accordance with its mission, Metro Parks works to conserve and enhance habitat for the more than 2,400 species of animals and plants that thrive within the parks.

The Mission of Metro Parks is to conserve open spaces, while providing places and opportunities that encourage people to discover and experience nature.

Funding for Metro Parks comes from Franklin County property tax, local government funds, earned income, grants and partnerships.

For more information

Web: www.metroparks.net

E-mail: info@metroparks.net

Information: 614.891.0700

Reservations: 614.508.8111 or www.metroparks.net

InfoLine: 614.508.8000

TTY: 614.895.6240

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METRO PARKS

School & Youth Group Programs



Curriculum enhancing studies in nature for groups of all ages



