

Metro Parks.... We're only open every day!

Your 19 Metro Parks provide endless opportunities for you to connect with nature and have fun in the outdoors. With more than 27,700 acres of land and water to explore and 230 miles of trails to traverse, there's plenty of space for everyone to enjoy the wonder and majesty of nature in Metro Parks. We're free and only open every day for your enjoyment.

The tremendous growth and enduring popularity of Metro Parks is due to the strong support of the community – as voters, as volunteers and as visitors. Metro Parks' primary funding source is the 10-year, 0.95 mill levy approved by Franklin County voters in November 2018. The levy provides a sound financial base for operating and improving existing parks, as well as acquiring additional land for future preservation.

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



Welcome Hikers

Stay close to home while you travel in the Metro Parks

of trails in our parks. Hike under the twinkling lights during December at Blacklick trails. No matter how many miles you walk, winter is a great time to get out in the parks. February share your love for Metro Parks hiking with friends and family on our snow-covered shed some pounds during January's challenging hikes through forests and fields. In Woods, Highbanks, Homestead, Inniswood and Scioto Grove Metro Parks. Exercise and Bundle up, choose your route and keep your body moving as you explore over 230 miles

This booklet is your travel pass to hiking the beautiful Metro Park trails this winter

- Visit the parks highlighted in the travel guide and hike any trail during the designated month
- 2. Find a park staff member to stamp your travel ticket.
- 3. Once you complete a hike in at least seven of the 18 parks listed, send the tear off page to 1069 W. Main St. Westerville, Ohio 43081 or email a photo of that page to winterhikes@metroparks.net
- 4. We will mail a unique 2021 Metro Parks Winter Hike patch to you
- 5. Visit Friends of Metro Parks to find out how to earn hike medallions and additional swag

Happy Travels!





First Name

Last Name

Street Address

State

Zip

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I have hiked 7 Metro Park Winter Hikes.

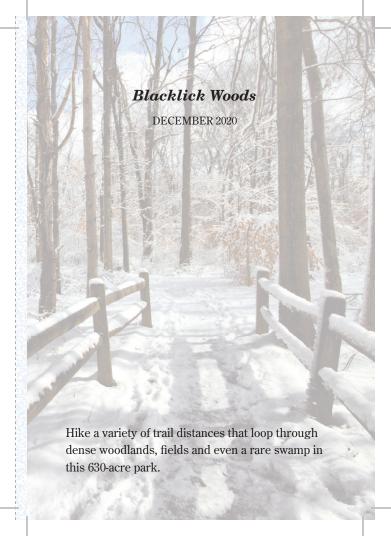
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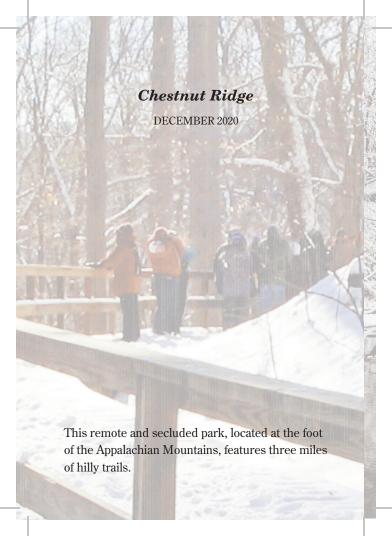
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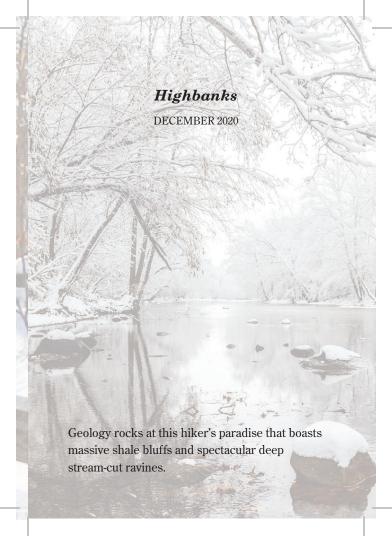
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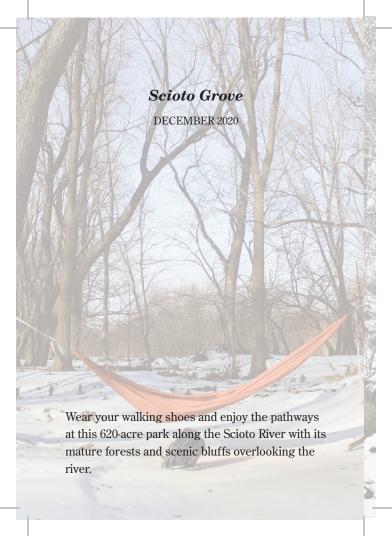
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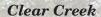
A three-quarter mile paved trail, great for hiking, winds through the park and connects to the 7-mile Heritage Rail Trail.



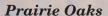
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Nestled within a scenic nature preserve, the 121-acre garden, with over two miles of trails, is the perfect place to reflect on winter.





Twelve miles of trails wind through Ohio's largest state nature preserve. Hike past towering stands of hemlock, oak and hickory trees or follow the curves of the creek.



This park features eight trails that lead you through lush prairies and grasslands where you can see migrating birds and various mammals or soak in the sparkling waters of Big Darby Creek.

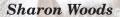


More than three miles of hiking trails cut through fields and meadows, wetlands and beech woods. Take a moment to pause and look for birds soaring over open fields.





This 120-acre park, located in the Scioto-Greenlawn Important Bird Area, features 13 miles of trails that are great walking for people of all abilities.



Hike one of the many trails that pass through a mixture of forests and fields with towering oak, hickory and beech trees and past an 11-acre lake.

Walnut Woods

JANUARY 2021

Gorgeous stands of pines, oaks and sweetgum trees along the 2.6-mile Sweetgum Trail will brighten your winter hike.

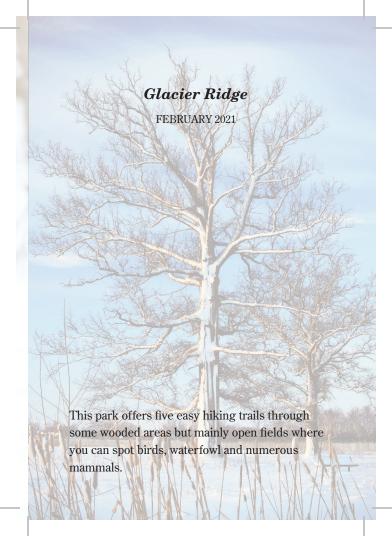
Battelle Darby Creek

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More than 30 miles of trails run through the park, leading you through deep forests, prairies and wetlands, along state and national scenic rivers and even past a herd of bison.



beech-maple and oak-hickory forests packed with birds and other wildlife.



Pickerington Ponds

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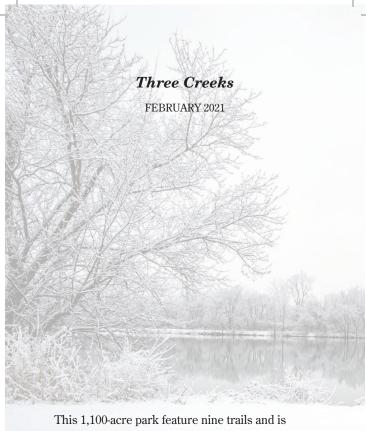
Get out your binoculars as you hike one of the five trails as this park is a bird watcher's mecca, with 270 species of birds sighted.



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The park's nine trails pass through habitats ranging from grasslands, wetlands and meadows to the forested areas of beech, oak, hickory and sugar maple.



This 1,100-acre park feature nine trails and is located at the confluence of Alum, Blacklick and Big Walnut creeks.

We'd love to hear from you!

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