



PARKS, TRAILS AND AMENITIES

	Acres	Bicycling	Canoeing/ Kayaking	Cross-Country Skiing	Fishing (catch-and-release)	Hiking	Indoor Meeting Space	Natural Play Area	Pet Trails	Picnicking	Playground Equipment	Restrooms	Shelters	Sledding Hill	Visitor Center	Wildlife Viewing Blind
Blues Creek Park 9627 Fontanelle Road, Ostrander 43061	139															
Char-Mar Ridge Park 7741 Lewis Center Road, Westerville 43082	128															
Deer Haven Park 4183 Liberty Road, Delaware 43015	97								★							
Emily Traphagen Park 5094 Seldom Seen Road, Powell 43065	72															
Gallant Farm 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware 43015	19															
Gallant Woods Park 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware 43015	231															
Hogback Ridge Park 2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury 43074	41															
River Run Park 168 Main Road, Delaware 43015	14															
Shale Hollow Park 6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center 43035	211															
Hoover Scenic Trail (Ohio to Erie Trail) 8405 Plumb Road, Galena 43021 (0.6 miles)																
Meredith State RD. Trail (Ohio to Erie Trail) 5769 N. County Line Road, Centerburg 43011 (1.6 miles)																
Sandel Legacy Trail (Ohio to Erie Trail) 168 S. Vernon St., Sunbury 43074 (0.6 mile)																

★ Pets are not allowed in Deer Haven Park, but the trails in adjacent Havener Park, which do allow pets, are accessible from the Deer Haven parking area.



Complete Ohio to Erie Trail

Future Ohio to Erie Trail



Preservation Parks of Delaware County

MARCH

Saturday, March 4 – Makin' Maple Syrup (HS)

Join farm staff as they demonstrate how sap is extracted from trees and boiled down into syrup. This program is weather dependent; watch for updates on social media and the website.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. GF - all ages

Wednesday, March 8 – Homestead Homeschoolers: Weather ☁

Spring showers not only bring May flowers, but wheat, corn and alfalfa too. Learn about weather and how it dictates the activities of farmers. Register by March 1.

10 a.m. GF - ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult

Thursday, March 9 – Preschool Farm Pals: Rain! ☔

Rainy days may keep us inside, but come learn about weather and why rain is so important. Register by March 2.

10 a.m. GF - ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

Saturday, March 11 – Conserving & Protecting Wetlands

Central Ohio Wild Ones and wetland ecologist Mick Micacchion will share what makes wetlands unique and worthy of our protection.

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. SHP - ages 16+

Saturday, March 11 – Vernal Pool Expedition

Search for salamanders, fingernail clams and fairy shrimp, and listen for frogs that frequent life-giving vernal pools. Wear boots, and dress to be off-trail.

5 p.m. GWP - all ages

Monday, March 13 – Story Time in the Park

Join a naturalist as we read *The Very Busy Spider*, then take part in a craft or other activity. A short nature walk will be offered afterward.

10 a.m. DHP - ages 0-3, accompanied by an adult

Monday, March 13 – Hound Hike

Bring your canine friend for a walk with a naturalist. Dogs must be licensed and up-to-date on vaccinations. *See website for details.*

6 p.m. HRP - all ages

Tuesday, March 14 – Preschool Park Pals: An Army of Ants ☁

Take a closer look at amazing tiny ants as we read a story and participate in a craft. Register by March 7.

10 a.m. DHP - ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

Thursday, March 16 – Homeschool Adventures: Slithery Scales ☁

Slither in to meet our radical reptiles, and learn what makes these creatures unique. Register by March 9.

10 a.m. SHP - ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult

Wednesday, March 22 – Gallant Farm Book Club

We are reading *How Green Was My Valley*, by Richard Llewellyn. This 1939 novel recounts the changes within a Welsh family and the mining community in which they live. (*See website for details.*)

6:30 p.m. GF - ages 14+

Saturday, March 25 – Spring Bird Walk

Don't miss this early morning spring hike led by park district staff. All skill levels are welcome; loaner binoculars will be provided if needed.

8 a.m. DHP - ages 7+

Park Key

Blues Creek Park (BCP)

9627 Fontanelle Road
Ostrander, 43061

Char-Mar Ridge Park (CMRP)

7741 Lewis Center Road
Westerville, 43082

Deer Haven Park (DHP)

4183 Liberty Road
Delaware, 43015

Emily Traphagen Park (ETP)

5094 Seldom Seen Road
Powell, 43065

Gallant Farm (GF)

2150 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, 43015

Gallant Woods Park (GWP)

2151 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, 43015

Hogback Ridge Park (HRP)

2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, 43074

Hoover Scenic Trail

8405 Plumb Road
Galena, 43021

River Run Park (RRP)

168 Main Road
Delaware, 43015

Sandel Legacy Trail *

168 S. Vernon St.
Sunbury, 43074

Shale Hollow Park (SHP)

6320 Artesian Run
Lewis Center, 43035

* Formerly Big Walnut
Community Trail

Saturday, March 25 – Seed Starting, Biennials & More! (HS)

Join the Delaware County Master Gardeners and learn about lives of biennial plants and when to expect blooms, fruits, or usable herbs. Participants can learn simple seed starting techniques to save time and money. Seeds will be available to start and take home.

10 a.m. GF - all ages

(Biennials presentation: 10 a.m.; Seed starting: 12 p.m.)

Sunday, March 26 – Limited Mobility Hike

Bring your binoculars and join us for a leisurely half-mile nature stroll to the pond, on an easily accessible trail. Those who wish can continue with the naturalist on the 0.6-mile loop trail to check out other habitats. All abilities welcome!

1 p.m. ETP - all ages

Monday, March 27 – Delaware County Bird Club

Bryan Sharp will talk about "Dr. Burt's Alexander Wilson," making this night a tribute to Jed Burt, a local ornithologist. *See website for details.*

6:30 p.m. DHP - all ages

Wednesday, March 29 – Paint in the Park \$ ☁

Party Studio Columbus will guide us in painting a scene inspired by nature. Bring your friends and enjoy light refreshments during this fun evening as you create your unique piece of art. All abilities welcome.

\$35 fee per person. Registration required by March 15.

6 - 9 p.m. DHP - ages 18+



Alec Mercurio

Free Public Nature & Farm Programs

APRIL

Wednesday, April 5 – Homestead Homeschoolers: Sheep 🐑

Come and meet the newest members of the Gallant Farm family; "EWE" will love them! Let's learn about their care and the role sheep have played in Ohio and through history. Register by March 29.

10 a.m. GF – ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult

Thursday, April 6 – Preschool Farm Pals: Babies in the Barnyard 🐷

Meet the newest additions to the farm and learn how we care for our animals and the important jobs they do. Register by March 30.

10 a.m. GF – ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

Saturday, April 8 – Geocaching 📍

Join us in discovering geocaching, a real-life treasure hunt. Learn the basics and how to use a GPS unit or mobile phone app; then hunt down caches on the trail. GPS units provided. Register by April 1.

10 a.m. DHP – all ages

Saturday, April 8 – Bursting Bulbs

Join the Delaware County Master Gardeners to discover the difference between a bulb, corm, rhizome and tuber. Though different, they all result in dazzling flowers and plants in your garden.

10 a.m. GF – all ages

Sunday, April 9 – Bugs, Bricks & Blooms

Help us freshen up the pollinator garden. We'll weed and add new plants, and spruce up our insect hotel. Explore the native plants and insects that call the garden home while lending a helpful hand.

1 p.m. DHP – all ages

Monday, April 10 – Hound Hike

Bring your canine friend for a walk with a naturalist. Dogs must be licensed and up-to-date on vaccinations. *See website for details.*

6 p.m. SHP – all ages

Saturday, April 15 – Waste Not, Want Not: Frugal Fabric

Generations ago, stained or worn clothing went on to become other useful items. We'll explore various upcycling techniques for worn or stained t-shirts. Bring yours to experiment, or gather ideas for the future.

1 p.m. GF – all ages

Monday, April 17 – Story Time in the Park

Join a naturalist as we read *The Salamander Room*; then take part in a craft or other activity. A short nature walk will be offered afterward.

10 a.m. ETP – ages 0-3, accompanied by an adult

Tuesday, April 18 – Preschool Park Pals: Frog Choir 🐸

The mighty voices of spring peepers, chorus frogs, green frogs and others herald the arrival of spring. Learn more about these amphibians and their life cycle through fun crafts and activities. Register by April 11.

10 a.m. DHP – ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

Thursday, April 20 – Homeschool Adventures: Frogs & Toads 🐸

Jump, or leap, into the shelter house and learn all about frogs and toads. Though similar, they do have differences that are easily distinguished by unique characteristics. We'll explore the differences and then look for these animals in the wild. Register by April 13.

7:30 p.m. GWP – ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult



Registration & Fee Information

Some programs carry a fee and/or require advance registration. Watch for programs with the following symbols.

\$ There is a fee for this program

📍 Registration required: Note registration deadlines. To register for programs that require payment, click on the REGISTRATION link on our website homepage.

To register for programs that do NOT require payment, use the RSVP function on the online program description. For more information, call 740-524-8600, ext. 6.

Sunday, April 23 – Earth Day Fun for Everyone!

Celebrate Earth Day by spending it in the parks. Plant trees, assist with a park clean-up, explore the wetlands, make a craft, and take a walk at 1 p.m. with a naturalist.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. DHP – all ages

Monday, April 24 – Delaware County Bird Club

John Watts will speak about the "Birds of Hocking Hills." *See website for details.*

6:30 p.m. DHP – all ages

Wednesday, April 26 – Gallant Farm Book Club

We are reading *A Walk in the Woods*, by Bill Bryson. This 1998 book is a humorous look at preparing for, and hiking the Appalachian Trail, which was completed in 1937. (*See website for details.*)

6:30 p.m. GF – ages 14+

Friday, April 28 – Arbor Day at the Farm

The first Arbor Day in America was in Nebraska on April 10, 1872. By the 1920's, each state had a specified Arbor Day. Bring the kids and help us plant trees on the farm!

3 - 6 p.m. GF – all ages

Saturday, April 29 – Spring Bird Walk

Don't miss an early morning spring hike led by park district staff. All skill levels are welcome; loaner binoculars will be provided if needed.

8 a.m. ETP – ages 7+

Saturday, April 29 & Sunday, April 30 – Save the Frogs

See back cover for complete information.

12 - 5 p.m. DHP – all ages

Saturday, April 30 – Osprey Homecoming

See back cover for complete information.

1 - 4 p.m. HRP – ages 7+

into the *ICE AGE*

The Ice Age comes to Preservation Parks with amazing exhibits straight from a long-ago time! All activities are free and for all ages. **The fun begins Memorial Day weekend and lasts all summer long!**

Ice Age Under the Stars @ Deer Haven Friday, May 26, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the premiere of our Ice Age exhibit with the animated movie, "Ice Age," to be shown outdoors. Explore the new exhibit and join in activities prior to the movie. The first 100 visitors will receive a collector edition mammoth poster! Staff will be making ice cream too. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. **Activities begin at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at 9:30 p.m.**

Ice Age Opening Weekend @ Shale Hollow & Deer Haven Saturday, May 27 – Sunday, May 28, 12-8 p.m.

Join us for the opening weekend of the Ice Age exhibits, and discover the world of mastodons, saber tooth tigers, and elk-moose. The first 100 visitors at each park will receive a collector edition mammoth poster. **The Ice Age exhibits will be open 12 - 8 p.m.** both days at both parks. Additionally each park will offer a special feature:

- **Saturday, May 27 at Shale Hollow Park – 12-3 p.m.**
Dale Gnidovec, curator of the OSU Horton Geological Museum, will have Ice Age artifacts on display.
- **Sunday, May 28 at Deer Haven Park – 1-5 p.m.**
The OSU Byrd Polar & Climate Research Center will bring hands-on activities focused on research into Earth's glaciers, atmosphere and polar regions — including ice cores, rock samples from Antarctica, visualizations of data and expedition gear.

Ice Age Safari

Pick up a booklet and explore the Ice Age in the parks! Outdoor activities for the entire family will be waiting for you in several of the parks during the exhibition, all summer long. For each activity you complete, you will win a prize — collect them all! Full information will be available at Deer Haven and Shale Hollow during open hours.



MAY

Saturday, May 6 – Good Ol' Gourds (HS)

Gourds are among the oldest domesticated species of plants on earth, and have been used for everything from drinking vessels to musical instruments. Learn about growing gourds, the many varieties available, and some practical uses for these incredible fruits.

10 a.m. GF – all ages

Monday, May 8 – Hound Hike

Bring your canine friend for a walk with a naturalist. Dogs must be licensed and up-to-date on vaccinations. *See website for details.*

6 p.m. DHP – all ages

Sunday, May 14 – Moments with Mom: A Mother's Day Adventure

Bring the family to enjoy activities that celebrate all Moms! Take a walk along the memory lane nature trail, create a Mother's Day gift, plant a tree, and enjoy a picnic snack with Mom.

1 - 4 p.m. ETP – all ages

Saturday, May 27 – Spring Bird Walk

Don't miss this early morning spring hike led by park district staff. All skill levels are welcome; loaner binoculars will be provided if needed.

8 a.m. GWP – ages 7+

Wednesday, May 31 – Gallant Farm Book Club

This month, we are reading a contemporary work of non-fiction by Ohio author and farmer Gene Logsdon. In *The Contrary Farmer*, published in 1995, Logsdon correctly predicted the current trend toward smaller farming operations. *(See website for series information.)*

6:30 p.m. GF – ages 14+

Homesteading Series (HS)

Life on an Ohio farm is very much dictated by the changing seasons. These programs at Gallant Farm showcase various season-specific farm activities, and will demonstrate not only how these activities were carried out during the Great Depression, but also how we can perform them today!

For complete descriptions of each program, refer to the monthly list. Upcoming programs are on March 4, March 25 & May 6.

Preservation Parks of Delaware County

Park Hours

8 a.m.-9 p.m. daily, March - October

District Office

Mary McCoy Nature Center

2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, Ohio 43074
740-524-8600

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon - Fri (Office)

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon - Fri (Nature Center)

Visitor Center at

Deer Haven Park

4183 Liberty Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-362-0283
12 - 5 p.m. daily

Gallant Farm

2150 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-595-3020
12 - 5 p.m. Thur - Sun

Special Farm Hours, April - October

10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wed - Sat

12 - 5 p.m., Sun

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Save the Frogs!

Saturday & Sunday
April 29-30; 12-5 p.m.
Deer Haven Park

Meet native Ohio frogs up close and discover ways you can help save these amazing amphibians. Enjoy crafts and activities each day. Jump into our wetland and help plant native shrubs and trees, or come to the **Bullfrog, Baby!** program each day at 2 p.m.

Free; for all ages



Osprey Homecoming

Sunday, April 30, 1-4 p.m.; Hogback Ridge Park and the Alum Creek Reservoir Hogback Road parking area

We'll celebrate the return of the osprey from their winter grounds in South America. Drop in to view osprey through spotting scopes, enjoy crafts and refreshments, and learn about the successful recovery of this once endangered Ohio bird. All ages.

THANK YOU TO LINDA NESTER

Preservation Parks wishes to thank Linda Nester, who gave much to the park district as a volunteer and continues to support us after her passing. Linda's estate donated \$177,813 to Preservation Parks; funds are being used for improvements and new features at Gallant Farm, where Linda spent many of her volunteer hours. Watch for a hayloft, fencing for our new sheep, a fishing dock, and more! **Thank you Linda!**

"Preserving our Heritage" Photo Contest

Start taking photos now for our 2017 photo contest! Take photos in any Preservation Park of park scenery, animals and insects, people enjoying the parks, a pretty sunset — anything that interests you! Complete details will be available later this spring on the Preservation Parks website (under Programs), on Facebook, and in the Summer Program Guide.

Summer Letterbox Adventure

A favorite summer program for families is back for its 10th year! The fun begins May 27 and will run through the end of July. That gives you two months to follow clues that will help you find camouflaged boxes in the parks, learn about nature as you go, and pick up a fun prize! Watch for sign up details in May, on our website and in our Summer Program Guide.

11 public parks & trails open 365 days a year

Antique Tractor Show

Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Tractor registration: 8 a.m.)

Gallant Farm

All ages; FREE

Call 740-595-3020 for information

FEATURING

Antique tractors
Old-fashioned cake walk
"Fun & Games" area
Kiddy pedal tractor pull
Toy Tractor Display

Join us as we celebrate the machines that enable farmers to accomplish a variety of tasks in less time! If you have an antique tractor you would like to show, bring it at 8 a.m.

All Aboard for Railroad Fun!

The Delaware County Model Railroaders Group holds open houses each month at the Trailhouse at Sandel Legacy Trail. Visitors can watch the trains while they learn about model railroading and the development of the railroad industry in America. The display, which is in HO scale, includes the trains and a miniature landscaped village and surrounding countryside.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

March 18, April 15 & May 20

Sundays, Noon - 4 p.m.

March 19, April 16 & May 21

Golden Marathon

SourcePoint ("Thrive After 55") offers weekly nature hikes for adults, age 55 and older. For complete details on the Golden Marathon program, contact SourcePoint at 740-203-2429. Hikes to be held in Preservation Parks are listed here. Spring hikes begin at 1:30 p.m.

MARCH

MAR 6 Gallant Woods Park

APRIL

APR 3 Shale Hollow Park
APR 10 Gallant Woods Park
APR 17 Blues Creek Park
APR 24 Char-Mar Ridge Park

MAY

MAY 8 Emily Traphagen Park



SUMMER CAMPS \$0

ONE-WEEK CAMPS

Epoch Explorers Camp - Age 8

June 12 - 14 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Shale Hollow Park, 6320 Artesian Run

Cool off this summer, as we plunge into the past! Discover the Ice Age, as we uncover plants and animals that lived during this chilly time.

12 campers maximum \$90 camp fee Register by May 29

Outdoor Adventurers Camp - Age 10

July 10 - 14 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deer Haven Park, 4183 Liberty Road

Get active and get outside! Campers will fish, hike a trail, learn survival skills, climb a rock wall and even go horseback riding. Camp is based at Deer Haven Park, but we will travel to various central Ohio locations.

12 campers maximum \$150 camp fee Register by June 27

Time Travelers Camp - Ages 9-11

July 17 - 21 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Gallant Farm, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road

Step into the Preservation Parks time machine and HOLD ON as we set the clock for a trip back to 1930s rural Delaware County. Learn heritage crafts, explore radio theater, do farm chores, cook on a wood-burning stove — all while learning about the history of Delaware County and Ohio. We will visit other time periods as well!

20 campers maximum \$150 camp fee Register by July 3

ONE-DAY CAMPS

Habitat Trekkers - Age 9

June 8, July 6, August 10 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Deer Haven Park, 4183 Liberty Road

Experience the different places that plants and animals call home! Search high and low to learn what defines each habitat. Each day will be filled with unique hands-on activities, crafts and games.

June 8: Woodland and Underground Habitats (register by May 25)

July 6: Water Habitats (register by June 21)

August 10: Prairie Habitat (register by July 27)

20 campers maximum \$30 fee / day

On line registration and complete information about all camps, including space availability, can be found at www.preservationparks.com/programs/camps and by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 6.