

Preservation Parks of Delaware County



June-August 2014

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Summer ...

Summer afternoon summer afternoon;
to me those have always been
the two most beautiful words
in the English language.

Henry James

Antique Tractor Show

Saturday, August 2 — 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Gallant Farm, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road

Do you have an antique tractor that you would like to show off? Or are you just interested in learning more about them? Either way, join us as we celebrate the machines that made life on the farm easier, and enabled the farmer to accomplish a variety of tasks in less time.



Tractor registration begins at 8 a.m. and the show opens to the public at 10 a.m. For more information, call Gallant Farm at 740-595-3020.

Perseid Meteor Shower Campout

Saturday, August 9, 7 p.m. — Sunday, August 10, 9 a.m.
Blues Creek Preserve, 9627 Fontanelle Road

The Perseid Meteors streak across the sky in mid-August and create quite a show! Join us as we watch for them. You'll bring your own food, drinking water and camping gear; we'll provide telescopes and activities.

Free. Registration required. Call 740-524-8600, ext. 6,
Or e-mail: saundras@preservationparks.com





Message to the Community — By Executive Director Tom Curtin

The migratory push of birds and the reemergence of the plant and animal life during spring have settled into the summer rhythm of raising young and preparing for the season ahead. My journey to Preservation Parks paralleled this year's annual succession within the natural world and I am settling in and preparing for the journey before us.

As a new Delawarean, I have enjoyed the friendly atmosphere and welcoming spirit of the people I have met. I have enjoyed dining at the Hamburger Inn, Buns and 1808 American Bistro, and have been impressed with the educational opportunities that the colleges and universities offer. My wife Heidi and I are looking forward to learning the history of Delaware County and discovering all the county has to offer.

I will use the summer months to explore the parks and I would like to invite you to join me on my rambles. In order to discover the wide range of natural experiences the parks offer, these walks will take place at various times, from early morning to twilight. We'll take our time and enjoy what nature presents to us while familiarizing ourselves with the particular park we find ourselves in. In the words of Henry David Thoreau, "A ...walk is a blessing for the whole day." We'll hike rain or shine – as long as you're warm and dry, there is no such thing as bad weather!

The hikes will take place at Shale Hollow Preserve, Emily Traphagen Preserve and Char-Mar Ridge Preserve. We'll begin at the newest park, Shale Hollow, enjoying the views of the ravines and exploring the trails through the forest. Our next stroll will take us to Char-Mar Ridge Preserve and we'll finish the series at Emily Traphagen Preserve. (See **Hikes with the Director** on Page 4 for places, dates and times.)

People have asked me what's next for Preservation Parks. We'll make our way forward based upon the legacy Rita Au has provided, while seeking your input. While it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a county to nurture a park district. The health and well-being of Delaware's natural systems and the conservation of its cultural history depend upon collaboration. All environmental and social systems are a mosaic of interdependent elements. Our efforts to fulfill the park's mission will be accomplished through creating connections and relationships with individuals and organizations throughout Delaware County. The staff and I are looking forward to working, and enjoying the parks, with you.

The Sixth Annual

Thursday Evening Concerts in the Park

Information for all Concerts

Location: Gallant Woods Preserve

Time: 7- 8:30 p.m.

Free admission and parking

Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner (no alcohol, please).

July 10: Marquis 66

60s Classic Rock

July 17: Z-Sharp Big Band

Big Band

July 24: The Zen Band

Motown & Blues

July 31: The Rachel Karryn Band

Country Soul

August 7: Muleskinner Band

Bluegrass

August 14: Agent 99

80s Classic Rock

e-mail: contactparks@preservationparks.com



Programs marked with 📅 require advance registration; call 740-524-8600, ext. 3, or e-mail: register@preservationparks.com. Also, be aware that some hikes will be wet and muddy; wear appropriate footwear.

JUNE

Sunday, June 1 — A Weed By Any Other Name

Weeds can be a problem for gardeners and farmers. Knowing which weeds grow in an area can tell you a lot about the area's soil fertility and moisture. Learn to identify some common weeds and what you can do with them. You'll also use some 1930s tools to get rid of them.

2 p.m. **GF** — ages 18+

Friday, June 6 — Late Spring Night Hike

Join us as we experience the sights, sounds and smells of the woods and fields at night, without the aid of light. An experience for all the senses!

9 p.m. **GWP** — ages 5+

Thursday, June 12 — Creating a Butterfly Haven

Learn how to create a colorful sanctuary for butterflies in your backyard, using a variety of native plants, including herbs. Design tips, plants lists, and identification tips will be provided by our landscape architect.

6:30 - 8 p.m. **DHP** — ages 18+

Saturday, June 14 — Walk into the Past

Step back 300-million years as we find out how geologic forces shaped what is now Shale Hollow Preserve. We will be walking Big Run Creek the entire time, so please wear boots or sturdy shoes. Meet in the lower parking area.

6:30 p.m. **SHP** — ages 8+

Friday, June 20 — Folk Songs Around the Fire

Woody Guthrie was known as the "Dust Bowl Troubadour." He wrote folksongs about his travels with migrant workers during the Great Depression. Come to the farm for an evening of folk songs around the campfire. Bring any acoustic instruments you have or simply come prepared to sing.

8 p.m. **GF** — all ages

Saturday, June 21 — Summer Solstice Campout 📅

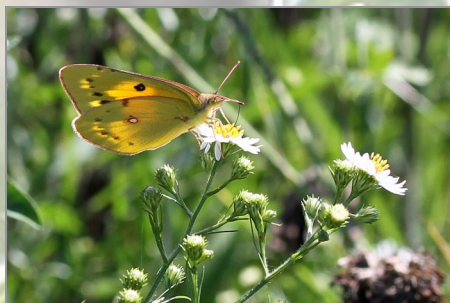
Celebrate the longest day of the year with our staff as we spend the night camped out under the stars amid the natural beauty of Shale Hollow Preserve. Space is very limited for this overnight program, and registration is required by June 14.

7 p.m. **SHP** — ages 5+

Sunday, June 22 — Nature's Young

Many young creatures are growing and venturing into the fields and forests. What will we see? A young barred owl? A fawn crossing our path? Nature always has surprises when the young are about, so we will stay alert and see what nature has to offer!

7 p.m. **ETP** — all ages



ClouDED Sulphur Butterfly on Aster

Cover photo by Chris Davis

Golden Marathon

The Golden Marathon, a partnership with the Delaware County Senior Center, meets on Mondays for a 1- to 2-mile walk. Information, including addresses, is available by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 6, or online at www.preservationparks.com.

June walks begin at 1:30 p.m.

June 2 — Liberty Park

June 9 — Innis Woods Metro Garden

June 16 — Deer Haven Preserve

June 23 — Hogback Ridge Preserve

June 30 — Hoover Reservoir

July / August walks begin at 9:30 a.m.

July 7 — Gallant Woods Preserve

July 14 — Shale Hollow Preserve

July 21 — Mingo Park

July 28 — Hogback Ridge Preserve

August 4 — Blues Creek Preserve

August 11 — Deer Haven Preserve

August 18 — All-day Bus Trip to Kingwood Center in Mansfield *

* Reservations required. Call for time, cost and reservations.

August 25 — Innis Woods Metro Garden



JULY

Saturday, July 5 & Sunday, July 6 — Creek Critters

The Shale Hollow Preserve lodge will feature a display of invertebrate life found in and around the water. On your own, explore the creek around the natural discovery area using containers we provide, and see what you can find!

1 - 5 p.m. **SHP** — all ages

Saturday, July 12 — Evening on the Farm

Step back to the 1930s and enjoy old-fashioned summer-time pleasures on the farm. Help make (and eat) ice cream, sit on the porch enjoying the evening breeze, pitch horseshoes, play croquet, or enjoy one of several other games that would have been played by 1930s farm families.

6 - 9 p.m. **GF** — all ages

Sunday, July 13 — Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Come to the farm for a "Home Run Derby!" Take your turn at bat or simply cheer on the batters. If we have enough participants, we may get to play an inning or two of America's Favorite Pastime.

2 p.m. **GF** — ages 5+

Friday, July 18 — Midsummer's Night Discovery Hike

Join us on a fun hike in the dark as we put on deer ears, become a firefly, hunt like an owl and move quietly like a field mouse. We never know what we will see and hear, but this hike is always fun!

9 p.m. **BCP** — ages 7+

Sunday, July 20 — Insects on the Prairie

Do you wonder who is fluttering, hopping or flying among the tall grasses and prairie flowers? We'll catch some insects to examine them closely, and then release them. Nets and containers will be provided.

7 p.m. **BCP** — all ages

Sunday, July 27 — Hardworking Honeybees

Join a backyard beekeeper to learn the basics about these beneficial insects: their life cycle, who's who in the hive, and how they survive the seasons. We'll taste test some different types of honey and honeycomb, and will look for honeybees and native bees as we walk from the woods over to the farm. Information on bee-friendly plants will be available as well. Meet at the Gateway Trailhead.

3 p.m. **GWP** — all ages



2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury OH 43074

AUGUST

Sunday, August 3 — Astonishing Race 2014

The Astonishing Race is Preservation Parks' version of "The Amazing Race." Form a team of two or more to compete against other teams as you complete various challenges throughout the park. The first team to complete all of the challenges with the best time wins the grand prize. Registration is required by July 30.

6:30 p.m. SHP — ages 6+

Sunday, August 10 — Here Chick, Chick, Chick!

Most Depression-era farms had a small flock of laying hens. Join our farm staff and learn why chickens were such a good fit for a homestead on a low budget. Come see the farm's new flock and learn a little about chicken care as well.

2 p.m. GF — all ages

Friday, August 15 — The "Sounds of the Night" Hike

Did you hear that? What was that?? Whooo was that??? We will listen to all of the sounds of the night and learn what all those "spooky" noises are about, during a fun hike in the dark.

8:30 p.m. ETP — ages 5+

Sunday, August 17 — Toy Leaf Boats and Rafts

Fancy yourself a nautical engineer? Try your hand at constructing a toy boat from all-natural materials. Then see if she is seaworthy as we set sail on the pond! Materials and tools will be provided.

6 - 8 p.m. BCP — all ages

Sunday, August 24 — Walking the Waterway

Traditionally low water levels in late summer make this a great time to poke along a stream bed looking for insects and other animals that are finding refuge in small pools and under moist rocks. We will hike the length of the stream bed within the park and see what is revealed. Meet in the lower parking area.

4 p.m. SHP — ages 5+

Saturday, August 30 — Chore Day

Come celebrate the Labor Day weekend at Gallant Farm and learn just what Depression-era farm families had to do to keep the farm running. Help our farm family with various chores — from feeding chickens, to pulling weeds, to doing the laundry (with the wringer washer).

Noon - 5 p.m. GF — all ages

Sunday, August 31 — Day of Rest

After a long week of working on the farm, families took Sunday off to rest and relax a little bit. Join us at Gallant Farm as we pull up a chair on the porch, sip some lemonade and take it easy! Relax as families did in the 1930s, with games and a stroll around the farm.

Noon - 5 p.m. GF — all ages

Summer Letterbox Adventure

It's a little like a scavenger hunt, a little like geocaching, and a whole lot of fun!

Our annual summer program gets families out into the parks, following clues to find small boxes hidden near the trails in a number of the parks. It's a free program you can participate in, whenever parks are open, all summer.

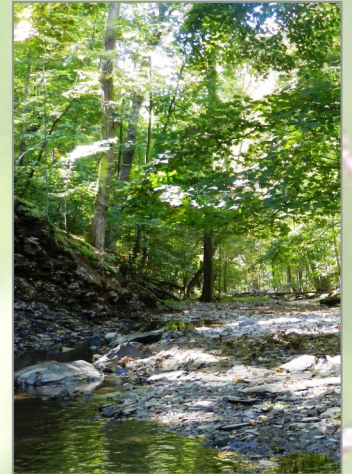


Sign up starting May 31 at any public library in Delaware County. You'll receive a booklet for each participant. Then you have until August 9 to find all the boxes, check your booklet in with the library, and get signed up for a drawing for prizes. Even if you have time for only a few boxes, you'll discover the great natural park areas in Delaware County and have a blast with your family!

Hikes with the Director

Spend some time with the new Preservation Parks Executive Director, Tom Curtin, while enjoying the beauty of the park trails. Three walks are scheduled this summer:

- ◇ June 28, 9 a.m.
Shale Hollow Preserve
- ◇ July 12, 1 p.m.
Char-Mar Ridge Preserve
- ◇ August 23, 7 p.m.
Emily Traphagen Preserve



Weather Dependent Programs: Be on the Lookout!

When we hold the programs below will depend on the weather. For dates and times, please watch our Facebook page, Twitter feed and web calendar during the month listed in the program description. You may also sign up to receive an e-mail when the program times have been decided. E-mail: register@preservationparks.com.

Make Hay While the Sun Shines: On the farm, summer is the time to make hay to store as feed for the long, winter months. Many 1930s farmers made hay in a way that is slightly different than the method used today. Come to the farm to see how loose hay is made, and what equipment is used.

June GF — all ages

Moths and Other Nocturnal Insects: Sweet sugar bait and a special insect light will be used to attract our beautiful night-time invertebrates, if conditions are favorable. Bring a headlamp or flashlight, since they are helpful for viewing.

August DHP — all ages

Dragonflies of Ohio: Join a naturalist as we explore the fascinating world of dragonflies. While we admire their beauty, we'll also learn what makes these voracious predators so important.

July/August TBA — ages 10+

All Aboard for Railroad Fun!

The Delaware County Model Railroaders Group holds open houses each month at **The Trailhouse at Big Walnut Community 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.

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| Saturday, June 21 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Saturday, August 23 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. * |
| Sunday, June 22 | Noon - 4 p.m. | * A feature of <i>Sunbury Sizzle & Sounds</i> | |
| Saturday, July 19 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | | |
| Sunday, July 20 | Noon - 4 p.m. | | |





Summer Explorers Day Camps

Registration forms and complete information about all camps, including which have openings, can be found at www.preservationparks.com and by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 3. (Registration begins each year in February; please watch for the Spring 2015 Program Guide for next year's camps.)

Nature Camps

Make friends and memories this summer while experiencing nature and the great outdoors during our Summer Explorers Nature Camps. Participants can go fishing, learn outdoor survival skills, search for frogs, play games, participate in crafts, discover a wide variety of plants and animals, travel to different parks, and so much more! All the while, they will learn about different habitats through hikes and hands-on exploration. Don't sit inside bored this summer. Get out and enjoy all nature has to offer!

Animal Buddies - age 8 **Fee: \$110**

Dates: Session I: June 16-20 [Registration deadline June 2]
 Session II: June 23-27 [Registration deadline June 9]
 Time: 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.
 Place: Deer Haven Preserve, with travel to other locations
 Limit: 12 participants

Habitat Explorers - age 9 **Fee: \$110**

Dates: Session I: July 7-11 [Registration deadline June 23]
 Session II: July 14-18 [Registration deadline June 30]
 Time: 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.
 Place: Deer Haven Preserve, with travel to other locations
 Limit: 12 participants

Outdoor Adventurers - age 10 **Fee: \$125 FULL**

Dates: July 28-August 1 [Registration deadline July 14]
 Time: 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.
 Place: Deer Haven Preserve, with travel to other locations
 Limit: 12 participants



Farm Camps

Join us on the farm this summer for three Summer Explorers Farm Camps at Gallant Farm. Have fun while learning about life on a 1930s and 1940s Delaware County farm. Experiencing life in the farmhouse, cooking on a woodstove, fishing, games and more will highlight each week. Doing farm chores, learning about farm tools and equipment, and taking field trips to other farm sites are sure to add to the memorable experiences participants will have long after the summer has ended.

Farm Buddies - ages 7 - 8 **Fee: \$100**

Dates: June 9-13 [Registration deadline May 26]
 Time: 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.
 Place: Gallant Farm
 Limit: 12 participants



Farm Explorers - ages 9 - 10 **Fee: \$100**

Dates: June 23-27 [Registration deadline June 9]
 Time: 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.
 Place: Gallant Farm
 Limit: 12 participants

Farm Hands - ages 11 - 12 **Fee: \$125**

Dates: July 21-25 [Registration deadline July 7]
 Time: 9 a.m.– 3 p.m.
 Place: Gallant Farm
 Limit: 12 participants



Park Key

- Big Walnut Community Trail (**BWCT**)
168 S. Vernon St., Sunbury
- Blues Creek Preserve (**BCP**)
9627 Fontanelle Road, Ostrander
- Char-Mar Ridge Preserve (**CMRP**)
7741 Lewis Center Road, Westerville
- Deer Haven Preserve (**DHP**)
4183 Liberty Road, Delaware
- Emily Traphagen Preserve (**ETP**)
5094 Seldom Seen Road, Powell
- Gallant Farm (**GF**)
2150 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware
- Gallant Woods Preserve (**GWP**)
2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware
- Hogback Ridge Preserve (**HRP**)
2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury
- Shale Hollow Preserve (**SHP**)
6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center

Volunteering — It's for You!

You love nature and you love the parks. Now, show us how much!

You can help Preservation Parks in many ways. Here are just a few:

- ◇ Serving as a docent at nature centers
- ◇ Helping to remove invasive plants
- ◇ Monitoring bird nest boxes
- ◇ Assisting with special events
- ◇ Representing the parks at our booths at community festivals and other events
- ◇ Participating in roadside and stream-bed clean-up projects

Visit the Volunteer Page (under Opportunities) on our web site, www.preservationparks.com. Or call 740-524-8600, ext. 6, for further information.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

Parks Open 8 a.m. - Sunset Daily

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District Office
Education Office
2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, Ohio 43074
740-524-8600

Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F
Noon-5 p.m. Sat/Sun (Mary
McCoy Nature Center)

**The Lodge Nature Center at
Deer Haven Preserve**
4183 Liberty Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-362-0283

Hours: Noon-5 p.m. Daily

Gallant Farm
2150 Buttermilk Hill Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-595-3020

Hours: Noon-5 p.m. Thur-Sun
Noon-8 p.m., Thursdays (July 10
- August 14 only)

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Or Current Resident

Preservation Parks of Delaware County Calendar of Programs and Events June-August 2014

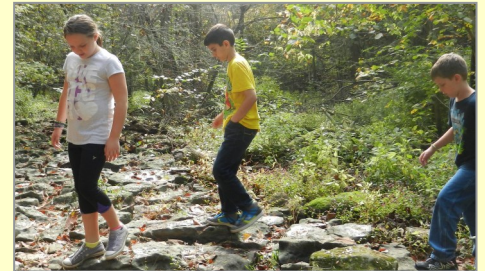


Kids Need Nature! — by Rich Niccum, Education Services Manager

Did you know that some of today's most disturbing trends in childhood, such as rises in obesity, attention disorders and depression, are tied directly to a disconnect to nature? In his book "Last Child in the Woods," Richard Louv, a child advocate and author, coined the phrase "Nature Deficit Disorder" to describe the problems caused by the widening divide between children and the outdoors. He points out that today's children are the most technologically connected in history, but the most disconnected from nature: they spend about 30 minutes a day in outdoor play, but seven hours of time in front of an electronic device of some type.

With some simple changes in habit, we can get children reconnected to the natural world. They are never too young to start – or too old, either. For preschool age children, have a variety of materials on hand for them to play with, such as cardboard boxes, sidewalk chalk, blocks, sticks and rocks, and sandbox toys. For school-age children, Louv makes the following suggestions:

- Find a scrap board and place it on bare dirt. Come back in a day or two and see what has taken up residence under the board.
- Revive an old tradition; collect lightning bugs at dusk, release them at dawn.
- Keep a terrarium or aquarium.
- Encourage your kids to go camping in the backyard.
- Take a hike.
- Make the "green hour" a new family tradition, and get everyone outdoors.



Preservation Parks offers opportunities to easily get your whole family out into the natural world. We have nine parks within 30 minutes of all Delaware County residents. Families can enjoy hiking, fishing, bird watching or picnicking under beautiful blue skies. We offer more than 200 programs a year within the parks presented by our excellent naturalists and volunteers. Families can search for salamanders and frogs, learn firsthand about Delaware County geology, or enjoy a day on a Depression-era farm.

Playing and relaxing outdoors has been shown to decrease stress levels in families and bring them closer together, and merely getting the kids outdoors for an extra 15 minutes a day is a good start. So this summer, get out in your backyard, visit a park or playground, and enjoy the great outdoors. It is something that will benefit you and your children for a lifetime!