

# Preservation Parks of Delaware County



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of Delaware County**  
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## SUMMER 2015 Programs & Events

### Message from the Director

They arrive silently, presenting themselves in a variety of locations and in an array of polychromatic hues and olfactory manifestations. They secrete a fluid and produce a powder that entices a multitude of life forms, fulfilling the nutritional needs of those pollinators, who in turn cultivate nature's herbal presence. The global reality of this arrangement – virtually – is that it contributes to feeding the majority of life on earth. Our continental food baskets and pharmacological needs have been sustained through the community of pollinators whose own lives are rooted in the flora that create the living organism that is earth.

Pollinators are in jeopardy of being uprooted along with so many of our natural systems due to fragmentation of habitat. Constructing communities which displace entire assemblages of organically integrated life forms is causing concern about the long term sustainability of our food sources and the systems that sustain the earth.

This summer, Preservation Parks is focusing on pollinators. We have received a grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund which will allow us to develop a pollinator garden at Deer Haven Preserve. The garden will provide an enjoyable interaction with those members of the wildlife population who seek out the nectar and pollen offered up by the native plants inhabiting this botanical oasis. Free summer programs listed within will help you to further explore this life-giving sphere of the natural world.

Tom Curtin, executive director

Preservation Parks' mission is to protect and conserve the natural and historic features of Delaware County and to inspire outdoor education and learning.

# Preservation Parks of Delaware County

## JUNE

### Haymaking (Homesteading series, see p. 5)

See antique farm equipment in action and try your hand at pitching some hay. Weather dependent program! Email us to receive a notice on the date and time, or watch our website and Facebook page for updates.

**Date and Time TBD GF** — all ages

### Friday, June 5 – Hike into the Night I: *Hearing*

Humans and animals have very different senses when it comes to navigating the night! Learn how animal senses help them survive. Each hike will have a different sensory focus. This month we will focus on hearing and the variety of ways creatures “listen” to the night.

**9 p.m. ETP** — ages 6+

### Sunday, June 7 – *Turtle Time!*

Drop in for an afternoon of shells and scales! Discover the different species of turtles found in Ohio on a turtle “trail” that will test your identification skills. See our education turtles on display and design your own turtle during a craft.

**12:30 – 4:30 p.m. DHP** — ages 5+

### Tuesday, June 9 – *Little Adventurers*

This will be an informal OUTDOOR preschool program designed to help your child explore and become comfortable in nature! Each program will have a short “look and find” hike to investigate our surprise nature theme of the day. We may be getting messy with hands-on activities, so come prepared!

**10 a.m. DHP** — ages 0-5

### Saturday, June 13 – *Native American Flute Class* 🕒

Join Preservation Parks volunteer and musician Bob Grossman for this introductory class on the Native American Flute. Participants will learn some history of the flute, its importance in Native American cultures, and the musical basics of the instrument. They will also take a flute of their own home. Cost is \$60 and includes a flute, instructional DVD and class instruction. Register by June 6.

**10 a.m. – Noon SHP** — ages 12+

### Friday, June 19 – “Celebrate Summer” *Campout* 🕒

Celebrate the end of spring and the start of summer as we spend the night camped out under the stars amid the natural beauty of Gallant Woods Preserve. Space is very limited for this overnight program, and there is a \$10 fee per family. Register by June 12.

**7:30 p.m. GWP** — all ages



## Park Key

<b>Big Walnut Community Trail (BWCT)</b> 168 S. Vernon St., Sunbury	<b>Gallant Farm (GF)</b> 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware
<b>Blues Creek Preserve (BCP)</b> 9627 Fontanelle Road, Ostander	<b>Gallant Woods Preserve (GWP)</b> 2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware
<b>Char-Mar Ridge Preserve (CMRP)</b> 7741 Lewis Center Road, Westerville	<b>Hogback Ridge Preserve (HRP)</b> 2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury
<b>Deer Haven Preserve (DHP)</b> 4183 Liberty Road, Delaware	<b>Hoover Scenic Trail (HST)</b> 8405 Plumb Road, Galena
<b>Emily Traphagan Preserve (ETP)</b> 5094 Seldom Seen Road, Powell	<b>Shale Hollow Preserve (SHP)</b> 6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center

### Saturday, June 20 – *Hike for Health!* 🕒

#### Part of our new FLEX series (Details on p. 5)

This series will take us into your county parks for short hikes. Join us on every hike and you will receive iron-on patches to complete a unique T-shirt! Join the free series anytime, but register a week before your first hike; \$5 fee for the t-shirt.

**10 a.m. BCP** — all ages

### Sunday, June 21 – *Habitat Happenings I: Wetlands*

Each month this summer, we will use hands-on activities to discover the characteristics that make various Ohio habitats unique. This month, bring the family out to explore wetland habitats and the importance they play in creating a healthy ecosystem. (Meet in the sled hill parking area.)

**2 p.m. GWP** — all ages

### Wednesday, June 24 – *Gallant Farm Book Club*

We will kick off the summer reading *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash*, by Jean Shepherd, from our books about earlier times. Read in advance and come for the fun, lively discussion.

**6:30 p.m. GF** — ages 14+

### Saturday, June 27 – *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 played on the farm.

**6 – 8 p.m. GF** — all ages

## Antique Tractor Show

**Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**  
**Gallant Farm, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road**

**All ages. FREE!**

Join us as we celebrate the machines that enable farmers to accomplish a variety of tasks in less time. Do you have an antique tractor you would like to show off? Bring it to the show. **Registration begins at 8 a.m.**, and the show is open to the public 10 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information, contact Gallant Farm at (740) 595-3020.

#### Featuring:


- Antique tractors
- Old-fashioned cake walk
- “Fun & games” area including a sandbox and farm toys
- Kiddy pedal tractor pull (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

# Walking Trails / Nature Programs / Picnic Shelters

## Registration & Fee Information

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

### \$ Fee for this program

-  **Registration required:** Note registration deadlines. To register, email: [register@preservationparks.com](mailto:register@preservationparks.com), or call 740-524-8600, ext. 3.

Monarch Butterfly on Black-eyed Susan  
Cover Photo by Brooke Collins



## JULY

### Sunday, July 5 – Red, White and Bugs!

Drop in to the Lodge at Deer Haven Preserve to take part in a self-guided, fun hunt to find the flag colored bugs along the trail!

1 – 4 p.m. DHP — all ages

### Friday, July 10 – Folk Songs Around the Fire

Before electricity came to rural areas, and with it radios, the only form of music on many farms was that performed live. Bring your favorite acoustic instrument (all are welcome!) and trade songs around the campfire. Hear some songs from the 1930s and bring your own to share. If you don't play anything, come to sing!

8 p.m. GF — all ages

### Saturday, July 11 – Hardworking Honeybees

Join a backyard beekeeper to learn the basics about bees: their life cycle, who's who in the hive, and how they survive the seasons. We will look for honeybees and native bees as we walk from the woods over to Gallant Farm. Information on bee-friendly plants will be available as well. (Meet at the Gateway trailhead.)

1 p.m. GWP — all ages

### Sunday, July 12 – Habitat Happenings I: Forest

Each month this summer we will discover the characteristics that make a different Ohio habitat unique through a hands-on activity. This month we will explore a forest habitat and find out what makes the woods a cool place to hang out.

2 p.m. SHP — all ages

### Wednesday, July 15 – Plight of the Pollinators

Why are Honey Bees and other pollinators disappearing? Join Stratford Ecological Center's apiarist, Dave Noble, for an interactive discussion of the challenges and problems facing honey bees and other pollinators.

6:30 p.m. DHP — ages 8+

### Friday, July 17 – Hike into Night II: Smell

Humans and animals have very different senses when it comes to navigating the night! Learn how animal senses help them survive. Each hike will have a different sensory focus. This month we will focus on the sense of smell and its role in survival.

9 p.m. DHP — ages 6+

### Saturday, July 18 – Hike for Health!

Part of our new FLEX series (Details on p. 5)

This series will take us into your county parks for short hikes. Join us for every one and you will receive iron-on patches to complete a unique T-shirt! Join the free series anytime, but register a week before your first hike; \$5 fee for the t-shirt.

10 a.m. SHP — all ages

## Golden Marathon

The Golden Marathon, a partnership with SourcePoint, meets on Monday for a 1-2 mile walk. Information, including addresses, is available by calling 740-524-8600, ext.6, or online at [www.preservationparks.com](http://www.preservationparks.com).

### June hikes begin at 1:30 p.m.

June 1 – Char Mar Ridge Preserve

June 8 – Day Trip to Flint Ridge/Newark\*

\* Fee and reservation required; call for time, cost and reservation

June 15 – Gallant Woods Preserve

June 22 – Innis Woods Metro Garden

June 29 – Hoover Reservoir

### July & August hikes begin at 9:30 a.m.

July 6 – Hogback Ridge Preserve

July 13 – Shale Hollow Preserve

July 20 – Emily Traphagen Preserve

July 27 – Char-Mar Ridge Preserve

August 3 – Blues Creek Preserve

August 10 – Gallant Woods Preserve

August 17 – Innis Woods Metro Garden

August 24 – Deer Haven Preserve

August 31 – Highbanks MetroPark

### Sunday, July 19 – Composting for Fertility (Homesteading series, see p. 5)

Composting — as valuable in the 1930s as it is today — is a great way to build the soil on farms and gardens and to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. Discover some 1930s methods of composting and manure use and compare them to methods we use today.

2 p.m. GF — all ages

### Thursday, July 23 – What Does the Rock Say?

We will walk Big Run Creek to learn what the rocks and geologic formations can tell us about the formation of the Shale Hollow Preserve landscape. We will be in the creek for most of the hike so please wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to get wet.

6:30 p.m. SHP — ages 10+

### Tuesday, July 28 – Little Adventurers

This will be an informal OUTDOOR preschool program designed to help your child explore and become comfortable in nature! Each program will have a short "look and find" hike to investigate our surprise nature theme of the day. We may be getting messy with hands-on activities so come prepared!

10 a.m. SHP — ages 0-5

### Wednesday, July 29 – Gallant Farm Book Club

We continue our summer readings with *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson, from our books about earlier times. Read in advance and come for the fun, lively discussion.

6:30 p.m. GF — ages 14+



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## AUGUST

**Saturday, August 1 – Astonishing Race** 🕒

The Astonishing Race is Preservation Parks' version of the "Amazing Race." Form a team of two or more and 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 29.

**6:30 p.m. GWP** — all ages

**Saturday, August 15 – Cover Crops (Homesteading series, see p. 5)**

Cover crops, used by gardeners and large scale farmers alike, can protect soil from erosion, choke out weeds, and add nutrients to the soil. Come out to the farm to see some examples of cover crops and learn how they can be used on a small scale in the home garden.

**2 p.m. GF** — all ages

**Saturday, August 15 – Hike for Health!** 🕒**Part of our new FLEX series (Details on p. 5)**

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**10 a.m. CMRP** — all ages

**Sunday, August 16 – Habitat Happenings III: Prairies**

Each month this summer, we will use hands-on activities to discover the characteristics that make a different Ohio habitat unique. This month, we will explore a prairie habitat and learn how these plants differ from others.

**2 p.m. BCP** — all ages

**Wednesday, August 19 – “A Bee or not a Bee...” (that is the question)**

Why are all of these “bees” everywhere?! It is a common question, and the answer may surprise you. Join Stratford Ecological Center's apiarist, Dave Noble, for a look into the world of bees, wasps and hornets. We'll learn about their differences, how to tell them apart, and their ecological roles.

**6:30 p.m. DHP** — ages 8+

**Friday, August 21 – Hike into Night III: Sight**

Humans and animals have very different senses when it comes to navigating the night! Learn how animal senses help them survive. Each hike will have a different sensory focus. This month we will focus on sight and the advantages it provides nocturnal creatures.

**8:30 p.m. SHP** — ages 6+

**Friday, August 21 – Paper Moon Photo & Dance**

In the 1930s, most people did not own a camera, and a sitting with a photographer was expensive. But for as little as a nickel, one could pose with someone special on a “paper moon hanging over a cardboard sea” at a carnival or fair. Visit the farm, and get your one-of-a-kind photo taken in front of our paper moon. Then, join us in the barn for music and dancing!

**6 – 9 p.m. GF** — all ages

**Tuesday, August 25 – Little Adventurers**

This will be an informal OUTDOOR preschool program designed to help your child explore and become comfortable in nature! Each program will have a short “look and find” hike to investigate our surprise nature theme of the day. We may be getting messy with hands-on activities so come prepared!

**10 a.m. ETP** — ages 0-5

## Thursday Evening Concert Series

Location: Gallant Woods Preserve

Time: 7- 8:30 p.m.

Free admission and parking

Bring a lawn chair, blankets and a picnic dinner  
(no alcohol, please)

**July 2: Lone Raven (Celtic)**

**July 9: British Invasion (60's Classic Rock)**

**July 16: Ashleigh Kingsmore (County)**

**July 23: Trombones Plus (Big Band)**

**July 30: Lords of Literature (80's – Current Rock)**

**August 6: Cruizin keys Dueling Pianos (Sing Along)**

**Wednesday, August 26 – Gallant Farm Book Club**

We wrap up the summer by reading *Half Broke Horses*, by Jeanette Walls, from our books about earlier times. Read in advance and come for the fun, lively discussion.

**6:30 p.m. GF** — ages 14+

**Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30 – Passion for Pollinators**

Interested in attracting bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects to your landscape? Native plants are the first step in helping these local pollinators. Drop in to learn about the amazing relationship between plants and insects through activities, displays and a craft. Refreshments and a movie are included!

**Noon – 4 p.m. DHP** — all ages

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## Summer Explorers Day Camps

On-line registration and complete information about all camps, including space availability, can be found at [www.preservationparks.com/programs/camps](http://www.preservationparks.com/programs/camps), and by calling 740-524-8600, ext. 3. (Registration begins each year in February; please watch for the Spring 2016 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, and so much more! All the while, they will learn about different habitats through hikes and hands-on exploration. *Nature Camps are based at Deer Haven Preserve, 4183 Liberty Road, Delaware. All camps are held 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.*

#### Animal Buddies

age 8; fee: \$125  
session I: June 15-19  
session II: June 22-26

#### Habitat Explorers

age 9; fee: \$125  
session I: July 6-10  
session II: July 13-17

#### Outdoor Adventurers

age 10; fee: \$140  
session I: July 27-31  
session II: August 3-7

#### Natural Resources Youth Academy

ages 14-16; fee: \$150  
June 1-5



### Farm Camps

Join us at Gallant Farm this summer for Summer Explorers Farm Camps. Have fun while learning about life on a 1930s /1940s family farm. Experience life in the farmhouse, enjoy fishing, games and more. Doing farm chores, learning about farm tools and equipment, and taking field trips to other farm sites will add to the memorable experiences! *Farm Camps are based at Gallant Farm, 2150 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware. All camps are held 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.*

#### Farm Buddies

ages 7-8; fee: \$125  
July 6-10

#### Farm Explorers

ages 9-10; fee: \$125  
June 29-July 3

#### Farm Hands

ages 11-12; fee: \$125  
July 20-24

#### History Explorers

ages 10-11; fee: \$125  
June 8-12



#### Performing Arts Camp at the Farm

ages 6-14; fee: \$180  
July 27-31

## Summer Letterbox Adventure

It's a little like a scavenger hunt, a little like geocaching and a whole lot of fun! Our award-winning summer program gets families out into the parks, where they follow clues to find boxes hidden along the trails. It's a free program you can participate in, whenever parks are open, all summer long.

**Sign up starting May 23** at any public library in Delaware County. You'll receive a booklet for each participant. Then you have until August 2 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!

**New for 2015!** Compliments of **Preferred Wireless**, the first 100 children who find all eight boxes will receive mini binoculars! Also, enter the **"Picture Yourself! Summer Letterbox Adventure" Facebook Contest**. The winning family will enjoy a private, personalized nature program. Complete details about the contest can be found at [www.preservationparks.com/programs/summer-letterbox-adventure](http://www.preservationparks.com/programs/summer-letterbox-adventure).



## Homesteading Series

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! See the program descriptions on Haymaking (June, date TBD), Composting (July 19), and Cover Crops (August 15), and join us for any and all!

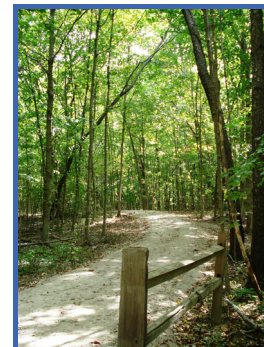
## Summer FLEX Series

Join Preservation Parks for a summer of health and wellness! The FLEX (Free Local EXercise) series includes Hikes for Health and FLEX trails, along with information on healthy living. The program formally kicks off **Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m.-noon**, at Deer Haven Preserve, with information on all aspects of FLEX and various health related topics.

**Hike for Health:** Monthly hikes will be held June 20, July 18 and August 15. See individual listings for details.

**FLEX Trails:** As you walk the trails at Char-Mar Ridge and Gallant Woods Preserves, you'll see stations set up with information about exercises you can perform at those locations -- with no equipment!

**More information about FLEX can be found on our web site. Click on Programs, then on FLEX.**



# Preservation Parks of Delaware County

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**Park Hours**

Summer Schedule  
(Mar.1 – Oct. 31)  
8 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily

**District Office**

**Education Office**  
**Mary McCoy Nature Center**  
2656 Hogback Road  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074  
740-524-8600  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mon – Fri

**The Lodge Nature Center at  
Deer Haven Preserve**

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

**Gallant Farm**

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



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## Perseid Meteor Shower Campout

Friday, August 14 (7 p.m.) —Saturday, August 15 (9 a.m.)  
Blues Creek Preserve

The Perseid meteors streak across the sky in mid-August and create quite a show! Join us around the campfire as we watch for them. You'll bring your own food, water and camping gear. We provide telescopes and activities. FREE; registration required. Call 740-524-8600, ext. 6, or email: saundras@preservationparks.com.

## Volunteer with Preservation Parks

Preservation Parks depends on volunteers to help us fulfill our mission, and last year 206 volunteers provided 4,404 hours of service! Opportunities are available in the following areas: education, land stewardship, marketing, special events and guest services. Enjoy pulling invasive species? You can do that. Like to dress up as mascot or talk to the public about the parks? You can do that too. Check out all the possibilities on the website (click on Opportunities).



## 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.

- Saturday, June 20 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday, June 21 Noon - 4 p.m.
- Saturday, July 18 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday, July 19 Noon - 4 p.m.
- Saturday, August 22 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. \*



\*A feature of the Sunbury Sizzle & Sounds festival

## Gallant Farm to be Featured on Garden Tour!

Gallant Farm will be a stop on the Women's City Club of Delaware Garden Tour on Sunday, June 28, 1-4 p.m. With at least nine gardens on the tour (kept secret – except for the farm), the tour will provide ideas and inspiration for all gardeners! Proceeds benefit the Women's City Club, which provides safe, affordable housing for single women. Booklets and maps will be available the day-of at 135 N. Franklin St., Delaware.

Tickets are \$10 (pre-sale) and \$12 (day-of). Presale tickets will be available at the Delaware Arts Festival May 16 & 17, at various Delaware businesses, and on-line at [www.wccdelaware.org](http://www.wccdelaware.org).