

# Preservation Parks of Delaware County



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Our Outdoor is Open

## Winter 2016 - 17 Programs & Events



PRESERVATION PARKS  
DELAWARE COUNTY

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### Message from the Director

White after Labor Day? The weather will outfit this season in a style of white that will send park patrons flocking to the parks. Make plans to step out with winter. Set play dates for the sledding hill and make a date night with the owls. Size up winter at Gallant Farm with music, wassail, roasted chestnuts and activities for the kids. Stride into the New Year on the right foot with a New Year's Day hike. You will discover that donning the frosty side of nature will flatter the wearer with a new found sense of the landscape's design.

The season has a way of foreshadowing what is in store for the near future. No crystal ball visioning or clairvoyant predicting can anticipate the revelation that will occur with the progression of the seasons. The natural world moves to its own rhythms, keeps its own time, and releases secrets to those attuned to its frequencies.

This winter is actually a dress rehearsal for a return to the Ice Age. As the sun increases its presence and our world thaws you can expect to encounter the remains associated with one of earth's coldest periods. Fancy yourself on the trail to discovering ancient animals freed from the glacial grip of Delaware's past.

*Tom Curtin, executive director*

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

# Preservation Parks of Delaware County

## DECEMBER

### Saturday, December 3 – Winter Evening on the Farm

Join us for old-fashioned winter fun at Gallant Farm! Participate in seasonal activities that farm families enjoyed in years past. Listen to the Meek Quartet, roast chestnuts over an open fire, sip hot wassail and sample homemade cookies. There will be fun activities for the whole family. Come early and stay throughout the evening.

**3 – 8 p.m. GF** – all ages

### Monday, December 12 – Delaware County Bird Club

Join the club to hear Rich Bradley provide a preview of the Delaware Reservoir Christmas Bird Count coming on Dec. 20. *See box, p. 3, for details and series information.*

**6:30 p.m. DHP** – all ages

## JANUARY

### Sunday, January 1 – New Year’s Day Hike

Kick off the new year on the right foot, and the left foot, by joining us for this annual hike. Volunteer Len Fisher will lead the hike through woods and prairies, highlighting the new trails. Afterward, warm up with hot beverages and cookies by the fireplace.

**10 a.m. SHP** – all ages

### Tuesday, January 10 – Preschool Park Pals: Hooty Tooty! 🦉

Fly in to the Deer Haven Visitor Center for a day all about owls. Touch feathers, examine an owl pellet, and make a cool owl craft. Register by Jan. 3.

**10 a.m. & 1 p.m. DHP** – ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

### Thursday, January 12 – Homeschool Adventures: Frosty Flight

Swoop into the woods for an evening owl foray. Warm up by the fire while learning about owl adaptations, then venture into the woods in search of these amazing birds of prey.

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

### Saturday, January 14 – Sausage Making (HS)

Learn how sausage was made on a 1930s farm. We'll make fresh sausage using an antique sausage stuffer; afterward, we'll sample sausage along with fresh eggs. *See box, p. 4, for series information.*

**10 a.m. GF** – all ages

### Thursday, January 19 – Nest Boxes in Your Backyard 🦉

Learn what it takes to attract native cavity nesting birds to your backyard and how to care for and monitor the boxes once they are up. Local conservationists Paula Ziebarth and Dick Tuttle will lead. Register by Jan. 10.

**6-7:30 p.m. DHP** – all ages

### Saturday, January 21 – Native American Flute Class \$ 🦉

Join Bob Grossman for an introduction to the Native American Flute. Learn flute history, its importance in Native American culture, and the basics of the instrument. Class fee is \$75 and includes a walnut White Tail Hawk flute and instructional DVD. Register by Jan. 7.

**10 a.m. - Noon SHP** – ages 12+

## 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 Traphagan 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

### Monday, January 23 – Delaware County Bird Club

This month, Randy Rogers will talk about “Birding at Greenlawn Cemetery.” *See box, p. 3, for details and series information.*

**6:30 p.m. DHP** – all ages

### Wednesday, January 25 – Gallant Farm Book Club

This month, we are reading *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, by Betty Smith. This 1943 portrayal of a poor family in the Brooklyn slums of the early 1900s has been called a “dearly beloved American classic.” *(See box, p. 4, for series information.)*

**6:30 p.m. GF** – ages 14+

### Saturday, January 28 – Master Gardeners: Seed Swap (HS)

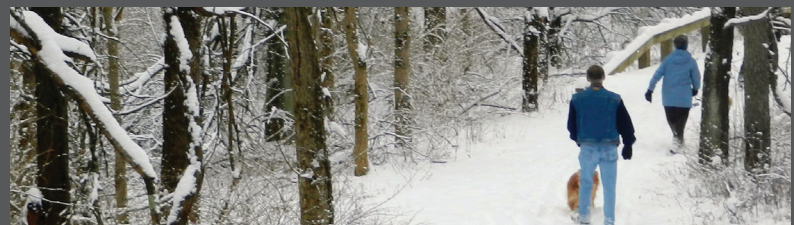
Celebrate “National Seed Swap Day” with the Delaware County Master Gardeners, and warm your soul as you dream of spring. Bring your heirloom seeds to swap for other seeds or plants; if you have no seeds to swap, there will be extras! *See box, p. 4, for series information.*

**10 a.m. GF** – all ages

### Sunday, January 29 – Make It, Take It: Terrarium \$ 🦉

Rocks, charcoal and soil - oh my! See how layers create a successful and beautiful natural addition to any home. \$20 materials fee; registration is required by Jan. 22.

**1 p.m. DHP** – ages 7+



Deer Haven Park

# Free Public Nature & Farm Programs



Red-breasted nuthatch

## FEBRUARY

### Friday, February 10 - "Who Cooks for You?"

Under the light of the full moon, we'll listen for barred owls, and if we are lucky, catch a glimpse of these nocturnal birds of prey. Dress for cold weather. We'll roast hot dogs and watch the sunset before the hike.

**6 p.m. ETP** - all ages

### Saturday, February 11 - Speakeasy on the Farm

Prohibition lasted from 1920 until 1933. Learn the history of prohibition and how people got around it. Sample a prohibition-era drink and enjoy live music.

**6:30 p.m. GF** - ages 21+

### Sunday, February 12 - Make It, Take It: Dreamcatchers \$ ☹

Dreaming of warmer weather? Enjoy hot chocolate, coffee or tea while you create your very own dreamcatcher. \$10 materials fee; registration is required by Feb. 5

**1 p.m. DHP** - ages 7+

### Tuesday, February 14 - Preschool Park Pals: The Ice Age ☹

Travel back thousands of years to a cold, snowy and icy landscape with amazing animals. A story and a craft will help us explore this "cool" era. Register by Feb. 7.

**10 a.m. & 1 p.m. DHP** - ages 4-5, accompanied by an adult

### Thursday, February 16 - Homeschool Adventures: The Ice Age ☹

What's the difference between an ice age and The Ice Age? Travel back in time to meet some Ice Age animals and catch a glimpse of what Ohio looked like more than 10,000 years ago. Register by Feb. 9.

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

### Saturday & Sunday, February 18 & 19 - Drop-In Discovery: All About Birds

Fly in to the Deer Haven Visitor Center and participate in *The Great Backyard Bird Count*. Sit by the fire and help us count the many species of birds that visit the feeders. Enjoy crafts, displays and activities about our feathered friends.

**Noon - 4 p.m. DHP** - all ages

### Wednesday, February 22 - Gallant Farm Book Club

This month, we are reading *That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Dutchess of Windsor*, by Anna Sebba. This biography is about the American divorcee who, in 1936, married an abdicated English king.

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

### Monday, February 27 - Delaware County Bird Club

Jackie Augustine's presentation, "Home on the Range," will cover the biology and breeding behaviors of prairie chickens. See box, below, for details and series information.

**6:30 p.m. DHP** - all ages

### Spring Preview!

### Saturday, March 4 - Sappy, but in a Good Way

Many Depression-era farm families tapped maple trees to collect sap and make maple syrup during the late winter and early spring. This provided a tasty food and source of income during the off-season. Learn how maple syrup is extracted and cooked down into syrup.

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m. GF** - all ages [Weather permitting. Check Facebook and Twitter for updates.]

## 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, click on the REGISTRATION link on our website homepage. For more information, call 740-524-8600, ext. 6.

## Delaware County Bird Club

Calling all bird lovers! The Delaware County Bird Club is an informal organization of individuals who appreciate birds and the natural environment.

Club meetings, held at Deer Haven Park, are open to all, regardless of expertise. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the program begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by socializing and reports of local bird sightings. Please see individual meeting dates, Dec. 12, Jan. 23 & Feb. 27, for program information.



Barred owl

### 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.**

December 17  
January 21  
February 18

**Sundays, Noon – 4 p.m.**

December 18  
January 22  
February 19



Model Train Layout, Trailhouse at Sandel Legacy Trail

### Show us the Love: Be a Volunteer!

Volunteers expand park programs and further our mission to inspire outdoor exploration and learning. Park volunteers have fun participating in more than 25 roles, including hosting the farmhouse at Gallant Farm or the visitor center at Deer Haven Park, assisting at special events, conducting citizen science programs, serving as a garden hand, taking pictures, and dressing as a mascot – to name a few.

**New in 2017:** We are ramping up our **Gallant Farm Volunteer** opportunities, and we need you! Volunteer roles include Farm House Docent, Farm Interpreter, Farm Hand and Livestock Hand. Visit the website to complete an on-line volunteer application.

For more information, contact Sandra McBrearty at [sandras@preservationparks.com](mailto:sandras@preservationparks.com).



Volunteers & Staff gathering prairie plant seeds

### Build-a-Bluebird-Box Workshops \$ ☺

Help promote wildlife in your backyard by providing nesting boxes for Eastern bluebirds. Register for either program in advance; the cost is \$7 for each box you or your family build.

Feb. 16 & 23  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Deer Haven Park  
Space is limited; register by Feb. 10.

## Programs at the Farm

### 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: Sausage Making (Jan. 14), Seed Swap with the Master Gardeners (Jan. 28), and Sappy, but in a Good Way (March 4). Join us for any or all of these.

### Gallant Farm Book Club

Come to the farm and join in the lively discussion! We read books that were popular during the eras of the Great Depression and World War II, or were written about those periods. No reservation is required; the Book Club is open to ages 14 and older.

The book club meets the last Wednesday of each month; this winter, we will meet Jan. 25 and Feb. 22. See individual calendar listings for book titles and descriptions.



Gallant Farm

# 11 public parks & trails open 365 days a year



Deer Haven Park

## Golden Marathon

SourcePoint (“Thrive After 55”) offers weekly nature hikes for adults, age 55 and older.

Many of these hikes are held in Preservation Parks, and several a year are led by a Preservation Parks naturalist. For complete details on the Golden Marathon program, contact Kathy Maslouski at SourcePoint. Hikes to be held in Preservation Parks are listed here.

January and February hikes will be held in the parks if the temperature is at least 40 degrees. Otherwise, they will be held at Polaris Fashion Place. Call SourcePoint for details; 740-369-5133.

Hikes begin at 1:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER

DEC. 5 Deer Haven Park

### JANUARY

Jan. 16 Hogback Ridge Park

Jan. 23 Blues Creek Park

Jan. 30 Char-Mar Ridge Park \*

\* Guided by Preservation Parks

### FEBRUARY

Feb. 27 Deer Haven Park

## School's Out ADVENTURES! \$ ☎

**School's Out Adventures** will get your kids out of the house and participating in something fun and educational during school holidays this winter.

### Winter Survival Camp - Dec. 28-30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

WOW! It's cold outside! This is a great time to learn how creatures survive the cold in Ohio. Plus learn survival techniques humans use to make it through the cold. Get up and get out with Preservation Parks as we investigate hibernation, migration and adaptation. Sign up for one, two or three days. **AGES 9-10**; maximum enrollment: 20 each day.

**Deer Haven Park**

**\$30/day. Registration required by Dec. 21.**

### Mammal Mayhem - Jan. 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

School's out, and it's utter mammal pandemonium! Go in search of wild animal tracks, examine their skulls and bones, and meet live animals from the Ohio Wildlife Center. **AGES 8-9**; maximum enrollment: 20.

**Deer Haven Park**

**\$30 fee. Registration required by Jan. 9.**

### The Great ARTdoors - Feb. 17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

The kids have a day off school, so sign them up for a day of clay, paints, animal encounters, and more. Discover the natural world while creating art. **AGES 10-11**; maximum enrollment: 20.

**Deer Haven Park**

**\$30 fee. Registration required by Feb. 10.**

### Presidents Day at the Farm - Feb. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

School's out, so join us at Gallant Farm to celebrate Presidents Day. Learn about our presidents and first ladies, make some presidential crafts, and enjoy other fun activities. Who knows? You might even meet a former president! **AGES 10-12**; maximum enrollment: 20.

**Gallant Farm**

**\$30 fee. Registration required by Feb. 13**

## The Ice Age: Coming to Your Parks in 2017!



Watch for special events, programs, displays, and more. Beginning spring, 2017.



Deer Haven Park

## Looking ahead ... Summer Camps

Become an **Outdoor Adventurer, Habitat Trekker, Time Traveler,** or **Epoch Explorer** with Preservation Parks Summer Camps in 2017! These exciting opportunities will inspire your children to get outdoors and explore the world around them. For more information on our summer camps, watch our website in February for complete details.

# Preservation Parks of Delaware County

**Park Hours**

8 a.m.-7 p.m. daily, Nov-Feb

**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

Noon – 5 p.m. daily

**Gallant Farm**

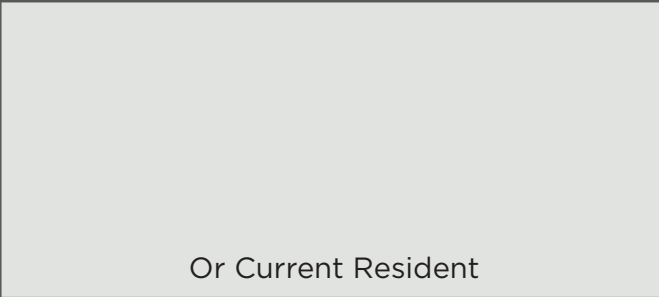
2150 Buttermilk Hill Road

Delaware, Ohio 43015

740-595-3020

Noon – 5 p.m. Thur – Sun

Delaware, OH  
permit # 117



Or Current Resident

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## Winter Close-Ups



White-Tailed Deer  
*Fritz Guth*



Northern Cardinal



Frozen Drip



Frozen Shale Wall at Shale Hollow Park

The artistry of winter speaks to us, even as the winds howl and the snow swirls.

Crystalline droplets fall from frozen twigs, sending flashes of light across the landscape. Scarlet red cardinals wing from tree to tree, lending the brightest color that the season can offer amidst the mostly white-taupe-gray palette.

The sharp, crisp air carries a scent we only notice in winter, when the redolent aromas of the woodland are frozen and mute. Sounds carry a long way through the stillness, and we hear the rustle of deer in the underbrush and the quick call of a bird on a mission.

It's winter. The animals adapt, and learn to live with icy blasts, hunkering down in shelter on the worst days and rejoicing in the sunshine on the best. We do the same, wrapping in blankets when the storm swirls, and stepping out on the trails when it abates.

When we do venture out, we become part of the outdoors, lending our spirit to winter's beauty and becoming part of the season.