

# Preservation Parks of Delaware County



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of Delaware County**  
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## SUMMER 2016 Programs & Events

### Message from the Director

Investigative challenges and close encounters of a natural kind lie in store for the plucky explorer.

The vanished have reemerged. The solar radiance of our third season has awakened primordial spirits from geologic slumber. They have left their mark along the trails at Shale Hollow, Deer Haven and Emily Traphagen Parks. Stalk the tracks of these ancient visitors to discover the presence from the past that travels among us today, and uncover the story told through the footprints of time.

Investigators and trailblazers are asked, "Will the forest give up its secrets?" X marks the spot – what awaits those who dare to travel the trails with map in hand? Only those of audacious daring and resolute focus will find the answer of the hidden Letterboxes! The summer's biggest question, "Who Done It?" will be answered after careful consideration of the evidence and clues in the company of the Park District's officers.

Revel in the physical joy of walking all park trails within the sunlit warmth of field and forest. Spice up your walk at Char-Mar Park by stretching your physical stamina via the Flex Trail exercise sign posts. Summer in the Parks holds a bounty of music, farm doings, and natureful happenings for all.

Tom Curtin, executive director

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

## JUNE

### Friday, June 3 – Into the Darkness

Join us as we venture into the darkness to “see” and hear what goes bump, bzzzzz or brrrrpppp in the night.

**9:30 p.m. GWP** — ages 6+

### Saturday, June 4 – Gallant Farm Tractor Show

We'll celebrate the machines that enable farmers to accomplish a variety of tasks in less time. Show is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and those wishing to show off their own antique tractors may bring them starting at 8 a.m. For more information, call Gallant Farm at 740-595-3020; for program details visit [preservationparks.com](http://preservationparks.com).

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m. GF** — all ages

### Tuesday, June 14 – Little Adventurers

See box on p. 3 for series information.

**10 a.m. DHP** — ages 0-5

### Friday, June 17 – Astonishing Race: A Fathers Day Adventure 🏁

Bring dad out and form a team to compete against others as you finish a series of challenges throughout the park. The team that finishes with the best time wins the grand prize. Register by June 10.

**6:30 p.m. ETP** — all ages

### Saturday, June 18 – Family Fun on the Farm

Join the Delaware County Master Gardeners and Preservation Parks for a fun family garden day. Stroll through the past while learning about weed control, container gardening, herbs, composting, seed saving, growing fruits and berries, and more.

**9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. GF** — all ages

### Saturday, June 18 – Critter Clues: Nature's 'Who-Done-It'

See box on p. 3 for series information.

**10 a.m. - Noon SHP** — ages 6-9

### Monday, June 20 – Hound Hike

See box, below, for series information.

**6 p.m. BCP** — all ages

### Saturday, June 25 – Summer Bird Walk Series

This month we will be on the lookout for birds that have set up house in the park for the summer. For more series information, see box on p. 4.

**8 a.m. ETP** — ages 7+

### Saturday, June 25 & Sunday, June 26 – Drop-In Discovery: Celebrate Pollinators

Drop in to the Visitor Center as we celebrate National Pollinator Week. Learn about insects you might see in the park and the important roles they play. Walk the trails, using our field nets and bug jars (or bring your own), to explore the variety of beautiful colors, shapes and forms that make up our local insect fauna! A naturalist will be on hand to help identify insects you find. On Sunday, 2-5 p.m., we will feature special guest Dave Noble, Stratford Ecological Center Apiarist, who will share his knowledge of our pollinator species.

**Noon - 5 p.m. DHP** — all ages

### Hound Hikes

Bring your socialized canine for a walk with a naturalist. Your dog will receive a bandana at your first hike, and a paw print stamp for each hike completed. Dogs must be up to date on all shots and have county tags. Meet at the park kiosks and pick up one of our **Pets in the Parks brochures for information**.

Hound hikes are scheduled for June 20, July 18 and August 22. Locations and times for each hike are included in the monthly listings in this program guide.

## Park Key

### Big Walnut Community Trail (BWCT)

168 S. Vernon St., Sunbury

### Blues Creek Park (BCP)

9627 Fontanelle Road, Olander

### Char-Mar Ridge Park (CMRP)

7741 Lewis Center Road, Westerville

### Deer Haven Park (DHP)

4183 Liberty Road, Delaware

### Emily Traphagan Park (ETP)

5094 Seldom Seen Road, Powell

### Gallant Farm (GF)

2150 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware

### Gallant Woods Park (GWP)

2151 Buttermilk Hill Road, Delaware

### Hogback Ridge Park (HRP)

2656 Hogback Road, Sunbury

### Hoover Scenic Trail (HST)

8405 Plumb Road, Galena

### River Run Park (RRP)

168 Main Road, Delaware

### Shale Hollow Park (SHP)

6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center



Lori Taggart (Char-Mar Ridge Park)

## Thursday Evening Concert Series

Location: Gallant Woods Park

Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Free admission and parking

Bring a lawn chair, blanket & picnic dinner  
(no alcohol, please)

**July 7: Code Blue Band** (Blues, Swing, 80s-90s)

**July 14: Marquis 66** (Classic Rock, 60s-70s)

**July 21: Rachel Karryn Band** (Country Blues)

**July 28: In Full Swing** (Big Band, 30s-40s)

**August 4: Walt Sanders** (Elvis Tribute, 50s)

**August 11: Lone Raven** (Celtic & Gypsy)

# Walking Trails / Nature Programs / Picnic Shelters



Walter Elsner (Char-Mar Ridge Park)

## JULY

### Saturday, July 2 – From Patch to Pie (HS)

In decades past, many Central Ohio farms had a healthy patch of rhubarb, also called pie-plant. Combine tart rhubarb with ruby gems from the strawberry patch or the berry brambles, and you have a delicious pie! Come to the farm and help us pick strawberries and sample some summer treats. *See box on p. 4 for series information.*

2 p.m. GF — all ages

### Saturday, July 9 – In Search Of ...

What lurks in the woodlands beyond the trail? We'll search for geologic oddities, emerging habitat and more. Join us as we leap off-trail to find answers to mysteries in the park. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes, and bring a water bottle.

10 a.m. ETP — ages 7+

### Sunday, July 10 – Critter Clues: Nature's 'Who-Done-It'

*See box at right for series information.*

10 a.m. - noon ETP — ages 6-9

### Tuesday, July 12 – Little Adventurers

*See box at right for series information.*

10 a.m. SHP — ages 0-5

### Friday, July 15 – Picnic in the Park 🕒

Pack up your picnic basket and blanket and head to the park with your dinner. Enjoy a "Birds-of-Prey" program by the Ohio Wildlife Center, and then have Dutch oven dump cake with ice cream on us. Yum! Registration is required by July 11.

6:30 p.m. DHP — all ages

### Saturday, July 16 – Back-to-School Supplies Hike

Donate much-needed school supplies to help children in need get a great start to the school year, and enjoy a hike with our mascots!

10 a.m. ETP — all ages

### Monday, July 18 – Hound Hike

*See box on p. 2 for series information.*

6 p.m. ETP — all ages

### Sunday, July 24 – Folk Songs Around the Fire

Bring a musical instrument – or just your voice – and some songs to share for a night of music around the campfire. Listeners welcome!

7 p.m. GF — all ages

### Saturday, July 30 – Summer Bird Walk Series

Look for the young ones as they are out testing their wings and looking for food without their parents' help! *For more series information, see box on p. 4.*

8 a.m. GWP — ages 7+

**Little Adventurers** Get outside this summer, and get comfy exploring nature with your little one! We might get messy with hands-on activities, so come prepared! This program is for children, ages 0-5, and their parents.

Little Adventurers are scheduled for three Tuesdays this summer: June 14, July 12 and August 23. Locations and times for each program are included in the monthly listings in this program guide.

**Critter Clues: Nature's 'Who Done It'** Calling all young detectives, ages 6-9! Join a park police officer for a fun and informative "Who done it." Investigate a "crime scene" and follow the clues and evidence throughout the park to solve the cunning caper.

We'll meet at various parks this summer, on June 18, July 10 and August 27. See the monthly listings in this program guide for times and locations.



Tara Luling (Shale Hollow Park)

**Railroad Open Houses** The Delaware County Model Railroaders hold open houses at the Big Walnut Community Trailhouse (168 S. Vernon St.) Visit to see the model trains travel through a miniature village and countryside.

Saturday, June 18: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, June 19: noon-4 p.m.

Saturday, July 16: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, July 17: noon-4 p.m.

Saturday, August 27: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

*In conjunction with Sunbury Sizzle & Sounds*

## 'Bee' on the lookout for these programs

**Hive Days** – Three impromptu programs over the course of the summer offer visitors a look inside the bee hives at Deer Haven Preserve, and help them learn about the lives of these important pollinators. The programs are weather dependent, so watch for announcements on Facebook and other social media.

**Honey Harvest (late June – mid July)** – Join us at Deer Haven Park to learn about how bees both pollinate our food and "make honey from sunshine"! Take full, ripe frames of honeycomb straight out of the hives with your own hands. Then take those frames back to the "Honey House" to uncap them and "spin" the honey out in the extractor. Finish the day by bottling up a small sample of the freshly harvested honey to take home with you! Call Stratford Ecological Center at 740-363-2548 to have your name placed on the "I'm interested" list. \$25 per person fee. 🕒 \$



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## AUGUST

### Saturday, August 6 – Wattle, Hedgerow, Hurtle & Snake Rail (HS)

Tired of the same old chain link, picket and board fences you see everywhere? Learn how to build some historical substitutes that can be made easily with readily-available materials. These fences can be used to pen animals in or out, and to promote wildlife and pollinators in your home landscaping. See box, at right, for series information.

10 a.m. GF — ages 12+

### Friday, August 12 - Saturday, August 13 – Perseid Meteor Shower Campout ☾

Join us beyond the city lights as we watch meteors streak across the sky! Bring your own food and overnight camping gear. We provide the telescopes and activities. FREE. Register early, as the event fills quickly.

7 p.m. (Friday) - 9 a.m. (Saturday) BCP — all ages

### Friday, August 19 – Adventures of an Ironman

What does it take to compete like an Ironman? Bring the family to Gallant Woods Park to challenge yourselves in a series of mini obstacle courses. Learn about practices and resources that support emerging Ironman athletes, and meet ultra-athletes in person. Superhero costumes are encouraged!

6 - 8 p.m. GWP — all ages

### Saturday, August 20 – Music Under the Paper Moon

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

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. GF — all ages

### Sunday, August 21 – Pollinator Field Day

A late summer investigation should reveal a whole new host of pollinator insect species as we explore the gardens, forest, and fields around Deer Haven Park. Stop in to use our field nets and bug jars, or use your own catch-and-release container. Dave Noble, Stratford Ecological Center apiarist, and a park naturalist will be on hand to help identify your insect finds.

2 - 5 p.m. DHP — all ages

### Monday, August 22 – Hound Hike

See box on p. 2 for series information.

6 p.m. CMRP — all ages

### Tuesday, August 23 – Little Adventurers

See box on p. 3 for series information.

10 a.m. ETP — ages 0-5

### Saturday, August 27 – Summer Bird Walk Series

As summer draws to a close, come out and get a look at our feathered friends as they begin preparing for colder temperatures, and even a long trip south. For series information, see box below.

8 a.m. BCP — ages 7+

### Saturday, August 27 – Critter Clues: Nature's 'Who-Done-It'

See box on p. 3 for series information.

10 a.m. - noon DHP — ages 6-9



**Summer Bird Walk Series** Every season brings us something new in the world of birds! Don't miss these three early morning hikes led by park district staff. All skill levels are welcome. Loaner binoculars will be provided as needed, or you can bring your own. These walks are for ages 7 and older.

Walks will be held on Saturdays at 8 a.m. on June 25, July 30 and August 27. See the individual listings for locations and hike descriptions.

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



Gallant Farm is open Thursdays-Sundays, noon-5 p.m.

## 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 descriptions for each program, refer to the monthly list. Upcoming programs: **From Patch to Pie (July 2)**, and **Wattle, Hedgerow, Hurtle & Snake Rail (August 6)**. Join us for one or both!

## Gallant Farm Book Club

Come to the farm and join in the lively discussion! We read books that were popular during the era 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.

June 22, 6:30 p.m.

**The Yearling** by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings  
This book was the best-selling novel of 1938.

July 27, 6:30 p.m.

**The Aviator's Wife** by Melanie Benjamin  
Written in 2013, this book is a novelized account of Anne Morrow, wife of Charles Lindbergh.

August 24, 6:30 p.m.

**A Sand County Almanac** by Aldo Leopold  
These essays advocate a responsible relationship between people and the land.



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## 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 at SourcePoint, 740-369-5133. Hikes to be held in Preservation Parks are listed below.

### JUNE

(June hikes begin at 1:30 p.m.)

June 13 Deer Haven Park \*

\* Guided by Preservation Parks

June 20 Hogback Ridge Park

### JULY

(July and August hikes begin at 9:30 a.m.)

July 11 Hogback Ridge Park

July 18 Shale Hollow Park

### AUGUST

August 1 Char-Mar Ridge Park

August 15 Gallant Woods Park

August 29 Deer Haven Park



## Summer Letterbox Adventure

Join in the fun! Our award-winning Summer Letterbox Adventure will return May 28 and run through July 30. That gives you two months to visit 8 parks, follow clues to find little camouflaged boxes, and learn about nature as you go. Sign-up will take place at all Delaware County libraries anytime during the two months. Presenting Sponsor Preferred Wireless has provided mini binoculars and insulated lunch bags for the first 150 children who complete the adventure. Summer Letterbox Adventure is free and it's fun! Visit [preservationparks.com](http://preservationparks.com) for details.



## Summer Camps

### One-Week Camps

**Outdoor Adventurers – FILLED; registration closed**

**Time Travelers**

**Ages 9, 10 & 11**

July 11 – 15, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Step into the Preservation Parks time machine and hold on as we set the clock for a trip back to a 1930s farm. Go on hikes, feed the chickens, cook lunch on a wood-burning stove – all the while learning about the history of Delaware County and Ohio. You will have so much fun you won't want to return to the present!

**Gallant Farm**

20 campers maximum

\$125.00 camp fee

Register by June 27

### Operation "Explore Nature" (one-day & partial-day sessions)

#### Habitat Thursdays

**Age 6 & 7**

On the second Thursday of each month, join us for an outdoor adventure! Meet some live animals, dip net in the wetlands, run through the prairie catching insects, roll over logs, and so much more! Participants will play games and make a craft while learning about the important wildlife habitats in Delaware County.

Each Habitat Thursday session meets 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. There is a maximum enrollment of 20 participants. Fee: \$30 per session (\$80 for all three). Registration deadline: two weeks before session date.

**Above our Heads; Under our Feet (Woodland & Underground habitats)**

**June 9: Emily Traphagen Park**

**Water, Water Everywhere! (Water habitats)**

**July 14: Shale Hollow Park**

**Life in a Prairie (Prairie habitat)**

**August 11: Deer Haven Park**

#### Science Saturdays

**Ages 8 & 9**

Do you love rocks and dirt? How about spiders? Or, maybe you love birds. Whatever your interest, join us for these super science sessions. Experiments, animals, hikes, games, crafts and other hands-on activities will uncover the wonders of nature.

Each Science Saturday session meets 9 a.m.- noon. There is a maximum enrollment of 20 participants. Fee: \$20 per session (\$50 for all three). Registration deadline: two weeks before session date.

**Dig It! (Geology)**

**June 11: Shale Hollow Park**

**Spiders, Bees, Moths – Oh My!**

**July 16: Deer Haven Park**

**Take Flight! (Birds)**

**August 13: Deer Haven Park**

**Online 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. 6.**

# Preservation Parks of Delaware County

**Park Hours**

8 a.m.-9 p.m. daily

**District Office****Education Office****Mary McCoy Nature Center**

2656 Hogback Road

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740-524-8600

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mon – Fri

**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

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Noon – 5 p.m. Thur – Sun



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## New! Natural Play Areas

Do you remember climbing over logs, or finding cool rocks, slugs, insects and more as you explored the woods and fields as a kid? So do the staff at Preservation Parks, which is why we are creating Natural Play Areas at four parks: Shale Hollow, Emily Traphagen, Deer Haven and Char-Mar Ridge.

The play areas will open just in time for your summertime adventures! So ... get your natural play on and get dirty, explore, and have fun with the entire family this summer in YOUR Preservation Parks.



Wendy Pramik (Shale Hollow Park)

## Dino Tracks Spotted!

Get Prehistoric and experience YOUR Preservation Parks in a Jurassic way this summer! Bring your family out to Shale Hollow Park, Emily Traphagen Park, and Deer Haven Park beginning June 1, and see if you can spot the dino tracks along the trails. Do you know which dinosaurs made these tracks and how they lived? Let your imagination run WILD!