



PRESERVATION PARKS

OF DELAWARE COUNTY

PROGRAMS & EVENTS • WINTER 2019-2020



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PRESERVATION PARKS
DELAWARE COUNTY

Park Hours

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

NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY
8 a.m.-7 p.m. daily

**District Office and
Mary McCoy Nature Center**

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

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

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

**Visitor Center at
Deer Haven Park**

4183 Liberty Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015
740-362-0283

Daily, 12-5 p.m.

Gallant Farm

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

MAY - AUGUST
Tue-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun, 12-5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER - APRIL
Thur-Sun, 12-5 p.m.





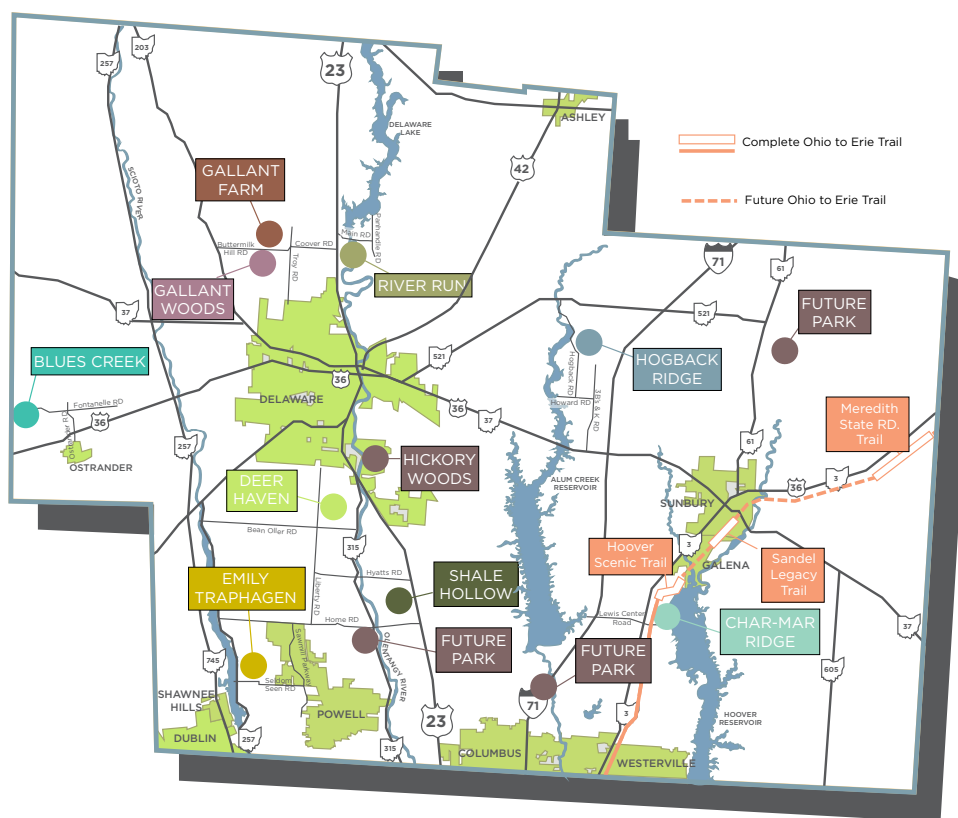
OUR OUTDOOR IS OPEN

While much of nature hibernates through the chilly winter months, there is still plenty of activity with Preservation Parks.

With interactive programs all season long, this winter is sure to be one to remember. Whether it is the crunch of fresh snow beneath your boots or the smell of fresh maple syrup wafting through the farm, a day at the parks offers plenty of experiences that will make you feel right at home.

Enjoy a day sledding at Deer Haven Park and Gallant Woods, a Letterbox Adventure out in the snow, or making homemade sausage around a fire at Gallant Farm. With Preservation Parks, new experiences and new memories are just around the bend, no matter the weather.

While you're out enjoying a hike at Deer Haven Park, be sure to stop in the visitor center to say hello, enjoy a complementary cup of bird-friendly coffee or hot chocolate by the fireplace, and learn about all the excitement happening at Preservation Parks.



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

Hickory Woods Park (HWP)

Future park
Opening soon!

Hogback Ridge Park (HRP)

2656 Hogback Road
Sunbury, 43074

Hoover Scenic Trail (HST)

8405 Plumb Road
Galena, 43021

River Run Park (RRP)

168 Main Road
Delaware, 43015

Sandel Legacy Trail (SLT)

168 S. Vernon St.
Sunbury, 43074

Shale Hollow Park (SHP)

6320 Artesian Run
Lewis Center, 43035



REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND WINTER PROGRAM LIST

HOW TO REGISTER

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

R **\$** There is a fee for this program AND registration is required.

R Registration is required for this free program.

To register for a program, visit preservationparks.com/events, click on the program date and follow the RSVP instructions.

Registration for winter programs opens at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 20.

For more information, call
740.524.8600, ext. 6.

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“There is always an adventure waiting in the woods.”

-Katelyn S. Bolds



YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS

Over the coming year, join Preservation Parks in celebrating the awe-inspiring beauty, serenity and incredible ecology of forests all over the world, including right here in our own backyard.

Fun, interactive summer exhibits, along with theme-related programs, guest speakers and more will showcase the immense importance of forest ecosystems from the tropics to the tundra.



CABIN FEVER CURES

RAILROAD FUN

Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Dec. 14, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 21
Sundays, 12 – 4 p.m.
Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 22

Sandel Legacy Trail (SLT)

168 Vernon St. Sunbury

Stop in at the model railroad display open houses during these winter weekends. Members of the Delaware County Model Railroaders can talk about the history of railroads in America. New members are welcome!

TURTLE TALK

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.
(DHP) All ages

Join us for an up-close experience with our turtles at the Visitor Center. Learn what makes each of them unique and help with feeding.

DROP-IN DISCOVERY: ANIMAL EYES

Saturday, Feb. 1 & Sunday, Feb. 2,
12 – 5 p.m.
(DHP) Free; All ages
Discover how animals see the world through fun activities!

LITTLE ADVENTURERS: WINTER

Tuesday Feb. 4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
(DHP) Ages 0-5 with adult
Bundle up as we discover what the winter season offers with crafts and hands-on activities in an informal setting. Get here early to explore all the program has to offer!
No registration required.



WINTER WONDERLAND LETTERBOX

To prepare for our 2020 theme, “Forests”, a Winter Letterbox will be available at Deer Haven Park in January and February. Stop by the Visitor Center during open hours and grab a mini booklet to start your adventure! Follow the clues to get the stamp and learn about the animals that live in the woods along the way. A little reward will be available at the front desk if you complete the challenge, while supplies last.



CABIN FEVER CURES



LEARN TO CROCHET SERIES

Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28

6 - 7 p.m.

(DHP) Ages 12 +

Learn to crochet in this four-week series. Each week will focus on a different step in the crocheting process and participants can take their work home to practice! Each participant will receive a ball of yarn and crochet hook to keep. Snacks and refreshments will be provided during each class. \$20 per person. Register by Dec. 24.

STOP IN FOR COFFEE

Warm up with us every winter weekend at Deer Haven Park, noon - 5 p.m. We'll have complementary hot chocolate and bird-friendly coffee. Join us!

HOMESCHOOL ADVENTURES: MAMMAL MAYHEM

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Thursday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.

(DHP) Ages 6-12 with adult

Learn about mammals and their amazing winter survival adaptations through games and hands on activities. Register by Jan. 2.

HOMESCHOOL ADVENTURES: WINTER IN THE WOODS

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Thursday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.

(DHP) Ages 6-12 with adult

What happens in a forest in the winter? Where do the animals go? How do the trees survive without leaves? Take a winter woodland hike to answer these questions and ask some of your own! Register by Jan. 30.



SNOW DAY SLEDDING

The sledding hills are open this winter at Gallant Woods Park or Blues Creek Park when the conditions are right for sledding fun.



WARM IN THE WINTER

The 1930s-era Gallant Farm offers programs for all ages, plus a book club that will get you thinking ... and discussing!

GALLANT FARM LITERARY AND COWPIE SOCIETY

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

(GF) ages 14+

Join us each month for a fun and lively discussion of books from the Depression-era or books that feature the period.

Jan. 29

The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West

by David McCullough

Feb. 26

Little Women

by Louisa May Alcott

TOYS OF YESTERYEAR

Thursdays - Sundays, Dec. 1-29

(GF) 12 - 5 p.m.

Come see our collection of vintage toys, enjoy hands-on play with a variety of reproductions of toys from the past, and learn some interesting history in the process.

SNAPSHOTS OF THE FAMILY FARM

Thursday - Sundays, Jan. 4-Mar. 1,

12 - 5 p.m.

(GF) All ages

Come to Gallant Farm during the month of January to see a collection of photos from the 1930s and '40s. If YOU have interesting vintage photos from YOUR family farm, bring a copy and a brief history to accompany it and we can add it to our Gallant Farm photo album.

WINTER EVENING ON THE FARM

Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 - 7 p.m.

(GF) All ages

Join us for old-fashioned winter activities on the farm.

SEED SWAP

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m.

(GF) All ages

Celebrate National Seed Swap Day with the Delaware County Master Gardeners. We will swap heirloom seeds, rhizomes, roots, or tubers and enjoy fun activities. Optional, bring your own seeds to trade.

MAKING SAUSAGE

Saturday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.

(GF) All ages

Learn how to make fresh sausage; then sample the finished product with fresh eggs.

MAPLE SYRUP TIME

Saturday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

(GF) All ages

Join us at Gallant Farm and discover how sap is extracted from maple trees and cooked down into syrup. Weather permitting.





BIRD BONANZA

WINTER BIRD WALK SERIES

Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Dec. 28 (SHP)

Jan. 25 (BCP)

Feb. 29 (HRP)

Ages 7+

Don't miss these exhilarating winter morning bird hikes led by park district staff. All skill levels are welcome, and loaner binoculars will be available.

BONKERS ABOUT BIRDS

Saturday, Feb. 15

Sunday, Feb. 16

Monday, Feb. 17

12 - 5 p.m.

(DHP) All ages

Fly into the Deer Haven Park Visitor Center and celebrate the Great Backyard Bird count with crafts, and other fun activities!

An aviary, in partnership with Ohio Nature Education, is opening at Deer Haven in Spring 2020! Keep an eye out for more information and our opening day event.



Photo by Walter Elsner

DELAWARE COUNTY BIRD CLUB

Mondays, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Program begins at 7 p.m.

(DHP) All ages

Dec. 9

Dr. Richard Bradley

Come learn about the Delaware County Christmas Bird Count which begins Dec. 15.

Jan. 27

The Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative: A Collaborative Approach to Regional Bird Conservation

Matthew Shumar, OBCI Program Coordinator, will discuss OBCI's programs, associated research, and how you can become involved in bird conservation.

Feb. 24

Birding in the Arctic Tundra

Join Ohio State University Senior, Tyler Ficker as he shares experiences birding in the northernmost areas of the United States, Barrow and Nome, Alaska.

BUILD A BLUEBIRD BOX R

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Wednesday, Feb. 19

6:30 - 8 p.m.

(DHP) All ages

Help promote wildlife in your own 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. Register by Feb. 3.



SNOWY STROLLS

GOLDEN MARATHON HIKING SERIES

Presented by Source Point

Mondays, 1:30 p.m.

Adults ages 55+

Dec. 2 (SHP)

Dec. 9 (BCP)

Dec. 16 (HRP)

Dec. 30 (GWP)

Jan. 6 (ETP)

Jan. 13 (Alum Creek State Park)

Jan. 20 (CMRP)

Jan. 27 (Liberty Park)

Feb. 3 (DHP)

Feb. 10 (Blendon Woods Metro Park)

Feb. 17 (BCP)

Feb. 24 (Rocky Fork Metro Park)

Enjoy an approximately two mile walk with other older adults in beautiful parks.

No registration needed.

Walks are cancelled if there is a Level 2 or 3 snow emergency.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE

Wednesday, Jan. 1

10 a.m.

(SHP) All ages

Kick off the new year by joining us for our annual first hike of the year.

Volunteer Len Fisher will lead a healthy and exhilarating hike through the woods and prairies of Shale Hollow Park.

Afterward, warm up with a hot beverage and cookies by the fireplace.

FULL MOON HIKE

Friday Jan. 24

6 - 9 p.m.

(DHP) All ages

Join us for a fun experience exploring the trails under the light of a full moon.

Afterward warm up by the fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate.

OWL PROWL SERIES

Fridays, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13 (GWP)

Jan. 10 (ETP)

Feb. 7 (HRP)

Ages 7+

Join a Naturalist on a night hike as we call for owls and learn how they survive in the darkness!



For registration information and a chronological list of all winter programs, see page 3 in this guide. For expanded program information, visit preservationparks.com. Registration begins at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 20.



WINTER IN

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