

PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

4th Quarter



PARK NEWS:

By: Arista Hartzler

As we approach thanksgiving and the holidays it is time to reflect on our year and all that we are thankful for. The Park District is thankful for many things this year and every year, including this community and all of the support for parks in this county!

Since 2015, the Pickaway County Park District has awarded over \$360,000 to support 57 local park and trail projects here in Pickaway County. The funding for this Grant came when the District passed its first ever tax levy. In November of 2017, the citizens of Pickaway County approved a 10-year levy to support Park District operations and to increase and improve parks and trails throughout the county. To follow through with promises made during the levy campaign, the Park District has set aside \$100,000 of its 2021 appropriations, for the 7th round of park and trail grants. This year we had several notable projects! One award went to Washington Township to put in a restroom at their park, Martha Hitler. You can see a full list of the projects funded this past year by visiting our website. The application period is now open for the 2022 year for the Park and Trail Improvement Grant and we will be giving away another \$90,000 to local parks and trails! To apply visit our website [Here](#).

Curious to learn about more of the Park District's Projects? Visit our website [Here](#). Curious to know more about the events you see listed on the right? Visit our website [Here](#).

EVENTS IN THE PARK:

UPCOMING PARK EVENTS

Fabulous 50 Walk

Nov. 3rd 10am @ Pickaway Trail
Canal Road Trailhead

Fabulous 50 Walk

Dec. 1st 10am @ Canal Park
Canal Road

Fabulous 50 Walk

Jan. 5th 10am @ Ashville
Community Park
140 Park street

Fabulous 50 Walk

Feb. 2nd 10am @ Metzger
Preserve
Williamsport



VOLUNTEERS:

by Arista Hartzler

Another very successful year is coming to a close! So far this year our volunteers have worked over 260 hours at our parks and trails, removing invasive plants, leading education programs, picking up trash and assisting our operations department with tree removal and fence building! Thank you to all of those who put in these hours to make our parks and trails beautiful and our education programs a huge success! if you have not already done so please turn in your hours that you volunteered with the District. You can either email them to Jean Webb at jwebb@pickawaycountyohio.gov or you can log them online by clicking [here](#).

The District would like to gather to celebrate our wonderful volunteers with a volunteer appreciation day! This day is for all current volunteers and future volunteers. We invite you to join us on February 12th from 10:30am till 1:00 pm at a location to be determined for a program by ODNR, lunch and a short update from the District. Please RSVP to Arista Hartzler at ahartzler@pickawaycountyohio.gov by February 1st.

Keep an eye out for future invasive removal events and other activities going on at the park by signing up to be a volunteer on our website. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for our calendar of events.

Below: Volunteers at EE Camp, the Summer Astronomy Program and an invasives species removal at Mary Virginia.



OPPORTUNITYS TO SERVE:

- **Summer Program Assistants and Leaders Needed for 2022**

Interested? Email Arista Hartzler : ahartzler@pickawaycountyohio.gov

- **Looking to Give Back?**

Volunteer with the District! Email Arista Hartzler at ahartzler@pickawaycountyohio.gov for more information

Below: Volunteers helping remove invasive species, on a group hikes

NATURE FACTS:

by Arista Hartzler

Little Brown bats are one of the only true hibernating mammals in Ohio. These bats are true to their name and are only between 2.6-4.3 inches long, weighing only 0.2 to 0.5 ounces. This means that these bats are not even as long as your cellphone and weight less than an empty pop can. With their wings outstretched they are 8.7 to 10.6 inches from wing tip to wing tip. These bat can be hard to identify since many of Ohio's bats are small and brown. It often takes an expert eye to identify them. It was believed that this species was the most common in Ohio before a devastating decline in its population made it an endangered species. Habitat loss and White-Nose Syndrome, a fungus that attacks the bats during hibernation, are the main threats to the survival of the little brown bat. The little brown bats feed on small aquatic insects like caddisflies and mayflies. They are thought to also feed on midges, moths leaf hoppers. During the summer, females form large maternity colonies that can number in the hundreds, while males generally roost alone or in small groups. In the fall the bats mate and in the winter they hibernate in rock crevices and caves. The females undergo delayed fertilization and in the spring, when she wakes she ovulates and the egg is fertilized. Females typically gestate only one offspring for approximately 6-9 weeks. The young are born from late May to early July and are weaned and ready to fly 4-6 weeks later.



Above: Little Brown Bat From ONDR's Website

IMPORTANT DATES:

November Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 23rd

When: 12:00 pm

Where: Ankrom Building

December Board Meeting

TBD

When: 12:00 pm

Where: Ankrom Building

January Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 25th

When: 12:00 pm

Where: Ankrom Building

Below: Little Brown Bat From ONDR's Website





FEATURED PARK: LOGAN ELM STATE MEMORIAL PARK

by Arista Hartzler

Logan Elm State Memorial Park was established in 1912 in memory of Chief Logan; first of the Cayuga Tribe and later of the Mingo Tribe. He was said to have delivered an eloquent speech, called Logan's Lament. This speech was on the relations between American Indians and early Ohio settlers in 1774. The speech was delivered in the area known then as the Pickaway Plains under a massive elm tree that died in 1964. A plaque has been set to mark its former location and can be found at the park today.

The park has a number of historical monuments and plaques related to that time and history and can be seen as you walk through the park. This park has one shelter and numerous picnic tables for picnics and enjoyment. There are no restrooms. Pets are welcome. Please carry out all trash, there are no trash receptacles at this park. Hours of enjoyment are from dawn till dusk.

Learn more [here](#).

QUICK FACTS:

Owner: Ohio History Connection

Location: OH 361, Circleville, OH 43113

Contact: 7404205451

