

PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

2nd Quarter



PARK NEWS:

By: Arista Hartzler

Have you signed up your kids or grandkids for the new Jr, Conservationist Program yet? There is still time to sign up for this fun, do-it yourself nature camp! Register on our website and complete the required number of activities from each topic category, and earn a free hat and pin! Learn more [HERE](#).

Don't forget the deadline to submit your entries for the 2021 Photo Contest is April 4th, 2021, The contest categories' are **wildlife, beautiful scenery, people enjoying parks** and **PCPD Park/Trail**. This photos contest is for all ages and skill levels! All photos must be taken in Pickaway County and only the categories **people enjoying parks** and **PCPD Park/Trail** to the photos need to be taken at a Park District owned or managed Locations. All other Pickaway County photos can be submitted under the **wildlife**, and **beautiful scenery** categories. Prizes will be award to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category as well as a "People's Choice" award. Details on the Contests and how to enter can be found [Here](#).

Curious what else the District is up too? Visit our website for more updates [Here](#).

EVENTS IN THE PARK: (CLICK EVENT TO LEARN MORE)

Flying Flowers: The Colorful World of Birds

May 1st 9:00am @Canal Park

Fabulous 50 Walk

Wed May 5th 9:00 am @ Roundtown Trail (YMCA Side)

Wed June 2nd 9:00am @ Metzger Preserve

Spring Peepers : The Backyard Band

May 22nd, 10:00am @Canal Park

Hiking 101

May 29th , 11:00 am @Canal Park

Logan Elm History

June 5th ,10:00 am @Logan Elm Sate Memorial Park

Dragonflies and Damselflies

June 12th, 10:00 @Canal Park

A Dandelion's Travels

June 19th, 10:00 @Canal Park



VOLUNTEERS:

by Arista Hartzler

Volunteers are the backbone of the Pickaway County Park District and play an intricate part in providing excellent outdoor recreational opportunities for all Pickaway County residents! Our volunteers are already in full swing this year and are leading education programs, assisting with programs, cleaning invasive species out of our parks, picking up trash, creating programs for the youth and adults in our county and so much more!

If you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a volunteer visit our website [HERE](#) or contact Arista Hartzler at ahartzler@pickawaycountyohio.gov. Interested in one of our upcoming events to the right? Contact Arista at the email above to learn how to get involved and to keep up on event details/cancellations.

Below: Storytime in the Park Presented by the Pickaway County Library at Canal Park



OPPORTUNITYS TO SERVE:

- **Richards River Trail Mulching**
 - Wed. April 14th, 10:00am
 - Rain Date - April 21st 10:00am
- **Mulching and planting Canal Park Sign**
 - Tuesday May 18th ,10:00am
- **Mulching and Planting Sign at Metzger Preserve**
 - May TBD at time TBD
- **County Fair table**
 - Saturday June 19th -26th, 10:00-4:00 (Staffing Display Table)
- **MVCH Woodland Invasive Removal**
 - Monday June 7th, 2:00pm @Starkey Pavilion
- **MVCH Prairie Invasive Removal**
 - Monday June 14th, 4:00pm @Starkey Pavilion
- **Canal Park Pollinator Patch Invasive Removal**
 - Wed June 16th, 10:00am
 - Rain date June 23rd at 10:00am



Above: The Park District's Display at the Pickaway County Fair in 2019

Below: Jim Osborn Volunteer Naturallist and Board Member Susan Metzger



NATURE FACTS:

by Arista Hartzler

There are 11 species of frogs found in Ohio! Today's featured frog is the gray tree frog. There are two species of grey tree frogs the Cope's gray tree frog (*Hyla chrysoscelis*) and eastern gray tree frog (*H. versicolor*). The gray treefrog changes colors-from gray-green to a light pearl-gray, depending on background. One of the best camouflaged of all frogs, Gray treefrogs can blend in so well with a tree that even a careful observer has trouble spotting it.

Frogs are amphibians, they have moist skin and are associated with water. There are two groups of amphibians, frogs and toads who have not tails and salamanders who do have tails. They are indicators of a clean water environment, so enjoy their songs as a small proof of a cleaner world.



Above: Gray tree Frog from ODNR Website

Below is a photo from our "Prairie Exploration: Field Ecology Walk" program from this past summer,

IMPORTANT DATES:

Next Board Meetings

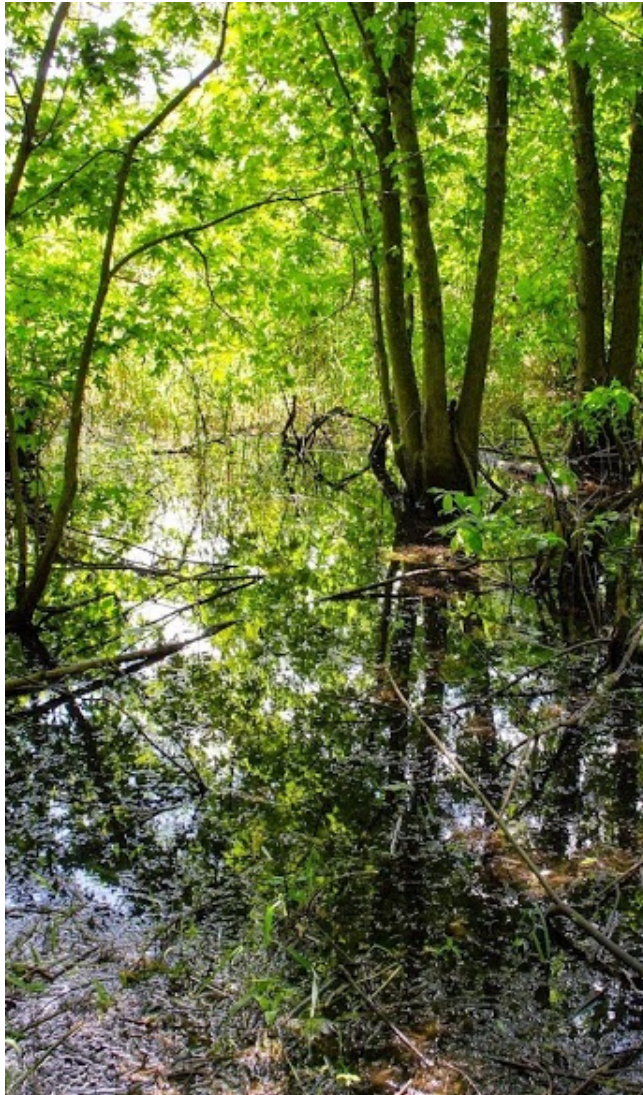
April Tues 27th When: 12:00 pm Where: Zoom

May Tues 25th, When: 12:00 pm Where: TBD

June Tues 22nd, When: 12:00 pm Where: TBD

See our Website [HERE](#) for more information and to register





Above: View from the board walk looking down into the swamp.

Below: Calamus Swamp's board walk that offers spectacular birding opportunities!

FEATURED PARK: CALAMUS SWAMP

by Arista Hartzler

This month's featured park is Calamus Swamp. Calamus Swamp features beautiful trails and a boardwalk through a 19-acre kettle pond. This pond formed at the end of the last Ice Age when a chunk of ice separated from the glacial front and slowly melted. Most of Ohio's kettle holes have disappeared from the landscape, due to ecological succession or drainage for development, especially agriculture and peat harvesting.

Calamus Swamp is owned and managed by the Columbus Audubon and is an excellent site for bird watchers. The parking lot is also the S.R. 104 trailhead to the Park District's Pickaway Trail. To access the bike path you can take the board walk through the swamp to the paved trail. To see more click [Here](#)

QUICK FACTS:

Calamus Swamp

Owner: Columbus Audubon

Location: 9 ST. RT. 104

Circleville Ohio, 43113

Contact: 614-545-5475

Website: <http://www.columbusaudubon.org>

