

PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT



2019
YEAR IN
REVIEW

*Park District's Mission:
To Create, Preserve and Manage a System of Parks,
Trails and Natural Areas for Outdoor Recreation.*

Pickaway County Parks and Trails

Parks

Canal Park
Metzger Preserve
Logan Elm Park

Trails

Roundtown Trail
Pickaway Trail
Towpath Trail
Wetland Trail
Richards River Trail

COMING SOON:

Playground Equipment at Canal Park
First Phase Paving For Pickaway Trail
Bridge Planning for Scioto River and Canal

New Employee

Brian Carter
Operations Manager

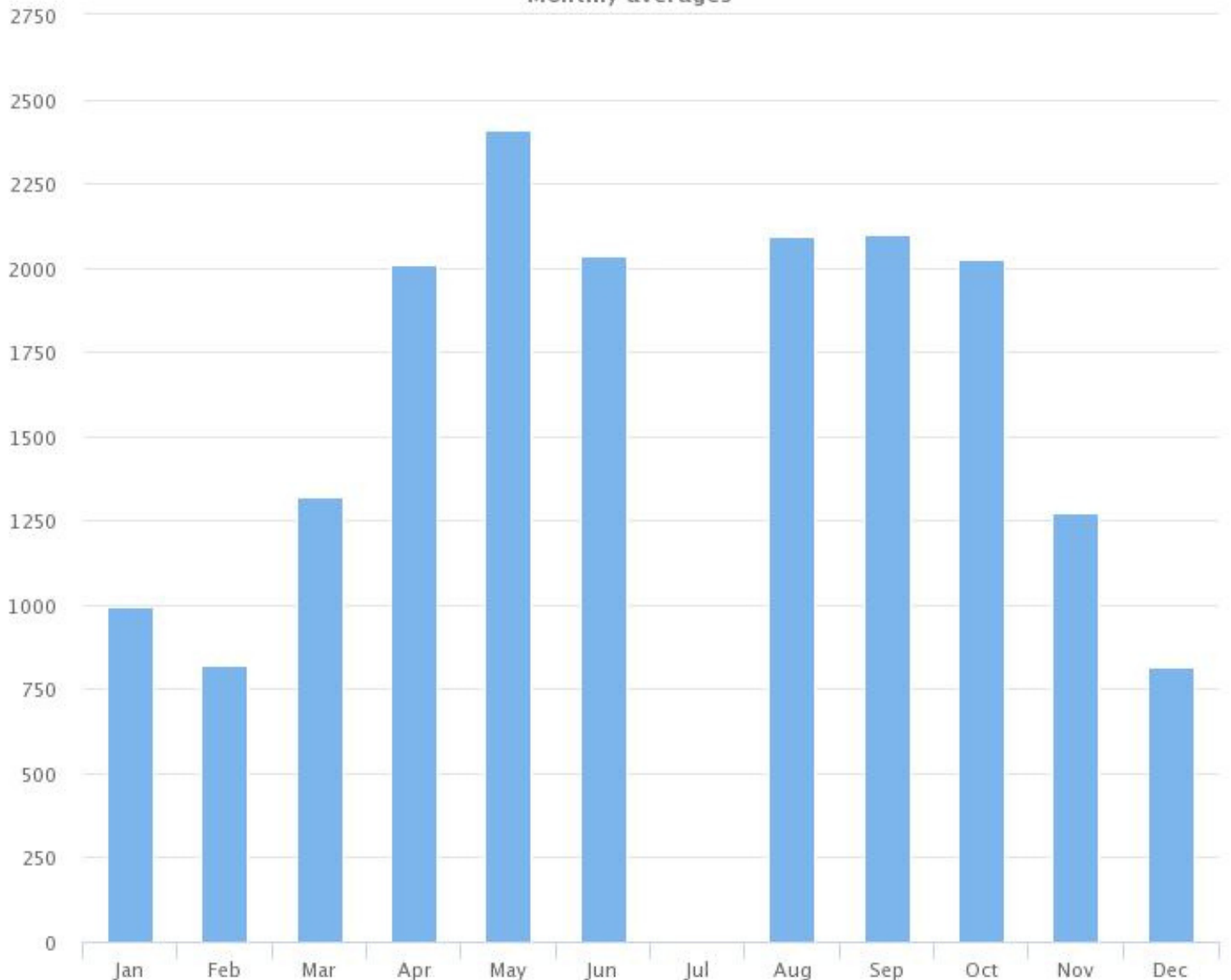


Canal Park Visitors

Months of the year

2019-01-01 to 2019-12-05

Monthly averages



Site Name	Average	Median	STDV	Min	Max
Canal Park (AD)	1,625.9	2,008.8	559.8	816.3	2,407.3

(A) = adjustment applied

(D) = divide by 2 applied

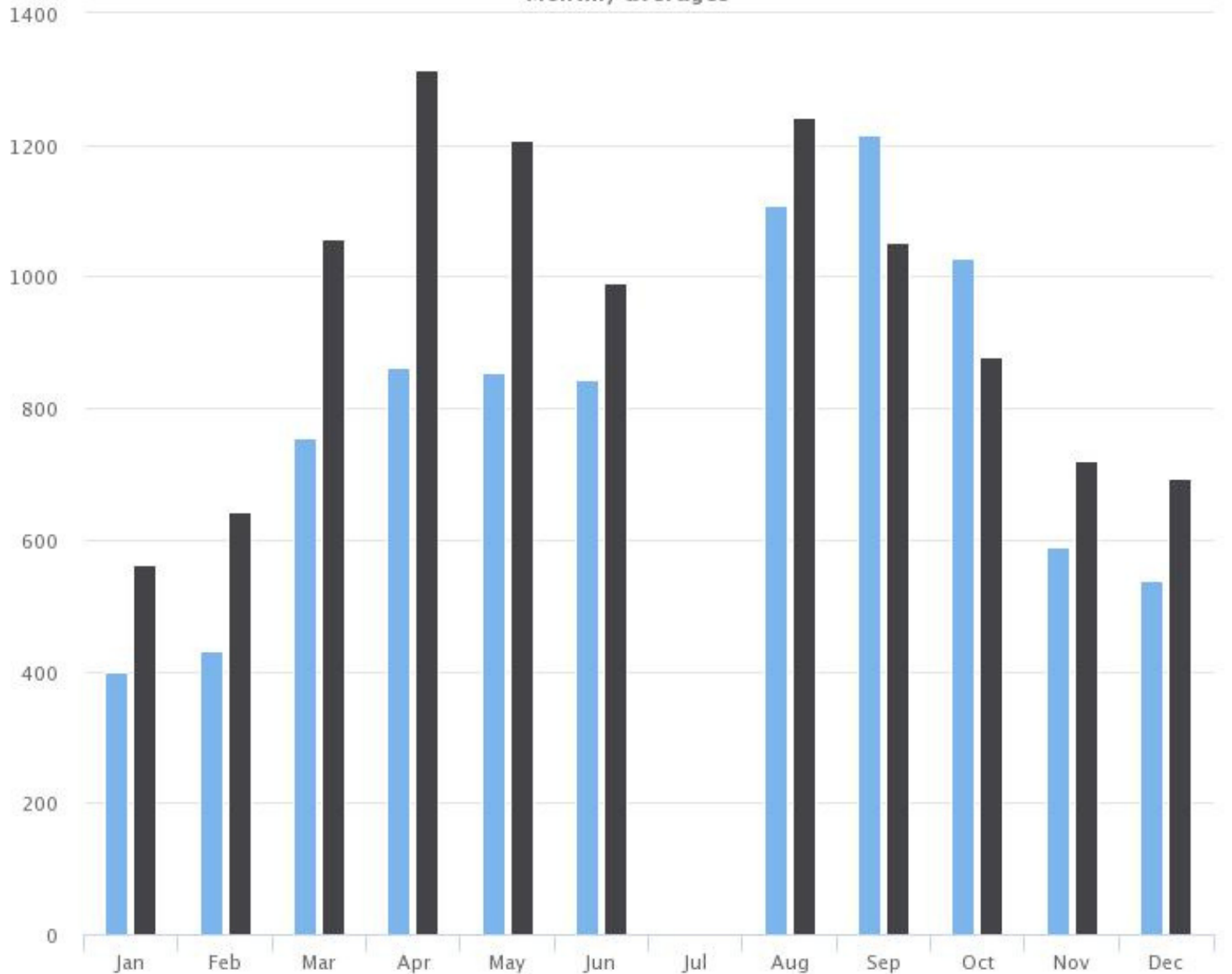
Average Daily Traffic of 56 Visitors
20,182 visitors to the park this year

Roundtown Trail Visitors

Months of the year

2019-01-01 to 2019-12-05

Monthly averages



Site Name	Average	Median	STDV	Min	Max
Roundtown Trail OCU (D)	783.9	843.8	259.3	398.7	1,216.6
Roundtown Trail YMCA (D)	941.6	990.0	248.0	562.3	1,314.4

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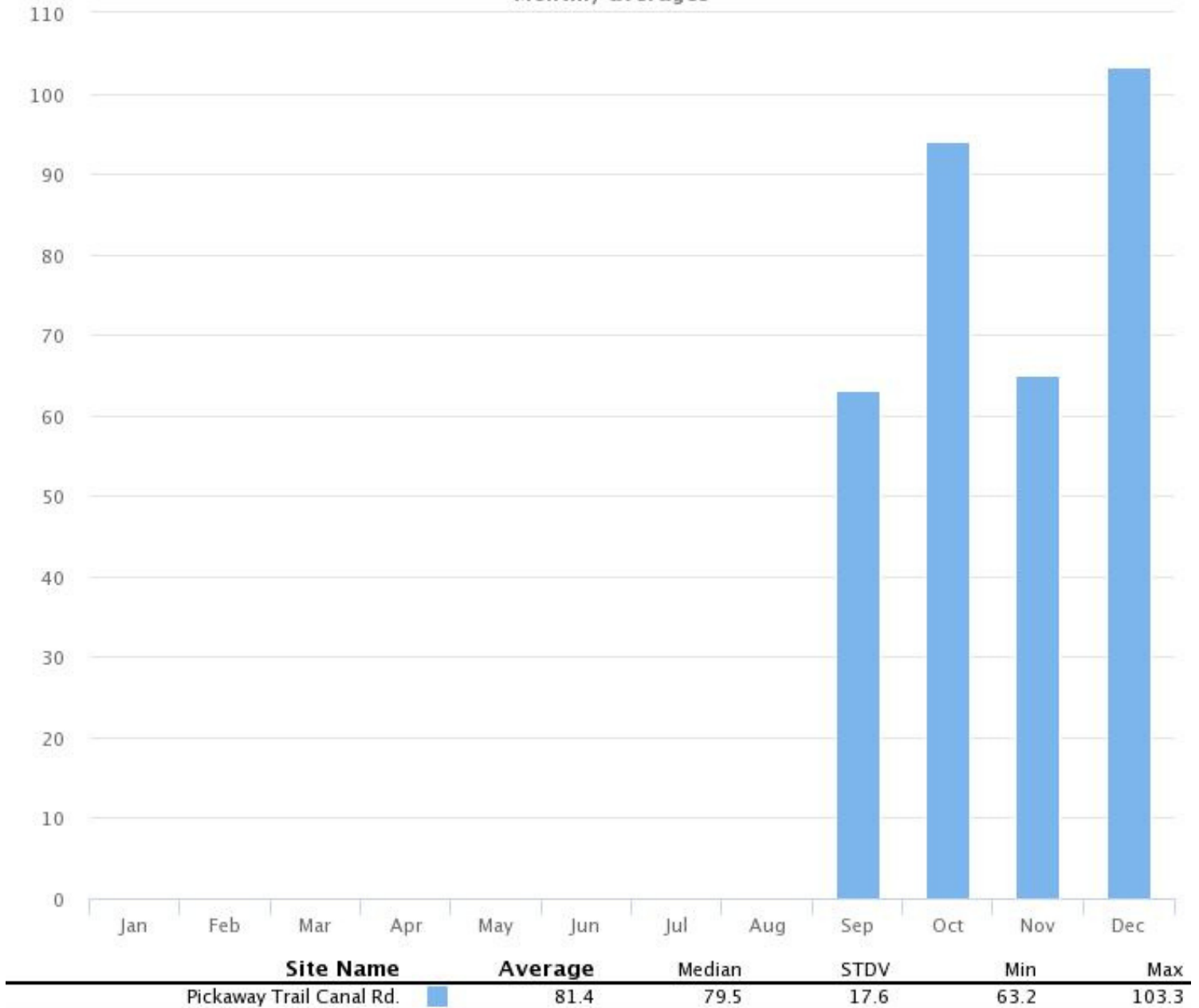
Average Daily Traffic of 57 Visitors
20,895 visitors to the trail this year

Pickaway Trail Visitors

Months of the year

2019-09-10 to 2019-12-05

Monthly averages



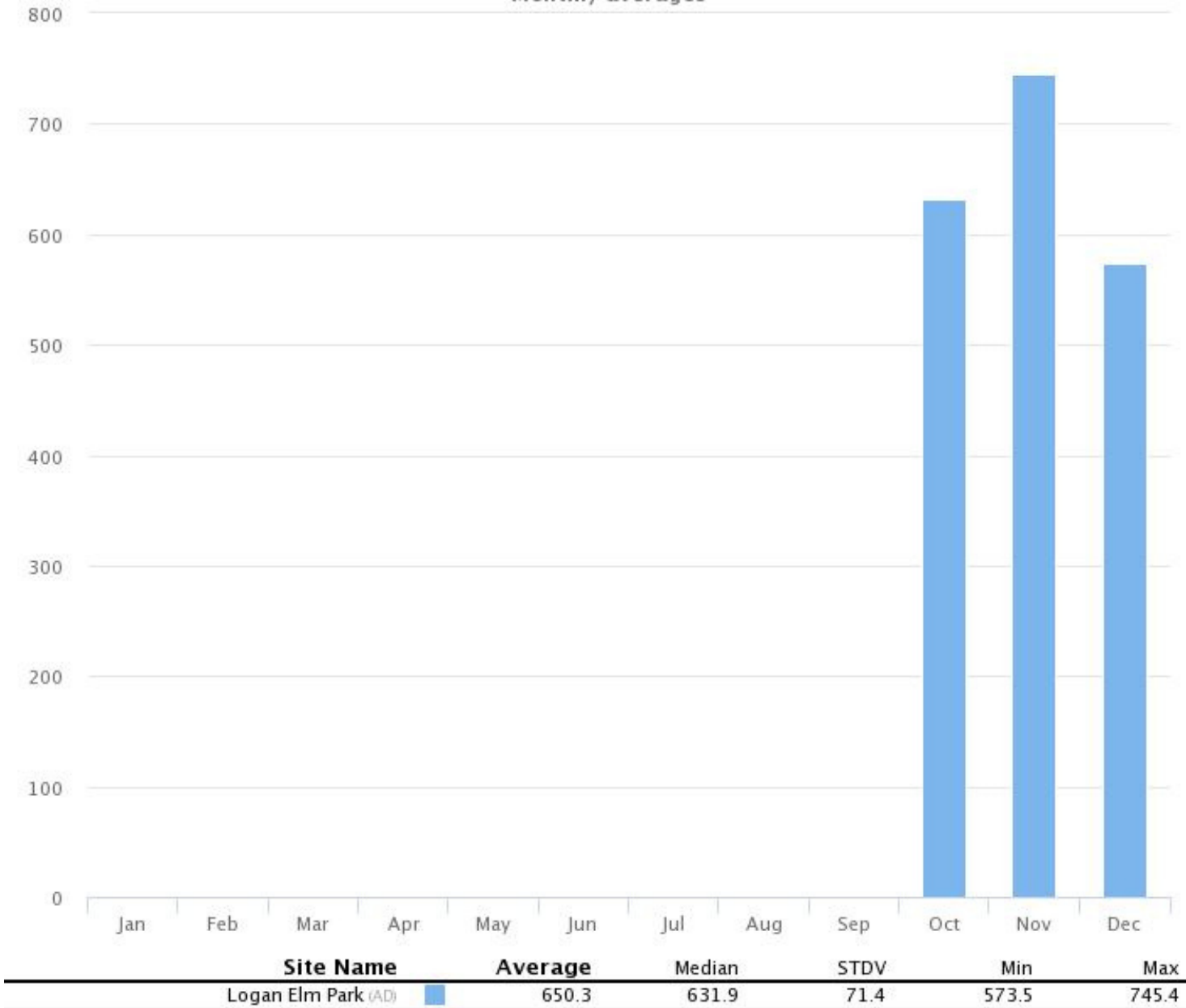
Average Daily Traffic of 3 Visitors
917 visitors to the trail this year

Logan Elm Park Visitors

Months of the year

2019-09-23 to 2019-12-05

Monthly averages



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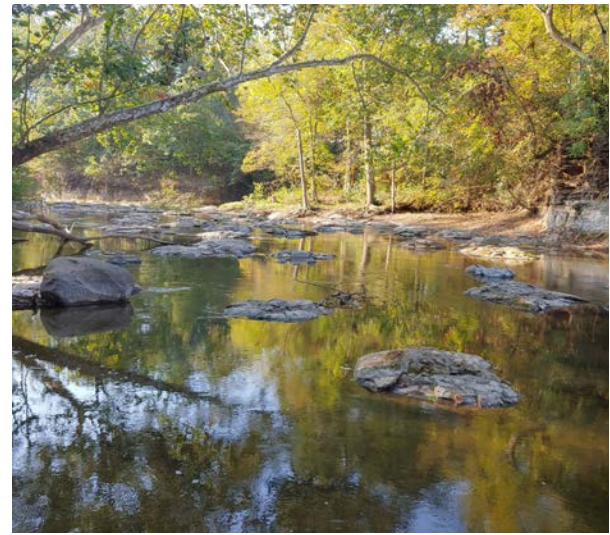
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Average Daily Traffic of 23 Visitors
8,440 visitors to the park this year

Projects

Metzger Preserve

The Park District received \$300,000 from a Clean Ohio Green Space Grant and purchased 52 acres just south of Ballard Park in Williamsport. This park doubles the District's parks and now has open access to Deer Creek for kayaking and canoeing as well as viewing of the unique geological features called concretions! There is a wooded walking path along Deer Creek and a short path along the border of Metzger Preserve and Ballard Park



Park Improvement Grant

The Park District gave out \$125,000 for 10 projects! Entities chose from a large grant that capped at \$25,000 or a mini grant that capped at \$5,000. The larger grant amounts made it possible for some communities to do some large projects! These grants help local communities, townships, and non-profits create and improve parks and trails throughout Pickaway County.



Village of Williamsport received a grant this year to build a new shelter house at Ballard Park



Scioto Township received a grant this year to build a new Playground at Orient Park



2019 Grant Projects

Roundtown Trail Improvements!

The Park District now has a shelter house on both sides of the Roundtown Trail at Ohio Christian University and at the YMCA!

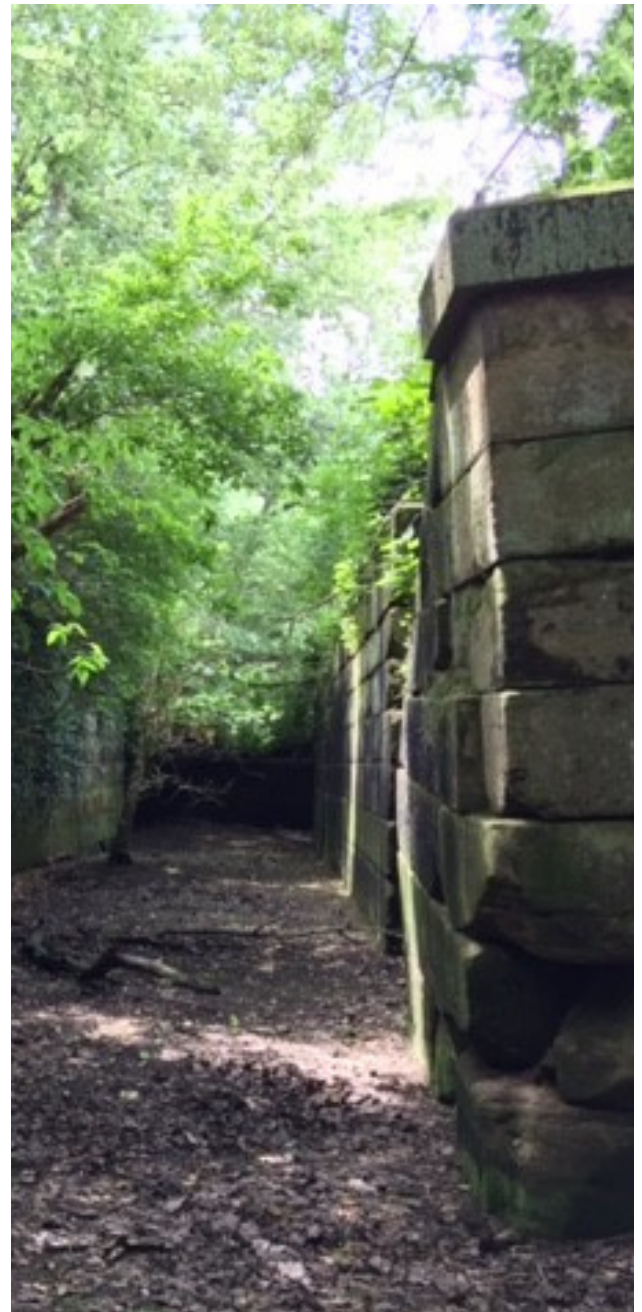
Also, there is now designated trail parking on the OCU side of the trail!





Public Education and Awareness Award

After the District and other entities got fourteen Ohio & Erie Canal features on the National Historical Registry, the Ohio History Connection honored this group with a Preservation Award! We are working with the landowners to purchase or lease Lock 31, one of the features on the National Historical Registry, to allow public access to view the historic Ohio-Erie Canal lock.





Canal Park

New trail signs have been added to all trails at Canal Park! A playground (with the help from Washington Elementary School), pollinator areas, and new bridges are being designed and planned! The District will be going after Clean Ohio Trail Funds and Capital monies for Bridge projects over the Scioto River and the Ohio-Erie Canal.



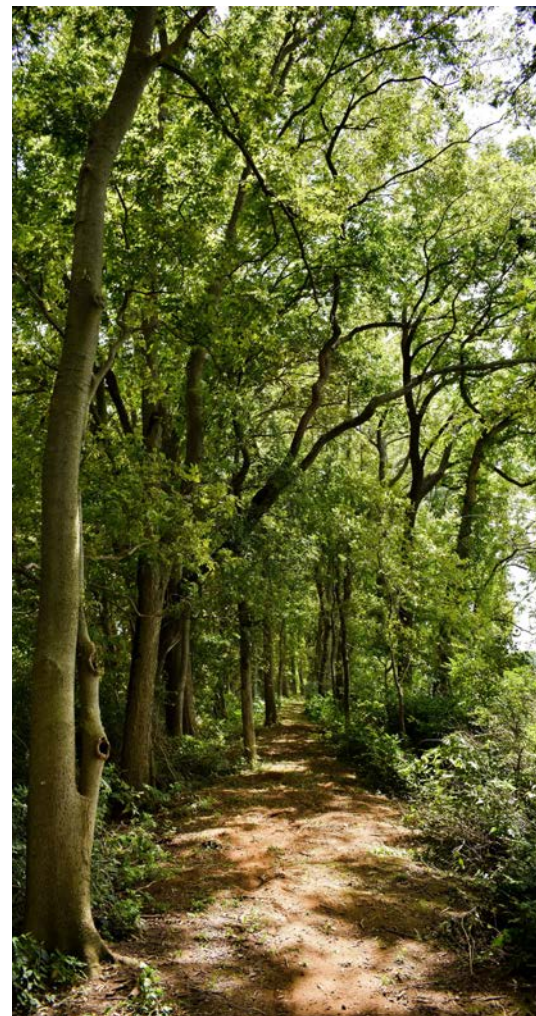


Richards River Trail Opening

A New Trail has been created at
Canal Park!

Bill Richards graciously gave
the District a 2.5 mile easement
along the top of his farms dike
for a new walking trail!

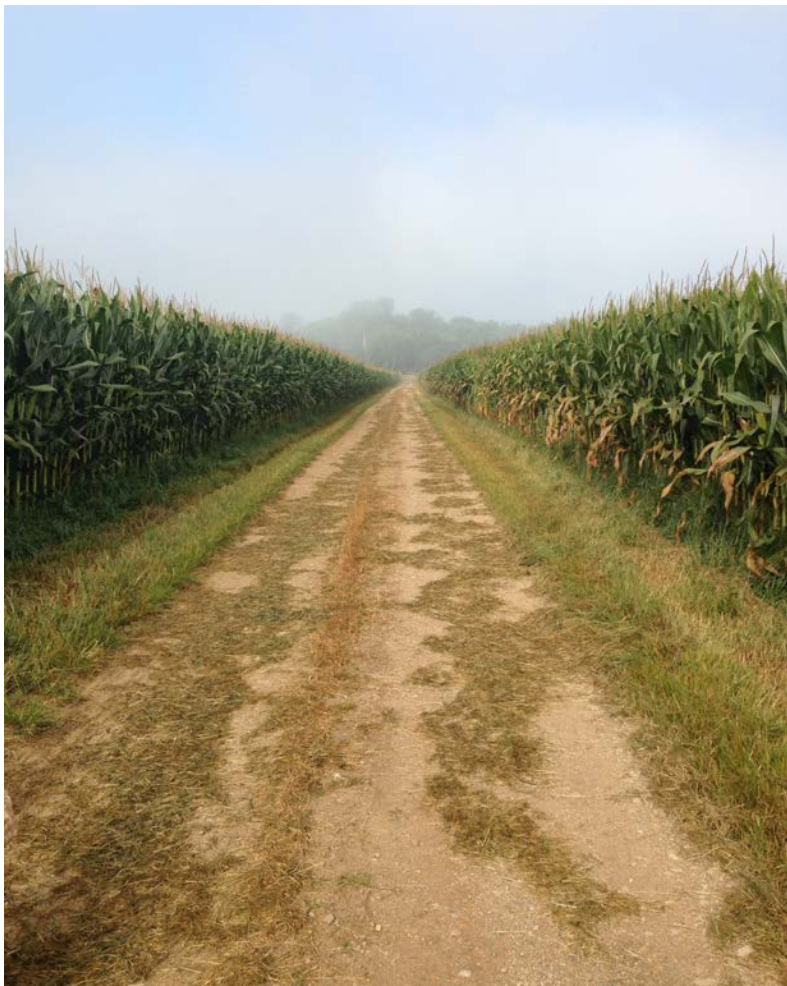
This trail adds a 5 mile loop to
the park and gives beautiful
views of the river and it's
wildlife!





Paving Starting on Pickaway Trail

The Park District has been working with a government service group, IAP, to contract to begin the paving of the Pickaway Trail early in 2020.



New Sign At Canal Park

The Park District installed a new sign at Canal Park and District Volunteers helped beautify and now maintain the sign and the park!





Equipment Purchases

The District has purchased a second vehicle for administrative use, a JD utility tractor and a stump grinder attachment for the Ventrac.

These new purchases have allowed the District to do many of our own projects and better maintain our facilities.

Education & Outreach

Total Attendance for all programs and
outreach events in 2019: 1,232 People

Summer Programs Numbers

Total Attendance: 181 People
Average Per Program : 15 People

Storytime in the Park Numbers

Total Attendance: 105 People
Average Per Program : 30 People

Other Programs/ Outreach Numbers

Total Attendance: 956 People



Summer Programs

Park District offered seven Summer Programs from April to August this past year.

These Saturday education programs were on various topics and held at Canal Park and Metzger Preserve.



Storytime In The Park

Park District offered six Storytimes in the Park. These Programs were done in cooperation with the Pickaway County Library.





Friday in the Park

Friday in the Park is a free event for Children pre-k to 5th grade and was held on the 13th of July at Mary Virginia Crite Hannan Park. RPHF Solid Waste, OSU Extension and Soil and Water also attended and had crafts and lessons for the kids. The District played Nature Bingo with the kids and talked about the Leave-No-Trace principles.





2019 Pickaway County Fair

The Park District shared a booth with the RPHF Solid Waste District and gave out flyers about our parks, maps of the park locations, surveys and displayed general District information. The District borrowed the Mammal Trunk from ODNR and displayed furs, skulls and tracks for visitors to touch and see!



Canal Days

Approximately 400 People Visited Canal Park on the 26th of September for our annual Canal Days! People enjoyed live music, food trucks, craft vendors, nature and historic displays, a cornhole tournament and live chainsawing!





Experience Earth Camp

The District joined Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District at their EE Camp in July to lead the kids in assembling and decorating bluebird boxes, that were pre-constructed by our own Brian Carter.



Composting Presentation

The Park District joined with the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, Fayette County Solid Waste District to provide a composting program at the Pike County Fairgrounds.

The group of adults learned about composting, how to have a successful compost pile and different ways to compost.



Southern Point Craft Bazaar

The Park District set up an informational table at Southern Point's first annual Craft Bazaar.

Residents learned about parks and trails in the County and kids were able to play a matching game and make nature crowns.





Pickaway Elementary Earth Day

The Park District joined with the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, Fayette County Solid Waste District to provide an Earth Day program for Pickaway Elementary School

The students learned about plant life cycles and what was recyclable while planting their own Chia Pets in re-purposed plastic bottles.

Whats Coming Next?

- Paving Phase One of the Pickaway Trail
- Continued clearing on the Pickaway Trail
- Playground Equipment and Natural Play Areas at Canal Park with the help from Mrs. Tootle's Washington Elementary 4th Grader's
- Development of new pollinator areas at Canal Park
- New park sign at Metzger Preserve and fencing
- State Capital Budget request for funds to build a bridge over the Scioto River
- Clean Ohio Trails Grant Application for a Bridge over the Ohio-Erie Canal
- Land And Water Grant application to purchase adjacent land to Canal Park
- Work and possible grants to create Canoe/Kayak Access on the Scioto River and Darby Creek
- Work and possible grants to restore and purchase Lock 31

