

PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT



2022
YEAR IN
REVIEW

*Park District's Mission:
To provide fun, healthy, and accessible natural green
spaces and supporting activities.*

Pickaway County Parks and Trails

Parks

Canal Park
Metzger Preserve
Logan Elm Park
Big Darby Creek Access
(Scioto Darby Road)
Calamus Swamp
Cooks Creek

Trails

Roundtown Trail
Pickaway Trail
Towpath Trail
Wetland Trail
Richards River Trail
Indian Rock Trail
Prairie Loop Trail

COMING SOON:

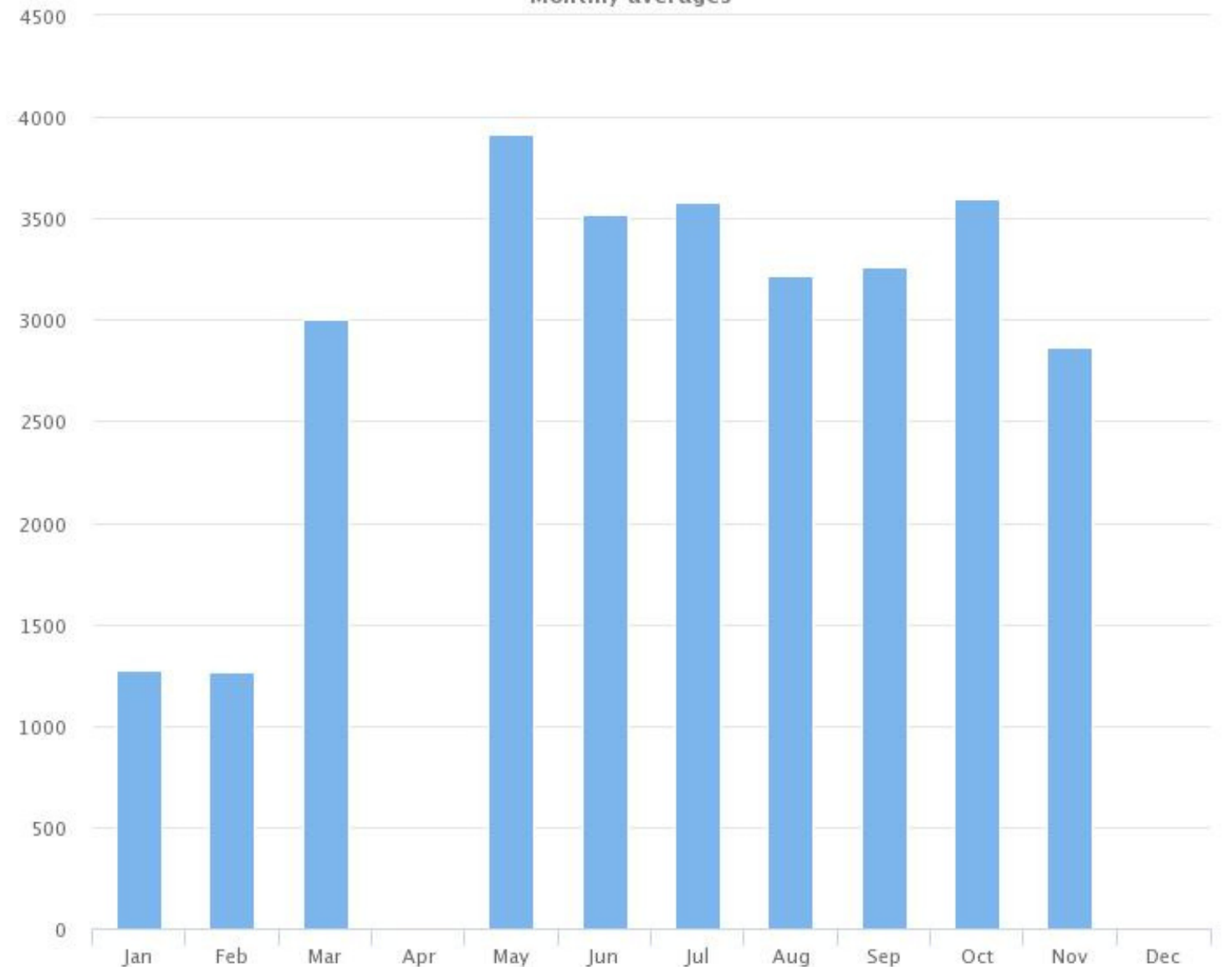
Playground Equipment at Canal Park
Bridge Planning for Scioto River and Canal
Canoe/Kayak Access into the Big Darby
Master plans for Cooks Creek

Canal Park Visitors

Months of the year

2022-01-01 to 2022-12-01

Monthly averages



Site Name	Average	Median	STDV	Min	Max
Canal Park (AD)	2,950.4	3,240.7	888.1	1,268.0	3,913.8

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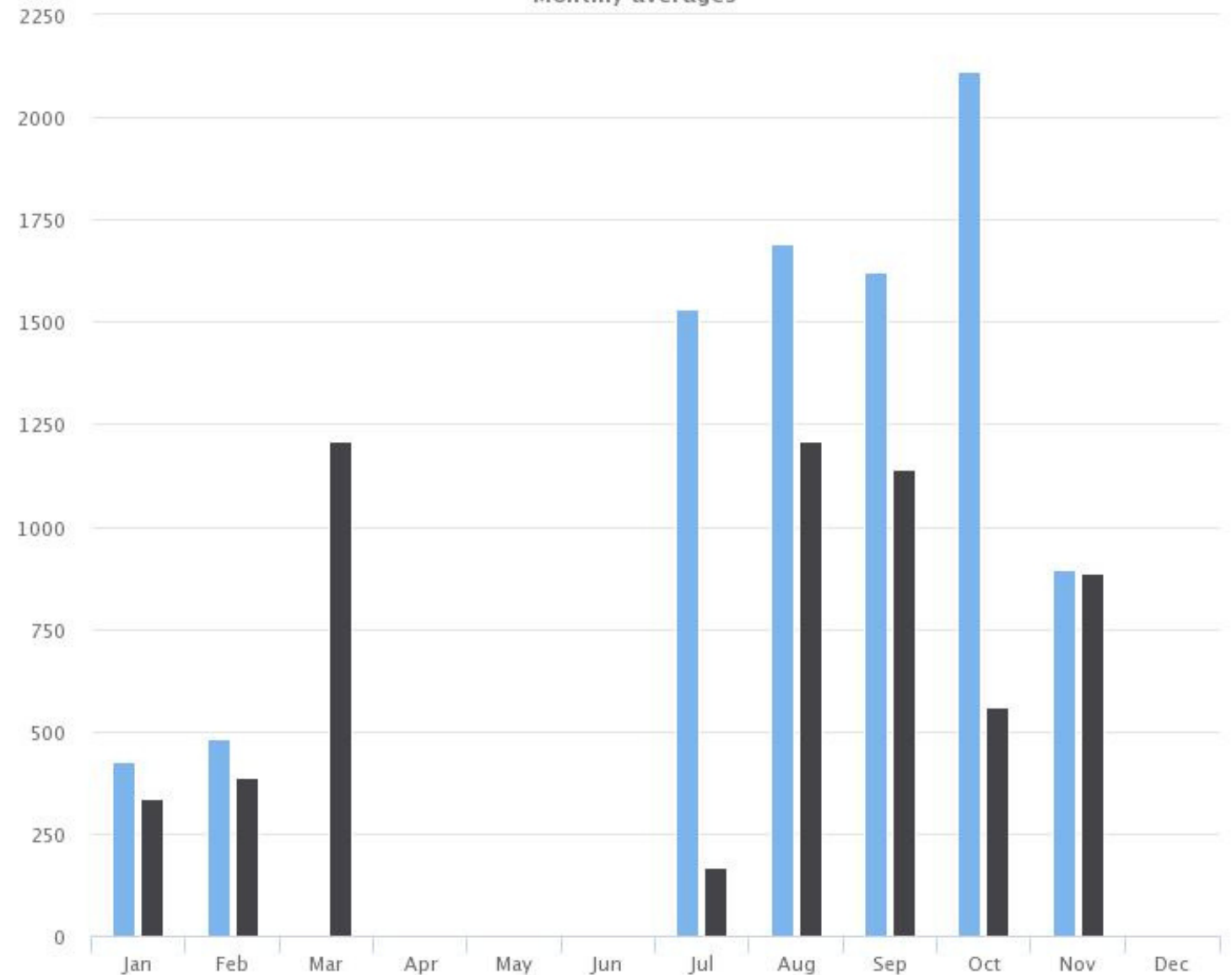
Average Daily Traffic of 87 visitors 2022
31,833 visitors in 2022 (up from 30,678 in 2021)

Roundtown Trail Visitors

Months of the year

2022-01-01 to 2022-12-03

Monthly averages



Site Name		Average	Median	STDV	Min	Max
Roundtown Trail OCU (D)	<div></div>	1,251.0	1,531.9	603.3	425.0	2,111.0
Roundtown Trail YMCA (D)	<div></div>	737.4	722.5	398.2	169.3	1,210.0

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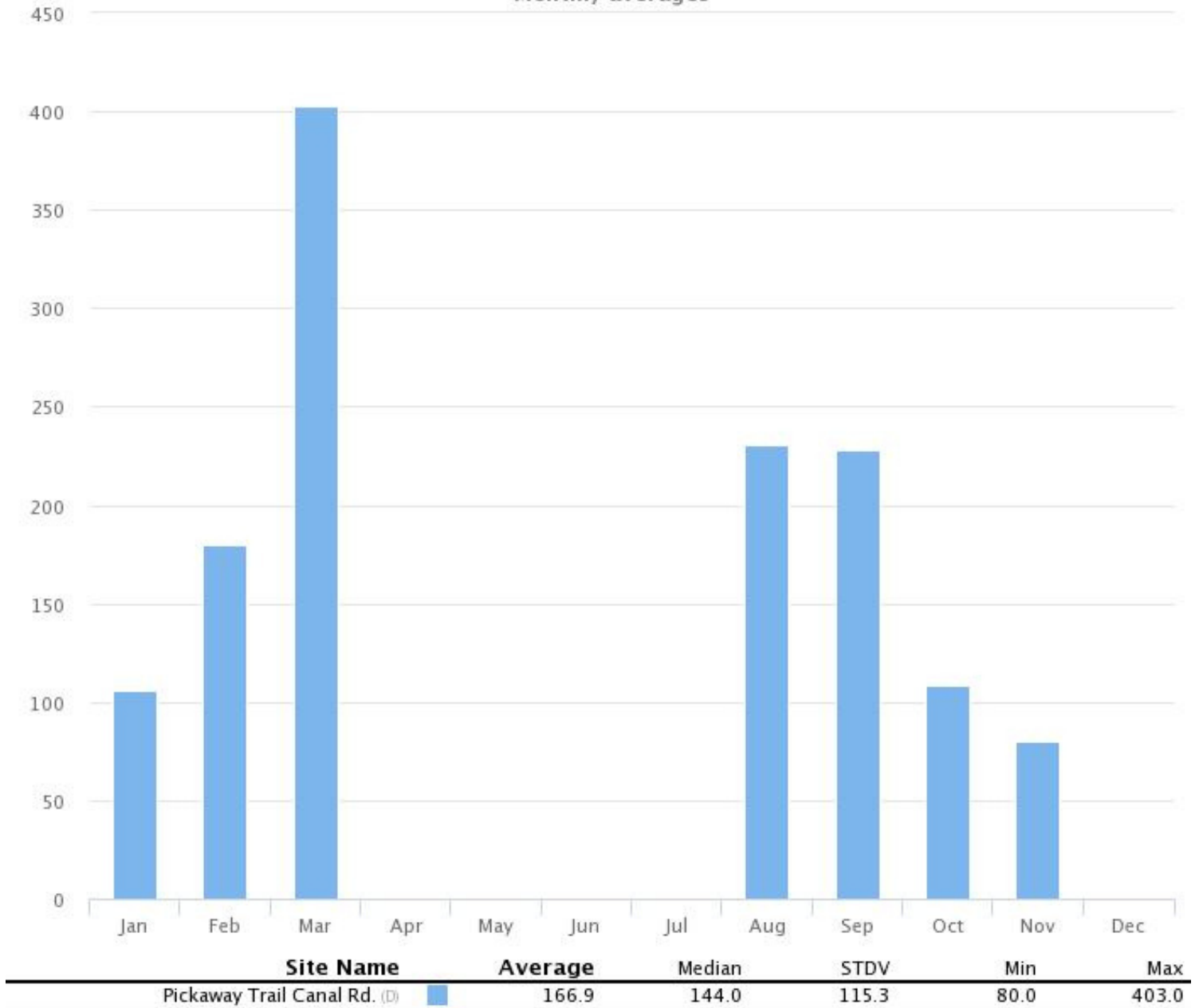
Average Daily Traffic of 64 Visitors
23,486 visitors in 2022 (18,910 visitors in 2021)

Pickaway Trail Visitors

Months of the year

2022-01-01 to 2022-12-02

Monthly averages



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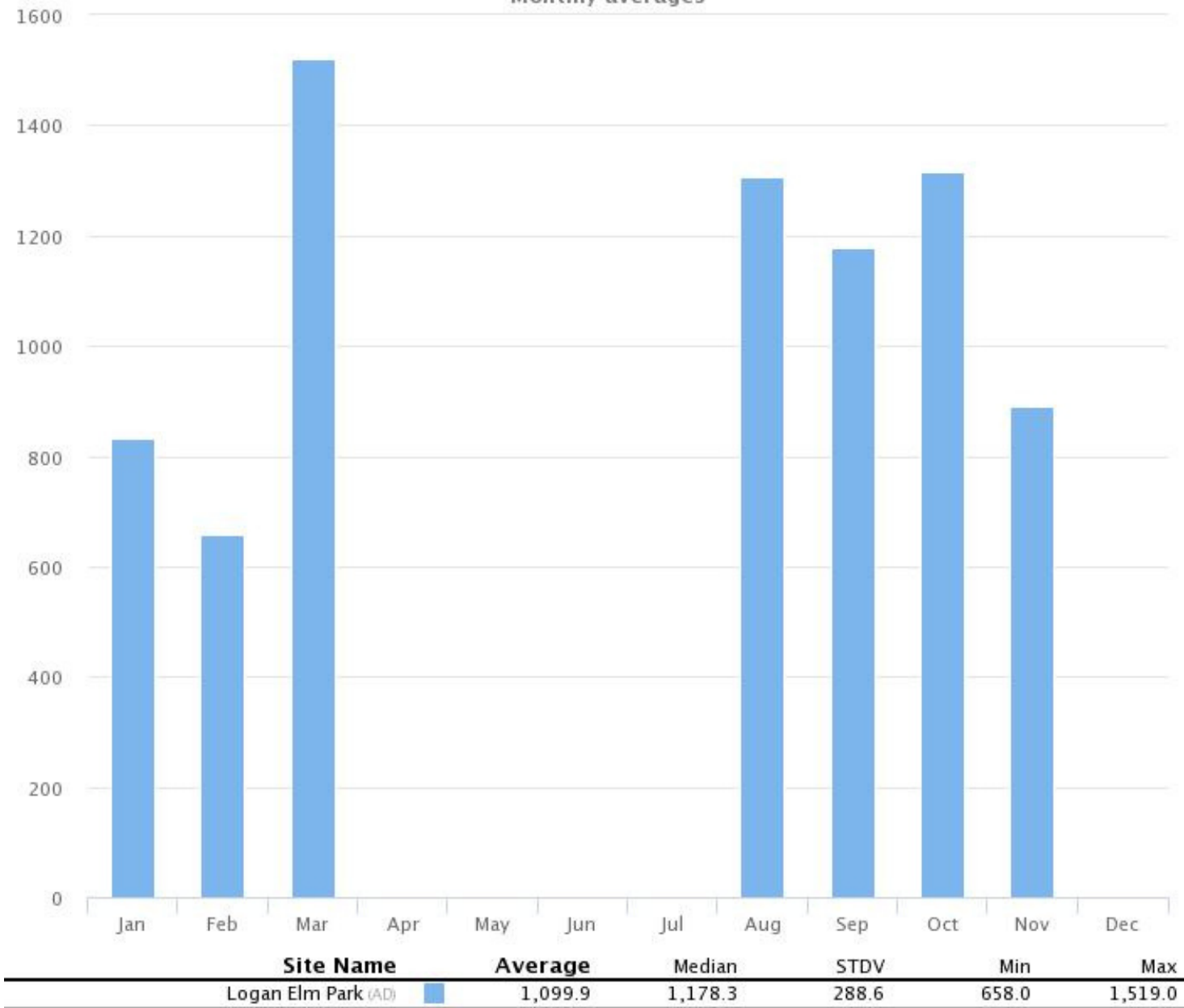
Average Daily Traffic of 5 Visitors
1,765 visitors in 2022 (2,077 in 2021)

Logan Elm Park Visitors

Months of the year

2022-01-01 to 2022-12-03

Monthly averages

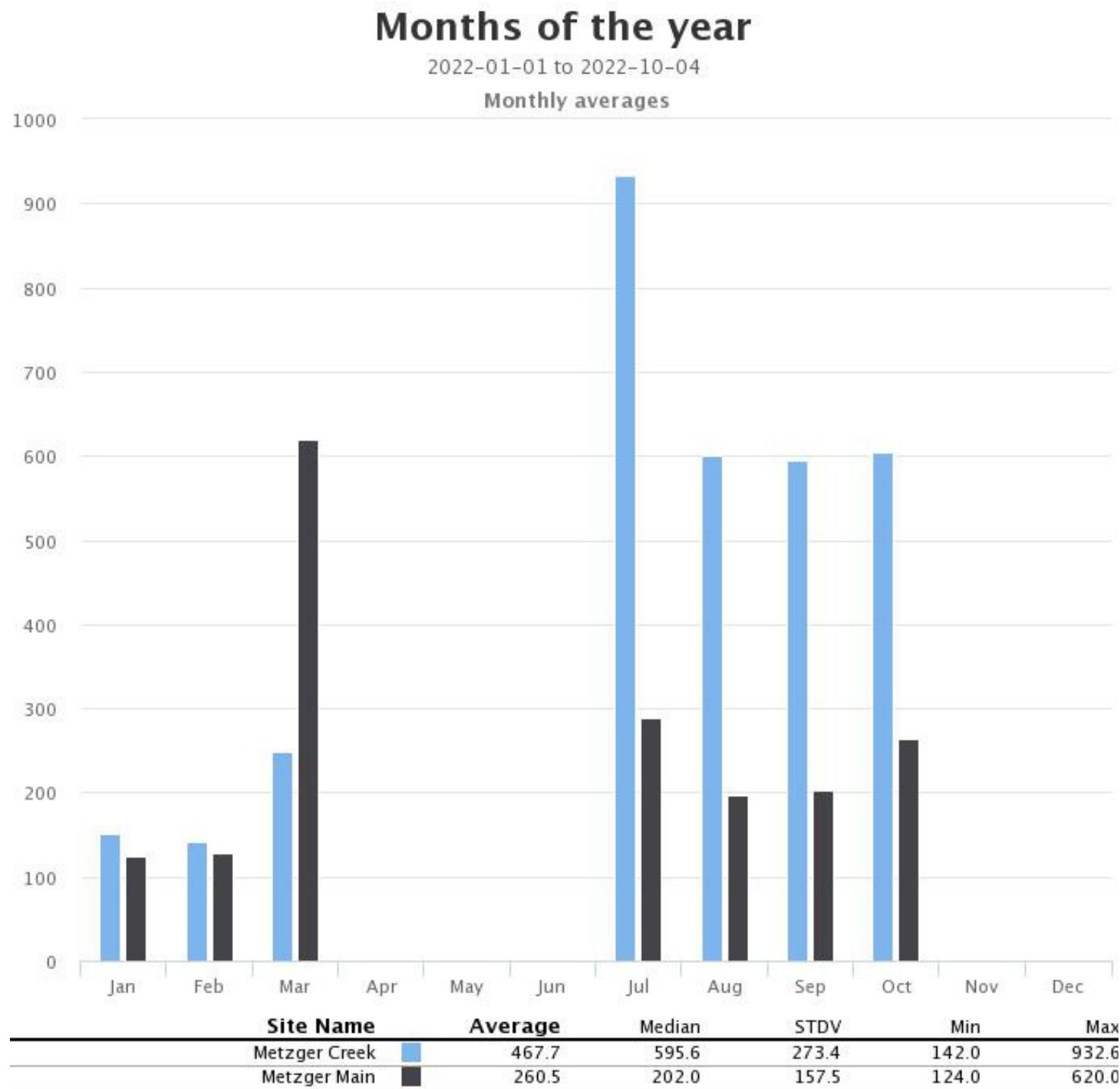


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Average Daily Traffic of 34 Visitors
12,400 visitors in 2022 (down from 15,445 in 2021)

Metzger Preserve Visitors



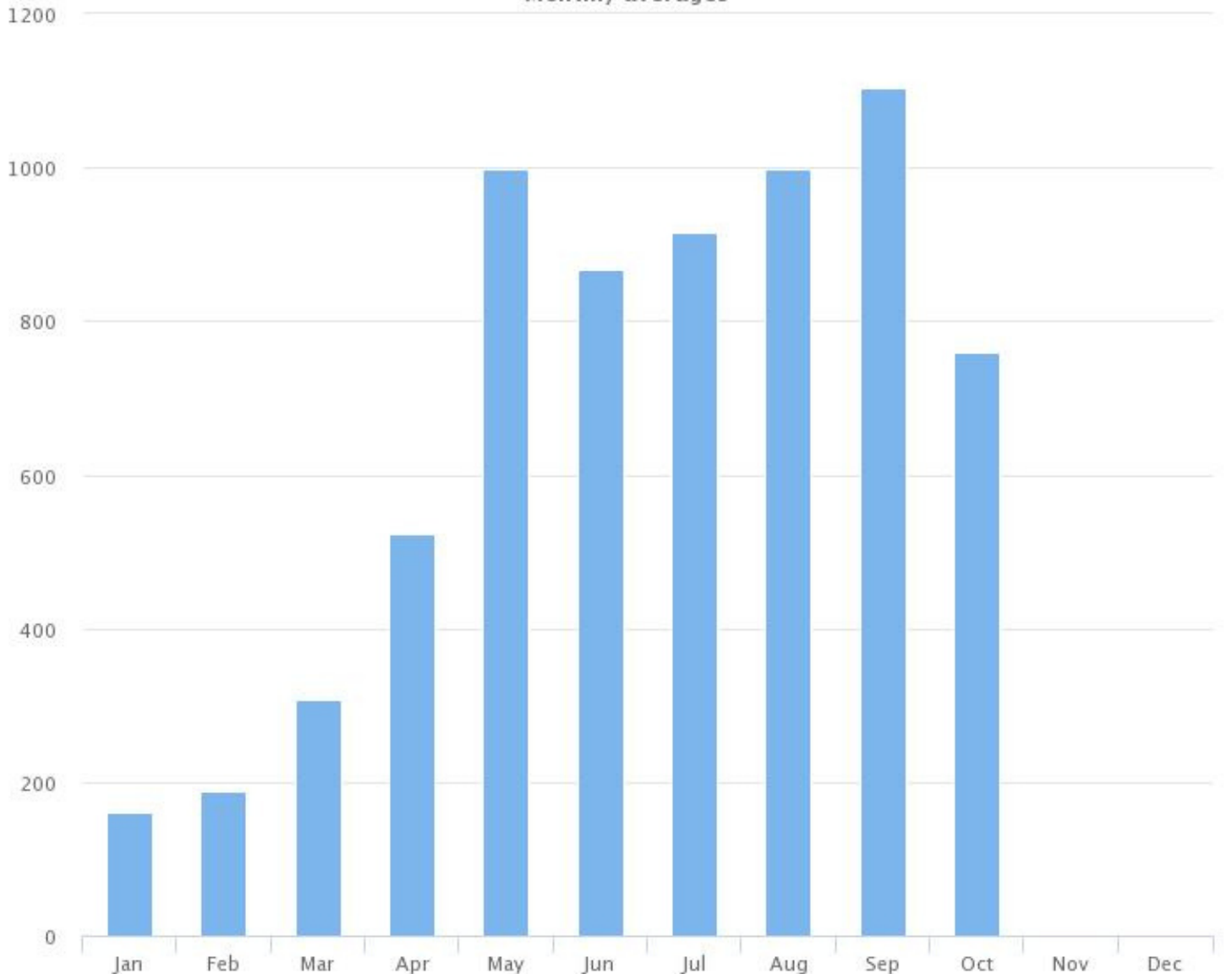
Average Daily Traffic of 20 Visitors
7,251 visitors in 2022 (6,435 visitors in 2022)

Big Darby Access - Scioto Darby Road Visitors

Months of the year

2022-01-01 to 2022-11-01

Monthly averages



Site Name	Average	Median	STDV	Min	Max
Scioto Darby Access	682.1	813.0	339.6	161.0	1,103.6

Average Daily Traffic of 22 Visitors
7,951 visitors in 2022 (5,545 in 2021)

Projects

Cooks Creek Purchase

In December the District closed on the purchase of 25 acres from Appalachia Ohio Alliance (AOA) at Cooks Creek Nature Preserve, formerly golf course. AOA owns the remaining 300 acres at the former Cooks Creek Golf Course and the District has an agreement with them to utilize the existing cart paths and trail.

The District is looking to move our Park offices to Cook Creek in 2023. Next steps will be looking into the feasibility of turning the club house into a nature center.





Progress on Canal park Playground

The backdrop to the Canal Park Playground, the boardwalk was completed in the winter of 2022. throughout the year the district finalized designs for the reminder of the playground. Ziplines, inground slides, climbing nets and the remaining play features will be installed in the winter of 2023



Park Improvement Grant

The Park District set aside \$90,000 for the 2022 Park Improvement Grant! The Village of New Holland, Friends of Deer Creek and the Village of Ashville were awarded funds this round. These grants help local communities, townships, and non-profits create and improve parks and trails throughout Pickaway County. To date the District has awarded over \$415,000 to support 61 local park and trail projects here in Pickaway County





Clean Ohio Trails Grant Award

Following the District's award of \$303,402 through ODNR's Clean Ohio Trails Fund, the District has completed the engineering process for the bridge over the Ohio- Erie Canal. the Bridge is expected to be installed in 2023





Canal Park Expansion

Following the purchase of 0.3 acres from the Richard Family, Canal Park now has a paved parking lot. This includes 36 spots with 2 handicap accessible spots and an accessible concrete apron around the shelter house to make a seamless connection from parking lot to shelter.



New Trails signs at Canal Park, and Calamus

The Park District added new trail maps to Canal Park and Calamus swamp to help visitors navigate both parks.



New Tree ID Signs at MVCH

Using the 2021 Dupont Grant funds the District purchased new Tree Id signs for Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park.

Honeylocust

Gleditsia triacanthos



Learn more by scanning
this QR Code!



Leaves have 9-23 leaflets each less than 1 inch long and are broad, alternate, with smooth edges. Fruit-long, flat pod with wavy edges. Branches and trunk often have long, branched thorns. Honeybees feed on the flower nectar. Wood used for post and railroad ties.

Photo Credits: USDA NRCS, Wetland flora: Field office illustrated guide to plant species., NRCS National Wetland Team.

Volunteers



PCPD Volunteer Education Hours

Total Hours: 153 hours

PCPD Volunteer Park Hours

Total Hours: 233 hours

Total Combined Hours

Total Hours: 386 hours





Parks Volunteered at

Calamus Swamp	23 hrs
Canal Park	124.5 hrs
Metzger Preserve	23hrs
Mary Virginia Crites Hannan	152 hrs
Pickaway Trail	19 hrs

Volunteering Tasks

Invasive Removal	99.5 hrs
Garden Maintenance	48 hrs
Litter Pickup	27.5 hrs
Park Maintenance	36.5 hrs
Administrative	19 hrs



Logan Elm - Pickaway Ross

Pickaway Ross Joint Vocational School joined the
Park District to help install new fence around
Logan Elm State Memorial Park

Education & Outreach

Total Attendance for all Events in 2022:

Total Programs: 44
Total Attendance: 1,881 People
(2,062 People in 2021)

Park Program Numbers

Total Programs: 34
Total Attendance: 725 People
(1,390 People in 2021)

Other Programs/ Outreach Numbers

Total Programs: 10
Total Attendance: 1156

Summer Programs

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BATS - OUR FLYING MAMMALS



When: Aug. 26th @ 8pm - 9:30pm

Where: Canal Park Shelter House
23352 Canal Rd, Circleville, OH
43113

An Educational Exploration For ALL Ages

Join the Park District and OSU Extension for a visit to the park after dark where we will experience the world of bats our only flying mammals!

Program will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather. An adult must accompany all children.



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EARTH SCIENCE WEEK - GEOLOGY



When: Oct. 15th @ 1pm - 3pm

Where: Metzger Preserve
300 Ballard Ave.
Williamsport, OH 43164

An Educational Hike For ALL Ages

Join the Park District and ODNR Geological Survey as we tour Metzger Preserve and learn about the creation of the concretions in Deer Creek as well as explore the other geological features of the preserve.

Tri-County Group Walks

This year the District hosted Group Walks once a month beginning in May and running through November at various parks around the county as well as at neighboring Fairfield and Ross County Parks.





Summer Reading and Library Presentations





Friday in the Park

The District partnered with the RPHF Solid District and Pickaway SWCD to host a Soil Sleuths themed Friday in the Park event for 35 kids at MVCH.



Jr. Conservationist

The District, Soil and Water and Solid Waste partnered to host a new virtual event for kids to learn about conservation through our new Jr. Conservationist program. Participants selected pre-planned activities off of a list on our website from 6 categories; Soil, Water, Animals, Plants, Exploration and Community. After completing the required number of activities the participant received a hat and a button!





Experience Earth Camp

The District joined Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District and RPHF Solid Waste District for another year of camp at Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park





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Outreach Events

Park District visited the County Fair, the SWCD and Farm Bureau Banquet, Westfall Way, The Noon Rotary and the Township Trustee's Annual Meeting.



Whats Coming Next?

- Move to office and headquarters to the former Cooks Creek Golf Course
- Feasibility planning for Nature Center at former Cooks Creek Gold COurse
- Ribbon Cutting at Canal Park's New Playground
- Continued work to build a bridge over the Scioto River
- Complete construction of bridge over the Ohio-Erie Canal
- Submit Paddling Enhancement grant to create additional Canoe/Kayak Access on the Scioto River and Darby Creek
- Continue joint efforts to preserve and restore Lock 31
- Finalized a Strategic Plan for the next 4 years of levy funding at the Park District

