

VOLUNTEER MEETING

Volunteer meetings are a great way to meet new people, hear about upcoming volunteer opportunities and learn something interesting from an exciting lineup of guest speakers. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Winton Centre Auditorium, unless otherwise noted. Coffee and tea are provided. Bring in your favorite baked goods to share. No need to RSVP, just come and enjoy!



July 17, 2018—For many of our veterans, a trip to Washington D.C. to see their memorials is not financially or physically possible by themselves. The mission of Honor Flight Tri-State is to make that dream come true for as many veterans as possible. Join us as The Honor Flight Tri-State Team shares their mission and message with us. This is sure to be a topic you won't soon forget.

- Next meeting: Sep 18, 2018

When recording your hours in VIC for volunteer meetings, log them under [Volunteer Meeting \[Training\Volunteer Services\]](#). Training hours may be doubled. Drive time to and from the training may be included but not doubled.

THE PATH TO BETTER TRAILS

Niki Marengo, Volunteer Coordinator

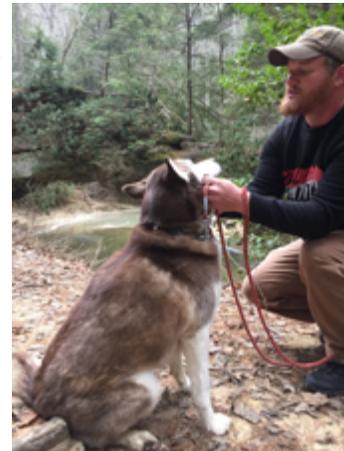
As volunteers and park-lovers, we would bet that all of you have a favorite trail or two at Great Parks. Sometimes it feels like there is nothing more restorative than taking a break from it all and enjoying a good hike or bike ride in a place you love.

That's why we're so excited about the future of the trails at Great Parks. Progress on projects such as the Little Miami Bike Trail and the trail connection between Winton Woods and Glenwood Gardens will open up more opportunities for guests to get outside and enjoy their community.

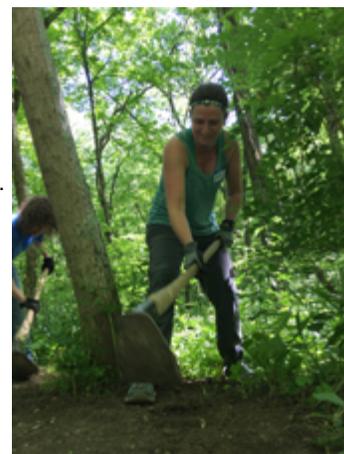
With all of the upcoming trail plans and improvements on the horizon, we're excited to welcome our full-time Trails Specialist Bryan Howell to the Great Parks team. Bryan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration, with a focus on natural resources and outdoor recreation, from Eastern Kentucky University. His trail experiences range from Colorado, Alaska and most recently, as a Trail Experience Team Leader for the Parklands of Floyds Fork in Louisville, Kentucky.

Bryan is now getting familiar with all of the park trails on a first-name basis, and is working to prioritize projects based on the greatest need and guest usage. You'll likely see him getting started with upgrades on the Gorge Trail at Sharon Woods.

Having a full-time trails specialist means that we'll be dedicating more time to improving our trails, and will need the hands and hearts of our mighty volunteers. In the coming summer and fall (after Bryan gets his bearings), look for more opportunities to volunteer on trail projects or attend trainings to get involved. In the meantime, join us on Saturday, June 2, for National Trails Day. You'll get to meet Bryan and help with some trail work on the Badlands Trail at Miami Whitewater Forest. Look for details on the calendar and email nmarengo@greatparks.org if you are interested in joining us. Until then, be sure to say "hi" to Bryan if you see him on the trails!



New Trail Specialist Bryan Howell and his furry friend Lucky enjoying the great outdoors.



Volunteers working hard during National Trails Day 2017.

THIS MONTH'S BLOG

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Try Something New!

Please review the list of programs below. If you are able to assist with the activity, phone or email the event supervisor to volunteer. **Click on any bolded assignment category and you will be hyperlinked to the VIC login portal.**

FARBACH WERNER NATURE PRESERVE

Tue 6/5–Sat 6/9, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.:

Snake Week

Guests will see and learn about several of Ohio's native snakes on exhibit this week. Volunteers will help children with games, crafts or interact with guests as they view the live animals on display. To volunteer, contact Paul SeEVERS at pseEVERS@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Farbach Werner\Education & Events\]](#).

Tue 6/12–Sat 6/16, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.:

Turtle Week

Join us for this exhibit featuring turtles and totally turtle activities. Volunteers will help children with games, crafts or interact with guests as they view the live animals on display. To volunteer, contact Paul SeEVERS at pseEVERS@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Farbach Werner\Education & Events\]](#).

Tue 6/19–Sat 6/23, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.:

Owls of Ohio Week

See live Ohio owls at this popular annual exhibit. Volunteers can help children with games, crafts or interact with guests as they view the live animals on display and dissect owl pellets. To volunteer, contact Paul SeEVERS at pseEVERS@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Farbach Werner\Education & Events\]](#).

FERNBANK

Sat 6/16, 9 a.m.–noon:

Ohio River Sweep

Grab your crew or come solo to help keep the Ohio River clean at two Great Parks locations - Fernbank and Woodland Mound! We're partnering again with the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO)

in one of the biggest multi-state litter pickups in the country. To volunteer, contact Niki Marengo at nmarengo@greatparks.org or phone 513-245-7471. All ages welcome. [Park Cleanup \[Fernbank\C&P West\]](#).

GLENWOOD GARDENS

Sun 6/10, Noon–5 p.m., various start times available:

Trillium Art & Music Fair

Great food, live music and 30 local artists and craftspeople will be on hand at this year's art fair. Volunteers will help vendors with set up and tear down, man the Great Parks information booth and assist with event activities. To volunteer, contact Liz Keer at lkeer@greatparks.org or phone 513-728-3551, ext. 285. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Special Events \[Glenwood Gardens\Education & Events\]](#).

LAKE ISABELLA

Fri 6/22, 3 p.m.–Sat 6/23, 10 a.m., various start times available:

Great Parks Backyard Campout

Join us for a night under the stars during this once-a-year family campout. Volunteers will help direct campers to parking areas and campsites, help with the moon bounce, obstacle course, fire pits, planetarium, animal programs and other campout activities. To volunteer, contact Liz Keer at lkeer@greatparks.org or phone 513-728-3551, ext. 285. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Special Events \[Lake Isabella\Education & Events\]](#).

MIAMI WHITEWATER FOREST

Sat 6/2, 9 a.m.–noon

Badlands Trail Workday

Join our new Trail Specialist, Bryan Howell, in an effort to improve this unique park trail. In honor of National Trails Day, we'll be demonstrating best practices and working to implement techniques that help to improve trail

sustainability. In addition to learning and working on the trail, a few volunteers are needed for set up and clean up as well as assisting groups on the trail. To volunteer, contact Niki Marengo at nmarengo@greatparks.org or phone 513-245-7471. For volunteers ages 18 and up. [Adopt a Trail Badlands \[Miami Whitewater\Natural Resources\]](#).

Wed 6/6–Sat 6/9, Noon–4 p.m.:

Bug Bonanza Week

From beautiful butterflies to menacing mosquitoes, summer brings us an exciting array of insects. Visitors will participate in games and activities and investigate local insects up close. Volunteers will greet guests and help with bug crafts. Volunteers can also help visitors identify and learn about the bugs they bring in (not required)! To volunteer, contact Heather Ficke at hficke@greatparks.org or phone 513-367-4774. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Miami Whitewater\Education & Events\]](#).

Sat 6/23, 8:15 p.m.:

Cincinnati Pops in the Park

Spend an evening in the great outdoors with the Cincinnati Pops featuring John Morris Russell, Conductor, and presented by Great Parks Forever. Volunteers will help with the Great Parks information tent and other event activities. To volunteer, contact Liz Keer at lkeer@greatparks.org or phone 513-728-3551, ext. 285. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Special Events \[Miami Whitewater\Education & Events\]](#).

MITCHELL MEMORIAL FOREST

First & third Tue of the month, 8 a.m.–11 a.m.:

Invasive Removal, Landscaping, Maintenance & More

Lots of opportunities are available to keep Mitchell Memorial Forest in tip top shape! Volunteers are needed to help with weeding and mulching, brush & limb removal, clearing invasive plants, painting, staining, small repairs and more. To volunteer, contact Ben Braeutigam at bbraeutigam@greatparks.org or phone 513-941-9034. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Conservation Crew \[Mitchell Memorial\C&P West\]](#) or [Maintenance Crew \[Mitchell Memorial\C&P West\]](#).

SHARON WOODS

6/12–6/15, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
6/19–6/22, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
7/17–7/20, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.:

Wild Explorers: Ages 6-11

7/10–7/13, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.:

Wee Wonders: Ages 4-5

Do you enjoy working with kids and being outdoors? We are looking for volunteers to help with four-day summer camps. Day camps will include games, creeking, hikes, crafts and more. Required day camp training will be held on June 5 & 7 from 9 a.m.-noon. To volunteer, contact Jenn Wallace at jwallace@greatparks.org or phone 513-474-0580. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Sharon Woods\Education & Events\]](#).

SHAWNEE LOOKOUT

Sun 6/3, 6/10, 6/17 & 6/24, 2–5 p.m.:

Historic Buildings Open House

Take a step back in time and catch a glimpse of life in the 1800s. See a log cabin built in 1795 and a two-story springhouse/schoolhouse dating from 1800. Volunteers will welcome guests and show them through the historic log cabin and school house. Training is provided. To volunteer, contact Luke Ogonek at logonek@greatparks.org or phone 513-367-4774. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Shawnee Lookout\Education & Events\]](#).

Sun 6/24, 2:30–4:30 p.m.:

Maker Trades: Candle Dipping

From tallow to tow, guests will dip into the art of candle making and use their nimble feet to test their luck at candle jumping. Volunteers will assist with the candle-making craft, including tending a fire and working with hot wax, and discuss historical topics with guests. Training provided. To volunteer, contact Luke Ogonek at logonek@greatparks.org or phone 513-367-4774. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Shawnee Lookout\Education & Events\]](#).

WINTON WOODS

Wed 6/6, 11 a.m.:

Little Tykes

Wear your walking shoes and bring a sense of adventure for a big hike day. See what surprises nature has in store as we travel near forest and field. Volunteers will assist 3–6 year olds with activities and the hike. To volunteer, contact Susan Sumner at ssumner@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 18 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Winton Woods\Education & Events\]](#).

Sat 6/9–Sat 8/25, 10:15–11:15 a.m.:

Special Riders Program

Volunteers are needed to lead or walk beside horses ridden by Special Rider students during this therapeutic riding class. Training is provided at the Riding Center. To volunteer, contact Margie Rennie at mrennie1@icloud.com or phone 513-931-3057. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [SRP \[Winton Woods\Guest Exp Central\]](#).

Sun 6/10, 1–3 p.m.:

Snakes at the Harbor

Volunteers will interact with guests during this reptilian open house as they learn about Ohio's native snakes and see one up close. To volunteer, contact Susan Sumner at ssumner@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Winton Woods\Education & Events\]](#).

Sun 6/17, 1–3 p.m.:

Turtles at the Harbor

Join us for this open house featuring turtles and totally turtle activities. Volunteers will interact with guests during the activities. To volunteer, contact Susan Sumner at ssumner@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Winton Woods\Education & Events\]](#).

Wed 6/20, 2 p.m.:

Creek Adventure

Summertime is perfect for venturing down an ancient limestone creek bed to delight in the geology and the critters. Volunteers are needed to assist with the hike and help guests explore the creek with their containers and nets. Closed-toe shoes are a must. To volunteer, contact Susan Sumner at ssumner@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 18 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Winton Woods\Education & Events\]](#).

Sun 6/24, 1–3 p.m.:

Owls at the Harbor

See a live owl at this avian open house. Volunteers will help guests during owl-themed activities including dissecting an owl pellet. To volunteer, contact Susan Sumner at ssumner@greatparks.org or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Winton Woods\Education & Events\]](#).

WOODLAND MOUND

Sat 6/16, 9 a.m.–noon:

Ohio River Sweep

Grab your crew or come solo to help keep the Ohio River clean at two Great Parks locations - Fernbank and Woodland Mound Parks! We're partnering again with the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) in one of the biggest multi-state litter pickups in the country. To volunteer, contact Niki Marengo at nmarengo@greatparks.org or phone 513-245-7471. All ages welcome. [Park Cleanup \[Woodland Mound\C&P East\]](#).

Sat 6/23 & Sun 6/24, 2–6 p.m.:

Turtle Celebration Weekend

Drop by for a turtle-rific open house! This fun-filled weekend is a celebration all about turtles. Volunteers will greet guests and assist with turtle-themed crafts. To volunteer, contact Jenn Wallace at jwallace@greatparks.org or phone 513-474-0580. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs \[Woodland Mound\Education & Events\]](#).

More volunteer opportunities may be found on page 4...

Visitor Centers and Gift Shops

Volunteers are needed to help provide park guests with truly memorable experiences. If you enjoy making someone's day better, volunteer in a Great Parks Visitor Center. You will help answer phones, assist guests with purchases, run the cash register, answer questions and do some light housekeeping which will make the facility shine. Training will be provided. For volunteers ages 18 and up.

Glenwood Gardens

Tue, Fri, Sat & Sun, call for shift times:

To volunteer, contact Doug Stevenson at [dstevenson@greatparks.org](mailto:d Stevenson@greatparks.org) or phone 513-771-8733, ext. 110. [Visitor Center \[Glenwood Gardens\Guest Exp Central\]](#).

Miami Whitewater Forest

Fri, Sat & Sun,

11 a.m.-2 p.m., 2-5 p.m. & 5-7 p.m.:

To volunteer, contact Stephanie Ellis at sellis@greatparks.org or phone 513-367-9632.

[Visitor Center \[Miami Whitewater\Guest Exp West\]](#).

Sharon Woods

Mon, Thu & Fri, 2-6 p.m.,

Wed, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & 2-6 p.m.,

Sat & Sun, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. & 3-6 p.m.:

To volunteer, contact Julie Shaw at jshaw@greatparks.org or phone 513-563-4513.

[Visitor Center \[Sharon Woods\Guest Experiences East\]](#).

Program Animal Care

Oh my! Turtles, frogs and snakes! Miami Whitewater Forest houses several animal ambassadors that are used to educate and engage the public. Volunteers are needed to feed, clean and interact with each program animal according to the animal's unique feeding and care schedule. Animals are located in the Visitor Center, so you must be available during Visitor Center hours which fluctuate seasonally. For volunteers ages 14 and up.

Sharon Woods

Mon & Tue, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.:

To volunteer, contact Angela Marczi at amarczi@greatparks.org or phone 513-563-4513.

[Animal Care \[Sharon Woods\Education & Events\]](#).

Miami Whitewater Forest

Mon-Sun, ongoing, many shifts available:

To volunteer, contact Luke Ogonek at logonek@greatparks.org or phone 513-367-4774.

[Animal Care \[Miami Whitewater\Education & Events\]](#).

Woodland Mound

Mon-Sun, ongoing, many shifts available:

To volunteer, contact Amy Swigart at aswigart@greatparks.org or phone 513-474-0580.

[Animal Care \[Woodland Mound\Education & Events\]](#).

Golf Opportunities

June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14,
9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.:

Summer In-Reach Golf Academy at Meadow Links & Golf Academy

Participants, ages 9-13, receive free instruction, a set of golf clubs to use during the golf program and opportunities to play Meadow Links for free. Volunteers will be assigned to a PGA Golf Professional's group to assist the instructor with safety and help reinforce instructional points. Snacks provided! To volunteer, contact Matt Starr at mstarr@greatparks.org or phone 513-825-3701. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [First Tee & Inreach \(Meadow Links\Golf\]](#).

Tue 6/5 & Wed 6/6,

12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.:

Free Junior Golf Clinics at Sharon Woods

Volunteers are needed to help with free junior golf clinics. These are very popular and generally attract 40-60 kids each day. Volunteers will check golfers in and assist golf professionals keeping kids safe. To volunteer, contact Brian Fennen at bfennen@greatparks.org or phone 513-769-4325. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Golf Tournaments & Clinics \(Sharon Woods\Golf\]](#).

FIRST AID CPR TRAINING

Sign up for National Safety Council First Aid CPR classes. All programs will be held in the Employee Training Center at Sharon Woods. First Aid CPR is an **optional** training, free and open to all Great Parks volunteers and employees. Certification cards will be mailed to you approximately 4-6 weeks after completion of training. Upcoming training dates are:

Wed, Jun 13, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Register on line at: <https://volunteers-greatparks.bridgeapp.com/login>. **If you register**

for this training and can no longer attend, please cancel or reschedule by logging into your Bridge account

using the link above. Not able to log into Bridge?

Contact the Volunteer Services Department at volunteer@greatparks.org or phone 513-521-7275 and ask for Kris or Niki.

Please record these training hours under [Training \[Sharon Woods\Risk Management\]](#). Training hours may be doubled. Drive time to and from the training may be included but not doubled.

