

# STARK PARKS

THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF STARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT 2025

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April–September Programs





# LETTER

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Welcome to the 2025 edition of the Stark Parks Magazine!

As we head into 2025, Stark Parks is ready to offer an exciting year ahead. Our programs and activities include familiar favorites and fresh new additions. By the time you receive this magazine, we will have already launched the public input phase of our new 10-Year Comprehensive Plan. But don't worry - there is still time to get involved! Visit [StarkParks.com/Plan](https://StarkParks.com/Plan) for more information. This is your chance to help shape the future of Stark Parks. We want to hear from you about what we are doing well and where we can improve. This process will help us understand if there are new things you would like to see or if we should simply continue to focus on developing and taking care of our existing parks and trails.

This year, we are excited to wrap up the construction project at Tam O'Shanter Park and officially open Pike Ridge Park to the public with daily hours for horseback riding and hiking. There will also be two replacement bridges under construction on the Sippo Valley Trail and one in Minerva. At Petros Lake Park, a new restroom facility will be built, and you will see us testing out a new chip-and-seal maintenance process on our trails. With the right equipment in hand, we are enhancing our ability to maintain the trails. We are grateful to the Friends of Stark Parks for their generous support in funding these improvements.

As we move forward with these projects, we truly appreciate your patience. Stay tuned to [StarkParks.com](https://StarkParks.com) and social media for the latest updates and progress reports. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of Quail Hollow. We invite you to join us on June 22nd to help us celebrate with live music of the Canton Symphony Orchestra as part of our Summer Serenades concert series. We are thrilled to work with the Quail Hollow Volunteer Association to make this celebration a success. Have a great spring and summer!

**Dan Moeglin**

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December 9th, 5:30 PM	
January 6th, 2:00 PM	



5300 Tyner Street NW,  
Canton, OH 44708

Administrative Office Hours

Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

[STARKPARKS.COM](http://STARKPARKS.COM) | 330.477.3552



COVER PHOTO - SIPPO VALLEY TRAIL

TAM OSHANTER PARK

# PARK ACTIVITIES

## APRIL

### APRIL 10TH ADULT ARCHERY



6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Learn equipment use, shooting technique, and safety before practicing. Equipment provided. Closed-toe shoes required. 18+

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
\$5 IN-COUNTY/ \$7 OUT-OF-COUNTY  

### APRIL 13TH ORIENTEERING FOR BEGINNERS

12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Learn to navigate with a compass and topographic map from the Northeastern Ohio Orienteering Club. For more info and to preregister, visit [NEOOC.com](http://NEOOC.com) or contact [Howard@NEOOC.com](mailto:Howard@NEOOC.com).

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
\$10  

### APRIL 15TH STORYTIME AND MORE

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Join the Stark County District Library and explore the wonders of nature with a special storytime at Fry Family Park. This class is for Birth through Pre-K. Register at [StarkLibrary.org](http://StarkLibrary.org).

**FRY FAMILY PARK VISITORS CENTER**  
FREE

### APRIL 16TH ADVENTURE KIDS: CATERPILLAR CRAWLERS

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Discover the wondrous life cycle of caterpillars as they grow, change, and transform. Enjoy a story, complete a craft, and search for caterpillars! For ages 3 – 5.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
FREE 

### APRIL 17TH BACKYARD HABITATS: RESTORING DROUGHT RESILIENCY

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Native Roots Nursery will discuss garden potential, selecting wildlife-friendly native plants, and recovering from drought.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
FREE 

### APRIL 18TH - 27TH ORIENTEERING SELF-SERVE COURSE

Challenge your navigation skills with a treasure-hunt-style exploration. Multiple courses of varying distances and difficulty will be available during park hours from April 18 – 27. The maps are free and can be downloaded at [NEOOC.com](http://NEOOC.com). For more information and details visit [NEOOC.com](http://NEOOC.com) or contact [Jay@NEOOC.com](mailto:Jay@NEOOC.com)

**FRY FAMILY PARK**  
FREE

## Yoga AT STARK PARKS

VISIT [STARKPARKS.COM/YOGA](http://STARKPARKS.COM/YOGA) FOR MORE INFORMATION



### APRIL 19TH ADVENTURE KIDS: CATERPILLAR CRAWLER

3–5 YEARS OLD – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

6–9 YEARS OLD – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Discover the wondrous life cycle of caterpillars as they grow, change, and transform. Enjoy a story, complete a craft, and search for caterpillars

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
FREE 



### APRIL 19TH HERPETOLOGY HIKE

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Join us on an adventure as we search for some of Ohio's most misunderstood reptile and amphibian species.

**QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: MANOR HOUSE**  
FREE 

### APRIL 21ST SPRING BIRD WALK

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Join Huston Brumbaugh Nature Center for a spring bird walk, suitable for all skill levels! Meet at the Pinevale Ave. trailhead in Louisville. Preregister at 330-823-7487 or [naturecenter@mountunion.edu](mailto:naturecenter@mountunion.edu). Additional dates include April 28th, May 5th, and May 12th.

**NICKEL PLATE TRAIL: PINEVALE/MCKIMM TRAILHEAD**

FREE

## ICON LEGEND

 REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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**APRIL 21ST  
FAT HEAD'S BREWERY  
IPA RELEASE**

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
Fat Head's Brewery is releasing Hakuna Guttata Hazy IPA to celebrate Stark Parks' spotted turtle program! \$1 per pint benefits the Wildlife Conservation Center Fund through Friends of Stark. Members get 10% off food. Meet FeLeap the Frog and Ranger K-9 Maverick, and learn about the spotted turtle program, Friends of Stark Parks, and the Wild4Ever Foundation.

**FAT HEAD'S 3885 EVERHARD RD.  
NW, CANTON**

**APRIL 22ND  
WILDFLOWER  
WONDERS**

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**  
Discover the diverse wildflowers of Sippo Lake's west side! Spot common Coltsfoot and the elusive White Trillium while learning their names and benefits. These spring beauties won't last long—don't miss them!

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION CENTER  
FREE R**

 **MAY**

**MAY 2ND  
BEEKEEPING 101:  
ADULTS**



**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM**  
Explore the world of bees and beekeeping in this hands-on class! Learn about bee life, hive management, and essential equipment. 13+.

**QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: CARRIAGE  
HOUSE  
\$5 IN-COUNTY/ \$7 OUT-OF-  
COUNTY \$ R**

**MAY 5TH  
BUTTERFLY STORIES  
AND FEEDERS**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
Enjoy stories, songs, and facts about beautiful butterflies, then make a sweet butterfly feeder to hang in your yard. This program is for Birth to 5th grade. Register at StarkLibrary.org.

**FRY FAMILY PARK: VISITORS CENTER  
FREE R**

**MAY 14TH  
ADVENTURE KIDS:  
BEES, BUTTERFLIES  
AND BEETLES  
(AGES 3-5)**

**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**  
Discover Ohio's bees, butterflies, and beetles while learning why pollinators matter! Enjoy a story, make a craft, and take a bug hike.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION  
GATEWAY SCIENCE LAB  
FREE R**

**MAY 16TH  
DATE NIGHT:  
SUNSET HIKE**



**8:30 PM – 9:30 PM**  
Join a guided lantern hike on the Hoover Trail, then stay for a pop-up stargazing event hosted by the Wilderness Center's Astronomy Club (weather permitting). 18+.

**HOOVER PARK: MAPLE ST.  
BALLFIELDS TRAILHEAD  
FREE R**

**MAY 17TH  
ADVENTURE KIDS:  
BEES, BUTTERFLIES  
AND BEETLES**

**3-5 YEARS OLD – 11:00 AM –  
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**6-9 YEARS OLD – 1:00 PM –  
2:00 PM**

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**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION  
GATEWAY  
FREE R**

**MAY 20TH  
YOUTH ARCHERY**

**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**  
This beginner archery class is for youth ages 10-17, focusing on safety, proper form, and target shooting. All equipment provided. Closed-toe shoes required.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION  
GATEWAY REC ROOM  
\$5 IN-COUNTY/ \$7 OUT-OF-  
COUNTY \$ R**

**MAY 20TH  
STORYTIME AND  
MORE**

**10:00 AM – 10:30 AM**  
Join the Stark County District Library for a special nature-themed storytime for children from birth through Pre-K. Register at StarkLibrary.org.

**FRY FAMILY PARK: VISITORS  
CENTER  
FREE**

**MAY 24TH  
AVIAN ADVENTURE**

**8:00 AM – 9:30 AM**  
Bring your binoculars and join a Stark Parks naturalist on the trails to spot local bird species and enjoy the outdoors! All skill levels welcome.

**FRY FAMILY PARK: SHELTER  
PARKING LOT  
FREE R**



**COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN MEETINGS**

*Join us for community feedback sessions to help share the 10-year Comprehensive Plan for Stark Parks*

**April 10, 7PM**  
**Magnolia Village Fire Station**  
514 Harrison St, Magnolia

**April 15, 7PM**  
**Lake Community Branch  
(Stark Library)**  
565 Market Ave. SW, Uniontown

**April 23, 7PM**  
**Massillon Library**  
208 Lincoln Way E, Massillon

**May 5, 7PM**  
**Nimishillen Fire Station #2**  
4422 Maplegrove, Louisville

**May 13, 7PM**  
**Brewster Village Hall  
Community Room**  
302 S Wabash Ave, Brewster

**May 21, 7PM**  
**Nimishillen Fire Station #3**  
8000 Columbus Road NE, Louisville



**Dates and locations are  
subject to change.**  
**Visit StarkParks.com/plan  
for more details.**



**APRIL 26TH**  
Towpath Court:  
Planting & Cleanup

**MAY 2ND**  
Beekeeping 101 for Adults  
(18+)

**MAY 3RD**  
Garlic Mustard Removal Contest  
Wildlife Conservation Center

**JUNE 14TH**  
Teasel Removal  
Petros Lake Park

**JULY 10TH**  
Composting with Rubber City Reuse

VISIT [STARKPARKS.COM/EARTHDAY](http://STARKPARKS.COM/EARTHDAY)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.



## JUNE

### JUNE 1ST SUMMER AMATEUR PHOTO CONTEST

Ages 9+ can enter the Stark Parks photo contest by capturing images at a Stark Parks trail or park from June 1 to September 17. Rules at [StarkParks.com/summerphotos](http://StarkParks.com/summerphotos).

### JUNE 3RD SIPPO SURVIVAL CAMP (AGES 6-9)

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
A day full of exploration, learning, and fun! Campers will learn the basics of outdoor survival, getting kids back to our primitive roots, and reconnecting with nature.

SIPPO LAKE: EXPLORATION GATEWAY  
\$10 IN-COUNTY/ \$15 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

### JUNE 4TH WOODCARVING 101

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Learn or sharpen your woodcarving skills in our classes, open to all skill levels! Bring your own tools and wood or use ours. Adults must accompany children under 18.

SIPPO LAKE: EXPLORATION GATEWAY  
FREE **R**

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SIPPO LAKE: EXPLORATION GATEWAY  
\$10 IN-COUNTY/ \$15 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

### JUNE 5TH SIPPO SURVIVAL CAMP (AGES 10-13)

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
A day full of exploration, learning, and fun! Campers will learn the basics of outdoor survival, getting kids back to our primitive roots, and reconnecting with nature.

SIPPO LAKE: EXPLORATION GATEWAY  
\$10 IN-COUNTY/ \$15 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

### JUNE 6TH NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
Let's hit the trails to connect with nature, get some fresh air and exercise on National Trails Day. Lace up for a 2-3 mile hike. Meet in the lower parking lot near the Carriage House to begin.

QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: CARRIAGE HOUSE  
FREE **R**

### JUNE 6TH BEEKEEPING 101: KID'S EDITION



6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
Kids 8-12 will explore the life of the honeybee then suit up for a look at a live hive. Wear long sleeves, pants, socks and closed-toe shoes.

QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: CARRIAGE HOUSE  
\$5 IN-COUNTY/ \$7 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

### JUNE 6TH NIGHT HIKE: PETROS LAKE PARK

8:30 PM – 10:00 PM  
Explore the darkness and search for nocturnal wildlife while walking silently on the paved trail around the lake. We will be listening for bats, owls, frogs, and insects that wake up when the sun sets.

PETROS LAKE PARK: PERRY DRIVE LONG  
PARKING LOT  
FREE **R**

### JUNE 12TH BACKYARD HABITAT: THROW AND GROW YOUR BACKYARD

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
Make seed balls with native seeds from Stark Parks to create a pollinator-friendly garden to take home!

SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY  
FREE **R**

### JUNE 13TH INTRO TO KAYAKING

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
This beginner kayaking class covers trip planning, equipment, and safety practices. 12+.

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR  
\$15 IN-COUNTY/ \$20 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

### JUNE 13TH INTRO TO PADDLEBOARDING

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
This beginner class covers the basics of Stand Up Paddleboarding, including trip planning, equipment types, and safety practices. 12+.

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR  
\$15 IN-COUNTY/ \$20 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**



## TRADITIONAL MUSIC NIGHT

Quail Hollow Park  
6:00 PM, \$2 tickets

May 1st

May 15th

June 5th

June 19th

July 3rd

July 17th

August 7th

August 21st

September 4th

September 18th

**JUNE 17TH  
ADULT ARCHERY**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Learn equipment use, shooting technique, and safety before practicing. Equipment provided. Closed-toe shoes required. 18+ to sign up.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
\$5 IN-COUNTY/ \$7 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**



**JUNE 22ND  
COUNTRY DAY AT THE  
HOLLOW: 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Celebrate 50 years of Quail Hollow Park with a new Stewart Manor House sign, live music, hayrides, homesteading activities, and games. Bring a picnic and enjoy a Canton Symphony Orchestra ensemble at 3:30 PM.

**QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: MANOR HOUSE**  
FREE

**JUNE 25TH  
ADVENTURE KIDS: FIELD DAY**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Swing by the Exploration Gateway anytime between 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM with your 3–9 year olds. We'll be ready to greet you with nature activities, animal encounters, crafts, and more! Adults must stay with their kid.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
FREE

**JUNE 27TH  
AVIAN ADVENTURES**

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Bring your binoculars and join a Stark Parks naturalist on the trails to look for local bird species and enjoy fresh air! Whether you're a seasoned birdwatcher or just curious, all skill levels are welcome. Meet in the lower parking lot.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
FREE **R**

 **JULY**

**JULY 2ND  
CONCERT BAND  
PERFORMANCE**

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The Canton Concert Band will play patriotic music for Independence Day. Bring a blanket or chair. Snacks and alcohol are for sale. If it rains, the concert moves inside the Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park.

**TAM O'SHANTER PARK**  
FREE



**JULY 8TH  
PADDLE CAMP  
(AGES 9-12)**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Campers will learn the basics of paddling, trip planning, and water safety. Participants will try kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding during this camp. Lunch, water, and proper clothing are required for participation.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR**  
\$15 IN-COUNTY/ \$20 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

**JULY 10TH  
BACKYARD HABITAT:  
COMPOSTING**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Join Rubber City Reuse to learn about composting and their efforts to turn organic waste into soil-enriching compost.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
FREE **R**



**JULY 10TH  
FULL MOON KAYAK PADDLE**

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Experience Deer Creek Reservoir by moonlight on a guided paddle. Explore the lake after dark with provided equipment. Dress for the weather and be prepared to get wet. 18+

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR**  
\$15 IN-COUNTY/ \$20 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

**JULY 15TH  
INTRO TO KAYAKING**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

This beginner kayaking class covers trip planning, equipment, and safety practices. 12+.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR**  
\$15 IN-COUNTY/ \$20 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**

**JULY 15TH  
INTRO TO PADDLEBOARDING**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

This beginner class covers the basics of Stand Up Paddleboarding, including trip planning, equipment types, and safety practices. 12+.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR**  
\$15 IN-COUNTY/ \$20 OUT-OF-COUNTY **\$ R**



**CANTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
**SUMMER SERENADES  
IN THE PARK**

[www.CantonSymphony.org/summer-serenades](http://www.CantonSymphony.org/summer-serenades)

**JUNE 5TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Plain Township Amphitheater  
2600 Easton St NE,  
Canton, OH 44721

**JUNE 22ND, 3:30PM-4:30PM**  
Quail Hollow Park  
13480 Congress Lake Ave,  
Hartville, OH 44632

**JUNE 26TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Bimeler Park  
105 Wabash Ave N,  
Brewster, OH 44613

**JULY 10TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Foltz Center Shelter  
224 Wood St N,  
East Canton, OH 44730

**JULY 17TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Sippo Lake Park  
5712 12<sup>th</sup> St NW,  
Canton, OH 44708

**JULY 24TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Faircrest Park  
1000 Faircrest St SW  
Canton, OH 44706

**AUGUST 7TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Municipal Park  
123 Brock Ave  
Minerva, OH 44657

**AUGUST 21ST, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Canton Garden Center  
1615 Stadium Park Dr NW  
Canton, OH 44718

**AUGUST 28TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Tam O'Shanter Park  
5055 Hills & Dales Rd NW  
Canton, OH 44708

**SEPTEMBER 4TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Silver Park  
2930 S Union Ave  
Alliance, OH 44601

**SEPTEMBER 11TH, 6:30PM-7:30PM**  
Fry Family Park  
2533 Farber St  
Magnolia, OH 44643





**MANOR HOUSE TOURS**  
 May 11TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 June 8TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 July 13TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 July 27TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 August 10TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 August 24TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 September 14TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM  
 September 28TH, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

13480 Congress Lake Avenue,  
 Hartsville, OH 44632



**JULY 19TH  
 SUMMERFEST**



10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
 Enjoy live music, fishing, kayaking, wildlife encounters, and a pedal boat challenge! Free 15-minute kayak sessions, pontoon rides, and fishing gear provided.

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: MARINA AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER**  
 FREE

**JULY 20TH  
 ORIENTEERING:  
 CANOE & KAYAK**

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
 Join a 2.5-hour orienteering scramble by canoe or kayak! Compete for the most points. Register at NEOOC.com or on-site. Questions? Contact Howard@NEOOC.com.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR**  
 \$15 **S R**

**JULY 23RD  
 ADVENTURE KIDS:  
 FIELD DAY**

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
 Stop by the Exploration Gateway from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM with your 3–9-year olds for nature activities, animal encounters, crafts, and more!

**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
 FREE **R**

**JULY 25TH  
 DATE NIGHT: HONEY  
 WITH YOUR HONEY**



6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
 Bring your “honey” to the Carriage House for a hands-on honeybee experience! Decorate a honey jar, extract honey, and suit up for a walk to see the bees in action.

**QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: CARRIAGE HOUSE**  
 \$10 PER COUPLE IN-COUNTY/ \$15 PER COUPLE OUT-OF-COUNTY **S R**

**JULY 26TH  
 AVIAN ADVENTURES**

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
 Join a Stark Parks naturalist for a birdwatching hike! All skill levels welcome. Meet outside the Carriage House before hitting the trails.

**QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: CARRIAGE HOUSE | FREE R**

**AUGUST**

**AUGUST 2ND  
 NIMISHILLEN CREEK PADDLE**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
 Paddle 8 miles on Nimishillen Creek and enjoy the sights of Canton South! This strenuous trip requires prior experience. Gear provided; bring food, water, and wear closed-toe shoes. 18+.

**NIMISHILLEN CREEK: CANTON TOWNSHIP AREA**  
 \$20 IN-COUNTY/ \$25 OUT-OF-COUNTY **S R**

**AUGUST 8TH  
 MAGNOLIA MILLS TOURS**

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
 Tour the historic 1834 Magnolia Flouring Mill, a must-see on the National Register of Historic Places. Explore indoor and outdoor areas, with access to the first level. Drop in anytime during tour hours.

**MAGNOLIA FLOURING MILLS**  
 FREE

**AUGUST 9TH  
 MAGNOLIA MILLS TOURS**

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
 Tour the historic 1834 Magnolia Flouring Mill, a must-see on the National Register of Historic Places. Explore indoor and outdoor areas, with access to the first level. Drop in anytime during tour hours.

**MAGNOLIA FLOURING MILLS**  
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 PALEONTOLOGY PLAY**

3-5 YEARS OLD – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
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 Kids will explore fossils through a story, craft, and hands-on discovery, taking home their own artifact.

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 FREE **R**



**STARK PARKS.**  
**DISCOVERY DAY**

Join us for Discovery Day, packed with **FREE** outdoor fun for the whole family! Enjoy activities like kayak try-its, live animals, beekeeping basics and more!

**JUNE 11** Canton Monument Park 5:00-7:00PM

**JULY 29** Jackson North Park 5:00-7:00PM

**AUG 12** Plain Township Veterans 5:00-7:00PM

**SEPT 04** Alliance Silver Park 4:30-6:30PM

StarkParks.com  
330-477-3552

PLAIN TOWNSHIP  
CANTON

**AUGUST 23RD  
 AVIAN ADVENTURES**

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**FRY FAMILY PARK: VISITORS CENTER**  
 FREE **R**

**AUGUST 23RD  
 BIGFOOT TRAIL CHALLENGE**

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
 Walk or run this thrilling 5K, featuring Bigfoot-themed challenges along the trail! Perfect for all skill levels.  
**FRY FAMILY PARK: VISITORS CENTER**  
 FREE

**AUGUST 24TH  
 ORIENTEERING :  
 SCORE SCRAMBLE**

10:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
 Test your navigation skills in a 90-minute treasure hunt at Quail Hollow Park. Bring a whistle and compass. Details at NEOOC.com or contact Howard@NEOOC.com.  
**QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: CARRIAGE HOUSE**  
 \$15 **S R**

**SEPTEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER 1ST  
 STARK EXPLORING:  
 HIKING CHALLENGE**

Embark on the Stark Exploring Challenge and explore parks and trails! Earn a hickory hiking stick and yearly badge. Find the 2025 locations and passport at [www.starkparks.com/starkexploring](http://www.starkparks.com/starkexploring) posted in July.

**SEPTEMBER 5TH  
 BEEKEEPING 101: ADULTS**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
 Explore the world of bees and beekeeping in this hands-on class! Learn about bee life, hive management, and essential equipment. 13+  
**QUAIL HOLLOW PARK: CARRIAGE HOUSE**  
 \$5 IN-COUNTY/ \$7 OUT-OF-COUNTY **S R**

**SEPTEMBER 6TH  
 INTRO TO KAYAKING**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
 This beginner kayaking class covers trip planning, equipment, and safety practices. No experience required—equipment provided. Dress to get wet! 12+  
**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR**  
 \$15 IN-COUNTY/ \$20 OUT-OF-COUNTY **S R**

**SEPTEMBER 10TH  
 ADVENTURE KIDS:  
 PALEONTOLOGY PLAY**

3–5 YEARS OLD – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
 6–9 YEARS OLD – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
 Kids will explore fossils through a story, craft, and hands-on discovery, taking home their own artifact.  
**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY** **R**

**SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH  
 ANNUAL STARK COUNTY  
 BIRD QUEST**

Join a 24-hour birdwatching challenge! Register at [cantonaudubon.org](http://cantonaudubon.org).  
**FRY FAMILY PARK**  
 FREE

**SEPTEMBER 16TH  
 ADULT ARCHERY**

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM  
 Learn equipment use, shooting technique, and safety before practicing. Equipment provided. Closed-toe shoes required. 18+.  
**SIPPO LAKE PARK: EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
 \$5 IN-COUNTY/ \$7 OUT-OF-COUNTY **S R**

**SEPTEMBER 18TH  
 PEDAL TO THE PAST**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
 Pedal through history on a four-mile round-trip ride exploring the Ohio & Erie Canal! Stop along the way to uncover canal-era stories. Helmets required; bikes and helmets not provided.  
**TOWPATH TRAIL: BUTTERBRIDGE TRAILHEAD**  
 FREE **R**

**SEPTEMBER 20TH & 21ST  
 WILD OUTDOOR  
 WOMEN WEEKEND**

Join this women-only retreat at Walborn Reservoir, with crafts, archery, and the WOW Dash, from 10:00 AM on Sept 20 to 1:00 PM on Sept 21. Registration opens in mid-July. Bring your own tent. More info at [www.starkparks.com/wow](http://www.starkparks.com/wow).  
**WALBORN RESERVOIR: EAGLE OBSERVATION**  
 \$40 IN-COUNTY/ \$45 OUT-OF-COUNTY **S R**

**SEPTEMBER 26TH  
 AVIAN ADVENTURES**

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
 Join a Stark Parks naturalist for a birdwatching hike! All skill levels welcome.  
**PIKE RIDGE PARK**  
 FREE **R**

**SEPTEMBER 27TH  
 RANGER FOR A DAY**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
 Children will visit Rangers, try on a vest, climb in a cruiser, shoot at the range, and race through the obstacle course to earn a Ranger Badge. Ranger K9 Maverick will have a photo booth for pictures!  
**SIPPO LAKE PARK EXPLORATION GATEWAY**  
 FREE



**ERNIE'S  
 BICYCLE  
 SHOPS**

**BIKE RIDES**

April 19th, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
 May 9th, 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM  
 June 28th, 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
 July 19th, 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
 August 16th, 8:15 PM - 10:15 PM  
 September 13th, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM  
 October 11th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Towpath Trail  
 Lake Ave. Trailhead

# MARINAS & DERBIES

## SIPPO LAKE PARK MARINA

5300 Tyner Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708  
General Inquiries: (330) 477-3552  
Rentals & Reservations: (330) 409-8096  
Marina Inquiries (May - September): (330) 479-2358

## WALBORN RESERVOIR MARINA

11324 Price St. NE, Alliance, OH 44601  
Marina Inquiries (May-September): (330) 935-0367

## HOURS

Weekends May 10th - May 25th - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
Open 7 days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend  
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Weekends September 6th - September 21st - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

## 2025 FISHING DERBIES

- **April 26, Jack Cullen Memorial Trout Derby**  
8:00am-11:00am, St. Helena Park, Canal Fulton (ages 4-15)
- **May 12, Cops and Bobbers**  
5:30pm-7:30pm, Petros Lake Park (ages 3 to 15)
- **May 31, Cook's Lagoon Children and Senior Derby**  
8:00am-11:00am, Cook's Lagoon, (ages 4-15 + 65 and over)
- **June 7th, Pep Tamargo Memorial Derby**  
8:00am-11:00am, Sippo Lake Marina (ages 4 to 15)
- **June 21, Bass Tournament (boat 10HP only)**  
6:00am-3:00pm, Walborn Reservoir, \$60/boat
- **June 21, Catfish with Cops (shoreline)**  
6:00pm-11:00pm, Walborn Reservoir, \$5 fee
- **July 12, Bass Tournament (boat-electric only)**  
6:00am-3:00pm, Deer Creek Reservoir, \$60/boat
- **July 18, Night Fishing Derby**  
6:00pm-10:00pm, Sippo Lake Marina, \$5 fee
- **August 9, Richard Fry Memorial Catfish Derby**  
8:00am-11:00am, Magnolia Mill (ages 4-15)
- **September 13, Bob Meister Special Needs Derby**  
9:00am-11:00am, Sippo Lake Marina (all ages) special needs only

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [STARKPARKS.COM/FISHING](https://starkparks.com/fishing)

# PARKS & TRAILS

## CAMPUS TRAIL (1.4 MI)

Between Frank Ave. and Dressler Rd., North Canton, OH

## CONGRESSMAN RALPH REGULA TOWPATH TRAIL (26.4 MI)

Erie Ave. in Canal Fulton, Massillon, and Navarre.

## COOK'S LAGOON (0.3 MI)

1819 Mahoning Rd. NE, Canton, OH

## DEER CREEK RESERVOIR

14514 Price St. NE, Alliance, OH

## DEVONSHIRE PARK (0.7 MI)

4679 South Blvd. NW, Canton, OH

## ESMONT PARK (0.6 MI)

194 Mill St. SE, Canton, OH

## FICHTNER PARK (0.4 MI)

12833 Market Ave. Hartville, OH

## FRY FAMILY PARK (4.1 MI)

2533 Farber St. SE, Magnolia, OH

## HOOVER TRAIL (5.4 MI)

Hoover Community Recreational Complex, 1325 E. Maple St., North Canton, OH

## IRON HORSE TRAIL (7.3 MI)

First Christian Church, 1141 W. Beech St, Alliance, OH

## MAGNOLIA FLOURING MILLS

261 Main St, Magnolia, OH

## MAHONING VALLEY TRAIL (4.9 MI)

(Deer Creek Reservoir)  
14514 Price St. NE or (Gaskill Trailhead)  
182 E. Gaskill St. Alliance, OH

## MIDDLE BRANCH TRAIL (7.7 MI)

Veterans Community Park, 1714 Schneider St., Canton, 44721 or Martindale Park, 4000 block of Martindale Rd. NE, Canton, OH

## MINERVA CONNECTOR TRAIL (0.5 MI)

501 Alameda Ave., Minerva, OH, next to Minerva High School

## MOLLY STARK PARK (CURRENTLY CLOSED)

## NICKEL PLATE TRAIL (5.7 MI)

2923 Pinevale Ave NE, Louisville, OH  
15101 Crowl St. SE, Minerva, OH

## OLDE MUSKINGUM TRAIL (5.7 MI)

Forty Corners St. in Massillon to Cherry St. in Canal Fulton, 220 Cherry St. W, Canal Fulton, OH

## PETROS LAKE PARK (3.2 MI)

3519 Perry Dr SW, Canton, OH

## PIKE RIDGE PARK (3.2 MI)

498 East Sparta Ave, Magnolia. OH 44643

## PIONEER TRAIL (1.3 MI)

2600 Harvard Ave. NW, Canton, OH

## QUAIL HOLLOW PARK (13.4 MI)

13480 Congress Lake Avenue, Hartville, OH

## SANDY VALLEY TRAIL AND WAYNESBURG PARK LOOP TRAIL (2.6 MI)

262 Maple St., Waynesburg, OH

## SARATOGA HILLS TRAIL (1.6 MI)

6000 Block of Northview Ave NE, Canton, OH

## SIPPO LAKE PARK (6 AM - 11 PM) (4.2 MI)

**Sippo Lake Marina**  
5300 Tyner St., Canton, OH

## Exploration Gateway

5712 12th St. Canton, OH

## Wildlife Conservation Center

800 Genoa Ave., Massillon, OH

## SIPPO VALLEY TRAIL (7.9 MI)

2069 Skyland Ave NW Massillon, OH

## STARK ELECTRIC RAILWAY TRAIL (1.2 MI)

Mahoning Rd. NE in Canton, OH

## TAM O'SHANTER PARK (3.3 MI)

5055 Hills & Dales Rd. NW, Canton, OH

## TUSCARAWAS WATER TRAIL

Tuscarawas River, Canal Fulton, Massillon, and Navarre

## WALBORN RESERVOIR (6.9 MI)

11324 Price St. NE, Alliance, OH

## WEST BRANCH TRAIL (4.8 MI)

1305 Stadium Park Dr. NW, Canton, OH

### Legend

**1-13** Towpath Trailheads


- 1 Canal Bend
- 2 Craig Pittman
- 3 Wooster St.
- 4 John Glenn Grove
- 5 Massillon Rec. Center
- 6 Lake Ave
- 7 Bridgeport Quarry
- 8 40 Corners
- 9 Crystal Springs
- 10 Butterbridge Rd
- 11 Lack 4
- 12 St. Helena Heritage Park
- 13 Lake Lucerne

Map is not to scale

**Hours:**  
Parks are open 24 hours a day, unless noted otherwise.



# STARK PARKS: TRAIL SURFACE TYPES



Throughout the history and expansion of Stark Parks, patrons have enjoyed a wide variety of activities, facilities, and properties. However, the identifying feature that has connected our parks and communities is our trails. We take great pride in building these recreational and active transportation corridors but maintaining a network of trails is an ongoing responsibility. With an ongoing commitment to taking care of what we have, we wanted to share our current and upcoming efforts to maintain our most beloved assets.

**Paving:** Recently, Stark Parks paved a three-mile stretch of the Middle Branch Trail that was previously limestone. While limestone and chip and seal surfaces are considered accessible to individuals using wheelchairs, strollers, and other mobility devices, blacktop paving has greatly improved the ability to access and use the trails. It also allowed us to explore clearing trails during snow and ice events which is far more challenging on a natural or limestone surface. While blacktop paving is not a solution for all park trails, paving efforts will be focused on trails that experience higher usage to provide more consistent surface conditions that are less impacted by weather conditions. Paving will take place as grant funding becomes available.

**Chip and Seal:** Chip and seal is a trail surface where a thin layer of liquid asphalt sprayed onto the existing trail surface, followed by a layer of small crushed rock or “chips”. This process extends the life of the surface by providing a protective layer and is ultimately a less expensive way to maintain trails compared to full asphalt overlays. Through the financial support of Friends of Stark Parks, Stark Parks acquired equipment to install chip and seal surfaces with our park crews instead of hiring a contractor. This gives us the ability to utilize this technique more frequently on our trails. While we do not intend to utilize chip and seal on all sections of trail, this process will be helpful in stabilizing sections of trail that routinely experience washouts or flooding.

**Continuous Maintenance:** Over the past few decades, Stark Parks trail development centered mostly around finding corridors to build trails that connect communities. In a county as developed as Stark County, the most obvious corridors often were abandoned railways, stretches of creek banks, or swaths of existing park land. To stretch taxpayer funds and maximize mileage, most of these trails were built with limestone or left as a natural surface. These trail surface types often experience significant washout and flooding during weather events and increased usage. When analyzing the advantages and challenges of trail surfaces, we intend to implement the following approach to trail repairs and upgrades in the future.



	NATURAL	LIMESTONE	CHIP & SEAL	BLACKTOP
COST	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$
ACCESSIBILITY	LEAST ACCESSIBLE	VARYING ACCESSIBILITY	VARYING ACCESSIBILITY	MOST ACCESSIBLE
MAINTENANCE	HIGH FREQUENCY	MODERATE FREQUENCY	MODERATE FREQUENCY	LOW FREQUENCY
WEATHER DAMAGE	VULNERABLE	VULNERABLE	MODERATE	HIGH RESISTANCE

## MOVING FORWARD

As we continue to optimize our trails, we will be utilizing each of the different trail surface options and maintenance techniques with the intent of improving your user experience and our operational efficiency. We understand that different user groups have different trail surface preferences. Therefore, we intend to continue to offer a variety of surfaces throughout our park properties to accommodate the needs of all Stark County residents.





# FRIENDS OF

## Growth and Exciting Plans for 2025



### Dear Friends,

As President of the Friends of Stark Parks, I would like to extend my gratitude for your support throughout 2024. Your dedication and contributions have been instrumental in bringing several projects to fruition. Together, we have accomplished the following:

- **Deer Creek ADA Boat Launch:** Enhancing accessibility and providing greater opportunities for all to enjoy our waterways.
- **parkrun Lock Box:** Supporting the parkrun community and ensuring the safety and security of their belongings.
- **Wildlife Conservation Center Floor Scrubber:** Ensuring a healthy and clean environment for our wildlife.
- **Summer Serenades:** Bringing the joy of music to our local parks and enriching the cultural life of our community. Continuing to support in 2025.
- **Wildlife Conservation Center Perimeter Fence:** Enhancing the safety and security of our wildlife and visitors.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have set our sights on several goals that will further enhance the Stark Parks experience. We encourage you to continue your support and follow us in our efforts to complete the following projects:

- **Chip and Seal Machine:** Ensuring our trails are well-maintained and accessible year-round.
- **Quail Hollow Park Boardwalks:** Providing safe and scenic walkways through the historic property.
- **Sippo Valley Trail Bridges:** Enhancing the infrastructure of our trails for the enjoyment and safety of all users.
- **Petros Lake Park Restrooms:** Improving facilities to ensure a comfortable and pleasant visit for all park-goers.

### **DON'T MISS OUT!**

**Canalway Classic Spring Peeper** 2024 was a success with nearly 400 participants, raising \$8,000 for Stark Parks! Join us on April 12, 2025, for the 2-mile, 5-mile, or combo run/walk. Stay updated on Facebook (@CanalwayClassicSpringPeeper) and Instagram (@runspringpeeper). For more information, visit [StarkParks.com/friends](http://StarkParks.com/friends).



Friends of Stark Parks is a non-profit volunteer organization supporting the mission of Stark Parks through fundraising events, a membership program, and advocating and building community interest in Stark Parks.

# STARK PARKS

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## Memorial Donations

In Memory of Pat Deibel  
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## Membership Application

Friends of Stark Parks is a charitable 501c3. Proceeds raised through Friends of Stark Parks events will be put towards the development of Stark Parks efforts to provide quality services to Stark County's communities.

Name or Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member  Renewing Member

Membership Levels:  \$20 Senior  \$20 Student  \$25 Individual  \$35 Family

- I would like to make a tax deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please send me more information on upcoming fundraising and sponsorship opportunities.  
 Please send me more information about volunteering at Stark Parks.

**Thank you for your support!**

**TOTAL CHECK ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off and include a check payable to Friends of Stark Parks at 5300 Tyner St NW, Canton 44708. Online payment at [StarkParks.com/Friends](http://StarkParks.com/Friends).



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