



Clermont County Park District

Autumn Newsletter

September - November 2011

Paw Paws
Laura Hoople, Naturalist

Autumn brings relief from summer heat and ushers in a beautiful time of year. Birds are passing through migrating south and squirrels are busy gathering a winter store of food. Trees are putting on a colorful display as the days get shorter. One of the season's best surprises is a tasty tropical treat no further than your local nature trail- the pawpaw.

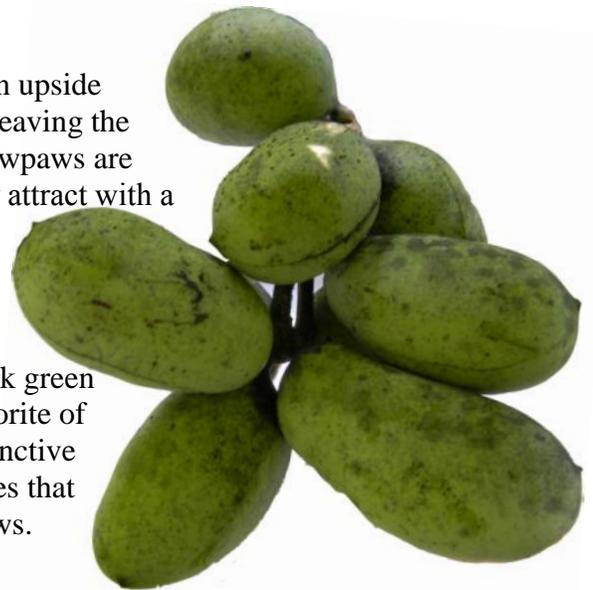
The largest tree fruit native to North America, the pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) is sometimes called the "poor man's banana" or the "American custard apple" for its creamy texture and banana/mango-like flavor. The pawpaw's tropical flavor is unique in temperate Clermont County; it belongs to a tree family typically found closer to the equator.

The journey to these tasty fruits begins each spring with a maroon upside down flower. Bees steer clear of these pretty inch wide flowers, leaving the pollinating work to the flies and beetles active in early spring. Pawpaws are known for poor pollination because of the "lazy" pollinators they attract with a slight rotten meat scent and the need for a flower to be cross-pollinated by an unrelated tree. Due to the flower's structure, if it is by chance pollinated, it can turn into multiple fruits.

After flowering, these understory trees will bud out and grow dark green oblong leaves up to twelve inches in length. They are often a favorite of children due to their size and shape. In the fall, leaves turn a distinctive yellow, making them easy to spot at a distance, especially for trees that have produced clone patches, a common occurrence with pawpaws.

Each fall from September thru October three to six inch long pawpaw fruits lighten in color and begin to ripen. Ripe fruits will have soft flesh and a pleasant aroma, possibly with some black spotting similar to ripe bananas. Pawpaw pickers be on your toes for this brief time! Raccoons, opossums, squirrels and fox love these fruits and will quickly gobble them up. Ripe fruits have a short shelf life of only a few days but will keep for a week or two if picked before completely ripe and placed in the refrigerator.

If you are lucky enough to find a pawpaw patch at just the right time, a superb, highly nutritious treat awaits. Pawpaw fruit is high in vitamin C, magnesium, iron, copper and manganese. It is also a good source of potassium, amino acids, riboflavin, niacin, calcium, phosphorous and zinc. To many, the best (and most fun!) way to eat a pawpaw is straight off the tree by slurping the custardy flesh straight from the skin and spitting the large inedible seeds to the ground. **(continued on page 3)**



Volunteers Work to make Park Improvements

This summer was a busy one for volunteers in the Park District. Several groups and individuals volunteered their time to help make park improvements. The following groups and individuals donated over 1000 hours of time to the Park District this summer. If you have a group that is interested in volunteering for a community service project, please contact Ron Shouse at 513.403.0528.

Week of Hope: A faith based organization provided 6 weeks of service projects to the park district. The group consists of teenagers and adults from across the country. Some of the projects they completed include: moved and spread mulch into the playgrounds at Sycamore Park, mulched landscaping beds at Hartman Log Cabin and Pattison Park, painted the exterior of Hartman Log Cabin, cleaned and painted picnic tables, and several other projects. In total, the group provided over 700 hours of service time to the Park District.

The Ohio River Foundation's Youth Conservation Team worked for three weeks at Shor Park providing trail maintenance and habitat restoration projects. The team of high school students from the Greater Cincinnati Area repaired sections of the trail that were eroding away and removed some Autumn Olive, a highly invasive shrub. They also participated in educational programs on water quality. If you know a high school student who would be interested in participating in the Youth Conservation Team program next summer go to www.ohioriverfdn.org to find out more information.



A member of the Ohio River Foundation's Youth Conservation Team works to make trail improvements at Shor Park.

Duke Energy provided \$800 and some labor to start painting the Naturalist Office at Chilo Lock 34 Park. The office is located in the historic assistant lockmaster's house and is one of the original buildings at the former lock and dam site. Duke Energy employee Lera Hiler organized the project as part of Duke's community support program.

Brian Keefe of Troop 671 in Amelia completed his Eagle Scout project at Sycamore Park. He, along with other members of his troop, laid down 60 tons of gravel on the trail leading to the Wilson Nature Preserve. The trail has been very popular since it opened in 2009. Heavy rains this spring turned the trail into a mud pit, making sections of the trail impassable. The new gravel should make the trail more usable throughout the year.

A.J. Kolb from troop 128 Milford First United Methodist Church completed his Eagle Scout project at Kelley Nature Preserve. A.J. removed and replaced several rotten railroad ties that served as a staircase along one of the hiking trails. He also pressure washed and painted the shelter.

Kevin Rains of Troop 741 in Owensville planted six Norway Maple trees near the playground at Chilo Lock #34 Park. He also cleaned debris along the riverbank after one of the spring floods in the Ohio River.

Thank you to Batavia Township for the use of their Bobcat and dump truck to refurbish the volleyball courts at Sycamore Park. Thank you also to the Clermont County Engineer's Office for hauling the new sand for the volleyball courts at Sycamore Park.

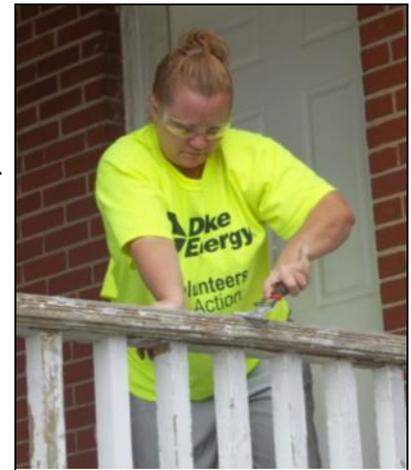
Thank you to Jim Thomas, Bev McClain, Chris Stober, Nick Greaves and Terry Lowe for helping to remove trash from the river during the Ohio River Sweep at Chilo Lock 34 Park.

Thank you to Capt. Robert Morehead for donating his collection of *S&D Reflectors* (the quarterly publication of the *Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen*) to the Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum.

Park District News
Chris Clingman, Director

First of all the Park District would like to extend a big thank you to all the volunteer groups who did work in the parks this summer. As you can see by our thank you list (page 2) many hours of labor were donated to the Park District and several projects were completed by the groups.

The State budget negotiations and final passage of the State's two year budget were big news during summer. This new budget will affect almost all forms of local government, including park districts, by cutting some of the revenues that fund daily operations. In conjunction with those cuts, the total valuation of property in Clermont County has dropped by 8%, meaning that the Park District will receive 8% less in property taxes in 2012. When you put it all together, the Park District will see a 15% decrease in tax revenue for daily operations. The Park District normally generates around 20% of its budget through fees and donations. Overall, the operation budget for the Park District will need to go from about \$600,000 to approximately \$525,000 in 2012.



Duke Energy volunteer Laura Hinkston was one of many who donated their time to paint the naturalist office at Chilo Lock 34 Park this summer.

Progress is being made on the Williamsburg to Batavia Hike/Bike trail. The environmental document for the portion that will connect the trail to the East Fork State Park Campground has been completed. Final design should be completed this winter and the project should go out to bid in the spring of 2012. This portion of the trail is being funded through a transportation enhancement grant through the OKI Regional Council of Governments and donations.

One of our trail partners, Batavia Township, spent some time during the summer doing some clearing work on the old Zagar Road and Short Summit Road segments of the trail. Their work will enable us to get a good estimate on what it will take to build this section of trail at East Fork State Park. The trail is a collaborative project between the villages of Batavia and Williamsburg, the townships of Williamsburg and Batavia, Clermont County Commissioners, Clermont County Park District, Ohio State Parks, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Paw Paws (continued from page 1)

For those of you who enjoy a little adventure in your kitchen, once skinned and deseeded, pawpaw can replace banana in most recipes for a subtle, unique flavor and can be developed into any number of sweet or savory dishes. Try pawpaw bread, pawpaw ice cream, even pawpaw barbeque sauce! Each year at the Ohio Pawpaw Festival, participants compete to see who can develop the best pawpaw recipe in a variety of categories - the possibilities are endless and the competition is fierce.

Pureed pulp can be frozen and used at a later time. Whole paw paws can also be frozen if preferred. For those interested in growing their own pawpaw patch, a wide variety of cultivars have been developed and are available for purchase from select nurseries. These varieties have a better flesh to seed ratio than the wild form found in the forest, as is typical with farmed foods. Characteristics, like flavor, will vary somewhat from one cultivar to another. These native, low maintenance trees can make a delicious addition for those interested in edible landscaping in their yards.

So if the long hot summer has you hungry for the cool crisp autumn weather, hit the trails, enjoy the fall and try a pawpaw today!



In Memoriam

The Park District is saddened by the loss of one of their own. Long time Clermont County Park District employee Mike Rath, passed away August 28th at the age of 45. Mike had worked on the Park District maintenance staff since 1995. He was a resident of Amelia and a 1984 graduate of Amelia High School. He is survived by his mother Linda Rath, brothers Matt and Aaron, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Mike was a dedicated worker who could often be seen cutting grass, planting flowers, pulling weeds, cleaning picnic shelters and restrooms, shoveling snow and many of the other behind the scenes jobs that make the Park District operate successfully.

Thank you for all of your hard work Mike, you will be truly missed.



Mike Rath (1966-2011)
receiving an award for 15 years of service with the Park District in 2010.

Clermont County Park District Memorial Program

Through the generosity of individuals, families, civic groups, local businesses, and foundations, the Clermont County Park District has been able to provide a variety services and facilities well beyond the limitations of its tax revenue. If you would like to honor a special occasion, a special person, or remember the life of a loved one, consider making a donation to the Park District and help support its mission to preserve part of Clermont County's natural heritage and history. For your donation you will receive an acknowledgement letter and a card will be sent to the honoree or family of the memorial recipient. To make a donation please [fill out the donor form](#) and send along with a check made out to: Clermont County Park District, 2228 US Hwy 50, Batavia, OH 45103.

The Park District has recently received the following donations:



In honor of the 90th birthday of Madelene Blocher

In memory of:
Harry Culbertson Jr.
Elaine Baker Volz



Unique Gift Ideas Available in the Parks

Did you know the Park District has a tree and bench sponsorship program? Citizens can have a tree planted in honor of a close friend or a relative with a commemorative plaque. The trees can be selected from a list of available options and can be planted in one of several different parks. The cost of a tree sponsorship is \$400.

Citizens can also choose to sponsor a bench along the river walk at Chilo Lock 34 Park. The bench contains an engraved personalized message. The cost of a bench sponsorship is \$1250. For more information contact Chris Clingman at 513.732.2977.



Autumn Naturalist Programs September - November



Program has a fee



Pre-registration
is required

Monarch Tagging
Saturday September 10
10:30 am (Informative Talk and Tagging)
Chilo Lock 34 Park

2:00 pm
Shor Park (Tagging
Only)

2011 has already been a successful year for taggers with the Park District - we had our first recovery this spring! Join the naturalist for an informative talk on monarchs, their incredible journey, the science behind tagging (and about our recovery!), and the chance to tag and release some of these amazing butterflies.

- Chilo program will begin with an informative talk in the Visitor Center.
- Shor program will be tagging only, beginning at the park kiosk.



Homeschool Program: Fossils
Thursday September 22
Sycamore Park
10:00 am



Bring your homeschooled child out to Sycamore Park to discover what life was like in our area millions of years ago. We'll explore the creek in search of the fossilized remains of an ancient sea.

*Program is geared for 3rd and 4th grade students, but all ages are welcome.

Pre registration is required. Please call 513.876.9013 to sign up. Fee is \$2.00 per child. Adults and younger siblings (5 and under) are free.



Preschool Story time
Sycamore Park

All preschool storytimes will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30, unless otherwise noted. Story time begins under the large picnic shelter.



Wednesday September 14th: Monarchs
Wednesday October 12th: Fall Colors

Bring your preschooler for a special program in the park. Enjoy stories, crafts and hikes with Naturalist Laura and Angie the Librarian. Each month features a new topic.

Family Friendly
Halloween Night Hike
Friday October 21

7:30 pm
Sycamore
Park

Animals have long been associated with Halloween. Hit the trail on a night hike to

learn the truth about these often misunderstood animals...if you dare! Costumes are welcome. Meet at the information kiosk.



www.parks.clermontcountyohio.gov



Great Outdoor Weekend September 24 & September 25

For a complete listing of FREE Great Outdoor Weekend activities offered throughout greater Cincinnati, visit www.cincygreatoutdoorweekend.org

Great Outdoor Weekend



East Fork Canoe Adventure

Saturday September 24

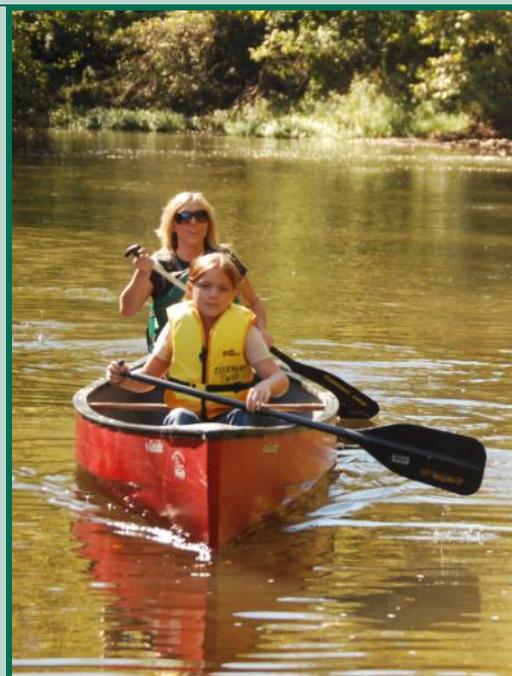
Sycamore Park

9:30 - 11:30 am

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Enjoy a naturalist guided canoe adventure down the East Fork of the Little Miami River as you search for beaver, wood ducks, turtles and other aquatic wildlife. After the trip, grab a kick net and help us collect aquatic invertebrates to determine the water quality in the river. Participants will be given a brief safety demonstration before entering the water.

Pre registration required. Call 513.732.7075 to register before September 16th. Participants must sign a waiver prior to the program. For safety reasons, please no children under the age of 4.



Sycamore Park Stream Splash

Saturday September 24

10:00 am—2:00 pm

Grab a net and join us as we splash around in the river searching for aquatic insects and other critters. We'll use the bugs that we catch to determine how clean the water is. The program is ongoing, so drop in anytime.



Office of Environmental Quality

Presented By:



FALL FESTIVAL

CHILO LOCK 34 PARK

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Wagon Rides

Courtesy of Gorman Heritage Farm.
Enjoy a leisurely ride through the park
on a mule powered wagon.



Live Music by Steve Featherston

Steve Featherston has been playing & singing
around Clermont County for over 20 years. His
style is an eclectic mix of light rock, country & folk
music, with a little blues thrown in. Concerts have
included kids' shows, art fairs, libraries & churches,
plus he regularly plays for area seniors.



Ride the Augusta Trolley



The Augusta, KY trolley will be shuttling
people from the park to and from the [Turning
of the Leaves Festival in Augusta](#).

Campfire

Kid's Crafts

Local Vendors

Pumpkin Patch

Grab a pumpkin from our
pumpkin patch and paint it
before you take it home.



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Friday Night Family Campout

Friday September 30th - October 1

Chilo Lock 34 Park

6:00 pm - 10:00 am



Grab your tent and enjoy a night of family fun under the stars at Chilo Lock 34 Park. We'll have a guided night hike through the nature preserve, campfire songs with Steve Featherston, and of course, marshmallows for roasting!

A light breakfast will be served on Saturday morning before departing. Reservations are required and space is limited so sign up now. **Fee is \$20.00 per family** (two adults plus children, each additional adult is \$5.00). The deadline to register is Monday September 26. Send an e-mail to krobinson@clermontcountyohio.gov or call 513.876.9013 to sign up.



Fall Colors Hike

Sunday October 30

1:30 pm

Sycamore Park



Join the naturalist for a 2.5 mile walk through Sycamore Park and the Wilson Nature Preserve to view the colorful fall foliage. Meet at the pedestrian bridge.

Turkey Talk

Sunday November 20

Pattison Park Lodge

1:30 pm

Discover all you need to know about this season's most famous bird and make a turkey craft to take home. Meet at the lodge.



Habitat Help Day

Saturday November 12

Sycamore Park

9:00 am—12:00 pm

1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Two years of honeysuckle removal have already made a huge impact on Sycamore Park. Join us for a day of volunteering and habitat improvements. Bring work gloves and loppers if you have them. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required; contact Laura at lhoople@clermontcountyohio.gov or 513.876.9013 for more information or to sign up.

Other dates/times may be available for large volunteer groups.





Fall Back Into Time

The Friends of the Jennie Wade are excited to announce that the Fall Back Into Time contest and regional Fundraiser will be returning for the third consecutive year. Over the past two seasons the contest has raised over \$7,000 in funds for regional historical societies and museums. The goals of the contest have expanded this year but still have the same mission that drove the project in its beginnings.

Eleven historical museums or organizations are participating again this year, representing Brown, Adams and Clermont counties in Ohio and Bracken and Mason counties in Kentucky. Each organization has their own character representing them. At the end of the contest, the organization with the most votes wins. Each organization will keep all of the money that their character received during the voting process.

The contest runs from Labor Day weekend through Thanksgiving weekend. Votes can be made anytime online at www.fallbackintotime.com. Votes can also be made by mail or at each participating museum. Each vote costs \$1.00.



Making their return this year representing the Friends of the Jennie Wade is Captain McClain and wife Isabel.



Representing the Friends of the Jennie Wade is Captain Horace McElfresh, a Chilo native who captained the Youtsey until it was destroyed in the 1937 flood. Captain McElfresh is being portrayed by Steve Keller, a descendant of the captain.



Representing the Chilo Lock 34 Park Visitor Center and Museum is Ralph the Diver, winner of the 2009 and 2010 contests. Through the generosity of his voters new items such as two flat screen TV's were added to the visitor center and museum.

To see the full list of characters, or to place your vote, visit

www.fallbackintotime.com

\$1 = 1 Vote

Park District Holds First Ever Summer Day Camp Programs!

During the summer of 2011, the Park District naturalists conducted two week long day camps in the Park District. The week of June 13-17 was held at Sycamore Park in Batavia.

Activities included stream study, hiking, fossil collecting,

searching for crayfish, and the highlight of the week was an all day hike through the park and the adjacent Wilson Nature Preserve.



A second week of day camp was held on June 27—30. The day campers at Chilo Lock 34 Park were able to catch frogs and tadpoles in the wetland, hike, go birdwatching, and cast plaster molds of tracks they found in Crooked Run Nature Preserve.

The Naturalists have already begun making plans for the 2012 summer day camp programs, so stay tuned for more information next year.

Spotlight Species: Wild Turkey

This season's most famous bird, the Wild Turkey is a common sight in Ohio today, but that hasn't always been the case. Due to over hunting and habitat loss, turkeys were considered extirpated from Ohio by the 1900's. It wasn't until the 1950's that the population of wild turkeys in Ohio began to rebound.

Turkeys prefer forested habitat, often near open agricultural fields, where they can find an abundant source of food. They are truly omnivorous and will eat acorns, seeds, berries, grass, insects, invertebrates, and occasionally even small snakes.

Despite their large size and the misconception that they can't fly, turkeys are actually very fast fliers, although they typically only fly short distances. For the best chance of seeing wild turkeys, hike the trails of Sycamore Park and Wilson Nature Preserve where these large birds are often seen and heard.



Road Closure Limits Access to Sycamore Park

From September 6th - November 10th the Ohio Department of Transportation will be replacing a culvert immediately south of Sycamore Park on State Route 132. During this time Sycamore Park will only be able to accessed from the north (Batavia) side. Those residents living south of Sycamore Park will need to take a detour and enter the park from the north. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Asian Longhorned Beetle



Help Stop the Asian Longhorned Beetle!

Don't Move Firewood

Asian Longhorned Beetle Invades Clermont County

In June of 2011 an alert homeowner notified officials of tree damage that had been found on his property. After investigating, it was determined that the Asian Longhorn Beetle (ALB) had caused the damage on the Tate Township Property.

Asian Longhorned Beetles are an invasive insect that were first discovered in the U.S. in 1996 in Brooklyn, NY. These wood boring insects arrived in the U.S. inside of wooden shipping pallets. When Asian trees are cut down and used to make shipping crates, the wood may contain ALB larvae. After arriving in the U.S. the ALB will complete its life cycle and emerge from the wood shipping crate as an adult.

These beetles are highly destructive and will kill their host trees. The adult females will make holes in the tree to lay her eggs. Once hatched the larvae spend their time inside the tree eating through the wood. When they are ready for adulthood they will bore perfectly round, dime sized exit holes in the tree.

These large insects can be highly destructive to their host trees, and unlike the well known Emerald Ash Borer (also an invasive pest from Asia), the ALB is not specific to one type of tree. They will use several different types of trees as their host including: maple, horsechestnut (buckeye), hackberry, willow, poplar, elm, ash, birch, and several types of ornamental trees.

The only way to eliminate the ALB is to cut down infected trees and chip the wood to kill any larvae that may be living inside the tree. So far this particular infestation of the ALB has been limited to Tate Township and the village of Bethel. The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has been working diligently to control and eliminate the ALB from Tate Township and Clermont County.

What Can You Do?

To limit the spreading of the ALB, do not move firewood! Governor Kasich has issued an executive order making it illegal to move firewood in or out of Tate Township and East Fork State Park.

Know the Signs!

Be aware of the signs of the ALB (more information on the following page). If you have trees on your property, inspect them and if you suspect you may have an infestation of the ALB; report it immediately. Evidence of the ALB can be reported to 1-855-252-6450.



As of August 31, over 29,000 trees have been surveyed in Clermont County for the presence of the ALB, 2,103 of those trees were found to have been infested with the ALB.

The United States Department of Agriculture is currently working to eradicate the ALB from New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts as well as Ohio. They were successful in eradicating the ALB from Chicago, IL.

Asian Longhorned Beetle: Know the Signs



Adult ALB showing egg laying sites on tree bark.



After hatching from the egg, ALB larvae bore into the host tree where they feed on the vascular layer inside, depriving the tree of nutrients.



Tree showing multiple exit holes, where adult ALB's emerged.



An adult ALB emerging from the inside of a tree. After transforming from pupae to adult, ALB's bore perfectly round dime sized exit holes on host trees.



Egg laying sites in tree bark.



Close up of the perfectly round, dime sized exit hole.

Preferred Asian Longhorned Beetle host tree species include:
Maple, horsechestnut (buckeye), hackberry, willow,
poplar, elm, ash, birch, and several types of ornamental trees.

If you find evidence of the Asian Longhorned Beetle, report it to the
Ohio Department of Agriculture at
1-855-252-6450 For more information on the Asian Longhorn Beetle visit
www.beetlebusters.info

Attention Teachers!

We are now taking reservations for naturalist programs for the 2011-2012 school year. Available dates fill up quickly so make your reservation early. Programs are offered on most Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

To schedule a field trip for your classroom contact Keith Robinson at 513.876.9013 or krobinson@clermontcountyohio.gov.

Naturalist Program Fees

In-park field trip \$2.00 per student

In- classroom visit

\$35.00 for first program

\$20.00 for each additional program



Naturalist Program Offerings

<i>Program Topic</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Intended Grade Level</i>
Fossils and Geology	SYC	3rd
Ohio River Yesterday and Today	CHI	3rd and up
Habitats and Animal Adaptations	PAT, SYC, CHI	2nd & 3rd
Seasons	PAT, SYC, CHI	K & 1st
From Sap to Syrup (Offered only in February)	PAT	4th
Wild and Wet Weather	PAT, CHI	4th
Stream Study	SYC	6th and up

Location Key:

Pattison Park (PAT) Sycamore Park (SYC) Chilo Lock 34 Park (CHI)



Park District Syrup Wins Again!

For the second year in a row the Clermont County Park District's maple syrup won a blue ribbon at the Clermont County Fair. The Park District makes syrup each year in the sugar bush at Pattison Park. 2011 was our most productive year so far, with approximately seven gallons of syrup being produced.



Chilo Lock 34 Park Visitor Center and Museum

Autumn Hours
September 6—30

Monday—Tuesday Closed
Wednesday—Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm

October 1—November 30

Thursday - Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm
Closed November 11 (Veteran's Day)
Closed November 24 (Thanksgiving)



Are you following us?

Have you visited our Facebook or Flickr pages recently? We're always looking for new photos of our parks, so we encourage you to take lots of photos on your next visit to your favorite Clermont County park and upload them to share with everyone.

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flickr

Picnic Shelter Rentals

The Park District has picnic shelters for rent at Chilo Lock 34 Park, Sycamore Park, and Pattison Park for your summer picnic or family gathering.

Call the Park District administrative office at 513.732.2977 to make your reservation or check on availability.



<u>Park/Shelter</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Chilo Lock 34 Park	50	\$75
Pattison Park	150	\$100
Sycamore Woods	50	\$75
Sycamore #2	150	\$100

Pattison Lodge and Gazebo & Hartman Log Cabin

Call 513.732.2977 to make your reservation.



Pattison Lodge and Gazebo Rental Rates

In Season (May 15—October 15)

Monday through Thursday \$200

Friday and Sunday \$475

Saturday \$550

Out of Season (October 16—May 14)

Monday through Thursday \$200

Friday and Sunday \$425

Saturday \$500



Hartman Log Cabin Rental Rates

In Season Rates (May 15-October 15)

Monday through Thursday \$100

Friday through Sunday \$150

**Includes the use of the picnic shelter*

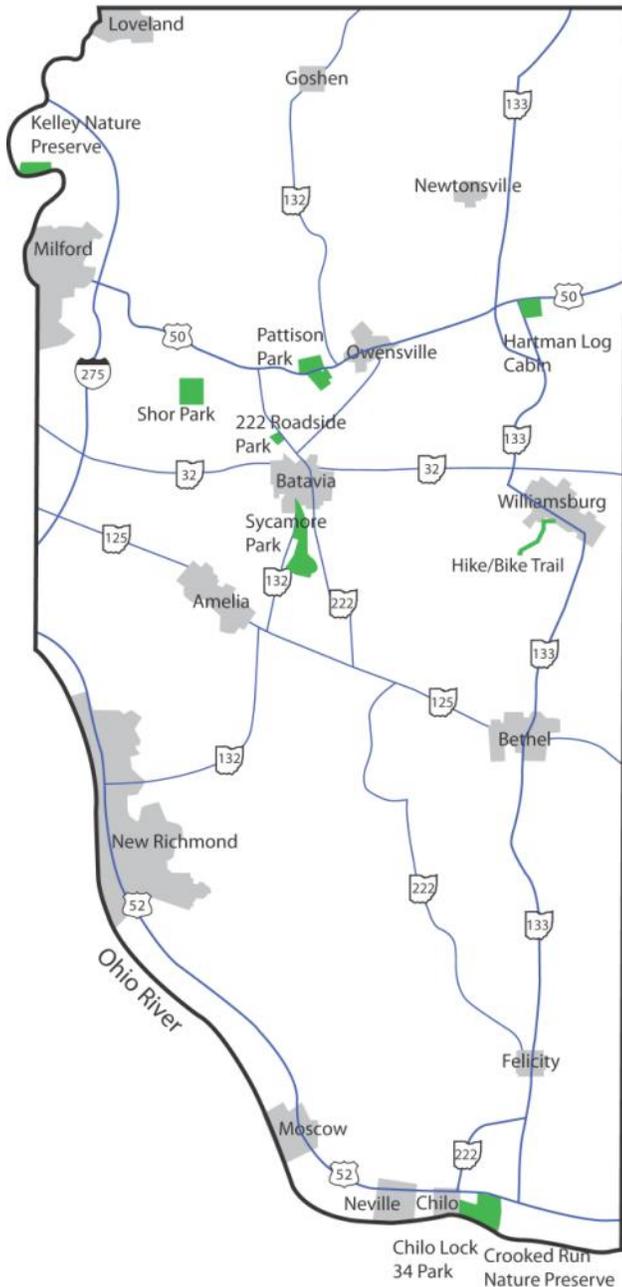
Out of Season Rates (October 16—May 14)

Monday through Sunday

\$100



The Clermont County Park District operates six parks, three green spaces, three nature preserves, and three river reserves totaling 520 acres.



Clermont County Park District
Park Commissioners Meetings are held the
second Thursday of every month at 12:00 pm
At Pattison Park.

Call 513.732.2977 for more information.

[Chilo Lock 34 Park](#)

521 County Park Road Chilo, OH 45112
513.876.9013
39 acres

[Crooked Run Nature Preserve](#)

521 County Park Road Chilo, OH 45112
77 acres

[Hartman Log Cabin](#)

5272 Aber Road Williamsburg, OH 45176
5 acres

[Kelley Nature Preserve](#)

297 Center Street Loveland, OH 45140
42 acres

[Pattison Park](#)

2228 US Highway 50 Batavia, OH 45103
45 acres

[Shor Park](#)

4659 Tealtown Road Batavia, OH 45103
56 acres

[Sycamore Park](#)

4082 State Route 132 Batavia, OH 45103
53 acres

[Wilson Nature Preserve](#)

4082 State Route 132 Batavia, OH 45103
105 acres

[Williamsburg - Batavia Hike/Bike Trail](#)

Broadway Road Williamsburg, OH 45176
2.5 miles long

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