

Oak Openings Region Volunteer Calendar

March 21 through June 16

Saturday, March 21

Volunteers for Spring Wildflower Garden Cleanup Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our new wildflower garden and window on wildlife will need to be prepared for the upcoming growing season. We need your help with trimming and clearing out the winter debris. We will also introduce you to other volunteer opportunities at Oak Openings Preserve. Fee: Free **Register at www.metroparkstoledo.com**

Interpretive Naturalist Field Training Oak Openings Preserve, Mallard Lake, 1 to 3:30 p.m. A monthly field training for those interested in sharing nature with others. Recommended for Metroparks volunteer walk leaders and Volunteer Trail Patrol. Fee: Free

Bird Study for Adults: Bird Hike for Adults Secor, Window on Wildlife, 9 to 11 a.m. Share birding stories, network, and have some fun along the winter trails as birders of all levels explore the winter woods and meadows for winter finches, sparrows, and winter raptors. Dress for the weather; bring binoculars and field guides, not an indoor program. Fee: Free

Saturday, April 11

Helping Hands Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch, 2 to 4 p.m. Show how green you can be by helping naturalists and land management staff to restore an oak savanna for the preservation of rare and endangered plants. Program is canceled if weather is stormy. Long pants, work gloves and sturdy shoes are recommended. Great for service hours. Groups welcome. Fee: Free **Register at www.metroparkstoledo.com**

Saturday, April 18

Volunteer Naturalist Training Secor Metropark, National Center for Nature Photography Parking Lot, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Nature interpretation, seasonal plant and animal cycles, and Northwest Ohio natural history is the focus of this monthly field study recommended for Metroparks walk leaders, Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists, and Volunteer Trail Patrol. Fee: Free

Tuesday, April 21

Friends of Secor: Wildflower Walk and Trail Audit Secor Metropark, Secor Room, 6 to 8 p.m. Observe the beautiful wildflowers in the woods and help to improve trail conditions by joining us for a trail audit. Monthly Friends of Secor meeting begins at 7 p.m. All are welcome and invited to attend. Fee: Free

Saturday, April 25

Helping Hands Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch, 2 to 4 p.m. Show how green you can be by helping naturalists and land management staff to restore an oak savanna for the preservation of rare and endangered plants. Or participate in "Mullein

Pullin", a fuzzy plant that has invaded areas recently opened in Oak Openings. Program is canceled if weather is stormy. Long pants, work gloves and sturdy shoes are recommended. Great for service hours. Groups welcome. Fee: Free **Register at www.metroparkstoledo.com**

Global Youth Service Day Metroparks of the Toledo Area, Various Metroparks, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Celebrate the 5th annual Global Youth Service Day / Earth Day Work Day. Volunteers are needed to keep Metroparks clean and green. A variety of work projects are available, including natural area restoration, plantings and general park clean up. A celebration will be held for all participating youth at the Toledo Zoo. Several park locations available including Fallen Timbers Battle Field National Historical Site. Bring work gloves. Groups, families and individuals welcome. Call Alice Pawlowicz for Reservations: 419-407-9846 or alice.pawlowicz@metroparkstoledo.com Fee: Free

Saturday, May 2

Helping Hands Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch, 2 to 4 p.m. Get outside and help restore an Oak Savanna! Help naturalists and land management staff in this globally rare habitat. Program is canceled if weather is stormy. Long pants, work gloves and sturdy shoes are recommended. Great for service hours. Groups welcome. Fee: Free **Register at www.metroparkstoledo.com**

Sunday, May 17

Friends of Secor: Native Plant Sale Secor Metropark, National Center for Nature Photography, 12 to 4 p.m. Stock up on gorgeous Oak Openings Region native plants and at the same time, help to support the Friends of Secor volunteer group's efforts at Secor Metropark Fee: Free **Friends of Secor: Cook-out and Nature Walk** Side Cut, Riverview Area, 6 to 8 p.m. The Friends of Secor will be having a cook-out and a nature walk. The monthly meeting and cook-out will begin at 7 p.m. at the Rotary Pavilion. Fee: Free

Saturday, June 6

Helping Hands Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch, 9 to 11 a.m. Jump into summer by volunteering outdoors! Help naturalists and land management staff restore a globally rare Oak Savanna. Program is canceled if weather is stormy. Long pants, work gloves and sturdy shoes are recommended. Great for service hours. Groups welcome. Fee: Free **Register at www.metroparkstoledo.com**

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Helping Hands Oak Openings Preserve, Buehner Center Porch, 9 to 11 a.m. Jump into summer by volunteering outdoors. Help naturalists and land management staff restore a globally rare Oak Savanna. Great for service hours. Fee: Free **Register at www.metroparkstoledo.com**

Questions? Please contact Jean McDonald at 419-407-9789 or email at jean.mcdonald@metroparkstoledo.com