

MetroParks Public Opinion Survey

The MetroParks of Butler County would like your help to establish priorities for the County Park System. This survey will take approximately 10 minute to complete. When you are finished, please fold, seal and return your survey to any MetroParks Office or staff member. Alternatively, you may mail your response to us at: MetroParks, 2051 Timberman Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013, e-mail to metroparks@butlercountyohio.org or fax to 513-867-5954.

1. Please check ALL the ways you have learned about MetroParks programs or activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brochures/flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Through schools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MetroParks Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Visited or called MetroParks Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MetroParks Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor's Bureau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

2. Where do you live?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> College Corner | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberty Twp | <input type="checkbox"/> Okeana | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharonville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collinsville | <input type="checkbox"/> Lindenwald | <input type="checkbox"/> Overpeck | <input type="checkbox"/> Somerville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Middletown | <input type="checkbox"/> Oxford | <input type="checkbox"/> Trenton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton | <input type="checkbox"/> Millville | <input type="checkbox"/> Ross | <input type="checkbox"/> West Chester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield Twp | <input type="checkbox"/> Monroe | <input type="checkbox"/> Seven Mile | <input type="checkbox"/> Hamilton County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacksonburg | <input type="checkbox"/> New Miami | <input type="checkbox"/> Shandon | <input type="checkbox"/> Warren County |

3. Have you or any member of your household visited any of the MetroParks of Butler County during the past year?

Yes (please answer Questions a & b) No or not sure (please skip to Question 4)

a. Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit the MetroParks during the past year?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 5 visits | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 visits | <input type="checkbox"/> 31 or more visits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 to 10 visits | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 to 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

b. Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of all the MetroParks parks and facilities you have visited?

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

4. Have you or other members of your household participated in any programs/events sponsored or co-sponsored by the MetroParks over the past year?

Yes (please answer Question a) No (please skip to Question 5)

a. How would you rate the quality of the programs you and members of your household participated in?

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

5. From the following list, please check ALL of the MetroParks areas and recreational facilities that you or members of your household have visited in the past year.

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| ____(A) Antenen Nature Preserve | ____(I) Indian Creek Preserve |
| ____(B) Bunker Hill Universalist Pioneer Cemetery | ____(J) Indian Creek Pioneer Church & Burial Grounds |
| ____(C) Chrisholm Historic Farmstead | ____(K) Pater Park Wildlife Area |
| ____(D) Day Family Farm | ____(L) Rentschler Forest Preserve & Miami-Erie Canal |
| ____(E) Dudley Woods | ____(M) Sebald Park |
| ____(F) Forest Run Wildlife Preserve | ____(N) Voice of America Park |
| ____(G) Gilmore Ponds Interpretive Preserve | ____(O) Woodsdale Regional Park |
| ____(H) Governor Bebb Preserve | ____(P) Other _____ |

6. Which FOUR of the facilities from the list in Question #5 did you visit the most in the past year? (Using the letters from Question #5, please list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th most visited facilities)

1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th ____ NONE ____

7. For each of the following functions that could be performed by MetroParks, please indicate if you feel the function is very important, somewhat important, not important, or not sure by circling the corresponding number.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
(A) Allocating and maintaining parks and facilities	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(B) Operating and maintaining parks and facilities	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(C) Operating and providing historical sites and areas.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(D) Preserving the environment and providing open space/green space ...	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(E) Providing places for cultural programs, i.e. music, theater, arts, etc.	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(F) Providing places for gathering of family and/or friends	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(G) Providing places for indoor recreation and fitness activities	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(H) Providing places for outdoor sports programs.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(I) Providing programs for residents of all ages and families.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(J) Providing programs for specific ages, (i.e. seniors, teens, etc.)	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(K) Providing trail systems (i.e. walk/bike trails, creek corridors, etc.)	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....
(L). Allocating resources equally to different parts of the County	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....

8. Which FOUR of the functions listed in Question #7 do you think should be most important for MetroParks to provide? (Using the letters from Question #7, please list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices.)

1st ____ 2nd ____ 3rd ____ 4th ____

9. From the following list, please check ALL the organizations that you and members of your household use for parks and recreation programs and facilities.

- (A) Churches
- (B) City/Village parks
- (C) College or University
- (D) MetroParks parks
- (E) Neighboring cities/counties/state parks
- (F) Private clubs (tennis, health & fitness)
- (G) Private Schools
- (H) Private youth sports leagues
- (I) Public and/or private golf courses
- (J) Public school district
- (K) State parks
- (L) Township parks
- (M) Other _____
- (N) None, do not use any organization

10. From the list in Question #9, which THREE organizations do you and your household use the most for recreation and parks programs and facilities? (Using the letters from Question #9, please list your THREE most used agencies.)

1st Most Used: _____ 2nd Most Used: _____ 3rd Most Used: _____

11. Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to existing MetroParks parks. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to its parks.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike racks | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor basketball courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Restrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike trails & bike lanes | <input type="checkbox"/> Park entrance signs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sand volleyball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountains | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks/trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap accessibility | <input type="checkbox"/> Park security lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports field lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic shelters | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic tables/benches | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail lighting |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

12. Please check ALL the reasons that have prevented you or other members of your household from using any park, recreation facility or program of the MetroParks.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient or inconvenient parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of quality programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities already reserved | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor customer service by staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not well maintained | <input type="checkbox"/> Program or facility not offered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities don't have right equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Program registration full |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities operating hours not convenient | <input type="checkbox"/> Program times are not convenient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are too high | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration for programs is difficult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/we are not interested | <input type="checkbox"/> Security is insufficient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/we do not know locations of facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Too far from our residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/we are too busy | <input type="checkbox"/> Use facilities in other park systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/we do not know what is offered | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

13. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the parks and recreational facilities listed below by circling the YES or NO next to the park/facility. If YES, please rate ALL of the following Parks and Recreation facilities of this type in Butler County on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means "Not Met" and 5 means "All Met".

Type of Facility	Yes	No	All Met	Almost Met	Some Met	Barely Met	None Met
A. Baseball and softball fields	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
B. Boating/canoeing/kayaking sites	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
C. County parks/MetroParks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
D. Disc-Frisbee Golf	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
E. Fishing access areas	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
F. Golf courses	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
G. Golf driving range / training facilities	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
H. Historic Sites	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
I. Horseback trails / facilities	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
J. Indoor basketball / game courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
K. Indoor fitness and exercise facilities	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
L. Indoor multi-purpose community centers	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
M. Indoor skating/hockey rink, etc.	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
N. Indoor soccer field	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
O. Indoor swimming pools / water parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
P. Lacrosse fields	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
Q. Natural areas/nature parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
R. Mountain bike trails or BMX track	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
S. Non-paved walking and hiking trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
T. Off-leash dog parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
U. Outdoor basketball courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
V. Outdoor handball/racket ball courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
W. Outdoor skating/hockey rink, etc.	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
X. Outdoor amphitheater or stage	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
Y. Outdoor swimming pools/aquatic centers	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
Z. Paved walking and biking trails	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
AA. Picnic shelters/picnic areas	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
BB. Playgrounds/play structures	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
CC. Remote control planes, cars, rockets, etc.	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
DD. Sand volleyball courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
EE. Skateboarding parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
FF. Sledding/skiing/snowboarding sites	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
GG. Small neighborhood parks	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
HH. Soccer fields	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
II. Tennis Courts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
JJ. Youth football fields	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
KK. Shooting range/skeet shooting area	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
LL. Public Gardens/Arboretum	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
MM. Garden plots/Demonstration Agriculture	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
NN. Fishing sites	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
OO. Hunting/trapping areas	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

14. Which FIVE of the facilities from the list in Question #13 are most important to your household? (Using the letters from Question #13, please list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th choices.)

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ 5th: ____ NONE ____

15. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the recreation programs listed below by circling the YES or NO next to the recreation program. If YES, please rate the following recreation programs in Butler County on a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 means "Not Met" and 5 means "All Met".

Type of Program	Yes	No	All Met	Almost Met	Some Met	Barely Met	Not Met
A. Adult art, dance, performing arts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
B. Adult day trips	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
C. Adult fitness and wellness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
D. Adult sports programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
E. Babysitting/childcare	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
F. Before and after-school programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
G. History programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
H. Martial arts programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
I. Nature programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
J. Pet exercise	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
K. Pre-school programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
L. Programs for mentally or physically Challenged	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
M. Senior programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
N. Special events	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
O. Teen programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
P. Water fitness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
Q. Youth art, dance, performing arts	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
R. Youth fitness and wellness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
S. Youth learn to swim programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
T. Youth sports programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
U. Youth summer camp programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
V. Other _____	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

16. Which FIVE of the programs from the list in Question #15 are most important to your household? (Using the letters from Question #15, please list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th choices.)

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ 5th: ____ NONE ____

17. Which FIVE of the programs from the list in Question #15 do you current participate in most often? (Using the letters in Question #15, please list your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th choices.)

1st: ____ 2nd: ____ 3rd: ____ 4th: ____ 5th: ____ NONE ____

18. If you had \$10 in new funding, how would you allocate the \$10 amount for the follow types of parks and recreation facilities in MetroParks? (Please be sure your total adds up to \$10.)

- \$ ___ Acquisition of land for open space/green space
- \$ ___ Development of walking, biking and horse riding trails
- \$ ___ Improvements/maintenance of existing parks, playgrounds, and picnic areas
- \$ ___ Improvements/construction of new game fields (i.e. softball, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, etc.)
- \$ ___ Development of new outdoor parks and recreation facilities (i.e., playgrounds, shelters, etc.)
- \$ ___ Other: _____
- \$ 10 TOTAL

A little about you:

19. Including yourself, how many people live in your household? _____

20. Including yourself, please list how many are in each age group.

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Under 5 years _____ | 25 – 34 years _____ |
| 5 – 9 Years _____ | 35 – 44 years _____ |
| 10 – 14 years _____ | 45 – 54 years _____ |
| 15 – 19 years _____ | 55 – 64 years _____ |
| 20 – 24 years _____ | 65+ years _____ |

21. Please circle your age group above as the person who completed this survey.

22. Your Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your time!

Please return your completed survey to:

A MetroParks staff person; mail to MetroParks of Butler County, 2051 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013, e-mail to metroparks@butlercountyohio.org or fax to 513-867-5954

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