



Friends of Erie MetroParks Update

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Pedal Erie Parks 2008

Sunday, July 13



**James H. McBride Arboretum
BGSU Firelands, Huron, Ohio**

Sign in between 7:00 and 9:10 am

Bike Rides 10, 20, 30, & 50 miles

Starting at McBride Arboretum,
winding through the gentle hills of
eastern Erie County with a snack at
Hoffman Forest and lunch at the
Arboretum.

Cost

Pre-register by July 7 - \$10.

Family Discount - Pre-Register \$20.
family members - same address

Registration after July 7 - \$15.

First 100 people to pre-register
will receive a neck wallet.

Sponsors: Bicycle Bill's and Firelands
Regional Medical Center

About our parks

Hoffman Forest Reserve

Huff Road in Berlin Township



This is an isolated park of forty acres with a network of trails that begin at the parking lot and meander over two branches of Old Woman Creek. They then approach a meadow that has been reforested by owner, H. Lowell Hoffman, M.D. with 14,000 trees including Tulip Poplar, Red Oak, and Eastern White Pine.

Dr. Hoffman, a conservationist, granted Erie MetroParks a twenty-year lease signed in 1995 for this property to be used for hiking/walking, birding, and picnicking. A dense mature forest lies on a small



part of the property consisting of 150 foot towering Oak, Hickory, and Maple trees. At the parking lot, there are picnic benches and a grill.

Hoffman Forest Reserve will be a snack stop for PEP Ride, Sunday, July 13.





Friends of Erie MetroParks

3109 Hull Road
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Become a Friend! Renew Now!
For More Information
www.eriemetroparks.org or 419-625-7783 ext 221

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Dog Park Fencing

A big **Thank You** to all the Friends who have been working on the dog park fence. We have had three Saturday morning work sessions and four Wednesday evening sessions. It is a big job but as you can see we are making progress and plan to have it fenced by September.



The first row of posts - April 05th



Finished section- May 17th

We still need volunteers.
To volunteer to help build fence and enjoy Anne Gilcher's wonderful hot dogs call 625.7783 ext 221



Enjoying Anne's hot dogs after work while Darby Mischler inspects the fence



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FOR YOU

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

Tuesday, July 8

Community Picnic

Osborn Park, 5-8 pm

Heritage Society Display

Sandusky Children's Museum

Glenn Bernhardt Marble Demo

MetroParks Nature Table

Hot Dogs, Chips, Pizza

Co-sponsor - Pizza Hut



Go Take a Hike Kickoff

September 7

3:00 pm - Osborn Park

The Friends will Kick Off the fall hiking program at Osborn Park. We will have a group hike through the meadows, woods, and scenic areas of Osborn Park and a great close-up look at the new Dog Park. Other activities will be Geocaching, children's activities with Dick Gallagher of the Sandusky Children's Museum, refreshments, and a surprise or two. You can complete two hikes toward your seven to earn an Arkansas walking stick or add a medallion. To commemorate the fifth year of the hiking program Jan Dugan will create a personalized emblem for those who have completed the program all five years.

So - Friends - see you for the 2008 hiking program Kick Off.



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\$39.95 Reg. \$49.95

Good June 15
through July 30