



Friends of Erie MetroParks Update

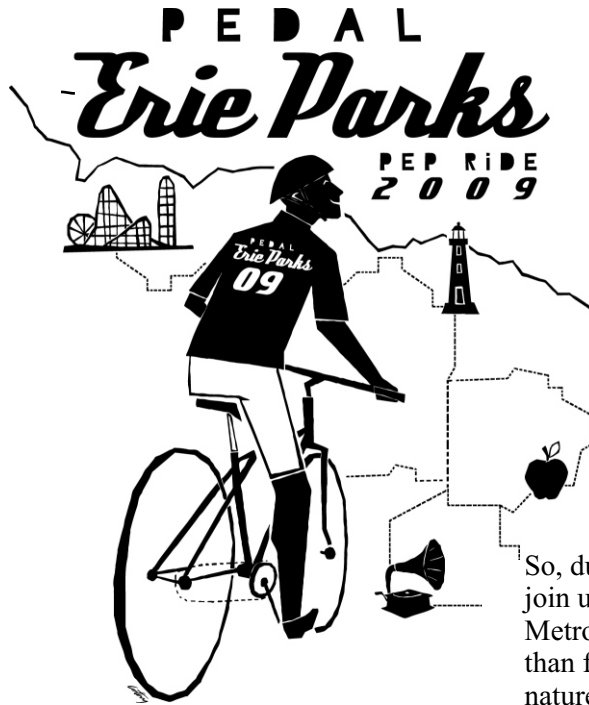
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Pre-register by July 6 - \$10.
Family Discount - Pre-Register \$20
Registration after July 6 - \$15..

Sunday, July 12 Bike Rides

10 miles
20 miles
30 miles
50 miles

So, dust off your bike, build up your stamina, and join us for the 7th annual PEP ride around Erie Metroparks and Vacationland. There's nothing better than friends and family out on a bike ride enjoying nature. Sponsors are Bicycle Bill's of Vermilion and Firelands Regional Medical Center.

For more information call 419.625.7783 EXT. 221 or visit www.friendsoferiemetroparks.org or www.discoverit.org

About our parks . . .

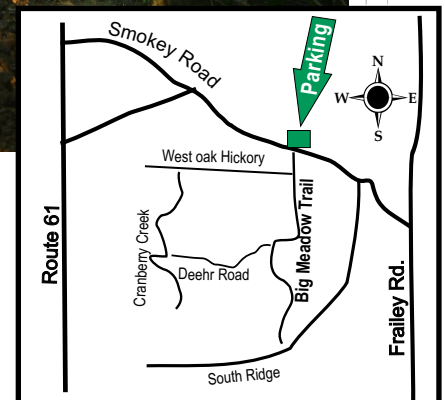
A new place to walk at Edison Woods.

Thanks to Envirotech Consultants and the Mitigation Bank of the Northwest Ohio Park Districts, Erie MetroParks was able to create a new and dry place to hike in Edison Woods.

The entrance is off Smokey road across from the small parking lot and the walk in and back is about a mile. You will see large vernal pools in areas that were once meadows. These pools will create habitat for various creatures and nesting areas for birds as it continues to filter the water before it reaches Lake Erie. Strolling along the raised dyke system you will witness wildlife up close with the tranquility of the central woods. It is possible to continue down Deehr Road Trail from the mitigation area to link up



with Cranberry Creek and other trails within the woods. This mitigation area was previously impassable during wet months but now is high and dry. You will love this latest addition in an ongoing effort to improve the quality of the time that is spent at Edisonwoods.





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The Dog Park Fence is finished. The shelter will be started soon.



Photo by: Michael A. Foster

The 7th Annual Gathering of the Friends of Erie MetroParks was held on Sunday, March 15th with a Go Green theme. A soup and salad luncheon was served using plates and bowls made from sugarcane and biodegradable cutlery made of a plastic starch material. Both are compost-certified and will break down under commercial composting conditions in 45 to 90 days.

All of the trash from the event, including food scraps, went into special compostable trash bags provided by Barnes Composting Facility in Huron. After the event, all of the trash was delivered to Barnes' facility where it will be composted eventually producing material for mulches and blended soils.

Keeping with the "go green" theme, raffle tickets were sold for this "green" bicycle that was generously donated by Bicycle Bills in Vermillion.



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**PEP Ride
Special**

Bicycle Tune-up
\$39.95 Reg. \$49.95

Good June 15
through July 30

Go Take a Hike Kickoff Sunday, September. 13, 3:00 PM, Edison Woods

This is a special invitation to all Friends to come & experience a Go Take a Hike Kickoff.

This event is for everyone. Our experienced hiking guides will lead a ½ mile hike on the Adventure Walkway; a 1.3 Hike to Quarry Hill Winery thru the new Mitigation Area; or 2.3 mile hike including additional wood trails. Whether you choose the scenic bus tour or create your own hiking footsteps you will be amazed by Edison Woods. Come eat pizza and apples on the Rt. 61 Deck while listening to blue grass music. This is a day for all hiking abilities and all ages and be ready for a few surprises too!!

Watch for the Friends Web Page Coming Soon!

**EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS:
MCBRIDE ARBORETUM FAMILY
FISHING FUN**
Sun, June 28, 1-4 pm, McBride
Arboretum, BGSU Firelands,
Huron—Only once a year is family
fishing (keep or release) allowed at
McBride Arboretum's Parker Lake.