

GOVERNOR BEBB METROPARK

1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, OH 45053

Gov. Bebb MetroPark is a 264-acre preserve that appeals to nature lovers, history buffs, and outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Acres of woods, meadows, fields, and streams provide ample habitat for wildlife observation and nature study while the park's Pioneer Village provides a glimpse of earlier times in Butler County and the region. The park takes its name from William Bebb, 19th Governor of Ohio, whose 1799 birthplace cabin and boyhood home is the centerpiece of the Pioneer Village. Joining the Bebb cabin are six other authentic log cabins moved to the park and reconstructed to form a representative early Midwestern settlement. An 1850 covered bridge, one of two remaining covered bridges in the county, was moved from the Oxford area and rebuilt at the park entrance in 1970. The Pioneer Village has been the site of numerous educational programs and events throughout the years. The park includes hiking trails, picnic sites, a covered picnic shelter, the Murstein Group Cabin and rustic campsites for overnight stays by families and organized youth groups.

NON-ELECTRIC CAMPSITE DESCRIPTION (SITES 1-9):

- ◆ **Check-in Time:** Any time after 3 p.m. Upon arrival at the park, campers may go directly to the campsite. Park manager, park staff and/or park ranger will come to the campsite to check on your group sometime during your stay, usually in the mornings.
- ◆ **Check-out Time:** Noon day of departure. Please leave site clean and all garbage placed in containers provided. (Campers may want to bring extra trash bags).
- ◆ All non-electric sites have a 25' parking pad and are equipped with a picnic table and fire ring.
- ◆ Each site will hold approximately 6 campers (2 small or 1 large tent).
- ◆ Person responsible for reserving the campsite must be an adult, 18 years of age or older, and remain on the premises at all times. Adult reserving the campsite is also responsible for any damages incurred during the group's stay.
- ◆ Alcoholic beverages are **PROHIBITED**.
- ◆ Firewood **MAY NOT** be brought into the Park. Firewood must be purchased from MetroParks, \$5/per bundle (15 pieces).
- ◆ Fires are permitted only in designated areas (stoves, grills or fire rings). **NEVER LEAVE FIRES UNATTENDED**. Please do not move fire rings.
- ◆ Non-potable water is available at the hydrant in front of Park Manager's office. It is recommended that campers bring their own drinking water.
- ◆ There is a composting restroom facility at this park which is located in the campground area.
- ◆ Once all equipment is unloaded, vehicles must park in designated parking spaces.
- ◆ There is **NO** Dump Station at the park.
- ◆ Use of firearms and fireworks is strictly **PROHIBITED** in all areas of the park.
- ◆ Trail maps can be downloaded from the web site by selecting: MetroParks – Gov. Bebb.
- ◆ Fishing is permitted with valid Ohio Fishing License and is catch and release only.
- ◆ When a campsite is reserved, park staff will place a "Reserved" sign on the site. If a site has been previously reserved, walk-in campers will have to select another site.
- ◆ **Camping is permitted in designated areas only and is limited to no more than 14 days within a 30-day period.**
- ◆ Dogs must be kept on a leash, no longer than 6' in length. Campers must clean up and dispose of excrements in dumpsters.
- ◆ Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 7am. Electronic devices and voices must be kept down to a minimum so as not to disturb others.
- ◆ Motor Vehicle Permits are required for all vehicles entering the park. These are free to Butler County Residents, see web site for locations; Non-Residents can purchase a \$5/Daily or \$10/Annual permit. A Group MVP for non-Butler County residents may be purchased in advance with a reservation for \$25.
- ◆ All park policies can be found at www.YourMetroParks.net under About – Policies & Rules.

For reservations, questions or concerns, please contact the MetroParks Administrative Office at 513-867-5835 during office hours. For urgent issues that need immediate attention during your stay after hours, please call 513-805-2791 to leave a message for the manager on call. To speak to a Park Officer, you may contact the MetroParks Administrative Office during office hours or during non-business hours contact the Butler County Sheriff's Department at 513-785-1300, ext. 9 and ask to have a Park Officer dispatched to your location.

In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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