

Jingle Bells Hike 🐾🐾

Lanterman's Mill Parking Lot
12/3 | Saturday | 11 am

Jingle all the way down the Gorge and enjoy Lanterman's Mill decked out in holiday décor during this annual celebration of the season. Santa will be there for a holiday photo with your canine. Enjoy cookies and refreshments after the hike. MetroMutts member dogs receive free jingle bell collars. Moderate, 2 mi.

Hike is free for all. Refreshments and Pictures with Santa: MetroMutts members free; not-yet-members \$2.

'Tis the season to give! Please bring along an item to donate to Animal Charity.

Resource Guarding 🐾🏠

Fellows Riverside Gardens, Kidston Classroom
12/14 | Wednesday | 6 pm

Presented by the Learning Dog. Does your dog grumble when you try to move her off the couch, approach her food bowl or trying to take things away from her? These are all signs of Resource Guarding, a behavior that is often misunderstood, overlooked, and treated incorrectly. Learn what resource guarding really is and ways to work with the behavior. Please leave your dogs sleeping at home for this workshop.

MetroMutts members free, not yet members \$6. Call Ford Nature Center to register by 12/11. Additional fee after deadline.



Suggested items for donations: large blankets, dry puppy and dog food, dog collars and leashes, dog toys, treats, garbage bags, newspapers, plastic baggies, plastic totes with lids, rubbing alcohol, paper towels, bleach, laundry detergent, and disinfectant spray.



About MetroMutts

MetroMutts is a membership based program bringing together dogs and their dog-loving humans. Learn new things, strengthen the bond with your pet, and meet others who share your passion.

Join MetroMutts and support programs and projects that improve Mill Creek MetroParks for dogs and people alike. Members receive free admission to our

training programs, discounts on special events and special gifts and treats. Members need to bring and present their membership card to events to receive discounts and special gifts.

Dogs who attend MetroMutts programs must be leashed (6' max.), non-aggressive, licensed, vaccinated, and under owner's control at all times.

Want to join the pack or have questions? Call Ford Nature Center at 330.740.7107 or visit millcreekmetroparks.org/metromutts

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2016 Schedule of Programs




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Metro Mutts

 Donations accepted

 Fee charged for program

 Members only program

 Leave dogs at home

 Register in advance

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Bring High Value Treats to all Training Programs. Examples: Deli meat, fruit, vegetables, hot dogs, cheese, etc.

Pupsicle Hike

Golf Course Overflow Parking Lot
1/9 | Saturday | 11 am

Bring your canine companion for a new year winter stroll down the East Golf Hike & Bike trail to shake off that cabin fever. Easy, 2 mi.

Pet First Aid

MetroParks Farm, Classroom A
2/4 | Thursday | 6 pm

Presented by dog trainer Katie Costello from The Learning Dog and veterinarian Dr. Sam Costello. Your pets are an important part of your life. Keep them healthy and safe by learning how to recognize, respond to and prevent life-threatening situations at this workshop. Please leave your pets at home.

MetroMutts members \$5; not-yet-members \$10. Call Ford Nature Center to register by 2/2. Additional fee after deadline.

Puppy Love

Birch Hill Cabin
2/13 | Saturday | 11 am

Explore the beauty of winter on a hike with your favorite Valentine — your canine companion! Afterward, warm up by the fireplace at Birch Hill Cabin for hot drinks, cookies, and treats. Member dogs will receive a special Valentine. Moderate, 1 mi.

Share the love! Please bring along an item to donate to Oakley's Heart. Hike is free for all. Refreshments: MetroMutts members free; not-yet-members \$1.

St. Patrick's Hike

Pioneer Pavilion
3/12 | Saturday | 11 am

Join us for the "wearer" of the green" as we hike Artist's Trail along Mill Creek. We will be looking for green and signs of spring. Dress your hound in a bit o' color to celebrate the day.

Enjoy cookies and treats at Pioneer Pavilion after the hike. MetroMutts members receive a special gift! Moderate, 2 mi.

Share the luck! Please bring along an item to donate to Friends of Fido—Mahoning County Dog Pound. Hike is free for all. Refreshments: MetroMutts members free; not-yet-members \$1.

Hike into Spring

East Newport Boat Launch
4/16 | Saturday | 10 am

Spring has sprung, and if we're lucky, the daffodils have too. We'll continue our tradition and take our spring hike up East Newport Drive past spectacular Daffodil Meadow. Easy, 2 mi.

Beginner Obedience

MetroParks Farm, Barn #4
4/20 | Wednesday | 6 pm

Presented by The Learning Dog. Does your canine companion need to work on his or her doggy manners? Join us for an introduction to obedience where we will learn commands such as "sit," "down," "stay," and play a few obedience games.

MetroMutts members free, not yet members \$6. Call Ford Nature Center to register by 4/17. Additional fee after deadline.

Tail-Waggin' Trolley Tour

Ford Nature Center
5/22 | Sunday | 10 am

You and your MetroMutt are invited for an exclusive member-only ride through the park on our popular Cohasset Express trolley. Please pre-register to secure your spot by 5/15. MetroMutts members only, please.



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Farm Hike

MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at MetroParks Farm

6/4 | Saturday | 10 am

Hike all four beautiful habitats of the Mindy Henning Memorial trail out at the MetroParks Farm with your furry friend. Bring boots. Moderate, 2.5 mi.

Dancing with Your Dog

Slippery Rock Pavilion
6/15 | Wednesday | 6 pm

Presented by The Learning Dog. Canine freestyle dancing is a choreographed performance organized with music, illustrating the training and joyful relationship of a dog and handler team. Come boogie with your doggy at this new and fun MetroMutts training program. Basic training skills are helpful for this class.

MetroMutts members free, not yet members \$6. Call Ford Nature Center to register by 6/12. Additional fee after deadline.

Gorge-ous Hike

Lanterman's Mill Parking Lot
7/16 | Saturday | 10 am

Summer's heat might be on, but we'll stay cool as we hike the scenic East Gorge Walk and West Gorge Trail. Beautiful views of Mill Creek plus a walk over the Silver Bridge make this hike a do not miss! Moderate, 2 mi.

Dog Gone Art

MetroParks Farm, Barn #4
7/30 | Saturday | 10 am

We may not see the paw prints our dogs leave on our hearts, so make some you can see at this fun workshop. Bring your furry friend to make one-of-a-kind canvas paw print paintings. Register at Ford Nature Center by 7/23. MetroMutts members \$3, not yet members \$7.

Targeting

Chestnut Pavilion
8/17 | Wednesday | 6 pm

This workshop will teach you and your dog targeting skills. You will both learn some amazing and challenging tricks to show off and play some great games using targeting.

MetroMutts members free, not yet members \$6. Call Ford Nature Center to register by 8/14. Additional fee after deadline.

Yappy Hour – Pupperoni Party

Yellow Creek Lodge, Captian John Struthers Pavilion

8/24 | Wednesday | 5:30 pm

Celebrate National Dog Day by bringing your pups for a pupstastic party at Yellow Creek Park in Struthers. Hike along Yellow Creek to explore the beauty that this part of the MetroParks has to offer. Afterwards, enjoy some pizza, beer, music, vendors and a funny photo booth.

MetroMutts members \$10; not-yet-members \$15. Call Ford Nature Center to register by 8/21.

Howl at the Moon Hike

MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at MetroParks Farm

9/14 | Wednesday | 7:30 pm

Join us for our first ever MetroMutts night hike as we hope to admire a harvest moon while hiking on the MetroParks Bikeway. MetroMutts member dogs receive glow sticks to light up the night. Please bring a flashlight. Moderate, 2 mi.



Jumpers and Pullers

Stitt Pavilion
9/28 | Wednesday | 6 pm

Presented by the Learning Dog. Want to really enjoy your dog on a walk? Want your dog to greet people politely? This program focuses solely on two of the most common concerns that dog owners face every single day: jumping up on people and pulling on leash.

MetroMutts members free, not yet members \$6. Call Ford Nature Center to register by 9/25. Additional fee after deadline.

Howl – O – Ween Hike

MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at MetroParks Farm

10/15 | Saturday | 11 am

Have a "howl" of a good time at this popular fall event. Bring your dog dressed in his/her Halloween finest! There will be a hike, dog costume contest, prizes, and refreshments in barn #4. MetroMutts members will receive a free pumpkin. Easy, 2 mi.

Hike is free for all. Refreshments and Costume Contest: MetroMutts members free; not-yet-members \$2.

Share the spirit! Please bring along an item to donate to Paw Platoon.

Hemlock Hike

Ford Nature Center
11/5 | Saturday | 11 am

Bring your pup for a hike among beautiful vistas and trees that are still green. We will be venturing around our oldest lake, which got its name from the Native American word Cohasset, meaning "Place of Hemlocks" or "Place of Pines". Moderate, 3 mi.

Doggy Game Night

MetroParks Farm, McMahon Hall
11/16 | Wednesday | 6 pm

Presented by the Learning Dog. Bring your furry friends for a night full of games, laughter and popcorn.

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