

A note from the RJRD Board

Some of us might not yet be ready (myself included!) but Fall is upon us! The evening air is crisper. The morning takes a little longer to get the chill out. Before long the leaves will be turning, and the park is a wonderful place to watch “the show”.

The Fall 2023/Winter 2024 program guide is out and available on the RHP website.

Come on out to the park and enjoy all that Richfield Heritage Preserve has to offer!

- Anita Gantner, RJRD Board Chair

September Upcoming Events -

Please see <https://rjrd.recdesk.com> for a complete program listing and to register.

September 7 - RICHFIELD LIBRARY STORY HOUR;
11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Register through Richfield Library.

**Sept. 9, 21, & 23 - “TOUR THE TREASURE” CAMPAIGN
HIKES;** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sept. 10 - ORIENTEERING TRAINING; 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.,
Northeast Ohio Orienteering Club.

Sept. 10 - Nature Buddies!; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. OR
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m., 6-week class series for 3-6 year olds.

Sept. 10 - CRITTERS ARCHITECTURE HIKE; 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17 - NATURE STUDY SERIES;
Virtual series with several topics from which to
choose. Zoom link will be sent following registration.

Sept. 15 - SUNSET PADDLE YOGADVENTURE; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.,
Optional picnic dinner prior to class; rain date Sept. 17.

Sept. 17 - BHA RIDING ACADEMY POKER RUN; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Annual fundraiser for therapeutic riding academy.

Sept. 17 - HIKE YOGADVENTURE; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sept. 20 - SUSPENSE & S'MORES BOOK CLUB; 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Book title: Shutter by Ramona Emerson

Sept. 23 - OVIATT HOUSE FALL FUNDRAISER; 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
House tours, raffles, food and fun for all ages.

Sept. 23 - FITNESS IN THE FOREST; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Sept. 23 - SUMMIT OHIO HORSEMAN'S COUNCIL PRAYER RIDE;
10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Live music, reflective prayer, bonfire, & more!

Sept. 24 - CROWEL HILAKA TRAIL RUN; 6:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sept. 24 - RICHFIELD HERITAGE PRESERVE OPEN HOUSE;
1 p.m. - 4 p.m., See next page for additional information.

Sept. 29 - CAMPING SKILLS 101; Fri. 4 p.m. - Sun. 5 p.m.

Sept. 30 - FITNESS IN THE FOREST; 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Look at all that's happening in RHP!

From our Park Director

It amazes me every year when the calendar switches to September. It seems like just yesterday that we were excited to announce our Spring/Summer brochure and our now-famous Goat Derby, and now we have launched our Fall/Winter program guide. With this guide, we have decided to go “Green” and to make it available to our residents and guests online. Feel free to attend one of our wonderful programs or to just enjoy the peace and quiet of the park. The guide can be found on the RHP website.



Fall is a wonderful time to explore all that the park has to offer, and don't forget about the camping that we now offer at the park. Fall would be the perfect time to take your family on a small camping trip to enjoy the peace and quiet of Richfield Heritage Preserve.

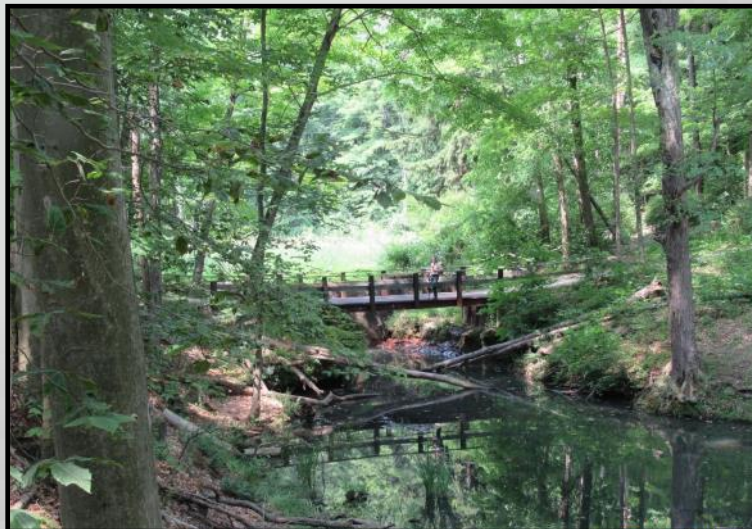
We are always looking for volunteers at the park, so if you have a hobby that you would like to teach or have a certain skill that could enhance the park, please let me know.

As always, I hope to see you out on the trails!

- John Piepsny, Park Director
park-director@rjrd.org

See your photo in print!

Reminder: We need readers' photos! Please email your beautiful or interesting photo of Richfield Heritage Preserve to office@rjrd.org for a future newsletter or upcoming brochure. We want to see what *you* see in your park!



This month's photo of the bridge above the upper lake was contributed by Vickie Nagy. It was taken June 10, 2023. Thank you, Vickie, for your contribution.

Oviatt House Inc.

Beyond their functional purpose, windows can play a significant role in rekindling the essence of the past. This has become more evident as the new window sashes and working shutters continue to be installed at Oviatt House. Freshly painted in an extremely dark green, the shutters and sash reflect a color scheme that we believe closely matches the original shade chosen in 1836.



Come see this exciting transformation up-close for yourself at our Fall Festival on September 23rd, 11 am - 3 pm, where we will host house tours and have raffle prizes, sweet treats, and fun activities for all!

- Tricia Steiner, Secretary,
Oviatt House, Inc.

Ohio Horseman's Council - Summit County Chapter

After 3 years of doing fundraisers and collecting donations, we finally got the money to put a new roof on the summer barn!!

We think it looks wonderful and would like to thank all the donors who made it possible.



- Molly Eastwood

Volunteer Update

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2023 Waterfront Music Fest a success! The event would not have been possible without the assistance of the RJRD staff and numerous volunteers.



Richfield Heritage Preserve is seeking a volunteer experienced in social media management to manage our Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube accounts. The successful candidate should have excellent communication and writing skills, and be able to create and execute content, engage with followers, create Instagram/Facebook Stories, and design creative graphics to support posts. This is an unpaid volunteer position. For more information please contact Park Director John Piepsny at park-director@rjrd.org.



Save the date for our annual **Trick or Treat on the Trail and Spooky Tales** event on Sunday, October 22nd, from 1-4 pm. Plan to join us for this family-friendly, fun event! For more information contact volunteer-info@rjrd.org.

- Susan Czaplicki,
RHP Volunteer Coordinator

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 24 • 1pm to 4pm

- Meet RJRD board members
- Peek inside homes and cabins
- Chat with the park director and park staff
- Discover what's been accomplished in your park
- Find out about the Structure Champion Program
- Learn what's next at the Richfield Heritage Preserve

Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve

Did you know there are more critter homes than man-made buildings at the Richfield Heritage Preserve? Learn about the homes created by our critter friends, how we apply what we've learned from them when constructing our own homes, and what we have built to bring them closer to us by taking our free "RHP Critter Architecture" hike.

Corey Ringle, president of the Friends group, will be leading this brand-new hike on Sunday, September 10, from 2-4 p.m. Corey is an AIA registered architect with RDL Architects and leads the Friends' Historic Home Stabilization Task Force.

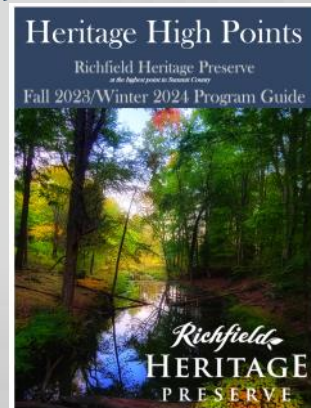


For the critter architecture hike, park in the main lot and meet in front of The Lodge. Suitable hiking shoes, a reusable water bottle, bug repellent, and sunscreen are recommended. The event will be held rain or shine. For registration information and event updates, visit friendsofrhp.org.

Looking ahead: Plan to join us on Saturday, October 14, from 1-3 p.m., for our annual Sing Along/S'mores event around the campfire at the Summer Barn.

- Terry Duncan, Friends of RHP Board Member

Check out our NEW
Fall/Winter program guide at
[richfieldheritagepreserve.com!](http://richfieldheritagepreserve.com)



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