



## Erie MetroParks December 2012 Programs & Events

*Programs and events are subject to scheduling changes. For information or to register for a program, please visit our website at [www.eriemetroparks.org](http://www.eriemetroparks.org), call 419-625-7783 ext. 221, or come to the Visitor Services Department located at 3910 Perkins Ave., Huron OH, 44839, open M-F, 8am-4pm.*

**EVERGREEN HOLIDAY WREATH OR SWAG WORKSHOP- Sat, Dec 1, 10am-12pm**, Erie Room, Frost Center, Osborn MetroPark. Guided by an EMP Naturalist, create a festive holiday wreath or swag using fresh evergreens, pine, and spruce cones. Please bring a pair of sturdy work gloves and pruners. \$12 fee with registration required by November 28. Limit 25.

**HEY KIDS, DECORATE A MINITURE 'GINGERBREAD HOUSE' WORKSHOP- Sat, Dec 1, 2-3:15 pm**, Erie Room, Frost Center, Osborn MetroPark. Use your creativity to decorate a miniature "gingerbread house." All supplies included with registration fee. Registration required by Nov 28. Program cancelled if less than 10 registered. If under age 10 parent/guardian must stay with child.

**RADICAL REINDEER!- Mon, Dec 3.** With the holidays fast approaching, we'll take a closer look at those special animals that pull Santa's sleigh- Caribou! Come see where they live and what they eat!

**HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS/DECORATIONS WORKSHOP- Wed, Dec 5, 6:30-8:30pm**, Erie Room, Frost Center, Osborn MetroPark. Create cute holiday ornaments and decorations to adorn your home for the holiday season. Workshop will include step by step instructions and all supplies. \$10 fee payable at the door. Registration required by Dec 3.

**EXPLORE OUR PARKS: TREKKING DENALI!- Sat, Dec 15.** We're going to Alaska! What is a mountain? As we tour Denali National Park & Preserve, we'll learn all about these mammoth land features!

**HOW ANIMALS EAT- Sat, Dec 15, 12 pm**, Erie Room, Osborn MetroPark. What do animals eat? Join us as we feed our animals and learn about how and what exactly they eat. We have snakes, frogs, toads, and a salamander! Registration appreciated.

**DINING 'OUT' IN THE ERIE METROPARKS- Sat, Dec 15, 4 pm**, The Depot, The Coupling MetroPark. Join us as we cook up a main dish over the campfire then dine at the Depot! Meet up with old friends, make some new ones and bring a side dish to share. Family, friends and kids welcome! Drinks and main dish provided. Registration required by Dec 13.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE SANDUSKY CITY GREENHOUSE- Sun, Dec 16, 12-3pm**, 601 Franklin Street, Sandusky, Ohio. The Friends of Sandusky's City Greenhouse invite you to their annual Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 16. Tour the greenhouse, indulge in cookies, hot cider and hot chocolate, have your picture taken in the one horse open sleigh, buy a poinsettia, participate in crafts sponsored by Erie MetroParks for kids of all ages. Questions? call 419-621-9329. Located at the corner of Franklin and East Monroe Streets.

**SLEEPY TIME!- Mon, Dec 17.** Would you sleep for the *entire* winter if you could? Let's learn about what animals hibernate and what they have to do to prepare for hibernation!

**WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION- Fri, Dec 21, 6 pm, The Enchanted Cottage, East Sandusky Bay MetroPark.** Join us as we celebrate the shortest day of the year with a gentle night hike around East Sandusky Bay! Afterwards, we'll warm up with a cup of hot cider and enjoy the evening view of Plum Brook from the patio at the Enchanted Cottage! Registration appreciated.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!- Sat, Dec 22.** Let's celebrate the holidays with some creative recycled crafts to keep in your home all winter long!

**FULL MOON NIGHT HIKE – Fri, Dec 28, 6:00 pm, James McBride Arboretum.** Join the Naturalist for a beautiful night hike on each month's full moon! Please leave flashlights at home; the moon will light our way. Family, friends, and friendly canine companions are always welcome! Hikes will last about an hour, registration appreciated.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS– Nov 23-Dec 31, 5-10pm, Sawmill Creek Resort.** This annual event showcases area non-profit agencies, schools and businesses with festive lighting displays. The Festival starts with the Ringing Swinging Silent Auction held on Fri. Nov. 23, 6-9pm in the Lodge at Sawmill Creek, Wilderness Hall. Money raised from the MetroParks silent auction table goes to support the Program Services Department- so please stop by and put in a bid! Many beautiful, unique and one of a kind gifts are always featured. MetroParks staff and Santa will be there operating the Candy Cane House one night in December- so stop by and say Hi! Santa is there 6-9pm until Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to drop off a donation- all money collected goes directly back to the participating organizations. The Festival of Lights is sponsored by Sawmill Creek Resort, Barnes Nursery and other area businesses. It is a wonderful holiday event for the whole family. Please come join us!