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## Rare Bat Discovered at Castalia Quarry MetroPark

*Last week, an Eastern Small-footed bat, a bat species that has not been confirmed in the state of Ohio for more than a century, was found roosting in Castalia Quarry MetroPark!*

**Huron, OH, May 20**-In April, Ohio State University School of Environment and Natural Resources applied for an Erie MetroParks special permit to monitor the migration paths of bats during spring migration. Erie MetroParks granted permission for researchers to use mist netting to capture bats for the purpose of attaching radio transmitters for subsequent monitoring.

Last week, Research Assistant, Andrew Kniowski, captured an Eastern Small-footed bat in Resthaven Wildlife Area. This bat species has not been confirmed in the state of Ohio for more than a century! The research team attached a radio transmitter to the bat and it was subsequently found roosting in Castalia Quarry MetroPark. The bat was roosting in the rock crevices on the southwest end of the quarry which is typical roosting habitat for this species. The bat remained for a couple of days but has since moved on.

**About Erie MetroParks**- Erie MetroParks was established in 1968 starting with Osborn MetroPark. Currently, Erie MetroParks has grown to include 11 parks or preserves. Many of the properties that are managed by the park district are maintained in their natural state in keeping with the role assigned by the Ohio Revised Code. Areas used for active recreation are designed to have minimal impact on the natural environment of the parks. Educational programs are offered year round for all ages. Each park is unique and allows for a variety of activities for people of all ages. To learn more about Erie MetroParks, log onto [eriemetroparks.com](http://eriemetroparks.com) or call (419)625-7783.

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