

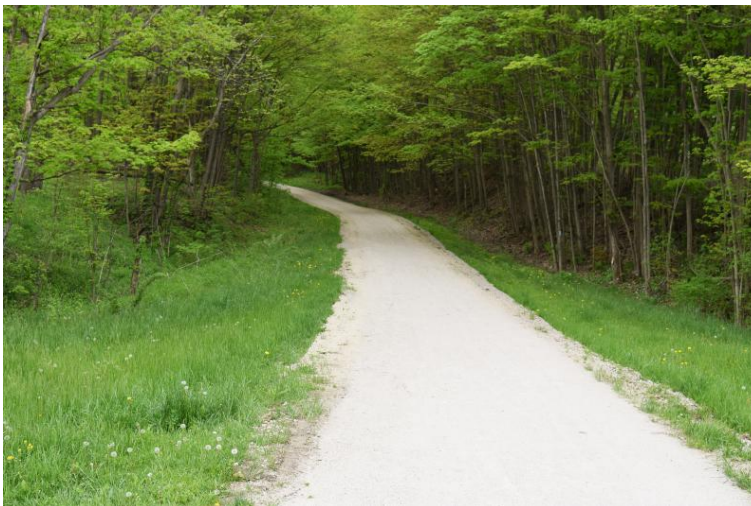


Portage Park District

June 2018 Newsletter

Trail improvements

Headwaters Trail in Mantua resurfaced



The 8-mile Headwaters Trail between Garrettsville and Mantua was recently resurfaced with fresh limestone, thanks to help from a \$136,000 Recreational Trails grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This greatly increases comfort and accessibility for hikers, wheelchair users and cyclists. The Park District has also added a new trailhead parking area in Garrettsville, on property it acquired from S&K Sales on the site of the former Erie Lackawana depot. The trail is now open for use, while signage improvements continue.

For more information on the Headwaters Trail and to download a map, visit our website [here](#)

Volunteer opportunities

Summer and fall volunteer needs

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Important Dates



Guided history hike at Towner's Woods

June 10

3-5 p.m.

Join our volunteer naturalist, Leann for a guided hike through Towner's Woods. Learn about the Hopewell Mound, the history of Towner's Woods, natural features of the park and more.

[Sign up here.](#)

Kent Heritage Festival

June 30

PPD will have a booth and Owlbert will be on site from 11 a.m.-12:30



Portage Park District has several areas where volunteers are needed. Potential volunteers, simply need to fill out our online application and then attend a one hour orientation prior to serving.

Dates and events where volunteers are needed:

Invasive plant removal- June 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Kent Heritage Festival- June 30, various times

Headwaters Adventure Race- July 14, various times

Beckwith Sweet Corn Festival- August 4/5, various times.

[Online volunteer application](#)

Foundation news

Show your support



Purchasing a license plate cover is a great way to show your support for Portage Parks. Covers are \$5 each. Stop in the office to grab yours today!

Headwaters Adventure Race - July 14

Have you signed up to run, pedal, paddle your way to the finish line? There is still time to sign up and to train.

Sequoia Wellness is offering adventure race training that takes place on Wednesday evenings at 5:30-7 p.m. Non members can join these classes for a fee.



[Register for the race here!](#)

Wild Hikes Challenge 2018 - Year of the American Beech

The theme for 2018 is the year of the American Beech to celebrate the role of this keystone species of our eastern Ohio forests, and to bring awareness to the leaf disease that has begun to affect the species in northeast Ohio.

p.m. & 2-3:30 p.m.

Headwaters Adventure Race

July 14

Race begins at 8 a.m.

[Register here](#)

Local events

Kayak Instructional Classes

Breakaway Excursions

June 14

July 26

August 16

1/2 price for Portage

County residents

[For more information](#)

[click here](#)

Pictures

Environmental Awards Dinner photos

Photos have been uploaded to our Facebook. [Check them out here!](#)

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To participate, just walk, hike, skip, jog, run or stroll on 8 of the following trails before December 31st to earn a hiking staff (1st year) and/or a 2018 Wild Hikes medallion. **Start your challenge today!**

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