

## A note from the RJRD Board

There is a special kind of quiet that settles upon the park in winter. Strap on those boots and warm wraps and go looking for it. RHP has such lovely and varied terrain and forest with all of it looking spectacular under a fresh blanket of snow. RHP offers gifts to visitors in every season. Please don't miss this winter's offering.

- Anita Gantner, RJRD Board Chair

## January Upcoming Events -

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

**Jan. 2 - SMOOTHING IT (NOT ROUGHING IT); 7-8PM;** Park Office. FREE series with group conversational format. Topic is TENT CAMPING: Where to Go and How to Enjoy It. Different emphasis each month on how to tent camp, with something on travel each time: U.S., Canada, & mostly Ohio. **Session 1: TYPES OF CAMPING** Lead by Hugh Groth. Registration encouraged.

**Jan. 5 - HIKE YOGADVENTURE: SUNDAY SERIES; 10-11:45AM.** Join us for an opportunity to connect with nature and nurture your body and mind. Hike with accessible yoga pauses throughout. Lead by Lisa Meranti / OneTreeLove. \$17 - Registration required.

**Jan. 10 - BASICS OF WIRE WRAPPING: BEADED BRACELET;** 6-8PM; Park Office. Learn how to work with tools to make simple beads that join together in 3 different designs. Tools and materials provided. Difficulty: Easy - \$20 Lead by Sarah Mitschke / Different Branches LLC.

**Jan. 12 - BASICS OF WIRE WRAPPING: SEED BEAD PENDANT;** 1-3PM; Park Office. Use household items to shape copper and link beads to a larger item; coil and swirl wire. Tools and materials provided. Difficulty: Easy - \$30 Different Branches LLC

**Jan. 16 - "DANGER AT DUSK" BOOK CLUB; 6:30-8:30PM;** Park Office. Presented by Richfield Library. Contact the library for book title and to register.

**Jan. 17 - BASICS OF WIRE WRAPPING: MORE BEADING TECHNIQUES;** 6-8PM; Park Office. Link beads together for charms that dangle; manipulate wire, and shape it to fit a person. Tools and materials provided. Difficulty: Easy - \$30 Different Branches LLC

**Jan. 19 - NATURE ADVENTURERS; 10-10:45AM;** Chagrin Valley Cabin. "Chill Out at RHP": Explore the woods in winter. Learn about ice and snow while we play with fun and engaging activities! Unique family friendly activity, inclusive for children of all abilities. Wild & Free OT, LLC \$22 per child; pre-registration required.

**Jan. 19 - BASICS OF WIRE WRAPPING: HEART OF LINKS; 1-3PM;** Park Office. Shape a heart from scratch; flatten designs for material strength; make chain links. Difficulty: Easy-Intermediate - \$30 Different Branches LLC

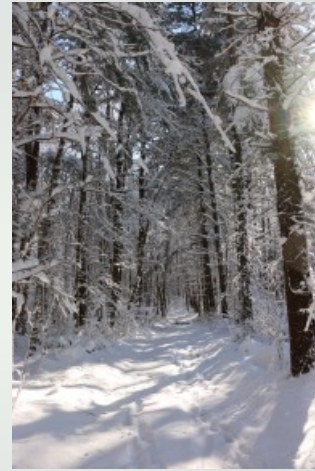
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## From our Park Director

The new year brings a sense of purpose to our lives. We have learned so much in the past year, and now we have experience to make things right in our lives. We want to create new patterns in our lives and focus more on our health and wellbeing.



Here at the Richfield Heritage Preserve, we can help with all of that. Be sure to check out our new program guide that has classes that will help with mental health, physical health and nutrition.



This year brings a lot of exciting special events such as the new Health Fair in March, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Goat Derby in May and the Waterfront Music Festival in July! The Richfield Heritage Preserve can help you become a better you!

Until next time, I hope to see you out on the trails!

- John Piepsny,  
Park Director  
[park-director@rjrd.org](mailto:park-director@rjrd.org)

## See your photo in print!

Remember to email your beautiful or interesting photo of Richfield Heritage Preserve to [office@rjrd.org](mailto:office@rjrd.org). We want to see what you see in your park!



Laurie Patton contributed this month's photo of Kirby's Mill across the Lower Lake through pine branches. It was taken on Jan. 21, 2024.

Thank you, Laurie, for your contribution.

**From our Volunteer Coordinator/  
Recreation Programmer**

Start your new year by getting involved at Richfield Heritage Preserve! Whether you enjoy walking in the park, photography, birdwatching, picnics, or decide to volunteer, we welcome you. Get ready for an amazing lineup of events in 2025 that you won't want to miss!



Our first event of the year will be the Snowbird Festival on January 26, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Village of Richfield, Richfield Township, and Richfield Joint Recreation District.

We will celebrate with the Akron Zoo's winter animals, who will make a special appearance from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Richfield librarian Diane Nagy will read stories and play bingo. There will be photo opportunities, a Brrr basket raffle, and a chance to meet a Siberian Husky team and their trainers. Kids can enjoy crafts, activities, and games.

We invite everyone to join us and enjoy complimentary refreshments and hot cocoa. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and create memories. For more information, contact volunteer-info@rjrd.org.

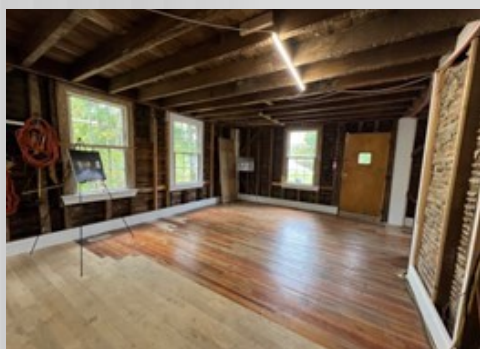


- Susan Czaplicki,  
RHP Volunteer  
Coordinator/  
Recreation Programmer

**Oviatt House Inc.**

We are determined to complete the interior restoration of the Oviatt house in 2025. Currently, we are waiting for the electrician to wire the house, and that will be followed up with drywall. We cannot thank everyone enough for getting us this far in the restoration process!

- Tricia Steiner, Secretary,  
Oviatt House, Inc.



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# Snowbird Festival

at the  
**Richfield Heritage Preserve**  
*a Richfield communities appreciation event*

**Akron Zoo Winter Animals**  
**Richfield Library Story Time**  
**Husky Sled Dog Teams**  
**Photo Ops**  
**Kids' Crafts and Games**  
*... and Much More!*

**1 to 4pm**  
**Sunday,**  
**January 26**

Sponsored by the Village of Richfield, Richfield Township, and Richfield Joint Recreation District  
For more information, please contact John Piepsny at (330) 388-3095

**January Upcoming Events (continued) -**

**Jan. 24 - BASICS OF WIRE WRAPPING: BASIC CABOCHON PENDANT;** 6-8PM; Park Office. Snare a cabochon with just 3 strands of copper wire for a simple, elegant design. Difficulty: Intermediate \$30 - Different Branches LLC

**Jan. 26 - LET'S MAKE: A SUN PENDANT;** 1-3PM; Park Office. Make a sun using a negative space design. Difficulty: Intermediate \$30 - Different Branches LLC

**Jan. 26 - SNOWBIRD FESTIVAL;** 1-4PM; The Lodge at RHP. **FREE** family event sponsored by Village of Richfield, Richfield Township, and Richfield Joint Recreation District. Story time, husky sled dogs, Akron Zoo animals, photo ops, and more.

**Jan. 31 - LET'S MAKE: A HEART RING;** 6-8PM; Park Office. Make an adjustable heart ring using a basket weave design. Difficulty: Intermediate - \$30 Different Branches LLC

**Look at all that's happening in RHP!**



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