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Lake Metroparks launches 50th Anniversary Website

Visit lakemetroparks.com and click on 50th Anniversary logo!

Lake Metroparks has launched a 50th anniversary website to celebrate this historic anniversary of the park system. The 50th anniversary website is both informative and entertaining as it looks back over the history of the park district from its inception in 1958 through the celebration of the 50th anniversary in 2008. Join the parks throughout this milestone anniversary year to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday, and the hopes of tomorrow!

Visitors to the site will find seven easy to navigate sections to explore.

1. **50 Ways to Celebrate** - Fifty events and activities you can enjoy within the Lake Metroparks to celebrate its 50th anniversary.
2. **Timeline** - An interesting look back at the history of Lake Metroparks that highlights many of the important events of the award-winning park district. Be sure to scroll over the pictures for larger images and more information.
3. **Photo Gallery** - A slideshow of images from Lake Metroparks then...and now.
4. **Videos** - A fun collection of videos that capture what Lake Metroparks has to offer. To view the videos, you will need to have flash player installed on your computer. A link is provided to download the player, if necessary.
5. **Articles** - Informative, in depth perspectives of the history of Lake Metroparks including an article about the park district's first naturalist, Don Strock.
6. **1958 Major Event** - A virtual walk down memory lane. Remember (or discover) what the major events that took place that year including news stories, business, technology, sports, arts and entertainment, and more. View an entertaining assortment of news reels from 1958, courtesy of FlickBack Media, Inc.
7. **Sharing the Memories** - Lake Metroparks want to hear from you. Log on to share your memories of the history of parks - the staff, programs, events, and properties - and how they have impacted your life. Be a part of the celebration!

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To join in the celebration online, visit lakemetroparks.com and click on the Lake Metroparks' 50th anniversary logo or the 50th anniversary website link in the middle of the page. Be sure to check back often as more images, videos, and memories are added!

Lake Metroparks ~ Celebrating 50 Years 1958 - 2008

Lake Metroparks board and staff maintain a genuine commitment to the community, which is reflected in the balanced offering of programs shaped to fulfill the agency's mission:

To conserve and preserve the natural resources of Lake County while providing a variety of safe, affordable and enjoyable educational and recreational programs and activities that enhance the quality of life in Lake County now and for the generations to follow.

Portions of two state-designated wild and scenic rivers - and many tributaries - flow through and are protected by Lake Metroparks. In addition to protecting watersheds and open space, Lake Metroparks annually provides more than two million visitors with countless recreational and educational experiences at diverse facilities including an agriculturally themed park, a nature center, a state-of-the-art education and wildlife rehabilitation center, two golf courses, a 4.8-mile paved bike/hike trail, five parks on Lake Erie's shoreline and a cross-country ski center.