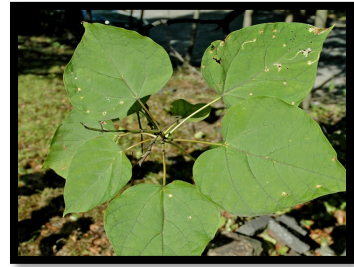




Bull's Run Newsletter

Summer 2024

Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum is a non-profit volunteer organization located in NE Butler County and serving the surrounding community. We are dedicated to preserving the natural area of Bull's Run and strive to develop the park as an environmental facility and educational resource for people of all ages.

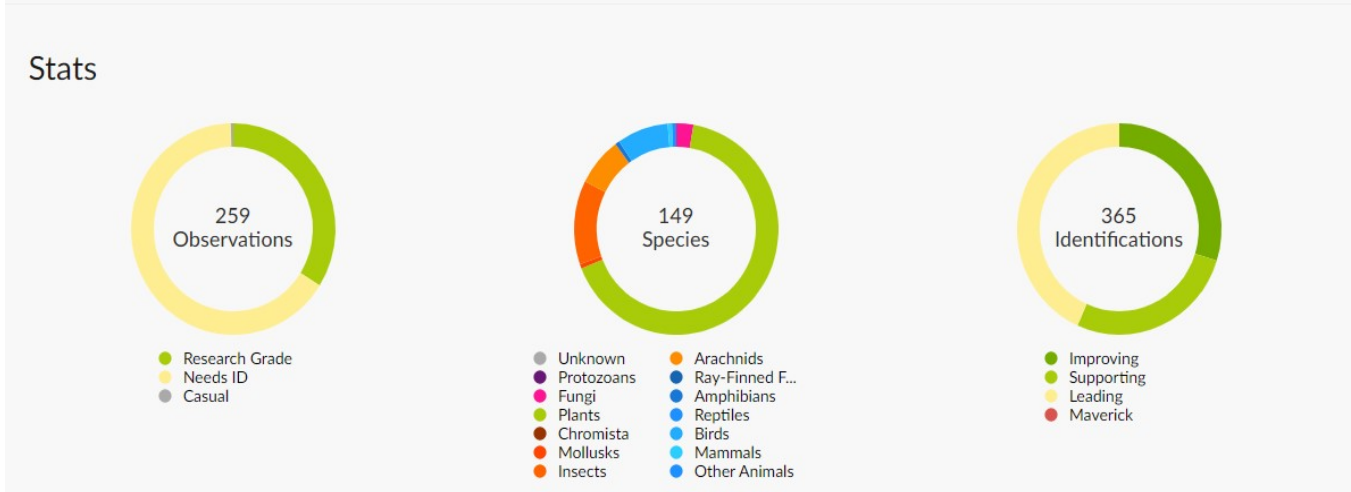


Northern catalpa leaves

Hello Summer!

To kick off the summer season, we held a BioBlitz at Bulls Run Arboretum in partnership with Butler SWCD. This communal citizen science effort focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time. BioBlitz captures a snapshot of an area's biodiversity, and is done fully on a volunteer basis. With help from all of our participants, 259 observations were made and 149 different species of plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, and more were identified. Thank you to everyone who participated in this years BioBlitz event!

Overview	259 OBSERVATIONS	149 SPECIES	48 IDENTIFIERS	9 OBSERVERS	Stats
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New Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum Contributions
Received since the Spring 2024 Newsletter

Memberships

Loren E. Ackerman Laird and
Jan Baird
Tom and Sally Brickey
Ron and Barbara Conley
Richard Davies
Jody Ingle
Patricia Gage
Ed and Rose Grau
Stephan and Nanette Hess
Laverne Hopper
Marylou McCormick
Jennifer Ridge
Barney Riesbeck
Glen and Joan Shivers
Joyce Williams

Additional Contributions

Laird and Jan Baird
Marylou McCormick
Barney Riesbeck
Glen and Joan Shivers
Joyce Williams

Middletown Community Endowment

Glen and Joan Shivers
Loren E. Ackerman
Ed and Rose Grau

Memorials

*In loving memory of Louis and Carolyn
Gaker*

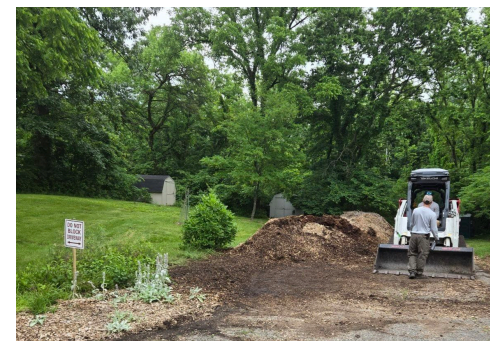
Steve and Lisa Wilson

These memberships were received between 3/1/24 and 6/21/24. If our records do not reflect your records, please notify us and we will be sure to include you in our next newsletter where we list new contributions to Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum. Thank you for your support.

Moving Mountains

At Bull's Run, there is always a project to do to keep up with the maintenance and integrity of the Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum. Sometimes the scale of these projects is small and can be achieved by a few dedicated volunteers. Other times, it requires moving mountains- mountains of mulch that is! Over the last few months, generous donations of dropped off mulch escalated into a heaped challenge of getting that mulch to the trails. Amazing volunteers put in sweat equity running wheelbarrows on our park work days but only small gains could be made with muscle alone. Then our partners at Metroparks of Butler County joined the effort.

For four hours on a Wednesday morning, staff from Metroparks of Butler County volunteered their time, knowledge, and skills to clean out garden beds, battle invasive species, and take on the mulch mountain with a takeuchi! (For those like me who are not familiar with this equipment, think larger -than- a- bobcat hauler!) Through teamwork, laughter, and a sense of service to the earth, a large amount of mulch got distributed where we needed it. And uncovered the front butterfly garden that had become buried in the excess! We are so appreciative of support from our volunteers and community partners. Together we really can move mountains!



Summer Nature TOTS

Looking for a fun way to get your little ones outdoors this summer? Join us for our next Nature TOTS session! The summer season brings with it lots of opportunity for water play, adventures in the prairie, and more! TOTS engage in guided and inquiry driven exploration to build confidence and skills connected to being outdoors, all while playing games, crafting, and having fun with friends!

Nature TOTS meets in each season of the year to witness the changes in the woods and learn from what nature shares with us. Our next session will be Summer Nature TOTS which will meet select Sundays in August and September: 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, and 9/1

This program is available to all of our Family Membership holders. If you have questions or are interested in signing up, please email Naturalist Melissa at brnsaa@gmail.com.



Thanks to all who help keep Bull's Run an important asset of the community!

- ❖ Thanks to Metroparks of Butler County for project assistance!
- ❖ Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2024 BioBlitz
- ❖ Thanks to Josh Proffitt for working on bridge maintenance
- ❖ Thanks to Mike Wertz for mowing the prairie
- ❖ Thanks to the City of Middletown for your support with park maintenance
- ❖ Thanks to the Children and Youth Ministry at MUMC for your volunteer projects
- ❖ Thanks to those who shop at Kroger and have enrolled in their community rewards program, listing **Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum –organization # MX093.**
- ❖ Thanks to everyone who “likes” us on Facebook and shares events
- ❖ Thanks to the Episcopal Church of Ascension for their all-around support
- ❖ Thanks to Aaron Grant for maintaining our website
- ❖ Thanks to all Board members for their enduring support!
- ❖ Thanks to all of our wonderful membership holders, we truly appreciate your support!!

Become a Bull's Run Member Today!
2024 Membership Form can be found on
the website www.bullsrn.org or on pg 6
More Ways To Get Involved with Bull's Run

Become a Board Member! Our volunteer board members are vital to continuing the work of Bull's Run. If you care about our mission, please consider joining us! Interested parties can email brnsaa@gmail.com

Current board openings include:

Treasurer Create Treasurer reports on BRNSA financials to share with other board members.

Member at Large Serve as general board member, offering suggestions for programming and helping to execute the various events held throughout the year.

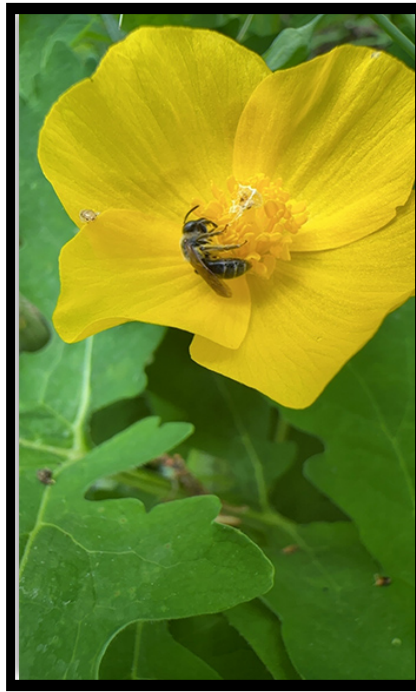
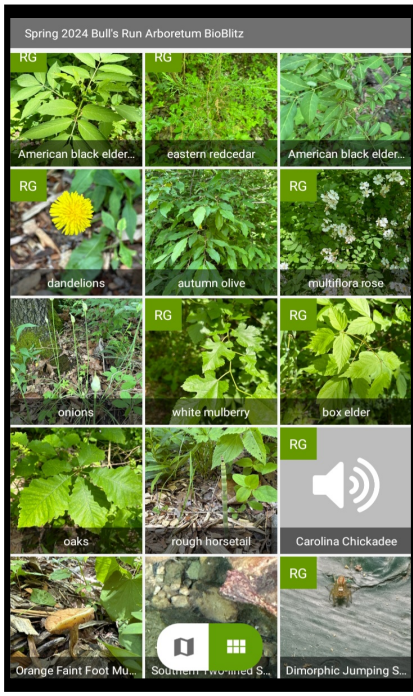
Contribute time, talent or materials:

Volunteer on a Workday with your own yard tools, or using some of ours, to help prepare the trails for tours, control invasive species or add to the diversity of plants. Individuals and groups welcomed.

Take pictures of your visit to Bull's Run and post them on our Facebook page or your own Instagram account. Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum is still one of Middletown's little-known gems of nature. Help us spread the word!

Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Kroger Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy...all you must do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card! When you enroll, please choose Bull's Run Nature Sanctuary and Arboretum under Community Rewards. This will not affect your fuel rewards in any way. Our new organization number is **MX093**. If you have enrolled in the past, your account has already automatically changed the number for you.



Mark Your Calendars For Upcoming Events

June

Sunday, June 30, **Summer Tree Hike**, 2:00 – 3:00 pm

July

Saturday, July 27, **Monarch Migration**, 10:00 – 11:00 am

August

Saturday, August 10, **Prairie Walk**, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Sundays in August, **Summer Nature TOTS**, 2:00 – 3:30 pm 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

September

Sunday, September 1, **Summer Nature TOTS**, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Saturday, September 7, **Park Work Day**, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 21, **Park Work Day**, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Friday, September 27, **Campfire Stories with a Naturalist**, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

For more information, please visit our website www.bullsrn.org or Facebook page.
 Contact Bull's Run at brnsaa@gmail.com, to schedule a tour or service project, or speak to your organization
 or for a program at Bull's Run