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PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THE HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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WINTER BIRDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PARKS

Seasonal migrations of birds can be dramatically altered by weather patterns. We know this through years of observation and recording. Join the Bird Monitoring program at the Hancock Park District to help continue the data collection process:

- Friday, December 3 at 9am, Riverbend Recreation Area, Shelter 3.
- Saturday, January 14 at 10am, Litzenberg Memorial Woods, Gatehouse.
- Friday, February 24 at 1pm, Riverbend Recreation Area, Shelter 3.

Participants will count all observable birds to accumulate data that will be used to help monitor population trends, land management effectiveness, and as a tool for long term habitat change and planning. Hiking distances and times will vary depending on the site, but be prepared for weather, ground conditions, and at least 1 ½ - 2 1/2 hours on the trails. Participants should also bring bird ID books and binoculars. Children under 16 years of age should be accompanied by an adult.

Monitoring for next month is Saturday, December 3, beginning at 9 AM. Meet at Riverbend Recreation Area, Shelter 3 located at 16618 TR 208, off SR 568, east of Findlay.

For more information about these opportunities or other upcoming park programs and events, view the HPD Seasonal Program & Event Guide at www.HancockParks.com under the "What's New" section, visit our park "Calendar," or call the park office at 419-425-PARK/7275 and *Discover Your Hancock Parks*.