

Denney & White
DESIGN

Park Operations and Park Services

2019

Richfield
HERITAGE
PRESERVE

Park Volunteers

In 2019, 456 volunteers were engaged for approximately 8600 hours

The 2019 Richfield Heritage Preserve volunteer efforts amount to approximately
\$ 218,700

These figures do not include all the partner group's volunteers,
and the partner group's volunteer hours

Painting

Northfield Boy Scout Troop 575 and
Richfield Heritage Preserve volunteers painted Gemini Cabin



Painting

Brunswick Boy Scout Troop 519 and
Richfield Heritage Preserve volunteers
painted Chagrin Cabin



Painting

Richfield Heritage Preserve volunteers
painted Gemini Latrine



Oswald Companies



Approximately 50 Oswald Companies employees spent the afternoon of September 27, 2019 at Richfield Heritage Preserve as part of Oswald's Day of Caring community program. The group painted the exterior of Gund Hall, cleared park trails, cleaned the Waterfront Shelter roof, and cleaned Chagrin Cabin.





Signage

Signage installed in 2019:

- Lake Rules
- Park Office reserved parking
- Completed the wayfinding signs
- Latrine numbers
- Park Office

Doors

Doors were installed at:

- Hilltop
- Pack Out Building
- Winter Barn



Culverts



Ohio Operating Engineers and Park Operations installed new culvert pipe at:

- Crescent Trail
- Main Road near Amity
- Power Lines
- Main parking lot entrance
- Main Road near Far Away Pines

Waste Water Treatment Plant



Improvements to the WWTP include replacing the existing pump station and adding a power-loss alarm system which would provide a local visual alarm if utility power serving the WWTP is lost, notifying operation personnel of the condition. The new WWTP will connect the buildings to a sewer system, essential for park operations.

Lift Station

A new lift station was installed near Amity House. The lift station will move wastewater from a lower elevation to a higher elevation, particularly where the elevation of the source is not sufficient for gravity flow.



Safety Improvements

Non-Skid materials were applied to the:

- High Lea Bridge
- High Lea Latrine ramp
- High Lea Shelter Ramp

An outdoor lamp post was installed at the
Park Office



Power to Oviatt Gate

Contractors installed new electric lines
to power the Oviatt Gate



Manhole Covers

Manhole covers were located and marked throughout the park in conjunction with the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.



Sewer Lines

Cured in place liner pipe (CIPP) was used in various sections of the 4800 feet of sewer lines that were in need of repair, from North House to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The liner extends in one continuous tight fitting, watertight, pipe-within-a-pipe manner.



Steps

Steps were repaired at:

- Upper Lake Dam
- Amity House



Tuckpointing

The following chimneys were tuckpointed:

- Gemini
- Kirby
- Chagrin



Landscaping

**Richfield Heritage Preserve
volunteers landscaped the
Park Office
and the park entrance signs**



Trees

**Richfield Heritage Preserve
volunteers cut fallen trees and Scouts
split firewood.**



Fence Line

**Richfield Heritage Preserve
volunteers and Scouts cleared
the fence line.**



Summer Barn Parking Lot

Ohio Horseman's
Council & Ohio
Operating
Engineers worked
together to install a
gravel parking lot.



Structures Removed

The following structures were removed:

- Challenge Course Storage Shed
- Buckeye Trail/Seeley Latrine
- Seeley Cabin



Latrine Pits

Latrine pits were removed from:

- Gas Cut
- Hickory Hill
- Buckeye Trail/Seeley
- Last Chance



Invasive Species Management Task Force

Richfield Heritage Preserve Invasive Species Management Task Force made a difference at the park:

- **Amur Cork Tree was discovered at the park and will be listed in the research files of Dawes Arboretum**
- **424 pounds of garlic mustard were removed.**
- **Approximately 210 barberry plants dug out by their roots; combined single stems, bushes & thickets.**
- **Approx. 20 bags barberry berries gathered and disposed of.**



Kent State Intern

Joshua May, a Kent State University student majoring in Recreation, Park, and Tourism Management, completed his internship at the Richfield Heritage Preserve.

Joshua completed 250 volunteer hours towards his internship.

His main focus was mapping the park's trails and creating a park trail map.



Richfield Safety Forces

Richfield Safety Forces participated at the Snowbird Festival, hosted their 4th annual 5k Trail Run, and a Clam Bake. The Richfield Firefighters presented a flag to RJR Board members. The flag is located inside Gund Hall.



Baldwin Wallace University

Students from the Hydrology course (GEO 315) at Baldwin Wallace University utilized Richfield Heritage Preserve as a land laboratory for much of the 2019 Fall Semester. The focus of their time at RHP was determining the functionality of the stream between the two lakes. Their overall results indicate a functioning stream with good floodplain connectivity, diversity of sediment and habitats, and moderate concerns for bank erosion. A continuation of this study will examine stream health in Spring 2020.



Buckeye Trail

Buckeye Trail volunteers maintained the section of the Buckeye Trail throughout Richfield Heritage Preserve:

- **Cleared limbs**
- **Weed whacked**
- **Removed tree stumps**



Ohio Horseman's Council

The Ohio Horseman's Council Summit County Chapter, hosted its 2nd annual "Back in the Saddle" Clinic on June 29, 2019.

Attendees participated in five clinics offered throughout the day. Wellness clinics included yoga for the equestrian and chiropractic for the rider where attendees learned that being a well-adjusted rider can help both the rider and their horse in and out of the saddle.

Other clinics demonstrated how to safely maneuver obstacles and tack/saddle repair.



FoCH

FoCH, Richfield Heritage Preserve friends group provided a range of services such as:

- Guided hikes
- Fundraising events
- Historic home documentation
- Invasive species removal



Eagle Scout

Jackson Perisutti, a member of Strongsville Boy Scout Troop 701, built and installed 9 bluebird houses at the park.



Scouts

Scouts from Beachwood,
Orange, Richfield, Strongsville,
and Medina:

- Set up for events
- Split firewood
- Cleared the fence line
- Cleared trails



Scouts

Scouts from Richfield, Fairview Park, and Northfield:

- Cleared leaves from shelters
- Assisted with event parking
- Prepared Gund for painting
- Installed driveway marker poles



Scouts

Scouts from Fairview Park,
Northfield, and Richfield:

- Cleared roads
- Transplanted trees
- Weeded a garden



Scouts



Richfield Cub Scout Pack 3387 built a new latrine at Gemini. This service project helped the scouts earn the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts.



Strongsville Junior ROTC

The Strongsville Air Force Junior ROTC made a significant impact at the park:

- Cleaned up branches and debris
- Removed a portion of the Summer Barn Fence
- Moved picnic tables to shelters
- Set up for Trick or Treat on the Trail
- Moved wood to the sawmill
- Cleared vegetation



University Volunteers

Volunteers from Kent State University, University of Akron, University of Minnesota, and Muskingham University completed tasks to improve the park:

- Painted
- Cleared trees
- Prepared Gund for painting
- Removed a portion of Seeley Cabin
- Removed a latrine
- Cleared vegetation
- Assisted with photo documentation



Snowbird Festival

Snowbird Festival

- ❄️ Sunday, February 10
- ❄️ 1PM to 4PM
- ❄️ Richfield Heritage Preserve



Sponsored by: The Village of Richfield,
Richfield Township, and the RRD



Over 350 park visitors enjoyed the warmth of several campfires, roasting marshmallows, exploring the park on guided hikes, petting the Husky dog team, building with colored ice blocks, enjoying the abominable snowball toss, and watching ice sculptures emerge from solid blocks of ice.

The indoor fun included a roaring fire, Whitey's chili and hot dogs, fireside storytelling, face painting, and snowflake making.

Trick or Treat on The Trail

Approximately 1500 guests attended the Trick or Treat on the Trail event. Guests enjoyed hayrides, a photo booth, rock painting, face painting, crafts, a story walk, refreshments, and candy!



Completed Phase 1

On Saturday, November 23, the RJRD Board along with representatives from Gannett Fleming and Black Horse Construction held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of Phase I of the Lower Lake Dam Rehabilitation project. Richfield residents were invited for light refreshments in Gund Hall after the ceremony



