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Lake Metroparks presents
**Celebrating Birds!
Chagrin River Park
Saturday, May 14 • 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Celebrating Birds! is open to everyone who birds or is curious about why birding is so appealing. Find out why at Lake Metroparks' annual birding event, held in conjunction with the 17th annual International Migratory Bird Day. Join the celebration for an afternoon of free birding activities from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at Chagrin River Park in Willoughby. Celebrating Birds is put on with the help of the Blackbrook Audubon Society and the Ohio Bluebird Society

Birders of all ages and skills will appreciate the diversity of birds that use Chagrin River Park as a migration stop-over, a year-round dwelling place, and a summer breeding ground. This year we highlight the Eastern Bluebird and how people have helped its population recover by putting up and monitoring bluebird nesting boxes. Come hear a presentation by Jay Brindo, president of the Ohio Bluebird Society.

Participate in family-fun birding activities including guided bluebird nest box hikes, keep your eyes peeled for Fly-by Trivia or try your hand at building a "human-sized" bird nest.

Educational displays and exhibits include:

- Blue bird monitoring
- Birding Hikes
- Bird-related games and crafts
- Displays from the Blackbrook Audubon Society Feeding birds

For more information about Celebrating Birds!, call 440-256-1404.

This event is held at the Reeves Road entrance to Chagrin River Park located at 3100 Reeves Road in Willoughby.

Directions: Take Rt. 2 to Lost Nation Road and go north. Turn left onto Reeves Road. Chagrin River Park is located on the left.