



## ◀CHIRPINGS▶

### NATURALISTS' CAMERA CLUB OF TOLEDO

OVER FIFTY YEARS  
OF MAKING THE PHOTOGRAPHER A BETTER NATURALIST  
AND THE NATURALIST A BETTER PHOTOGRAPHER

June, 2020

**DATE and TIME:** Sunday, June 14, (MEETING CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)  
**LOCATION:** N/A.  
**HOST:** N/A.  
**ASSIGNMENT:** N/A.

**PROGRAM:** (COVID-19 Update Concerning the NCCT)

As mentioned in the May newsletter, our meeting plan for this month – since we would not have had access to the Secor Room at Secor Metropark anyway – was to hold a remote meeting at the Toledo Zoo with their staff photographer, Corey Wyckoff. Unfortunately, that would seem to be off the table at this time, given that the Zoo's own website continues to report that the zoo remains closed until further notice. Therefore, we'll have to throw in the towel on this month's meeting and call it canceled as well. All of the summer months are falling under considerable jeopardy at this point, given that many traditional summer events around the area and the state are already being canceled. Our August picnic may be our next best prospect for a meeting, but even that will be contingent on so many as-yet-to-be-answered questions. As a result, we suggest that you stay abreast of local and national news broadcasts, as well as your trusty NCCT newsletter for upcoming trends and breaking news stories. We'll all get through this eventually, it's just a matter of when and with what level of "normalcy" intact. We've come too far to lose the faith now. Peace to you and your family and hope all are well.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Program:** (Suspended until we have a firm resume date and a program in place.)  
**Date and Time:** N/A.  
**Location:** N/A.  
**Host:** N/A.  
**Assignment:** N/A.

### NEW ON THE NCCT WEBSITE

This month's home page photo was provided by NCCT member Bob Ryder. To visit Bob's album page, simply click on the home page photo. Also new this month are submissions to the Our Best Shots/May album by Jon Dunn, Frank Patz, Don Godfrey, Mike Bohland, Charlene Patz and Rich Irvin. Remember, we'd love to see your work on the website, especially on the Our Best Shots page. It can be from any source you care to choose, either new work or archived, it really doesn't matter. This is your nature photography showcase to use however you see fit, so get your gear out and let's see what you can bring back from the wilds of Northwest Ohio and Southern Michigan.

### Metroparks Notes and Alerts During COVID-19 Operations

- All 17 Metroparks are currently open for their normal operating hours (7a.m. to dark). Restrooms are open for emergency use. Playgrounds remain closed.

- Please give other park visitors 6-10 feet of social distancing, consider wearing a mask and stay home if you're sick.
- Campgrounds are open effective May 21st. The kayak concession at Farnsworth Metropark is open when river conditions allow. The kayak share at Middlegrounds Metropark is also open.
- Parking may be limited and some areas may be closed to alleviate crowding. This is especially true at Wildwood Metropark, so prepare accordingly.
- While in the park – walk, run and bike in single file on the trails to give others room and give warning when passing.
- All indoor facilities are closed. No reservations are currently being accepted.
- All programs are canceled until further notice and all special events are canceled through the summer.
- The Elmer Drive entrance to Toledo Botanical Garden is open, but the Bancroft entrance is closed.
- Park Rangers, as law enforcement officers, have authority to enforce Social Distancing and other rules mandated by Ohio Health Dept. orders. Maintaining a safe distance from others is vital to the health of the community.

## **Pandemic Info on Events, Cancellations, and Postponements**

The grand opening of the Cannaley Treehouse Village has been postponed until later this summer and may not be available for actual reservations by the general public until next year's camping season.

The Toledo Lucas County Public Library is holding an ongoing "Then and Now" Photography Challenge to help keep local photographers active during this time of pandemic shut down. Basically, they are asking people to send in contemporary views of nearby natural settings to be added to the Community Photo Album, which is hosted by the Local History and Genealogy Department at the main library. If you feel you'd like to contribute, would like more information, or would just like to view some of the collection's photos, see the link below.

[https://www.toledolibrary.org/blog/then-and-now-photography-challenge-week-3-of-social-distancing?fbclid=IwAR0yWLTyMm9fNwvJwkVVDH4orBibsO6C\\_XD2CRMHP8tmlmKiZQ8YXKWMjXg](https://www.toledolibrary.org/blog/then-and-now-photography-challenge-week-3-of-social-distancing?fbclid=IwAR0yWLTyMm9fNwvJwkVVDH4orBibsO6C_XD2CRMHP8tmlmKiZQ8YXKWMjXg)

The 34th annual Photo Arts Club of Toledo contest and exhibition has been postponed until all Metropark facilities reopen at a yet-to-be-determined date. All photo submissions turned in so far will continue to be held until that date is known and the submissions deadline for new entries will then be extended to one week after the opening of all those Metropark facilities. See the link below for more details.

<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/annual-contest-2020.html>

## **Evergreen Lake Area Trail Closings**

In a continuing effort to clear old-growth pine tree stands in the Oak Openings Preserve region, the Metroparks resumed the harvesting of these transplanted giants this past winter and that will continue into the foreseeable future. The current area of focus is the Evergreen Lake area and it's important to note that trails and various sections of the conifer forest will be closed during this period so work can continue without risk to visitor's safety. See the link below for an aerial map of the effected trails.

[https://metroparkstoledo.com/media/4567/trailclosuresandroutess\\_phase1b\\_public.pdf](https://metroparkstoledo.com/media/4567/trailclosuresandroutess_phase1b_public.pdf)

	Club Officers:	
Bob Miller, Leader	Assistant Leader (Open)	Don Godfrey, Treasurer
Rich Irvin, Editor	Program Chairman (Open)	Rich Irvin, Webmaster
Bob Ellis, At Large Representative	Frank Patz, At Large Representative	Mary Figgins, At Large Representative
	Mike Bohland, At Large Representative	Charlene Patz, Host Coordinator

Check out our Web Site: <http://www.naturalistcameraclub.org/>

E-mail: <mailto:naturalistcameraclub@gmail.com>

National Center for Nature Photography: <http://www.naturephotocenter.com/>

Toledo Naturalists' Association: <http://www.toledonaturalist.org/>