

CLEVELAND METROPARKS

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January 9, 2018

Dear Resident

From January 16 through March 15, 2018, Cleveland Metroparks will continue its deer management program. This effort has been effective in reducing deer browse impacts to forested areas and providing habitat for all fauna that inhabit the park. We will continue deer management to maintain or reduce densities in accordance with our population estimates and impact of deer browsing on habitat.

Deer management will occur in **South Chagrin Reservation** as well as other reservations. From noon to 6 a.m. the following morning on several days during the above mentioned dates, portions or all of the reservation will be closed to the public. All roads, trails, and facilities will be posted with signs and barricades to ensure a safe program. Continuing with past practice, the Park District will donate the venison to local food banks.

IMPORTANT NOTE: this year we will announce specific closures on Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures web page (<https://clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/alerts-closures>) by 6 p.m. on the evening prior to an area's closure. When posted, the announcement will give details about sections of the parkway that will be closed between noon and 6 a.m. the following morning.

It has been brought to our attention that some park guests access the park directly from private property or from public roads outside or adjacent to park boundaries. Park code states that no person shall use any part of the park for purposes of travel except roadways, walks and trails established for such purposes. Safety is of the utmost concern for Cleveland Metroparks deer management program, and we ask your cooperation by entering the park through designated roads, all-purpose trails, and other marked trails. Signs are placed at these entrances on the days deer management will occur.

If you have questions, please contact our Marketing Department, at (216) 635-3200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry L. Robison".

Terry L. Robison, PhD
Director of Natural Resources

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