

the first, and remains the largest, of Ohio's metropolitan parks districts. Why, in 1917, did the citizens of Cuyahoga County care enough about the outdoors to enact such a new entity? How could a "park movement" come about at a time when the city of Cleveland was becoming a major center of commerce and industry and the lands which would become Cleveland Metroparks lay miles away, in sleepy country settings. This program explores not only Cleveland Metroparks, but also the times in which it was formed. See how the close of the American Frontier, the works of John Muir, the founding of the National Park Service and the days of Teddy Roosevelt all gave rise to a national "return to nature" movement.