

Fairy Blossoms at Hellbender

Join us in our fairy garden contest by submitting a garden entry. 15 or more designs will be selected for placement on our Fairy Trail to be located at Hellbender Preserve, 23316 Coshocton Road, Howard.

Requirements

1. Choose an oval, round or square flower pot no larger than 24" in diameter to create your design. If selected, your design will be transplanted at Hellbender Preserve (you will leave everything but the pot).
2. Choose from the following plants to decorate your pot, ferns, mosses, Virginia creeper, miniature hostas, lichens, milkweed, prickly pear, spring beauty, wild strawberry, yucca, or violets. (NO INVASIVE PLANTS ARE PERMITTED). Please do not remove these plants from a park or natural area. We suggest you purchase from a local nursery/greenhouse or remove the plant(s) from your yard. The Park District has the right to exclude entries that do not meet the plant criteria.
3. All accessories must be as natural as possible. No glue or any substance is permitted which might be harmful to the wildlife. Be creative and look at the natural surroundings such as trees, stumps, logs, rocks, etc. at the Hellbender site.

Steps Involved

1. Register your entry at our website www.knoxcountyparks.org and click on the Activities link and select "register your entry."
2. Visit Hellbender Preserve beginning April 1 (first come, first serve) to locate numbered areas of selected locations, there are 31 choices. Choose **three** possible locations for your fairy garden. Take photos of the locations with the stake numbers and email them to katiehux@knoxcountyparks.org and include your name.
3. Design your garden and submit a photo of the design to katiehux@knoxcountyparks.org Include a very short creative story of your design (this story will appear as a QR code for the visitors to read).
4. All entries must be submitted by April 18.
5. Winning entries will be selected on April 22 and participants will be notified.
6. Entries must be in place on May 6 at Hellbender Preserve.
7. The trail will launch on Saturday, May 7, and will run through June 25.
8. The second set of entries will be taken on June 3 and will follow the steps outlined above. Selections will be made on June 10th and participants will be notified.
9. The placement date will be Thursday, June 23 with a trail launch on Saturday, June 25 to run through September 25.

Disclaimer

Hellbender Preserve is located in a flood plain near the Jelloway Creek, therefore the potential for flooding can occur. You will have the ability to remove your entry prior to heavy rainfall and then please replace. Please be aware that your accessories and design could be damaged by theft or vandalism. We cannot guarantee the safety of the fairies and gnomes throughout the Fairy Trail as it resides in a public park. These instances could occur, so please keep that in mind. We hope that people will enjoy and respect the trail.