

Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks!

- **What is it?**
 - Cloverbud Rocks are fun and inspirational rocks painted by 4-H Cloverbuds. It isn't limited just to Cloverbuds; anyone can paint rocks! These fun and inspirational rocks are placed in parks and public walking/hiking paths in Darke County.
- **I found one, now what?**
 - If you find a painted rock, we encourage you to find the Facebook Group called "Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks." Once there, take a picture and mention where you found it. After you have done that, simply pick up the rock and find a new area to place the rock for others to find. If you want, you can mention on the Facebook page the name of the park or path/trail you have placed a rock.
- **I haven't found any rocks, but I want to paint some...**
 - Here are some tips when painting rocks:
 - Use natural river rock or similar type of rocks. These can be purchased at home improvement stores or hobby stores. Avoid using rocks with a film since the paint might not stick as well. You may use rocks that you find outside but might want to sand them to create a smooth surface for your design!
 - Coat your rocks with flat or satin house paint. You may also use a primer. This helps your design stand out. This might require additional coats of paint.
 - When painting your design, acrylic paints work just fine. You do not have to buy large bottles of paint. Several stores have variety packs for under \$5.00.
 - If you don't want to use paint, Sharpie markers work just as well and might be less mess for little hands.
 - After your rock has dried, don't forget to write on the back of your rock with a Sharpie the Facebook page. "Facebook: Darke County 4-H Cloverbud Rocks." This helps bring awareness to those that find rocks and aren't sure what to do with the rocks.
 - To help preserve your rocks, apply a coat of sealer as a final touch.



Enjoy, have fun and go out to see the beautiful parks in Darke County!



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