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'BRANCH OUT' FOR ARBOR DAY

VISIT COX ARBORETUM METROPARK FOR ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES

DAYTON – Celebrate Arbor Day with Five Rivers MetroParks. A full day of family-friendly activities aimed at educating patrons all about trees is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.

Take a stroll along a paved pathway or on one of three trails to view the collections of trees that fill the Arboretum. Hop on the Blossom Buggy for a guided tour, or stop in the Visitor's Center and pick up a copy of the "Guide to the Trees of Cox Arboretum" for a self-guided walking tour.

Activities slated for the day include:

- Become a "Child Science Investigator" with the new Tree CSI Casebook. Use science, technology, engineering and math to solve four Cox Arboretum MetroPark tree mysteries.
- 1 - 3 p.m.: Cox Arboretum MetroPark staff will demonstrate structural pruning and managing root health, and a local professional arborist will be on site demonstrating climbing and high canopy pruning.
- 12 - 4 p.m.: Master Organic Gardeners will demonstrate composting techniques and container gardening design at the Garden Store.
- 12 - 4 p.m.: Volunteer guides will lead walking tours and Blossom Buggy tram tours.

Cox Arboretum MetroPark is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. For more information, visit www.metro parks.org/parks/coxarboretum or call (937) 434-9005.

ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas - conservation, recreation and education - as part of its role as steward of greater Dayton's public lands. Established in 1963 through the efforts of forward-thinking citizens concerned about preserving green space and natural areas, Five Rivers MetroParks has grown to a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, sensitive river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages. And, diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to assure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto www.metro parks.org or call (937) 275-PARK.

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