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## KAYAK RENTALS, FLOATS KICK OFF SUMMER FUN AT RIVERSCAPE

DAYTON – Downtown Dayton’s staple for summer fun is adding a new amenity to its active lifestyle offerings. [Ride the River Rentals](#), located next to the concessions and bike hub at [RiverScape MetroPark](#), 237 E. Monument Ave., will host kayak rentals provided by local paddle sport retailer Whitewater Warehouse. Beginners are invited to participate in two float dates, as well.

“Kayaking is a great way to enjoy one of our region’s best features—our extensive network of water trails,” says Five Rivers MetroParks Outdoor Connections Director Greg Brumitt. “As we develop the next phase of RiverScape MetroPark, the paddle sport opportunities will improve. It is our goal that the Saturday kayak rentals will introduce Dayton-area residents and tourists to the potential of paddle sports.” The Miami Valley boasts a total of more than 250 miles of water trails that residents can enjoy through paddling, fishing, birdwatching and more!

Rentals will take place Saturdays, June 11 through July 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prices range from \$6 for a 30-minute kayak rental, \$10 for an hour and \$15 for two hours.

Beginners should consider participating in a kayak float. “Floats are a great way to learn more about kayaking,” Brumitt says. “You just get in the boat and, literally, float downstream. It’s a very relaxing, enjoyable ride.” Float dates are June 18 and July 16. Prices are a fixed \$15 and include transportation costs from the rental site to the start of the float from Whitewater Warehouse.

Participants in all kayak rental activities will be properly outfitted with lifejackets and given basic instruction to ensure safety. Age restrictions apply; see the [Ride the River Rentals website](#) for details. Information about Whitewater Warehouse and their products and programs can be found online at [www.kayakdayton.com](http://www.kayakdayton.com).

Other rentals include roller blades, coaster bikes, tandem bikes, and child trailers, seats and trail-a-bikes offered now through Labor Day weekend. Learn more by visiting the [Ride the River Rentals website](#) or call the rental office at (937) 278-2607. Learn more about paddling, including Five Rivers MetroParks progressive programs at [metro parks.org/paddle](http://metro parks.org/paddle).

### ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

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, high-quality river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as a steward of greater Dayton’s public lands. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages, and diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to ensure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto [www.metro parks.org](http://www.metro parks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK.

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