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MUSIC, ARTS AND CULTURE HIGHLIGHT OF ANNUAL UNITED IRISH OF DAYTON CELTIC FESTIVAL

DAYTON – Press your kilts and don your tams for the tenth annual [United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival](#). This year’s celebration of all things Welsh, Scottish and Irish takes place Friday, July 29 through Sunday, July 31, at [RiverScape MetroPark](#) in downtown Dayton.

Festival favorites [Gaelic Storm](#) returns to perform, as well as [Scythian](#) and [The Elders](#). [The Fuchsia Band](#) and [Enter the Haggis](#) round out the weekend’s headliner performers. Festival-goers will also enjoy Irish and Scottish dancers, regional and local bands performing sing-along favorites [and more](#).

Other activities include:

- Celtic-themed merchandise
- Celtic and festival foods, including authentic Irish beers
- [Re-enactment](#) of 17th century Highland Scottish life by Clan Desdin
- An award-winning [Irish play](#), “What Happened Bridgie Cleary,” in the University of Dayton Irish Arts Tent
- Children’s activities in the [Rainbow’s End](#) area
- 20-mile Dayton Celtic Festival [Bike Ride](#)
- The Dayton Celtic Festival [5K Run/Walk](#)
- [Catholic Mass](#) celebrated in both English and Gaelic by The Rev. Sean Patrick Kealy, followed by an [authentic breakfast](#)

Enjoy this annual summer favorite in the newly expanded portion of RiverScape MetroPark. Ride the River Rentals, featuring kayak rentals operated by Whitewater Warehouse will offer single and tandem recreational kayaks between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, July 30. This is the final weekend for kayak rentals this summer.

Get the complete schedule, performers bios and more when you visit www.unitedirishofdayton.org/Festival. Visit metroparks.org/RiverScape for details about the park and other upcoming activities.

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.metroparks.org or call (937) 275-PARK.

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