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GEARFEST PRESENTED BY SUBARU OFFERS EVERYTHING OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS NEED TO 'GET OUT AND LIVE'

DAYTON – The region's largest celebration of outdoor recreation returns [Friday, Sept. 30 through Saturday, Oct. 1. GearFest; The Midwest Outdoor Experience presented by Subaru](#) will feature high-flying demos, thrilling competitions, and engaging Try It sessions—all aimed at encouraging healthy, active lifestyles. This free, family-friendly [festival](#) takes place at [Eastwood MetroPark](#), 1385 Harshman Road.

There's [something for everyone](#) at this free event. From camping to disc golf to kayaking, the [whole family can get engaged](#). On-site exhibitors will hook patrons up with gear they need to ["Get Out & Live,"](#) and local clubs and other outdoor adventure resources onsite will help patrons connect to local events and activities year-round. Kids will love the Subway Fresh Fit Youth Adventure Zone. The Yakima Beer Garden and music presented by WYSO round out the entertainment for the weekend.

New this year: several competitions, including the only North American leg of the [Gibbon Slackline World Cup Tour. Slacklining](#) (which requires the balance of a tight-rope walker and the skilled tricks of a skateboarder or BMX bike rider) was a popular feature at last year's event, and the World Cup competition promises to be even more exciting.

Other competitions include the [Colavita Cycling Club](#) time trial, and the [Ohio Valley Cyclocross race](#).

ACTIVITIES

- Climbing wall
- Kayaking/Canoeing
- Bikeway group ride
- Geocaching
- Climbing wall
- Subway Fresh Fit Youth Adventure Zone
- Earthjoy Tree Climbing
- Yakima Beer Garden
- Disc golf
- Fishing/fly fishing
- Mad River Mountain snowboarding, rail jam
- [Live music](#) presented by WYSO
- Skateboarding
- [Eddie Bauer campground](#)

DEMONSTRATIONS (MAD RIVER MOUNTAIN ACTION SPORTS AREA)

- Mad River Mountain Snowboarding
- Earthjoy Tree Climbing
- Gibbon Pro Team slackline demo
- Whitewater freestyle kayaking





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COMPETITIONS

- Gibbon Slackline World Cup
- “Hunt for Shred October” rail jam style snowboarding contest
- Colavita Cycling Club time trial
- Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta
- “Rock the Clock” speed climbing
- MoMBA X Country Classic mountain biking race
- GearFest Off-Road 5K Presented by Runners Plus

MARKETPLACE

- The [exhibitor village](#) features a variety of clubs, retailers and advocacy organizations that have the knowledge and gear to help visitors and their families “get out and live.”
- [Food and beverage vendors](#) will be on hand so visitors can re-energize and participate in more great activities.
- Buy and sell pre-owned items in the [used gear area](#).

Get the [weekend’s complete schedule](#), learn about all the various demonstrations, plan a strategy for hitting up desired exhibitors and more at [metro parks.org/GearFest](#) or call (937) 277-4374. This event is free, thanks to contributions from [sponsors](#): Subaru, Wagner Subaru, Subaru of Dayton, Stanley, Yakima, Mad River Mountain, Subway Fresh Fit, Eddie Bauer, KEEN, Bonbright Distributors, 91.3 WYSO, Runners Plus, Whitewater Warehouse, Great Miami Adventures, Wright State University, Rivers Edge Outfitters, and Great Miami Outfitters.

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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