

PARKWAYS



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MAGIC MOMENTS

Create life-long memories with your family at the MetroParks.

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REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE

Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming Five Rivers MetroParks Events!



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PADDLE IN THE PARK
Eastwood MetroPark



June 12

**ISLAND CONCERT
SERIES: BLUEGRASS**
Island MetroPark



June 26

**BIKE RODEO
FOR KIDS**
Wegerzyn Gardens
MetroPark



July 2 - 4

CITYFOLK FESTIVAL
RiverScape MetroPark



July 10

IRIS SALE
National City
2nd Street Market



July 17

PRAIRIE SERENADE
Carriage Hill MetroPark



July 17

**ISLAND CONCERT SERIES:
CONTEMPORARY
CHRISTIAN**
Island MetroPark



**July 30 -
August 1**

CELTIC FESTIVAL
RiverScape MetroPark



August 14

**ISLAND CONCERT
SERIES: AN EVENING
OF R&B**
Island MetroPark



August 28

**AFRICAN AMERICAN
CULTURAL FESTIVAL**
RiverScape MetroPark

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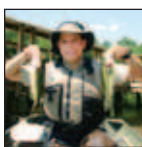


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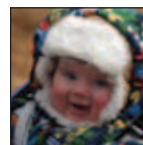
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ONLINE EXTRA

Get the scoop on this issue's "cover fairy" at www.metroparks.org/parkways and find out how her parents used the Children's Discovery Garden as the perfect setting for a fairy tale adventure.

ParkWays is your guide
to all the great activities and programs MetroParks offers every month. Check out the Activity Guide beginning on page 26 and get outside!

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Five Rivers MetroParks is dedicated to the protection and stewardship of Greater Dayton's natural heritage and to inspiring appreciation and understanding of these treasures through nature-based outdoor recreational and educational opportunities and experiences. This is all made possible through your levy support. Thank you!



Photo by RA Makley

#1 THIS PARK ROCKS! Can you find the fossils in the cave at the Children's Discovery Garden at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark?

#2 RAISING HISTORY: Take a trip back in time and observe daily demonstrations at the Carriage Hill MetroPark historic farm.



#3 MAKE TRACKS: Up for a challenge? Take on the Hawk's Lair trail on MetroParks' Mountain Biking Area (MoMBA) at Huffman MetroPark.

TOP TEN THINGS

TO DO IN YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

THIS SUMMER

#5 JUST FOR KIDS: Watch the barnyard babies grow up at Possum Creek MetroPark's farm.



#7 SADDLE UP: Dust off your riding boots and hit the trails with a weekend pony ride or horseback trail ride at the Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center.



Photo by RA Makley



#4 FRESH. UNIQUE. LOCAL. Taste summer's bounty at the National City 2nd Street Market.



#8 WINGED WONDERS: Try to find a caterpillar, a chrysalis and an adult of your favorite butterfly or moth when you visit the Butterfly House at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.



#6 GET PACKING: Camp out under the stars while backpacking on the 22-mile Twin Valley Trail.



#9 A HEALTHY CYCLE: Commuters who ride the Great Miami River Recreational Trail/Greenway will have a convenient stopover at the new bike hub at RiverScape MetroPark.



#10 DISC-OVERY: Have you tried scoring on the raised basket at hole #12 at the Englewood MetroPark disc golf course?

Dear Friends,

Welcome to summer. Within this issue you will find plenty of family activities to take advantage of throughout the diverse facilities that comprise Five Rivers MetroParks.

We are pleased to present a robust offering of programs and events that are entertaining and informative. Re-energized by the support of this community, we are focused on our mission of bringing long-lasting, personal connections with nature to all Miami Valley residents. Look for tracks spanning a range of skill levels in your favorite topics, such as seminars in gardening, environmental issues, outdoor recreational pursuits, or Ohio's native wildlife. We are committed to providing the highest-quality experiences, which means we strive to ensure that any MetroPark event, facility or program facilitates an intimate encounter with nature; gives participants the knowledge and confidence they need to engage an active, healthy lifestyle; or celebrates the rich cultural diversity in this region through music, art and dance through partner organizations. Promoting behaviors that positively impact the daily, active, outdoor lives of the citizens we serve is the most responsible decision we can make in regard to being good stewards of tax dollars. So if it's not making a meaningful connection, it's simply not worth doing.

With that in mind, it is my pleasure to give you a sneak peek into all your family can enjoy in your MetroParks this summer. Last month, you learned all about our trail initiatives and how representatives from park services, conservation, education and recreation departments have been working together to analyze trail use, study trail design and determine if and when upgrades should be implemented. I'm happy to report progress on this project is going well; the desired outcome being a better trail experience for all users, capitalizing on that ever-important personal connection to nature.

Also coming this summer is the completion of RiverScape MetroPark's Phase III renovation. Already a premier downtown venue, we've enhanced this location's natural amenities, such as expanded green space and floral displays. We also will open a bike hub, perfect for cyclists who use their bikes for commuting, or even those in need of a refreshing break while enjoying the recreational trails. With restroom facilities, a concession stand, fresh drinking water, and fun and relaxing amenities like the sprayground and swings, the bike hub is a perfect pit stop for families enjoying the recreational trails. Another feature coming later this year is the outdoor ice rink – now about 50 percent larger than the original, with an expanded skating season lasting from Black Friday (Nov. 26) until St. Patrick's Day weekend. Stay tuned for details on the ice rink closer to the winter season. Phase III is slated for completion around the first week in July, just in time for the festival lineup. Check out the listings of this summer's special events starting on page 43.

There's so much to see and do in your MetroParks this summer. Why not try something new this week? Visit one of our 25 outstanding facilities or browse our Web site to find out what's going on in a park near you.

If you miss me out in the parks this summer, I'll catch up with you right back here in September.



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- ✱ Electrical motors under 40 lbs. thrust permitted.
- ▲ Hand-powered boats on Argonne Lake only. No vehicle access.
- Wheelchair accessible (some).

- ✱ Outdoor Risk
- ✱ Weddings Only

FAMILY TREES

SISTERS SHARE PASSION FOR GARDENING, VOLUNTEERING

There are many ways families enjoy spending time with one another in the MetroParks, but these sisters have made volunteerism their preferred method of combining their commitment to family life and their love of horticulture.

Pat Rosen and her sister Ana Zuniga volunteer at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. Rosen says when she and her husband moved to the Dayton area in 1995, she explored several volunteer opportunities before she discovered a way to combine her passion for gardening with her desire to give back to her community. It also presented a productive activity for her sister, who is mentally challenged. "Ana is involved with propagating the seeds, and she just loves it," Rosen says. "Her attention span typically is not the best, but she can spend hours cracking open those little seeds. I am always amazed at how dedicated she is to volunteering."

Rosen says she and her sister spend their Saturday mornings working at the Arboretum, and every weekend, Zuniga wakes early, eager to start her gardening work. It seems the two inherited their zeal for gardening from their mother. "When my parents died, their greatest fear was worrying what would happen to Ana," Rosen says. "But here she is, and she loves every minute we spend at this park, and every time we're together



in the garden, I can't help but think my mother, who was a big gardener, is watching over us."

Making new friends through volunteering is an added benefit for Rosen. "I've met so many wonderful people here at the Arboretum," she says. "I'm friends with a wonderful group of ladies and we take trips together to visit other gardens around the area."

It seems parks and other natural areas have a special kind of healing power, at least from Rosen's perspective. "I think being in nature is one of the most therapeutic activities for people like my sister, or anyone who might have limitations – older adults, young children – even I feel better when I visit a park. Sometimes I might be feeling sad or just out of sorts, but when I walk into that greenhouse or see those beautiful flowering trees, I just feel uplifted," she says. 🌿



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

BUTTERFLY HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Cox Arboretum MetroPark is looking for volunteers to staff the Arboretum's Butterfly House from June 26 through September 6. This attraction hosts over 45,000 visitors annually and features native Ohio butterflies and moths in various life cycle stages, as well as an array of host plants. The Butterfly House will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday from noon to 4 PM. Guides work two-hour shifts during open hours, delivering quality education to the public that includes information on butterfly and moth identification, life cycles and gardening. For more information or to apply, please contact Janet Metter at (937) 277-4133 or janet.metter@metroparks.org.

SPECIAL EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Assist with MetroParks' programs, festivals and events throughout the year. Tasks vary widely, including greeting the public, assisting vendors and staff, leading youth and family activities, and setup/cleanup. All necessary training and supplies are provided. To learn more, contact the volunteer services manager at (937) 275-7275.

MARKET VOLUNTEERS

Love hanging out at the National City 2nd Street Market? Volunteers are needed as attendants in the Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark's booth at the Market. Merchandise includes gardening supplies, houseplants and gifts. Work is done in shifts of two to four hours. Training and mentoring are provided. The booth raises money for the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation, which supports the continued growth of Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. Call (937) 277-6545 to learn more.

COUNTRY STORE VOLUNTEERS

The Country Store at Carriage Hill MetroPark now has a location at the 2nd Street Market. Volunteers are needed to help at both locations to sell penny candy and unique kitchen items. Basic math skills and good customer service skills needed. If interested, contact Patrick Dwyer at (937) 275-5006 or pdwyer@metroparks.org.

‘SHOCKING’ FISH STUDY

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES HELP DEMONSTRATE CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES TO YOUTH

Looking for ways to introduce your children to conservation principles? This method promises to be “shocking.” Electrofishing is a method of capturing fish using special electric currents in the water. The electricity stuns the fish, allowing MetroParks conservation staff to capture the fish; record the species, weight, and length; and then return the fish to the water unharmed. Fish survey crews use specialized boats and protective equipment to capture and handle fish without getting shocked. The information about the number of each fish species is important to determine the health of each lake, pond, or river.

“This is a great way to show children how a variety of factors in the environment can have a positive or negative effect on different parts of the ecosystem,” says Five Rivers MetroParks conservation biologist Michael Enright. Just as a child’s cumulative marks on



homework and test scores affect the overall grade in a certain subject, conservation staff members “test” and “grade” waterways. According to information from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, “Ohio is one of the few states that measures the health of its streams by examining the number and types of fish and aquatic insects in the water. An abundance of fish and insects that tolerate pollution is an indicator of an unhealthy stream. A large number of insects and fish that are sensitive to pollution indicates a healthy stream.”

For instance, if there are large numbers of bluegills in a pond, their growth may be stunted if there is not enough food. If anglers harvest too many bass from a lake, it can upset the delicate balance of the food chain. Though they have not yet been found in MetroParks, fish surveys help to watch out for potential invaders such as Asia carp or snakehead fish. These non-native fish can damage aquatic ecosystems by outcompeting native fish for food or space.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME TO KEEP FISH HAPPY AND HEALTHY

- Reduce run-off into rivers and lakes – remind mom and dad not to pour hazardous chemicals down the drain.
- Don’t release bait or aquarium fish.
- Don’t move fish from different locations.
- Release fish not for personal use.
- Report strange fish – they might be alien invaders.

CONSERVATION

ONLINE EXTRA

Learn more about the Five Rivers MetroParks Conservation Department, including information about native species, wildlife preservation measures, volunteer opportunities and more at www.metroparks.org/conservation.



"On rivers and streams, a healthy fish community is a diverse fish community," Enright says. "When only one or two species of fish are present, it means that the other species have become stressed and left the area." Reasons for stress could include pollution, lack of food, poor habitat or a combination of factors. Before the Clean Water Act was passed, many rivers in Dayton had only one or two kinds of fish. Today, as the rivers become cleaner

each year, more and more species of fish such as darters, bass, and minnows are found in new areas in MetroParks.

MetroParks fish surveys are open to the public. "They are a great way to learn more about fish in MetroParks and see different species of fish up close and personal," Enright says. MetroParks staff will be on hand to answer questions about fish. Surveys start at 8:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM. No reservations are required. 🍃



WHAT TO DO

Upcoming fish shocking dates:

JULY 3 Cedar Lake at Carriage Hill MetroPark

JULY 10 North Park Ponds at Englewood MetroPark

JULY 17 Argonne Lake at Possum Creek MetroPark

Upcoming educational activities that explain our relationship with nature that you can enjoy with your children or grandchildren:

FAMILY CREEK FUN

1-3:00 PM June 19 at Sugarcreek MetroPark. Look for creek-dwellers and discuss water quality and how it affects our entire ecosystem. Turn to page 34 for details.

TIKE HIKE: CREEK PLAY

10-11:30 AM June 25 at Sugarcreek MetroPark. Kids and parents will wade through the water, looking for creatures and discussing ways they can conserve water and keep the waters pristine. Turn to page 35 for details.

STILLWATER RIVER NATURALIST FLOAT

6-8:30 PM July 19 at Aullwood Garden MetroPark. Participants with previous paddling experience are invited on this floating tour of the Stillwater as a naturalist discusses Dayton's waterway wildlife. For details, turn to page 42.

NOT YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY PLANTS



CONSERVATION STAFF REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES THAT THREATEN NATIVE PLANTS

Everyone loves a beautiful garden; brilliant displays of multicolored flowers and expertly pruned shrubs boast of hours of hard work. Unfortunately, certain plants may have taken up residence in your garden paradise that pose grave threats for surrounding natural areas and contribute to a multi-billion dollar problem in the U.S.

"Invasive plants are often found in typical home gardens and can wreak havoc on other plant and wildlife in surrounding natural areas," says Conservation Manager Mary Klunk. An invasive plant is a non-native plant that produces negative effects on the environment, economy and human health. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, invasive plants cost the U.S. approximately \$35 billion each year.

Not all non-native plants are invasive; however, some species spread more aggressively and choke out the existing native plant populations, causing a domino

effect of negative consequences for entire ecosystems. "Many non-native species were originally introduced to our area either by accident or for well-meaning purposes such as erosion control and horticultural uses," Klunk says. "Gardeners may even plant invasive species in their yards believing that they are merely planting a hardy and fast-growing plant to provide backdrop for vibrant flowers." But with their adaptability and rapid seed-producing capabilities, these plants can easily spread into native

wildlife areas, decreasing habitat quality and diversity of wildlife. The toll that invasive plant species take on the environment is second only to habitat destruction.

In addition to the disastrous effects invasive species have on natural areas, they can also ruin all the hard work spent on a garden or yard. Two of the invasive plants most commonly found in southwest Ohio gardens are amur honeysuckle and garlic mustard. Both of these species are extremely adaptable to a wide range of soil and shade conditions,



ONLINE EXTRA

Learn more about land stewardship, habitat restoration, wildlife protection and other conservation efforts by visiting www.metroparks.org/conservation.

For more information about invasive species, visit the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves at www.dnr.state.oh.us/dnap.



so they easily thrive anywhere from natural woodlands to manicured yards.

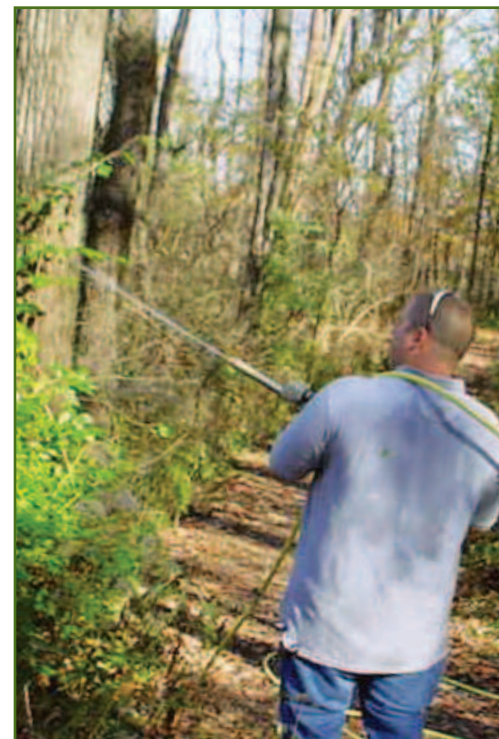
Garlic mustard is easily identified in its first year of growth by its cluster of kidney-shaped, garlic-smelling leaves. If not properly disposed of early, it can grow in its second year to 40 inches tall and will have white flowers and triangular, sharp-toothed leaves. Garlic mustard adds chemicals to the soil where it grows that prevent the growth of other species. Light infestations may be hand-pulled, but care must be taken to remove the plant from the site right away, as its copious amounts of seeds (up to 3,000 per plant) can continue to mature even after pulling. Herbicides may also be used on early rosettes in early spring or late fall. Though garlic mustard is not typically planted, the empty spaces left by its removal could easily be replaced with other semi-shade loving plants such as white baneberry, columbine or blue phlox.


Amur honeysuckle is a multi-stemmed shrub with white, tubular flowers that can grow from 6 to 15 feet tall. Its red or yellow berries are eaten and dispersed by

birds, aiding its rapid spread. This species was originally planted in the Midwest for landscaping and wildlife habitat before its invasive qualities were known. Honeysuckle prevents regeneration of forest trees and wildflowers and provides inadequate habitats for nesting birds. Infestations may be controlled by cutting down large shrubs and treating the stumps and sprouts from cut stems with systemic herbicide. Young shrubs may be easily pulled or dug up. Replacements for honeysuckle could include dogwoods, winterberry, serviceberry or red bud.

Invasive plant species are a threat to our wildlife and natural areas; however, there are many things residents can do to lessen their impact. If done properly, taking care of infestations in gardens and yards will greatly decrease the spread of these species.

Five Rivers MetroParks is making a concerted effort toward the management of all invasive species, particularly bush honeysuckle. "Visitors to the parks may see dead shrubs along our boundaries, roadways and natural areas; chances



are that it is a former honeysuckle shrub foliar sprayed with a low-percentage solution of glyphosate herbicide," says Klunk. "As a result of this large-scale effort to remove the invasive plant, viewsheds and outlooks have been opened up to make the parks more enjoyable. Conservation staff, with the help of volunteers and contractors, will continue to combat invasive honeysuckle in our parks with a strategic removal process." 

WORLD OF WONDER

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN MIXES EDUCATION AND ENTERTAINMENT



EDUCATION

There's a world of whimsy and wonder where children can play as they learn about nature - and it's all right at your fingertips! "If you haven't visited the Children's Discovery Garden on the grounds of Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, you're missing out on one of the best-kept secrets in Dayton!" says Bernadette Whitworth, youth education supervisor. "Kids are encouraged to explore the grounds and play, but the part that will please mom and dad is that the kids are learning while they have fun." Designed to help children discover, experience and love our world through gardening, this garden contains habitat areas and themed gardens for children and their adult companions to explore together. Like all MetroPark facilities, there is no fee to access this special area, and parking is free. Visitors are encouraged to visit often to see the gardens grow and change. Highlights include a waterfall, music maze, wetland, pond and sensory garden. Several special areas comprise the Children's Discovery Garden:

ENTRANCE COURTYARD

This is the passageway into the children's garden. It features bright, colorful plantings that change seasonally, benches for seating, and a short path with peek-a-boo walls for visitors to peer in at what lies ahead.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN GATEWAY

This area provides additional seating, signage for welcoming guests and orienting them to the garden, and a straw bale house with a "living roof" (planted with sedum) that includes a restroom facility.

OHIO WOODS

Spring wildflowers and local shrubs are planted among native woodlands. The highlight of this area is a fallen tree where children can build fairy houses, dig for creatures that call it home, and see decomposition in action.

OHIO CAVE

This limestone escarpment and waterfall is a great place for children to travel "back in time" and explore Ohio's past. Glacial grooves, a fossil wall, and a nearby stream provide discovery opportunities for kids of all ages.

OHIO PRAIRIE

A path cutting through tall grasses and native wildflowers gives children an up-close look at an important Ohio habitat. Root boxes on the south end of the prairie give children a peek at the underground world.

WETLAND AREA / DRAGONFLY POND

Children love water and the creatures that live in it. On the boardwalk areas, visitors can get



Photo by Mike & Kelly Schellhouse

WILDLIFE GARDEN

Pollinators are an important part of any garden, and this area is designed to attract them. Whimsical birdhouses accent this area along with plants known to attract birds and more.

MUSIC MAZE

Follow the paths of this green maze, and it will lead children to instruments and noisemakers composed of recycled materials.

BUILD-A-GARDEN AREA

Two sandbox tables introduce children to garden design through hands-on learning.

SENSORY GARDEN

Bright colored flags, textured pavement, raised planters of fragrant herbs, and rustling grasses provide an atmosphere for visitors to use all of their senses to experience the garden.

SKEETER'S GARDEN

This is the prime venue for family and children's active gardening programs, featuring garden plots for Youth Garden Club members, a shaded area for organized talks and activities, and a changing garden area where visitors can get ideas for their own family backyard garden. 🦋

close to the water to see frogs, fish and dragonflies while surrounded by native and tropical plantings that attract other insects and wildlife.

PLAYFUL PLANTS AND PLAYHOUSE GARDEN

This garden serves as an outdoor play area where kids can discover just how fun plants can be. Themes change annually and have featured a hula hoop obstacle course, a Wizard of Oz garden and a "green" house full of "pun"-ny plant displays. This year, look for the grocery store garden filled with familiar favorites and unusual plants.



ONLINE EXTRA

Watch a video tour of the gardens, download a map of the facility and learn more about the Children's Discovery Garden by visiting www.metroparks.org/childrensgarden.



IF YOU GO

The **Children's Discovery Garden** is located just inside *Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark*, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton

SUMMER HOURS

(through August)

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FALL HOURS

(September and October)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WINTER HOURS

(November, December, March; closed January and February)

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SPRING HOURS

(April and May)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



FLUTTER FANTASY

MEET THE RESIDENTS OF THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE AT COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

Where can you find fat, verdant caterpillars, colorful butterflies and moths, and the lush plant life that sustains the 20-plus varieties of these winged creatures? The Butterfly House at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.

The Butterfly House enables children and adults to view butterflies and moths that are native to Ohio in all stages of metamorphosis. Species such as the painted lady, red admiral, monarch, giant swallowtail, black swallowtail, spicebush swallowtail, tiger swallowtail, luna moth, Cecropia moth, Polyphemus moth and pipevine swallowtail are featured.

Visitors can get an up-close encounter with butterfly eggs, caterpillars, butterflies emerging from their chrysalises, adult butterflies and native moths during the summer months when the Butterfly House is open to the public (June 26 and through Labor Day). Cox Arboretum MetroPark staff and friendly volunteers will be on hand to teach you all about these wonderful insects and their Ohio habitats. Because each species spends a different period of time at each stage in metamorphosis, no two visits to the Butterfly House will be exactly the same. Families are encouraged to visit often to get a full sense of the ongoing miracle of life and the important relationship between plants and animals.

Did you know there are a variety of different plants that attract butterflies based on the stage of life cycle the insect is in? Adult butterflies and moths enjoy nectar plants (the types you might see sold at home and garden stores, such as purple coneflower), but when mama butterflies choose a home for their eggs, they pick particular plants (for example, monarchs love milkweed) that will provide a home that is safe and will provide nutritious food for the growing caterpillars. By including both types of plants, the moths and butterflies have a great place where they can complete their entire life cycle. Volunteers and staff at the Butterfly House will be happy to inform you about the types of plants you can grow at home to entice your favorite moths and butterflies.



Red Admiral
Photo by Holly Smith

BUTTERFLY HOUSE HOURS AT COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY
Noon - 4:00 PM

House is open June 26, 2010, through Labor Day

ONLINE EXTRA

Get tips to plan your visit to the Butterfly House, learn about school tours, download brochures, take a video tour of the facility and more at www.metroparks.org/butterflyhouse.



Eastern Black Swallowtail

Photo by Holly Smith

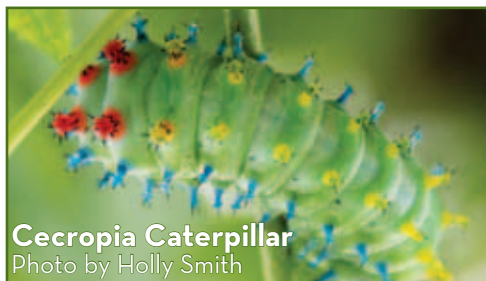
Butterflies and moths are not purchased from outside sources. Rather, they are captured on the grounds and released into the house. As the butterfly season comes to a close, the insects are released outside. Cox Arboretum MetroPark takes part each year in the tagging program that Monarch Watch conducts. All the monarchs raised in the house are tagged and released to make the migration to Mexico. Monarch Watch is an educational outreach program based at the University of Kansas that engages citizen scientists in large-scale research projects. The program involves more than 2,000 schools, nature centers, and other organizations in the United States and Canada. This research project looks for patterns in migration and attempts to solve monarch migration mysteries, such as finding out how the butterflies “remember” migration destinations even though each insect only makes this journey once in its lifespan.



Red Admirals and Monarch

Photo by Holly Smith

Enjoy a summer full of intimate experiences with these magical creatures. Browse the program catalog in the back of this issue for a robust offering of beginner and advanced butterfly programming, and remember that Cox Arboretum MetroPark and the Butterfly House, like all MetroParks facilities, are open all summer. You bring the family; we'll provide everything you need to make a long-lasting, personal connection with nature. 🦋



Cecropia Caterpillar

Photo by Holly Smith



Orange Sulphur

Photo by Holly Smith



THINGS TO DO

- Listen for the pipevine swallowtail caterpillars chewing pipevine leaves.
- Look for swallowtail butterflies “puddling” in the back of the Butterfly House.
- Ask a guide what host plants you can grow at home to attract butterflies.
- Search for caterpillar eggs. Female monarchs can lay up to 400 eggs; how many can you find?
- Discover the difference between a cocoon and a chrysalis by stopping in the Gazebo.
- Look for plants that humans AND caterpillars eat—such as fennel, parsley and tomatoes.
- Stop at the butterfly chair for a picture with the family.
- Return in the evening to explore the moth garden around the gazebo behind the butterfly house.
- Search for butterflies in the gardens surrounding the house and Conservation Corner.
- Look for caterpillars, moths and butterflies at home, at summer camp or on vacation.

MEET THE ACTIVE FAMILY

METROPARKS AMENITIES ENCOURAGES FAMILIES TO GET OUT AND LIVE

Looking for ways to get your family outside and active this summer? Five Rivers MetroParks offers many facilities, programs and events that are designed to help Miami Valley residents get on track to a healthy lifestyle. Regardless of age or skill level, there's something for everyone in the family to enjoy. Here is a small sample of the types of recreational fun you can enjoy in your MetroParks.

HIKING

Hiking is an enjoyable and rewarding experience for adults and children. Find trails by downloading a map of any MetroPark by visiting its page on metroparks.org, or stopping by any visitor's center or kiosk. Here are some of the best trails for baby backpacks or those with little legs:

- ✦ Check out the orange trail at Sugarcreek MetroPark with its boardwalk around the Three Sisters, 550-year-old oak trees. Keep your eyes peeled for MetroParks naturalists who will engage children in nature play activities.
- ✦ The 500-foot boardwalk outside the front door of the Germantown MetroPark Nature Center is a highlighted feature of visiting the center and provides dramatic views of the Twin Creek Valley throughout the seasons. Continue on the half-mile red trail that loops around the Center. Hours are NOON to 5 PM Fridays, 10 AM to 5 PM Saturdays, and NOON to 5 PM Sundays.
- ✦ The 1-mile Marie Aull Nature Trail at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark loops through the swamp forest. Spring flooding of the forest adds to the serene feel of this trail, providing opportunities to see ducks, woodpeckers and other birds.
- ✦ Multiple paths meander through tree displays and cultivated garden areas at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. This park is beautiful from season to season and offers something new to see with each visit.
- ✦ Hop onto any part of the Adirondack trail that loops around Hills & Dales MetroPark. Take a break from a hike on one of the Adirondack-style chairs or benches. There also is a nature



play area near the White Oak camp trailhead. This prototype area is an ideal location for unstructured play geared toward younger children. The White Oak Camp's nature play area includes a creek, and frames made from honeysuckle branches and is surrounded by tall trees, all perfect for imagination and discovery.

- ✦ With 10 trails, including the Buckeye and North County trails, Taylorsville MetroPark offers plenty of small loops, such as the green, orange and red trails that intersect near the CCC shelter.

CYCLING

Riding a bicycle is a great way to spend time together with the whole family. Recreation trails reach across the entire region, connecting natural settings and charming historic downtown areas.

- ✦ One of the best trails for family riding is the Great Miami River Recreation Trail. There are a few places around downtown Dayton on this trail with access to parking and restroom facilities. These connection sites are great for riding shorter loops when riding with young children or older adults. If you time your visit just right, you can watch the fountains shoot powerful jets of water into the air, an act that has become symbolic of Dayton. Watch for the overspray areas along the trail; the mist is refreshing on a hot day. Don't have a bike? You can rent bikes seasonally at the Ride the River Rentals located at RiverScape MetroPark.
- ✦ Bike for the Health of It programs take place every Saturday March through October at rotating locations and are perfect opportunities to try out a new trail. Each session includes

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bicycle safety information and instruction for group rides, making it an ideal way to orient yourself and your family to a new trail. Check out the descriptions on page 39; some rides are as short as 9 miles, while others top out at 20 miles.

PADDLE SPORTS

There's no better way to cool off during the warmer months than paddle sports. There are a variety of ways to have fun on our rivers and creeks. Don't forget your personal flotation devices!

Eastwood MetroPark is one of the most popular spots to paddle. Choose from spots around Eastwood Lake or the Mad River. Have a picnic in one of the shelters or grab an old blanket and dry off in a nice sunny spot while you eat.

Paddleboats in a variety of shapes and sizes are available to rent at Ride the River Rentals at RiverScape MetroPark. Cool off with a sweet treat from the concession stand.

If you've never tried paddle sports and would like to learn more about them, Paddle in the Park is the perfect opportunity for you and your family to get staff-guided instruction and a hands-on trial experience. Paddle in the Park takes place the first Saturday in June at Eastwood MetroPark. This



year's event is slated for 10AM-4PM on June 5.

PLAYING

Don't forget the most simple and frequently overlooked aspect of spending time outdoors – play! Trees make great hide-and-seek locations, and you can build a sturdy bug hotel out of sticks. Try splashing around in a creek, looking for minnows or crawdads. Let your children's imaginations take off and create an adventure in what will surely become a new favorite spot in your MetroPark. 🍌



ONLINE EXTRA

To learn more about backpacking, kayaking, mountain biking or other recreational activities you can enjoy with your family, visit www.metroparks.org/recreation.

For suggestions on places to play and upcoming family-oriented programs, visit www.metroparks.org/families.



OUTDOOR RECREATION TEEN ADVENTURE CAMPS

Hey teens, are you looking for something adventurous to do this summer? Parents, would you like your kids ages 12-18 to learn a recreational pursuit that will keep them healthy and active for the rest of their lives? The Outdoor Recreation Department at Five Rivers MetroParks offers awesome summer day camps. Cost for the camps is \$20 and includes all equipment.

Registration is required and limited; call (937) 277-4374.

MOUNTAIN BIKING CAMP THURSDAY, JUNE 17 12:00PM – 6:00PM

Join local experts for a day of skill learning and fun at the challenging trails of our local mountain biking facility, MoMBA. Must be able to ride a bike.

WILDERNESS CAMP WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 12:00PM – 6:00PM

Learn outdoor living skills from our competent MetroParks staff at the rugged Twin Creek MetroPark. No experience required.

PADDLING CAMP WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 12:00PM – 6:00PM

Join local paddling experts to learn basic kayaking skills and have fun at the beautiful Eastwood MetroPark Blue Lake. No experience required.

BABY STEPS

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS BEING "TOO LITTLE" TO GET OUTSIDE

Many couples who enjoy their active outdoor lifestyle might be under the impression that the fun stops when a baby enters the picture. Perceived barriers to enjoying recreational activities with young children include vulnerability, safety and feasibility – creating the impression that babies or toddlers can't or shouldn't go camping, kayaking, hiking, cycling, etc. because "they're too little." Not so, says Outdoor Recreation Manager Brent Anslinger, whose 5-month-old daughter Oakley accompanied him and his wife on a 12-mile hike in the Adirondack Mountains. "With a little planning and a few preparatory adjustments, there's no reason your child needs a sitter when you want to enjoy the outdoors," Anslinger says.

HIKING

Anslinger says that for intense hikes, the child typically is just along for the ride. "We used the front carrier with a newborn and hiked several miles on the Twin Valley Trail. We have also used a sling made out of several yards of fabric. This works well to keep the child on your hip with some support," he says. Anslinger suggests parents who hike with a front carrier should use two

trekking poles for stability, as the baby could block sight lines. Once the child is able to sit up, a baby backpack, like Anslinger used on his Adirondack tour, may be used. But will the restrained child become fussy? "Oakley often falls asleep for miles on end in the baby backpack," Anslinger says. "Make it fun – give them their own mini-backpack, or stuffed animals like you might be looking for on your adventure."

When it comes to camping, the number one—and two—issue for parents probably is potty time. "We take plenty of plastic bags to wrap up dirty diapers. Never bury a diaper; always pack it out and dispose of waste properly," instructs Anslinger. "Take a changing pad to lay on the surface to keep everything clean while you make the change, and everything should go as smooth as at home on the changing table." Backpacking programs (see page 38) will help those out of diapers (parents and toddlers alike) solve other "waste management" issues.

Mealtime is another manageable hurdle. "For newborns and babies, take dehydrated formula or milk to mix as needed with the water you bring or have the mother along to breastfeed." Anslinger says there are lots of portable snacks available, from baby foods to snack bars to crackers and hummus. "You can always take a camp stove

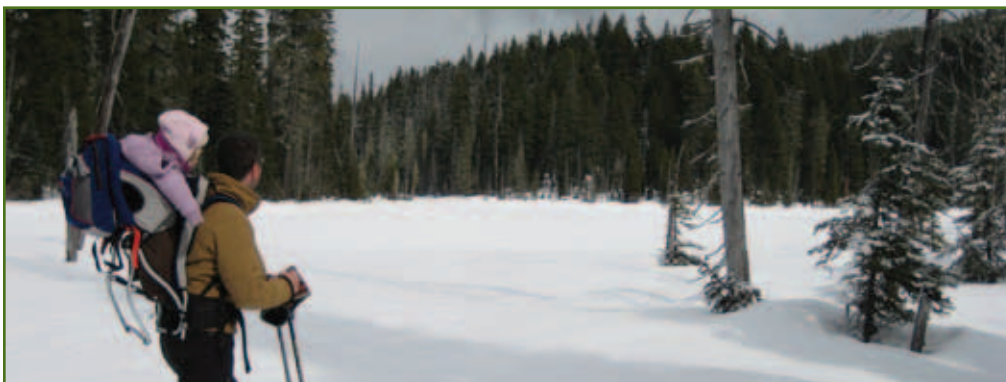
PACKING CHECKLIST

- Waterproof, baby-friendly sunscreen, and a sun hat
- Diapers and wipes
- Small mosquito net
- DEET-free insect repellent
- Snacks (dry formula for babies or fruit and crackers for toddlers) and water
- Changing pad (for baby) and bags for dirty diapers
- A favorite toy or book
- Animal flash cards
- Pacifier and baby blanket
- First Aid kit supplemented with kid-friendly medication, etc.
- 2nd set of clothes
- Small towel
- Hand sanitizer

on a day hike or backpacking trip to make elaborate meals or to just heat up water," says Anslinger, who reminds readers to check the fall issue of ParkWays for the Outdoor Recreation Department's Backcountry Gourmet Cooking program.

CYCLING

As cycling makes its resurgence in popularity, the availability of amenities increases for parents who want to share cycling with their children. "We have used both the child seat on the back of the bike and the trailer, which does allow you to take more than one child," says Anslinger, who suggests using the trailer only for paved surfaces, such as any of the recreational trails that stretch through the region. "The trailer is easier to load the child and does not throw the balance of the bike off as easily, but with





practice, parents can have just as much flexibility using the child seat.”

Children should always wear a bike helmet. “With lots of cool colors and patterns to choose from, it’s not a hard sell,” Anslinger says. “Make sure it fits; we had to place a sun hat under Oakley’s helmet to prevent it from sliding down on her nose.” But leave the infants at home for this activity. The earliest age children should be on a bike is 1 year old.

PADDLE SPORTS

The littlest Anslinger has enjoyed many canoe trips with mom and dad. For water-based travel, Oakley is placed in the middle of the canoe. “We have used a booster seat to keep Oakley low in the canoe, but off the bottom where some water builds up,” Anslinger says. Another tip to keep the child amused: “Load up a bucket full of rocks for the child to throw in the water as you go,” he suggests. “They love it.”



FREE LOCAL CAMPING CLOSE TO HOME

MetroParks offers 16 free campsites spread among seven parks. Call (937) 277-4374 at least one week in advance to book.

Children riding in a canoe to direct sunlight. In addition to waterproof sunscreen, a hat for protection. “You may want to rig up an extra sunshade in the middle of the canoe, as long as the parents can see,” Anslinger says.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

For snowy walks in the woods, or rides in a sled. “To pull the sled easier, I have tied the sled to my daypack and belt to distribute the pressure like a harness on a dog sled,” Anslinger suggests. When snowshoeing or hiking with baby backpacks, remember that the baby is not active even though you are, so keep winter trips short.

Anslinger says parents shouldn’t be afraid to enjoy the outdoors with young children. “Don’t be scared to try to get your kids out as early as possible,” he says. If parents have the basic skills needed to hike, bike, or paddle, that helps ensure the safety of the children. Read through the available recreation programs in this book starting on page 38, or visit metroparks.org/recreation. “You will adapt as you go and you’ll be rewarded with a family that enjoys an active, healthy lifestyle for years to come, and kids who grow up to share that lifestyle with your grandkids.”



PADDLE IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

10:00AM - 4:00PM

Eastwood MetroPark

1385 Harshman Road, Dayton

Grab your friends and visit Eastwood MetroPark for the 10th annual Paddle in the Park. Paddle in the Park is a partnership between Five Rivers MetroParks, Whitewater Warehouse and a variety of other paddling organizations. The event will allow the public to learn about paddle sports, meet canoe and kayak manufacturers, try any style boat for free and more. All ages and skills levels are welcome! Register online or call (937) 277-4374. Walk-ins welcome. To learn more about this event, visit www.metroparks.org/pip.

FAMILY FUN

PARKS OFFER PLENTY OF OUT-OF-SCHOOL OPTIONS

When school's out and the kids are restless, Five Rivers MetroParks offers plenty of engaging opportunities to play, learn, discover, grow and have fun. Check out everything your MetroParks have on tap this summer.

PLAYTIME

Between soccer, ballet, math club, French lessons and practicing the trumpet, a kid's life can get pretty hectic. Don't forget to take time out for unstructured play and spending family time together. Unstructured play helps children develop social and reasoning skills in addition to developing imagination and other cognitive abilities. Consider these easy ways to squeeze in more play time around your fast-paced schedule:

NATURAL PLAYGROUNDS

There some special spaces dedicated to nature play coming soon! The prototype for these areas is located near White Oak Camp at Hills & Dales MetroPark. Here you'll find traditional play equipment, frames for fort building, a small creek for wading, and short trails where children can explore and play independently. Children are free to use this space any way they like, letting



their imaginations take over, fostering an appreciation for nature and developing creativity and problem-solving skills through play. You can make any park a natural playground – play hide-and-seek behind the trees, invent stories about the animals you spot, or turn over rocks and logs and look for bugs!



FAMILY FUN

CREEK STOMP

Wear shoes that can get wet and muddy as you carefully turn over rocks and stones to discover creatures living in the creek. Some of the best creek-walking sites are Wolf Creek, which runs through Wesleyan MetroPark; Twin Creek, the namesake of Twin Creek MetroPark; and the creek that flows next to the Patty Shelter at Englewood MetroPark.

HUNT FOSSILS

Finding fossils is a fun way to learn more about the past and imagine what life would have been like long ago. Fossil collection areas can be found: below Germantown Dam at Germantown MetroPark, below Englewood Dam at Englewood MetroPark, and near the stepping stones across Sugar Creek at Sugarcreek MetroPark.

FIND BUGS

The Summer Bugathon is back. Last year, kids discovered lots of fascinating insects that fly, hop, creep, climb and crawl through the Dayton region's parks and backyards.



Did you know there are insects that live underground for 17 years, insects that can fly up to 30 miles per hour and insects that migrate up to 3,000 miles? To participate, children must find 15 common insects from a list of 20 to qualify for a Bugathon patch and certificate. The child's name will then be entered into a drawing to win a special MetroParks backpack filled with cool nature stuff. Two optional naturalist-led programs can get you started: Flickerin' Fireflies and Dashing Dragons (see page 33). To get all the details, pick up a Summer Bugathon brochure from any MetroParks visitor center or go to www.metro parks.org/bugathon. For more information, call (937) 278-2623.

SPLASH

Everyone loves water, especially on a hot day. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, families can visit the water spray grounds at Island and RiverScape MetroParks. All children must wear swim clothes, and young children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers.

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- Hop onto any part of the Adirondack trail that loops around Hills & Dales MetroPark.
- Taylorsville MetroPark offers plenty of small loops, such as the green, orange and red trails that intersect near the CCC shelter.



PLACES TO SEE

Each MetroPark is open from 8 AM to 10 PM daily during the summer months. All parks have great amenities such as hiking trails, reservable picnic shelters and pristine native habitats. Don't forget about the special attractions located at specific parks. Be sure to stop by these fabulous facilities throughout the season and take advantage of everything your MetroParks have to offer.

The Butterfly House: Open 10 AM to 4 PM Monday through Saturday and NOON to 4 PM Sundays. Visit the Butterfly House starting June 26 through Labor Day and see lots of varieties of native Ohio butterfly, moth and skipper species. Be sure to stop back often and see these magnificent creatures as they

progress through the different stages of metamorphosis.

Children's Discovery Garden:

Teach your little ones to learn about, experience and love our world through gardening. This garden contains habitat areas, a waterfall play area and whimsically themed gardens for children and their adult companions to explore together. Visitors are encouraged to visit often to see the gardens grow and change and programs are offered throughout the growing season for children to help plant, care for and harvest vegetables in Skeeter's Garden.

Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center:

This facility offers handled pony rides for young children and guided horseback trail rides for older children and adults. The Riding Center is open weekends

from March through October. Lesson programs are available for youth, teens, adults and families. Learn more about the Riding Center and all programs and activities taking place here by visiting www.metroparks.org/ridingcenter or call (937) 274-3120.

Possum Creek MetroPark's sustainable farm:

Discover the science and innovation that helps modern farmers make food and other products in Earth-friendly ways. Visit the barnyard babies and watch them grow throughout the year.

Carriage Hill MetroPark's historical farm:

What was life like in the late 1800s? Visit the historical Arnold family farm at Carriage Hill MetroPark and get a glimpse of agricultural and homemaking practices.



ONLINE EXTRA

Find activities, programs and facilities packed full of family fun by visiting www.metroparks.org/families. Browse all activities throughout the MetroParks and view our online calendar of events by going to the "Get Outside" tab and selecting "Things to See and Do" from the drop-down menu.

WHAT'S NEW?

Phase III of RiverScape MetroPark is slated for completion this summer, featuring an expanded palette of natural experiences, including a shaded pavilion, bike hub and beautiful landscaping and container gardens. Visitors to this urban oasis will have the opportunity to relax with friends on a bench, take a break from the summer heat with a cold treat from the concession area, delight in an award-winning display of native and exotic flowers blossoming throughout the season, or refuel during a cycling trip on the Great Miami River Recreation Trail and Greenway.

An array of programming that fosters a personal connection with nature and urban vibrancy will continue to be offered, such as Tuesday Tales, RiverTunes or swinging Big Bands on Thursday nights. Festivals that celebrate our region's unique cultural heritage also will return, such as Cityfolk, Celtic Festival, Hispanic Heritage Festival, Dayton African American Cultural Festival and Taste of the Miami Valley. Enjoy



the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of everything that makes Dayton a great place to live. But even during the quiet summer days, you're invited to enjoy this downtown green space anytime. Take a walk along the path in between shopping and dining at Dayton's downtown amenities. Board meetings more like "bored" meetings? Escape your office for a few moments; book an appointment with Mother Nature, and de-stress with fresh air, sunshine and fresh flowers. Any way you choose to enjoy this premier community gathering space, take some time to check out the improved RiverScape MetroPark. 🌿



(FREE) GET OUTDOORS DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 10:00AM - NOON

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 12:30PM - 3:30PM

GERMANTOWN METROPARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 1:00PM - 4:00PM

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

Play is an important asset to any growing child's "diet," especially unstructured, outdoor play, which helps develop social and problem-solving skills in addition to being great exercise for little bodies. Get Outdoors Day is a celebration encouraging Americans, especially our youth, to seek out healthy, active outdoor lives and embrace our park system. Activities are scheduled at various park locations and other local park agencies. Learn more about this initiative by visiting www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OFFICE HOURS 8 AM - 6 PM, MON. - FRI. (STARTING APRIL 1)

1375 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. Take I-75 to Wagner Ford Rd./Siebenthaler Ave. Turn left onto Siebenthaler Ave. off N. Dixie. The entrance is on the right past Ridge Ave. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

ADVENTURE CENTRAL AT WESLEYAN METROPARK

2222 James H. McGee Blvd., Dayton. Take St. Rt. 35 to the James H. McGee Blvd exit. Travel north over 2 miles. Adventure Central is a barn-red brick building with a small parking lot in front. Call to ask about overflow parking. (937) 278-2601

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK

955 Aullwood Rd., Englewood. From I-70 take St. Rt. 48 (Englewood) north to east on National Rd. (U.S. 40). Cross Englewood Dam; just after it, turn south onto Aullwood Rd. Drive past the Aullwood Audubon Center and continue to the sign which says "Garden Parking" entrance on the right. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

7800 E. Shull Rd. From I-70 take St. Rt. 201 Exit (Brandt Pike). Turn north on 201 and drive one mile to East Shull Rd. Turn right at park entrance. (937) 278-2609

Carriage Hill Riding Center

The Riding Center is on Shull Rd. past the farm. (937) 274-3120

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton. From I-75 take St. Rt. 725 (Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.) east to St. Rt. 741 (Springboro Pike). Turn north on St. Rt. 741. Cox Arboretum is on the left approx. 2 miles. (937) 434-9005

Butterfly House

Open late June through Labor Day, the Butterfly House is located on the west side of the park behind the Crab Apple Allée.

DEEDS POINT METROPARK

510 Webster St., Dayton. From I-75 take Stanley Ave. west until it dead ends at Helena St. and turn right. At North Bend Blvd. turn left; pass the Kettering Field diamonds until rd. forks to the right. Area to the right is Deeds Point. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

EASTWOOD METROPARK

1385 Harshman Rd., Dayton. Take Route 4 to the Harshman Rd. Exit and head south on Harshman. The first entrance to the right is to the lake; the second right is to the park. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

4361 National Rd., Butler Twp. From I-70 take St. Rt. 48 (Englewood) north to east on National Rd. (U.S. 40). Cross Englewood Dam; the main entrance is just after it, east of the dam. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

Englewood MetroPark Disc Golf Course

Located at the south end of East Park next to the lake.

GERMANTOWN METROPARK

7101 Conservancy Rd., Germantown. Follow St. Rt. 725 west through Germantown. Turn right onto Creek Rd. Take right on Conservancy Rd.; entrance will be on left. To Nature Center (6910 Boomershine Rd.): Pass Creek & Conservancy roads; turn right onto Boomershine Rd., park entrance will be on right. (937) 855-7717

Nature Center

HOURS: Fridays, NOON to 5PM;
Saturdays 10AM - 5PM; Sundays NOON - 5PM.
The center will also be open for scheduled public programs and tours by appointment.

Twin Valley Backpacking Trail

Overnight parking available by permit (937) 277-4374 at Boomershine trail head, 6206 Boomershine Rd.

HILLS & DALES METROPARK

2655 Patterson Blvd., Kettering. From 741, turn left on Dorothy Lane. Go thru S. Dixie Hwy. intersection. A few streets east of there is Hilton Dr. Turn left. Go 5 blocks north through residential area. Turn right onto Stockton Ave. then right onto S. Patterson Blvd. Twin Oak Shelter: 1/4 mile past Stockton on Patterson Blvd.; north of Patterson Monument. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

HUFFMAN METROPARK

4439 Lower Valley Pike, Fairborn. From St. Rt. 4 Exit at Huffman Dam Rd. Continue onto Lower Valley Pike. Entrances are on the right. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

MoMBA-MetroPark Mountain Bike Area

4485 Union Road, Fairborn. On Lower Valley Pike pass the main Huffman parking lot. Come to very sharp left-hand turn, pass under St. Rt. 4. Come straight through Union and Baker Rd. intersection. First left is MoMBA parking lot. (Union Rd. becomes Union Schoolhouse Rd. in Montgomery County west of the MoMBA parking lot.)

ISLAND METROPARK

101 E. Helena St., Dayton. From I-75 take the Stanley Ave. west until it dead ends at Helena St. Turn right and continue to Island MetroPark, which is on right side of the street near Riverside Dr. Use overflow parking lot east of park. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET

600 E. 2nd St., Dayton. Take Keowee St. to Third St. and turn left. Turn right at Webster St., then right at 2nd St. (937) 228-2088

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

4790 Frytown Road, Dayton. From Gettysburg Ave.: Turn west onto Germantown St. Route 4. Go about 1.5 miles to Frytown Rd. and turn left. Head to main entrance or to reservable shelter area. (937) 276-7062

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

111 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. Take I-75 to First St. and head east. Turn left on Patterson Blvd. and left on Monument Ave. (937) 274-0126

SUGARCREEK METROPARK

4178 Conference Rd., Bellbrook. From I-675 take Wilmington Pike south. Street name changes to Wilmington-Dayton Rd. Continue until it makes sharp turn to the right. Go straight; road turns into Conference Rd. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

SUNRISE METROPARK

50 Edwin C. Moses Blvd., Dayton. Take Salem Ave. to Riverview Ave. and turn right. Continue onto Edwin C. Moses Blvd. Sunrise is on the east side of the road where the Great Miami River and Wolf Creek meet. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK

2000 St. Rt. 40, Vandalia. From I-75 take U.S. 40 Exit (National Rd.) and head east. Continue on 40 where it heads south onto Brown School Rd. Then go on Brown School Rd. past U.S. 40 to entrances, or follow U.S. 40 east to other entrances. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

TWIN CREEK METROPARK

9688 Eby Rd., Germantown. Follow St. Rt. 725 west through Miamisburg. Take St. Rt. 4 south through Germantown; turn left on Eby Rd. Park entrance is on the left. (937) 275-PARK (7275)

Twin Valley Backpacking Trail

Overnight parking available by permit (937) 277-4374 at the High View trail head, 9688 Eby Rd.

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. Take I-75 to Wagner Ford Rd./Siebenthaler Ave. Turn left onto Siebenthaler Ave. off N. Dixie. Pass Risidge Ave. and the administrative offices. Turn right into drive at bottom of the hill before bridge. Wegerzyn Center is located in the center of the Cultural Arts Complex; gardens are to the right of the parking lot. (937) 277-6545

Children's Discovery Garden

Directly to the right of the parking lot behind the walled area.

WESLEYAN METROPARK

1441 Wesleyan Rd., Dayton. From St. Rt. 35 to Gettysburg Exit; turn right. Go 3 miles, turn right on Cornell Dr. Go 2 blocks to Wesleyan Rd., turn right. Park is on the right side of the street. (937) 278-2601



DETOURS & CLOSINGS

DOWNLOAD A DETOUR MAP AT WWW.METROPARKS.ORG/DETOURS



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TRAIL CONDITIONS

MetroParks Mountain Biking Area (MoMBA) Trail Conditions

For up-to-date trail conditions and closures at MoMBA, call (937) 277-4374.

Twin Valley Backpacking Trail (TVT) Conditions

For up-to-date trail conditions and closures at TVT, call (937) 274-3163. Check current weather conditions and short-term forecasts immediately before entering the backcountry.

Recreation Trail Closures

WOLF CREEK TRAIL

Pavement repairs will take place during the months of June and July for a section of trail above the railroad bridge. The trail will be closed between Edwin C. Moses Blvd. and Antioch Street while repairs are under way.

*** GREAT MIAMI TRAIL**

The trail, where parallel to Waggoner Ford Road, will be closed for approximately four weeks, tentatively beginning July 1, 2010, to allow for sewer line repairs. Limited sections will be affected. Experienced adult cyclists may detour around the work by using Waggoner Ford Road, but this is not recommended for children, new cyclists or other wheeled trail users. Pedestrians should be able to avoid the construction areas without using the road.

*** IRON HORSE TRAIL**

Portions of this trail between Woodman Drive and Spaulding Road will be closed for approximately two weeks, tentatively beginning July 1, 2010, to install a new sewer line. Trail users going east can detour around the construction area by turning left (north) onto Woodman Drive; to a right (east) onto Rainier Drive; to a right (south) onto Northdale Road; to a left (east) onto Haverfield Road; to a right (east) on Plainfield Road; to a right (south)

on Spaulding Road; to a left back onto the Iron Horse Trail. Trail users going west can reverse these directions.

* At the time this issue was published, the City of Dayton Water Department had not specified exact dates for these projects. Visit the alerts and closures page at www.metroparks.org for the latest closings.

NEW HOURS FOR CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN

Summer hours (through August):

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fall hours (September and October):

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Winter hours (November, December, March; closed January and February):

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spring hours (April and May):

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Other detours may be in effect or the schedule of a project may have changed by the time ParkWays has been published. For more information, visit the Alerts, Closures and Construction page at www.metroparks.org.



FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS IS PLEASED TO PRESENT **YOUR GUIDE TO SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

Finding your interests is quick and easy. You can find them in this ParkWays by ACTIVITY or by DATE. Follow the simple instructions below and start filling up your calendar with fun, educational and physical activities for all ages.

BY ACTIVITY

Interested in art, cooking, gardening or hiking? Looking to volunteer or maybe just want to find all the seasonal happening in the MetroParks? Check out the ACTIVITY section. Each program lists the date, name, time, place and description. For more details on programs, check **www.metroparks.org**. You can register online or by phone.

BY DATE

You can also search events and programs by date. This is a chronological listing of every activity at every park. Pick a date, find an activity that interests you and go to the page listed to find out more information. For more details on programs, check **www.metroparks.org**. You can register online or by phone.

ONLINE

You can also search for events online at **www.metroparks.org**. Activities by park, interest group or topic can be found under the Get Outside tab. To search by Course Code, click on Things to See and Do under the Get Outside tab, then click on the Course Code Search button on the right side of the page. **Metroparks.org** helps you get connected to park information, program guides, videos, nature play games and online registration. If you're a "go on your own" park user, the website is a great place to find maps, park features, trail information and more.

NOTE: Some programs that are limited require a minimum number of participants and are subject to cancellation. Those with reservations will be contacted if this occurs. Some outdoor events are weather permitting. The website contains up-to-date information on cancellations.

FEES: Fees are required at the time of registration and are non-refundable.

PTN **PASSPORT TO NATURE!**

Your child can become an official MetroParks Nature Traveler by participating in eight Passport to Nature programs. Nature Travelers will receive a special backpack. Look for the symbol showing designated passport programs.

HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER IN A METROPARK:

Emergency contact: **9-1-1**

Non-emergency contact: **(937) 535-2580**

Inform the Sheriff office dispatcher you are in a MetroParks facility.

A MetroParks Law Enforcement Ranger will be notified and respond to the situation as soon as possible.



EDUCATION FARMING

(FREE) PARENT & PRESCHOOLER SUSTAINABLE FARM PROGRAMS

Parents and preschoolers are invited to Possum Creek MetroPark's sustainable farm to learn how food gets from the farm to the dinner table in these programs. Reservations required; call (937) 276-7062. Age: 3Y - 6Y.

IF I COULD BE A FARMER

TUE, JUN 8, 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

If you could be a farmer, what kind of farmer would you be? Learn about the different things farmers raise and grow. Afterwards we will make a craft. Reservations required and limited, beginning June 1. **PTN 5193**

BERRY FUN

TUE, JUL 13, 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Center, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn about the different kinds of berries grown in the area. Be "berry" prepared for a tasty adventure. A berry craft is on the menu also. Reservations required and limited, beginning July 1. **PTN 5240**

BEE-UTIFUL BEE

TUE, AUG 10, 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Enjoy a book, do a craft and taste some honey treats while learning about the honeybee. Reservations required and limited, beginning August 1. **PTN 5243**

(FREE) FAMILY FARM CHORES

SAT, JUN 12, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM 5084

SAT, JUL 3, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM 5085

SAT, AUG 21, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM 5086

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Join a farm staff person to feed and brush animals, gather eggs and clean stalls. Get to know some of the farm animals up close and personal. Dress in clothes suitable for dirty situations and washable footwear. Meet at farmhouse. Reservations required and limited, beginning June 1. Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 6Y and up.

(FREE) MORNING CHORES ON THE HISTORIC FARM

SAT, JUN 19, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM 4741

SAT, JUL 17, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM 4742


SAT, AUG 21, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM 4743
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Farm, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Families can help the farm hand with daily chores. Clean stalls, collect eggs or feed the animals. Dress for the weather and barnyard work. Meet at the big red barn. Reservations required and limited, call (937) 278-2609. Age: 6Y - 18Y.

(FREE) A TRIP TO THE FARM

SAT, JUN 26, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Join us for a tour of Smaller Footprint Organic Farm, a CSA (community-supported agriculture) facility in Yellow Springs. We'll learn from farmer Doug Christen the everyday process of running a farm. Bring your friends and a camera! We'll meet at Wegerzyn and go in vans to the site. Please call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **5152** 

(FREE) FARM TOUR & WAGON RIDE

SAT, JUN 26, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM 5237

SAT, JUN 26, 1:30 PM-3:00 PM 5237

SAT, JUL 31, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM 5239

SAT, JUL 31, 1:30 PM-3:00 PM 5239

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

You will be given a guided tour of the farm and learn about some of the planting techniques we are using along with learning about our animals. Afterwards we will take a tour of the park via the hay wagon. There will be one at 11:00 AM and one at 1:30 PM, weather permitting. Reservations required and limited, beginning June 15. Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 3Y and up.

(FREE) ALTERNATIVE TRACTOR POWER

SUN, JUN 27, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Center, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Rediscover real horsepower and learn why animal power makes more ecological and economical sense for small farms. A brief video will address recent advances and uses of draft animals, which will be followed by hands-on demonstrations with draft horses. Ongoing demonstrations and video will be presented throughout the day. Meet at Education Building. Weather permitting, call (937) 276-7062. **5238**

(FREE) KIDS LOVE TOMATOES!

SAT, AUG 7, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Families discover some cool facts about the tomato followed by trying their hand at making some homemade tomato recipes they can use at home. Reservations required and limited, beginning July 15. Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 3Y - 12Y. **5244**

(FREE) FROM TASSEL TO TABLE

SAT, AUG 14, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn about one of our most versatile grains. Corn plays an important role in feeding the world's hungry, feeding livestock, providing fuel for our homes and vehicles, as well as providing some other surprising products. Reservations required and limited, beginning Aug. 1. Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 3Y - 12Y. **5245**

(FREE) DRAFT HORSE DAYS

SAT, AUG 28, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM

SUN, AUG 29, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Join us for a weekend devoted to the draft horse. Enjoy demonstrations highlighting the skills required to drive draft horses. On Saturday and Sunday, watch participants put their draft horse skills to the test in competitions and demonstrations. Learn about draft horse breeds at this program sponsored by the U.S. Plowing Contest. Call (937) 278-2609 for more information. **4750**

FITNESS & HEALTH

(FREE) WOMEN'S WELLNESS NIGHT

FRI, AUG 27, 6:00 PM- 9:30 PM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Enjoy an informative evening on women's wellness. Network with other women and learn from programs related to your overall well-being. Keynote speaker and breakout sessions will explore the paths to wellness and will include "From Garden to Table," "Herbal Medicines," and movement activities. Registration begins at 5:30 PM. This program is free, thanks to our sponsor, Health Foods Unlimited. Registration is required. For more information or to register, call (937) 434-9005. Age: 18Y and up. **5255**

GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

(FREE) ONGOING:

WHAT'S NEW AT 2

MONDAYS, JUN 7 - AUG 30 5256

WEDNESDAYS, JUN 2 - SEP 1 5258

THURSDAYS, JUN 3 - AUG 26 5259

SATURDAYS, JUN 5 - AUG 28 5260

2:00 PM- 2:45 PM

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,
Children's Discovery Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Explore the Children's Discovery Garden with our staff and volunteers to learn about plants and nature through games, stories and hands-on experiences. The garden changes throughout the summer and so do the fun-filled activities. Daily themes can be found at metroparks.org/childrensgarden. This program is offered Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, June 2 through Sept. 1. No reservations required. Activities are weather dependent; call (937) 277-6545 for details.

(FREE) MULCHING YOUR GARDEN

THU, JUN 3, 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

OFF SITE, Mr. McGregor's Community Garden, 29 E. Helena, Dayton

Save time weeding and save money watering! Learn to mulch your garden properly. Hosted by Mr. McGregor's Community Garden, 29 E. Helena, Dayton. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For more information, call (937) 277-6545. Age: 18Y and up. **5278** 📞

(FREE) KITCHEN GARDEN DESIGN

SAT, JUN 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Beautiful and functional, a kitchen garden can be a season-long source of fresh produce. Learn to design and plant the perfect garden for your needs. We'll talk about perfect plants, using beds and containers, and maximizing your space and time. Come with questions and go home with a plan. Registrations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **5182** 📞

(FREE) GARDEN MYSTERIES

SAT, JUN 5, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

What happens in your garden while you

sleep? Come to Possum Creek MetroPark Farm and learn what plants do at night! Discover what creatures are active in the dark. Make a "creature castle" for your garden. Learn! Imagine! Create! Reservations required and limited, call (937) 276-7062. **PTN**. Age: 3Y and up. **5191**

(FREE) PLANT DOCTOR IS IN

Got plant questions? Betty Hoevel, adult education supervisor at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, will visit local community gardens to help solve your gardening dilemmas. Bring plants or pictures so we can help you get your garden growing better! Call (937) 277-6545 for more information.

SAT, JUN 5, 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM 5183

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Community Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

SAT, JUN 12, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM 5343

OFF SITE, Garden Station Community Garden, 509 E. Fourth St, Dayton

TUE, JUN 15, 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM 5344

OFF SITE, Trotwood Community Garden, between 114 and 132 S. Broadway, Trotwood

SAT, JUL 10, 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM 5345

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Community Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

SAT, JUL 17, 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM 5346

OFF SITE, Unity Community Garden, 64 Neal Ave, Dayton

SAT, AUG 7, 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM 5347

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Community Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

SAT, AUG 14, 1:30 PM- 2:30 PM 5348

OFF SITE, McPherson Town Community Garden, approx. 250 W. McPherson St., Dayton

(FREE) BLOSSOM BUGGY TOURS

TUE, JUN 8, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4976

TUE, JUN 22, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4977

TUE, JUL 13, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4978

TUE, JUL 27, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4979

TUE, AUG 10, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4980

TUE, AUG 24, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4981

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Join us for guided tram tours of the Arboretum on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month, starting at 5 PM. These are the last tours of the season. Organized groups are asked to register in advance; individual walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 434-9005 for more information or to register.

(FREE) COMPOST KITCHEN SERIES

Compost can be the winning ingredient for a successful garden. Classes can be taken individually or as a series. Those completing all three classes will receive a certificate for a free composter. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 434-9005.

SOIL HEALTH

TUE, JUN 8, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Learn about soil health, and what nutrients are essential for growing plants. Age: 18Y and up. **4982**

BACKYARD COMPOST

TUE, JUN 15, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Learn how to monitor your compost pile with Marvin Duren, owner of Marvin's Organic Gardens. Age: 18Y and up. **4983**

ALL ABOUT THE WORMS

TUE, JUN 22, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Learn about worm composting and how to set up a system for your home. Age: 18Y and up. **4984**

(FREE) LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Enjoy speakers who will give new meaning to the term "power gardening" during this popular brown bag lunch series. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 18Y and up.

ORGANIC FERTILIZERS

WED, JUN 9, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Learn what organic fertilizers are available and how they are useful to the plants. We will provide information on transitioning from a chemical dependence to an organic approach. **4993** 📞

A HEALING GARDEN

FRI, JUL 9, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Edible Landscape Pavilion, 6733 Springboro Pk. Examine the role of nature and gardening in the healing process. Join Donna Walls, R.N. and Herbalist, to learn about selecting, and growing healing herbs in this year's garden. Sample some of the teas, salves, and tinctures that can be made from these amazing plants. A book signing will follow the program. **4995** 📞



LATE SEASON VEGETABLES**TUE, AUG 17, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Join Jim Jasinski, Ohio State Extension,
as we discuss late season crops and some
of this season's problems in the garden.
Reservations required; call (937) 434-9005 for
more information. Age: 18Y and up. **4997** 📞

**(FREE) POLLINATOR
PROTECTOR: BIRDS****WED, JUN 9, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM****WED, JUN 16, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM****WED, JUN 23, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's
Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn about songbirds and hummingbirds,
the flowers, fruits and seeds they like and
what they need to live in a garden. Then help
design and plant special gardens for insects.
Meet at Skeeter's Garden. Reservations
required and limited. Call (937) 277-6545 or
register online. Age: 8Y - 11Y. **4517** 📞

**(FREE) SUMMER TOUR OF
WEGERZYN****SAT, JUN 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,
Wegerzyn Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Join us for a guided tour of beautiful
Wegerzyn Gardens in full summer beauty.
Bring your camera and a friend for a
wonderful morning. We'll meet in the
parking lot. Registration is requested and
walk-ins are welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 or
register online. **5184** 📞

(FREE) FLOWER GARDENING**SUN, JUN 20, 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Selecting, creating continued interest,
when and how to prune, and a more
organic way to garden will be discussed.
Dress comfortably and bring your pruners,
because part of this class will be hands on.
Registration required and limited; call (937)
434-9005 or register online. **5252** 📞

(FREE) GARDEN TO TABLE**FRI, JUN 25, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E.
2nd St.

Staff and volunteers from Cox Arboretum
MetroPark will discuss and demonstrate
how to grow healthy vegetables and various
ways of preparing what you grow in your
garden when it is fresh and ready to harvest.

For more information or to register, call (937)
228-2088 or register online. Walk-ins are
welcome. Age: 18Y and up. **5165** 📞

**(FREE) LEARNING FROM THE
LANDSCAPE SERIES**

This is a "walk and talk" program. Seasonal
topics will be discussed within the
Arboretum's landscape. Dress appropriately.
Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome;
call (937) 434-9005 or register online. 📞

HABITAT GARDENS**SAT, JUN 26, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman
Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn basic concepts in attracting wildlife
to your garden. Dress for walking outdoors.
Age: 18Y and up. **4992**

PLANTS OF MERIT**SAT, JUL 24, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman
Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn about plants that feature spectacular
seasonal interest. Dress appropriately for
outdoor walking. Reservations requested;
walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up. **4990**

GREAT GARDEN PRACTICES**SAT, AUG 14, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman
Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Novice and veteran gardeners will learn
how to use design, seasonal maintenance
practices and proven plants for maximum
impact. Dress for outdoor walking. **4991**

**(FREE) AN EVENING IN THE
GARDEN SERIES**

Bring the whole family for this rare
opportunity to see the gardens after dark.
As the sun goes down, enjoy the company
of other families and s'mores at our fire pit.
Reservations requested, drop-ins welcome.
Activities are weather permitting; learn more
and register by calling (937) 277-6545 ext.
1611, or register online. 📞

THE MAGNIFICENT MUD OVEN**SAT, JUN 26, 8:00 PM- 9:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,
Children's Discovery Garden, 1301 East
Siebenthaler Ave.

Enjoy a snack from the mud oven and
activities to help you explore and learn
more about how people and animals build in
nature. Volunteers with fun activities will be
stationed throughout the garden. **PTN 5352**

FLOWER FUN!**SAT, AUG 28, 8:00 PM- 9:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,
Children's Discovery Garden, 1301 East
Siebenthaler Ave.

It's true flowers are pretty and fragrant,
but did you know they have an important
job to do? Discover the secret world of
flowers. Volunteers with fun activities will be
stationed throughout the garden. **PTN 5349**

**(FREE) CITY BEETS AT THE
MARKET****SAT, JUN 26, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM** 5130**SAT, JUL 10, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM** 5141**SAT, JUL 24, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM** 5143**SAT, AUG 7, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM** 5144

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E.
2nd St.

Youth ages 12-15 will be at the Market to
sell vegetables and flowers that they grow
during a summer program at Wegerzyn
MetroPark's Community Garden.

BUS TOURS:

Enjoy trips to regional gardens. Meet
at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark at 7:15
AM. Fees include lunch. Make checks to
Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Credit
cards will be accepted. Call (937) 277-6545.

KINGWOOD**WED, JUN 30, 7:15 AM- 6:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,
Auditorium Front (joint facility), 1301 East
Siebenthaler Ave.

Visit Knox County Career Center in Mt.
Vernon and tour their gardens. After lunch,
continue to Mansfield and the beautiful
Kingwood Gardens. On the way home, stop
at Wade and Gatton Nurseries for plant
shopping. Return to Wegerzyn at 6:30 PM.
Fees: \$66 **5190**

INDIANAPOLIS**WED, SEP 15, 7:15 AM- 5:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,
Auditorium Front (joint facility), 1301 East
Siebenthaler Ave.

Visit the Oldfields Gardens and home of the
Lilly estate. After lunch, we'll tour the new
Virginia Fairbanks Art and Nature Park, a
former gravel pit that features outdoor art
installations. Stop by Hayes Arboretum in
Richmond on the way home. Bus returns by
5 or 5:30 PM. **Reservations due August 12.**
Fees: \$56 **5210**

(FREE) PEST ID & CONTROL**THU, JUL 8, 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM**

OFF SITE, Wesley Center Community Garden, 3730 Delphos Ave., Dayton

Learn to identify common vegetable garden pests, and how to fight them off organically. Hosted by Wesley Center Community Garden, 3730 Delphos Ave., Dayton.

Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For details, call (937) 277-6545. Age: 18Y and up. **5277** 📞**(FREE) WEED ID AND CONTROL****SAT, JUL 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Summer is perfect for all plants, including weeds. Learn how to identify them and their various growth habits. We'll talk about environmentally safe ways to keep them from taking over your garden or lawn.

Reservations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **5192** 📞**(FREE) TROPICALS IN THE LANDSCAPE****SAT, JUL 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Tropicals add drama and color to any landscape, large or small. Join Wegerzyn Horticulturist Chris Jensen for a look at the gardens and containers at Wegerzyn and learn how to use tropicals for the best impact. Bring your camera and notebook for a wonderful morning. Reservations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **5196** 📞**(FREE) HOT TIMES IN SHADE GARDENS****SAT, AUG 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Hot weather gardening is always a challenge, but today we'll talk about how to make shade gardens look beautiful on the hottest days. We'll also talk about the use of water and texture. We'll tour the shade gardens of Wegerzyn and learn from the landscape. Bring your camera and notebook. Reservations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **5201** 📞**(FREE) POLLINATOR****PROTECTOR: INSECTS****WED, AUG 11, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM****WED, AUG 18, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM****WED, AUG 25, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

See how the insect gardens have changed and how well our design worked. This session we'll take a close look at what our insect visitors are doing and how they are using the habitat we provided for them. Meet at Skeeter's Garden. Reservations required and limited. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. Age: 8Y - 11Y. **4518** 📞**(FREE) WINERY TOUR****SAT, AUG 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Join us for a tour of Brandeberry Winery in Enon. Learn how vines are grown and tended and talk with the vintner about the wine-making process. A great late summer trip. Reservations are required and limited. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **5207** 📞**(FREE) SIMPLE SEASON****EXTENSION TECHNIQUES****SAT, AUG 21, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

OFF SITE, Dakota Center Community Garden, 33 Barnett St, Dayton

Some simple methods you can use to grow fresh vegetables past the frost date. Hosted by the Dakota Center Community Garden, 33 Barnett St, Dayton. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For details, call (937) 277-6545. Age: 18Y and up. **5279** 📞**GREEN LIVING****(FREE) LIVING WITH MOTHER EARTH SERIES:**

Living With Mother Earth series explores the environment and how we as individuals and families can make a difference. We cover topics on water, air, gardening and innovative methods of making the Miami Valley a healthier and more beautiful place for now and the future. Reservations are required and limited. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online.

UP ON THE ROOF**SAT, JUL 17, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Join us for a trip to the vegetative roof garden at Dayton City Hall on its

first anniversary. Donna Winchester, environmental manager for City of Dayton, will be our guide as we look at this wonderful, innovative way to conserve water and keep Dayton green. We'll meet at Wegerzyn and go in vans to City Hall. **5195** 📞**POSSUM CREEK PRAIRIE****SAT, AUG 14, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Join us for a tour of beautiful Possum Creek Prairie. We'll meet at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark and go in vans to the site. **5206** 📞**(FREE) BUDGET & ECO-FRIENDLY PAINT****SAT, AUG 28, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Conventional house paints can be toxic to the user and the environment, not to mention hard on your wallet. Learn how to create inexpensive, environmentally friendly paint from milk, limestone, rye flour and natural pigments. Ongoing demonstrations from 1:00-4:00 PM. Meet at barn. Weather permitting; call (937) 276-7062. Age: 18Y and up. **5246****HERITAGE & HISTORY****(FREE) HOE DOWN SQUARE****DANCE****SAT, JUN 5, 8:00 PM-10:30 PM** 4734**SAT, AUG 21, 8:00 PM-10:30 PM** 4735
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Farm, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Join us for a square dance in our historic barn. Listen to the sounds of The Corndrinkers as they walk you through the square dance steps. Admission is free.

(FREE) WHILE THE SUN SHINES: HAYMAKING**SUN, JUN 6, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Farm, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

The farmer makes hay 19th century style when loose hay is loaded on the wagon and taken to the barn. The hay fork slides along its track, drops to the wagon and carries great loads to the loft. **4736****(FREE) SALSA SUNDAY SERIES**

Meet on the Garden Green for a special series dedicated to celebrating the region's Hispanic cultural groups. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. Walk-ins are welcome. 📞

SALSA DANCE**SUN, JUN 13, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Garden Green, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Join us for a great time in the gardens as Hispanic dance groups from the Dayton area present colorful and fun-filled programs. Bring your friends and your lawn chairs for an exciting afternoon. **5189**

SALSA MAKING FOR ALL**SUN, JUL 11, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Garden Green, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Try your hand at creating delicious salsa! We'll provide the ingredients and you give it your own personal spin. A great afternoon for families and friends. **5194**

SALSA MUSIC**SUN, AUG 8, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Garden Green, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Hot weather deserves hot music. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of music with the great sounds of Rigodon Con Son. Bring your friends and a lawn chair; dancing is encouraged! **5203**

(FREE) A GRAND OLD INDEPENDENCE DAY**SUN, JUL 4, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Farm, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Visit Carriage Hill Farm for a community celebration of our country's independence. Enjoy some period games and contests and step back in time as we celebrate the holiday. Cool off by partaking in our ice cream social. Come celebrate Independence Day with us. **4737**

(FREE) GRAIN THRESHING**SUN, JUL 11, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM** 4738**SUN, AUG 15, 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM** 4739

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Farm, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Absorb the sights, sounds and aromas as the whistle blows and the steam engine powers the separator, while the crew feeds in the yellow bundles of grain. Watch the straw pile grow higher as the box bed wagon fills with grain. Also, watch as the homemakers bake and cook to provide the farmhands with a sumptuous thresher's dinner.

HOME & HOBBIES**(FREE) STRAWBERRY DELIGHTS****FRI, JUN 4, 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM**

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Ann Kenion, from Desserts by Ann, will demonstrate how to make several strawberry desserts, including chocolate-covered strawberries, strawberry shortcake and strawberry pie. Learn from a pro how to make these delightful treats. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information. Walk-ins are welcome. **5164**

(FREE) BREADS WITH SPREADS, OILS AND BUTTER**SAT, JUN 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Meeting Room, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

Taste a variety of herb-flavored toppings for bread. Hear information about growing and using nasturtiums. **4745**

(FREE) SPINNING DEMONSTRATION**SAT, JUN 5, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Staff from Possum Creek and Carriage Hill MetroParks will demonstrate the art of spinning and working with wool. Crocheting and knitting techniques will also be shown. Children will have fun visiting with a lamb. This will be an ongoing demonstration from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information. **5128**

(FREE) HOME FOOD PRESERVATION SERIES

Learn a variety of ways of preserving or "putting up" your garden harvest or produce bought from local growers. Get the satisfaction of knowing where your food was grown, how it was grown, and how to keep it free of unwanted chemical preservatives. Meet at the Farm Education Building. Reservations required and limited beginning June 1; call (937) 276-7062. Age: 18Y and up.

JELLIES, JAMS AND PRESERVES**SAT, JUN 12, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn the processes to make your own jellies, jams and preserves. **5230**

FREEZING YOUR HARVEST**SAT, JUL 10, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education

Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

This session focuses on freezing the first items that can be harvested from the garden. **5231**

PICKLING**SAT, AUG 21, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Discover the pickling process. **5232**

MAKE A BOUQUET**THU, JUN 17, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM** 5293**FRI, JUN 18, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM** 5294**SAT, JUN 26, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM** 5295

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Learn step by step how to make a charming hand-held bouquet with Wendy Poli from The Flowerman. Reservations are required and limited. Fee is \$10 for the class, \$15 for the class and lunch, due the day of the class. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information or to register. Age: 18Y and up.


(FREE) BERGAMOT AND BOOKS**SAT, JUL 3, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Meeting Room, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

Learn about one of the fragrant native herbs, bergamot. Also bring in a few of your favorite herb books to discuss. **4746**

(FREE) GET GRILLIN'**FRI, JUL 16, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM** 5320**SAT, JUL 17, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM** 5321

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Learn how to prepare an entire meal on the grill. Chef Gabe Gardner and his students from Culinary Arts at Sinclair Community College will demonstrate the best methods for grilling vegetables, starches and protein foods, all available at the Market. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information or to register, or register online. 

(FREE) FUN WITH FOSSILS**SAT, JUL 17, 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Join staff and volunteers from Germantown MetroPark in some fossil fun. Learn about what fossils are and create your own plaster fossil. For more information or to reserve a spot, call (937) 228-2088. Walk-ins are welcome. Age: 5Y - 12Y. **5170**

GLADIOLAS GALORE**THU, JUL 22, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM** 5298**FRI, JUL 23, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM** 5299**SAT, JUL 31, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM** 5300

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Have fun arranging gladiolas with Wendy Poli from The Flowerman showing the way. Reservations are required and limited. Fee is \$10 for the class, \$15 for the class and lunch, payable the day of the class. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information or to register.

(FREE) FRESH FROM THE GARDEN**SUN, JUL 25, 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Edible Landscape Pavilion, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn how to make things from the garden, including garden-fresh foods, and take home some of the ingredients harvested from our Edible Landscape Garden. Program is free, but please bring a dish to share. Reservations required, call (937) 434-9005 for more information or to register. **5261** 📞

(FREE) MAKING SALSA**SAT, JUL 31, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Learn what goes into making good salsa and give salsa making a try with help from the Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark staff and volunteers. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 228-2088 to register or register online. **5311** 📞

CREATE A TABLESCAPE**FRI, AUG 6, 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM** 5305**THU, AUG 12, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM** 5302**SAT, AUG 21, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM** 5304

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Learn how to arrange flowers to make creative tablescapes with Wendy Poli from The Flowerman. Reservations are required and limited. Fee is \$10 for the class, payable the day of the class. Call (937) 228-2088 for details or to register. Age: 18Y and up.

(FREE) HERBAL FRIENDSHIP CARDS**SAT, AUG 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Meeting Room, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

Watch as a variety of dried materials from the garden are combined to make beautiful greeting cards. **4748**

NATURE**(FREE) TUESDAY MORNING****ADULT WALKS**

Join us every Tuesday morning for a nature walk in the park. Bring binoculars for wildlife viewing. For more information, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. No reservations required.

TUE, JUN 1, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM 4360**TUE, JUN 8, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4363**TUE, JUN 15, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4364**TUE, JUN 22, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4365**TUE, JUN 29, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4366

EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

TUE, JUL 6, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM 4367**TUE, JUL 13, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4368**TUE, JUL 20, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4369**TUE, JUL 27, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4370

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Redwing Shelter/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.

TUE, AUG 3, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM 4371**TUE, AUG 10, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4372**TUE, AUG 17, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4373**TUE, AUG 24, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4374**TUE, AUG 31, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM** 4375

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Redtail Shelter/Parking Lot, 4439 Lower Valley Pk.

(FREE) FAMILY ARBORETUM ADVENTURE:

Complete the challenge and return to the desk to enter for a chance to win a \$25 Cox Arboretum Garden Store gift certificate. Visit the front desk to pick up your map. For details, visit www.metroparks.org/challenge or call (937) 434-9005.

GARDEN FRIENDS BINGO**TUE, JUN 1 - MON, JUN 28, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn how many insect friends make a garden grow with our Garden Bingo challenge. **5132**

PLENTIFUL PRODUCE**THU, JUL 1 - WED, JUL 28, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Spend time in the Edible Landscape Garden (ELG) investigating the fruits and vegetables growing there. Then, work as a family to discover how much we produce to donate to local foods banks. **5133**

DISCOVER DAY—FLYING MOTHS**SUN, AUG 1 - SAT, AUG 28, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Wonder what it would be like to be a field biologist or entomologist? Find out as you complete your own field notebook page, gathering data as a family about day-flying moths you observe in the gardens and on the grounds of the Arboretum. **5134**

(FREE) STROLL AT HILLS & DALES**WED, JUN 2, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5095**WED, JUN 9, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5096**WED, JUN 16, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5097**WED, JUN 23, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5098**WED, JUN 30, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5099**WED, JUL 7, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5100**WED, JUL 14, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5101**WED, JUL 21, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5102**WED, JUL 28, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5103**WED, AUG 4, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5104**WED, AUG 11, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5105**WED, AUG 18, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5106**WED, AUG 25, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 5107

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 Patterson Blvd.

Escape on this 1.5-hour relaxed-paced adventure through the park while learning about nature and discovering this park's history. Weather permitting: Call (937) 277-4178 Age: 16Y and up.

(FREE) ENVIRONMENT & ADVENTURE FILM SERIES:

Be inspired by stories of those passionate about protecting and enjoying nature, and discover how high ideals and high adrenaline go hand-in-hand. Co-presented by the Outdoor Recreation and Education departments, films are shown on the first Wednesday of the month through September. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. 📞

MOUNTAIN BIKE HISTORY**WED, JUN 2, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Enjoy a documentary about the history of mountain biking and how mountain bike historians Gary Fisher and Billy Savage, among several others, reinvented the wheel. Discover how mountain biking strayed from the cycling world, what it has evolved to in present day, and how it has connected fast-action sport with the natural world. Film length: 83 min. **4866** 📞

THE GREENING OF SOUTHIE**WED, JUL 7, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Building Boston's first LEED Gold-certified
building turns out to be harder than
anyone thought. Yet among the I-beams
and brickwork emerges a small cadre of
unlikely environmentalists who come to
connect their work with the future of
their children. Film length: 72 min. **4704** 📺

SOUTHBOUNDERS**WED, AUG 4, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Experience life on the Appalachian Trail like
never before! Finally, see the movie that
explores the world of long-distance hiking
on America's legendary mountain trail.
Follow three thru-hikers as they journey
from Katahdin, Maine, to Springer Mountain,
Georgia, over a magical summer and discover
what it means to hike your own hike. It is a
story of solitude and perseverance over 2,170
miles. Film length: 86 minutes. **4867** 📺

(FREE) BACKPACKING BABIES

Backpacking Babies programs are just for
parents and their babies to share stories,
enjoy fresh air and learn about nature.
Babies are exposed to new sights, sounds,
textures and smells on each journey. A baby
backpack or snugli is required, as trails are
not stroller-friendly. Weather permitting:
Call (937) 277-4178 for further information.
Age: 1M - 2Y.

LET'S BUG OUT!**THU, JUN 3, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178
Conference Rd.

Babies love insects! Bring your baby out to
the prairie for sun and fresh air as naturalists
catch harmless insects for your baby to
observe. **5062**

BABBLING BROOK**THU, JUL 1, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178
Conference Rd.

Get your baby's feet wet in the stream, while
naturalists search for water creatures to
share with you and your baby. **5063**

SUPERSIZED WILDFLOWERS**THU, AUG 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178
Conference Rd.

Feel like ants while exploring flowers and
grasses taller than people! **5064**

**(FREE) PARENT & PRESCHOOLER
NATURE PROGRAMS**

Parents and young children may choose
one of these fun lessons to share together.
Most classes involve creation of a craft and
an outdoor exploration experience. Dress
children in play clothes and get ready to be
a little muddy. Age: 3Y - 6Y.

WILDLIFE IS EVERYWHERE!**THU, JUN 3, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center,
6910 Boomershine Rd.

Lisa McGurk, AmeriCorps service member,
will present a series of three fun activities
from Project Wild's Growing Up Wild
guide, and parents are requested to only
sign up for one of these three programs at
the Nature Center. During this class, we
will discover what makes good homes for
wildlife and then go on a short hike to find it.
Reservations required and limited; call (937)
855-7717 or register online. **PTN 5171** 📺

HERBALICIOUS!**THU, JUN 10, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Edible
Landscape Pavilion, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Herbs are useful in many ways. Discover
what herbs animals like to eat, how herbs
make food taste yummy, and how herbs
help us when we are sick. We'll even plant
some herb seed to take home and watch
grow. Program will take place in the Edible
Landscape Garden. Reservations required;
call (937) 434-9005 or register online.
Registrants may arrive between 10:00 and
10:30 AM **4965** 📺

WHAT'S WILD?**WED, JUN 16, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center,
6910 Boomershine Rd.

Lisa McGurk, AmeriCorps Service Member,
will present a series of three fun activities
from Project Wild's Growing Up Wild guide,
and parents are requested to only sign
up for one of these three programs at the
Nature Center. During this class, we will
compare the lives of wild and tame animals
and go on a short hike to look for signs of
wild animals. Reservations required and
limited; call (937) 855-7717 or register online.

PTN 5174 📺**SPIDER WEB WONDERS****FRI, JUN 25, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center,
6910 Boomershine Rd.

Lisa McGurk, AmeriCorps Service Member,
will present a series of three fun activities

from Project Wild's Growing Up Wild guide,
and parents are requested to only sign
up for one of these three programs at the
Nature Center. During this class, we will
learn about spiders and spider webs and do
some fun crafts. Reservations required and
limited, call (937) 855-7717 or register online.

PTN 5175 📺**(FREE) BLUEBIRD FRIDAYS****FRI, JUN 4, 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM** 5154**FRI, JUN 11, 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM** 5155**FRI, JUN 25, 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM** 5157**FRI, JUL 2, 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM** 5158

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Cottonwood
Shelter, 30 parking spaces

Bring a sack lunch and join Ohio Certified
Volunteer Naturalist Joe Mitchell at
Cottonwood Shelter, famous for great views
of bluebirds. After lunch, stroll the grounds
following the bluebird trail and explore the
sights and sounds of summer. For more
details, call (937) 855-7717.

(FREE) SUMMER BUGATHON:

Venture outside this summer and see how
many different kinds of insects you can find
while taking part in the Summer Bugathon!
Qualify for a MetroParks Bugathon patch
and certificate by finding 15 common insects
from a list of 20. Your name will be entered
into a drawing to win a nature backpack. For
details, go to metroparks.org/bugathon or
call (937) 278-2623, Monday through Friday.

FLICKERING FIREFLIES**FRI, JUN 4, 8:30 PM- 9:30 PM** 4956

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot,
1385 Harshman Rd.

DASHING DRAGONS**TUE, JUN 8, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM** 4957

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Redwing
Shelter/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.

**(FREE) TIKE HIKE: DISCOVER
NATURE**

Discover the treasures of nature with
your little ones! Join us for a short walk
as we explore the great outdoors. Walk
will be held rain or shine. Call (937) 278-
2623 Monday through Friday for more
information. **PTN**

WED, JUN 9, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 4398

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Redwing
Shelter/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.

WED, JUL 14, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 4399

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot,
1385 Harshman Rd.

WED, AUG 11, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 4400
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Redwing
Shelter/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.

(FREE) ADULT NATURE WALK

THU, JUN 10, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5055

THU, JUL 8, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5056

THU, AUG 12, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5057

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178
Conference Rd.

Explore nature while meeting new friends
on this slow-paced journey. Bring binoculars
if you have them; a limited supply will be
available. Call (937) 277-4178 for details.

(FREE) BUTTERFLY BASICS

TUE, JUN 15, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM 4999

THU, JUN 17, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM 5000

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Butterfly natural history, life cycle and basic
identification are the topics of discussion.
This will be a great overview for anyone
who would like a general understanding of
butterflies. Reservation required. Call (937)
434-9005 or register online. 📞

(FREE) MORNING BIRD WALK

The early bird gets the worm, and the early
birder sees more birds! Bring binoculars
and see how many species you can find.
Beginners and experienced bird watchers
welcome. For more information, call (937)
278-2623 or (937) 855-7717.

FRI, JUN 18, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5121

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center,
6910 Boomershire Rd.

SAT, JUL 10, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM 4963

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Huffman North Park,
4095 Lower Valley Pk

FRI, JUL 16, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5122

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center,
6910 Boomershire Rd.

WED, AUG 18, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 5123

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center,
6910 Boomershire Rd.

**(FREE) BIO-BLITZ AT SHILOH
WOODS**

FRI, JUN 18, 8:30 PM-10:30 PM 5247

SAT, JUN 19, 7:00 PM-10:30 PM 5248

SHILOH WOODS CONSERVATION AREA, 6389
Philadelphia Dr.

Shiloh Woods is one of MetroParks' special
conservation areas. Knowing exactly what
kinds of plants and animals live here will
help us make educated decisions concerning
this land. We will have experts identify

and list species, and you can register to
help! Friday night, we'll look for mammals.
Saturday, we'll identify plants, birds, insects,
fish, "herps" and more. No experience is
necessary. Reservations are required and
limited. Call (937) 278-2623. Age: 12Y and up.

(FREE) FAMILY CREEK FUN

SAT, JUN 19, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178
Conference Rd.

Search for salamanders, crawdads, and
rainbow darters, then try your luck in finding
fossils! We will also be discussing water
quality, and what kids can do to keep water
clean. Wear shoes that you can wear in the
water; no sandals please. Fossil collectors
must follow collecting guidelines. Call (937)
277-4178 for details. **PTN 5080** 📞

(FREE) STROLLER STRUT:

Stroller Strut is a casual stroll on the
arboretum ground for caregivers and
children. Each strut has a nature theme
and encourages interaction between the
caregiver and child as they discover new
plants and their surroundings. Reservations
requested; walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 434-
9005 or register online. Age: 1M - 3Y. 📞

NATURE UP CLOSE

TUE, JUN 22, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 4968

TUE, JUN 22, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM 4969

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education
Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

What is that little ant carrying? What's inside
a flower? We'll take a closer look at the small
things around us. 📞

MADE IN THE SHADE

TUE, JUL 27, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 4971

TUE, JUL 27, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM 4970

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education
Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

As we walk among the beautiful Arboretum
trees, we'll discover how trees make a
difference in the temperature. 📞

MILKWEED HOMES

TUE, AUG 24, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 4972

TUE, AUG 24, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM 4973

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education
Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Milkweed provides a home to lots of
different creatures. Explore the different
milkweeds and see the fascinating
community that can be found. 📞

**(FREE) TIKE HIKE: SILENT FLIERS
TUE, JUN 22, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter,
2800 Patterson Blvd.

Learn about Ohio's owls by listening to their
sounds, exploring study skins, and taking a
hike to explore their home. Call (937) 277-
4178 for details. **PTN 5108**

(FREE) CAFE SCIENTIFIQUE

Discover science in a relaxed atmosphere
with friends and neighbors from the Miami
Valley. Increase your science savvy and
share your opinion in our open discussion.
Light refreshments provided. Call (937)
275-5059 for final topic details. Reservations
requested; walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 434-
9005 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. 📞

SOAK IT IN!

THU, JUN 24, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third
Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Fresh water is one of our most precious
resources, but today's modern construction
can cause waste with runoff and problems
with flooding. Join Tom Schneider from
the Ohio EPA Southwest District Office
and discover how you can conserve more
rainwater with simple changes around your
home and yard. **4868** 📞

**THE MARVELOUS MONARCH
AND ITS MIGRATIONS**

THU, JUL 22, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third
Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Join visiting scientist and researcher Court
Whelan, doctoral fellow at the McGuire
Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity,
Florida Museum of Natural History and enjoy
the story of the incredible monarch butterfly.
See firsthand observations from Whelan,
who has led ecotourism trips to Belize,
Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, the
Galapagos Islands and Madagascar. **4869** 📞

**VERNAL POOLS & BIODIVERSITY:
MORE THAN YOUR AVERAGE
PUDDLES**

THU, AUG 26, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third
Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Allison Gensel and Dr. Eric Benbow from
the University of Dayton biology department
share information about their research on
vernal pools at this month's Cafe. **4870** 📞

(FREE) HOME SCHOOLER SERIES:

Let MetroParks help you educate your student with these classes designed to inspire and stimulate young minds. Each class also helps to strengthen your student's relationship with nature. Parents are required to remain on park property throughout the program for maximum learning in the home classroom. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 277-4178 or register online. **PTN** Grade: 1 - 3. 📅

INVERTEBRATE INVESTIGATION**FRI, JUN 25, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Explore Dayton's backbone-less creatures and how they adapted to survive. We will use insect nets and creek nets to examine invertebrates of different habitats. **5058** 📅

ORNITHOLOGY**FRI, JUL 23, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Learn how to identify a few birds by sight and song, as well as study their biology and behavior. We will also hike in search of birds. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. **5059** 📅

LOG DETECTIVE**FRI, AUG 20, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Learn about the process of decomposition while investigating logs and discovering the animals that live in them. **5060** 📅

(FREE) TIKE HIKE: CREEK PLAY**FRI, JUN 25, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Explore the creek and find creatures like crawdads, salamanders and rainbow darters! We will also discuss how precious our water is, and what preschoolers can do to help keep our water safe. Kids and parents should wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 5109**

(FREE) PROJECT WILD'S**GROWING UP WILD****WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS****FRI, JUL 9, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

This workshop is for adults who work with children 3-7 years old. It involves children in the natural world through a variety of

activities, both indoors and out, and acquaints them with learning away from the television and computer. The textbook "Growing Up Wild" for the program will be provided free of charge by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 855-7717 or register online. Age: 18Y and up. **5176** 📅

(FREE) BIG BUTTERFLY HUNT**SUN, JUL 11, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM 5072****SUN, AUG 1, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM 5074**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Grab a net and test your catching skills with large butterflies like Swallowtails and Monarchs, while enjoying the beginning of the prairie flower season. Nets and containers will be provided. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN** 📅

(FREE) TIKE HIKE: NATURE PLAY

Treat your preschooler to dirty hands and fresh air as we build forts, play in water, turn over logs, and explore! Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. **PTN**

TUE, JUL 13, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 5110

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 2800 Patterson Blvd.

FRI, AUG 20, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 5113

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

(FREE) EUREKA LAB! BUILD A BUTTERFLY GARDEN**WED, JUL 14, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Join us for a special weekday session of the lab and complete the first step to building your butterfly garden: selecting the seeds. Participants will discover Ohio's native butterflies and build their own special seed mix for late-season planting or sowing in a container. Children must be accompanied by an adult and can drop in between 1:00 and 2:30 PM. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 6Y - 12Y. **5253** 📅

(FREE) FROG POND PLAY**FRI, JUL 16, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Hilltop Shelter, 1200 Brown School Rd.

Learn about the life of a frog. Search for frogs and tadpoles and even try netting a few. Dress to get dirty. For details, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. **PTN. 4959**

(FREE) PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP**SAT, JUL 17, 9:00 AM- 3:30 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Open to anyone that teaches children, Project Wild is a nationally recognized curriculum designed to bring nature into your classroom. Participants get to take home Project Wild and Project Aquatic activity guides, as well as other resources offered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Reservations required and limited: Call (937) 277-4178 or register online. Age: 18Y and up. **4861** 📅

(FREE) BUTTERFLY SEARCH

Butterflies are drawn to the nectar of the blooming prairie. Try your hand at netting these beautiful insects for a close look. A limited number of nets will be provided. For more information call (937) 278-2623 or (937) 855-7717 Monday through Friday.

SUN, JUL 18, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4958

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Redwing Shelter/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.

SUN, JUL 25, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 5124

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

(FREE) COYOTES WITH STAN GEHRT**THU, JUL 22, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, Lower Level, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Stanley D. Gehrt, PhD, is an associate professor of Wildlife at OSU and has done extensive research on eastern coyotes. Gehrt will be sharing the most current information on this member of the canine family that has been intriguing humans for hundreds of years. Coyotes are one of the most adaptable animals, and they thrive in urban settings. For more information, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. **5271**

(FREE) TIKE HIKE: WOODPECKER SEARCH**FRI, JUL 23, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Go on a hike in search of these insect eaters, and watch them forage on the trees. A naturalist will also try to lure one in close for the children to see. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 5111**

(FREE) DUSK PRAIRIE WALK**FRI, JUL 23, 8:00 PM- 9:30 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Redwing Shelter/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.

Join us for a stroll through this majestic prairie as darkness falls. Bring binoculars for wildlife viewing. For more information, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. **4962**

(FREE) FAMILY NATURE GAMES**SAT, JUL 31, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Argonne Forest Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Bring out your family and learn how to inject fun into your nature hikes by playing games that teach ecological principles. These are the same games professional naturalists use, and require little to no materials and set-up time. Bring a bandanna if you have one. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 5073** 📍

(FREE) DRAGONFLIES AND DAMSELFLIES OF OHIO**SAT, JUL 31, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Center Classroom, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Discover the diversity of Ohio's odonates with this hands-on workshop. Learn ID characteristics with live specimens common to Dayton, examine larvae, and participate in a field study through prairie and wetlands in the park. Each participant will get a free ODNR field guide to dragonflies and damselflies of Ohio. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 277-4178 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. **5089** 📍

(FREE) BARRED OWL PROWL**SAT, JUL 31, 9:00 PM-10:30 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Venture into the woods and search for this vocal predator, as a naturalist attempts to lure one in close. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 5081** 📍

(FREE) BUTTERFLY DISCOVERY DAY**WED, AUG 4, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Bring the family and let your butterfly adventure begin. Discover more about the butterfly lifecycle through games, and get creative with projects and more during this fun-filled afternoon. Children must be accompanied by an adult and can drop in between 2:00 and 3:30 PM. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 434-9005 or register online. **5131** 📍

(FREE) BATS AT NIGHT!**FRI, AUG 6, 8:00 PM- 9:30 PM**

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Redtail Shelter/Parking Lot, 4439 Lower Valley Pk.

Learn the fun facts about this often misunderstood mammal that hangs upside down and flies around at night! Find out why bats are great to have around and look for them in the park. For details, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. **PTN 5003**

(FREE) NIGHT HIKE AND OWL SEARCH**FRI, AUG 6, 9:00 PM-10:00 PM**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 2800 Patterson Blvd.

Join us on a search for urban nocturnal life, while calling for this park's famous screech owls. Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. **PTN 5069** 📍

(FREE) ORDOVICIAN BEACH PARTY**SAT, AUG 7, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Celebrate Ohio's ancient oceans through a beach party at the Nature Center! The party includes fossil discovery walks at 2 and 3 PM, a sandy fossil shell play area, and a non-alcoholic tiki bar and music by the Grateful Parrot Band. Teachers and informal educators can preview our Free Ohio Fossils Education Kit, available for two-week loans with a deposit. For more information, call (937) 855-7717. **PTN 5125**

(FREE) FAMILY WOODLAND ROMP**SUN, AUG 8, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, CCC Shelter, 2101 U.S. 40

Explore the wooded hillsides of Taylorsville MetroPark and discover what happens to trees when they fall. Ideal for elementary-aged kids. All ages welcome. For more information, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. **PTN 5004**

(FREE) TIKE HIKE: SALAMANDER SEARCH**TUE, AUG 10, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 2800 Patterson Blvd.

Bring your little ones out to get dirty as we explore the park for salamanders! Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. **PTN 5112**

(FREE) METEOR MADNESS

Enjoy the 2000-year-old Perseid meteor shower at an "out-of-this-world" program.

PERSEID METEOR SHOWER CAMPFIRE**WED, AUG 11, 8:30 PM-10:00 PM**

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, High View Shelter, 9688 Eby Rd

Bring a lawn chair and/or blankets and join us at sundown for a view of the night sky. We will discuss this famous meteor shower and common constellations. Campfire program ends at 10 PM, but the parking lot will remain open for self-guided stargazing till morning. Participants who have portable telescopes are encouraged to bring them and let others peek through. Weather permitting; for details, call (937) 855-7717. **PTN 5291**

MOTHS, METEORS AND THE MILKY WAY**THU, AUG 12, 7:00 PM-10:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Butterfly House, 6733 Springboro Pk.

This exploration begins in the Kettering Learning Lab with an up-close look at some of Ohio's largest moths. Then head out on the grounds to discover the "dark side" of the Butterfly House. Bring a blanket and snack for this meteor-spotting family adventure with Cox Arboretum MetroPark and the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. Registration requested; call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Weather permitting. **PTN 5173** 📍

(FREE) BEAVER SEARCH**SAT, AUG 14, 8:30 PM- 9:30 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn the life history of the largest rodent in North America while searching for them and the clues they leave behind. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 5075** 📍

(FREE) CHILDREN'S TOUR GUIDE WORKSHOP SERIES:

Do you like to share nature with children of all ages? Join us at Cox Arboretum MetroPark and discover the joy of sharing nature with children as a volunteer children's tour guide. No experience is necessary; however, potential guides should be at least 16 years old and able to walk/hike the Arboretum grounds comfortably. Learn more by attending our training workshops or call (937) 275-5059.

FALL & FRIENDS**MON, AUG 16, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Children's tour guides are invited to our

first workshop as we kick off the fall season. Discover what has been happening on the grounds since spring and try out activity ideas for touring. Bring your calendar to sign up for scheduled tours. Refreshments provided. Reservations requested; call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 16Y and up. **5273** 📅

TREES, PLEASE!

MON, AUG 23, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
In today's workshop, we'll spotlight trees in a hands-on way and share activities to use during our fall tours. A portion of the training will take place outside; dress for the weather. Reservations requested. Call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 16Y and up. **5274** 📅

HABITATS

MON, AUG 30, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
What habitats do we have at the Arboretum? Why is understanding habitats important? Find out the answers to these questions and have fun making a tool you can use while exploring habitats during school tours. New or returning guides will add another great resource to your tours. Reservations requested. Call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 16Y and up. **5275** 📅

(FREE) BEAVER WATCH!

FRI, AUG 20, 8:00 PM- 9:30 PM

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, North Park
Parking Lot, 500 Old Springfield Rd
Learn how these mammals are made for the water and why they are so dependent on trees. We'll scan the ponds in search of our resident beavers. Bring binoculars if you have them. For more information, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. **5006**

(FREE) WOODPECKER SAFARI

SUN, AUG 22, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Come discover more about Ohio's six types of woodpeckers as we search for them in the park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 5082** 📅

(FREE) KNEE DEEP IN WOLF CREEK

SAT, AUG 28, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM

WESLEYAN METROPARK, Pavilion Shelter, 1441 Wesleyan Rd.
There are fish in Wolf Creek that can put tropical fish to shame! Come catch rainbow and greenside darters, rosefin shiners, and

much more. Wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Weather permitting, depending on river height levels: Call (937) 277-4178.

PTN 5083

(FREE) STALKING THE WILD OHIO FOSSILS

SUN, AUG 29, 2:30 PM- 3:30 PM

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Old Mill Rd
Parking Lot, End of lane, Old Mill Rd.
Join Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists Margie and Mike Perkins to collect and identify a wide variety of fossils at one of our best fossil-hunting areas in MetroParks. Meet at the end of Old Mill road at the north side of the base of Germantown Dam. Weather permitting; for more details, call (937) 855-7717. **5126**

OUTDOOR PLAY

(FREE) TUESDAY TALES SERIES

These free, cultural, historical and entertainment programs are designed for preschoolers. Sessions take place twice per month in June, July and August. All programs are held outdoors and are weather permitting. Bring a blanket or towel for seating. Call (937) 274-0126 for more information.

WE ARE ALL RELATED

TUE, JUN 8, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Join Native Ga-Li storyteller Alicia Pagan as she talks about our ancestors and culture through stories and songs. **4883**

ABC ANIMALS OF AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

TUE, JUN 22, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Animals will dance through the air on the fingers of your preschooler as Tina Gonzalez leads them in a program designed to teach the ABC's of American Sign Language. **4884**

AESOP'S CLASSIC FABLES

TUE, JUL 6, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.
In the bountiful array of children's literature, no author is better known and respected than Greek storyteller Aesop. Using animals as characters he creatively delivered life lessons and morals. In Madcap's production, Aesop is an old man recalling The Boy Who Cried Wolf, The Lion and the Mouse and The Hare and the Tortoise, re-told by a cast of puppets - and you! **4885**

FAIRY TALES, FABLES AND FOLLIES!

TUE, JUL 20, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.
SMAG Dance Collective, a multi-talented and diverse dance ensemble, will be presenting an assortment of fun tales set to modern music and poetry for you and your preschooler! Audience participation will be a part of the performance, and volunteers will be given an opportunity to perform on stage, so come ready to dance! **4886**

BIG FISH! LITTLE FISH! LOTS OF FISH!

TUE, AUG 3, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Come explore the Great Miami River! Listen as Five Rivers MetroParks' biologists share with you and your preschooler their knowledge of the river and the fish that call it home. Fish of all shapes and sizes will be on hand to see and touch! **4887**

FARMIN' FEVER

TUE, AUG 17, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Chris Rowlands, a creative musician and artist, brings the farm to life through song, dance and colorful props. The audience will be led in a bee-bopping chorus of fun farm songs with help from Chris' farm yard puppets. This one-of-a-kind entertainment will keep you singing till the cows come home! **4888**

(FREE) GET OUTDOORS DAY

Get Outdoors Day is a celebration encouraging Americans, especially our youth, to seek out healthy, active outdoor lives and embrace our parks. Activities are scheduled at our MetroParks as well as at other local park agencies. Learn more at www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org.

FAMILY GARDEN WALK

SAT, JUN 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,
Wegerzyn Park, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Meet at the entrance to the Children's Garden to begin your exploration of walking, gardening and playing at Wegerzyn MetroPark. Includes a walk to the community gardens, a chance to plant and learn, and a scavenger hunt through the park. Weather dependent. Call (937) 277-6545 for more details. **5369**

SENSE OF WONDER STATIONS**SAT, JUN 12, 12:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Wander down the red trail to encounter exploration stations around the pond, cedar grove and forest. Families can collect a stamp at each station and return to the nature center to collect a prize book to read outside on beautiful days. For more details, call (937) 855-7717. **PTN 5327**

FAMILY OUTDOOR FUN**SAT, JUN 12, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter/East Park, 4361 National Road

Hey, Mom and Dad! Spend some family time in the great outdoors! You and your kids can build a fort, go on a nature scavenger hunt, or explore a creek (no sandals please). This program is ideal for elementary-aged children. For more information, call (937) 278-2623 Monday through Friday. **PTN 5002**

(FREE) NATURE PLAY -- FAMILY STYLE!

Enjoy an afternoon of play, while learning about the importance of getting kids outside. Families will move through the park from station to station, building forts, exploring the creek, playing hide-and-seek, and other activities. Families completing three activities will get a backyard nature exploration kit. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 277-4178 or register online. **PTN** 📞

SAT, JUN 12, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM 5308

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

SUN, JUL 18, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5309

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, White Oak Shelter/Parking, 2800 Patterson Blvd.

SUN, AUG 15, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5310

WESLEYAN METROPARK, Blue Jay Shelter, 1441 Wesleyan Rd.

PHOTOGRAPHY**(FREE) PHOTOGRAPHING THE BEAUTY OF METROPARKS****SAT, JUN 12, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Photographer Adam Alonzo will discuss getting great shots in the MetroParks. A slide show will be followed by a hands-on session in the gardens. Reservations are requested; walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **5188** 📞

**RECREATION
ALL OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE****(FREE) VOLUNTEER: STREET TEAM TRAINING****THU, AUG 19, 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM**

OFF SITE, Brixx Ice Co., 500 E. First St.

Just like bands have Street Teams to promote their music, the Outdoor Recreation Department started a fun, energetic Street Team to promote their events. Roles include social networking gurus, flyer-hanging maniacs and staffing outreach booths. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. Meet upstairs at Brixx Ice Company for complimentary appetizers. For more information, please contact Rachel Brand at Rachel.Brand@metroparks.org or (937)564-5431. Age: 18Y and up. **5015** 📞

BACKPACKING**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS****SAT, JUN 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** 5008**SAT, JUL 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** 5009**SAT, AUG 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** 5010

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Germantown Maintenance Bays, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

Help maintain the Twin Valley Backpacking Trail connecting Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks. No experience necessary. Bring your water and work gloves; tools and instruction provided. Individuals and groups invited. Groups of 7-15 people should contact Rachel.Brand@metroparks.org or (937) 564-5431. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Youth 14 - 17 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, contact (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. 📞

(FREE) TRY BACKPACKING!

Have you ever tried backpacking? Are you even slightly curious? Then come to this evening, hands-on program, try on a backpack, talk with local experts, and experiment with some of the gear. Backpacks are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For more information and to register, contact (937) 277-4374. 📞

THU, JUN 24, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM 5212

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Sycamore Shelter, 4790 Frytown Rd.

THU, AUG 12, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM 5001

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Cottonwood Shelter, 30 parking spaces

THU, SEP 2, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM 5005

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, CCC Shelter, 2101 U.S. 40

TEEN ADVENTURE WILDERNESS CAMP**WED, JUN 30, 12:00 AM- 6:00 PM**

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Camp Hook, 8539 Morning Star Rd.

What do you do when you get lost in the woods? How do you keep from getting lost in the woods? Join Five Rivers MetroParks for this Teen Adventure Day Camp as we explore the basics skills needed for adventures in the backcountry, including hiking safety, shelter building, safe drinking water, the 10 outdoor essentials, and more! Registration is required and limited, so please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 12Y and up. Fees: \$20 **5167**

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: ADOPT A CAMPSITE**TUE, JUL 13, 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM**

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Parking lot, 8502 Chamberlain Rd.

Volunteers who enjoy hiking and would be interested in checking one of the backcountry campsites along the TVT (Twin Valley Backpacking Trail) on select Wednesdays and/or Saturdays using a Campsite Inspection sheet should adopt a campsite (Pine Ridge, Cedar Ridge, and/or Oak Ridge). Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For more information and to register, please contact Rachel Brand at Rachel.Brand@metroparks.org or (937) 564-5431. Age: 18Y and up. **5016** 📞

INTRO TO BACKPACKING**THU, AUG 26, 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM**

FIVE RIVERS ST. CLAIR BUILDING, Outdoor Recreation Classroom, 224 N St Clair St.

Get an introduction to backpacking and find your comfort zone in terms of trips and gear selection. This class will introduce you to trip planning, trail techniques and nutrition, physical fitness, and "Leave No Trace" concepts. Introduction to Backpacking or other demonstrable experience is a prerequisite for local Outdoor Recreation Department backpacking trips. Registration is required and limited so please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$5 **5007** 📞

CYCLING

(FREE) MAD RIVER TRAIL

TIME TRIAL

TUE, JUN 1, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM 5049

TUE, JUL 6, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM 5050

TUE, AUG 3, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM 5051

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

This outdoor community event is brought to you by Speedy Feet Racing and is not a MetroParks program. Join Speedy Feet on the first Tuesday of the month during the summer to test your fitness and race against the clock in a family-friendly, safe environment at the Mad River Trail Time Trials. Ride distance ranges from 6 to 10 miles. Registration starts at 6:00 PM; first rider starts at 6:30 PM. For more information, visit www.speedy-feet.com

(FREE) COURTEOUS MASS RIDE

FRI, JUN 4, 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM 4920

FRI, JUL 2, 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM 4952

FRI, AUG 6, 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM 4953

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

This outdoor community calendar event is brought to you by Courteous Mass Dayton. Bring your bike and join a community of “bike-minded individuals” as they hit the streets of Dayton to promote cycling on the first Friday of every month. This group ride meets at the 2nd Street Market and departs at 5:30 PM. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/courteousmassdayton.

(FREE) BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

This series of guided bicycle rides will be held Saturdays April through October, rain or shine. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn basic bicycle maintenance tips. Earn a T-shirt by reaching a goal of 125 miles. Look for the asterisk (*) for Pride Rides: Wear your BFTHOI T-shirt. Parents/guardians must remain with their children during the program. For award details or information about the rides, contact Officer Zimmerman at (937) 275-PARK ex. 1416.

GREAT MIAMI RIVER

RECREATION TRAIL (N)

SAT, JUN 5, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 4317

SAT, JUL 31, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 4321

SAT, AUG 28, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM 4323

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Great Miami River Rec Trail, Ohio Bike Route 25

Join us on the Great Miami River

Recreation Trail. Meet at Rip Rap Park at the intersection of Rip Rap, Taylorsville and Little York roads. Meet at the parking lot near the soccer fields. Riding through historic Tadmor. (9 miles)

GREAT MIAMI RIVER RECREATION TRAIL (S)

SAT, JUN 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM 4318

SAT, JUL 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM 4320

*** SAT, AUG 21, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 4329

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Great Miami River Rec Trail, Ohio Bike Route 25

Join us on the Great Miami Recreation Trail. Take North Alex Road (beside Wendy's) to Hydraulic Road; entrance is on right. Riding to Crains Run Nature Park. (20 miles)

STILLWATER RIVER RECREATION TRAIL

SAT, JUN 19, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Sledding Hill, 4361 National Rd.

Join us on the Stillwater River Recreation Trail; 100 East National Road at the intersection of U.S. 40 and State Route 48 in Englewood, north of the dam. Meet in the park parking lot. Riding to Jake Grossnickle Park and past Patty's Shelter. (9 miles) **4324**

MAD RIVER RECREATION TRAIL

*** SAT, JUN 26, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Join us on the Mad River Recreation Trail; Use the entrance at 1385 Harshman Rd. at the traffic light. Meet in the last parking lot. We will be riding to Wegerzyn MetroPark. (13 miles) **4325**

GREAT MIAMI RIVER (S)

SAT, JUL 3, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Great Miami River Rec Trail, Ohio Bike Route 25

Join us on the Great Miami River Recreation Trail. West Carrollton low dam: Take N. Alex Road to Hydraulic Road; use entrance on right. Riding to Carillon Park. (11 miles) Patriot day: Wear red, white and blue. **4319**

CREEKSIDE RECREATION TRAIL

SAT, JUL 10, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Join us on the Creekside Recreation Trail. Use entrance at 1385 Harshman Road, at traffic light. Meet in last parking lot. Riding to Greene County line. (12 miles) **4326**

STILLWATER RIVER RECREATION TRAIL (C)

*** SAT, JUL 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** 4327

*** SAT, AUG 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** 4328
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Wegerzyn Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. Join us on the Stillwater River Recreation Trail (central). Riding to Eastwood MetroPark. (13 miles)

WOLF CREEK RECREATION TRAIL

SAT, AUG 14, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Wolf Creek Rec Trail, Ohio Bike Route 38

Join us at the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Road in Brookville. Riding to Verona. (11 miles) **4322**

(FREE) WEGERZYN BIKE RODEO FOR KIDS

SAT, JUN 26, 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Wegerzyn Center, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Join MetroParks Rangers and volunteers for a day of bicycle safety. Bring your bicycle. Free bike helmet properly fitted while quantities last (no beads in hair). Course is designed for students and parents to learn the rules of the road in a safe environment. Support is provided by Children's Medical Center of Dayton and Safe Kids of Greater Dayton. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. For more information, e-mail lzimmerman@metroparks.org or call (937) 275-PARK ext. 1416. Age: 3Y - 15Y. **5250** 📄

FISHING

(FREE) NIGHT FISHING AT POSSUM CREEK

FRI, JUN 4 - SAT, AUG 28, 10:00 PM- 2:00 AM

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Join us every Friday and Saturday through September 30 for fishing only. Bring flashlight or lantern. No reservations required. **4314**

(FREE) NIGHT FISHING AT EASTWOOD METROPARK

FRI, JUN 4 - SAT, AUG 28, 10:00 PM- 2:00 AM

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Every Friday and Saturday, thru September 30, for fishing only. Please note: occasional boat races at Eastwood MetroPark Lake may affect night fishing schedule. Bring flashlight or lantern. Use lake entrance. No reservations required. **4313**

(FREE) HOOKED ON FISHING, NOT ON DRUGS SERIES:

A ranger will teach students local fishing information and good decision-making skills. This is a five-week class meeting May 15 through June 12. Sponsored by Safe Kids and Children's Hospital of Dayton. No more than five students per adult. Students must stay with an adult during program. Poles and bait are provided. For details, reservations, or large groups interested in a mini HOFNOD, call Officer Zimmerman at (937) 275-7275 ext. 1416. Walk-ins welcome. Age: 5Y - 15Y.

LOCAL FISHING INFORMATION**SAT, JUN 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Participants will learn about all the great fishing spots right here in the Miami Valley! Part four of this five-part series. **4308**

RECOGNITION**SAT, JUN 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

It's graduation day! During this final part of the HOFNOD series, participants will receive awards for the number of courses in which they participated and will be eligible to win great fishing gear! **4309**

(FREE) MINI HOOKED ON FISHING, NOT ON DRUGS:

These one-day programs sponsored by Safe Kids and Children's Hospital of Dayton give participants a taste of everything the five-course Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs series has to offer. Students must stay with an adult during the program; five students per adult. Poles and bait are provided. Weather-dependent. For details, or to register large groups, call (937) 275-7275 ext. 1416. Walk-ins welcome. Age: 5Y - 15Y.

FISH SHOCKING**SAT, JUN 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake Shelter/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

This one-day class will allow students to talk with a ranger and learn about the biology of a lake. We will watch as conservation staff members conduct a fish shocking. **4305**

SEINING**SAT, JUL 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Parking Lot & Put-in Below the Dam, 7481 Creek Road

This one-day class will allow students to talk with a ranger and get wet and dirty by going into the river to seine for fish. **4310**

(FREE) TRY FLY FISHING!**THU, JUL 8, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM**


CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake Shelter/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to cast a fly rod? Join us to see if you can entice a fish to bite and catch a fish on fly. No fishing license required. Instructor is available for questions and will teach basic techniques in a controlled and safe environment.

Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For details or to register, call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. **5053**

INTRO TO FLY FISHING**MON, JUL 26, 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

FIVE RIVERS ST. CLAIR BUILDING, Outdoor Recreation Classroom, 224 N St Clair St.

Get an overview of fly fishing. The session will include a classroom overview of gear, local opportunities and techniques needed to get started. Casting techniques are covered through a variety of fun drills teaching basic fundamentals. Participants should dress for outdoor activity. For more information or to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$5 **5054** 

FLY FISHING BASICS**SUN, AUG 15, 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM**

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Poplar Creek Fishing Ponds, 7790 Johnson Station Rd.

Join us for a combination day of fly fishing on flatwater and moving water. Students will learn casting techniques, tips on reading water, flies to use and gear needed to fish our local lakes, ponds and rivers. Lunch is provided. Location will be determined based on current fishing conditions. All gear is provided. Fishing license is required. Reservations required and limited. For more information and to register, call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$20 **5211**

FITNESS & HEALTH**(FREE) GARDEN SOJOURN: MIND, BODY & SPIRIT****FRI, JUN 4, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM** 4985**FRI, JUN 18, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM** 4986**FRI, JUL 16, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM** 4987**FRI, AUG 6, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM** 4988**FRI, AUG 20, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM** 4989

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Water Garden Terrace, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Walk through the garden, take a tram tour, practice Tai Chi and indulge in light refreshments. Do as much or as little as you

like in a program for folks 55 and older. The Water Garden Terrace is the starting point for all activities. Program is 1st & 3rd Fridays, May through September. Organized groups are asked to register in advance; individual walk-ins welcome. For details or to register, call (937) 434-9005. Age: 55Y and up.

(FREE) HIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

Hike for a healthier lifestyle in the great outdoors! Hikes will be held every Saturday year round at 2:00 PM. Each hike will be about 3 miles and will move at a comfortable, brisk pace. Terrain will vary with the site, and some is rugged. Hikers that complete 10 hikes will receive a Five Rivers MetroParks Health Hike ball cap. For general Health Hike questions, call (937) 278-2623, Monday through Friday.

SAT, JUN 5, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4418

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

SAT, JUN 12, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4419

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

SAT, JUN 19, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4420

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Blue Heron Shelter, 2000 U.S. 40

SAT, JUN 26, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4421

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

SAT, JUL 3, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4422

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Wegerzyn Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

SAT, JUL 10, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4423

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Argonne Forest Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

SAT, JUL 17, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4424

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.

SAT, JUL 24, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4425

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Rd Trailhead, 8502 Chamberlain Rd.

SAT, JUL 31, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4426

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Blue Heron Shelter, 2000 U.S. 40

SAT, AUG 7, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4427

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake Shelter/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

SAT, AUG 14, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4428

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

SAT, AUG 21, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4429

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Huffman North Park, 4095 Lower Valley Pk.

SAT, AUG 28, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM 4430
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178
Conference Rd.

(FREE) ZUMBA AT THE 'SCAPE

SAT, JUN 5, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 4880
SAT, JUL 17, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 4881
SAT, AUG 7, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM 4882
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Come join us for a fun and effective workout! Your instructor, Camela Douglass, a certified personal trainer and fitness instructor, will motivate and inspire you to move and shake your way to wellness. Her energy, confidence and creativity make for a funky fresh exercise party! Session held outdoors and is weather dependent. Wear comfortable clothes and bring plenty of water. Call (937) 274-0126 for details.

(FREE) GUIDED MEDITATION IN THE PARK

SAT, JUN 19, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 4947
SAT, JUL 10, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 4948
SAT, AUG 21, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 4949
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Join us for a free group meditation led by Don Kramer, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist. During this informal gathering, we will use guided meditation and relaxation techniques to help us find a way to quiet ourselves and to find inner stillness and peace. The meeting is open to anyone; no meditation experience is necessary. Weather permitting. Call (937) 274-0126 or register online. 📞

MOUNTAIN BIKING

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MOMBA TRAIL WORK DAYS

SAT, JUN 12, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5011
THU, JUN 24, 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM 5012
SAT, JUL 10, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5013
SAT, AUG 14, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5014
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MetroParks Mountain Biking Area, 4485 Union Rd.
Help maintain MoMBA, MetroParks' mountain bike trail. No experience necessary. Volunteers will have the opportunity to learn sustainable trail building techniques, including corridor clearing, contour bench trail construction, creek armoring and more. Bring water and work gloves; tools and instruction provided. Meet at the picnic tables next to the parking lot. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Youth 14-17

must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, please contact (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. 📞

(FREE) TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING!

THU, JUN 17, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MetroParks Mountain Biking Area, 4485 Union Rd.
Is lack of a mountain bike keeping you from getting out to ride MoMBA this year? Come out to MoMBA, MetroParks Mountain Bike Area, and use one of our bikes to take a lap on some of the sweetest single tracks around. Bikes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Helmets are mandatory and provided with bike. Call (937) 277-4374 for details. 4922 📞

TEEN ADVENTURE MOUNTAIN BIKE CAMP

THU, JUN 17, 12:00 AM- 6:00 PM
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MetroParks Mountain Biking Area, 4485 Union Rd.
Head out to MoMBA, MetroParks Mountain Bike Area, for a day of mountain biking fun. Participants will learn about the basics of trail maintenance, safety equipment and riding skills and get a chance to experience the sweetest single track in the Dayton Region. Bikes and Helmets are provided on a first-come, first-served basis with reservation. Registration is required and limited, so please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 12Y and up. Fees: \$20 5166

(FREE) GIANT MOUNTAIN BIKE DEMO

SAT, JUN 19, 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MetroParks Mountain Biking Area, 4485 Union Rd.
Are you ready for a new mountain bike this season but want to test one out on the trail first? If so, then head to MoMBA for a Giant Bike Demo Day hosted by K&G Bike Center. Participants can try out some of the latest and greatest models in the Giant mountain bike fleet on some sweet single track. For more information about the bikes available, contact K&G Bikes at (937) 372-2555. Register online or call (937) 277-4374. 5307 📞

YOUTH MOUNTAIN BIKE CLINIC

SAT, JUN 26, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MetroParks Mountain Biking Area, 4485 Union Rd.
Youth can join MetroParks and the Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association to learn

the basics of mountain biking in this all-day clinic. Topics include maintenance, safety equipment and riding skills, and youth get a chance to experience some sweet single track at MoMBA, MetroParks Mountain Biking Area. Bikes and helmets are provided on a first-come, first-served basis with reservation. Youth must be able to ride a bike. Call (937) 277-4374 for information and registration. Age: 8Y - 18Y. Fees: \$30 5289 📞

(FREE) MOMBA FREEDOM RIDE

FRI, JUL 2, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MetroParks Mountain Biking Area, 4485 Union Rd.
What better way to celebrate the freedom of this great nation than on your mountain bike? Wear your red, white and blue gear and join Five Rivers MetroParks and the Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association for a "Freedom Ride" after work. Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic riders. 4954

PADDLING

(FREE) PADDLE IN THE PARK

SAT, JUN 5, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.
Grab your friends and visit Eastwood MetroPark for the 10th annual Paddle in the Park. Paddle in the Park is a partnership between Five Rivers MetroParks, Whitewater Warehouse and a variety of other paddling organizations. The event will allow the public to learn about paddle sports, meet canoe and kayak manufacturers, try any style boat for free and more. All ages and skills levels are welcome! Register online or call (937) 277-4374. Walk-ins welcome. 5047 📞

INTRO TO KAYAKING

TUE, JUN 8, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM 4892
THU, AUG 12, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM 4893
FIVE RIVERS ST. CLAIR BUILDING, Outdoor Recreation Classroom, 224 N St Clair St.
Intro to Kayaking is the first step in our paddle-sports progression. You will be introduced to various equipment selection, ranges for equipment, categories of paddle-sports, trip planning, navigation, and general locations of where to paddle locally and regionally. It is a good way to ease into learning in a systematic way. For more information and to register, please call (937) 277-4374 or register online. Age: 10Y and up. Fees: \$5 📞

KAYAK BASICS**THU, JUN 10, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM** 5017**TUE, AUG 24, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM** 5018

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Hole, 1401 Harshman Road

During this hands-on class, students will become acquainted with equipment and learn basic paddle strokes and concepts along with safety topics for beginners in recreational kayaking. Equipment is provided by Five Rivers MetroParks Outdoor Recreation Department. Please dress to get wet, and bring water and closed-toed shoes with you. For more information and to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 8Y and up. Fees: \$40

TWIN CREEK FLOAT**SUN, JUN 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Parking Lot & Put-in below the dam, 7481 Creek Road

Enjoy a pleasant float in early summer down the remote Twin Creek. We will float in recreation kayaks from Germantown Dam to the Twin Creek MetroPark area. Prior kayaking experience is required, and the paddling progression is strongly recommended. You must have completed kayak basics or have demonstrable experience to attend. To register and for more information, call (937) 277-4374. Age: 12Y and up. Fees: \$5 **5137**

(FREE) TRY KAYAKING!

Come try a kayak and see if it is something you would like to learn more about in the future. An introduction to the boat and proper safety gear will be offered, and you will have the opportunity to try different styles of kayaks. A great way to learn about the sport in a controlled environment. For more information, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 8Y and up.

TUE, JUN 15, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM 5022

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Hole, 1401 Harshman Road

MON, JUN 28, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5204

OFF SITE, Prairies Swimming Pool, Building 240 Chapel Lane

MON, JUL 12, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5202

OFF SITE, Prairies Swimming Pool, Building 240 Chapel Lane

MON, AUG 2, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM 5205

OFF SITE, Prairies Swimming Pool, Building 240 Chapel Lane

FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER**TUE, JUN 22, 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM** 5020**TUE, AUG 31, 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM** 5021

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Learn moving water instruction that deals with controlling your kayak on the river. You will learn to perform a variety of maneuvers that will improve your paddling ability, promote confidence and help you avoid hazards frequently encountered on the river. Dress to get wet. For more information or to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 12Y and up. Fees: \$50

TOURING KAYAK BASICS**WED, JUL 7, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

During this hands-on class, students will become acquainted with equipment and learn basic paddle strokes and concepts along with safety topics for beginners in touring kayaks. Intro to Kayaking is a prerequisite. Equipment is provided by Five Rivers MetroParks Outdoor Recreation Department. Please dress to get wet. For more information and to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$40 **5153**

TEEN ADVENTURE KAYAKING CAMP**WED, JUL 14, 12:00 PM- 6:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Hole, 1401 Harshman Road

Get a start in paddling in this teen day camp! Learn about paddling safety, equipment and basic strokes while paddling on beautiful Eastwood MetroPark's Blue Lake. The afternoon will be filled with games and fun on the water to test your skills; you won't want to miss it! "Get Out and Live" this summer with Five Rivers Outdoors Recreation Department! Registration is required and limited. For more information and to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 12Y and up. Fees: \$20 **5168**

STILLWATER RIVER NATURALIST FLOAT**MON, JUL 19, 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM**

AULLWOOD METROPARK, Garden Parking lot, 955 Aullwood Road

Enjoy a summer evening float with a MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exist along the waterways in the Dayton area. Prior kayaking experience is required, and the paddling progression is strongly recommended. You must have completed kayak basics or have

demonstrable experience to attend. To register and for more information, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 8Y and up. Fees: \$5 **5177**

TOURING KAYAK RESCUE CLINIC**WED, JUL 21, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Learn how to properly rescue yourself and others during a hands-on clinic in touring kayaks. You'll learn how to successfully rescue yourself and others in near-shore and offshore situations. Several techniques and rescues will be taught. This clinic is a pre-requisite for the touring kayak trip. It is an excellent way to gain confidence in your kayak skills and become more knowledgeable in safety rescue. For more information or to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$25 **5159**

ALLEGHENY RIVER KAYAK**TOURING TRIP****THU, AUG 5 - MON, AUG 9, 12:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Cox House Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Come discover the Allegheny River, a historic, National Wild and Scenic River. We will kayak a section of the river, stopping at designated camping areas along the way. You will paddle through remote areas of wilderness as well as going through historic landmarks and towns. We will carry all of our supplies needed. All equipment, food and transportation is included. For more information or to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$125 **5186**

GREAT MIAMI RIVER FLOAT**MON, AUG 23, 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM**

OFF SITE, South Montgomery County Low Dam, 3864 Hydraulic Rd.

Enjoy a pleasant float during a late summer evening down the Great Miami River. We will kayak the southern section of the river from West Carrollton to Miamisburg. Prior kayaking experience is required, and the paddling progression is strongly recommended. You must have completed kayak basics or have demonstrable experience to attend. To register and for more information, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 8Y and up. Fees: \$5 **5161**

PETS

(FREE) PAW WALKERS

Borrow an adoptable dog from the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. They will be on site with information on their programs, including microchipping, dog adoptions and information on basic dog obedience. Reservations required to walk an adoptable dog. Call (937) 274-0126 to reserve your adoptable dog or register online. Weather dependent. Age: 18Y and up. 🐾

LUNCHTIME WALKS

FRI, JUN 4, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM 4924

FRI, JUN 4, 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM 4925

FRI, JUN 18, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM 4926

FRI, JUN 18, 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM 4927

FRI, JUL 9, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM 4928

FRI, JUL 9, 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM 4939

FRI, JUL 30, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM 4929

FRI, JUL 30, 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM 4930

FRI, AUG 13, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM 4931

FRI, AUG 13, 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM 4932

FRI, AUG 27, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM 4933

FRI, AUG 27, 12:15 PM- 1:00 PM 4934

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Explore the river corridor in downtown Dayton during these 45-minute walks.

EVENING WALKS

THU, JUN 10, 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4941

THU, JUN 10, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM 4942

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake Shelter/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

THU, JUL 15, 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4943

THU, JUL 15, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM 4944

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

THU, AUG 19, 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4945

THU, AUG 19, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM 4946

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter/East Park, 4361 National Road

SPECIAL EVENTS ENTERTAINMENT

(FREE) FIRST FRIDAY AT THE MARKET

FRI, JUN 4, 3:00 PM- 8:00 PM 5146

FRI, JUL 2, 3:00 PM- 8:00 PM 5322

FRI, AUG 6, 3:00 PM- 8:00 PM 5147

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

The Market has joined the First Friday celebration in downtown Dayton with extended hours for shopping, eating, wine tasting and relaxing to musical entertainment. Several of the Market's

vendors will demonstrate their art and have their photographs, paintings, jewelry, and pottery on display and for sale. Food vendors will have savory offerings to satisfy your appetite. Don't miss this added opportunity to shop the Market. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information.

(FREE) RIVERTUNES CONCERTS

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

This free concert series takes place almost every Saturday night, featuring rock 'n' roll to country. Concerts run from the last Saturday in May through Labor Day weekend. Chairs fill quickly; bring a lawn chair for seating. Weather dependent. Call (937) 274-0126 for more information.

JESSE REMNANT & THE TRAINWRECKS

SAT, JUN 5, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4896

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SAT, JUN 12, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4897

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SAT, JUN 19, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4898

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SAT, JUN 26, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4899

MAGIC JACKSON

SAT, JUL 10, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4900

TROPICOSO

SAT, JUL 17, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4901

SOUL EXPRESS

SAT, JUL 24, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4902

KINGS LANDING

SAT, AUG 7, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4903

WATERBAND

SAT, AUG 14, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4904

DAVE GREER'S CLASSIC JAZZ STOMPERS

SAT, AUG 21, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4905

(FREE) UNITED REHABILITATIONS SERVICES' ANNUAL

RUBBER DUCK REGATTA

FRI, JUN 11, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave. United Rehabilitation Services' 7th annual Rubber Duck Regatta is the release and race of 15,000 bright yellow, sunglass-wearing rubber ducks in the Great Miami River for fantastic prizes - including the chance to win \$1 million with the James Investment Research Million Dollar Duck. Enjoy

entertainment, food (in conjunction with the Boy Scout's Cookout for Scouting) and family-oriented activities. Proceeds benefit children and adults with disabilities. Call (937) 235-DUCK (3825) or visit www.ursdayton.org. 5129

COOKOUT FOR SCOUTING

FRI, JUN 11, 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave. Stop by and have lunch to help support the Boy Scouts of America at the 11th Annual Cookout for Scouting presented by the Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. Lunch is \$7 and supports sending youth to Scout camp. Call (937) 278-4825 for more information. Fees: \$7 4879

(FREE) IT'S INSTRUMENTAL: INSTRUMENT COLLECTION

SAT, JUN 12, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM 5149

SAT, JUN 19, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM 5150

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

The Dayton Philharmonic Volunteer Association, in partnership with Dayton Public Schools, is sponsoring an instrument donation drive. If you have an instrument that needs a new home, please donate it at the Market. Instruments will be repaired and used in the music education programs of the Dayton Public Schools by students who cannot afford an instrument. Contact Ellen Bailey at (937) 848-6030 for details.

(FREE) ISLAND METROPARK CONCERT SERIES

ISLAND METROPARK, Island Band Shell, 101 E. Helena St.

Enjoy a free concert at Island MetroPark. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Food vendors will be on site. Call (937) 274-0126 for more information. No pets, please.

RALPH STANLEY AND THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS

SAT, JUN 12, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Enjoy an evening with the Legend and the Lady! Five Rivers MetroParks and Classic Country Radio present Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys along with Female Vocalist of the Year Dale Ann Bradley. Don't miss this event featuring today's bluegrass and the sounds of a mountain music pioneer! 5323

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

SAT, JUL 17, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Join 93.7 WFCJ for an evening of Contemporary Christian music! Come early



THE RIDING CENTER AT CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

Come visit our newly renovated riding center offering seasonal trail rides, pony rides, lesson packages, clinics and much more!

Gift certificates are also available. To make a reservation and for more information, call **(937) 274-3120** or visit www.metroparks.org/ridingcenter.



and enjoy pre-show entertainment at 4 PM. Call WFCJ at (937) 866-2471 or visit wfcj.com for more information. **4940**

AN EVENING OF R&B AT THE ISLAND

SAT, AUG 14, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Five Rivers MetroParks, WROU 92.1 and Gilly's invite you to escape to the Island this summer for an evening of R&B music! Call (937) 274-0126 for more information. Sponsored by WROU 92.1. **4951**

(FREE) BIG BAND NIGHTS:

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave. Imagine a romantic summer evening spent enjoying your favorite swing, big band and Broadway music. Five Rivers MetroParks proudly presents this series of exciting performances featuring the area's best big bands every Thursday night in July and August. Chairs fill quickly; arrive early or bring a lawn chair. Don't forget your dancing shoes! There will be limited parking available on July 1 and July 29 due to festival set-up. For more information, call (937) 274-0126.

HAL HARRIS ORCHESTRA

THU, JUL 1, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4907

EDDIE BROOKSHIRE ORCHESTRA

THU, JUL 8, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4908

TOM DAUGHERTY ORCHESTRA

THU, JUL 15, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4955

DAYTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA

THU, JUL 22, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4910

THE FIFTH AVENUE BAND

THU, JUL 29, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4911

DIFFERENT HATS ORCHESTRA

THU, AUG 5, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4912

BOB GRAY ORCHESTRA

THU, AUG 12, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4913

PAM NOAH AND HER BIG BAND

THU, AUG 19, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4914

KIM KELLY ORCHESTRA

THU, AUG 26, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM 4915

(FREE) KIDS DAY AT THE MARKET

SAT, JUL 24, 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

The children, grandchildren and relatives of Market vendors will have their own special kids-only market setup in the pavilion. Kids of any age can shop for fresh produce, bread, crafts and prepared foods. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information. **5145**

(FREE) OUTRAGEOUS RIVER DERBY

SUN, AUG 8, 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave. Don't miss this event where you can watch as a spectator or join in as a participant in a race of homemade watercrafts. Join Commodore Jim Bucher of WDTN Channel 2 judging for "Most Likely to Sink at the Dock" and other outrageous awards. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. Judging begins at 1:00 PM followed by the race at 2:00 PM. For more information or to get an entry form, call (937) 274-0126. **5136**

(FREE) TEEN MUSIC SLAM

FRI, AUG 20, 6:00 PM- 9:30 PM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

The Dayton Metro Library and Five Rivers MetroParks are teaming up once again to present the Teen Music Slam! This contest will bring teenaged bands and musicians from all over Montgomery County together to compete for the grand prize of eight hours of free recording studio time from Babbelfish Recording Studio. For more information, including entry details, call Gretchen Yonata at (937) 463-2665. **4950**

(FREE) 6TH ANNUAL ANTIOCH SHRINE CUSTOM CAR & BIKE SHOW

SUN, AUG 29, 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave. Join car and motorcycle enthusiasts at the 6th annual Antioch Shrine Custom Car and Bike Show. Enjoy beverages at the Shrine Center and food provided by the Champaign County Shrine Club. Registration begins at 12:00 PM and is \$10. Awards ceremony is at 4:30 PM. There are many chances to win door prizes! For details or to register, call Tom Lees at (937) 433-2181, David Bussard at (937) 696-4644, or Rick Snider at (937) 545-0595. **5306**

FITNESS & HEALTH

(FREE) 9TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN WELLNESS WALK

SAT, JUN 5, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

ISLAND METROPARK, Island Band Shell, 101 E. Helena St.

This non-competitive walk promotes heart health information to the African American community. Sponsored by Wright State University Center for Healthy Communities. For more information, contact Dionne Simmons at (937) 775-8249. **4835**



ANOTHER DAM 50K**SAT, JUN 5, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM**

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter/East Park, 4361 National Road

This outdoor community opportunity is provided by the Ohio River Road Runners Club for a 50K run that will take place on the trails at Englewood MetroPark. For details, contact Frank Fenton at (937) 684-4117 or visit www.orrcc.org. Fees: \$25 **4856**

(FREE) POSSUM CREEK WALKFEST**SAT, JUN 5, 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Argonne Forest Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

This outdoor community opportunity is provided by the Purple Penguins Volksmarch Walking Club for the beauty of nature and health of walking. Start anytime between 9AM and 1 PM and finish by 4 PM. For more information, contact Helga Slade at (937) 429-3946. **4865**

SUGARCREEK 5K AND 10K**WED, JUN 9, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

This outdoor community opportunity is provided by the Ohio River Road Runners Club for a 5K and 10K run that will take place on the trails at Sugarcreek MetroPark. \$3 club members, \$9 non-members. For details, contact Stacy Silverstein at (937) 272-3571 or visit www.orrcc.org. Fees: \$3 **5138**

5 FOR THE KIDS 5K**FRI, JUN 11, 5:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Great Miami River Rec Trail, Ohio Bike Route 25

This outdoor community opportunity is provided by the Dayton Bar Association's Young Lawyer's Division as a fundraiser for CARE House advocacy center for child victims of abuse and neglect. Contact Erin Gay at (937) 224-9291 ext. 105 for additional information. Fees: \$25 **4721**

(FREE) DOWNTOWN DAYTON GARDENS WALK**SAT, JUN 12, 8:30 AM- 3:00 PM**

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, Parking lot, 600 E. 2nd St.

This outdoor community opportunity is sponsored by the Ohio Wander Freunde. The walk route will visit gardens in the Historic Districts on two different 5K loops. Start between 8:30 AM and noon, finish by 3:00 PM. For additional information, call Mikki White at (937) 890-0416 or mikkiw17@sbcglobal.net. **5148**

FRIENDS OF AIDEN 5K WALK RUN**SAT, JUN 19, 8:30 AM- 2:00 PM**

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Blue Heron Shelter, 2000 U.S. 40

This 5K Run/Walk supports Help Extinguish Hunter Syndrome, Inc. by raising awareness and contributing for research to find a cure for Hunter Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. Registration by May 31 is \$15; after May 31 is \$20. For information contact Jason Turpin at (937) 545-1317. Fees: \$15 **4877**

GARDENING & LANDSCAPING**(FREE) IRIS SALE****SAT, JUL 10, 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

NATIONAL CITY 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

The American Iris Society will offer a large selection of identified iris varieties in all colors of the rainbow. The irises are freshly dug with roots and fans trimmed. The sale will take place indoors in the pavilion. For details, contact Amy Maurer, (614) 253-8373, or smaurer1@columbus.rr.com **5162**

HERITAGE & HISTORY**(FREE) CITYFOLK FESTIVAL****FRI, JUL 2, 6:00 PM-11:00 PM** 4889**SAT, JUL 3, 1:00 PM-11:00 PM** 4891**SUN, JUL 4, 1:00 PM-11:00 PM** 4890

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Cityfolk, Dayton's traditional arts organization, presents the region's largest multi-cultural festival. Enjoy three days of music from across America and around the world, food, family art-making activities and more! Watch the City of Dayton fireworks Saturday, July 3, at 10 PM. For more information including, a schedule of performers, visit www.cityfolk.org.

(FREE) PRAIRIE SERENADE: OLD TIME COUNTRY MUSIC**SAT, JUL 17, 5:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Plaza, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

Enjoy good music and a summer evening surrounded by prairie flower gardens at our Visitors Center. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Food will be available. Age: 1Y and up. **4740**

(FREE) DAYTON CELTIC FESTIVAL**FRI, JUL 30, 6:00 PM-11:00 PM** 4917**SAT, JUL 31, 12:00 PM-11:00 PM** 4918**SUN, AUG 1, 10:00 AM- 6:00 PM** 4919

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Downtown Dayton comes to life with the sights and sounds of Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the ninth annual Dayton Celtic Festival. Three stages offer live musical and dance entertainment with audience seating under-cover. Enjoy Celtic arts and language, cultural demonstrations, children's activities, food, beverage, a traditional Gaelic Mass and Celtic breakfast on Sunday and lots more free family-friendly fun! Visit www.unitedirishofdayton.org or call (937) 372-9788 for more information.

(FREE) DAYTON AFRICAN**AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL****SAT, AUG 28, 12:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

This one-day family event brings the richness of the African American experience to Dayton and its surrounding communities through culture, education and music. Come see an African Village, a pavilion of paintings and enjoy live R&B, gospel and jazz performances. Merchandise and food vendors will be onsite. You won't want to miss this city-wide event where diverse people will be brought together in celebration! Call (937) 274-0126 for more information. **4894**

NATURE**(FREE) BACK TO SCHOOL JAM****SAT, AUG 14, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

WESLEYAN METROPARK, Brown Building, 1441 Wesleyan Rd.

Celebrate the next school year with your friends at this fun-filled festival! Activities and displays will be hosted by many community organizations. Kids can play nature games and win prizes, build nature crafts, play in inflatables, explore creek fish, and eat free food while supplies last! MWV Consumer and Office Products, which makes Mead-branded school products, will be giving away free school supplies. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **5088**

EVENTS BY DATE, TIME

TUE, JUN 1, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 32)
10:00 AM Family Arboretum Adventure: Garden Friends Bingo, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 32)
6:00 PM Mad River Trail Time Trial, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 39)

WED, JUN 2, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
7:00 PM Environment & Adventure Film Series: Mountain Bike History, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 32)

THU, JUN 3, 2010

10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Let's Bug Out!, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see pg 33)
1:00 PM Parent and Preschooler: Wildlife is Everywhere!, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 33)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
6:00 PM Mulching Your Garden, Off Site (see pg 28)

FRI, JUN 4, 2010

9:00 AM Garden Sojourn: Mind, Body & Spirit, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 40)
11:30 AM Blue Bird Fridays, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 33)
11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
12:15 PM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
3:00 PM First Friday at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 43)
5:30 PM Courteous Mass Ride, 2nd Street Market (see pg 39)
6:00 PM Strawberry Delights, 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)
8:30 PM Summer Bugathon: Flickering Fireflies, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 33)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUN 5, 2010

8:00 AM 9th Annual African American Wellness Walk, Island MetroPark (see pg 44)
8:00 AM Another Dam 50K, Englewood MetroPark (see pg 45)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami River Recreation (N), Recreational Trails (see pg 39)
9:00 AM Possum Creek Walkfest, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 45)
9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing: Local Fishing Information, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 40)
10:00 AM Paddle in the Park, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 41)
10:00 AM Kitchen Garden Design, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
10:00 AM Spinning Demonstration, 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)
10:00 AM Breads with Spreads, Oils and Butter, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 31)
10:00 AM Zumba at the 'Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 41)
12:00 PM Plant Doctor is In, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
1:00 PM Garden Mysteries, Possum Creek Me-

troPark (see pg 28)

2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 40)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
7:30 PM RiverTunes: Jesse Remnant & The Trainwrecks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 30)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUN 6, 2010

12:00 PM While the Sun Shines: Haymaking, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 30)

MON, JUN 7, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, JUN 8, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 32)
9:30 AM Compost Kitchen: Soil Health, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)
10:00 AM Tuesday Tales: We Are All Related, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 37)
1:00 PM Summer Bugathon: Dashing Dragons, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 33)
1:30 PM Parent and Preschooler: If I Could Be a Farmer, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)
5:00 PM Blossom Buggy Tours, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)
6:00 PM Intro to Kayaking, Five Rivers St. Clair Building (see pg 41)

WED, JUN 9, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Discover Nature, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 33)
11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Organic Fertilizers, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
4:00 PM Pollinator Protectors: Birds, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 29)
6:30 PM Sugar Creek 5K and 10K, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see pg 45)

THU, JUN 10, 2010

9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see pg 34)
10:00 AM Parent and Preschooler: Herbalicious!, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 33)
11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 43)
12:15 PM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 43)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
6:00 PM Kayak Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)
11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 43)
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FRI, JUN 11, 2010

11:30 AM Blue Bird Fridays, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 33)
11:00 AM United Rehabilitation Services' Annual United Rehabilitation Services' Rubber Duck Regatta, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
11:30 AM Cookout For Scouting, RiverScape

PASSPORT TO NATURE



This program gives incentives for families to complete eight visits to our designated passport programs. If you are new to this program, here's how it works: Visit MetroParks facilities, participate in designated passport programs and get your passport stamped. When eight of the boxes are stamped, fill in the requested information and mail your passport to Five Rivers MetroParks.

Look for **PTN** in the program listing to see if it qualifies as a Passport to Nature program! For more information or directions to program sites, call **275-PARK** or visit us on the web at **METROPARKS.ORG**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE RECENT METROPARKS NATURE TRAVELERS!

FIRST PASSPORT

Bryan Evans
Steven Evans
Ed Mantel
Maggie Mantel
Cameron Roberts
Fynn Roberts

SECOND PASSPORT

Emily Rue

FOURTH PASSPORT

Nathan Gonsalves

MetroPark (see pg 43)
5:00 PM 5 for the Kids 5K, Recreational Trails (see pg 45)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUN 12, 2010

8:30 AM Downtown Dayton Gardens Walk, 2nd Street Market (see pg 45)
8:30 AM Family Farm Chores, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami Recreation Trail (S), Recreational Trails (see pg 39)
9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs: Recognition, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 40)
9:00 AM It's Instrumental: Instrument Collection, 2nd Street Market (see pg 43)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 38)
10:00 AM Nature Play - Family Style!, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see pg 38)
10:00 AM Photographing the Beauty of MetroParks, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 38)
10:00 AM Summer Tour of Wegerzyn, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 29)
12:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)



12:30 PM Get Outdoors Day Sense of Wonder Stations, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 38)
1:00 PM Plant Doctor is In, Off Site (see pg 28)
1:00 PM Jellies, Jams and Preserves, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 31)
1:00 PM Get Outdoors Day: Family Outdoor Fun, Englewood MetroPark (see pg 28)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 40)
6:00 PM Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys Concert, Island MetroPark (see pg 43)
7:30 PM RiverTunes: Them Bones, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUN 13, 2010

10:00 AM Twin Creek Float, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 42)
2:00 PM Salsa Sunday: Dance, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 31)

MON, JUN 14, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, JUN 15, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 32)
9:30 AM Compost Kitchen: Backyard Compost, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)
4:00 PM Try Kayaking!, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)
5:30 PM Plant Doctor is In, Off Site (see pg 28)
6:30 PM Butterfly Basics, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)

WED, JUN 16, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
1:00 PM Parent and Preschooler: What's Wild?, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 33)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

THU, JUN 17, 2010

10:30 AM Make a Bouquet, 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)
12:00 PM Teen Adventure Mountain Bike Camp, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)
1:00 PM Butterfly Basics, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking!, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)

FRI, JUN 18, 2010

9:00 AM Garden Sojourn: Mind, Body & Spirit, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 40)
9:00 AM Morning Bird Walk, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 34)
10:30 AM Make a Bouquet, 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)
11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
12:15 PM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
8:30 PM Bio-blitz at Shiloh Woods, Shiloh Woods Conservation Area (see pg 34)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUN 19, 2010

8:30 AM Morning Chores on the Historic Farm, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 27)
8:30 AM Friends of Aiden 5K Walk Run, Taylorsville MetroPark (see pg 45)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Stillwater River Recreation Trail, Englewood MetroPark (see pg 39)
9:00 AM Guided Meditation in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 41)
9:00 AM Mini Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs: Fish Shocking, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 40)
9:00 AM It's Instrumental: Instrument Collection, 2nd Street Market (page 43)
10:00 AM Giant Mountain Bike Demo, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)
1:00 PM Family Creek Fun, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 34)
2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Taylorsville MetroPark (see pg 40)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
7:00 PM Bio-blitz at Shiloh Woods, Shiloh Woods Conservation Area (see pg 34)
7:30 PM RiverTunes: SEEFARI, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUN 20, 2010

2:00 PM Flower Gardening, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 29)

MON, JUN 21, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, JUN 22, 2010

9:00 AM Stroller Strut: Nature Up Close, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)
9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 32)
9:30 AM Compost Kitchen: All About the Worms, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)
10:00 AM Tuesday Tales: ABC Animals of American Sign Language, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 37)
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Silent Fliers, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 34)
11:30 AM Stroller Strut: Nature Up Close, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)
5:00 PM Blossom Buggy Tours, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)
5:30 PM Fundamentals of Moving Water, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)

WED, JUN 23, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

THU, JUN 24, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
4:00 PM Try Backpacking!, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 38)
6:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)
7:00 PM Cafe Sci: Soak It In!, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)

FRI, JUN 25, 2010

10:00 AM Parent and Preschooler: Spider Web Wonders, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 33)
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Creek Play, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 35)

11:30 AM Blue Bird Fridays, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 33)
11:30 AM Garden to Table, 2nd Street Market (see pg 29)
1:00 PM Home Schooler: Invertebrate Investigation, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 35)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUN 26, 2010

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Mad River Recreation Trail, Eastwood MetroPark (page 39)
9:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 29)
9:00 AM Wegerzyn Bike Rodeo For Kids, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 39)
9:00 AM Learning from the Landscape: Habitat Gardens, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 29)
10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: A trip to the farm, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 27)
10:00 AM Youth Mountain Bike Clinic, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)
11:00 AM Farm Tour and Wagon Ride, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)
1:00 PM Make a Bouquet, 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)
2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 40)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
7:30 PM RiverTunes: 24SEVEN, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
8:00 PM An Evening in the Garden: The Magnificent Mud Oven, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 29)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUN 27, 2010

1:00 PM Alternative Tractor Power, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)

MON, JUN 28, 2010

12:00 PM Try Kayaking!, Off Site (see pg 42)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, JUN 29, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 32)

WED, JUN 30, 2010

7:15 AM Bus Tour: Kingwood, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 29)
10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
12:00 PM Teen Adventure Wilderness Camp, Twin Creek MetroPark (see pg 38)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

THU, JUL 1, 2010

10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Babbling Brook, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 33)
10:00 AM Family Arboretum Adventure: Plentiful Produce, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 32)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Hal Harris Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, JUL 2, 2010

11:30 AM Blue Bird Fridays, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 33)
3:00 PM First Friday at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 43)
5:30 PM Courteous Mass Ride, 2nd Street Market (see pg 39)

6:00 PM Cityfolk Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 45)

6:00 PM MoMBA Freedom Ride, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUL 3, 2010

8:30 AM Family Farm Chores, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami River (S), Recreational Trails (see pg 39)

10:00 AM Bergamot and Books, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 31)

1:00 PM Cityfolk Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 45)

2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 40)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUL 4, 2010

12:00 PM A Grand Old Independence Day, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 31)

1:00 PM Cityfolk Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 45)

MON, JUL 5, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, JUL 6, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 32)

10:00 AM Tuesday Tales: Aesop's Classic Fables, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 37)

6:00 PM Mad River Trail Time Trial, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 39)

WED, JUL 7, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

7:00 PM Environment & Adventure Film: The Greening of Southie, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 33)

6:00 PM Touring Kayak Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)

THU, JUL 8, 2010

9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 34)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

4:00 PM Try Fly Fishing!, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 40)

6:00 PM Pest ID & Control, Off Site (see pg 30)

7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Eddie Brookshire Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, JUL 9, 2010

9:00 AM Project Wild's Growing Up Wild Workshop for Educators, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 35)

11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: A Healing Garden, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)

11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

12:15 PM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUL 10, 2010

8:00 AM Iris Sale, 2nd Street Market (see pg 45)

8:30 AM Morning Bird Walk, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 34)

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Creekside Recreation Trail, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 39)

9:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 29)

9:00 AM Guided Meditation in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 41)

9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 38)

9:00 AM Mini Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs: Seining, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 40)

10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: Weed ID and Control, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 30)

12:00 PM Plant Doctor is In, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

12:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)

1:00 PM Freezing Your Harvest, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 31)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 40)

7:30 PM RiverTunes: Magic Jackson, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUL 11, 2010

12:00 PM Grain Threshing, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 31)

2:00 PM Big Butterfly Hunt, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 35)

2:00 PM Salsa Sunday: Salsa Making for All, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 31)

MON, JUL 12, 2010

12:00 PM Try Kayaking!, Off Site (see pg 42)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, JUL 13, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 32)

10:00 AM Tike Hike: Nature Play, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 35)

1:30 PM Parent and Preschooler: Berry Fun, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)

5:00 PM Blossom Buggy Tours, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:00 PM Volunteer: Adopt a Campsite, Twin Creek MetroPark (see pg 38)

WED, JUL 14, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)

10:00 AM Tike Hike: Discover Nature, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 33)

12:00 PM Teen Adventure Kayaking Camp, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)

1:00 PM Eureka Lab! Build a Butterfly Garden, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 35)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

THU, JUL 15, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:00 PM Paw Walkers Evening Walks, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 43)

7:00 PM Paw Walkers Evening Walks, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 43)

7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Tom Daugherty Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, JUL 16, 2010

9:00 AM Garden Sojourn: Mind, Body & Spirit, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 40)

9:00 AM Morning Bird Walk, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 34)

10:00 AM Frog Pond Play, Taylorsville MetroPark (see pg 35)

11:30 AM Get Grillin', 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUL 17, 2010

8:30 AM Morning Chores on the Historic Farm, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 27)

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Stillwater River Rec. Trail (C), Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 39)

9:00 AM Project Wild Workshop, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 35)

10:00 AM Zumba at the 'Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 41)

10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: Up on the Roof, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 30)

11:00 AM Fun with Fossils, 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)

11:30 AM Get Grillin', 2nd Street Market (see pg 31)

1:30 PM Plant Doctor is In, Off Site (see pg 28)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Englewood MetroPark (see pg 40)

5:00 PM Prairie Serenade: Old Time Country Music, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 45)

6:00 PM Contemporary Christian Concert, Island MetroPark (see pg 43)

7:30 PM RiverTunes: Tropicoso, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUL 18, 2010

1:00 PM Nature Play - Family Style!, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 38)

2:00 PM Butterfly Search, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 35)

MON, JUL 19, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:00 PM Stillwater River Naturalist Float, Aullwood MetroPark (see pg 42)

TUE, JUL 20, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 32)

10:00 AM Tuesday Tales: Fairytales, Fables and Follies!, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 37)

WED, JUL 21, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:00 PM Touring Kayak Rescue Clinic, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)

THU, JUL 22, 2010

10:30 AM Gladiolas Galore, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

7:00 PM Coyotes with Stan Gehrt, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 35)

7:00 PM Cafe Sci: The Marvelous Monarch and Its Migrations, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)
7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Dayton Jazz Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, JUL 23, 2010

10:00 AM Tike Hike: Woodpecker Search, Sugar-creek MetroPark (see pg 35)
10:30 AM Gladiolas Galore, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)
1:00 PM Home Schooler: Ornithology, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 35)
8:00 PM Dusk Prairie Walk, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 36)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUL 24, 2010

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami River Rec.Trail (S), Recreational Trails (see pg 39)
9:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 29)
9:00 AM Kids Day at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 44)
9:00 AM Learning from the Landscape: Plants of Merit, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 29)
10:00 AM Tropicals in the Landscape, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 30)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Twin Creek MetroPark (see pg 40)
7:30 PM RiverTunes: Soul Express, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, JUL 25, 2010

2:00 PM Butterfly Search, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 35)
2:00 PM Fresh from the Garden, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 32)

MON, JUL 26, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
5:30 PM Intro to Fly Fishing, Five Rivers St. Clair Building (see pg 40)

TUE, JUL 27, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 32)
9:00 AM Stroller Strut: Made in the Shade, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)
11:30 AM Stroller Strut: Made in the Shade, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)
5:00 PM Blossom Buggy Tours, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)

WED, JUL 28, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

THU, JUL 29, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
7:30 PM Big Band Nights: The Fifth Avenue Band, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, JUL 30, 2010

11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
12:15 PM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape

MetroPark (see pg 43)

6:00 PM Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 45)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, JUL 31, 2010

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami River Rec. Trail (N), Recreational Trails (see pg 39)
10:00 AM Making Salsa, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)
10:00 AM Family Nature Games, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 36)
11:00 AM Farm Tour and Wagon Ride, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)
12:00 PM Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)
1:00 PM Gladiolas Galore, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)
1:00 PM Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ohio, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 36)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Taylorsville MetroPark (see pg 40)
9:00 PM Barred Owl Prowl, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 36)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, AUG 1, 2010

10:00 AM Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 45)
10:00 AM Family Arboretum Adventure: Discover Day -- Flying Moths, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 32)
2:00 PM Big Butterfly Hunt, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 35)

MON, AUG 2, 2010

12:00 PM Try Kayaking!, Off Site (see pg 42)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, AUG 3, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 32)
10:00 AM Tuesday Tales: Big Fish! Little Fish! Lots of Fish!, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 37)
6:00 PM Mad River Trail Time Trial, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 39)

WED, AUG 4, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
2:00 PM Butterfly Discovery Day, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 36)
7:00 PM Environment & Adventure Film Series: Southbounders, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 33)

THU, AUG 5, 2010

10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Supersized Wildflowers, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 33)
12:00 PM Allegheny River Kayak Touring Trip, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 42)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Different Hats Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 45)

FRI, AUG 6, 2010

9:00 AM Garden Sojourn: Mind, Body & Spirit, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 40)
3:00 PM First Friday at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 43)

5:30 PM Courteous Mass Ride, 2nd Street Market (see pg 39)

5:30 PM Create a Tablescape, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)

8:00 PM Bats At Night!, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 36)

9:00 PM Night Hike and Owl Search, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 36)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, AUG 7, 2010

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Stillwater River Rec. Trail (C), Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 39)
9:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see pg 29)
10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: Hot Times in Shade Gardens, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 30)
10:00 AM Herbal Friendship Cards, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 32)
10:00 AM Zumba at the 'Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 41)
12:00 PM Plant Doctor is In, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
1:00 PM Kids Love Tomatoes!, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)
1:00 PM Ordovician Beach Party, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 36)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 40)
7:30 PM RiverTunes: Kings Landing, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)
10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, AUG 8, 2010

12:00 PM Outrageous River Derby, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)
2:00 PM Family Woodland Romp, Taylorsville MetroPark (see pg 36)
2:00 PM Salsa Sunday: Music, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 31)

MON, AUG 9, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, AUG 10, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 32)
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Salamander Search, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 36)
1:30 PM Parent and Preschooler: Bee-utiful Bee, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)
5:00 PM Blossom Buggy Tours, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)

WED, AUG 11, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Discover Nature, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 34)
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)
4:00 PM Pollinator Protectors: Insects, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 30)
8:30 PM Perseid Meteor Shower Campfire, Twin Creek MetroPark (see pg 36)

THU, AUG 12, 2010

9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 34)

10:30 AM Create a Tablescape, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

4:00 PM Try Backpacking!, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 38)

6:00 PM Intro to Kayaking, Five Rivers St. Clair Building (see pg 41)

7:00 PM Moths, Meteors and the Milky Way, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 36)

7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Bob Gray Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, AUG 13, 2010

11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

12:15 PM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

1:00 PM Create a Tablescape, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, AUG 14, 2010

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Wolf Creek Recreation Trail, Recreational Trails (see pg 39)

9:00 AM Learning from the Landscape: Great Garden Practices, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 29)

9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 38)

10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: Possum Creek Prairie, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 30)

12:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 41)

1:00 PM Back to School Jam, Wesleyan MetroPark (see pg 45)

1:00 PM From Tassel to Table, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)

1:30 PM Plant Doctor is In, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 40)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:00 PM An Evening of R&B at the Island, Island MetroPark (see pg 44)

7:30 PM RiverTunes: Waterband, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

8:30 PM Beaver Search, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 36)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, AUG 15, 2010

9:30 AM Fly Fishing Basics, Taylorsville MetroPark (see pg 40)

12:00 PM Grain Threshing, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 31)

1:00 PM Nature Play - Family Style!, Wesleyan MetroPark (see pg 38)

MON, AUG 16, 2010

9:30 AM Children's Tour Guide Workshop Series: Fall & Friends, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 36)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, AUG 17, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 32)

10:00 AM Tuesday Tales: Farmin' Fever, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 37)

11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Late Season Vegetables,

Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 29)

WED, AUG 18, 2010

9:00 AM Morning Bird Walk, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 34)

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

THU, AUG 19, 2010

11:30 AM Paw Walkers Evening Walks, Englewood MetroPark (see pg 43)

12:15 PM Paw Walkers Evening Walks, Englewood MetroPark (see pg 43)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:30 PM Volunteer: Street Team Training, Off Site (see pg 38)

7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Pam Noah and Her Big Band, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, AUG 20, 2010

9:00 AM Garden Sojourn: Mind, Body & Spirit, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 40)

10:00 AM Tike Hike: Nature Play, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 35)

1:00 PM Home Schooler: Log Detective, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 35)

6:00 PM Teen Music Slam, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

8:00 PM Beaver Watch!, Englewood MetroPark (see pg 37)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, AUG 21, 2010

8:30 AM Family Farm Chores, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 27)

8:30 AM Morning Chores on the Historic Farm, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 27)

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami River Rec. Trail (S), Recreational Trails (see pg 39)

9:00 AM Guided Meditation in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 41)

10:00 AM Simple Season Extension Techniques, Off Site (see pg 30)

10:00 AM Winery Tour, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 30)

1:00 PM Pickling, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 31)

1:00 PM Create a Tablescape, 2nd Street Market (see pg 32)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 40)

7:30 PM RiverTunes: Dave Greer's Classic Jazz Stompers, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 30)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, AUG 22, 2010

2:00 PM Woodpecker Safari, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 37)

MON, AUG 23, 2010

9:30 AM Children's Tour Guide Workshop Series: Trees, Please!, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 37)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:00 PM Great Miami River Float, Off Site (see pg 42)

TUE, AUG 24, 2010

9:00 AM Stroller Strut: Milkweed Homes, Cox

Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 32)

11:30 AM Stroller Strut: Milkweed Homes, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)

5:00 PM Blossom Buggy Tours, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:00 PM Kayak Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)

WED, AUG 25, 2010

10:00 AM Stroll at Hills & Dales, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see pg 32)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

THU, AUG 26, 2010

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

6:30 PM Intro to Backpacking, Five Rivers St. Clair Building (see pg 38)

7:00 PM Vernal Pools & Biodiversity: More Than Your Average Puddles, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 34)

7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Kim Kelly Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

FRI, AUG 27, 2010

11:30 AM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

12:15 PM Paw Walkers Lunchtime Walks, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 43)

6:00 PM Women's Wellness Night, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 27)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SAT, AUG 28, 2010

9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami River Rec. Trail (N), Recreational Trails (see pg 39)

10:00 AM Draft Horse Days, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see pg 27)

12:00 PM Dayton African American Cultural Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 45)

1:00 PM Knee Deep in Wolf Creek, Wesleyan MetroPark (see pg 37)

1:00 PM Budget and Eco-friendly Paint, Possum Creek MetroPark (see pg 30)

2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see pg 41)

8:00 PM An Evening in the Garden: Flower Fun!, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 29)

10:00 PM Night Fishing, Eastwood and Possum Creek MetroParks (see pg 39)

SUN, AUG 29, 2010

10:00 AM Draft Horse Days, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

2:00 PM 6th Annual Antioch Shrine Custom Car & Bike Show, RiverScape MetroPark (see pg 44)

2:30 PM Stalking the Wild Ohio Fossils, Germantown MetroPark (see pg 37)

MON, AUG 30, 2010

9:30 AM Children's Tour Guide Workshop Series: Habitats, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see pg 37)

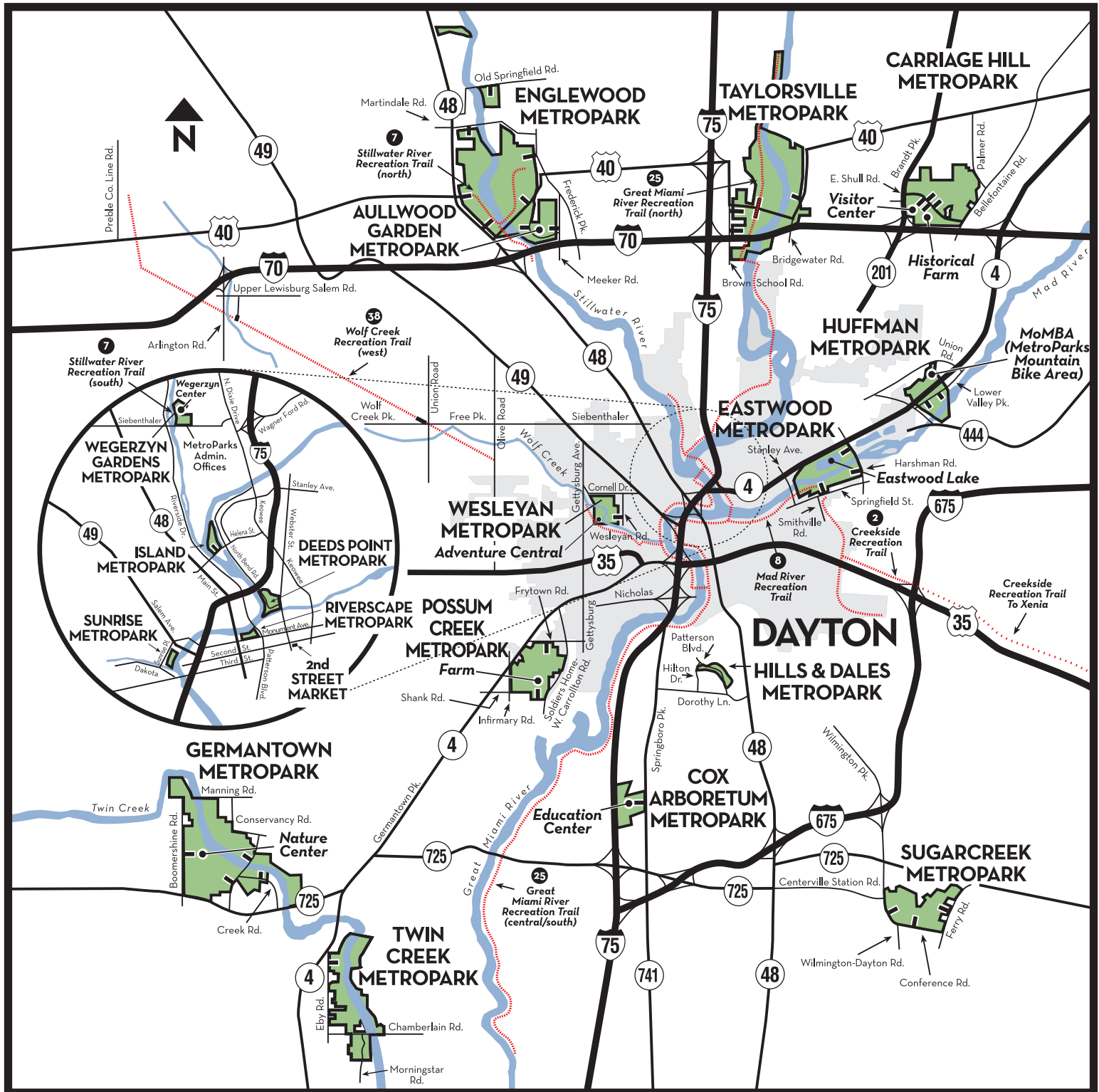
2:00 PM Ongoing: What's New at 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see pg 28)

TUE, AUG 31, 2010

9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Adult Walks, Huffman MetroPark (see pg 32)

5:30 PM Fundamentals of Moving Water, Eastwood MetroPark (see pg 42)

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