

# PARKWAYS



## ‘LEAF’ A LEGACY

REFORESTATION EFFORTS UNDER WAY IN YOUR PARKS

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



**Sept. 2**

**FIRST FRIDAYS AT 5:  
HUMAN CANONBALL**

RiverScape MetroPark



**Sept. 10**

**HISPANIC HERITAGE  
FESTIVAL**

RiverScape MetroPark



**Sept. 15-16**

**APPLES  
EVERYWHERE**

PNC 2nd Street Market



**Sept. 16-17**

**TASTE OF THE  
MIAMI VALLEY**

RiverScape MetroPark



**Sept. 24-25**

**COUNTRY FAIR**

Carriage Hill MetroPark



**Sept. 30-  
Oct. 1**

**GEARFEST**

Eastwood MetroPark



**Oct. 1**

**VOYAGE ON  
THE PARKWAY**

Wegerzyn Gardens  
MetroPark



**Oct. 15**

**FALL FAMILY  
FUN DAY**

PNC 2nd Street Market



**Oct. 15**

**POSSUM CREEK  
HARVEST JAMBOREE**

Possum Creek MetroPark



**Nov. 25-27**

**METROPARKS ICE RINK  
OPENING WEEKEND**

RiverScape MetroPark

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Trees are an important element in outdoor recreation. Whether you're building trails around undisturbed habitat or enjoying the view from treetops, trees add much to recreation.  
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#### ONLINE EXTRA

Visit [metroparks.org/forests](http://metroparks.org/forests) to learn more about our region's forests and what you can do at home or in the MetroParks to help preserve habitat and discourage the spread of invasive species!

## PARKWAYS IS YOUR GUIDE

to all the great activities and programs MetroParks offers every month.  
Check out the Activity Guide beginning on page 22 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!*

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**#1** Take a fall foliage hike in Taylorsville MetroPark.

**#2** Join the Ash Tree Trek and find the 10 biggest ash trees.



**#3** Visit [metroparks.org/ash](http://metroparks.org/ash) to learn about the emerald ash borer (EAB).

# TOP TEN THINGS

## TO LOVE ABOUT TREES IN FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS THIS FALL



**#4** Check out Five Rivers MetroParks' biggest old-growth forest at Germantown MetroPark.

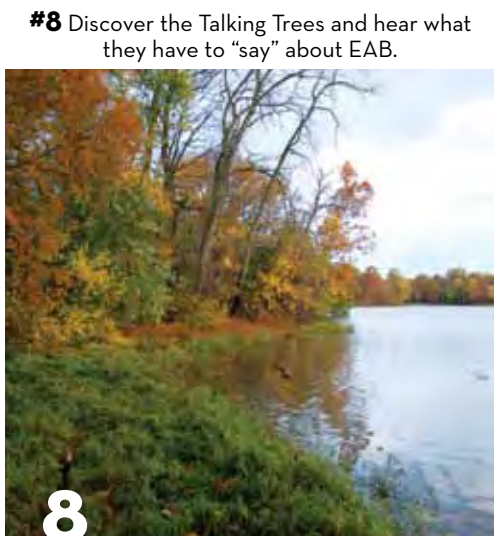


**#5** Plant native species in your yard or landscape.

**#6** Find the huge Shumard oak in Dull Woods Conservation Area.



**#7** Volunteer in the reforestation efforts.



**#9** Climb a tree or relax under its shade and enjoy these natural beauties.



**#10** Log onto [metroparks.org/forests](http://metroparks.org/forests) to learn how you can protect forests.





**Becky Benna**  
Executive Director

## Dear MetroParks Friends,

This *ParkWays* issue focuses on the importance and impact that trees have on our environment and how residents can help in the protection and reforestation efforts of our MetroParks and communities. No matter where you live, trees are an integral part of daily living. Think of trees as our environment's lungs—they absorb the carbon dioxide we produce and provide oxygen for us to breathe. Additionally, they provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. But that's not all trees do for us! I have taken the liberty to share some research and statistics below to provide examples of just how important trees are to us:

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is one of the major contributing elements to the greenhouse effect. Trees trap CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and make carbohydrates that are used for plant growth. They give us oxygen in return. According to ColoradoTree.org, about 800 million tons of carbon is stored in the trees that make up the urban forests of the U.S. This translates to a savings of \$22 billion in control costs. Mature trees can absorb roughly 48 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. The tree in turn releases enough oxygen to sustain two human beings.

Trees reduce runoff and erosion by storing water and breaking the force of rain as it falls. The United States Department of Agriculture reports that 100 mature trees can reduce runoff caused by rainfall by up to 100,000 gallons.

Trees also absorb sound and reduce noise pollution. This is especially important for people who live near freeways. Next time you visit the MetroParks, focus on the sounds you do or do not hear—it can be quite tranquil in a very busy world.

Planting trees can also help cool your home in the summer. The Arbor Day Foundation states that the overall effect of the shade created by planting a healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-size air conditioners running 20 hours a day!

In the winter, trees can act as windbreaks for your home and will help you save on heating costs. The *Journal of Horticulture* claims that saving on heating costs can reach as much as 25 percent.

Sometimes, with our busy lives, we may take our natural environmental amenities for granted. We hope this issue will provide a renewed perspective on the importance of trees, as well as the challenges and opportunities we have as a community to ensure generations of Miami Valley residents continue to benefit and appreciate this vital natural resource.

Have you hugged a tree today?

*Rebecca A. Benna*



Executive Director Rebecca Benna stands next to "Elmer," the largest American Elm in all of Five Rivers MetroParks, and one of the largest elms in Ohio. This 115-foot-high, 6-foot wide tree stands along the Stillwater River. Find the top 10 biggest trees in the MetroParks on page 9.

# CAUTION: TREE HUGGER AT WORK

Sandy Werner says she inherited her love for nature from her mother, and now she is joining the ranks of Five Rivers MetroParks' newest service learning opportunity to pass along that passion to future generations.

This 34-year Washington Township resident began her volunteering legacy at Cox Arboretum MetroPark, lending a hand to the pollinator garden and propagating seeds as well as helping out at the Butterfly House. "I first became aware of the MetroParks from an article in the newspaper about the Butterfly House, and at the end of the article, there were a few sentences about volunteer opportunities there," Werner says. "My mother, who had passed away a few years before that, previously sent me a message to call to find out about volunteering. My mom had a passion about butterflies, especially the yellow ones. The rest is history!"

Now Werner will take on her newest challenge—participating in her first service learning program as part of the MetroParks Tree Corps volunteers. "The Master Silviculturist program teaches participants about different forest types in our region, plus gives them insight to the invasive plants and animals impacting our forests, the propagation of native trees and shrubs, and techniques for successful reforestation," says MetroParks Conservation Volunteer Coordinator Yvonne Dunphe. "Once the coursework has concluded, the students have 25 hours of volunteer service to fulfill in order to 'graduate' from the program, and we'll need all the help we can get for our reforestation efforts."

"This is my first service learning program," Werner says. "I am interested in becoming a Master Silviculturist to expand my knowledge and pass on what I learn

## ONLINE EXTRA

Visit [metroparks.org/ash](https://metroparks.org/ash) to learn more about being part of the MetroParks Tree Corps volunteers and sign up for activities you're interested in.

Get the latest information on Five Rivers MetroParks conservation activities, plus updates on conservation volunteer opportunities. Log on to [metroparks.org/conservation](https://metroparks.org/conservation) to sign up for the conservation e-newsletter.




to others." She says learning more about the forests and discovering ways to protect and preserve them was a draw to the program. "I think we need to protect trees so generations from now can enjoy the beauty that we get to experience every day. With the invading insects (such as emerald ash borer and Asian longhorned beetle) that are destroying trees, we need to protect the trees and reforest where it's necessary so there will never be a shortage."

As emerald ash borer has made its way through the Miami Valley, leaving devastation to nearly all ash species in its wake, the need to reforest has never been quite so apparent. "While Five Rivers MetroParks was able to treat 600 ash trees with insecticide, and will continue to do so until evidence suggests EAB is

at a manageable level, there were many more trees in and around public areas that had to be cut down or left to fall in non-public sections of forest," Dunphe says. "Every volunteer we can get to help heal the forest is greatly needed."

The MetroParks Tree Corps includes several volunteer opportunities. Five Rivers MetroParks plans to host another Master Silviculturist program in the spring (watch the spring issue of *ParkWays* for details), and more immediate needs are fall seed collection and planting seedlings. Forest Foster Families all have their flats of seedlings to nurture at home, and additional Forest Foster Families will be needed as more seeds are collected and propagated. Find out more about MetroParks Tree Corps volunteer opportunities, or sign up to be contacted for upcoming activities at [metroparks.org/ash](https://metroparks.org/ash) and fill out the simple form. Conservation volunteer opportunities also are listed on the conservation e-newsletter. Sign up at [metroparks.org/conservation](https://metroparks.org/conservation) to get this information delivered to your inbox.

"I'm excited about being a Master Silviculturist; my love for nature assures me I'm making the right decision," Werner says. "If you're passionate about something, there is no better way to satisfy it than to learn, participate and share your knowledge through volunteering!" 

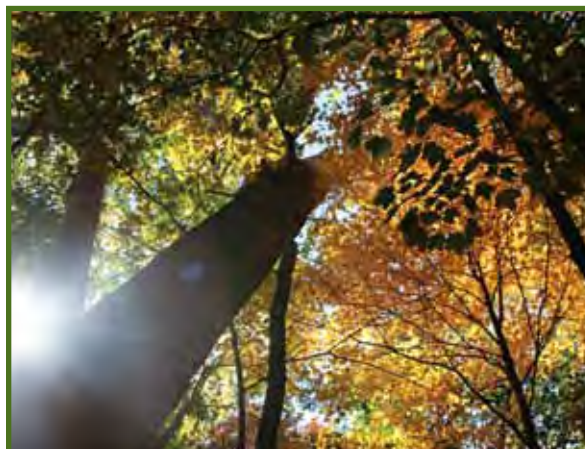
# ABOUT TREES

For thousands of years, forests have covered much of Ohio. In fact, about 95 percent of the entire Miami Valley was covered in forests when settlers arrived in the early 1800s. The Miami Valley's forests once were some of the most diverse and grand deciduous forests on earth. Tree trunks 4 or more feet in diameter held up spreading canopies of leaves and branches 120 feet or more above the ground. Smaller trees lived in the shade of the giants and formed a second layer of leaves called an understory. Living in the rich soil and decomposing leaves on the forest floor were hundreds of species of plants, as well as mushrooms, insects and small mammals. Today, that total is down to just 18 percent, making conservation efforts extremely important.

Forests play an important role in everyday life, not just here in the greater Dayton area, but across the planet. "There are many types of forest systems in different regions of the globe," says MetroParks Conservation Manager Mary Klunk. "World-wide, forests provide habitat for nearly two-thirds of the animals species living on Earth, plus forests help regulate climate through carbon exchange. It's very important that we care for the forests we have left."

Here in Montgomery County, forests contribute to the environment by helping to filter water, remove air pollution, prevent erosion and provide food and shelter for native plants and animals. Forests make up about two-thirds of the natural areas of the 15,500-plus acres of Five Rivers MetroParks. "About 40 percent of MetroParks' forests can be classified as 'mature' forests," Klunk says. "That means many of the trees have reached their full size, and there is a rich variety of native plants and animals. The rest of MetroParks' woods are young forests that started growing since the 1960s or later. These young forests will need many decades or even centuries to mature."

Forest types are identified by the dominant species living there. In MetroParks, visitors



will find Oak-Hickory, Oak-Maple, Beech-Maple, Sycamore-Cottonwood and Elm-Ash forests, plus Mixed Bottomland Hardwoods (deciduous trees found in lowland floodplains, typically along rivers and lakes) and Mixed Mesophytic (trees and plants that like moist conditions, but not flooding). "It's really interesting to see just how specialized some of these trees are," says Conservation Biologist Michael Enright. "Trees like the swamp white oak love the silt and muck of a swampy area, but the chinquapin oak thrives in dry, rocky conditions. What's amazing about where we live is you can see these extremes—and more varieties in-between—within a short drive from one another, sometimes in the same MetroPark!"

When the pioneers arrived, they found Ohio's forests teeming with black bears, cougars, bobcats, deer, wolves, and nearly a hundred species of birds. The forests that are left today are only scraps of the forest wilderness that was here, but many MetroParks woodlands retain much of the beauty and wonder of the old days, thanks in part to conservation efforts. "Many forest-dwelling animals require large tracts of undisturbed habitat, so MetroParks has made an effort to protect large chunks of forest lands and connect them together with forested river corridors," Enright explains.

"The best way to understand the beauty and grandeur of these forests is to visit

# CONSERVATION





one,” Enright says. Some of the best places to go to see the grandest examples of forest in the MetroParks are:

### **GERMANTOWN METROPARK**

Park at the trail head at 7501 Conservancy Rd. From intersection 16, follow the orange trail about 2.5 miles to the Germantown Nature Center. The hike is rugged but you’ll see the largest and wildest tract of old forest in the Miami Valley (5-mile hike).

### **ENGLEWOOD WEST PARK**

Enter the park at the entrance located at 100 E. National Rd. in Englewood. Follow the road down to the parking lot. Walk past Lawwill Shelter into the old woods. Stroll for the next 1,000 feet and admire the huge oak, beech, and ash trees.

### **DULL WOODS CONSERVATION AREA**

This little 8-acre gem is one of the only remnants of the swampy forests that once covered northwest Montgomery County. Park at the entrance to the Wolf Creek Bikeway located on US 40 northwest of Brookville. Walk (or bike) a half-mile southeast on the paved trail to the entrance to Dull Woods. A boardwalk there winds through the old woods and past a massive Shumard Oak.

### **TWIN CREEK METROPARK**

Park at the small parking area at 10230 Eby Rd. Walk to beautiful Dogwood Pond and follow the

orange trail below the pond down the valley to intersection 3 (0.6 miles). From there, turn right and walk another 1.1 miles to intersection 4. Return the way you came, and you will have had a workout in one of the most beautiful sections of forest around (3.4 mile hike).

### **TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK**

Enter the park at 1200 Brown School Rd by the sledding hill. Drive the scenic winding road through a beautiful mature forest. Stop at one of the small parking areas and take some deep breaths.

Today, there are many threats to this region’s forests, but through proper maintenance and careful diligence, these trees and their inhabitants will be around for generations. But in a world where wildlife and developed

areas must co-exist, there is often an imbalance. “Overpopulating herbivores such as white-tailed deer threaten our forests’ sustainability,” says Enright. “If one species eats too many plants, it has a negative impact on the health of the forest. We must take responsibility of helping the forests to maintain healthy populations.”

Invasive plants also threaten the health of a forest. “MetroParks has taken a very active stance in fighting invasive species like honeysuckle,” Klunk says. “Invasives out-compete native plants for resources, and that can threaten the diversity of our forests, which will be harmful to the native animals that use native plants for food or shelter.” Invasive insects, such as the emerald ash borer, destroy plant species that have not adapted natural defenses. These Asian beetles are eating their way through North America’s ash canopy. Five Rivers MetroParks is using a combination of efforts to deal with this pest. “The borers kill ash trees when their larvae eat the living tissue under the tree’s bark. This stops the flow of nutrients. We have treated about 600 trees with a chemical insecticide to kill the emerald ash borer larvae in hopes of keeping those ash trees alive,” Klunk explains.





Other ash trees in and around public areas have been removed because once they are dead, the trees become brittle and unstable, making them more hazardous to remove later. "You can help prevent the spread of emerald ash borer and other invasive insects by not moving firewood," she says.

You can learn more about the types of habitat Five Rivers MetroParks protects and the land management strategies used to preserve them at [metroparks.org/conservation](https://metroparks.org/conservation). You can also sign up to receive the conservation newsletter with the latest conservation news and volunteer opportunities. Visit [metroparks.org/conservation](https://metroparks.org/conservation) to get the inside scoop. 🍃

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# THE BIG TREES OF METROPARKS

NICKNAME	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FACILITY	TOTAL POINTS
<b>Big Sister</b>	White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>	Sugarcreek MetroPark	<b>378</b>
<b>Bea's Tree</b>	Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	Englewood MetroPark	<b>374</b>
<b>Elmer</b>	American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	Shoup Mill Conservation Area	<b>365</b>
<b>Champion Oak</b>	Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Taylorville MetroPark	<b>357</b>
<b>Ralph's Oak</b>	Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Dull Woods Conservation Area	<b>350</b>
<b>Big Macrocarpa</b>	Burr Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark	<b>341</b>
<b>Soaring Sycamore</b>	Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Sugarcreek MetroPark	<b>324</b>
<b>Pedistel Oak</b>	Burr Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark	<b>319</b>
<b>Cloud Buster</b>	White Ash	<i>Fraxinus americana</i>	Englewood MetroPark	<b>317</b>
<b>Charlie Creek Sycamore</b>	Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	Shiloh Woods Conservation Area	<b>316</b>

# PLANT LOCAL

## NATIVE TREES MAKE ATTRACTIVE LANDSCAPING, HABITAT

Creating a picture-perfect landscape using native plant species is more attainable than you might think. Use resources available at your fingertips to plan and plant a beautiful setting for your home and reduce your impact on the environment. “There are so many native species of plants, trees and shrubs to choose from,” says Yvonne Dunshe, horticulturist and MetroParks conservation volunteer coordinator. “Being knowledgeable about the relationship between native plants and animals also gives you the opportunity to create the perfect habitat for creatures you’d like to see in your backyard. Did you know that by selecting the right plants, you can attract your favorite butterflies or songbirds to your yard? How cool is that?”

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Natural Areas Division has publications free to download that will help you select native plants for your landscape, as does the Ohio State University Extension Office. There are also many books available at your local branch of the Dayton Metro Library, including *Landscaping with Native Trees*, by Guy Sternberg and Jim Wilson (Houghton

Mifflin Publishing) and *The Landscaping Revolution: Garden With Mother Nature, Not Against Her*, by Andy Wasowski with Sally Wasowski (Contemporary Books). There are also mobile applications for smartphones or tablets to help you plan your landscape, even some with reminders of what to plant throughout the year and reminders for maintenance. Prices range between \$1 and \$10.

## HOW TO PLANT A TREE

Once you have found a good spot for the native tree you selected, here are the basic steps to planting the tree in your home. “This is definitely a project for the whole family,” Dunshe says. “Involve your children based on age-appropriate tasks. Older kids can help dig the hole and younger children can help with simple tasks like watering or spreading mulch or wood chips.” The ideal time to plant trees and shrubs is during the dormant season and in the fall after leaf drop or early spring before budbreak. Weather conditions are cool and allow plants to establish roots in the new location before spring rains and summer heat stimulate new top growth.

- Dig a hole twice as wide as the root ball and slightly shallower than the root ball. Make the hole wide, as much as three times the diameter of the root ball but only as deep as the root ball. It is important to make the hole wide because the roots on the newly establishing tree must push through surrounding soil in order to establish.
- Lay the tree on its side with the container end near the planting hole. Tap the bottom and sides of the container until the root ball is loosened. Slide the pot off the root ball and gently lower the tree into the hole. If your tree is ball and burlap, cut the string or twine



Photo by the Black Rock Garden Club



fastening the burlap at the top near the trunk, then set the tree into the hole and rock the tree to one side, tucking the burlap underneath, and to the other side, freeing the burlap from under the root ball.

Have the top of the root ball about 1/2 to 1 inch above the surrounding soil surface, making sure not to cover it with soil unless roots are exposed. Make sure the trunk flare is visible. The trunk flare is where the roots spread at the base of the tree. If the trunk flare is not partially visible, you may have to remove some soil from the top of the root ball.

Orient the tree while you have the chance. Situate it so that branches won't be in the way of pedestrian or car traffic. If you prefer a particular side of the tree, turn it toward a prominent viewpoint (such as your kitchen window). In sunny areas, orient the tree so that the best-shaded side of the trunk faces southwest. When turning the tree, lift it from the base of the root ball, not from the base of the trunk.

Once the tree is in the hole, stand back and make sure it's standing upright. Tilt the root ball until the tree is straight, then backfill firmly under and around the root ball.

Gently press down the soil as you backfill. Using the heel of your foot or the handle end of the shovel, gently compress the soil to collapse any large air pockets. This will help stabilize the tree in the hole. Don't wait until the planting is finished; press down every few shovels of soil.

## ONLINE EXTRA

Visit [metroparks.org/forests](http://metroparks.org/forests) for a list of links and resources for planting native trees and shrubs in your home!



Photo by A Concord Carpenter

## Six things you should know when planting a tree.



**1. Call Before You Dig** - Several days before planting, call the national 811 hotline to have underground utilities located.

**2. Handle with Care** - Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.

**3. Digging a Proper Hole** - Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.

**4. Planting Depth** - The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the top-most roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.

**5. Filling the Hole** - Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.

**6. Mulch** - Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep.

For more tree-planting tips and information, visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).

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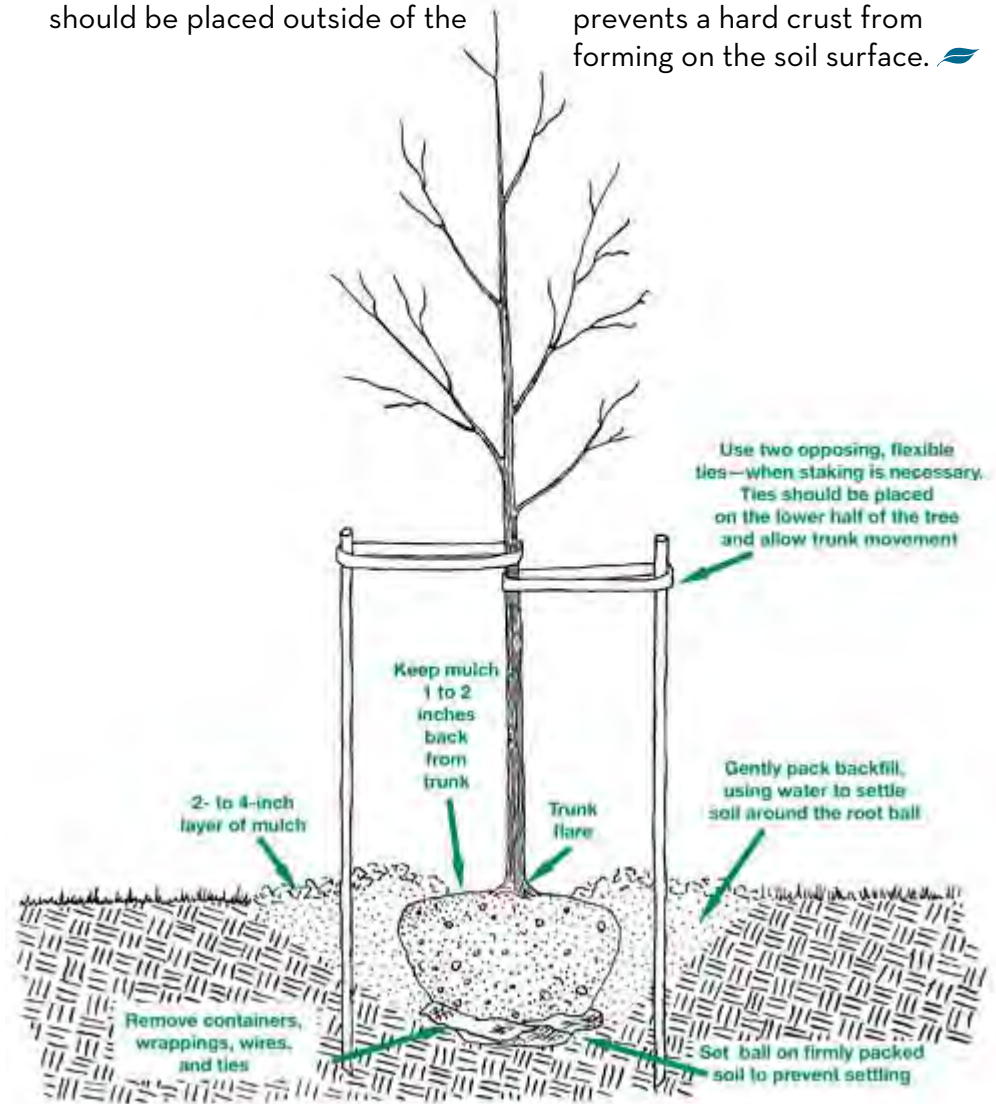
## JOIN IN REFORESTATION EFFORTS

Effects of the emerald ash borer and other invasive pests have driven a rising need for volunteers in the MetroParks. Volunteers are needed to help gather and prepare seeds, care for seedlings, plant trees and many more reforestation activities. To learn more, visit [metroparks.org/forests](http://metroparks.org/forests) or contact Kevin Kepler at (937) 275-PARK (7275) ext. 1212.

- Water your tree thoroughly after planting with about 15 gallons of water. Monitor your tree's water needs at least once a week for the first month.
- Stake the tree loosely for protection or support if needed. Use only soft, pliable tree ties. Do not use wire; it can cut into a trunk. If the trunk can't stand up on its own, stake it so that it stands upright. The stakes should be placed outside of the

root ball. Plan to remove stakes as soon as the tree can support itself, in 6 to 12 months.

- Cover the entire planting area with a 3 to 4-inch layer of mulch, but keep it 2 inches from the base of the trunk. Mulch keeps the topsoil temperate for root growth, reduces surface evaporation of water, slows or stops weed and grass growth around the tree's base, and prevents a hard crust from forming on the soil surface.



Taylorsville MetroPark



# TREES: What Would Outdoor Recreation Be Without Them?

Try to imagine your favorite outdoor activity without any trees. No birds chirping while you hike. No dappled sunlight spilling onto the trail at MetroParks Mountain Biking Area. No cool shade as you fling your way through the disc golf course at Englewood MetroPark. Fortunately, conservation is an important aspect to outdoor recreation, and lush vegetation surrounds you while you enjoy your favorite outdoor activity in the MetroParks.

Five Rivers MetroParks is currently upgrading its trail systems one park section at a time. Right now, you can visit the east park at Taylorsville MetroPark and check out work that's been completed on the new sustainable trails. Forest habitat plays an important role in sustainable trail design. "We re-worked the existing trail system at Taylorsville to create these large sections of undisturbed habitat," explains MetroParks Outdoor Recreation Manager Andy Williamson. "Those habitat disruptions—where, for example, trail cuts through—is

known as 'edge effect,' and the more 'edge effect' we can reduce, the better quality habitat we can provide for native wildlife."

Sustainable trail design not only is a sound conservation practice, it creates a better experience for the trail user. Working with the land to create natural vistas, points of interest and slow climbing grades creates an enjoyable trail experience, allowing hikers, runners and other trail users to shift attention away from where they need to place their next step and permitting them to take in their natural surroundings.

Some recreational activities really incorporate trees into the activity. Earth Joy Tree Climbing takes an activity many enjoyed as a child and put it one step further. Participants use arborist ropes, harnesses and other professional climbing gear to ascend into the tree. From your unique perspective, you can observe a deciduous forest canopy and get an intimate look at the birds and mammals inhabiting there.

"I've done backpacking, rock climbing—you name it—but there's no recreational experience quite like the experience you have when you're climbing trees," says Shelly Byrne, Earth Joy Tree Climbing founder. "It's different because you're actually having an intimate connection with nature. People walk away from the experience with a new perspective on trees and a new appreciation for nature. They're more aware of trees; they're not just part of the landscape."

If you'd like to participate in such an arboreal adventure, you'll have a couple opportunities on the horizon. Earth Joy Tree Climbing Adventures take place Sept. 17 at Eastwood MetroPark and Oct. 29 at Englewood MetroPark. Explore and climb some of the biggest trees in the Miami Valley with Earth Joy Tree Climbing. Learn to rappel and trust yourself as you swing off branches. Get in and out of hammocks



Photo by Zaya



## ONLINE EXTRA

Visit **metroparks.org/GearFest** to get the inside scoop on activities, demos, competitions, music and more!

Learn more about sustainable trails and why they're better for the environment at [www.americantrails.org](http://www.americantrails.org)



and learn the art of balancing and walking on sturdy limbs. Challenge yourself to reach new heights, or find your inner tree fort as you whisk yourself back to carefree days of your youth. Cost is \$37 per climber. Available starting times are 10 a.m., 12:15 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Space is limited; learn more or register by Sept. 1 to (859) 653-2907 or e-mail [Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com](mailto:Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com). Earthjoy Tree Climbing also will be in attendance at the region's largest outdoor recreation festival, GearFest.

Drink in the beauty of nature and its contributions to outdoor recreation at this year's **GearFest: The Midwest Outdoor Experience**, presented by Subaru. This weekend packed full of family-friendly outdoor adventure takes place Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1, at Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman

Road. "We're really excited about this year's lineup," says Special Events Coordinator Tom Helbig. "We're honored to have many of our fan favorites, like Mad River Mountain snowboarding, the Youth Adventure Zone and free camping, plus a few new activities and regional competitions!"

### NEW TO GEARFEST PRESENTED BY SUBARU

#### OHIO VALLEY CYCLOCROSS RACE

Modeled after European road races, cyclocross races are short (2.5 to 3.5 km or 1.5 to 2 mile) courses featuring pavement, wooded trails, grass, steep hills and obstacles requiring the rider to quickly dismount and carry the bike while navigating the obstruction and remount in one graceful motion.

#### COLAVITA CYCLING CLUB TIME TRIAL

Competitive cyclists are invited to participate in this time trial. Awards, including cash prizes, are up for grabs for the fastest riders!

#### GIBBON SLACKLINE WORLD CUP

The Gibbon Slackline crew returns to GearFest—this time they're bringing the Gibbon World Cup (part of the World Slacklining Championship series) to Eastwood MetroPark. Not familiar with slacklining?

Think "tightrope walking meets skateboard grinding"!

#### CRAFT BEER GARDEN

Refresh yourself after trying new outdoor pursuits by trying tasty craft brews. Open two nights—6-10 p.m. Friday and 4-8 p.m. Saturday.

#### OUTDOOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"Get Out & Live" with a friend or two! Outdoor clubs will offer discounted membership rates for new and renewing members from 4-8 p.m. Saturday. Watch for gifts and incentives when you register at GearFest!

GearFest presented by Subaru will still feature the amenities that make it one of the largest outdoor recreation festivals in the Midwest. "People love the Try It! sessions, where you can 'test drive' a kayak or canoe, fly fishing gear, a 9-hole disc golf course, geocaching and more," Helbig says. "Kids love the Youth Adventure Zone and there are plenty of high-flying demonstrations to wow the crowds. The whitewater kayakers and slackliners seem to be favorites."

Need a break from outdoor adventure? Local food vendors will sell their fare onsite and visitors can take in regional music acts at the Yakima stage presented by WYSO. "There's something for everyone at this event!" Helbig says. "We're also excited to unveil the future for GearFest, which has grown to so





**"I've done backpacking, rock climbing—you name it—but there's no recreational experience quite like the experience you have when you're climbing trees."**

~ Shelly Byrne, founder of Earth Joy Tree Climbing

much more than when we started this a few years ago. Be sure to stop by the main stage at 7 p.m. on Friday when we reveal the big secret! You won't want to miss it!"

Even though parking and admission for GearFest: The Midwest Outdoor Experience presented by Subaru are free, you might want to have funds available to purchase gear. "Once you get a taste of all the outdoor recreation activities, it's hard to walk away empty-handed," Helbig laughs. "An active outdoor lifestyle is an addicting habit that helps you live healthier and make personal connections with nature!" 🍃

FIVE RIVERS  
METROPARKS

# gearfest

Midwest Outdoor Experience

Presented by SUBARU

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**EASTWOOD METROPARK**  
1385 Harshman Rd, Dayton



Featuring high-flying demos, intense competitions, engaging activities and more! Youth Adventure Zone, Try It! sessions, beer garden, food concessions and live entertainment are all part of this family-friendly weekend. Enjoy overnight camping and group activities. Don't forget to take home all the gear you need to "Get Out & Live!"

Visit [metroparks.org/GearFest](http://metroparks.org/GearFest) to learn more about this free event, including the weekend's schedule and details about sponsors and activities.



# ARE YOU A FOREST FRIEND?

## FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP PROTECT OUR NATURAL AREAS AND 'LEAF' A LEGACY!

Take a deep breath. If you were able to do this simple task, you can thank a tree! Trees, shrubs and other plants have been tirelessly producing oxygen on this planet for millions of years, supporting life on our little corner of the solar system. They provide food and shelter worldwide for millions of species of animals, and they grace our landscapes with an irreplaceable beauty. But invasive species, pollution, and a lack of diversity are putting our forests at risk, and it's up to us to help them.

### METROPARKS MISSION

Protecting open space and natural areas has been a priority for Five Rivers MetroParks since it was founded in 1963. MetroParks protects about 15,500 acres that include natural areas, educational facilities, and recreation facilities. Since 1963 the Board of Park Commissioners has held to an "80-20" policy. This means that at least 80% of the land must be protected as natural areas where the only significant development is hiking and equestrian trails. In 2010 the Board of Commissioners increased the natural-developed ratio to an unprecedented 90-10 ratio. This will ensure that your MetroParks will always be places where native plants and wildlife can have a home, and where people can experience, learn about, and be refreshed by the beauty of nature.

There is science involved in protecting land. Research has shown that there are basic principles to follow to maximize a natural area's ability to maintain plant and wildlife populations:

- Protect rare and high quality habitats, particularly adjacent to existing MetroParks and river corridors in the Miami Valley.
- Protect and connect significant tracts of forest to make them as large as possible. The larger they are the more species that



are likely to call them home.

- Link forests and park lands along river corridors. These connections protect streams and allow wildlife to move from one park to another.
- Help landowners adjacent to MetroParks facilities maintain their land and farms as open space.

### IMPORTANCE OF BIODIVERSITY

The mature forests of MetroParks contain a large diversity of trees and plants. However, many of our young forests are dominated by only a few tree species. "Trees like ash and cherry have seeds that are very good at being spread into abandoned fields," says Director of Conservation David Nolin. "These young forests that only have a few species are at risk because they are very vulnerable to invasive pests like emerald ash borer that are capable of destroying much of the forest canopy. The greater a forest's diversity of trees and plants, the better it can withstand pests and the more types of plants and animals it will hold. If we can help plant a variety of native trees into our young and EAB-damaged forests, we will improve the forests' chances for success," he says.

As new invasive species keep finding their way into the Miami Valley, it is becoming



increasingly important to address the diversity problem. The latest invader on our doorstep is the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB). In June 2011, the first Ohio infestation in an Ohio forest was discovered near the village of Bethel in Clermont County. Trees favored by the ALB are predominantly maples, but infestations have also been discovered in buckeye, poplar, willow, elm, mulberry, and black locust. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is doing everything it can to prevent this insect from spreading. Anyone who finds this insect is encouraged to report it to the toll-free ALB hotline: (855) 252-6450.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

If you think you have an ash tree and you notice several trademark EAB identifiers—sparse canopy/crown die-back, epicormic shoots near the base of the tree (little branches), D-shaped exit holes or S-shaped galleries under the bark—you may want to consult a certified arborist to help assess your situation and determine whether you can save your tree, or if it would be better to have it removed and replaced



Epicormic Shoots  
Photo by fairfaxcounty.gov

with a different native species. Visit [metroparks.org/ash](http://metroparks.org/ash) and click any of the links to learn about treatment options or how to contact a certified arborist near your home.

Need to replace your dead or removed ash tree? There are plenty of native species of trees to choose from. Consult with a certified arborist or visit your local garden or tree retailer. Be sure to check the handy tree-planting guide on pages 10-12 for tips. Fill out the survey included in this issue of *ParkWays* by Oct. 15 and you'll be entered to win a ball-and-burlap tree—delivered and planted at your home—from The Siebenthaler Co!

## GET INVOLVED

### Five Rivers

MetroParks needs help spreading the word about invasive species and assistance in the reforestation efforts. You can be part of this conservation movement! Whether it's as simple as educating yourself about EAB by visiting the Talking Trees exhibit or sharing information you find on [metroparks.org/ash](http://metroparks.org/ash), you can make a difference by spreading the word about invasive insects. Knowledge is power!

Get the scoop on ongoing reforestation efforts, and take the

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online pledge to be a forest protector! Visit [metroparks.org/forests](https://metroparks.org/forests) to learn more about available volunteer opportunities and more ways to share information about our forests.

Five Rivers MetroParks thanks the volunteers who have helped in reforestation efforts so far, including park friends who together are caring for 10,000 seedlings at home through the Forest Foster Family program, and those enrolled to take this fall's Master Silviculturist service learning program. There are many more volunteer opportunities through the MetroParks Tree Corps, including Join Hands Miami Valley Oct. 21-22. "We need lots

of volunteers to help us in our reforestation efforts," says Volunteer Services Manager Kevin Kepler. "Whether planting tree seedlings or prepping an area for reforestation or collecting and preserving seeds to be propagated, we need your help for Join Hands Day! We're looking for folks of all ages and abilities to help us create a lasting legacy of forests for future generations."

Visit [metroparks.org/forests](https://metroparks.org/forests) to learn more about Join Hands Day and other volunteer opportunities. Help protect our forests and preserve the beauty of nature and these important wildlife habitats for years to come! 🌿

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~ **David Nolin**, Director of Conservation at Five Rivers MetroParks



## ONLINE EXTRA

Find all the Talking Trees and learn more about invasive insects at [metroparks.org/ash](http://metroparks.org/ash)

Get the scoop on reforestation and how you can help leave a legacy at [metroparks.org/forests](http://metroparks.org/forests)

# ASH TREE TREK

Use a GPS receiver to find the 10 biggest ash trees in Five Rivers MetroParks. Find all 10 trees on the Ash Tree Trek, make a rubbing of their tags, and submit the information by April 22, 2012, and you will win a native tree! These 10 forest giants are being protected from the emerald ash borer thanks to a generous donation from the Garden Club of Dayton that was used to treat the trees. "The Garden Club of Dayton's mission is to educate and aid in the protection of our environment," explains Garden Club President Kim Zorniger. "Our organization learned about the opportunity to partner with MetroParks to help save these beautiful trees by inoculating them against EAB. We realize the economic impact that these trees have on our community and chose to help preserve them for generations to come." Learn more about the Garden Club of Dayton at [GardenClubofDayton.com](http://GardenClubofDayton.com). Download your Ash Tree Trek tally sheet with latitude and longitude coordinates from [metroparks.org/ash](http://metroparks.org/ash)

**What is a GPS receiver?** GPS stands for Global Positioning System and refers to a system of satellites that revolve around the earth to provide navigational aid to hikers, aviators, sailors, etc. A GPS receiver is a device that receives signals from this system of satellites to determine where that receiver—and you who are holding the receiver—are located on the earth. For the Ash Tree Trek, you'll want a hand-held device.

**Where can I buy one?** You get a GPS receiver through special order at Great Miami Outfitters. Sporting goods stores sell them, as well as major department stores. Talk to friends and family who already have one to get their opinion on what to buy. Local club Miami Valley Geocachers also may provide expert advice. Visit them at [www.mvgeo.com](http://www.mvgeo.com). Many smartphones also can access applications with GPS capabilities. Consult your current service provider to find out more. 



Looking to get better acquainted with our forests? Check out the programs on tap for this fall aimed to get you acquainted with trees:

### LUNCH & LEARN

**Native Trees & Shrubs in the Landscape**, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. (See page 35.)

**Fall Planting Series**, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15, at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. (See page 34.)

**Fall Tree ID Workshop**, 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Hills & Dales MetroPark. (See page 40.)

**Family Tree Workshop**, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Germantown MetroPark. (See page 40.)

**MetroParks Forestry Practices**, 1:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Germantown MetroPark. (See page 41.)

**The Many Colors of Ash**, 2:00 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Englewood MetroPark. (See page 41.)

**Tree ID Walk**, 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Sugar Creek MetroPark. (See page 41.)

**Earth Joy Tree Climbing**, 10:00 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 17 and Oct. 29 at Eastwood MetroPark. (See page 42.)

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS****8 AM-5 PM, MON.-FRI.**

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 road 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:** Saturdays 1:00pm-4:00pm

Sundays 1:00pm-4:00pm.

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 through 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 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)

**PNC 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 Ridge 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

GET UP-TO-DATE ALERTS AT **METROPARKS.ORG /DETOURS**



## TRAIL CONDITIONS

For up-to-date conditions and closures at the following trails, call the number listed:

MetroParks Mountain Biking Area (MoMBA) Trail Conditions:

**(937) 277-4374**

Twin Valley Backpacking Trail (TVT) Conditions: **(937) 274-3163**

## BIKEWAY CONSTRUCTION\*

### GREAT MIAMI BIKEWAY

The planned connection of the Mad River Bikeway connecting Eastwood and Huffman MetroParks is still in the process of acquiring right of way.

The re-routed Stillwater Bikeway is now open. Visitors using this paved trail now have their own segment without having to share the roadway.

The 2-mile extension of the Great Miami River Bikeway is scheduled to be completed August 4, weather permitting. This new trail segment connects Taylorsville MetroPark to Kyle Park in Tipp City and ties into the Miami County system, greatly expanding the full length of continuous bikeway through the region.

\*Information current as of July 15 press date.

## OTHER TRAIL CLOSURES AND CONSTRUCTION NOTICES

### WESLEYAN METROPARK

Unmarked gravel trail along Wolf Creek is closed for bank restoration.

### HILLS & DALES METROPARK

Part of the Adirondack Trail between Paw Paw Shelter and Old Barn Camp will be closed as construction on the tower retaining wall commences. This project will create a lookout at the stone tower, allowing public access to this unique park feature.

### COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

Tree Tower construction is slated to begin fall 2011. This construction will restrict access to parts of Conifer Collection.

## WATER

Potable water and drinking fountains will be shut off in conjunction with the onset of frost. Watch **metroparks.org/alerts** for the latest updates.



*Other detours may be in effect or the schedule of a project may have changed by the time ParkWays has been published. Visit **metroparks.org/alerts** for more information on the Alerts, Closures and Construction page.*



# FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS IS PLEASED TO PRESENT **YOUR GUIDE TO FALL 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](http://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](http://www.metroparks.org)**. You can register online or by phone.

## **ONLINE**

You can also search for events online at **[www.metroparks.org](http://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 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:**

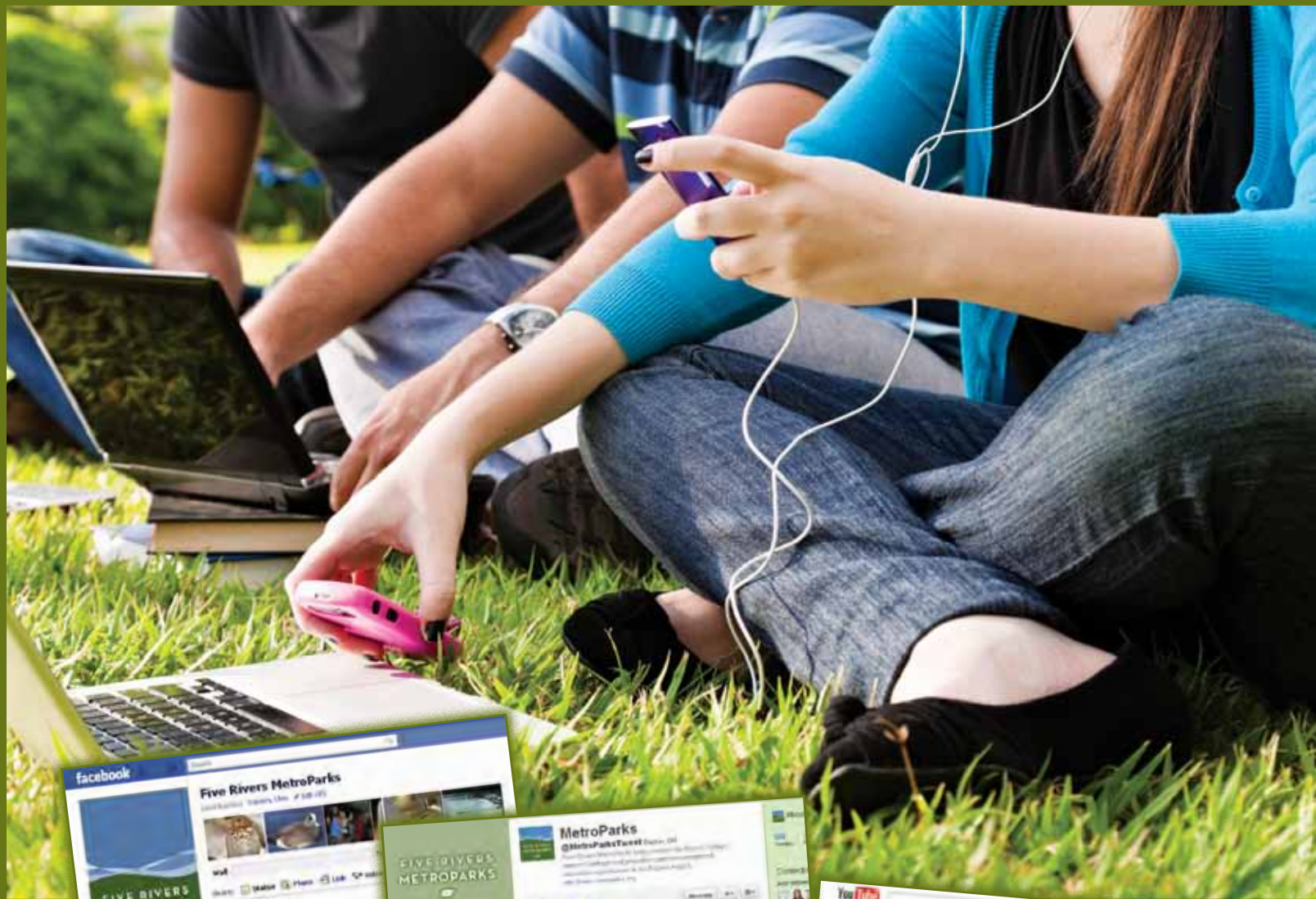
Emergency contact: **9-1-1**

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

Inform the Montgomery County 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.



# JOIN YOUR PARK FRIENDS ONLINE!



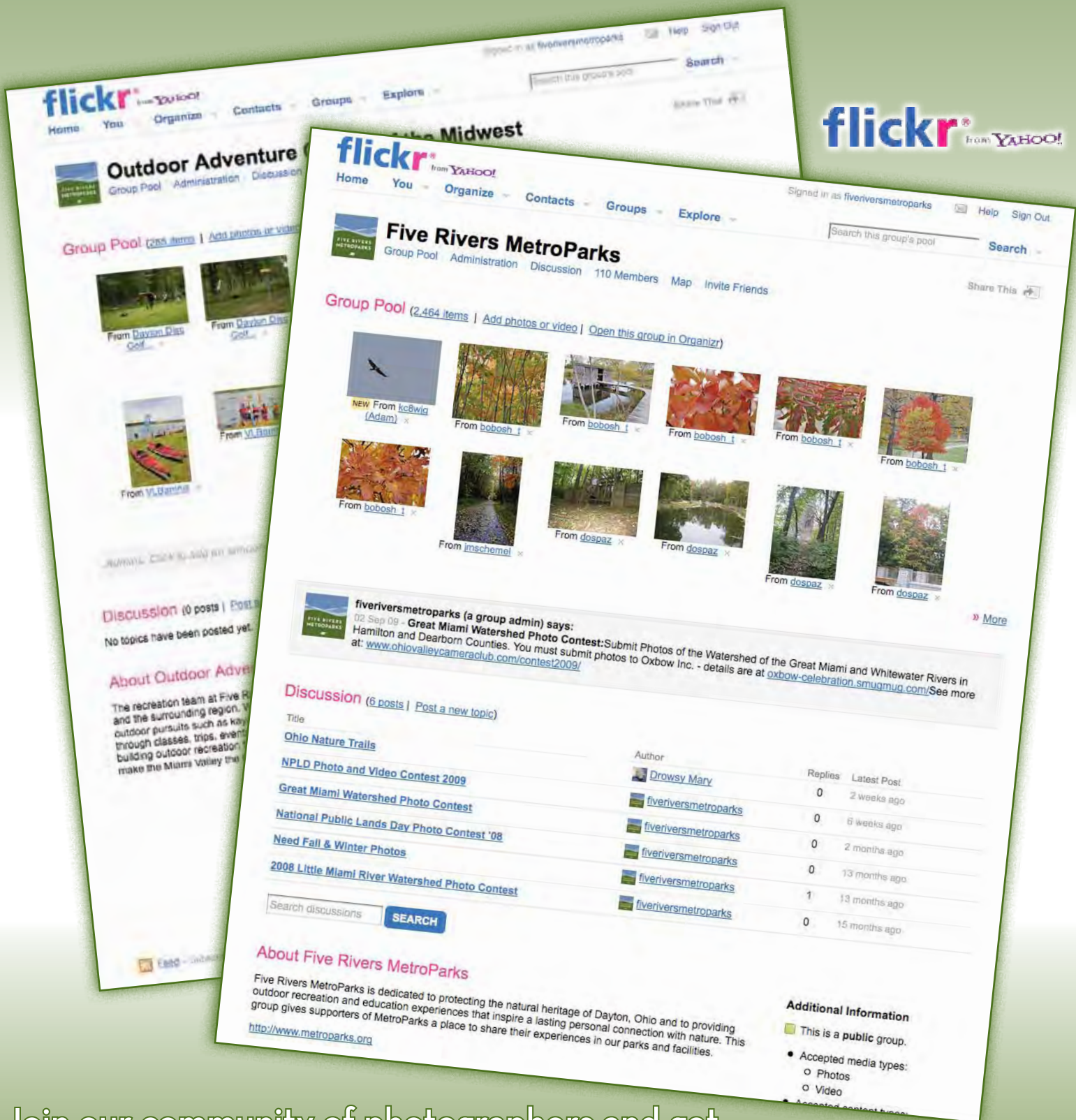
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Join our community of photographers and get the chance to be published in *ParkWays* or other MetroParks publications! It's easy; just visit flickr.com and sign up for an account. Then visit flickr.com/groups/fiverivers and join our group!

**Get outside and start snapping!**





# PLANT A TREE IN JUST 10 MINUTES!

We need your help. As a valued reader of our quarterly publication, *ParkWays*, your opinions, satisfaction and use of the magazine are very important to us. Please participate in this 2011 *ParkWays* reader survey.

Getting to know you will ensure that we create the best possible print and online publications for you. Your individual participation and input will remain entirely confidential. The survey should take about ten minutes to complete. **For every completed survey we receive, WE'LL PLANT A TREE** in one of your Five Rivers MetroParks as part of our reforestation efforts.

**Plus...YOU CAN WIN YOUR OWN TREE!** If you chose to share your contact information at the end of the survey, we will also enter you to win a native Ohio tree for your own yard—either an Ohio buckeye, a Wright Brothers sugar maple or a red Oak—delivered and planted by The Siebenthaler Company, as well as a \$100 VISA® card to cover any expenses for its care and feeding (or however else you choose to spend it). **That's a \$500 VALUE!** Complete this survey by Oct. 15, 2011, to enter today!

## IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-TREE!



### FEELING REALLY GREEN?

Take this survey online at  
[metroparks.org/parkways](http://metroparks.org/parkways)

1. Carefully remove this survey from *ParkWays* and complete all questions.

2. Fold and tape as marked.

3. Drop in the U.S. Mail—postage is already included!

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY. ALL SURVEY QUESTIONS MUST INCLUDE AN ANSWER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN.**

## PARKWAYS READERSHIP SURVEY

### 1. WHERE DO YOU USUALLY OBTAIN YOUR COPY OF PARKWAYS?

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(Check ONE)

- ☐ Read it and found it useful
- ☐ Read it but saw little of interest
- ☐ Noticed it but didn't look through it
- ☐ Saved it for later reference

### 3. HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND READING A TYPICAL ISSUE OF PARKWAYS?

(Check ONE)

- ☐ More than 3 hours
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- ☐ More than 1 hour but less than 2
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Top ten things to do	5	4	3	2	1		0
Letter from Executive Director	5	4	3	2	1		0
Volunteer story/opportunities	5	4	3	2	1		0
Conservation articles/how-to's	5	4	3	2	1		0
Education articles/how-to's	5	4	3	2	1		0
Recreation articles/how-to's	5	4	3	2	1		0
Maps and directions to facilities	5	4	3	2	1		0
Program listing by topic	5	4	3	2	1		0
Program listing by date	5	4	3	2	1		0

### 8. WHICH PART OF PARKWAYS IS YOUR FAVORITE?

WHY? \_\_\_\_\_

# PARKWAYS READERSHIP CONTINUED

## 9. WHY DO YOU READ PARKWAYS?

(Circle ONE per line)

	Strongly Agree			Strongly Disagree		
Find suggestions for free-time activities	5	4	3	2	1	
Find programs and events to attend	5	4	3	2	1	
Learn more about MetroParks	5	4	3	2	1	
Find my way to a MetroPark	5	4	3	2	1	
Stay up-to-date on improvements to MetroParks	5	4	3	2	1	
Understand how my tax dollars are being spent	5	4	3	2	1	
Find out how to get involved in volunteering at MetroParks	5	4	3	2	1	

## 10. ANY OTHER REASONS THAT YOU READ PARKWAYS?

## 11. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE YOU TAKEN AS A RESULT OF READING PARKWAYS?

(Circle ONE per line)

	Frequently					Rarely		NA
Went to metroparks.org to learn more	5	4	3	2	1			0
Went to metroparks.org to register for a program online	5	4	3	2	1			0
Called to register for a program	5	4	3	2	1			0
Attended a special event featured in the magazine	5	4	3	2	1			0
Went to a MetroParks facility to see or do something I read about	5	4	3	2	1			0
Signed up to become a volunteer	5	4	3	2	1			0
Applied what I read about in my own yard/home/community	5	4	3	2	1			0
Discussed articles with friends	5	4	3	2	1			0
Clipped/saved items of interest	5	4	3	2	1			0
Re-read/referred to old issues	5	4	3	2	1			0
Referred someone to Parkways	5	4	3	2	1			0
None of the above	5	4	3	2	1			0

## 12. IF YOU WERE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT A FACILITY, PROGRAM, EVENT OR INITIATIVE FEATURED IN PARKWAYS, WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED METHOD OF RECEIVING THAT INFORMATION?

(Check ONE)

- ☐ Visit metroparks.org
- ☐ Call Five Rivers MetroParks
- ☐ Sign up for e-mail updates/alerts
- ☐ Visit a facility and ask staff
- ☐ Friend of Five Rivers MetroParks on Facebook
- ☐ Follow Five Rivers MetroParks on Twitter
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO WITH PARKWAYS AFTER YOU READ IT?

(Check ONE)

- ☐ Pass my copy along to a friend
- ☐ Save my copies for reference
- ☐ Recycle/discard it
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 14. HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE USUALLY READ OR LOOK THROUGH YOUR ISSUE OF PARKWAYS?

(Check ONE)

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

## 15. WHO IS THE MOST LIKELY PERSON IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO READ AN ISSUE OF PARKWAYS?

## 16. WOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE THE METROPARKS INFORMATION AND PROGRAM MATERIALS LIKE PARKWAYS AVAILABLE...

(Check ONE)

- ☐ In a print magazine format as it is now
- ☐ Online
- ☐ Both
- ☐ Neither

## 17. WHY DO YOU PREFER ONE FORMAT OVER ANOTHER?

## 18. PLEASE SHARE YOUR SATISFACTION FOR THE FOLLOWING IN PARKWAYS:

(Circle ONE per line - Choose NA if you have no familiarity)

	Very Satisfied			Very Unsatisfied			NA
Content of the print version	5	4	3	2	1		0
Design of the print version	5	4	3	2	1		0
Content of the online version	5	4	3	2	1		0
Design of the online version	5	4	3	2	1		0
Bonus features only offered online	5	4	3	2	1		0

## 19. HOW COULD WE IMPROVE?

## 20. HOW STRONGLY DO THE FOLLOWING FEATURES AND BENEFITS FOR THE ONLINE VERSION OF PARKWAYS APPEAL TO YOU?

(Circle ONE per line)

	Very Important			Very Unimportant		
Environmental friendliness	5	4	3	2	1	
Easy to save articles	5	4	3	2	1	
Ability to search the magazine	5	4	3	2	1	
Ability to enlarge print for readability	5	4	3	2	1	
Reduction of paper in your mailbox & home	5	4	3	2	1	
Savings of taxpayer money	5	4	3	2	1	
Current and back issues at your finger tips	5	4	3	2	1	
Up-to-the-minute information	5	4	3	2	1	
Easy to forward information to others	5	4	3	2	1	
Access to unique/bonus online content (multimedia)	5	4	3	2	1	
Access to web links to related online content and/or online registration	5	4	3	2	1	

## 21. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO READ ONLINE?

(Circle ONE)

	Very Likely			Very Unlikely		
	5	4	3	2	1	



## INTERNET USE

**22. HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND ON THE INTERNET (INCLUDING PDAs, SMARTPHONES, ETC.) ON AN AVERAGE DAY (AT HOME, WORK, CAFÉ, ETC.)?**

(Check ONE)

- ☐ Less than 30 minutes
- ☐ 31 minutes to 1 hour
- ☐ 1-2 hours
- ☐ 2-3 hours
- ☐ 3-4 hours
- ☐ More than 4 hours

**23. HOW MANY DEVICES DOES YOUR HOUSEHOLD OWN?**

(Circle ONE per line)

Standard cellphone (no email/Internet)	5*	4	3	2	1	0
Smartphone (cellphone with e-mail/Internet access)	5*	4	3	2	1	0
Tablet computer (iPad, laptop, iPod, etc.)	5*	4	3	2	1	0
E-Reader (Kindle, Nook, etc.)	5*	4	3	2	1	0

24. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU DO ON THE INTERNET?

(Circle ONE per line)

	Daily				Rarely	NA
Read <u>Dayton Daily News</u> (daytondailynews.com)	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read other online news or newspapers	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read magazines	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read e-mail newsletters	5	4	3	2	1	0
Visit online calendars (Active Dayton, DaytonMostMetro, etc...)	5	4	3	2	1	0
Watch videos	5	4	3	2	1	0
Listen to podcasts or audio clips	5	4	3	2	1	0
Answer surveys/take tests	5	4	3	2	1	0
Use interactive maps or chart directions	5	4	3	2	1	0
"Check in" to places with smartphone	5	4	3	2	1	0
Social network (Facebook/Twitter)	5	4	3	2	1	0
Upload photos or videos	5	4	3	2	1	0
Review experiences or make recommendations	5	4	3	2	1	0

25. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING DO YOU DO **WITHOUT USING THE INTERNET?**

(Circle ONE per line)

	Daily			Rarely		NA
Read <u>Dayton Daily News</u>	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read suburban newspapers	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read local magazines	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read club/group newsletters	5	4	3	2	1	0
Use maps	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read brochures	5	4	3	2	1	0
Pick up flyers for programs or events of interest	5	4	3	2	1	0
Answer surveys/take tests	5	4	3	2	1	0
Listen to local radio stations	5	4	3	2	1	0
Watch local TV news	5	4	3	2	1	0

## METROPARKS USE

**26. HOW MANY TIMES A YEAR DO YOU VISIT A METROPARK?**

**27. HOW DO YOU CURRENTLY CONNECT WITH FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS?**

(Circle ONE per line)

	Very frequently	Frequently	Sometimes	Not often	Rarely	NA
Attend programs with pre-registration	5	4	3	2	1	0
Attend drop-in programs (no registration required)	5	4	3	2	1	0
Go to festivals/special events	5	4	3	2	1	0
Reserve shelters or campsites	5	4	3	2	1	0
Visit Parks on my own schedule without scheduled programs or events	5	4	3	2	1	0
Visit metroparks.org	5	4	3	2	1	0
Follow us on Twitter/Facebook	5	4	3	2	1	0
Read our e-mail newsletters	5	4	3	2	1	0
Volunteer	5	4	3	2	1	0

**28. OTHER THAN PARKWAYS, WHAT ARE THE MAIN INFORMATION SOURCES YOU RELY ON FOR STORIES/NEWS ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS OFFERINGS?**

**29. HOW IMPORTANT ARE FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS TO THE QUALITY OF YOUR LIFE? ARE THEY:**

(Check ONE)

- ☐
- Very important
- ☐
- Important
- ☐
- Not important at all

### 30. COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

## ABOUT YOU

ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: M F (Circle ONE)

**RACE:** White Black Hispanic Asian Mixed Other (Circle ONE)

**MARITAL STATUS:**    Single      Married/Living with Partner    (Circle ONE)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD UNDER AGE 12:

**HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION YOU HAVE ACHIEVED:**

- ☐ Some high school      ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college      ☐ College degree
- ☐ Postgraduate studies

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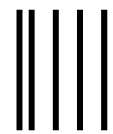
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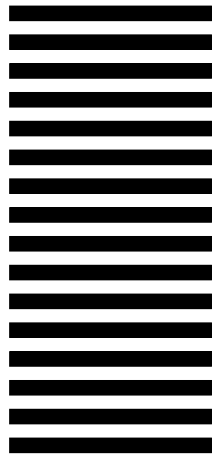
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## EVENTS BY DATE, TIME

## THU, SEP 1, 2011

**10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Nature's Textures**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 37)  
**10:00 AM Get Outside Book Club Storytime: How Does Your Garden Grow?** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 42)  
**6:00 PM Kayak Naturalist Float**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 47)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Prairie Seed Saving**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 33)

## FRI, SEP 2, 2011

**5:00 PM First Friday @ 5: Human Cannonball**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 47)  
**10:00 PM Night Fishing at Eastwood Lake**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 44)  
**10:00 PM Night Fishing at Possum Creek MetroPark**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 44)

## SAT, SEP 3, 2011

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)  
**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Creekside Bikeway**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 43)  
**10:00 AM Draft Horse Days**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 33)  
**10:00 AM Surprise Soup**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 36)  
**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**1:00 PM Family Creek Fun**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 38)  
**1:00 PM Scarecrow Building Workshop**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)  
**1:30 PM Humming Birds Up Close**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 38)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 44)

## SUN, SEP 4, 2011

**8:00 AM Sugarcreek Weekly Trails Runs**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 48)  
**10:00 AM Draft Horse Days**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 33)  
**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**1:30 PM Sugarcreek Hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 44)

## MON, SEP 5, 2011

**6:00 PM Horse Camp for Adults**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

## TUE, SEP 6, 2011

**9:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 38)  
**5:30 PM Fundamentals of Moving Water**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 47)

## WED, SEP 7, 2011

**9:00 AM Green Garden Q&A**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 33)  
**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Log Detective**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 38)  
**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)  
**4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking!** Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)  
**6:30 PM DeWeese Park 5K**, Recreational Trails (see page 48)

## THU, SEP 8, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 39)  
**10:00 AM Parent and Preschooler: It's the Berries!** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 39)

## FRI, SEP 9, 2011

**11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Season Containers**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 33)  
**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Hiding In My Shell**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 38)

## SAT, SEP 10, 2011

**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami Bikeway (S)**, Recreational Trails (see page 43)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 43)  
**10:00 AM Canning Club: Fruits**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 36)  
**10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: Collecting Seed**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 34)  
**10:00 AM Picturing Petals and Plants**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 42)  
**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**11:00 AM Hispanic Heritage Festival**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 48)  
**11:00 AM Fossil Fun**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 39)  
**12:00 PM Family Camping Extravaganza**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 43)  
**12:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)  
**1:00 PM All About Buckeyes**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 34)  
**1:30 PM Monarch Butterfly Day**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 39)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Englewood MetroPark (see page 44)  
**2:00 PM Family Nature Walk**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 39)  
**8:00 PM Beaver Search**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 39)

## SUN, SEP 11, 2011

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**,

Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

## MON, SEP 12, 2011

**10:00 AM Tike Hike: A Seed's Journey**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 38)  
**6:00 PM Horse Camps for Adults**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**6:00 PM Plants for Pennies**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)

## TUE, SEP 13, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 39)  
**1:00 PM Parent and Preschooler: Turkey Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)  
**7:00 PM GearFest Volunteer Orientation**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 42)

## WED, SEP 14, 2011

**6:30 PM Compost Kitchen: Building Better Soil**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 34)  
**5:30 PM Preparing a New Vegetable Bed**, Off Site (see page 34)  
**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)  
**6:00 PM Mad River Kayak Float**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 47)

## THU, SEP 15, 2011

**11:30 AM Apples Everywhere**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 49)

## FRI, SEP 16, 2011

**8:30 AM PARK(ing) Day**, Off Site (see page 48)  
**11:30 AM Apples Everywhere**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 49)  
**5:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 47)

## SAT, SEP 17, 2011

**8:30 AM Morning Chores on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 33)  
**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Mad River Bikeway**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 43)  
**9:00 AM CureSearch for Children's Cancer Walk**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 48)  
**10:00 AM Drawing in Fall with David Leach**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 37)  
**10:00 AM Earth Joy Tree Climbing**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 42)  
**10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: What Is It? Galls and Fungi**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 34)  
**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**1:00 PM Dehydration**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 37)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Germantown MetroPark (see page 44)  
**2:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 47)

**3:00 PM United Rehabilitation Services Rubber Duck Regatta**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 47)  
**6:00 PM MoMBA Anniversary Ride**, Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)

### SUN, SEP 18, 2011

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**1:30 PM Learning from the Landscape: Late Season Care**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)  
**1:30 PM Summer Taylorsville Hike with Metro Dayton Hikers**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 45)  
**2:00 PM Summer's End at Aullwood**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 34)

### MON, SEP 19, 2011

**6:00 PM Horse Camps for Adults**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

### TUE, SEP 20, 2011

**9:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 38)  
**6:00 PM Green Garden Q&A**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 33)  
**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Beaver Fever**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 38)

### WED, SEP 21, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 39)  
**10:00 AM Get Outside Book Club Storytime: What's That Noise?** Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 42)  
**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)  
**6:00 PM GearFest Volunteer Orientation**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 42)  
**6:30 PM Compost Kitchen: Backyard Composting**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 34)

### THU, SEP 22, 2011

**6:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)  
**7:00 PM Cafe Sci: Through a Bird's Eyes**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 40)

### FRI, SEP 23, 2011

**5:30 PM Stilettos to Sneakers Run for Women**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 48)  
**7:30 PM Night Hike**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 40)

### SAT, SEP 24, 2011

**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Great Miami River Bikeway (S)**, Recreational Trails (see page 43)  
**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**,

Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**10:00 AM Country Fair**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 49)  
**7:00 AM Germantown 50K**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 48)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 44)  
**10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: Leaves Through the Seasons – Fall**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 34)  
**1:00 PM Scales and Feathers**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 40)  
**4:00 PM Scales and Feathers**, Wesleyan MetroPark (see page 40)  
**9:00 AM Fall Tree ID Workshop**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 40)  
**9:00 AM Walk To Cure Diabetes**, Island MetroPark (see page 48)

### SUN, SEP 25, 2011

**9:00 AM MoMBA Cross Country Classic**, Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)  
**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**12:00 PM CROP Walk**, Island MetroPark (see page 48)  
**12:00 PM Country Fair**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 48)

### TUE, SEP 27, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 39)  
**9:00, 11:30 AM Stroller Strut: Searching for Seeds**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 40)

### WED, SEP 28, 2011

**6:30 PM Compost Kitchen: All About Worms**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 34)  
**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)  
**1:00 PM Get Outside Book Club Storytime: What Lives in a Pond?** Eastwood MetroPark (see page 42)

### THU, SEP 29, 2011

**6:00 PM Gardener's Plant Exchange**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)  
**11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Native Trees & Shrubs in the Landscape**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 34)  
**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Spider Kid**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)

### FRI, SEP 30, 2011

**6:00 PM GearFest presented by Subaru**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 47)  
**7:30 PM Owl Prowl**, Possum Creek MetroPark, (see page 40)

### SAT, OCT 1, 2011

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Possum Creek

MetroPark (see page 33)  
**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Creekside Bikeway**, Recreational Trails (see page 43)  
**10:00 AM Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta**, Island MetroPark (see page 49)  
**10:00 AM Horseradish 101**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 36)  
**11:00 AM GearFest presented by Subaru**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 47)  
**11:00 AM Voyage on the Parkway**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 49)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 44)

### SUN, OCT 2, 2011

**8:30 AM Ohio Gardening**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)

### MON, OCT 3, 2011

**CALL FOR TIMES Fall Horseback Riding Lessons**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

### TUE, OCT 4, 2011

**CALL FOR TIMES Fall Horseback Riding Lessons**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**9:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 38)  
**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Woodland Tunnel**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 38)

### WED, OCT 5, 2011

**CALL FOR TIMES Fall Horseback Riding Lessons**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)

### THU, OCT 6, 2011

**10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Sounds of Nature**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 38)

### FRI, OCT 7, 2011

**7:30 PM Night Hike**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 40)

### SAT, OCT 8, 2011

**CALL FOR TIMES Fall Horseback Riding Lessons**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Stillwater River Bikeway (C)**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 43)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 43)  
**9:30 AM Taylorsville 6 & 8 Milers**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 48)  
**10:00 AM Autumn Photography at Wegerzyn**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 42)  
**10:00 AM Canning Club: End of Season Harvest**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 37)  
**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**10:00 AM Fall Planting Series: Perennials and**





**Spring Flowering Bulbs**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 35)

**10:00 AM Stick Sculpture Contest!** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 40)

**1:00 PM Fun with Pumpkins**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)

**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 44)

**7:00 PM Silly and Scary Tales**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 49)

### SUN, OCT 9, 2011

**CALL FOR TIMES Fall Horseback Riding Lessons**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

### TUE, OCT 11, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 39)

**10:00 AM Parent and Preschooler: Little Plants in the Prairie**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 39)

**1:00 PM Parent and Preschooler: Fun with Scarecrows**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)

**4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking!** Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)

### WED, OCT 12, 2011

**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)

**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Log Detective**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 38)

**11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Outdoor Photography**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 34)

### THU, OCT 13, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 39)

**10:00 AM Pizza Making for Kids**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 37)

**4:00 PM Youth Naturalists Club**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 40)

### SAT, OCT 15, 2011

**8:30 AM Morning Chores on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 33)

**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Stillwater River Bikeway (C)**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 43)

**9:00 AM Hills & Dales 5K and 10K**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 48)

**10:00 AM Family Tree Workshop**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 40)

**10:00 AM Fall Family Fun Day**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 47)

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

**10:00 AM Fall Planting Series: Trees and**

**Shrubs**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 35)

**12:00 PM Possum Creek Harvest Jamboree**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 48)

**12:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)

**1:00 PM MetroParks Forestry Practices**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 41)

**1:00 PM Eureka Lab! Fall in the Forest**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 40)

**2:00 PM The Many Colors of Ash**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 41)

**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 44)

**5:30 PM American Indian Heritage on the Twin Creek**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 36)

### SUN, OCT 16, 2011

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

**12:00 PM Corn Husking**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 36)

**1:00 PM Fall Tea at Aullwood**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 35)

**1:30 PM Learning from the Landscape: Four Seasons of Interest**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)

### MON, OCT 17, 2011

**10:00 Tike Hike: Friendly Bats**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 38)

### TUE, OCT 18, 2011

**9:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 38)

**6:00 PM Whitewater Kayak Video Session**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 47)

**6:30 PM Ghost N Goblins 5K**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 48)

### WED, OCT 19, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 39)

**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)

**10:00 AM Get Outside Book Club Storytime: Moo Baa La La La!** Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 42)

### THU, OCT 20, 2011

**6:30 PM Intro to Backcountry Survival**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 47)

### FRI, OCT 21, 2011

**10:00 AM Tasty Party Appetizers**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 37)

**11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Composting & Lasagna Gardens**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 34)

**12:00 PM Brown County Mountain Bike Trip**, Five Rivers St. Clair Building (see page 46)

**6:30 PM A Spooky Evening in the Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 35)

**7:00 PM Tike Hike: Nocturnal Adventures**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)

### SAT, OCT 22, 2011

**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Wolf Creek Bikeway**, Recreational Trails (see page 44)

**10:00 AM Autumn Photography at Aullwood**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 42)

**10:00 AM Living with Mother Earth: Walk Through Wegerzyn**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 34)

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

**10:00 AM Spider ID Workshop**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 41)

**1:00 PM A Chipmunk Harvest**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 41)

**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Englewood MetroPark (see page 44)

**3:00 PM Animal Homes**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 41)

**6:30 PM Nocturnal Wetland Romp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 41)

### SUN, OCT 23, 2011

**1:00 PM Tree ID Walk**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 41)

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

### MON, OCT 24, 2011

**4:00 PM Try Fly Fishing!** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 44)

### TUE, OCT 25, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 39)

**9:00 AM, 11:30 AM Stroller Strut: Shoots and Roots**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 40)

### WED, OCT 26, 2011

**10:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 38)

### THU, OCT 27, 2011

**7:00 PM Cafe Sci: 2011 Wrap-up Celebration**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 40)

**6:00 PM Start a New Community Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 35)

**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Creepy Creatures**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 39)

### SAT, OCT 29, 2011

**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Wolf Creek Bikeway**, Recreational Trails (see page 44)

**10:00 AM Backcountry Survival Basics**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 46)

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

**10:00 AM Earth Joy Tree Climbing**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 42)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 44)

### SUN, OCT 30, 2011

**10:00 AM Weekend Trail/Pony Rides**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)  
**12:00 PM Foods on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 36)  
**1:30 PM Summer Carriage Hill Hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 45)

### TUE, NOV 1, 2011

**9:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 38)

### WED, NOV 2, 2011

**6:00 PM Introduction to Bicycle Maintenance**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 44)

### THU, NOV 3, 2011

**10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Leaves of Color**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 38)

### FRI, NOV 4, 2011

**10:00 AM Tike Hike: My First Leaf Collection**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 39)

### SAT, NOV 5, 2011

**10:00 AM Cooking with Pumpkins**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 37)  
**10:00 AM Herbal Gifts**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 36)  
**10:00 AM Living With Mother Earth: Evergreens in the Landscape**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 34)  
**11:00 AM Family Bird Search**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 41)  
**12:00 PM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, Huffman MetroPark (see page 46)  
**1:00 PM Prairie Play**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 41)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Huffman MetroPark (see page 44)  
**2:00 PM Woodman Fen Exploration**, Woodman Fen Conservation Area (see page 41)

### SUN, NOV 6, 2011

**1:00 PM Corn Harvesting Demo**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)  
**1:30 PM Eastwood Hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 45)

### MON, NOV 7, 2011

**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Native American Storytime Campfire**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 39)

### TUE, NOV 8, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 39)

### WED, NOV 9, 2011

**6:00 PM Backcountry Gourmet Cooking**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 43)  
**6:00 PM Bicycle Maintenance Basics**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 44)  
**6:30 PM Pruning for Health and Beauty**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)

### THU, NOV 10, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 39)  
**10:00 AM Parent & Preschooler: Puzzling Plants**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 39)  
**10:00 AM Tike Hike: My First Leaf Collection**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 39)

### FRI, NOV 11, 2011

**8:00 PM Saw-whet Owl Search and Banding**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 41)

### SAT, NOV 12, 2011

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)  
**10:00 AM Canning Club: Butters**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 37)  
**10:00 AM Local and Seasonal Eating**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 36)  
**10:00 AM Fall Colors and Bird Hike**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 41)  
**11:00 AM Who Hibernates?** Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 41)  
**1:00 PM Ohio's First Farmers**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 36)  
**2:00 PM Lagoon Exploration**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 41)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 44)

### SUN, NOV 13, 2011

**10:00 AM Exploring Carlisle Fort: A Hopewell Enclosure Site**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 36)  
**12:00 PM Vices of the 1880s**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 36)  
**6:00 PM Night Hike**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 42)

### TUE, NOV 15, 2011

**9:00 AM Discovery Stroll**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 38)  
**1:00 PM Parent & Preschooler: Giving Thanks**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 33)  
**6:00 PM Outfitting Your Kayak**, Five Rivers St. Clair Building (see page 47)

### WED, NOV 16, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Germantown

MetroPark (see page 39)

**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Getting Ready for Winter**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 39)

### THU, NOV 17, 2011

**6:30 PM Fundamentals of Backcountry Knots**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 43)

### FRI, NOV 18, 2011

**1:00 PM Kids Pottery Demo**, PNC 2nd Street Market (see page 37)

### SAT, NOV 19, 2011

**8:30 AM Morning Chores on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 33)  
**11:00 AM Nuts & Berries**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 42)  
**1:00 PM Homemade Pasta**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 37)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 44)  
**2:00 PM Mammal Study**, Huffman MetroPark (see page 42)

### SUN, NOV 20, 2011

**1:30 PM Carriage Hill Hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 45)

### TUE, NOV 22, 2011

**9:00 AM Adult Nature Walk**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 39)  
**10:00 AM Stroller Studies: Handy Trees**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 42)  
**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Wild Turkeys**, Germantown MetroPark (see page 39)

### FRI, NOV 25, 2011

**11:00 AM MetroParks Ice Rink Opening Weekend**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 49)

### SAT, NOV 26, 2011

**11:00 AM MetroParks Ice Rink Opening Weekend**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 49)  
**2:00 PM Hike for the Health of It!** Eastwood MetroPark (see page 44)

### SUN, NOV 27, 2011

**1:00 PM MetroParks Ice Rink Opening Weekend**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 49)

### THU, DEC 1, 2011

**8:00 AM Bus Trip: Holidays in Columbus**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 36)

### SAT, DEC 3, 2011

**9:00 AM Winter Wonderland Pace**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 46)



## EDUCATION FARMING

### (FREE) FAMILY FARM CHORES

**SAT, SEP 3, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM** 7242

**SAT, OCT 1, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM** 7243

**SAT, NOV 12, 8:30 AM-10:30 AM** 7244

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. Meet at farmhouse. Reservations required and limited, beginning August 15. Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 6Y and up.

### (FREE) SCARECROW BUILDING WORKSHOP

**SAT, SEP 3, 1:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Come build your scarecrow for the Scarecrow Convention. This year's theme is nursery rhyme characters. Bring any clothing and props you may need to create your character's essence. Straw and structural support is provided. Meet in upper barn. Reservations required and limited beginning August 15; call (937) 276-7062. **PTN** Age: 6Y and up. **7251**

### (FREE) DRAFT HORSE DAYS

**SAT, SEP 3, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM**

**SUN, SEP 4, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM**

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

Come join us for a weekend devoted to the draft horse. Watch as various demonstrations are given highlighting the skills required to drive draft horses. On Saturday and Sunday, watch as the United States Plowing Contest is held. Participants from many different states will put their skills to the test to see who the best plow hand is. Call (937) 278-2609 for details. **7298**

### (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.

### TURKEY FUN

**TUE, SEP 13, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

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

Learn about the turkeys at Possum Creek

Farm. We will have a story, a turkey craft, and then visit our resident turkeys. Reservations begin Sept. 1. **7277**

### FUN WITH SCARECROWS

**TUE, OCT 11, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

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

Come to the farm to listen to a scarecrow story and make your own scarecrow to take home. Bring an old shirt to dress your scarecrow. Reservations begin Oct. 1. **PTN 7278**

### GIVING THANKS

**TUE, NOV 15, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

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

November is American Indian heritage month. In honor of the First People, the book "Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message," will be read. We will share what we are thankful for and make a craft. Reservations begin Oct. 17. **PTN 7279**

### (FREE) MORNING CHORES ON THE FARM

**SAT, SEP 17, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM** 7292

**SAT, OCT 15, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM** 7293

**SAT, NOV 19, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM** 7294

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

Families can help the farm hand with daily chores on the historical farm. 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 or register online. Age: 6Y - 18Y. 🍷

### (FREE) FUN WITH PUMPKINS

**SAT, OCT 8, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

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

Join in the fun as we learn about how the Jack-o'-lantern came to be. Learn facts about pumpkins. There will be pumpkin treats to taste. This evening at Carriage Hill catch Silly and Scary Tales. Reservations required and limited, beginning Sept. 15.

**PTN** Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 7Y - 13Y. **7211**

### (FREE) CORN HARVESTING DEMO

**SUN, NOV 6, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Watch as tractors harvest this year's corn crop and help the farmers pick, shell, and save seed for next year's planting with hands-on demonstrations. Meet at the barn.

Crop and weather dependent. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 276-7062 for more. Age: 5Y and up. **7241**

## GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: PRAIRIE SEED SAVING

**THU, SEP 1 - THU, AUG 23, 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Volunteer Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Get involved in the entire cycle of seed collection, propagation, transplanting, and permanent plantings as a Seed Saver. Learn to identify native prairie plants. Seed Savers help MetroParks improve native habitat at Cox Arboretum MetroPark and other key Five Rivers MetroParks locations. The group meets Thursday mornings from 9 - 11:30 am at Cox Arboretum. So join today and help us plant for tomorrow! To apply, contact Janet Metter at (937) 434-9005, Ext. 1309. Age: 18Y and up. **7321**

### (FREE) GREEN GARDEN Q&A

**WED, SEP 7, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM** 7161

**TUE, SEP 20, 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM** 7162

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

Green gardening is about growing your own food – fresh, flavorful and pesticide-free. Green Gardener volunteers at the Sustainable Garden Classroom share their knowledge and experience with you and answer your gardening questions. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For details, call (937) 277-6545. 🍷

### (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. 🍷

### SEASON CONTAINERS

**FRI, SEP 9, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Christine Carpenter, Beyond the Greenhouse, shares some of her trademark secrets on designing containers with impact. Learn how you can create and maintain prolonged interest in your garden utilizing containers. **7202**

**NATIVE TREES & SHRUBS IN THE LANDSCAPE****THU, SEP 29, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,  
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Join us as Brian Jorg, Cincinnati Zoo &  
Botanical Gardens, shows us some of the  
best native trees and shrubs and how to  
utilize them in our landscape. **7207**

**OUTDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY****WED, OCT 12, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,  
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Bring your lunch and join us as we discuss  
the basics to creating great outdoor  
photographs. We will share tips for the best  
way to capture visitors, flowers, landscapes,  
and the bug, bees, and butterflies that are  
part of our picture. **7203**

**COMPOSTING & LASAGNA GARDENS****FRI, OCT 21, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,  
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn how to turn your yard waste into  
garden gold and create next season's garden  
beds, with some simple guidelines. **7206**

**(FREE) LIVING WITH MOTHER EARTH SERIES:**

This year-round series includes panel  
discussion, lectures, films, hands-on  
workshops, and artistic presentations. Join  
us to learn about our earth: how horticulture  
and farming practices over the centuries  
have changed it, the role of industry in our  
environment, and what choices we need  
to make to improve it. Reservations are  
requested and walk-ins are welcome. Call  
(937)277-6545 or register online. 📞

**COLLECTING SEED****SAT, SEP 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult  
Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
Join us for a walk through Wegerzyn as  
we collect seed from native and cultivated  
plants. Learn the basics of seed collection  
and saving – an easy and inexpensive way  
to keep your garden growing year after year.  
We'll meet in the adult classroom and go  
into the gardens for collecting. **7097**

**WHAT IS IT? GALLS AND FUNGI****SAT, SEP 17, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult  
Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
Ever wondered what the lumps and odd  
shaped growths and trees and leaves are?

Usually they are galls. Today we'll explore  
the reasons they exist and what it means  
in the life of the plant. This is a fascinating  
class you won't want to miss! We'll meet in  
the adult class room and then go into the  
gardens for exploration. **7099**

**LEAVES THROUGH THE SEASONS – FALL****SAT, SEP 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult  
Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
Fall means great leaves. We'll explore their  
looks, fascinating functions, and why they  
change. Come dressed for the outdoors and  
bring your camera, notebook, and questions.  
We'll meet in the adult classroom and then  
go into the gardens. **7101**

**WALK THROUGH WEGERZYN****SAT, OCT 22, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,  
Wegerzyn Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Wegerzyn is beautiful all year long, but  
in fall is magical. Join us for a tour of the  
Dougherty sculpture "A Wiggle in Its Walk,"  
the formal gardens, and the Marie Aull Trail.  
Dress for the weather and bring your friends  
and your camera for a spectacular fall treat!  
We'll meet in the parking lot. **7105**

**EVERGREENS IN THE LANDSCAPE****SAT, NOV 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult  
Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
There are evergreens than just taxus  
and juniper! Come to a wonderful class  
led by Studebaker Nurseries' Tomasz  
Przepiorkowski and learn about all the  
beautiful varieties that do well in our area.  
Bring your notebook and friends and come  
for a lively, informative time. We'll meet in  
the adult classroom. **7106**

**(FREE) ALL ABOUT BUCKEYES****SAT, SEP 10, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,  
Wegerzyn Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Buckeyes are fascinating plants, and  
today we'll learn about their history, how  
they grow, and why they have become so  
important to Ohio. We'll even sample some  
delicious buckeye treats! Come for a fun  
and informative session. Reservations are  
requested and walk-ins are welcome. We'll  
meet in the parking lot. Please call (937) 277-  
6545 or register online. **7098** 📞

**(FREE) PLANTS FOR PENNIES****MON, SEP 12, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,  
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Vegetative propagation is an easy and  
economical way to grow more plants. Learn  
the how and when to divide, take cuttings  
and other techniques. Participants will  
also learn how to interpret seed catalogs  
correctly and grow plants successfully at  
home. Reservations required and limited;  
call (937) 434-9005 or register online. **7380**

**(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. Age: 18Y and up.

**BUILDING BETTER SOIL****WED, SEP 14, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,  
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Soil is a major source of nutrients for healthy  
plants. Gardeners will learn about their soil  
type and how to enhance the soil to grow  
great plants. **6926**

**BACKYARD COMPOSTING****WED, SEP 21, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,  
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Marvin Duren, owner of Marvin's Organic  
Gardens, will discuss creating compost,  
and answer composting and gardening  
questions. **6927**

**ALL ABOUT WORMS****WED, SEP 28, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK,  
MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Worms can make fast work of turning  
kitchen waste into treasure for your garden.  
Discover if using wigglers is your preferred  
type of composting. **6928**

**(FREE) PREPARING A NEW VEGETABLE BED****WED, SEP 14, 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM**

OFF SITE, CountyCorp Model Home, 5870 Beth  
Rd, Huber Heights.  
What are the best – and easiest – ways  
to start a new vegetable garden bed at  
home? What can still be planted this late  
in the year? Experienced gardeners and  
MetroParkers walk you through the basics.  
Also explore the rain garden and rain barrels  
at this CountyCorp green rebuilt model





home. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 for details or register online. **7163** 📞

### **(FREE) SUMMER'S END AT AULLWOOD**

**SUN, SEP 18, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Come for guided tours of the gardens and learn about the plants that look their best in late summer and early fall. Stay and walk along the paths and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season. A perfect opportunity for pictures, so be sure to bring your family and friends and your camera! Reservations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **7125** 📞

### **(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. Age: 18Y and up. 📞

### **LATE SEASON CARE**

**SUN, SEP 18, 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn how to make late season changes, improve next season's garden, and eliminate invasive plants from your gardens. **6938**

### **FOUR SEASONS OF INTEREST**

**SUN, OCT 16, 1:30 AM- 3:30 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.

There are plants that offer four seasons of interest. Learn about these plants for your site and correct care for these gems of the garden. **6939**

### **(FREE) GARDENER'S PLANT EXCHANGE**

**THU, SEP 29, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

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

The Gardener's Plant Exchange is an economical way to add variety to your garden. Guidelines for the exchange will be available at the garden gate desk. When making your reservation, please provide a brief list of plants you plan to bring. **NOTE: Participants may drop off plants and pick up vouchers starting at 8:00 am on September 29. The exchange begins at 6**

**pm.** Reservations required; call (937) 434-9005 for more information or to register. Age: 18Y and up. **6937**

### **OHIO GARDENING**

**SUN, OCT 2, 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

A great design makes an ordinary garden inspiring. This workshop features speakers and information highlighting plants for Ohio and ideas for maximum impact in our landscapes. Authors Janet Macunovich and Melinda Myers will be featured. Fee: \$30; required with reservation. Make checks payable to Five Rivers MetroParks. Credit cards accepted. Melinda Myers sponsored by Birds and Bloom. For a full program listing call (937) 434-9005. Age: 18Y and up. Fees: \$30 **6940** 📞

### **(FREE) FALL PLANTING SERIES**

Fall is a great time for planting trees, shrubs, bulbs and perennials, so join us for this two-part series and learn how to get the best start for next spring and years to come. Take one or both classes. Reservations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Please call (937) 277-6545 or register online. 📞

### **PERENNIALS AND SPRING FLOWERING BULBS**

**SAT, OCT 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Perennials are the workhorses of the garden, coming back year after year and adding great seasonal color. Learn how to select, divide and maintain them. We'll also talk about spring flowering bulbs, their care and selection and how to keep them beautiful. A great, information-filled class you won't want to miss. We'll meet in the adult classroom. **7103**

### **TREES AND SHRUBS**

**SAT, OCT 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Join plantsman Tomasz Przepiorkowski of Studebaker Nurseries as he discusses the best ways to plant your trees and shrubs for years of pleasure. We'll meet in the adult classroom and then go outside for a planting demonstration. **7104**

### **(FREE) FALL TEA AT AULLWOOD SUN, OCT 16, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Join us on the porch at Mrs. Aull's house for tea and cookies and then a look at the garden in fall. We'll explore the gardens and also tour the trees that were planted by the Aulls as well as those that have been on the property for hundreds of years. Come for a beautiful afternoon and bring your friends. Reservations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Please call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **7126** 📞

### **(FREE) A SPOOKY EVENING IN THE GARDEN**

**FRI, OCT 21, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Childrens Discovery Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Bring the whole family for this rare opportunity to see the gardens after dark. Learn about the spooky side of nature and the treats the garden gives us this time of year. Volunteers with fun activities will be stationed throughout the gardens. As the sun goes down, enjoy the company of other families and s'mores around the fire pit. Halloween apparel is encouraged. **7157** 📞

### **(FREE) START A NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**THU, OCT 27, 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM**

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

How can you start a community vegetable garden in your neighborhood, school, church? Learn the essential steps to a successful project. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 277-6545 for details or register online. **7109** 📞

### **(FREE) PRUNING FOR HEALTH AND BEAUTY**

**WED, NOV 9, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, MeadWestvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn the best way to manage overgrown shrubs and trees, along with pruning best practices. This two-part class (theory in the first half, hands-on practicum in the second half) is an introduction to all aspects of pruning. This is the prerequisite for the upcoming plant specific pruning classes. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 434-9005 or register online. register online. **6941** 📞

## BUS TRIP: HOLIDAYS IN COLUMBUS

**THU, DEC 1, 8:00 AM- 4:40 PM**

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

Take a great early holiday trip! First to the Franklin Conservatory for great floral displays and then on to Granville for lunch at the Granville Inn. We'll return to Columbus for a fun visit to the Short North. Reservations required and limited, due October 31. Fee of \$65 per person includes lunch. Please call (927) 277-6545 for information. Credit cards are accepted and checks should be payable to Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Online registration not accepted. Fees: \$65 **7108**

## GREEN LIVING

### (FREE) LOCAL AND SEASONAL EATING

**SAT, NOV 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 2nd St. Join us at the PNC 2nd Street Market as a professional chef demonstrates wonderful and delicious ways to cook seasonal and local produce. There will be samples and recipes! We'll meet at the Market. Reservations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Please call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **7107** 📄

## HERITAGE & HISTORY

### (FREE) AMERICAN INDIAN

#### HERITAGE ON THE TWIN CREEK

**SAT, OCT 15, 7:30 PM-10:00 PM**

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Pine Ridge Camp Site A, 8539 Morningstar Rd

Come out to Twin Creek MetroPark for a fun campfire program in which Native Ohio Southern Singers will entertain us with Native American music and stories. Participants are invited to go on an owl search after the storytelling. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. No pets permitted. No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7257**

### (FREE) CORN HUSKING

**SUN, OCT 16, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

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

During the 19th century, corn was a common staple crop throughout the Midwest. Help husk corn that will be food for the livestock throughout the winter. Afterwards, enjoy music, dance, and merriment in our historic barn. Call (937) 278-2609 for details. **7288**

### (FREE) FOODS ON THE FARM

**SUN, OCT 30, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

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

Do you know where your food comes from? Find out how food got from the farm to the table in the 1880s. Come learn about a variety of foods and how they were produced. Help grind wheat into flour, learn about meat preservation through smoking and salting, sample some fresh bread, try your hand at making butter, drying fruit, and helping save some seeds from the garden. Enjoy a whole weekend dedicated to food. Call (937) 278-2609 for details. **7285**

### (FREE) OHIO'S FIRST FARMERS

**SAT, NOV 12, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

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

Learn about the different farming techniques the immigrants and American Indians brought to Ohio. Try your hand at using some of the tools of long ago. Make a craft. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 276-7062. **PTN** Age: 5Y - 13Y. **7240**

### (FREE) VICES OF THE 1880S

**SUN, NOV 13, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

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

Help the farm hands strip the cured tobacco from the stalk and get it ready for sale as they did 100 years ago. Watch as tobacco plugs are made. Information on several other period vices will be provided, including coffee, tea, beer, and gambling. Call (937) 278-2609 for details. **7282**

### (FREE) EXPLORING CARLISLE

#### FORT: A HOPEWELL ENCLOSURE SITE

**SUN, NOV 13, 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Road Parking Lot, 8502 Chamberlain Rd

Carlisle Fort is known to archeologists as a Hopewell Culture ceremonial site, created

around 2,000 years ago. Join a guided program to explore this site and view archeological remnants and the surrounding natural landscape. Trails are moderately difficult; sturdy footwear and hiking sticks are recommended. Weather permitting: Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. **7275**

## HOME & HOBBIES

### (FREE) CARRIAGE HILL HERB GROUP PROGRAMS

Join the Carriage Hill Herb Group on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:00am to 12:00PM for a free program discussing the merits and uses for herbs. Refreshments provided. Call (937) 278-2609 to learn more about this group or upcoming programs.

### SURPRISE SOUP

**SAT, SEP 3, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Bring a can of soup (no cream soups, please) to stir into the herb soup pot. **7295**

### HORSERADISH 101

**SAT, OCT 1, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Walk to the historic farm area of Carriage Hill MetroPark and learn how to harvest horseradish. (Please dress for the weather.) Afterwards, return to the classroom at the visitor center for a discussion on horseradish. **7296**

### HERBAL GIFTS

**SAT, NOV 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Learn how to make gifts for special occasions using herbs. **7297**

### (FREE) CANNING CLUB PROGRAMS:

We will can and preserve using the boiling water method. We will also investigate other 19th century preservation methods. If you are interested about learning the basics of canning, please join us in the summer kitchen of the Daniel Arnold farmhouse. Call (937) 278-2609 or register online. 📄

### FRUITS

**SAT, SEP 10, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7860 E. Shull Rd.

Participants will learn how to prepare and preserve apple sauce. **7311**



**END OF SEASON HARVEST****SAT, OCT 8, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7860 E. Shull Rd.

Participants will learn to prepare and preserve either chutney or green tomato catsup. **7312****BUTTERS****SAT, NOV 12, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7860 E. Shull Rd.

Participants will learn to prepare and preserve pumpkin butter. **7313****(FREE) DRAWING IN FALL WITH DAVID LEACH****SAT, SEP 17, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

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

Join David Leach, Dayton artist and professor emeritus of art and art history, for a "plein air" drawing session, part of the Dougherty-related programs. This session will last for four hours and you can come for some or all of the time. Bring your friends, drawing materials and a bag lunch. A wonderful fall session for all, no matter what your skill level. We'll meet in the gardens. Call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **7100****(FREE) DEHYDRATION****SAT, SEP 17, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

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

Learn about the benefits of preserving food through dehydration or drying. This method of food preservation is one of the oldest. Reservations required and limited, beginning August 15. Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 18Y and up. **7322****(FREE) PIZZA MAKING FOR KIDS****THU, OCT 13, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Chef Dana Downs will teach kids how to make the same great pizza Black Rooster offers. After they learn, you can sit back and relax at home while the kids do the cooking. Registration required and limited. Call (937) 228-2088 to register, or register online. Age: 6Y - 13Y. **7184****(FREE) TASTY PARTY APPETIZERS****FRI, OCT 21, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Start preparing for the upcoming holidays by learning how to make great party appetizers from the pro, Chef Dana Downs. She will share ideas of how to be creative when planning your

menu and share her favorite recipes. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 228-2088 to register, or register online. **7185****(FREE) COOKING WITH PUMPKINS****SAT, NOV 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Learn how to choose the right pumpkin to use for baking and cooking. Demonstrations on the different methods of preparing your pumpkin will also be available. Learn about food in the 1880s on Nov. 6, from 12:00 - 5:00 pm at Carriage Hill MetroPark. Reservations required and limited, beginning Oct. 17; call (937) 276-7062. Age: 14Y and up. **7212****(FREE) KIDS POTTERY DEMO****FRI, NOV 18, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM**

PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Kids can see up close how Jon Graham creates the vases, bowls and other beautiful pottery pieces as he demonstrates his art. Participants will get an opportunity to sit at the potter's wheel and experience Jon's perspective. Maybe some future potters will be discovered! Registration required and limited; call (937) 228-2088 to register, or register online. Age: 6Y and up. **7191****(FREE) HOMEMADE PASTA****SAT, NOV 19, 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

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

Learn how to make several kinds of pasta by hand, discussion of techniques, and the types of flours including gluten free. You will make samples of pastas and some simple sauces to try with the fresh pasta. Handouts will be available. Reservations required and limited, beginning October 17. Call (937) 276-7062. Age: 18Y and up. **7255****NATURE****(FREE) BACKPACKING BABIES:**

These programs are just for parents and their babies where they can enjoy fresh air and learn about nature. Babies are exposed to new sights, sounds, textures and smells. A baby backpack or snuggli is required as trails are not stroller friendly. Weather permitting; call (937) 277-4178 for details. No reservations required. Age: 1M - 2Y.

**NATURE'S TEXTURES****THU, SEP 1, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Explore nature with your baby as we feel different textures in our natural environment. **7386****PASSPORT TO NATURE**

This program gives incentives for families to complete eight visits to our designated passport programs. 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 information and mail your passport to Five Rivers MetroParks. Every child who completes a passport will become an official Nature Traveler and will receive a special traveler gift along with recognition in this publication.

Look for **PTN** in the program listing to see if it qualifies as a **PTN** program! For more information or directions to program sites, call **(937) 275-PARK** or visit us at **METROPARKS.ORG/PASSPORT**.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NATURE TRAVELERS!****FIRST PASSPORT****Yuri Costandinidis****Lyela Costandinidis****Mason Danne****Sawyer Danne****SECOND PASSPORT****Jia Sundell-Tunner****Warren Taylor**

**SOUNDS OF NATURE****THU, OCT 6, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Enjoy a hike through the various habitats of Sugarcreek MetroPark while serenading your baby with nature sounds. In addition to the natural sounds heard, naturalists will also play owl, coyote, and frog sounds to get your baby actively listening to nature. **7388**

**LEAVES OF COLOR****THU, NOV 3, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Treat your baby to some fresh, fall air while exposing your baby to the colors of fall. **7387**

**(FREE) FAMILY CREEK FUN****SAT, SEP 3, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Enjoy searching for salamanders, crawdads, and rainbow darters while exploring Sugar Creek! Also, try your luck in finding fossils like brachiopods, horn corals, and bryozoans! 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. No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN** 7142 📞

**(FREE) HUMMING BIRDS UP CLOSE****SAT, SEP 3, 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Stop by the Nature Center to see science in action as Master Bird Bander Tim Tolford introduces the concept of banding birds and the specific challenges of banding our smallest local bird, the ruby-throated hummingbird. Then Tim will capture, band, and release live hummingbirds and take questions from program participants. Join us and learn how you can help hummingbirds by protecting their habitat. This program is weather permitting. For more details, call (937) 277-4178. **7264** 📞

**(FREE) DISCOVERY STROLL**

Escape on this relaxed-paced adventure through the park while learning about nature and discovering this park's history. No reservations required. Weather permitting: Call (937) 277-4178 for details.

**TUE, SEP 6, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7138

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

**WED, SEP 7, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7130

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**WED, SEP 14, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7131

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**TUE, SEP 20, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7365

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

**WED, SEP 21, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7132

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**WED, SEP 28, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7133

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**TUE, OCT 4, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7139

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

**WED, OCT 5, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7134

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**WED, OCT 12, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7135

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**TUE, OCT 18, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7366

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

**WED, OCT 19, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7136

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**WED, OCT 26, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM** 7137

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Dogwood Shelter, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

**TUE, NOV 1, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7140

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

**TUE, NOV 15, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7367

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

**(FREE) TIKE HIKE PROGRAMS:**

Take a hike in the woods with your little ones as we get up close and personal with nature! Registration is not required. Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. **PTN** Age: 2Y - 5Y.

**LOG DETECTIVE****WED, SEP 7, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7227

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Outside Amphitheater, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

**WED, OCT 12, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7233

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

Explore the lively world of decaying logs through a story and a hike! We'll see what we can uncover by rolling them over and examining them with a watchful eye.

**HIDING IN MY SHELL****FRI, SEP 9, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Stick your neck out for turtles as we celebrate their diversity and learn about their lives. Observe a live turtle and take a hike in the park in search for turtles while exploring their habitat. **7226**

**A SEED'S JOURNEY****MON, SEP 12, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Either by wind, water, explosions, or by animal fur, seeds travel in style! Collect different kinds of seeds on this hike, then plant them in your yard to see what happens! **7225**

**BEAVER FEVER****TUE, SEP 20, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Thompson Shelter, 4361 National Rd.

Learn about the largest rodent in North America while searching for them and the clues they leave behind. **7228**

**SPIDER KID****THU, SEP 29, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

Discover the world of spiders as we search for webs and learn about their occupants. We will also discuss why people are so afraid of these little friends of nature. **7229**

**WOODLAND TUNNEL****TUE, OCT 4, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Join other preschoolers and parents for an adventurous nature hike to the Osage Orange Tunnel! Feel free to bring a snack for a picnic! **7230**

**FRIENDLY BATS****MON, OCT 17, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

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

You've been seeing a lot of pictures of scary bats lately. Come learn the truth about these mosquito-eating friends, and discover that these animals aren't scary at all, but rather quite cute! **7234**

**NOCTURNAL ADVENTURES****FRI, OCT 21, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

Join us on a night hike just for preschoolers and their families. First we'll talk about fears of the night, then we will venture out into the dark in search of screech owls, and attempt to lure one in close for children to see. **7232**



**CREEPY CREATURES****THU, OCT 27, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Lots of people think spiders, snakes, bats, and other creatures are scary, but do we need to be scared of them? No! So come out and learn more about these commonly misunderstood animals before hiking to try and find them. **7231**

**MY FIRST LEAF COLLECTION****FRI, NOV 4, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7237

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

**THU, NOV 10, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7235  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

Leaves are perfect study materials for preschoolers; they learn colors, shapes, and relative sizes, while developing a close relationship with the season. Bring your preschooler out for a hike to collect nature's retired food makers!

**NATIVE AMERICAN STORY TIME  
CAMPFIRE****MON, NOV 7, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Sit around a campfire and explore how Native Americans lived in Ohio, while listening to their stories. **7238**

**GETTING READY FOR WINTER****WED, NOV 16, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

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

Animals have to prepare for winter just like we do. Come learn what animals are doing right now to get ready for the ice and snow. **7236**

**WILD TURKEYS****TUE, NOV 22, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Come out and explore the world as a wild turkey, and hike around in search for this large native bird. **7239**

**(FREE) ADULT NATURE WALK**

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.

**THU, SEP 8, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7213

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

**TUE, SEP 13, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7214

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

**WED, SEP 21, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7215

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

**TUE, SEP 27, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7222

EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

**TUE, OCT 11, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7221

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

**THU, OCT 13, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7219

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

**WED, OCT 19, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7217

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

**TUE, OCT 25, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7223

EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

**TUE, NOV 8, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7220

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

**THU, NOV 10, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7218

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.


**WED, NOV 16, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7216

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

**TUE, NOV 22, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM** 7224

EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

**(FREE) PARENT AND****PRESCHOOLER PROGRAMS:**

Parent and Preschool programs engage children ages 3-6 and their caregiver in nature discoveries. Participants will explore station-based activities with topics related to plants, science and the world around them. Reservations required; call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 3Y - 6Y. 

**IT'S THE BERRIES!****THU, SEP 8, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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

Berries can be good to eat but they also serve a purpose for the plants. We'll discover why plants produce berries. How humans and animals use berries. Little ones can even do some berry sampling and make a picture using berries. **7111**

**LITTLE PLANTS IN THE PRAIRIE****TUE, OCT 11, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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

What makes a prairie a prairie? We'll look at those special plants and animals that live in a prairie. Hands-on station activities will help us understand how this system works. **7112**

**PUZZLING PLANTS****THU, NOV 10, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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

Today we will solve some puzzling questions we have about plants. Why do leaves change color in the fall? Why do plants need soil to grow? How do they move water from their roots to their stems? Be ready to investigate and solve other puzzles about plants. **7113**

**(FREE) FOSSIL FUN****SAT, SEP 10, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Garden Parking lot, 955 Aullwood Road

Learn about Ohio's local fossils and geologic history. We will hike a short distance to search for fossils, so wear shoes and clothes that can get wet and muddy. Fossil collectors must follow collecting guidelines. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. No reservations required. **PTN 7261**

**(FREE) MONARCH BUTTERFLY DAY****SAT, SEP 10, 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Soon in September, monarch butterflies begin their migration to Mexico. Join us in the Nature Center to learn about a citizen science project monitoring these amazing butterflies. Follow us outside with nets and clipboards to help us capture and tag some of the monarchs. A limited number of butterfly tagging kits will be available to buy. This program is weather permitting. For details, call (937) 277-4178. **7265** 

**(FREE) FAMILY NATURE WALK****SAT, SEP 10, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

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

Explore nature on this exciting walk for the whole family! Enjoy an afternoon on the trail as we look for critters, plants, and play a game! No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7196**

**(FREE) BEAVER SEARCH****SAT, SEP 10, 8:00 PM- 9:00 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 7129**

**(FREE) CAFÉ SCI:**

Join us for this month's cafe and 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 following the topic introduction. Light refreshments provided. Reservations requested; call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 14Y and up 📞

**THROUGH A BIRD'S EYES**

**THU, SEP 22, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk. Avian Research and Education Institute is a nonprofit organization, founded in 2004, that utilizes bird banding stations for research, and as a classroom without walls to introduce nature and the environment through a bird's eyes. Dr. David Russell, Dept. of Zoology, Miami University Oxford will share more about AREI and some of the fascinating results of his bird banding research. **6972**

**2011 WRAP-UP CELEBRATION**

**THU, OCT 27, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk. Join your fellow Café enthusiasts and celebrate the end of the Café Sci season. We will have a short discussion followed by refreshments and fun. **6971**

**(FREE) NIGHT HIKE**

**FRI, SEP 23, 7:30 PM- 9:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Redwing Shelter/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd. Enjoy a hike exploring the nocturnal wildlife of Dayton. We will search for raccoons, owls, and more! No reservations required, Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7193** 📞

**(FREE) FALL TREE ID WORKSHOP**

**SAT, SEP 24, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 100 Deep Hollow Rd. Join us for a journey through the forest and learn how to identify common trees found in MetroParks. A discussion on terminology, forest ecology, and identification methods will be followed by a field study in the forest, where we will examine trees in a natural setting, and learn about their uses. Afterwards, we will quiz ourselves on this newly acquired skill. Each participant will receive a tree ID workbook. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 277-4178 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. **7318** 📞

**(FREE) SCALES AND FEATHERS**

Come take a close look at some wild animals found in Ohio. What do they like to eat and where do they live? Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 277-4178 weekdays for more details. **PTN**

**SAT, SEP 24, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM 7245**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

**SAT, SEP 24, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM 7246**

WESLEYAN METROPARK, Pavilion Shelter, 1441 Wesleyan Rd.

**(FREE) STROLLER STRUT SERIES:**

Stroller Strut is a casual stroll on the arboretum ground for caregivers and children ages 0-3 years old. 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. 📞

**SEARCHING FOR SEEDS**

**TUE, SEP 27, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 7121**

**TUE, SEP 27, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM 7115**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Seeds can be found in many sizes, shapes and colors. As we stroll the arboretum grounds we will see how many different seeds we find.

**SHOOTS AND ROOTS**

**TUE, OCT 25, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM 7117**

**TUE, OCT 25, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM 7116**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Take a closer look at why plants have both shoots and roots. There will be plenty to discover as we enjoy some time in the Edible Landscape Garden.

**(FREE) OWL PROWL**

**FRI, SEP 30, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM**

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

Journey into the Argonne Forest and search for the elusive barred owl, as a naturalist attempts to call them in. Later, travel through screech owl habitat, and bask in the sounds of these little owls. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7127**

**(FREE) NIGHT HIKE**

**FRI, OCT 7, 7:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

Let's find out what is up and about after

the sun goes down! Join a naturalist as we look for screech owls and other nighttime critters. Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. **PTN 7145** 📞

**(FREE) STICK SCULPTURE CONTEST!**

**SAT, OCT 8, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, South Picnic Area, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

This is your chance to draw inspiration from Patrick Dougherty's gigantic art display on the North Plaza at Wegerzyn Gardens. Stick artists of any experience level (including those just beginning) are invited to come be creative and participate in a friendly competition. Meet at the south picnic area at Wegerzyn Gardens and bring whatever you might need to complete your work. Sticks provided! **7259** 📞

**(FREE) YOUTH NATURALISTS CLUB**

**THU, OCT 13 - THU, NOV 17, 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, South Picnic Area, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Kids ages 8 to 12 meet each Thursday for six weeks to explore the outdoors and keep journals. We'll practice animal and plant identification, learn primitive camping skills, and discuss the natural history of the Miami Valley. Each session will introduce a new topic and involve plenty of physical activity as we navigate the woodland trails, river corridor, prairie, and gardens at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. Age: 8Y - 12Y. **7258** 📞

**(FREE) FAMILY TREE WORKSHOP**

**SAT, OCT 15, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Join a naturalist for some TREE-mendous fun as we learn just how important trees can be! Topics include life cycles, how a tree gets its energy, and the special places they have in different habitats. Reservations required and limited. Call (937) 277-4178 or register online. **PTN 7252** 📞

**(FREE) EUREKA LAB! FALL IN THE FOREST**

**SAT, OCT 15, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

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

What is happening in the forest as the weather cools? Do squirrels really remember where they bury their acorns? Find the answers to these questions and





more during today's lab and have some fall-inspired fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult and can drop in between 1 and 2:30 PM. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 6Y - 12Y. **7176**

### **(FREE) METROPARKS FORESTRY PRACTICES**

**SAT, OCT 15, 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Main Park Office Meeting Room, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

Join us for an in-depth review of MetroParks' best forestry practices and connections to our local neighborhood trees. During the classroom presentation, Conservation Manager Mark Klunk and Urban Forester Wendi Van Buren will introduce forestry practices and the importance of trees in your own neighborhoods. Our outdoor hiking portion of the program will highlight beautiful forest types and review the forest management practices within MetroParks. Reservations required and limited. Call (937) 277-4178 or register online. Age: 16Y and up. **7266** 📞

### **(FREE) THE MANY COLORS OF ASH**

**SAT, OCT 15, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM**

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

With black, green, blue, red, white, and pumpkin, there are a variety of different ashes found in Ohio. Learn about each one, and MetroParks efforts to save them from the relentless assault by the Emerald Ash Borer. No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7262**

### **(FREE) SPIDER ID WORKSHOP**

**SAT, OCT 22, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Enjoy learning about common spiders of Dayton and view live specimens. We will also learn about their biology and behavior, and get a good look at the Black Widow and Brown Recluse spiders. Each participant should bring a spider from home to identify in class. Reservations required and limited, call (937) 277-4178 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. **7146** 📞

### **(FREE) A CHIPMUNK HARVEST**

**SAT, OCT 22, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM**

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

Chipmunks are busy scurrying around, grabbing nuts and storing them underground

for winter meals. Use face paint to transform your child into a chipmunk, then use role play to explore how chipmunks live and survive the winter! No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7198**

### **(FREE) ANIMAL HOMES**

**SAT, OCT 22, 3:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelters, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Who built that nest? Who's in that hole? Find out different ways animals build their homes and discover the variety of nature's architecture. No reservation required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7199**

### **(FREE) NOCTURNAL WETLAND ROMP**

**SAT, OCT 22, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM**

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

As the sun sets, wetlands come alive with singing insects and amphibians! Try your luck at catching a frog, fish, or wild insect while learning about wetland ecology. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy. Call (937) 277-4178 for more. **PTN 7319**

### **(FREE) TREE ID WALK**

**SUN, OCT 23, 1:00 PM- 2:30 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Fall is the perfect time to start that leaf collection project for school. What better time to start collecting than with a naturalist to help you identify your leaves? Join us on this hike through the park, collecting leaves of various trees. Participants are encouraged to bring a large, spiral-bound notebook to put leaves in, and a pencil. No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7128** 📞

### **(FREE) FAMILY BIRD SEARCH**

**SAT, NOV 5, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

As the leaves fall, birds are easier to find! Join us as we talk about birds and go on a short stroll to find them. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. **PTN 7256** 📞

### **(FREE) PRAIRIE PLAY**

**SAT, NOV 5, 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

The time is right for prairie exploration! Spend an afternoon playing some fun prairie

games. Wear clothes suitable for outdoor play. No sandals, please. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 277-3413 Monday through Friday for more details. **PTN 7254** 📞

### **(FREE) WOODMAN FEN EXPLORATION**

**SAT, NOV 5, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

WOODMAN FEN CONSERVATION AREA, Woodman Fen, 2409 Newcastle Drive

You've heard about it, now come see it! Once used for agriculture and dumping for many years, the area is coming back to its natural state. Explore this 37-acre conservation area, and enjoy its biodiversity, while meeting new friends. Meet at the intersection of Amesborough Road and the dead end of Newcastle Drive. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **7385** 📞

### **(FREE) SAW-WHET OWL SEARCH AND BANDING**

**FRI, NOV 11, 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Classroom, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Join Education/Research Director and Master Bander Dr. David Russell to search for and band the elusive Northern Saw-whet Owl. Discover why these amazing owls are perceived as tame while learning about their life history and identification. Weather permitting. Reservations required and limited; call (937) 277-4178 or register online. Age: 6Y and up. **7273** 📞

### **(FREE) FALL COLORS AND BIRD HIKE**

**SAT, NOV 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Bask in the colors of fall and learn your trees while exploring bird life. Bring binoculars and a camera if you have one. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7141**

### **(FREE) WHO HIBERNATES?**

**SAT, NOV 12, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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

Animals deal with winter in many different ways. Come learn all about hibernation and which animals hibernate, and which do not. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. Registration not required. **PTN 7195**

**(FREE) LAGOON EXPLORATION****SAT, NOV 12, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Join a naturalist for a leisurely walk around the lagoons to look for signs of wildlife. Call (937) 277-4178 for more information. No reservations required. **PTN 7263**

**(FREE) NIGHT HIKE****SUN, NOV 13, 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM**

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

Come on an adventure into the night and explore the wonderful park in the dark. Reservations requested, walk-ins welcome. For details, call (937) 277-4178. **PTN 7276**

**(FREE) MAMMAL STUDY****SAT, NOV 19, 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

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

Discover the mammals that call Dayton home, and make plaster casts of their feet to take home! Mammal pelts, skulls, and artificial scat will be available for hands-on exploration. No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7201**

**(FREE) NUTS & BERRIES****SAT, NOV 19, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

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

There are lots of animal foods in nature. Explore this 24-hour natural restaurant, where the menu always changes and dessert always comes first! No reservations required. Call (937) 277-4178 for details. **PTN 7200**

**(FREE) STROLLER STUDIES:****HANDY TREES****TUE, NOV 22, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

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

Stroller Studies is the indoor version of the Stroller Strut series. Trees are useful in so many ways. Discover some of the many wonderful things animals need trees for. There will be time to spend playing with nature friends and make a special animal mask to take home. Reservations required; call (937) 434-9005 or register online. Age: 1M - 3Y. **7118** 📞

**OUTDOOR PLAY****(FREE) GET OUTSIDE BOOK CLUB STORY TIME:**

This reading club for preschoolers includes stories that will kick-start imaginations and get you and your little one outside exploring. Participants can sign up at the Dayton Metro Library between August 21 and October 22 and are asked to complete six nature-themed books and activities. More information on programs and materials can be found online at [metroparks.org/bookclub](http://metroparks.org/bookclub) or call (937) 277-6545.

**HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?****THU, SEP 1, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

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

Join a librarian for stories, songs and a puppet show about plants and gardens. Afterwards tour the edible garden to see what's growing. Age: 2Y - 6Y. **7381**

**WHAT'S THAT NOISE****WED, SEP 21, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

HILLS &amp; DALES METROPARK, White Oak Shelter Area, 2800 S. Patterson Blvd.

Listen to stories about birds then search for birds and other wildlife with a naturalist. Bring binoculars if you have them. Age: 2Y - 6Y. **7382**

**WHAT LIVES IN A POND?****WED, SEP 28, 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Road

Enjoy fun songs and stories about pond life. Then walk with a naturalist to search for signs of beavers. Age: 2Y - 6Y. **7383**

**MOO BAA LA LA LA!****WED, OCT 19, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Listen to stories about animals on the farm. Then take a self-guided tour of the farm to meet the animals and see how many moos and baas you hear. Age: 2Y - 6Y. **7384**

**PHOTOGRAPHY****(FREE) PICTURING PETALS AND PLANTS****SAT, SEP 10, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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

Join photographer Adam Alonzo to discover methods for photographing flowers and other kinds of plants. Learn to use focus

to direct the viewer's eye and to portray flowers within the larger context of a garden. Following a presentation indoors, the class will go outside (weather permitting) to take photos in the garden. We'll meet in the Auditorium. Registrations are requested and walk-ins welcome. Please call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **7324** 📞

**(FREE) AUTUMN PHOTOGRAPHY AT WEGERZYN****SAT, OCT 8, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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

Fall is the perfect time of year to capture colorful outdoor pictures. Join photographer Adam Alonzo for an informal photography session in the garden. Participants can take pictures, ask questions and try new techniques. We'll meet in the parking lot. Registrations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Please call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **7325** 📞

**(FREE) AUTUMN PHOTOGRAPHY AT AULLWOOD****SAT, OCT 22, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Fall is the perfect time of year to capture colorful outdoor pictures. Join Photographer Adam Alonzo for an informal photography session in the garden. Participants can take pictures, ask questions and try new techniques. We'll meet at the house. Registrations are requested and walk-ins are welcome. Please call (937) 277-6545 or register online. **7326** 📞

**RECREATION  
ALL OUTDOOR  
ADVENTURE****(FREE) GEARFEST VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION****TUE, SEP 13, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM 6669****WED, SEP 21, 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM 6670**

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

Get Out & Volunteer at GearFest while celebrating the great outdoors! Volunteer opportunities are available Wednesday, September 28 through Saturday, October 1. Without the help of dedicated volunteers, events such as this wouldn't be possible. To learn more, please attend one of





the GearFest Volunteer Orientations. Refreshments will be served. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. For more information and to register, please contact Emmy Fabich at Emmy.Fabich@metroparks.org or (937) 567-1413. Age: 14Y and up. 📞

## EARTH JOY TREE CLIMBING

**SAT, SEP 17, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM** 7320

**SAT, OCT 29, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM** 7389  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Explore and climb some of the biggest trees in the Miami Valley with Earth Joy Tree Climbing. Learn to rappel and trust yourself as you swing off branches. Get in and out of hammocks and learn the art of balancing and walking on sturdy limbs. Challenge yourself to hang like Spiderman! Space is limited. Choose starting times 10 am, 12:15 pm, 2:30 pm. Learn more or register contact Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com or call (859) 653-2907 by September 1. Fees: \$37

## BACKPACKING

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER:**

### BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS

**SAT, SEP 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** 6633

**SAT, OCT 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** 6634

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Road Parking Lot, 8502 Chamberlain Rd

Help maintain the Twin Valley Trail—a backpacking trail connecting Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks. No experience necessary. Bring water and work gloves; tools and instruction provided. Individuals and groups invited. Groups (7-15 people) should contact Erik.Dahlstrom@metroparks.org or (937) 274-3147. Reservations requested; walk-ins welcome. Youth 14 - 17 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information and to register, call (937) 277-4374 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. 📞

## BACKCOUNTRY GOURMET COOKING

**WED, NOV 9, 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM**

PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St. Learn to cook in the backcountry like you do in your kitchen. Discover a variety of cooking methods that include more elaborate gourmet meals using foods common at your local grocery. Get tips on filling foods such as pizza, fajitas, steamed peppers, spaghetti and of course, desserts, using lightweight backpacking stoves. Ingredients provided. Bring a spork or foon. Registration

is required and limited so please call (937) 277-4374 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$15 **7160** 📞

## FUNDAMENTALS OF BACKCOUNTRY KNOTS

**THU, NOV 17, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

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

Do you struggle with knots and knot tying? Would you like to learn some of the best knots for use in the backcountry? Then join the Outdoor Recreation Department as we take a hands-on approach to knot tying, use and know-how in this informative evening program. Registration is required and limited so please call (937) 277-4374 or register online. Age: 14Y - and up. Fees: \$5 **7165** 📞

## CAMPING FAMILY CAMPING EXTRAVAGANZA

**SAT, SEP 10 - SUN, SEP 11, 12:00 PM- 12:00 PM**

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Camp Hook, 8539 Morningstar Rd

Do you and your family have camping equipment but either don't know how to use it or want to brush up on your skills? Then join Five Rivers MetroParks for an overnight camping trip at scenic Twin Creek MetroPark. During this program learn how to set up camp, cook, hike, have fun, and more. Registration is required and limited, so please call (937) 277-4374. Fees: \$10 **7156**

## CYCLING

**(FREE) BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT SERIES:**

Join us on a guided group bike ride taking place Saturdays April through October. Participants will learn basic bicycle maintenance tips. Earn a T-shirt by reaching a goal of 125 miles. Participants completing 250 miles or more will receive an additional award. Parents/guardians must remain with their children. Wearing a helmet is recommended; children under 13 must wear a helmet. For more information, call (937) 275-PARK ext. 1416. Get the full schedule online at [metroparks.org/bikehealth](http://metroparks.org/bikehealth).

### CREEKSIDE BIKEWAY

**SAT, SEP 3, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
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Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd. Join us for a bike ride rain or shine on the Creekside Bikeway. Meet in the last parking lot at Eastwood MetroPark. We'll ride to Greene County (12 miles). **7086**

### GREAT MIAMI RIVER BIKEWAY (S) SAT, SEP 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Great Miami River Bikeway, Ohio Bike Route 25

Join us for a bike ride, rain or shine, on the Great Miami Bikeway (south). Take North Alex Road (beside Wendy's) to Hydraulic Road; entrance is on right. We're riding to Crains Run Nature Park (20 miles). **7087**

### MAD RIVER BIKEWAY

**SAT, SEP 17, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Join us for a bike ride rain or shine on the Mad River Bikeway. Use entrance at 1385 Harshman Rd at the traffic light. Meet in the last parking lot. We're riding to Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (13 miles). **7088**

### GREAT MIAMI RIVER BIKEWAY (S) SAT, SEP 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Great Miami River Bikeway, Ohio Bike Route 25

Join us for a bike ride, rain or shine, on the Great Miami River Bikeway. Meet at West Carrollton low dam; take N. Alex Road to Hydraulic Road, use entrance on right. We'll ride to RiverScape MetroPark. (18 miles) This is a pride ride! Wear your 125-mile achievement T-shirt. **7085**

### CREEKSIDE BIKEWAY

**SAT, OCT 1, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, THIS WEEK ONLY, MEET AT 4349 SPRINGFIELD ST.

Join us for a bike ride rain or shine on the Creekside Bikeway. We'll ride to Greene County (12 miles). GearFest will be taking place at Eastwood MetroPark. **7090**

### STILLWATER RIVER BIKEWAY (C) SAT, OCT 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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

Join us for a bike ride rain or shine on the Stillwater River Bikeway (central). We'll be riding to Eastwood MetroPark (13 miles). This is a pride ride! Wear your BFTHOI T-shirt. **7091**

### STILLWATER RIVER BIKEWAY (C) SAT, OCT 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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

Join us for a bike ride rain or shine on the Stillwater River Bikeway (Central) This ride

will begin at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. We'll ride to Radvansky Lane Bridge, near Fishburg Road (16 miles). This is a pride ride! Wear your BFTHOI T-shirt. **7083**

### WOLF CREEK BIKEWAY

**SAT, OCT 22, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Wolf Creek Bikeway, Ohio Bike Route 38

Join us for a bike ride rain or shine on the Wolf Creek Bikeway. This ride will begin at the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd., in Brookville. We'll ride toward Trotwood (14 miles). **7089**

### WOLF CREEK BIKEWAY

**SAT, OCT 29, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Wolf Creek Bikeway, Ohio Bike Route 38

Join us for a bike ride rain or shine on the Wolf Creek Bikeway. This ride will begin at the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd., in Brookville. We'll ride toward Verona (11 miles). Pride Ride: Wear your BFTHOI T-shirt. **7094**

## INTRODUCTION TO BICYCLE MAINTENANCE

**WED, NOV 2, 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM**

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

This class will help you diagnose and fix minor mechanical hiccups when out on your ride. Participants will be introduced to trail side repairs and the tools needed to make those repairs. Topics will include washing and lubricating your bike, fixing a flat tire, and adjusting brakes and gears. Come learn so you can make sure your ride doesn't get cut short. For more information and to register call (937) 277-4374. Age: 12Y and up. Fees: \$5 **7150** 🏠

## BICYCLE MAINTENANCE BASICS

**WED, NOV 9, 6:00 PM- 8:30 PM**

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

This next step in the bike maintenance progression will give riders a more comprehensive understanding of what makes the wheels go round, building on the fundamentals covered in the introduction class. Topics will include more advanced brake and drive-train maintenance, bike fitting, tune-ups, and wheel truing. For more information and to register call (937) 277-4374. Fees: \$10 **7151**

## FISHING

### (FREE) NIGHT FISHING AT EASTWOOD LAKE

**FRI, SEP 2 - FRI, SEP 30, 10:00 PM- 2:00 AM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Enjoy fishing at night every Friday and Saturday through September 30. Fishing only. Please note: occasional boat races at Eastwood MetroPark Lake may affect night fishing schedule. Bring a flashlight or lantern. Use lake entrance. No reservations required. Contact Officer Zimmerman at (937) 277-4823 with any questions. **6784**

### (FREE) NIGHT FISHING AT POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

**FRI, SEP 2 - FRI, SEP 30, 10:00 PM- 2:00 AM**

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

Enjoy fishing at night every Friday and Saturday through September 30. For fishing only Bring a flashlight or lantern. No reservations required. Contact Officer Zimmerman at (937) 277-4823 with any questions. **6785**

### (FREE) TRY FLY FISHING!

**MON, OCT 24, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.

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 or register online. For more information or to register, please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. **7303** 🏠

## FITNESS & HEALTH

### (FREE) HIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT! SERIES

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 who complete 10 hikes will receive a Five Rivers MetroParks Health Hike ball cap.

For questions, call (937) 277-4374 weekdays. Visit [metroparks.org/hikehealth](http://metroparks.org/hikehealth) for the complete schedule.

**SAT, SEP 3, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6653

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

**SAT, SEP 10, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6654

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

**SAT, SEP 17, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6655

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

**SAT, SEP 24, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6656

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

**SAT, OCT 1, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6657

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

**SAT, OCT 8, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6658

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

**SAT, OCT 15, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6659

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Road Parking Lot, 8502 Chamberlain Rd

**SAT, OCT 22, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6660

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

**SAT, OCT 29, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6661

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

**SAT, NOV 5, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6662

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Lower Parking Lot, 4095 Lower Valley Pike

**SAT, NOV 12, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6663

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.

**SAT, NOV 19, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6664

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

**SAT, NOV 26, 2:00 PM- 3:30 PM** 6665

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

### (FREE) SUGARCREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

**SUN, SEP 4, 1:30 PM- 4:00 PM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Enjoy a 5-mile, 2 1/2 hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered difficult, very hilly in spots. Call Chris Sands at (937) 687-0114 for more information. **7341**



## **(FREE) SUMMER TAYLORSVILLE HIKE WITH METRO DAYTON HIKERS**

**SUN, SEP 18, 1:30 PM- 4:30 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Parking Lot, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Enjoy a 5-mile, 2-hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered moderate with some hills. Call Chris Sands at (937) 687-0114 for more information. **7337**

## **(FREE) SUMMER CARRIAGE HILL HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**

**SUN, OCT 30, 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U. S. 40

Enjoy a 5-mile, 2 hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered easy with no hills. Call Chris Sands at (937) 687-0114 for more information. **7338**

## **(FREE) EASTWOOD HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**

**SUN, NOV 6, 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

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

Enjoy a 4 to 5 mile, 2 hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered easy with no hills. Call Chris Sands at (937) 687-0114 for more information. **7339**

## **(FREE) CARRIAGE HILL HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**

**SUN, NOV 20, 1:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

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

Enjoy a 5 mile, 2 hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered easy with no hills. Call Chris Sands at (937) 687-0114 for more information. **7340**

## **HORSEBACK RIDING WEEKEND PONY RIDES**

**SAT, APR 2 - SUN, OCT 30, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

Do you have a little wrangler too young for horse camp but wants to ride? Join the MetroParks Riding Center staff Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 30 for a hand-led pony ride for kids age 2-7. Staff members will lead youth around the MetroParks Riding Center Arena. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture this memorable riding experience. Fee is \$3 per ride. For details, call (937) 274-3120. Age: 2Y - 7Y. Fees: \$3 **7371**

## **WEEKEND HORSEBACK RIDING SAT, JUN 4 - SUN, OCT 30, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

Five Rivers MetroParks weekend trail rides are a great opportunity to experience nature from horseback. Your guide will take you on a one-hour ride through Carriage Hill MetroPark. Rides run every two hours, through Oct. 30. All participants must be at least 48 inches tall to trail ride. Payment is required at time of reservation. Come on out and don't forget your riding boots! For information and reservations, call the Riding Center at (937) 274-3120. Age: 8Y and up. Fees: \$20 **6579**

## **FALL HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS**

**MON, OCT 3 - THROUGH, DEC 10, CALL FOR AVAILABLE TIME SLOTS**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

Attend this eight-week program to obtain a foundation in equitation and horsemanship in English and Western riding. Adults and youth programs available. Must be a minimum of 8 years of age. Appropriate riding attire and closed-toe boots required. Helmets provided. Classes offered at various times and days. Call (937) 274-3120 for times and dates. Age: 8Y and up. Fees: \$160 **7416**

## **HORSE CAMPS FOR ADULTS**

**MON, SEP 5 - FRI, SEP 9, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM 7395**

**MON, SEP 12 - FRI, SEP 16, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM 7396**

**MON, SEP 19 - FRI, SEP 23, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM 7397**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

This camp is designed for 18 and over adults who want to learn basic horsemanship and equitation. Be ready to ride a variety of horses. Class is limited to five, so register early. Students should wear boots with a 1-inch heel, appropriate riding attire such as jeans or breeches, and provided helmets are required. For specific camp dates, availability and reservations, call the Riding Center at (937) 274-3120. Age: 8Y and up. Fees: \$150



## **THE RIDING CENTER AT CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK**

Come visit our 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](http://www.metroparks.org/ridingcenter).



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**FRIDAY, SEPT 30  
SATURDAY, OCT 1**

## **EASTWOOD METROPARK**

This weekend is filled with ways for visitors to “Get Out & Live!” Featuring camping, competitions, musical entertainment, youth activities, craft beer garden, high-flying demos and more!

For more information, call  
**(937) 277-4374** or visit

**[metroparks.org/GearFest](http://metroparks.org/GearFest)**



## **WINTER WONDERLAND PACE**

**SAT, DEC 3, 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Horse Trailer Parking Lot, 7734 E. Shull Rd.

Pace event sponsored by Miami Valley Hunt. Teams of one to three riders follow a pre-marked course. Join for a Chase, Hunter Pace or Hilltopper Pace. English or Western attire is optional; hard hats are required. Fee is \$25 per horse/per ride. For more information or weather/cancellation questions, call (937) 974-7917. Fees: \$25 **7077**

## **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

**(FREE) TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING!**

**WED, SEP 7, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM** **7147**

**TUE, OCT 11, 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM** **7148**

HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd. Is not having a mountain bike keeping you from getting out to ride MetroParks Mountain Bike Area? Come out to MoMBA and use one of our program bikes to take a lap on sweet trails. 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. For details and to register, call (937) 277-4374 or register online. **7148**

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MOMBA  
TRAIL WORK DAYS**

**SAT, SEP 10, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM** **6626**

**THU, SEP 22, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM** **6627**

**SAT, OCT 15, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM** **6628**

**SAT, NOV 5, 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM** **6629**

HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 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, call (937) 277-4374 or register online. Age: 14Y and up. **7148**

**(FREE) MOMBA ANNIVERSARY  
RIDE**

**SAT, SEP 17, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd. It has been four years since MoMBA first opened, so come on out and celebrate three years of MoMBA, MetroParks Mountain Bike Area at Huffman MetroPark. We will

celebrate by taking to the trails as a group and split off by skill level as we celebrate the trails at MoMBA. Families and individuals welcome. For more information and to register, call (937) 277-4374. **7171** **7148**

## **MOMBA CROSS COUNTRY CLASSIC**

**SUN, SEP 25, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.

One of the exciting GearFest competitions is the third annual MoMBA XC Classic, the only race held at MoMBA, MetroParks mountain bike area, featuring amazing single track.

The race will be professionally timed, mass start race with multiple classes from youth to expert racing one to three laps around the 9-mile course. Registration is \$10 prior to event, \$15 day of race. For more details and to register, visit **[metroparks.org/GearFest](http://metroparks.org/GearFest)** and click the competitions link. Fees: \$10 **7343** **7148**

## **BROWN COUNTY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIP**

**FRI, OCT 21 - SUN, OCT 23, 12:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

FIVE RIVERS ST. CLAIR BUILDING, Equipment Room, 224 N St Clair St.

Have you always wanted to go mountain biking at Brown County but still haven't made the trip? Come ride with us. We will be driving, riding, cooking, and camping together, so come enjoy long climbs, rocky descents, tired legs, and gorgeous views during a wonderful, biking filled weekend. Intermediate and advanced riders only. **Pre-trip meeting on October 5 is mandatory.** Trip application is required and space is limited. To register, call (937) 277-4374. Age: 16Y and up. Fees: \$85 **7169**

## **OUTDOOR SKILLS & SAFETY**

### **INTRO TO BACKCOUNTRY SURVIVAL**

**THU, OCT 20, 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM**

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

So you are out for a hike, you get lost, it is dark and raining. What do you do now? Come join us for a fun hands-on evening and find out. Make a survival kit, learn survival priorities, and more. Registration is required and limited, so call (937) 277-4374, or register online. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$30 **7158** **7148**



## BACKCOUNTRY SURVIVAL BASICS

**SAT, OCT 29, 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Amphitheater, 8539 Morningstar Rd

Looking to further hone your survival skills? Then join us for this hands on, field based, six-hour program. We will learn how to survive using our survival kits to build shelter, start fires, and treat water. **Intro to Backcountry Survival is a prerequisite for this program.** Registration is required and limited, so please call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$10 **7159**

## PADDLING

### KAYAK NATURALIST FLOAT

**THU, SEP 1, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, River Access Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Enjoy a summer evening float with a MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exists 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: 12Y and up. Fees: \$5 **7307**

### FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER

**TUE, SEP 6, 5:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, River Access Parking Lot, 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. **Intro to Kayak and Kayak Basics are required pre-requisites.** Dress to get wet. For more information or to register, call (937) 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$50 **7314**

### MAD RIVER KAYAK FLOAT

**WED, SEP 14, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, River Access Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Enjoy a pleasant float during a late summer evening down the Mad River. We will kayak from Eastwood MetroPark to RiverScape MetroPark. **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. Fees: \$15 **7315**

### (FREE) WHITEWATER KAYAK VIDEO SESSION

**TUE, OCT 18, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

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

Come enjoy an evening of whitewater kayaking adventure as we gather to watch the most recent footage of the best kayaking throughout the world. You will be able to watch a video and enjoy a light snack as we gather with like-minded people with a love of paddle-sports. To register, or for more information, please call (937) 277-4374, or register online. Age: 10Y and up. **7316** 📱

### OUTFITTING YOUR KAYAK

**TUE, NOV 15, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM**

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

In order to have maximum control and proven technique in your kayak you must first fit into the boat properly. You will be given materials to help you design the best fit for your boat along with expert staff to help you shape and place into the proper areas of the boat to feel comfortable and secure. Whether you prefer to paddle a whitewater, touring or a recreation kayak we will help you outfit your boat so you will want to paddle everyday! For more information or to register please call (937) 277-4374 . Fees: \$25 **7317** 📱

## SPECIAL EVENTS ALL OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

### (FREE) GEARFEST PRESENTED BY SUBARU

**FRI, SEP 30, 6:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**SAT, OCT 1, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, 1385 Harshman Rd. Celebrate the Midwest outdoor experience at GearFest! The event offers something for everyone from the hardcore outdoor enthusiast to the budding weekend warrior. Visitors can enjoy a variety of activities including free camping, live music, outdoor athlete demos, mad river kayaking, youth adventure zone and more. Visit [metroparks.org/gearfest](http://metroparks.org/gearfest) for details. **7300** 📱

## ENTERTAINMENT

### (FREE) FIRST FRIDAY @ 5: HUMAN CANNONBALL

**FRI, SEP 2, 5:00 PM- 7:30 PM**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

After work, head to RiverScape MetroPark to join in on First Friday. Grab your friends, enjoy a cold beer and listen to live music! This is the first stop before joining other downtown enthusiasts participating in First Friday downtown. MetroParks has proudly teamed up with the Downtown Dayton Partnership to bring you this exciting series! Bike parking onsite from 5-7:30 PM. Weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair for seating. Call (937) 274-0126 for more information. **7372**

### (FREE) TASTE OF MIAMI VALLEY

**FRI, SEP 16, 5:00 PM-11:00 PM** **7373**

**SAT, SEP 17, 2:00 PM-11:00 PM** **7374**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Miami Valley Restaurants are serving delicious food at this year's Taste of Miami Valley! Come sample portions of signature dishes from over 25 area restaurants. While you're sampling, enjoy electrifying performances by Spungewurthy, Hey There Morgan, Debonte Brothers and more. The 2nd annual Home Show presented by Bath Fitter will feature over 20 home improvement companies. For details, call (937) 461-MVRA or visit [dineoutdayton.org](http://dineoutdayton.org).

### (FREE) UNITED REHABILITATION SERVICES RUBBER DUCK REGATTA

**SAT, SEP 17, 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

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

Adopt a duck, win a prize, help children and adults with disabilities! 15,000 yellow rubber ducks will be dropped into the river for a race to the finish during the Taste of Miami Valley event. Win great prizes including a seven-night Caribbean cruise from AAA and the chance to win \$1,000,000 with the James Investment Research Million Dollar Duck. Kid's Duckie Parade at 3:30 pm; Duck Drop at 4:30 p.m. Call (937) 235-DUCK or visit [www.ursdayton.org/ducks.html](http://www.ursdayton.org/ducks.html). **7342**

### (FREE) FALL FAMILY FUN DAY

**SAT, OCT 15, 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Pumpkin decorating, musical entertainment and sampling of in-season fruits and vegetables will be a part of this program

geared toward the whole family. For more information, visit [metroparks.org/localfood](http://metroparks.org/localfood) or call (937) 228-2088. **7182**

## FARMING

### (FREE) POSSUM CREEK HARVEST JAMBOREE

**SAT, OCT 15, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd. Fall is the perfect time for a harvest celebration. Bring the whole family to experience this free family event with music, demonstrations, displays, children's games and more! Enjoy pony rides, wagon rides and a variety of education displays! While you're here, visit the Scarecrow Convention display around the crop field. For details, visit [metroparks.org/harvest](http://metroparks.org/harvest) or call (937) 276-7062. **7253**

## FITNESS & HEALTH

### (FREE) SUGARCREEK WEEKLY TRAILS RUNS

**SUN, SEP 4 - SUN, OCT 30, 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

This outdoor community opportunity is sponsored by Up and Running. Weekly trail runs and walks at Sugarcreek MetroPark, Sunday mornings starting at 8:00 am. Contact Up and Running for more information at (937) 432-9210. **7032**

### (FREE) DEWEESE PARK 5K

**WED, SEP 7, 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

RECREATIONAL TRAILS, Stillwater River Bikeway South Seg, Ohio Bike Route 7

This outdoor community opportunity is sponsored by Ohio River Road Runners Club. \$3 ORRRC members, \$9 non-members. For more information, visit [www.orrcc.org](http://www.orrcc.org) or call Beth Whitehead (937) 609-0950. **6687**

### CURESEARCH FOR CHILDREN'S CANCER WALK

**SAT, SEP 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

This outdoor community opportunity is

sponsored by CureSearch for Children's Cancer. The CureSearch Walk celebrates and honors children whose lives have been affected by childhood cancer while raising funds for lifesaving research. For more

information, visit: [www.curesearch.org](http://www.curesearch.org) or call (240) 235-2240. Fees: \$10 **6690**

### STILETTOS TO SNEAKERS RUN FOR WOMEN

**FRI, SEP 23, 5:30 PM- 9:00 PM**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

This outdoor community opportunity is sponsored by Oasis House and benefits the programs offered to women who are victims of the sex industry. For more information, contact Cheryl Oliver at (937) 898-7811. Fees: \$25 **6533**

### GERMANTOWN 50K

**SAT, SEP 24, 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Trails, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

This outdoor community opportunity is sponsored by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. For more information, visit [www.orrcc.org](http://www.orrcc.org) or call Wes Fenton at (937) 269-5491. Fees: \$35 **6688**

### (FREE) WALK TO CURE DIABETES

**SAT, SEP 24, 9:00 AM- 2:30 PM**

ISLAND METROPARK, Island Band Shell, 101 E. Helena St.

This outdoor community opportunity is sponsored by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Walk to Cure Diabetes benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Event includes food, entertainment and a 5K supported walk. For more information, visit [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org) or call (937) 439-2873. **6693**

### (FREE) CROP WALK

**SUN, SEP 25, 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM**

ISLAND METROPARK, Island MetroPark, 101 E. Helena St.

This outdoor community opportunity is sponsored by Greater Dayton Christian Connections. The CROP Hunger Walk is a fundraiser for the Dayton Foodbank and Church World Service. The walk begins and ends at Island MetroPark and walks along the Stillwater River Bikeway. For more information, contact Matthew Stevens at (614) 481-4416. **6577**

### (FREE) TAYLORSVILLE 6 & 8 MILERS

**SAT, OCT 8, 9:30 AM- 1:00 PM**

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Tadmor Parking Lot, 2005 US Route 40

This outdoor community opportunity is provided by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. An 8 or 16 mile trail race in the northwest section of Taylorsville MetroPark.

\$3 for members, \$9 for non-members. For more information contact Ronald Brower at (937) 298-5036 or visit [www.orrcc.org](http://www.orrcc.org). **6571**

### HILLS & DALES 5K AND 10K

**SAT, OCT 15, 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Shelter, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

The outdoor recreation opportunity is sponsored by Ohio Wander Freunde as a 5K and 10K on trails at Hills & Dales MetroPark. \$3.00 for AVA credit. For more information contact Dolores Connolly at (937) 291-2353 or visit [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org). Fees: \$3 **6859**

### GHOST N GOBLINS 5K

**TUE, OCT 18, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

This outdoor recreation community opportunity is provided by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. Whether you're racing or just watching, this costume-clad race is fun for the whole family! For details, visit [www.orrcc.org](http://www.orrcc.org). Fees: \$20 **7344**

## GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

### (FREE) PARK(ING) DAY

**FRI, SEP 16, 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM**

OFF SITE, Contact Us for Location, TBD

PARK(ing) Day is an annual, worldwide event that inspires city dwellers everywhere to transform metered parking spots into temporary parks for the public good. MetroParks provides plants, Green Velvet Sod farms provides sod, and the Circus Creative Collective organizes volunteers to set up and staff the "parks" in downtown Dayton! Call (937) 277-6545 for locations. **7164**

## HERITAGE & HISTORY

### (FREE) HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL

**SAT, SEP 10, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

The exciting Hispanic Heritage Festival is back with hot Latin Music and spicy, delicious Latin Food. The sounds of Salsa, Merengue, Mexico, Latin Jazz, Cumbia, and Bachata music will come alive in the biggest "fiesta" in downtown Dayton! Admission is free. Call (937) 274-0126 for more details. **7168**



**(FREE) COUNTRY FAIR****SAT, SEP 24, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM****SUN, SEP 25, 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

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

As the fall harvest approaches, Carriage Hill MetroPark's historical farm celebrates the tradition of an 1880s country fair. From agricultural demonstrations to a pie-baking competition, all the sights and sounds of a country fair will be recreated. See various living history talks and demonstrations given to present a picture of our past. Also, watch the sorghum press squeeze the sweet juice from the stalks. The steam from the steam engine boils the juice into sorghum molasses. **7286**

**HOME & HOBBIES****(FREE) APPLES EVERYWHERE****THU, SEP 15, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM** 7187**FRI, SEP 16, 11:30 AM- 1:00 PM** 7188

PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.

Apples will be everywhere at the Market - food vendors will feature apple dishes on their menus and demonstrate how to cook their favorite apple recipes; farmers will have a variety of apples for sale and answer your questions about the best apples for eating and cooking; and there will be fun apple activities for kids and adults. Registration not required, walk-ins welcome. Call (937) 228-2088 for more information.

**OUTDOOR PLAY****(FREE) VOYAGE ON THE PARKWAY****SAT, OCT 1, 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,

Wegerzyn Park, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Find out how spending the day together as a family can help prepare your child for kindergarten. Begin your adventure at either the Boonshoft Museum or Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark and enjoy a variety of free art, music, science and nature activities. This event is fun for the whole family and overflow parking is available at Triangle Park. Call (937) 277-6545 for more information. Age: 2Y - 6Y. **7323**

**SILLY AND SCARY TALES****SAT, OCT 8, 7:00 PM- 9:30 PM**

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

Join us for a night of storytelling. Come early for some silly stories appropriate for any age. Afterwards, scary tales will set you shivering. Bring flashlights, lawn chairs and

blankets. Make sure to dress warmly. One ticket admits one adult or two children under the age of 10, to both events. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door. Call (937) 278-2609 for details. Fees: \$5 **7283**

**ROWING****(FREE) CHARLIE DOYLE****MEMORIAL REGATTA****SAT, OCT 1, 10:00 AM- 4:30 PM**

ISLAND METROPARK, Island MetroPark, 101 E. Helena St.

The Greater Dayton Rowing Association invites spectators to the 12th Annual Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta that will be held on the Great Miami River alongside Island MetroPark. The regatta brings together nearly 1000 rowers from high school, college club and master rowing teams to compete in 2000 meter races that begin at the I-75 Bridge and finish north of the Helena Street Bridge. Come join in the spectacle and cheer on all the teams! **6904**

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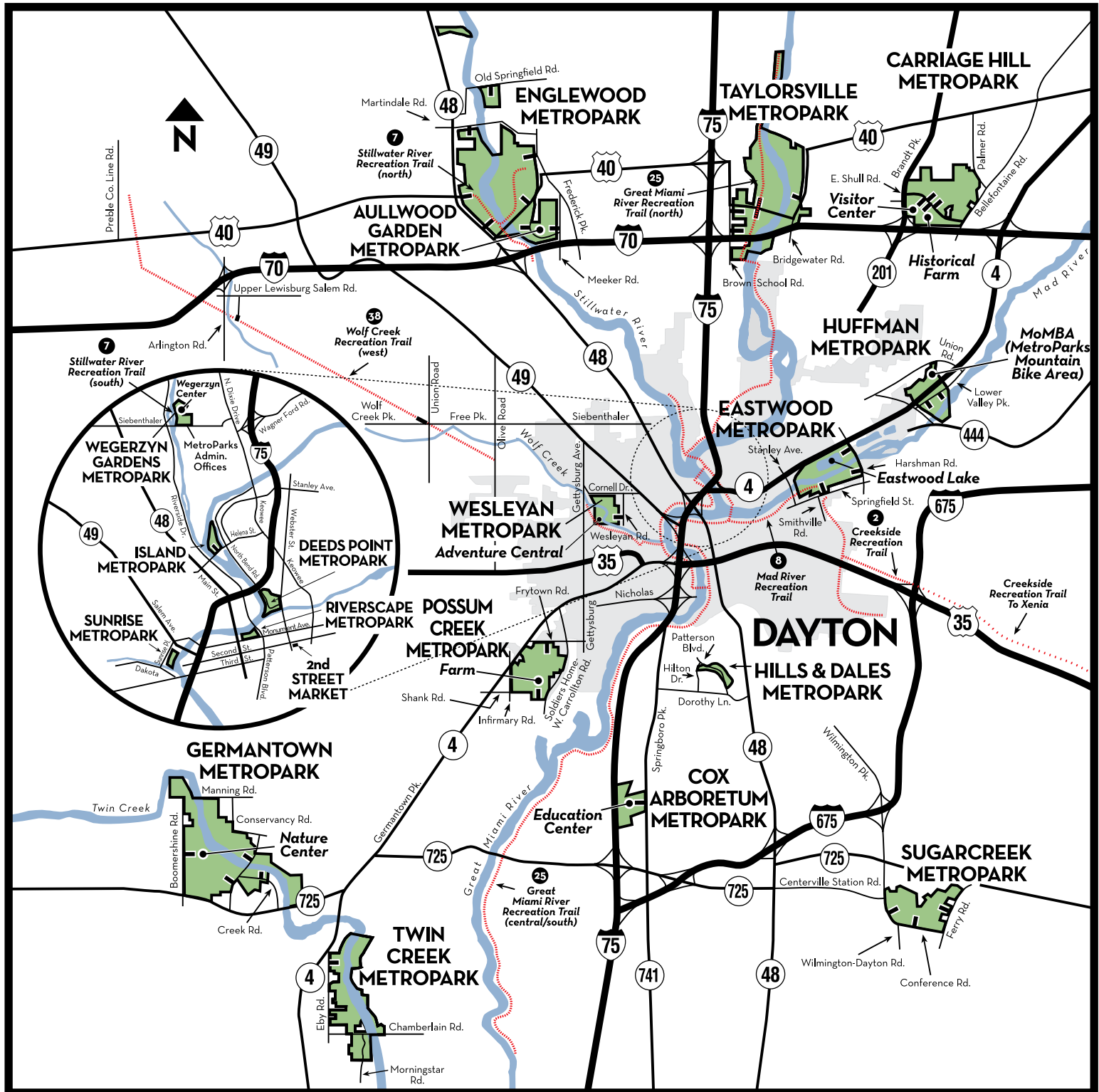
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