A LOOK AHEAD

Five Rivers MetroParks is bringing more sustainability, recreation and environmental stewardship to the Dayton region!

LEARN ABOUT RIVER ACTIVITY, COMMUNITY FOOD CENTERS AND MORE! See pages 6 - 11

Photo by Bill Franz
REMEMBER TO SAVE THE DATE

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

June 28-30
CITYFOLK FESTIVAL
RiverScape MetroPark

July 15-19
TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP
Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

August 17
HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL
RiverScape MetroPark

August 24
DAYTON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL
RiverScape MetroPark

Sept. 20-21
TASTE OF MIAMI VALLEY
RiverScape MetroPark

Sept. 28
VOYAGE ON THE PARKWAY
Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark,
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

July 7
GRAND OLD INDEPENDENCE DAY
Carriage Hill MetroPark

July 26-28
DAYTON CELTIC FESTIVAL
RiverScape MetroPark

Sept. 21-22
COUNTRY FAIR
Carriage Hill MetroPark

Oct. 4-5
MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE
Eastwood MetroPark

For more information about these upcoming events or any of the programs and events offered by MetroParks each month, check the back section of this issue of ParkWays or visit METROPARKS.ORG
Dear MetroParks Friends,

We recently celebrated Five Rivers MetroParks’ 50th birthday. The official birth date of our organization was April 8, 1963. This past spring, the community joined us in a kick-off celebration that provided opportunities to reminisce, share wonderful memories and celebrate our natural world through the world of art.

There continues to be plenty of opportunities to enjoy our park system that the community has supported and helped grow over the past 50 years to almost 16,000 acres of park land, most of which is preserved as natural habitat teeming with native wildlife. So, what can we hope for in the next 50 years? Well, first we know that our residents over the years have supported protecting our natural heritage. We believe that those same values will continue to be passed from generation to generation to help keep the MetroParks system protected and valued. The future holds many promises for all of us. We will continue our efforts to connect people to nature by engaging them in volunteerism, outdoor recreation and educational experiences that create awareness and appreciation of our wondrous natural world. Getting kids and their families outside and active will continue to be essential for a healthy community in so many ways.

I have been asked to share what I envision for MetroParks in the next 50 years. I recently read a great quote written by Richard Louv, founding chairman of Children and Nature Network, and author of the “Last Child in the Woods” and “The Nature Principle.” I believe Mr. Louv provides a vision that Five Rivers MetroParks aspires to be as a conservation leader that connects its community to nature. He states, “Imagine a world in which all children grow up with a deep understanding of the life around them. Where obesity is reduced through nature play. Where anti-depressants and pharmaceuticals are prescribed less and nature prescribed more. Where every school has a natural play space. Where children experience the joy of being in nature before they learn of its loss, where they can lie in the grass on a hillside for hours and watch clouds become the faces of the future. Where every child and every adult has a human right to a connection to the natural world, and shares the responsibility for caring for it.” My hope is that Five Rivers MetroParks and our community embodies this vision as we continue to make our region a great place to live, work and venture outdoors in the next 50 years.

Becky Benná
Executive Director

Celebrate 50 years of your MetroParks! Can you find all “50 Things to See and Do” that have been “hidden” throughout the parks? Log on to metroparks.org/history to find the list of 50 Things to See and Do, as well as explore Five Rivers MetroParks’ history and find out where the “hidden nature” traveling art exhibit will be showcased next.
There is always something to do at Five Rivers Metroparks

TOP TEN WAYS
TO “GET OUT & LIVE” IN YOUR METROPARKS THIS SUMMER & FALL

#1 HIKE TO IT: Try a new trail this summer. Have you tried the new sustainable trails at the east area of Taylorsville MetroPark?

#2 PLAY DATE: Visit the Nature Play areas at Englewood, Hills & Dales, or Sugarcreek MetroPark. Another site is coming soon to Wesleyan MetroPark!

#3 FIND 50: Can you find all 50 Things to See and Do? Find out more about this celebration of Five Rivers Metroparks’ 50th anniversary at metroparks.org/history.

#4 SPUR ON ADVENTURE: The Riding Center at Carrige Hill MetroPark offers weekend pony rides and trail rides through the summer. Visit metroparks.org/RidingCenter for hours, prices and more information.

#5 GONE FISHIN’: Get “hooked” on all the places to fish in MetroParks. Visit metroparks.org/fishing to find programs and hot spots.

#6 BE ADVENTUROUS: Try a new activity and enter to win prizes! The Subaru Adventure Series features free Try-It programs and a chance to win gear. Go to metroparks.org/recreation to find the link with all the details.

#7 LET IT RIDE: Explore nearly 330 miles of paved bikeways connecting destinations in our region. Log on to metroparks.org/cycling for maps, ride suggestions, local retailers and more!

#8 SNACK ATTACK: Grab lunch at RiverScape MetroPark. Free WiFi makes this a great spot to conduct business in a beautifully landscaped setting.

#9 MAKE A SPLASH: Rent a kayak or bike from Ride the River Rentals at RiverScape MetroPark on weekends’ Memorial Day through Labor Day.

#10 GET FIT: Try a new fitness activity at RiverScape MetroPark this summer. Zumba, yoga and boot camp offerings take place on Saturdays. Visit metroparks.org/RiverScape for details.
Volunteering with Five Rivers MetroParks

‘Grow’ Your Talents with Us

Metroparks Volunteers: We Can’t Do It Without You!

Meet people with all gifts and talents, and welcome them to share with others,” says Volunteer Services Manager Kevin Kepler.

Here are just a few of the ways you can get outside and get involved. Turn to the program guide in the back for more suggestions, or visit metroparks.org/volunteer.

RiverScape Metropark Gardeners
Want to learn about new and interesting plants? Join the RiverScape Gardening volunteers. Volunteers can assist with gardening tasks on Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. Contact Bob Butts at (937) 276-7055 or bbutts@metroparks.org.

Aullwood Garden Metropark Gardeners
Marie Aull’s garden is a living work of art. Volunteers will learn how to grow a variety of shade plants. Volunteers can work Monday and Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. - noon. Contact Bob Butts at (937) 276-7055 or bbutts@metroparks.org.

Butterfly House Guides at Cox Arboretum Metropark
Volunteer at the native Butterfly House from July 5 through August 25 in two-hour shifts. Guides greet visitors and share information about butterfly and moth identification, life cycles and host and nectar plants as well as the daily occurrence of new discoveries. Volunteer at the native Butterfly House from July 5 through August 25 in two-hour shifts. Guides greet visitors and share information about butterfly and moth identification, life cycles and host and nectar plants as well as the daily occurrence of new discoveries. Butterfly House Gardeners meet on Thursdays from 4 – 6:30 p.m. and follow best horticultural practices to maintain the host and nectar garden in the Butterfly House. Contact Janet Metter at (937) 277-4133 or jmetter@metroparks.org.

Edible Landscape Gardeners
This is a hands-on learning experience in propagating, growing, maintaining and harvesting assorted edible plants in an ornamental kitchen-style garden meets Mondays 6-8:30 p.m. and 9-11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Cox Arboretum Metropark. Contact Janet Metter at (937) 277-4133 or jmetter@metroparks.org.

Carrigae Hill Country Store
Volunteers are needed to assist in the Carrigae Hill Metropark Country Store, located inside the Visitor Center. Volunteers assist with gift sales in the store during shifts from 12-4:45 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday throughout the year. Training in cash register use is provided. Contact Bambi Shafer at (937) 275-5006 or bshafer@metroparks.org.

City Beets Mentors
City Beets creates active youth leaders through the process of growing, sharing, and selling food. Adult mentors are needed on Thursdays from 9a.m. – 1 p.m. to assist with caring for garden plots from June through early August. Contact Kasey Henneman at (937) 277-6545 or khenneman@metroparks.org.

Forest Foster Families
Help Five Rivers MetroParks grow new forest residents! Care for a flat of 20 containerized tree seedlings. All you need to do is add water. Volunteers will care for their trees until the first weekend in October. The Forest Foster Family pick up date for a SOUTH location is Saturday, June 8 at Cox Arboretum Metropark or for a NORTH location on Saturday, June 15 at Taylorsville MetroPark (8300 Brown School Road). Pick up time is 9 a.m. - noon. Sign up to be a Forest Foster Family online at metroparks.org/forests or call Yvonne Dunphe at (937) 277-4147.

50th Anniversary
Help Five Rivers MetroParks celebrate 50 years of protecting our region’s natural heritage! Try to find all 50 Things to See and Do, or visit the travelling art exhibit featuring secret “hidden” messages. Discover the history of your MetroParks and take a look back at the places and faces that have been helping you and your family make personal connections with nature for over half a century. Visit metroparks.org/history and discover the “hidden nature” of your MetroParks!
LOW DAM REMOVAL FROM SEVERAL SITES LEADS TO IMPROVED HABITAT, RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

There’s been a lot of buzz about low dams lately. By now, you’ve probably heard all about the RiverScape River Run project, which will remove the low dam from the Great Miami River and introduce kayak play areas as part of the bank stabilization. This project is still in the permitting phases, but there’s a similar project planned to open later this year on the Mad River at Eastwood MetroPark! You may even recall MetroParks removed another low dam from the Stillwater River near Englewood Dam; are you curious about what’s happened to the river since its removal in 2010? Let’s take some time to review some of these “dam” projects and learn more about the impact to the environment and outdoor recreation and the potential for regional economic development.

STILLWATER RIVER

A low dam was installed on the Stillwater River just upstream from the large Englewood Dam (which is still part of Dayton’s flood-protection system) in the 1930s to deepen the river and allow for boating recreation on the pool behind it. “As has been found all over the country, low dams in fact had negative effects,” Conservation Director Dave Nolin says.

A follow-up survey conducted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency just one year after the dam’s removal found the total number of fish species increased from about seven to 28, including six pollution-intolerant fish species. The environmentally sensitive macro invertebrate populations rebounded, as well.

MAD RIVER

Like the RiverScape River Run, the Mad River Run is part conservation, part recreation. The bank stabilization procedures will create “play” areas that kayak enthusiasts are sure to enjoy. These swift-moving eddies occur naturally in river systems, and play a role in oxygenating the water, providing rich riparian habitat for river-dwelling plants and animals.

Officially titled the “Mad River Restoration and In-Stream Recreation Enhancement Project,” the project will improve a 6,600-foot reach of the Mad River at Eastwood MetroPark. Phase I of the project, which is partially funded by a generous donation from Rotary Club of Dayton, will construct the first grade control structure across the Mad River at Eastwood MetroPark. The goal of the proposed Mad River project is to restore this section of river through Eastwood MetroPark to as much natural functionality as possible and to improve recreational opportunities, public access and aquatic habitat and safety.

Like the Stillwater River, much of the Mad River was heavily modified for flood control in the early part of the 20th century. The river has been channelized, and in the case of the lower Phase I section, was actually rerouted around...
an oxbow to improve flood-control capacity. Much of this section of river is suffering from bank erosion, heavy loads, and gravel deposition as well as a loss of bank and growth of invasive species in the river corridor.

Construction is slated to begin in July 2013. When it is finished, it will provide a 4-mile paddling experience from Eastwood MetroPark to downtown Dayton. “Kayakers and canoeists can put in at Eastwood MetroPark and take out at RiverScape MetroPark, just below the Riverside Bridge,” says Outdoor Recreation Manager Amy Dingle. “Anglers also will benefit from improved access.”

GREAT MIAMI RIVER

Thanks to an overwhelming response from the private sector and the Dayton community, the RiverScape River Run project secured $4 million, including a $1 million challenge grant from the Cox Family Foundation. Project engineering and permitting is already under way.

Upon its completion, the project will create a 7-mile water trail from Eastwood MetroPark to Carillon Historical Park and a vibrant urban recreational scene in downtown Dayton. “We’re looking at starting construction in 2014 and hope to wrap up in time for summer 2015,” explains Deputy Director Carrie Scarff.

Construction plans call for removing the low head dam on the Great Miami River in downtown Dayton and installing natural stone river grade control structures with safe paddling chutes to eliminate a dangerous impediment to boating on the river. “These ‘drops’ will be installed to control flow and will have the added benefit of being a fun play feature for kayakers,” Scarff says. One opening will be easier, allowing paddlers of all skill levels clear passage through downtown and more opportunities for fishermen to get into aerated water throughout the river downtown. The other opening will create a wave where experienced kayakers can turn cartwheels and flips.

The low-dam removal project not only will increase on-river safety, but it is also predicted that river health and fish habitats will improve. “People will finally be able to get out on the river, whether in a boat or out on the limestone peninsula. The river will be attractive to novice canoeists, experienced whitewater kayakers, anglers, as well as people-watchers, sun-bathers, and anyone who wants to be among all that activity—a real ‘scene’ at the waterfront,” Scarff says. “Local businesses can capitalize on this activity. We’ll see a real transformation where the river that once created a devastating loss is now at the forefront of economic development throughout the Miami Valley.”

The water flowing over the top of the dams (onto the hydraulic jump) creates a swirling pool below these dams that is very dangerous to people if they happen to fall into it. Three people died from drowning in the hydraulic current below the low dam at Englewood.

The dam is a barrier to fish and aquatic wildlife trying to move upstream.

Silt, pollutants, and poorly oxygenated water accumulate behind the dams negatively impact fish and wildlife.

The natural riffle-pool characteristic of our streams is lost and converted to a slow-moving pond-like body of water. Creatures like darters, mussels, and mayflies can no longer live there.
THE FARM AREA OF THE PARK WILL TRANSFORM INTO A COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, FOLLOWING NEW GREEN PRACTICES INITIATIVES

For 50 years, Five Rivers MetroParks has protected our region’s natural heritage, and throughout the years, programs and events taught residents about the different ways they can interact with nature. Now MetroParks is taking the next step and fusing environmental stewardship into practical applications for daily life. The mission is to give residents the tools they need to live eco-friendly, environmentally sustainable lifestyles. The person championing this effort will be a new green practices program coordinator.

GREEN PRACTICES COORDINATOR

This MetroParks staff member will be responsible for developing youth and adult programming that helps visitors discover the nature in their backyards and neighborhoods and adopt home and garden practices and behaviors that protect nature and conserve resources. “We want to help our visitors develop a more sustainable lifestyle for themselves and for the community as a whole,” says Community Ecology Program Manager Bernadette Whitworth. “A healthy, green-minded community is critical to our work of conserving natural areas. The choices we make at home and in our gardens directly influence the health of natural habitat. Everything is connected.”

The green practices program coordinator also will work within Five Rivers MetroParks to encourage the adoption of sustainable practices in the workplace. He or she will provide information, participate in discussions across departments, and help facilitate the implementation of sustainable practices in the workplace. “Our participation as a DRG3 certified green business means we really are taking our role as conservation leader in the community seriously,” Bernadette says. “This coordinator will take what we’ve learned going through the certification process and share those lessons and practices with individuals and groups in the community to teach them how to implement these practices themselves.”

Visitors to Possum Creek MetroPark and its sustainable farm area may have noticed changes occurring over the past several months. These changes are part of the park’s transition from a sustainable agricultural farm to a center for food systems education. “Over the next three years, we will work on projects to create spaces that offer multiple opportunities for hands-on activities and serve as demonstration areas for home and community gardeners,” Bernadette explains. “Programming and interpretive signs will offer practical knowledge and skill-building opportunities for visitors to better understand how their personal choices impact the environment.”

All are ideas and concepts that can be easily transferred to home and community gardens and urban farms. The execution of this strategy will help further MetroParks’ goal of taking conservation and sustainability beyond parks and into the community.

The future of Possum Creek MetroPark and the farm area is envisioned as a hub for people to discuss, explore and learn about local food, and local and global environmental issues related to food. Five Rivers MetroParks also envisions Possum Creek as a place for people to celebrate and appreciate the diverse offerings the Dayton region’s food system has to offer.
This chart, created by Michigan Good Food (a similar group aimed at marrying sustainable practices with agriculture), demonstrates the potential outcomes of a community-based food system.

THE RIDING CENTER at Carriage Hill MetroPark

Love horseback riding but don’t have your own horse? Borrow one of ours! The Carriage Hill Riding Center, 7800 E. Shull Rd., has riding lessons, camps, and weekend trail and pony rides. Call (937) 278-2609 or visit metroparks.org/RidingCenter to learn more.

**Weekend trail rides:** hour-long rides Saturdays and Sundays June 1 through November 17; $30 per person; reservations required (beginning May 1); minimum age, 8.

**Pony rides:** Saturdays only from noon to 4 p.m., June 1 through Oct. 26; $5 per ride; no reservations required; ages 2-7

**Summer youth camps:** half-day, week-long summer camps; two offerings per week from June 3 through week of Aug. 12; $200 per camp; ages 8-17; reservations begin April 1; multi-level camps offered

**Fall riding lessons (youth and adult):** 8-week sessions; $200 per session; begin weekend of Sept. 7 & 8 and week of Sept. 9; registration will begin Aug. 1, minimum age is 8

Photo by Susan Caudill
RECREATION GETS EVEN BETTER WHEN YOU PAIR ACTIVITIES

Dayton-area residents and visitors to the region have been accessing the many recreational amenities found in Five Rivers MetroParks facilities for about a half century. By now, millions of visitors have taken advantage of easy-to-use trails for hiking, mountain biking, walking, horseback riding, backpacking, bird watching, and a variety of other activities. Whether the goal is improved fitness or just a relaxing experience in nature, the associated health benefits of outdoor recreation are numerous.

This summer and fall, challenge yourself to something new. Combine two outdoor recreation activities for a fun, low-cost outdoor adventure that will help you re-discover the activities you love in your MetroParks!

PEDAL/PADDLE ADVENTURE
Load bikes on one car and boats on another car and go on a self-sustaining trip. Park the car with the bikes at your take out spot and then drive up river to the boat launch. Float on down to the vehicle with the bikes and bike back up the bikeway to get your car. This could be done floating from the Mad River at Eastwood MetroPark to RiverScape MetroPark, or you could do it from Taylorsville MetroPark to Island MetroPark, or Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark to Island MetroPark. Portaging around a small dam is required for the Great Miami trip.

RECREATION GETS EVEN BETTER WHEN YOU PAIR ACTIVITIES

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Turn to page 34 for the Great Miami Touring Trip.

‘TRY IT’ AND WIN!
Five Rivers MetroParks and Subaru are teaming up to present the Subaru Adventure Series. The series will showcase five outdoor activities. Subaru is bringing cool giveaways, raffles and other surprises, and MetroParks will provide equipment and instruction for you to try a new recreational activity. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. All programs are FREE! Turn to page 33 for details.

- June 5, Try Mountain Biking
- July 10, Try Backpacking
- July 23, Try Fly Fishing
- August 21, Try Kayaking
- Sept. 12, Try Slacklining
BIKE AND CAMP ADVENTURE
Bike north or south on the Great Miami Bikeway and camp at Taylorsville MetroPark at the front-country campsites just south of Taylorsville Dam. Call (937) 277-4374 to reserve a campsite.

Take a class (such as Bicycle Touring or Smart Cycling Basics, page 19) to gain skills and knowledge for future bicycle touring adventures.

BACKPACK (HIKE) AND FLY-FISH ADVENTURE
Numerous parks provide this opportunity, with the Twin Valley Trail being the most obvious. Reserve a campsite near the Twin Creek and enjoy hiking to secluded fishing spots along the river (license required.) Hike along the river or wade in the water and see what you can catch. Fish for free and without a license further along the trail at Lake George or Dogwood Pond in Twin Creek MetroPark, or take a detour on the pink trail in Germantown MetroPark for free fishing at Sunfish Pond.

PADDLE AND CAMP ADVENTURE
Enjoy the Twin Creek by planning a fun overnight trip in the Twin Valley. Start your paddle fun near Anthony and Manning roads and paddle to Old Mill Campsite (permit required; call to book) where you’ll spend the night. Hang out at camp and enjoy the river before you take off the second day of your trip south of Germantown Dam. Float down to Cherry/Main Street for a short day or keep going to Chamberlain Road for a longer adventure. While this trip does require a car shuttle and a hike over Germantown Dam, it is well worth the effort and a great way to “Get Out & Live.”

ONLINE EXTRA
Visit metroparks.org/recreation to find links to all outdoor adventure waiting for you in your MetroParks!

escape at RiverScape MetroPark
This summer, escape to RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton for food, fitness, and fun! Every Saturday from June through August, partake in any of these activities:

- Sweat to an hour of the fusion dance fitness craze, Zumba, or get your “om” on with yoga. These fitness programs rotate every other Saturday.
- Enjoy live acoustic music while you refuel with lunch or a snack.
- Rent a kayak, provided by Whitewater Warehouse, and cool off paddling along the river.
- Explore our region’s extensive bikeway network and rent a bike, with optional child seat or pull-behind trailer.
- Connect with friends or business associates using free WiFi.
- Summers are your chance to escape with Five Rivers MetroParks. Visit metroparks.org/RiverScape to find details on upcoming programs. Click the “Ride the River Rentals” link for hours and prices.
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS IS PLEASED TO PRESENT
YOUR GUIDE TO UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Finding your interests is quick and easy. You can find them in this ParkWays by TOPIC or by DATE. Follow the simple instructions below and start filling up your calendar with programs for all ages.

BY TOPIC
Interested in paddle sports, photography, gardening or hiking? Looking to volunteer or maybe just want to find all the seasonal happenings in the MetroParks? Check out the TOPIC section. Each program lists the date, name, time, place and description. You can register online at www.metroparks.org or by phone.

BY DATE
You can also search for programs by date. This is a chronological listing of every program 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, or to register, visit www.metroparks.org. You can register online or by phone.

ONLINE
You can make a comprehensive search for programs using tools online. Search for programs listed by date, topic or park when you visit www.metroparks.org and click on the “Find a Program” link found on the left-hand navigation bar. You can also find suggestions by clicking the “Get Outside” link at the top of the page. Metroparks.org helps you get connected to park information, program guides, videos, nature play, 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.

ALERTS AND CLOSURES
Weather conditions and construction can affect hiking trails, bikeways and access to certain park entrances. All construction information, including detours, as well as any weather-related notices are posted online at: metroparks.org/alerts

HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER IN A METROPARK:
Emergency contact: 9-1-1
Non-emergency contact: (937) 535-2580
Inform the Montgomery County Sheriff’s 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. As always, if it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

LOST SOMETHING?
If you lost something valuable in a MetroPark, contact the Rangers to identify and retrieve your belongings. Contact Administrative Assistant Robert Makley at (937) 567-4265 for details.
MON, MAR 18, 2013
4:00 PM Competitive Junior Rowing, Island MetroPark (see page 35)

SAT, MAY 11, 2013
11:30 AM RiverScape’s Music @ Lunchtime, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)

MON, MAY 13, 2013
6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row, Island MetroPark (see page 35)

MON, MAY 20, 2013
4:00 PM Competitive Junior Rowing, Island MetroPark (see page 35)

SAT, JUN 1, 2013
8:00 AM Farmers’ Season Opening Extravaganza, 2nd Street Market (see page 19)
8:00 AM Another Dam 50K, Englewood MetroPark (see page 22)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Island MetroPark, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Possum Creek Walkfest, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 22)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM Yoga in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Canning Club: Strawberries, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

SUN, JUN 2, 2013
12:00 PM Haymaking, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 21)
1:00 PM Bike to the Dragons, Offsite (see page 19)

MON, JUN 3, 2013
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Woodpecker Watch, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see page 29)

TUE, JUN 4, 2013
11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Making Ginger Beer, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

WED, JUN 5, 2013
9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)
4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking, Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)
6:00 PM Environmental Film Series: Eating with Meaning, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 26)

THU, JUN 6, 2013
10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Flutter by Butterfly, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see page 29)
11:00 AM Family Fun @ the Market: Cloth Diapering 101 & Eco Crafts, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)
6:00 PM Intro to Kayaking, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 33)

FRI, JUN 7, 2013
7:30 PM First Friday Salsa Music: Tropicoso, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

SAT, JUN 8, 2013
8:30 AM Historic Areas Walk, 2nd Street Market (see page 22)
9:00 AM Fish with a Ranger, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)
9:00 AM Growing Up Wild Training, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see page 29)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Kyle Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Forest Foster Family, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpaching Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Basic Gardening for Beginners, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 22)

MON, JUN 10, 2013
10:00 AM Try Kayaking, Offsite (see page 34)

TUE, JUN 11, 2013
7:00 AM Bus Trip: Cleveland, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
10:00 AM Butterfly Basics: Butterfly Identification, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
1:00 PM Farm to Preschool: The World Beneath My Feet, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)

WED, JUN 12, 2013
10:00 AM Compost Kitchen: Building Better Soil, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 24)
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)

THU, JUN 13, 2013
10:00 AM Butterfly Basics: Caterpillar Identification, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
2:00 PM Youth Kayak Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)

FRI, JUN 14, 2013
5:30 PM Bicycle Touring Basics, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 19)
7:30 PM R&B Hot Summer Music: KICK-N-FLAVA, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

SAT, JUN 15, 2013
7:00 AM African American Wellness Walk, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Crains Run Nature Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Celebrate Fatherhood, Island MetroPark (see page 20)
10:00 AM Feathers and Wings, Flying at 50, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
10:00 AM Picturing Petals and Plants, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 35)
10:00 AM How to Plan a Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
10:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 24)

SUN, JUN 16, 2013
1:30 PM Germantown Hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers, Germantown MetroPark (see page 22)
2:00 PM Aullwood Summer Sundays: Aullwood in June, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 24)

MON, JUN 17, 2013
6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row, Island MetroPark (see page 35)

TUE, JUN 18, 2013
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
5:00 PM Try Fly Fishing, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 21)

WED, JUN 19, 2013
10:00 AM Compost Kitchen: Backyard Composting, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 24)
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)

THU, JUN 20, 2013
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Live Like a Bee, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 29)
11:30 AM Eating Gluten Free: Recipe and Tip Exchange, 2nd Street Market (see page 22)
6:00 PM Kayak Touring Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers Metroparks Main Office (see page 30)

SAT, JUN 22, 2013
8:30 AM Let’s Explore for Nature in Our Downtown Home, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 30)
9:00 AM Ride through Englewood MetroPark, Englewood MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 24)
RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)
First Friday Salsa Music: Clave Son, Fri, Jul 5, 2013
Condiments: Catsup and Mustard, Germantown MetroPark (see page 29)

TUE, JUN 25, 2013
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
10:00 AM Meeting for Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Coalition, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
4:00 PM Try Slacklining, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 32)

WED, JUN 26, 2013
10:00 AM Compost Kitchen: All About Worms, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 24)
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)

THU, JUN 27, 2013
11:00 AM Heirloom Skills: Canning at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)

FRI, JUN 28, 2013
5:30 PM Cityfolk Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)

SAT, JUN 29, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Wegerzyn and 2nd St. Market, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 18)
10:00 AM Garden Boot Camp: Building a Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
1:00 PM Cityfolk Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)
1:00 PM Plants on My Plate: Leave it to the Leaves, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 25)

SUN, JUN 30, 2013
1:00 PM Cityfolk Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)

MON, JUL 1, 2013
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Winged Things, Germantown MetroPark (see page 29)

TUE, JUL 2, 2013
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Historic Condiments: Catsup and Mustard, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

FRI, JUL 5, 2013
7:30 PM First Friday Salsa Music: Clave Son, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

SAT, JUL 6, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Carillon Historical Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 24)
10:00 AM Yoga in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Canning Club: Pickled Vegetables, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)
10:00 AM Garden Boot Camp: Composting and Mulching, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 24)

SUN, JUL 7, 2013
12:00 PM A Grand Old Independence Day, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 26)
1:00 PM Bike to the Dragons, Offsite (see page 19)

TUE, JUL 9, 2013
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)

WED, JUL 10, 2013
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
4:00 PM Try Backpacking, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 18)
6:00 PM Environmental Film Series: New Urbanism, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 26)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 30)
7:00 PM Carriage Hill 5K, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 22)

FRI, JUL 12, 2013
7:30 PM R&B Hot Summer Music: Touch, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

SAT, JUL 13, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Community Garden Bicycle Tour, Offsite (see page 25)
9:00 AM Fish with a Ranger, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)
9:00 AM Growing Up Wild Training, Wesleyan MetroPark (see page 29)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 24)
10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Creative Use of Flash, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)
10:00 AM Butterfly Walk, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)

SUN, JUL 14, 2013
12:00 PM Grain Threshing, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 21)

MON, JUL 15, 2013
9:00 AM Teen Adventure Camp, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 32)
3:00 PM Taylorville Walkfest, Taylorville MetroPark (see page 22)

THU, JUL 18, 2013
11:30 AM Eating Gluten Free: Dining Out, 2nd Street Market (see page 22)

SAT, JUL 20, 2013
8:30 AM Let’s Explore for Nature in Our Downtown Home, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 30)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Eastwood and Tour the RiverScape Bike Hub, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 24)
10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Good Earth Gardening: Natural Systems, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 25)
1:00 PM Youth Kayak Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)
5:00 PM Prairie Serenade: Old Time Country Music, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 20)

SUN, JUL 21, 2013
2:00 PM Aullwood Summer Sundays: Aullwood in July, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 24)

MON, JUL 22, 2013
6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row, Island MetroPark (see page 35)

TUE, JUL 23, 2013
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
9:00, 11:00 AM Stroller Strut: Trees, Marvelous Trees! Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
5:30 PM Try Fly Fishing, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 21)

**WED, JUL 24, 2013**
10:00 AM Try Kayaking, Offsite (see page 34)
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
6:00 PM Environmental Film Series: Think Before You Toss It, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 26)
7:00 PM Englewood MetroPark 5K, Englewood MetroPark (see page 22)

**THU, JUL 25, 2013**
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Streamology, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 29)

**FRI, JUL 26, 2013**
6:00 PM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)

**SAT, JUL 27, 2013**
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Crains Run Nature Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
10:00 AM Good Earth Gardening: Water & Fertilizer, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 25)
10:00 AM City Beets at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 24)
1:00 PM Plants on My Plate: The Functional Flower, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 25)
12:00 PM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)
2:00 PM Creek Fun, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 31)

**SUN, JUL 28, 2013**
10:00 AM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)

**TUE, JUL 30, 2013**
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)

**WED, JUL 31, 2013**
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
6:00 PM Environmental Film Series: Greening Our Schools, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 26)

**THU, AUG 1, 2013**
10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Babbling Brook, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 29)
12:30 PM Family Fun @ the Market: Taste of New Zealand, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)
7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Tom Daugherty and the Tommy Dorsey Tribute, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**FRI, AUG 2, 2013**
6:00 PM Great Miami River Touring Trip, Taylorville MetroPark (see page 34)
7:00 PM Free Shakespeare! Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 20)
7:30 PM First Friday Salsa Music: Son del Caribe, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**SAT, AUG 3, 2013**
8:00 AM Tadmor 10K, Taylorville MetroPark (see page 22)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Verona, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see page 18)
9:00 AM British Car Day, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 20)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM Yoga in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Canning Club: Tomatoes, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)
1:00 PM Growing Up Wild Training, Englewood MetroPark (see page 29)
7:00 PM Free Shakespeare! Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 20)

**SUN, AUG 4, 2013**
1:30 PM Englewood Bike Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Englewood MetroPark (see page 23)
7:00 PM Free Shakespeare! Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 20)

**TUE, AUG 6, 2013**
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Cool Drinks for a Hot Day: Switzel, Shrub and Lemonade, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

**WED, AUG 7, 2013**
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking, Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)
6:00 PM Master Silviculturist, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 31)

**THU, AUG 8, 2013**
5:30 PM Youth FUNdamentals of Moving Water, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)
7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Bob Gray Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**FRI, AUG 9, 2013**
6:00 PM Blazin’ Hot 5K Run & Walk, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
7:30 PM LYD, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**SAT, AUG 10, 2013**
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Island MetroPark, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Nature Photo Critique Session, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 35)
1:00 PM Plants on My Plate: Fruit or Berry, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 25)
8:00 PM Moths and Moons, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 31)

**SUN, AUG 11, 2013**
12:00 PM Grain Threshing, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 21)

**MON, AUG 12, 2013**
9:30 AM Children’s Tour Guide Workshop: Focus on Fall, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 31)
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Prairie Safari, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 29)

**TUE, AUG 13, 2013**
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
1:00 PM Farm to Preschool: Jamming Berries, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 30)

**WED, AUG 14, 2013**
2:00 PM What’s New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Street Team, 2nd Street Market (see page 32)

**THU, AUG 15, 2013**
12:30 PM Family Fun @ the Market: Taste of New Zealand, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)
6:00 PM Intro to Smart Cycling, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 19)
7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Hal Harris Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**SAT, AUG 17, 2013**
8:30 AM Smart Cycling Basics, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 19)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Carillon Historical Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
10:00 AM Butterfly Walk, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
11:00 AM Hispanic Heritage Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)
8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 22)
9:00 PM Screech Owl Search, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 31)
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SUN, AUG 18, 2013
1:00 PM Bike to the Dragons, Offsite (see page 19)
1:30 PM Carriage Hill Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 23)
2:00 PM Aullwood Summer Sunday: Aullwood in August, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 24)

MON, AUG 19, 2013
9:30 AM Children’s Tour Guide Workshop: Needles and Leaves, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 31)
4:00 PM Competitive Junior Rowing, Island MetroPark (see page 35)

TUE, AUG 20, 2013
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)
2:00 PM What's New @ 2, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)
4:00 PM Try Kayaking, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)

WED, AUG 21, 2013
2:00 PM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Kyle Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Saturday E’Scape, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 19)
10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)
10:00 AM Draft Horse Days, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

SUN, SEP 1, 2013
10:00 AM Draft Horse Days, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)
1:00 PM Go Nuts with MetroParks, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 32)

TUE, SEP 3, 2013
11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Making Small Beers: Apple, Sorghum and Maple, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)
6:00 PM DeWeese Parkway 5K, Bikeway: Stillwater River (see page 23)

WED, SEP 4, 2013
5:30 PM Mad River Float, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)

THU, SEP 5, 2013
10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Let’s Bug Out, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 29)
10:00 AM Family Fun @ the Market: Taste of the Mediterranean, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)

SAT, SEP 7, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 18)
10:00 AM Shooting Outdoor Portraits, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 35)
10:00 AM Bokashi Composting, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 25)
10:00 AM Canning Club: Apples, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)
10:00 AM What would Marie Do? Solving Garden Problems, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 25)

SUN, SEP 8, 2013
6:00 PM 91.3 WYSO Concert, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

MON, SEP 9, 2013
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Spider Kid, Hills & Dailes MetroPark (see page 29)

TUE, SEP 10, 2013
7:00 AM Bus Trip: Conner Prairie, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 27)

WED, SEP 11, 2013
1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 30)
4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking, Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)

THU, SEP 12, 2013
11:00 AM Heirloom Skills: Handmade Soapmaking, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)
4:00 PM Try Slacklining, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 32)

SAT, SEP 14, 2013
9:00 AM Kayak Naturalist Float, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Crains Run Nature Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)
10:00 AM Hoophouse on a Budget, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 25)
10:00 AM Garden Boot Camp: Pruning, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 24)

SUN, SEP 15, 2013
1:30 PM Twin Creek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 23)

TUE, SEP 17, 2013
1:00 PM Farm to Preschool: Milk Does a Body Good, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)
4:00 PM Try Kayaking, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 30)

WED, SEP 18, 2013
6:00 PM Volunteer: Midwest Outdoor Experience Orientation, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 32)

THU, SEP 19, 2013
10:00 AM Landscape for Life Series, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 25)
6:00 PM Intro to Mountain Biking, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 28)

FRI, SEP 20, 2013
8:00 AM PARKing Day, Offsite (see page 25)
10:00 AM Tikes Taking Action: Monarch Tagging, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 32)
5:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

SAT, SEP 21, 2013

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SUN, SEP 22, 2013
12:00 PM Country Fair, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

TUE, SEP 24, 2013
9:00, 11:00 AM Stroller Strut: Prairie Adventure, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)
6:00 PM Volunteer: Midwest Outdoor Experience Orientation, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 32)

WED, SEP 25, 2013
6:30 PM Gardener’s Plant Exchange, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 26)

THU, SEP 26, 2013
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Hiding In My Shell, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 29)

FRI, SEP 27, 2013
5:30 PM Stilettos to Sneakers 5K, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 23)

SAT, SEP 28, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Carillon Historical Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
11:00 AM Voyage on the Parkway, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 33)
1:00 PM Plants On My Plate: What are Cereal Grains? Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 25)
7:30 PM Owl Prowl, Englewood MetroPark (see page 32)

SUN, SEP 29, 2013
1:30 PM Possum Creek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 23)

TUE, OCT 1, 2013
11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Coffee, Tea and Chocolate, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

THU, OCT 3, 2013
10:00 AM Backpacking Babies: Supersized Wildflowers, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see page 29)
11:00 AM Heirloom Skills: Cheese Making at the Market, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation

AMBASSADORS, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 32)

FRI, OCT 4, 2013
6:00 PM Midwest Outdoor Experience presented by Subaru, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 33)

SAT, OCT 5, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Island MetroPark; Then Eastwood MetroPark for Midwest Outdoor Experience, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)
9:00 AM Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta, Island MetroPark (see page 35)
10:00 AM Autumn Photography, Allwood Garden MetroPark (see page 35)
10:00 AM Grow Youth! A Training For Garden Educators, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 26)
11:00 AM Midwest Outdoor Experience presented by Subaru, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 33)

SUN, OCT 6, 2013
12:30 PM Dayton CROP Hunger Walk, Island MetroPark (see page 23)

TUE, OCT 8, 2013
2:00 PM Compost Kitchen: Building Better Soil, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 24)

FRI, OCT 11, 2013
7:00 PM Tike Hike: Nocturnal Adventure, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see page 29)

SAT, OCT 12, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 19)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 18)
9:00 AM Walk to Cure Diabetes, Island MetroPark (see page 23)
10:00 AM Family Spider Search, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 32)
11:00 AM Pumpkins are Amazing, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)

SUN, OCT 13, 2013
12:00 PM Corn Husking and Husking Bee, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

TUE, OCT 15, 2013
2:00 PM Compost Kitchen: Backyard Composting, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 24)
6:30 PM Navigating a Kayak, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 34)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 30)

WED, OCT 16, 2013
8:00 AM Bus Trip--Columbus, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 21)

SAT, OCT 19, 2013
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Trotwood, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see page 19)
10:00 AM Canning Club: End of Season Harvest, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)
10:00 AM Pumpkin Decorating, 2nd Street Market (see page 28)

SUN, OCT 20, 2013
2:00 PM Aullwood’s Fall Colors, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see page 26)

TUE, OCT 22, 2013
9:00, 11:00 AM Stroller Strut: Where Will I Stay? Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 26)
2:00 PM Compost Kitchen: All About Worms, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 24)
6:00 PM Ghost N’ Goblin 5K Run & Walk, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 23)

THU, OCT 24, 2013
5:00 PM Cocktails from the Garden, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 26)
10:00 AM Tikes Taking Action: Accruing Acorns, Taylorsville MetroPark (see page 32)
6:00 PM Intro to Land Navigation, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 33)

SAT, OCT 26, 2013
8:00 AM MetroPark’s Forestry Workshop, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 32)
9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Verona, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see page 18)
11:00 AM From Grain to Bread, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)

MON, OCT 28, 2013
10:00 AM Tike Hike: Creepy Creatures, Germantown MetroPark (see page 29)

TUE, OCT 29, 2013
1:00 PM Farm to Preschool: Fun with Pumpkins, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)

SAT, NOV 2, 2013
1:00 PM Land Navigation Basics, Twin Creek MetroPark (see page 33)

MON, NOV 4, 2013
9:00 AM NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 32)
**GUIDE TO PROGRAMS BY TOPIC**

**YOUR PROGRAM GUIDE HAS A NEW FORMAT!**

Programs are now listed only by their topic, instead of being broken out into “Education,” “Recreation” and “Special Events” categories. We hope you will find this format easier to find the programs you’re interested in attending, and perhaps discover programs you never knew were available before! Visit [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org) and click on the “Find a Program” link to search for programs and register online.

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**BACKPACKING**

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS**

**SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F21**
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

**SAT. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F25**
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

**SAT. AUG 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F30**
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

**SAT. SEP 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G6**
TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Rd Trailhead Parking Lot, 8502 Chamberlain Rd.

**SAT. OCT 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G7**
TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Rd Trailhead Parking Lot, 8502 Chamberlain Rd.

Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the Twin Valley Backpacking Trail. No experience is necessary; tools are provided. Please bring water and work gloves. Youth 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 or eirk.dahlstrom@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up

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**CYCLING**

**BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!**

Join us for a bike ride on Saturdays, April through October. 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 children. Wearing a helmet is strongly recommended for all participants and required for children under 13. We ride rain or shine, but may cancel due to storms or trail flooding.

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**(FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK**

**SAT. JUN 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F1**
Bikeway: Great Miami River, Ohio Bike Route 25
Join us on a bike ride on the Great Miami Bikeway. Meet at Rip Rap Park, at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap and Taylorsville roads, in the soccer field parking lot. We will be riding to Island Metropark (15 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) RIDE TO KYLE PARK**

**SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F224**
Bikeway: Great Miami River, Ohio Bike Route 25
Join us for a bike ride on the Great Miami River Bikeway. Meet at Rip Rap Park, located at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap, and Taylorsville roads. Meet in the parking lot near the soccer fields. We will ride to Kyle Park (16 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) RIDE TO CRAINS RUN NATURE PARK**

**SAT. JUN 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F226**
SAT. JUL 27, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F227
SAT. AUG 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F228
SAT. SEP 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G84
Bikeway: Great Miami River, Ohio Bike Route 25
Join us for a bike ride on the Great Miami River Bikeway. Meet at Wegerzyn Gardens Low Dam, Take N. Alex Road to Hydraulic Road. Use the entrance on right. We will ride to Crains Run Nature Park (20 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) RIDE THROUGH ENGLEWOOD METROPARK**

**SAT. JUN 22, 9:00-11:00 AM F229**
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, West Park Parking Lot, 100 East National Rd.
Join us on a bike ride on the Stillwater River Bikeway (North), U.S. 40 and State Route 48 in Englewood, north of the dam. We will ride to Jake Grossnickle Park (9 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) RIDE TO WEGERZYN AND 2ND ST. MARKET**

**SAT. JUN 29, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F230**
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Join us for a bike ride on the Mad River Bikeway. We will ride to Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, then ride to 2nd Street Market for lunch. We will finish our ride back at Eastwood (15 miles). Bring your bike locks. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) RIDE TO CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK**

**SAT. JUL 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F231**
SAT. AUG 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F232
SAT. SEP 28, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM FG85
Bikeway: Great Miami River, Ohio Bike Route 25
Join us for a bike ride on the Great Miami River Bikeway. Meet at West Carrollton Low Dam. Take N. Alex Road to Hydraulic Road. Use the entrance on right. We will ride to Carillon Historical Park (16 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) RIDE TO FIFTH THIRD GATEWAY PARK**

**SAT. JUL 13, 9:00-11:00 AM F233**
SAT. SEP 7, 9:00-11:00 AM G86
SAT. OCT 12, 9:00-11:00 AM G87
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Join us for a bike ride on the Creekside Bikeway. Use the entrance at 1385 Harshman Rd. at the traffic light. Meet in the last parking lot. We will ride to the Fifth Third Gateway Park (12 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) RIDE TO EASTWOOD AND TOUR THE RIVERSCAPE BIKE HUB**

**SAT. JUL 20, 9:00-11:00 AM F234**
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Join us on a bike ride on the Stillwater River Bikeway (Central). We’ll ride to Eastwood MetroPark (13 Miles) then ride to the RiverScape Bike Hub for a brief tour. Meet at the rental concession window (bonus 1 mile). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

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- Online Registration Available
- Program is Weather-Dependent
(FREE) RIDE TO VERONA
SAT. AUG 3, 9:00-11:00 AM F235
SAT. SEP 21, 9:00-11:00 AM G88
SAT. OCT 26, 9:00-11:00 AM G89
Bikeway: Wolf Creek, Ohio Bike Route 38
Join us for a bike ride on the Wolf Creek Bikeway. Meet in the parking lot behind Rob’s Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd., in Brookville. We will ride toward Verona (11 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK; THEN EASTWOOD METROPARK FOR MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE
SAT. OCT 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G91
Bikeway: Great Miami River, Ohio Bike Route 25
Join us on a bike ride on the Great Miami River Bikeway (north). Meet in the parking lot at Rip Rap Park, at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap and Taylorsville roads. We will ride to Island MetroPark (16 miles). Bonus miles: Continue riding to the Midwest Outdoor Experience at Eastwood MetroPark (bonus 8 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) RIDE TO TROTWOOD
SAT. OCT 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G90
Bikeway: Wolf Creek, Ohio Bike Route 38
Join us for a bike ride on the Wolf Creek Bikeway. Meet in the parking lot behind Rob’s Restaurant, 705 Arlington Road, in Brookville. We will ride toward Trotwood (14 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. www.metroparks.org/bikehealth. Age: All ages

(_FREE) BIKE TO THE DRAGONS
SUN. JUN 2, 1:00-5:30 PM F6
SUN. JUL 7, 1:00-5:30 PM F7
SUN. AUG 18, 1:00-5:30 PM F8
OFFSITE, Fifth Third Field, 220 N Patterson Blvd
Hop on your bike and head downtown to watch America’s favorite game. The first 50 cyclists to register on the Dragon’s website and “Bike to the Game” will win complimentary lawn seats and prizes courtesy of Five Rivers MetroParks, Dayton Dragons, and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Valet bike parking available. Registration begins May 13. Visit www.daytondragons.com to register. Age: All ages

BICYCLE TOURING BASICS
FRI. JUN 14, 5:30 PM - SAT. JUN 15, 3:30 PM F16
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
After completing Intro to Bicycle Touring, join us for an actual bicycle tour! By utilizing the vast network of bikeways in the Miami Valley, we will ride out to a campsite, camp overnight, and then return the next day. Lessons will be taught during bike preparation, on the trail, and in camp. Bikes and helmets are required. Prerequisites: Intro to Bicycle Touring. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: $25

INTRO TO SMART CYCLING
THU. AUG 15, 6:00-8:30 PM F68
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Step one in the Smart Cycling Series is a classroom session, taught by League Certified Instructors, and designed to provide cyclists of all levels better knowledge and understanding of how to safely and effectively operate your bicycle in various situations. Topics will include ride preparation, traffic laws, equipment, clothing, and much more. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: $10

SMART CYCLING BASICS
SAT. AUG 17, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM F69
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Smart Cycling Basics, part two of the cycling series, takes the knowledge gained in Intro and puts it to use on the bike. This hands-on class will teach riders maneuvering, signaling and riding skills to make them more competent and comfortable riding on the streets and trails of the Miami Valley. Helmets and Bicycles required. Prerequisites: Intro to Smart Cycling. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: $25

ENTERTAINMENT
(_FREE) RIVERSCAPE’S MUSIC @ LUNCHTIME
MON. TUE. WED. THU. FRI. SAT. MAY 11-SEP. 20, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM E184
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.
We invite you to enjoy lunch at RiverScape MetroPark’s concessions. Acoustic music will set the lunch scene each Tuesday through Saturday. Take a break from the office or have a meeting overlooking the river. Bring your smartphone or tablet to enjoy the new WiFi, or borrow a book from the Dayton Metro Library cart. We invite you to make RiverScape your lunchtime escape. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages

(_FREE) FARMERS’ SEASON OPENING EXTRAVAGANZA
SAT. JUN 1, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM F144
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.
All our outside farmers are scheduled to return, selling their fresh, local produce. Summer squash, collards, turnip greens, cabbages, rhubarb, radishes and spinach are just some of the things that are in season and you may find here at the Market. Come kickoff the summer by joining us for the season opening of our outside farmers! No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or bramsey@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

(_FREE) SATURDAY ‘SCAPE
SAT. JUN 1, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM F146
SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SAT. JUN 22, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SAT. JUL 6, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SAT. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SAT. JUL 20, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SAT. AUG 3, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SAT. AUG 10, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
SAT. AUG 31, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Be a part of the Saturday scene at RiverScape MetroPark. On the dates listed, we’ve planned some extra opportunities for outdoor fun. You can start with a morning fitness program and then relax to the sounds of live acoustical music over lunch with your tablet, book, or friends. Every Saturday this summer, you can rent a bike, kayak or enjoy the concessions. Me et at the ‘Scape! No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages

GUIDE TO PROGRAMS BY TOPIC
• Online Registration Available
• Program is Weather-Dependent
FIRST FRIDAY SALSA MUSIC SERIES
Join us for a free and fun salsa summer concert series in conjunction with the Downtown Dayton Partnership’s First Friday events. With vibrant melodies and powerful beats, you won’t be able to resist the urge to jump up and dance! Please bring a lawn chair for seating. For a full list of First Friday activities throughout downtown, visit www.downtowndayton.org.

(FREE) TROPICOSO
FRI. JUN 7, 7:30-9:30 PM F127
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) CLAVE SON
FRI. JUL 5, 7:30-9:30 PM F128
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) SON DEL CARIBE
FRI. AUG 2, 7:30-9:30 PM F129
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages 🌞

R&B HOT SUMMER MUSIC SERIES
Dance, dance, dance to the hottest R&B bands from around the region on the second Friday of June, July, and August. You are going to love this series that will get you up out of your seat and stepping under the pavilion along the banks of the Great Miami River. Please bring a lawn chair for seating when you’re not dancing the night away.

(FREE) KICK-N-FLAVA
FRI. JUN 14, 7:30-9:30 PM F130
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. myspace.com/kicknflava. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) TOUCH
FRI. JUL 12, 7:30-9:30 PM F131
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) LYD
FRI. AUG 9, 7:30-9:30 PM F132
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. lydliveyourdream.com. Age: All ages 🌞

BIG BAND NIGHTS
Spend a summer evening enjoying swing and big band music under our beautiful canopy! This series of performances feature the area’s best big bands every Thursday night in August. Please bring lawn chair for seating.

(FREE) CELEBRATE FATHERHOOD
SAT. JUN 15, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM F31
ISLAND METROPARK, Island Band Shell, 101 E. Helena St.
Raise awareness, celebrate responsible fathers, and increase father involvement while strengthening the critical role fathers play in the community. The activities will include the essay contest winner presentations, speakers on fatherhood issues and programs, entertainment, music and free food (hot dogs, chips, water). This program is presented by Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services. No registration required. Contact (937) 496-7569 or mr.m.newsom@gmail.com for details. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) PRAIRIE SERENADE: OLD TIME COUNTRY MUSIC
SAT. JUL 20, 5:00-9:00 PM F86
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Plaza, 7800 E. Shull Rd.
Enjoy good music and a summer evening surrounded by prairie flower gardens at our Visitors Center. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Food available. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages 🌞

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(FREE) LAURA DASILVA AND THE RIVERBEND BIG BAND
SAT. JUN 29, 7:00-9:00 PM F93
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.
No registration required. Contact (937) 293-2819 for details. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) FREE SHAKESPEARE!
SUN., FRI., SAT. AUG. 2-4, 7:00-9:00 PM F163
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Free Shakespeare! is a traveling community of artists with a goal to create an event where people can rediscover the power and beauty of language and art. Enjoy a very casual evening of a free performance of “As You Like It.” No registration required. Contact Chris Shea at (937) 626-3794 or flythemaway@gmail.com for details. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) BRITISH CAR DAY
SAT. AUG 3, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM F45
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Annual all British car show, displaying over 300 British cars and motorcycles. Cars are displayed in a variety of classes. Show is open to the general public for free. No registration required. Contact (937) 293-2819 for details. Age: All ages 🌞

(FREE) TEEN MUSIC SLAM
FRI. AUG 30, 6:00-9:00 PM F36
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.
The Dayton Metro Library and Five Rivers MetroParks are teaming up once again to present the Teen Music Slam! In this contest, teen aged musicians will compete for the grand prize of 8 hours of free recording studio time from Babblefish Recording Studio. Deadline for entries is July 6, 2013. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 463-2665 for details. Age: 13Y and up 🌞

(FREE) TASTE OF MIAMI VALLEY
FRI. SEP 20, 5:00-11:00 PM G53
SAT. SEP 21, 3:00-11:00 PM
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Miami Valley restaurants are serving delicious food at this year’s Taste of Miami Valley! Sample portions of signature dishes from over 25 restaurants and enjoy performances by local bands including Spungewurthy! The 4th annual Home Show presented by Bath Fitter will feature over 20 home improvement companies. Food 👩‍🍳👨‍🍳👨‍🍳 - Online Registration Available 🌞 - Program is Weather-Dependent
the farmhands with a sumptuous threshers’ dinner. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages 🌼

**FARM TO PRESCHOOL**

Farm to preschool is designed to help children understand what they are eating and where their food comes from.

**FREE**

**THE WORLD BENEATH MY FEET**

TUE. JUN 11, 1:00-2:30 PM F92

POSSEUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

There is more to our world than what we see at a glance. Ever wonder what is going on under your very own feet? Come explore the world of bugs and worms. Be prepared for a hike and digging in the soil. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 3Y-6Y 🌼

**FARMING**

**FREE**

**HAYMAKING**

SUN. JUN 2, 12:00-5:00 PM F79

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

The farmer makes hay 19th century style when loose hay is loaded on the wagon and taken to the barn. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages 🌼

**FREE**

**JAMMING BERRIES**

TUE. AUG 13, 1:00-2:30 PM F98

POSSEUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Examine different types of berries and have a jamming good time turning those berries into tasty treats to eat. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 3Y-6Y 🌼

**FREE**

**MILK DOES A BODY GOOD**

TUE. SEP 17, 1:00-2:30 PM G44

POSSEUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn where milk comes from and how we use it in our homes. Also learn about milk’s nutritional value and healthy alternatives to milk. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 3Y-6Y 🌼

**FREE**

**FISHING**

HOOKED ON FISHING, NOT ON DRUGS

WED. JUN 5-26, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F32

POSSEUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

A Ranger will discuss good decision making skills and students will be shown basics of fishing. Students will get to fish in a stocked pond with a pole and bait provided. Necessary information about this four week class is available on-line. Sponsored by Safe Kids and Children’s Hospital of Dayton. Scholarships are available upon request. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4823 or lzimmerman@metroparks.org for details. Age: 5Y-15Y Fee: $10 🌼

**FREE**

**FISH WITH A RANGER**

SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F33

POSSEUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Come fish with a Ranger. Officer Zimmerman will teach students a lesson on safety. Once the lesson is complete, the students will be able to walk to a stocked fishing pond and borrow poles to fish. Bait and drinking water will be provided. Please bring your own chairs and sunglasses or a billed hat. Scholarships are available upon request. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4823 or lzimmerman@metroparks.org for details. Age: 4Y-15Y Fee: $2 🌼

**FREE**

**FUCKING FISHING**

WED. JUN 18, 5:00-8:00 PM F236

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

TUE. JUL 23, 5:30-8:30 PM F156
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6735 Springboro Pk.
TUE. AUG 27, 5:30-8:30 PM F106
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Have you ever wanted to learn how to cast a fly rod? Join us to see if you can entice a fish to bite and catch a fish on fly. No fishing license required. Instructor is available for questions and will teach basic techniques in a controlled and safe environment. Equipment is available on a first-come first-served basis. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages

FITNESS & HEALTH

ANOTHER DAM 50K
SAT. JUN 1, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM F19
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Lawwill/West Park, 100 E. National Rd.
This outdoor recreation opportunity is sponsored by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. See contact info to register. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 732-4627 or frankfenton@juno.com for details. www.orrrc.org. Age: All ages Fee: $25

POSSUM CREEK WALKFEST
SAT. JUN 1, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM F2
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Hickory/Parking Lot/Argonne Lake, 4790 Frytown Rd.
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by the Purple Penguins Walking Club for the beauty of nature and health of walking. Start anytime between 9 AM and 1 PM and finish by 4 PM. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 429-3946 or hslande@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

FREE HISTORIC AREAS WALK
SAT. JUN 8, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM F164
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Ohio Wander Freunde. The trail is accessible to wheelchair, strollers and wagons. Sidewalks are uneven in the Historic Districts. The route will be marked. Start between 8:30AM and 11:00AM and must finish by 3:00PM. Contact Carol Yegerlehner. No registration required. Contact (937) 878-8381 or KLOCKHAUS@aol.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: $5

FREE AFRICAN AMERICAN WELLNESS WALK
SAT. JUN 15, 7:00 AM-12:00 PM F35
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.
This is a noncompetitive walk that promotes Health and Wellness information to the African American Community. Sponsored by Premier Health Partners and Mahogany’s Child of Miami Valley Hospital. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 208-3863 for details. Age: All ages Fee: $5

FREE GERMANTOWN HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIkers
SUN. JUN 16, 1:30-4:30 PM F13
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Parking Lot, 6910 Boomeringshire Rd.
Enjoy a 7-mile, three-hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered rugged, for experienced hikers only. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 for details. Age: All ages

FREE EATING GLUTEN FREE: RECIPE AND TIP EXCHANGE
THU. JUN 20, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM F165
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St. Initially, eating a gluten-free lifestyle can be challenging. Have lunch with other individuals following a gluten-free diet. Bring recipes to exchange; share favorite gluten-free brands and tips on how to avoid hidden sources of gluten. Receive information on items available at the Market. Meet at Pavilion at East end of Market. Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: 18Y and up

FREE TAYLORSVILLE WALKFEST
WED. JUL 17, 3:00-9:00 PM F3
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Canal Cove/Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by the Purple Penguins Walking Club for the beauty of nature and health of walking. Start anytime between 3 PM and 6 PM and finish by 9 PM. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 429-3946 or hslande@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

FREE EATING GLUTEN FREE: DINING OUT
THU. JUL 18, 11:30 AM-12:15 PM F166
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St. Have lunch with other individuals following a gluten-free diet. Meet and exchange favorite places to eat offering gluten-free options and tips for successfully eating out. Also, receive information on gluten-free prepared food options at the Market. Meet at Pavilion at East end of Market. Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: 18Y and up

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK 5K
WED. JUL 24, 7:00-9:00 PM F37
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Lawwill/West Park, 100 E. National Rd.
This outdoor recreation opportunity is sponsored by Ohio River Road Runners Club. For more information contact Ellen McClellan. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 832-2031 for details. www.orrrc.org. Age: All ages Fee: 14 and under and ORRRC members: $0, Age 15-19: $2, Age 20-59: $9, Age 60+: $5

TADMOR 10K
SAT. AUG 3, 8:00 AM-6:00 PM F9
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Blue Heron / Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. Contact Tom Keller for additional information. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 233-6170 or tkeller41@gmail.com for details. www.orrrc.org. Age: All ages Fee: $6

- Online Registration Available
- Program is Weather-Dependent

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Come join us for a fun and effective workout! Sessions are held outdoors under the pavilion. On Yoga days certified yogi Tori Reynolds will guide you along your journey in the open air. On Zumba days certified personal trainer and fitness instructor Camela Douglass will motivate you to move your way to wellness at this exercise party! Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. After, plan to hang out and enjoy live acoustical music over a light snack from the concessions.

FREE YOGA IN THE PARK
SAT. JUN 1, 10:00-11:00 AM F111
SAT. JUL 6, 10:00-11:00 AM F133
SAT. AUG 3, 10:00-11:00 AM F135
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages

FREE ZUMBA IN THE PARK
SAT. JUN 8, 10:00-11:00 AM F108
SAT. JUL 22, 10:00-11:00 AM F136

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BLAZIN’ HOT 5K RUN & WALK  
FRI. AUG 9, 6:00-9:00 PM  F61  
WEGEERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Building Bridges, Inc. The proceeds from entry fees benefit at-risk youth in Dayton. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 496-7800 or cboehmer@mjcchiohio.org for details. Age: All ages Fee: $20

(FREE) CARRIAGE HILL HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS  
SUN. AUG 18, 1:30-3:30 PM  F39  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.  
Enjoy a 5-mile, two-hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered easy, no hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 for details. Age: All ages Fee: $20

BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CHILDREN’S GARDEN  
TUE. JUN 11, 7:00 AM - WED. JUN 12, 7:00 PM  F103  
WEGEERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
This overnight trip begins at the Cleveland Botanical Garden where we’ll also have lunch. Next it’s to the Western Reserve Historical Auto and Aviation Museum, check-in at our hotel and dinner and shopping on your own at Little Italy. On day two, we go to Lake View Cemetery and end at the Westside Market. Fee is due by May 10. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $314

(GIRL) WALK TO CURE DIABETES  
SAT. OCT 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  F13  
Island MetroPark, 101 E. Helena St.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. 5K walk and entertainment to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. No registration required. Contact (937) 439-2873 or owilliams@jdfr.org for details. Age: All ages

(GIRL) GHOST N’ GOBLIN 5K RUN & WALK  
TUE. OCT 22, 6:00-8:30 PM  G36  
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
The Ghost N’ Goblin 5K has been a Halloween tradition for 28 years. The 2013 GNG, presented by the Ohio River Road Runners Club, is expected to be the biggest and best ever. Please join us for this special celebration of running, walking, family and community! This event for all ages, walkers with strollers are welcome. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 223-6600 or Liehonzak@gmail.com for details. Age: All ages

STILETTO TO SNEAKERS 5K  
FRI. SEP 27, 5:30-9:00 PM  G11  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Oasis House and benefits the programs offered to women who are victims of the sex industry. Contact Cheryl Oliver for more information. See contact info to register. Contact 498-7811 or coliver@oasisforwomen.org for details. Age: All ages Fee: $25

(BASIC) BASIC GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS  
SAT. JUN 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  F103  
WEGEERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
If you’ve never gardened before and want to learn how, this class is for you! We’ll discuss site and plant selection, what to look for in your soil, and how to plant and maintain the garden, including how to water. Whether you want a full vegetable garden or just a few pots on the deck, you’ll get the knowledge and skills you need! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

(GIRL) TWIN CREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS  
SUN. SEP 15, 1:30-4:30 PM  G14  
TWIN CREEK METROPARK, High View Shelter/Trailhead Parking Lot, 9688 Eby Rd.  
Enjoy a 7-mile, 3-hour hike with the Metro Dayton HIkers. This hike is considered rugged, for experienced hikers only. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 for details. Age: All ages

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(BASIC) GARDENING & LANDSCAPING  
SAT. JUN 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  F103  
WEGEERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.  
This overnight trip begins at the Cleveland Botanical Garden where we’ll also have lunch. Next it’s to the Western Reserve Historical Auto and Aviation Museum, check-in at our hotel and dinner and shopping on your own at Little Italy. On day two, we go to Lake View Cemetery and end at the Westside Market. Fee is due by May 10. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $314

(DAY) METRO DAYTON HIKERS  
TUE. JUN 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM  F41  
RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by MetroParks staff to get ready for the busy day. Activities may include feeding fish and wildlife, followed by free time in the garden before other visitors arrive. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 5Y-12Y Fee: $3
COMPOST KITCHEN
Composting is a sound and effective way to improve garden soil and recycle waste materials. Classes may be taken separately or as a series. Participants attending all three sessions will receive a free compost from Montgomery County Solid Waste District.

(FREE) BUILDING BETTER SOIL
WED. JUN 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F10
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
TUE. OCT 8, 2:00-4:00 PM G1
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Gardeners learn how to evaluate their soil, manage its composition, and add available nutrients without the use of synthetic fertilizer. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) BACKYARD COMPOSTING
WED. JUN 19, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F11
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
TUE. OCT 15, 2:00-4:00 PM G2
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
This class will focus on various composting methods, describe the characteristics of good compost, and address many of the typical challenges associated with getting started. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) ALL ABOUT WORMS
WED. JUN 26, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F12
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
TUE. OCT 22, 2:00-4:00 PM G3
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Worms are very efficient composters, and with their help gardeners can produce quick, quality compost. Learn how to manage a worm bin yourself! John Woodman from Montgomery County Solid Waste District will also discuss community composting efforts. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) WHAT’S NEW @ 2
WED. JUN. 12-AUG. 21, 2:00-2:45 PM F40
WEGERZYNN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Explore the Children’s Discovery Garden with our staff and volunteers to learn about plants through crafts, recipes, and other hands-on experiences. The garden changes throughout the summer and so do the fun-filled activities. Visit the website metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden and click the link to the Summer Activity Schedule for daily listings. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 3Y-12Y

(FREE) HOW TO PLAN A GARDEN
SAT. JUN 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F105
WEGERZYNN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
We’ll talk about two of the most critical points in planning a garden: measuring and soil building. These topics are important because they assure not only the appropriate look of the garden, but its health above and below ground for this season and years to come. An essential class for anyone with a garden, landscape, or even containers! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) CITY BEETS AT THE MARKET
SAT. JUN. 15-JUL. 27, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM F154
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. 2nd St.
Stop by the City Beets booth to see what the program participants have been growing this summer at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark’s Community Garden - and are now selling. Asking the teens questions about the program or organic gardening methods is strongly encouraged! No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

AULLWOOD SUMMER SUNNYS
Summer is fun and activity-filled, but we still need time to step back and enjoy the beauty that the season brings. Join us one Sunday each month of summer for a peaceful time to look at and learn from the beauty of Aullwood Garden MetroPark. We’ll have a different topic each month, sure to give you ideas to take back to your own garden.

(FREE) AULLWOOD IN JUNE
SUN. JUN 16, 2:00-4:00 PM F107
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.
The first in our Summer Sundays at Aullwood will feature the shade gardens of Aullwood, what grows in them, how they reflect the natural setting of the property, and how they balance the sunny areas to make the garden a truly wonderful visual experience. We’ll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) AULLWOOD IN JULY
SUN. JUL 21, 2:00-4:00 PM F117
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.
Our second Summer Sunday at Aullwood will focus on the flowers on the property, the natives and the cultivated varieties which Mrs. Aull selected to keep the garden synchronized with the surrounding woods. To add to the day, we’ll have wonderful music provided by Tim Pritchard. Come for the flowers and the songs! We’ll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

GARDEN BOOT CAMP
Need to know how to garden fast? Join us for seasonal, three-hour sessions on practical gardening skills, presented during the gardening season. You’ll learn the techniques you need at the right time of year. Bring your lunch and all your questions for a great gardening year.

BUILDING A GARDEN
SAT. JUN 29, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM F109
WEGERZYNN GARDENS METROPARK, Community Gardens Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn how to build a regular garden, a lasagna garden, and raised beds. Bring work gloves and be ready to get dirty! Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $10

COMPOSTING AND MULCHING
SAT. JUL 6, 10:00 AM-11:00 PM F110
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Today’s class is on how to make and use your own compost and how to mulch. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $10

PRUNING
SAT. SEP 14, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM G56
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Today’s class is on how to prune. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $10

- Online Registration Available
- Program is Weather-Dependent
PLANTS ON MY PLATE
Join us at Skeeter’s Garden at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark on the last Saturday of each month to discover how plants play a role in the many things we eat. Each month a new topic will be covered such as roots, stems, leaves and flowers.

(FREE) LEAVE IT TO THE LEAVES
SAT. JUN 29, 1:00-2:30 PM F120
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Learn about the important role leaves play in a plant’s life and on our plate. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 6Y-10Y

(FREE) THE FUNCTIONAL FLOWER
SAT. JUL 27, 1:00-2:30 PM F96
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn how a flower works, why it’s important to the survival of a plant, and how tasty flowers are to many creatures. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 6Y-10Y

(FREE) WHAT ARE CEREAL GRAINS?
SAT. SEP 28, 1:00-2:30 PM G45
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Garden, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn about cereal grains. Where can you find them other than the breakfast bowl? Try your hand at making graham crackers. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 6Y-10Y

GOOD EARTH GARDENING
Gardens aren’t just about flowers and vegetables—they’re also about being a partner with nature and the environment. In this two-part series, we’ll talk about how nature works and how we can, in our own gardens, make our local environment healthier, more productive, and more beautiful.

(FREE) NATURAL SYSTEMS
SAT. JUL 20, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F115
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
We’ll take a look at woods, prairies, and wetlands areas to demonstrate natural systems. We then will talk about how to incorporate this knowledge into our own gardens, making them benefit the environment. A great class for gardeners and non-gardeners alike. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) WATER & FERTILIZER
SAT. JUL 27, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F118
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
We’ll examine current watering and fertilization techniques and how to modify or change them so that your garden is a benefit to the surrounding environment. You’ll learn what happens to water during heavy rains as well as how to make wise choices for watering during times of drought. A great, eye-opening class. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) COMMUNITY GARDEN BICYCLE TOUR
SAT. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F121
OFFSITE, Community Gardens, Contact Us for Map Metroparks staff and volunteers will lead this bike tour to several different community gardens in the Huber Heights area. Meet at United Rehabilitation Services, 4710 Old Troy Pike. Bring your bike and ride with us or pick up a route map and drive. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 276-7053 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) BOKASHI COMPOSTING
SAT. SEP 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM G62
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Bokashi is an ancient Japanese/Korean form of composting by fermentation. No more memorizing a long list of do’s and don’ts for the compost pile: with bokashi meat, starches, and dairy can all go in the compost. This method is just trickling into the U.S. but is practiced worldwide. Come learn how to get started. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) WHAT WOULD MARIE DO? SOLVING GARDEN PROBLEMS
SAT. SEP 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM G54
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.
Gardens, woods and prairies coexist easily in Aullwood, and today’s class is about how to deal with the pest and disease control--usually a chemical aspect of gardening. By attracting pollinators, using companion planting, making wise plant selections, and using environmentally sound techniques, we can do a great deal to eliminate garden problems before they occur. Join us today to learn how to have a beautiful, healthy yard for all to enjoy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) HOOPHOUSE ON A BUDGET
SAT. SEP 14, 10:00-11:30 AM G47
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Learn how to make a simple walk-in hoophouse. Extend your gardening season and start seeds throughout the year. All this on an easy to afford budget. Get hands-on experience helping to set up the Possum Creek MetroPark Farm hoophouse. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) AUTUMN AT AULLWOOD
SUN. SEP 15, 2:00-4:00 PM G57
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.
Join us for the beautiful experience of fall in Aullwood Garden. We’ll meet in the parking lot and tour the gardens and part of the woods, looking for the change of seasons and the ways plants—from trees to tiny wildflowers—change for dormancy. Enjoy a wonderful afternoon with refreshments on the porch! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

LANDSCAPE FOR LIFE SERIES
THU. SEP 19-OCT. 17, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM G58
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Sustainability is not just planting certain plants; it’s all about understanding the environment and how each of us, through learning and making informed choices, can make a difference in the health of our gardens and of our entire area. Classes include topics on sustainability in home gardens, the role of soils in a sustainable garden, and more. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $60

(FREE) PARKING DAY
FRI. SEP 20, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM G63
Offsite.
PARK(ing) Day is an annual, worldwide event that transforms metered parking spots into temporary parks for the public good. Five Rivers Metroparks provides plants, Green Velvet Sod Farms provides sod, and Garden Station Garden & Art Park organizes volunteers to set up and staff the “parks” in the Oregon District, at City Hall, and other downtown locations. No registration required. Contact (937) 276-7053 or lucille.beachdell@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

= Online Registration Available
= Program is Weather-Dependent
GREEN LIVING

CAFÉ SCI
Join us for this month's café and discover conservation 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.

(EVENING) EATING WITH MEANING
WED. JUN 5, 6:00-7:30 PM F148
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Join us for an in-depth session about food choices and their implications not only for personal health but also for the well being of the planet. It’s a new way to look at grocery shopping, menu selections, and growing your own produce as a means to improving the environment. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: All ages

HERITAGE & HISTORY

(EVENING) CITYFOLK FESTIVAL
FRI. JUN 28, 5:30-11:00 PM F114
SAT. JUN 29, 1:00-11:00 PM
SUN. JUN 30, 1:00-7:00 PM
RiverScapes Metropark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
CityFolk, Dayton’s traditional arts organization, presents the region’s largest multi-cultural festival. Enjoy three days of music from across America and around the world, food, themed exhibits, children’s education and art making activities and more! No registration required. Contact (937) 496-3863 for details. www.cityfolk.org/festival. Age: All ages

(EVENING) A GRAND OLD INDEPENDENCE DAY
SUN. JUL 7, 12:00-5:00 PM F84
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Visit Carriage Hill Farm for a community celebration of our country’s independence. Enjoy some period games and contests and step back in time as we celebrate the holiday. Come celebrate Independence Day with us. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

(EVENING) UNITED IRISH OF DAYTON CELTIC FESTIVAL
FRI. JUN 28, 6:00-11:00 PM F75
SAT. JUL 7, 12:00-11:00 PM
SUN. JUL 28, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
RiverScapes Metropark, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Celebrate the sights and sounds of Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the twelfth Annual Dayton Celtic Festival. Three stages offer continuous live musical and dance entertainment with seating undercover. Enjoy Celtic culture, children’s activities, food, beverages, traditional Gaelic Mass, Celtic breakfast, and more! No registration required. Contact (937) 372-9788 for details. unitedirishofdayton.org. Age: All ages
region through culture, arts, education and music. Come see The African Village, youth and writers pavilions, and enjoy live music while celebrating at this citywide event. For updates on the DAACF, including a schedule of performers, look for them on Facebook. No registration required. Contact (937) 475-2707 for details. http://www.daacf.com. Age: All ages

**HOME & HOBBIES**

**CANNING CLUB**
Learn how to preserve fruits and vegetables in an inexpensive and efficient way in our summer kitchen. Canning your own produce teaches self sufficiency and helps keep our planet green. Participants will learn how to preserve six varieties of fruits and vegetables, using seasonal produce and 19th century methods.

**STRAWBERRIES**
SAT. JUN 1, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F78 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Today, participants will learn to can produce. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 or deborah.spencer@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

**PICKLED VEGETABLES**
SAT. JUL 6, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F83 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Today, participants will learn to can produce. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 or deborah.spencer@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

**APPLES**
SAT. SEP 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM G40 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Today, participants will learn to can produce. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 or deborah.spencer@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

**END OF SEASON HARVEST**
SAT. OCT 19, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM G42 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Today, participants will learn to can produce. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

**LUNCH AND LEARN**
Enjoy speakers who will give new meaning to the term “power gardening” during this brown bag lunch series.

**FREE MAKING GINGER BEER**
TUE. JUN 4, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM F80 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Join us as we learn about the history of this popular drink. What is the difference between ginger beer and ginger ale? How can I make this at home? These questions and more will be answered in this hands on program. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up

**FREE HISTORIC CONDIMENTS: CATSUP AND MUSTARD**
TUE. JUL 2, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM F82 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
What kinds of condiments did they use in the 1880s? A history of your favorite food accessories will be discussed in this informative program. Various types of catsup will be made and sampled. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up

**FREE COOL DRINKS FOR A HOT DAY: SWITZEL, SHRUB AND LEMONADE**
TUE. AUG 6, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM F88 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
On hot days, a nice cold drink is a good way to beat the heat. Come learn about the various cold drinks fixed during the 1880s, that were also used for health reasons. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up

**FREE MAKING SMALL BEERS: APPLE, SORGHUM AND MAPLE**
TUE. SEP 3, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM G38 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Brewing was an everyday part of life in the 1880s. Join us as we discuss the actual brewing process and make some “small” beers using ingredients like apple, sorghum or maple. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up

**FREE COFFEE, TEA AND HOT CHOCOLATE**
TUE. OCT 1, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM G41 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
With cooler weather approaching, nothing beats a hot drink. Join us as we discuss some of your favorite drinks like coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Lend a hand as we fix some

**FREE DRAFT HORSE DAYS**
SAT. SUN. AUG. 31-SEP. 1, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM F56 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, 7800 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. Also learn how horses were used to power equipment on the farm. On Saturday and Sunday, watch as the United States Plowing Contest is held. No registration required. Contact (937) 206-8807 for details. Age: All ages

**BUS TRIP: CONNER PRAIRIE**
TUE. SEP 10, 7:00 AM-5:30 PM G55 WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Join us for a step back in time at Conner Prairie Interactive History Park in Fishers, Indiana. Learn about everyday life in the 1836 Prairietown community, the Lenape Indians, Civil War history, and William Conner’s homestead. We’ll also enjoy heirloom vegetables from the site. Fee includes lunch. Reservations due August 9. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $92

**FREE COUNTRY FAIR**
SAT. SEP 21, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM G39 SUN. SEP 22, 12:00-5:00 PM CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
As the fall harvest approaches, so would the tradition of the country fair. From agricultural demonstrations to a pie baking competition, all the sights and sounds of an 1880s 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 juice. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

**FREE CORN HUSKING AND HUSKING BEE**
SUN. OCT 13, 12:00-5:00 PM G43 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 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. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

- Online Registration Available
- Program is Weather-Dependent
FAMILY FUN @ THE MARKET
June through October, the Market will host a variety of programs for parents and kids. Join us at the Market on Thursdays to enjoy presentations, demos and sampling! Each program is geared toward learning something new about food and the Market. This will be a great time for parents and kids to learn and have fun together. Afterward, enjoy lunch and shopping from our local vendors.

(FREE) CLOTH DIAPERING 101 & ECO CRAFTS
THU. JUN 6, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM F145
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.
This session from Pure Beginnings is an encore demonstration of different types of cloth diapers and diapering techniques. This time she will team up with Tabitha from Downtown Decoy Art Boutique, who will have an eco craft project for kids who accompany their parents. These are both great, sustainable projects the whole family can enjoy! Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or bramsey@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) TASTE OF NEW ZEALAND
THU. AUG 1, 12:30-1:30 PM F147
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.
Bethany and Aaron from Cheeky Meat Pies will present about New Zealand’s culture and offer a variety of samples of popular food from there. Parents and kids can enjoy a journey to New Zealand right here at the Market! Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or bramsey@metroparks.org for details. Age: 10Y and up

(FREE) TASTE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN
THU. SEP 5, 10:00-11:00 AM G64
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.
Azra from Azra’s Mediterranean Cuisine will showcase some of the wonderful foods and traditions from the Mediterranean that parents and kids will enjoy! This program is being presented before the Market is open so we ask participants to use the pavilion entrance. When the Market opens at 11 am, we encourage participants to visit! Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or bramsey@metroparks.org for details. Age: 10Y and up

HEIRLOOM SKILLS
Join us at the Market to learn skills that have been passed on from generation to generation. These programs will help you cultivate your do-it-yourself skills as you learn how to make traditional homemade goods. You’ll come away feeling confident you can do it yourself and pass on your knowledge to friends and family. Try any or all of the variety of programs and then grab lunch and check out the Market!

(FREE) CANNING AT THE MARKET
THU. JUN 27, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM F167
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.
The Market is partnering with Carriage Hill MetroPark to demonstrate the basics of how to can fresh foods. You’ll be using produce from our local farm vendors and we’ll talk about how to can at home. Canning is a great way to learn about produce and preserve the tastes of summer! Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or bramsey@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) HANDMADE SOAP MAKING
THU. SEP 12, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM G73
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.
Living Simply Soap demonstrates the handmade soap-making process from beginning to end. Attendees will leave with a general understanding of the origin of soap making, basic chemistry involved and the value and sustainability of the product. Everyone will leave with a higher confidence level to try to make their own soap at home! Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or bramsey@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) CHEESE MAKING AT THE MARKET
THU. OCT 3, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM G71
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.
The Market is partnering with Possum Creek MetroPark to give participants the opportunity to learn the basics of making soft cheese by preparing mozzarella. We’ll use milk from our local dairy vendor and equipment will be provided. Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or bramsey@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) PUMPKIN DECORATING
SAT. OCT 19, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM G69
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St.
Pumpkins will be ready to decorate at the Market. Have fun and be imaginative in creating this favorite Halloween decoration. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

MOUNTAIN BIKING
(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MOMBA TRAIL WORK DAYS
SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F64
SAT. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F65
SAT. AUG 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F66
SAT. SEP 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G31
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the mountain bike trails at MoMBA! No experience is necessary; tools are provided. Volunteers bring work gloves and water. Youth 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING
WED. JUN 5, 4:00-7:00 PM F153
WED. AUG 7, 4:00-7:00 PM F67
WED. SEP 11, 4:00-7:00 PM G32
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
Is not owning a mountain bike keeping you from trying mountain biking? If so, then come out to MetroParks Mountain Bike Area and borrow one of our bikes to ride for a lap or two. 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. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages

INTRO TO MOUNTAIN BIKING
THU. SEP 19, 6:00-8:30 PM G33
Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor.
If you have ever wanted to start mountain biking you have found the right place. This classroom based program will introduce you to the equipment and skills you want for a fun, enjoyable ride. Topics will include bike selection, ride preparation, trail riding, trail etiquette, and riding as a family. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: $10

MOUNTAIN BIKING BASICS
SAT. SEP 21, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM G34
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
After you have completed Intro to Mountain Biking join us for practical training at MoMBA, MetroParks Mountain Bike Area. Teaching and practice will include bike balance, braking and shifting, falling, and front/rear wheel lift. We will also discuss reading a map and route finding. After we practice the techniques we’ll go on a trail ride. Prerequisites: Intro to Mountain Biking. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: $15
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TIKE HIKES
Take a hike in the woods with your little ones as we get up close and personal with nature!

(FREE) WOODPECKER WATCH
MON. JUN 3, 10:00-11:00 AM F42
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Go on a hike in search of these insect eaters, and watch them forage on the trees. A naturalist will also try to lure one in close for the children to see! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) LIVE LIKE A BEE
THU. JUN 20, 10:00-11:00 AM F50
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40
Learn what it would be like to be a bee and explore the flowers they pollinate! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) WINGED THINGS
MON. JUL 1, 10:00-11:30 AM F46
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.
Come visit MetroParks’ winged wildlife ambassadors! Learn about their behaviors, why they are living at the Nature Center, and how to spot them in the wild! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) STREAMOLOGY
THU. JUL 25, 10:00-11:30 AM F47
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Come explore the creek and find creatures like crawdads, salamanders, and rainbow darters! Kids and parents should wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) PRAIRIE SAFARI
MON. AUG 12, 10:00-11:00 AM F49
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Prairie Dock/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.
Explore enormous wildflowers and towering grasses while searching for butterflies and other insects in the prairie. Insect nets and containers will be provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) POLLINATOR PARTY
THU. AUG 22, 10:00-11:00 AM F48
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.
Come out and celebrate our pollinators in a prairie! Get ready to boogie with the butterflies and bees and celebrate all they do for us! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) SPIDER KID
MON. SEP 9, 10:00-11:00 AM G18
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/ Parking Lot, 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. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) HIDING IN MY SHELL
THU. SEP 26, 10:00-11:00 AM G17
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Stick your neck out for turtles as we celebrate their lives! Observe a live turtle, and take a hike in the park and search for turtles while exploring their habitat. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) NOCTURNAL ADVENTURE
FRI. OCT 11, 7:00-8:30 PM G19
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/ Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.
Join us on a night hike just for preschoolers and their families. We’ll discuss the differences between night and day, talk about our fears of the night, and explore pelts of nocturnal animals. Afterwards, we will venture out in search of screech owls, and attempt to lure one in close for children to see. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

(FREE) CREEPY CREATURES
MON. OCT 28, 10:00-11:00 AM G20
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. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y PTN

BACKPACKING BABIES
Backpacking Babies programs are just for parents and their babies. Share stories, enjoy fresh air and learn about nature. Babies are exposed to new sights, sounds, textures, and smells on each journey. A baby backpack or snuggle is required as trails are not stroller-friendly.

(FREE) FLUTTER BY BUTTERFLY
THU. JUN 6, 10:00-11:00 AM F62
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
A warm summer day is a great time to look for butterflies! We’ll try to catch a few to give your baby an up-close look. A baby backpack or carrier is required for this program as trails are not stroller-friendly. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 0Y-2Y

(FREE) BABBLING BROOK
THU. SEP 5, 10:00-11:00 AM G27
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Get your baby’s feet wet in the stream, while naturalists search for water creatures to share with you and your infant. A baby backpack or carrier is required for this program as trails are not stroller-friendly. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 0Y-2Y

(FREE) SUPERSIZED WILDFLOWERS
THU. OCT 3, 10:00-11:00 AM G28
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Feel like ants while exploring flowers and grasses taller than people! A baby backpack or carrier is required for this program as trails are not stroller-friendly. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 0Y-2Y

(FREE) GROWING UP WILD TRAINING
SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F41
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
SAT. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F42
WESLEYAN METROPARK, Shelter: Blue Jay/Parking Lot, 1441 Wesleyan Rd.
SAT. AUG 3, 1:00-4:00 PM F43
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Lawwill/West Park, 100 E. National Rd.
Get certified in the nationally recognized Growing Up Wild curricula and combine it with our Natural Adventures Box and have a fun exciting summer with your kids. This training gives childcare providers the tools needed to give children an early foundation and a sense of wonder about nature while encouraging them to explore the world around them. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4178 for details. Age: 21Y and up
and explore the evolution of this organization, nature while basking in butterflies and having been a part of the story! Discover your place in MetroParks is still flying at 50, and you've always 6733 Springboro Pk.

**FEATHERS AND WINGS: FLYING AT 50**
SAT. JUN 15, 10:00-11:30 AM F113
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Butterfly House, 6733 Springboro Pk.
MetroParks is still flying at 50, and you’ve always been a part of the story! Discover your place in nature while basking in butterflies and having close encounters with live raptors. Later, uncover more about the history of MetroParks as we hike and explore the evolution of this organization, and the wildlife it protects. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7725 for details. Age: All ages PTN

**FREE VOLUNTEER: FOREST FOSTER FAMILY**
SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F161
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab House, 6733 Springboro Pk.
The Forest Foster Family program is a different kind of volunteer opportunity for Five Rivers MetroParks, and is welcoming the 2nd year of ‘parents’ this year to our reforestation efforts. Volunteers take home a flat of newly propagated tree seedlings to care for and monitor for the growing season. Trees will be returned to us in October. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7725 for details. www.metroparks.org/forest.
Age: All ages

**FREE BUTTERFLY BASICS**
This series will cover the topics of butterfly natural history and plant relationships, life cycle and basic ID. Programs will be a great overview for anyone who would like a general understanding of butterflies. Programs can be taken as a series or individually.

**FREE BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION**
TUE. JUN 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F43
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Discover some easy tips for butterfly and moth identification. Find the differences between the dark swallowtails and how to know a male from female monarchs. Explore the plant features that make a flower a good nectar source for butterflies. Registration requested. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up

**FREE CATERPILLAR IDENTIFICATION**
THU. JUN 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F44
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Without the caterpillar there would be no butterfly. Learn the proper way to handle a caterpillar and when it’s not a good idea to hold one. Discover more about the development of a larva and why a caterpillar is such aicky eater. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up

**FREE MEETING FOR MIAMI VALLEY LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE COALITION**
TUE. JUN 25, 10:00-11:30 AM F57
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Five Rivers MetroParks will host a planning meeting for MVLNCI, that is open to child advocate agency representatives and individuals who want to help our children connect to nature as a lifelong step toward health and happiness. The agenda: a roundhouse of updates on local initiatives and planning steps for the third MVLNCI Summit. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4178 for details. www.ohiolnci.org/ohio-regions/miami-valleymeadwayton/.
Age: 18Y and up

**FREE PR ARIE ADVENTURE**
TUE. SEP 24, 9:00-10:00 AM G22
TUE. SEP 24, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM G23
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Grab your sun hat and get ready to explore the prairie. See if you can find coneflowers and sunflowers. How big is big blue stem? We’ll also discover which butterflies and birds make their home in the prairie. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 3Y

**FREE STROLL ER STRUTS**
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.

**FREE TREES, MARVELOUS TREES!**
TUE. JUL 23, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM F55
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Ah! Summertime, come explore among the shade trees. Lots of fun discoveries will be made among these beautiful trees! We’ll read tree stories as we enjoy the cool shade. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: OY-3Y

**FREE VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
THU. JUN 20, 6:30-8:30 PM F17
WED. JUL 10, 6:30-8:30 PM F18
TUE. AUG 13, 6:30-3:00 PM F160
WED. SEP 11, 1:00-3:00 PM G65
TUE. SEP 17, 6:30-8:30 PM G66
TUE. OCT 15, 6:30-8:30 PM G67
Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor
Five Rivers MetroParks protects over 15,000 acres, and we could use your help. Discover the ways you can participate and join our conservation team in reforestation efforts, habitat restoration, wildlife management, and land stewardship. Attending orientation does not commit you to anything, so come see what we are doing at Five Rivers MetroParks. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4147 or yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. www.metroparks.org/conservation.
Age: All ages

**FREE VOLUNTEER: LEAF PUPPETS**
SUN. JUL 8, 1:00-3:00 PM F16
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Create a leaf puppet using natural objects collected in the forest or some left over leaves from your yard. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4147 for details. Age: All ages

**FREE VOLUNTEER: LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE COALITION**
SUN. JUL 8, 1:00-3:00 PM F17
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Volunteer for an exciting day of service by working with local organizations to help children get outside in nature. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.
Age: All ages

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Online Registration Available
Program is Weather-Dependent

PASSPORT TO NATURE

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 Passport to Nature program! There are also self-guided Park Trek explorations that qualify to earn a stamp.

For more information or directions to program sites, call (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit us at metroparks.org/passport.

FIRST PASSPORT

Lennea Hale
James Lane
Beth Leigh
Ian Leigh
Joshua Teaster

SECOND PASSPORT

Julia Arboqast
Blaise Gartland
Dominic Gartland
Ignatius Gartland
Jack Periard
Benjamin Treadwell

THIRD PASSPORT

Micah Arboqast
Aeyla Lamb
Brendon Lamb
Kiernan Lamb
Athena Rosengarten

PROGRAMS:

- **FREE** CREEK FUN
  SAT. JUL 27, 2:00-3:30 PM F77
  SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
  Search for salamanders, crawdads, and rainbow darters while exploring Sugar Creek! We will discuss water quality, and what kids can do to keep water clean. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages PTN

- **FREE** MASTER SILVICULTURIST
  WED. AUG. 7-SEP. 25, 6:00-9:00 PM F159
  COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
  Participants will be provided with information on native trees and shrubs, and techniques for successful reforestation. 25 hours practicum required. Interviews begin June 15. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 or yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. www.metroparks.org/forest. Age: 21Y and up Fee: $35

- **FREE** ANCEIENT SEAS, FLOWING STREAMS
  MON. AUG 26, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F73
  Cox Arboretum MetroPark, 6733 Springboro Pike
  Journey into Germantown’s ancient past and discover the present. We will spend time exploring the class 3 headwater streams full of life and fossils that make this park famous. Please dress for the weather and wear creek shoes. Transportation for this session will be provided from Cox Arboretum MetroPark.
  Meet in the front parking lot at 9:00AM. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 16Y and up PTN

- **FREE** SCREECH OWL SEARCH
  SAT. AUG 17, 9:00-10:00 PM F5
  HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.
  Enjoy a night walk in search of the screech owl, the smallest resident owl of MetroParks, while learning about their interactions with our forests. We will use their song to lure them in for a good close look. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages PTN

- **FREE** VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION CARETAKER ORIENTATION
  THU. AUG 29, 6:30-8:30 PM F158
  Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor
  Each of the conservation areas has groups of volunteers who are more integrated in a specific...
TIKES TAKING ACTION
Looking for a step beyond Tike Hikes? Then bring your experienced, young, nature explorer out to help protect the parks they are growing to love!

(FREE) MONARCH TAGGING
FRI. SEP 20, 10:00-11:30 AM G21
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Redwing/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.
Monarchs are beginning their migration to Mexico, so come take part in a project monitoring this amazing migration! Come out to learn about these amazing creatures, and help us capture and tag monarchs, and record the data to help with butterfly conservation efforts. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-6Y $PTN

(FREE) ACCRUING ACORNS
THU. OCT 24, 10:00-11:30 AM G52
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40
Acorns are falling and squirrels are burying them as food for the winter. Come act as large squirrels as we collect some of the fallen acorns, test them, and prepare them for planting next month in an area plagued by the emerald ash borers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-6Y $PTN

(FREE) OWL PROWL
SAT. SEP 28, 7:30-8:30 PM G29
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.
Escape on a night walk in search of owls, while learning about their interactions with our forests. We will use their songs to try luring them in for a good, close look. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages $PTN

(FREE) FAMILY SPIDER SEARCH
SAT. OCT 12, 10:00-11:30 AM G30
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Redwing/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.
Fall is spider season so let’s explore different habitats and investigate which ones spiders like best. We will take a close look at the spiders we find and will also look at preserved specimens of the black widow and brown recluse spiders. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages $PTN

(FREE) METROPARK’S FORESTRY WORKSHOP
SAT. OCT 26, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM G26
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Join us for a review of MetroParks’ forestry practices by walking tours and lecture. Staff including Dave Nolin, conservation director, will introduce lessons learned from our EAB reforestation efforts, forest propagation techniques and the importance of trees in your own neighborhoods. We’ll conclude with a review of forest plants available for purchase. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 18Y and up $FREE

NAI CERTIFIED INTERPRETIVE GUIDE TRAINING
MON., TUE., WED., THU. NOV. 4-7, 9:00-5:00 AM G51
Cox Arboretum MetroPark, 6733 Springboro Pike
Five Rivers MetroParks and National Association for Interpretation are offering a 32 hr. certification course for anyone who delivers programs. It combines both the theoretical foundations of the profession with practical skills in delivering quality interpretive programming to visitors. For more information, see our website program description. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 or dhorvath@metroparks.org for details. www.interpnet.com/na i Age: 18Y and up Fee: $400 ☁

(FREE) TRY SLACKLINING
TUE. JUN 25, 4:00-7:00 PM F170
THU. SEP 12, 4:00-7:00 PM G75
EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Many of you have watched the Gibbon Slackline team entertain the crowds at Midwest Outdoor Experience. Now is your chance to give it a try. Slacklining is a balance sport that improves core strength, balance and coordination. Play around in our temporary slackline park and see if you can make it across the line. Flat shoes are recommended. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages ☁

TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUL. 15-19, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM F74
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Join Five Rivers MetroParks staff for a week-long day camp as we discover nature through kayaking, mountain biking, fly-fishing, and more. The week culminates with an overnight backpacking trip. Monday through Wednesday are day-long adventures and on Thursday we camp out overnight until Friday at 4PM. Pre-trip meeting July 11 is mandatory. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 13Y-15Y Fee: $160 ☁

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: STREET TEAM
WED. AUG 14, 6:30-8:00 PM F150
PNC 2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. 2nd St. The Street Team promotes MetroParks’ outdoor recreation facilities, programs, and events on a flexible, year-round schedule. Street Team volunteers can promote by wearing MetroParks gear, passing out information, posting online, or staffing outreach booths. Come and learn more and get energized and excited about recreation in the Dayton region! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 343-5748 or lucy.siefker@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up ☁

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE ORIENTATION
WED. SEP 18, 6:00-7:30 PM G76
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Promote Dayton, Ohio as the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest while volunteering for Midwest Outdoor Experience. Attend one of the two orientation options where you can sign up for volunteer shifts that are available October 1-7. Refreshments will be served! Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 18Y and up ☁

☁ = Online Registration Available ☁ = Program is Weather-Dependent
EARTHJOY TREE CLIMBING
SAT. SEP 21, 10:00-4:30 AM G37
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Parking lot by restrooms, 1401 Harshman Rd.
Explore and climb some of the biggest trees in the Miami Valley. Learn to rappel, get in and out of hammocks and learn the art of balancing and walking on sturdy limbs. Challenge yourself to hang like Spiderman! Choose starting times 10 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm. All climbers will receive an ADDITIONAL demo climb at Midwest Outdoor Experience. Registration required. Contact (859) 653-2907 or Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: $37

FREE MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE PRESENTED BY SUBARU
FRI. OCT 4, 6:00-10:00 PM G70
SAT. OCT 5, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM
Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Midwest Outdoor Experience (formerly GearFest) has grown beyond just gear and exploded into one of the largest festivals celebrating the outdoor lifestyle in the Midwest. This multi-day event, features camping, competitions, live music, a youth adventure zone, high flying demos, beer garden and much more! Learn more at www.outdoorx.org. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. www.outdoorx.org. Age: All ages Fee: FREE

OUTDOOR PLAY
FREE VOYAGE ON THE PARKWAY
SAT. SEP 28, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM G78
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Parents and their young children will enjoy live music, giveaways and activities that help develop skills for a successful start to kindergarten. Ten community partners will host activities, including Dayton Metro Library, K12 Art Gallery, United Way, Boonshoft, and others. Kids will love riding the RTA Trolley between Wegerzyn and the Boonshoft! No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 2Y-7Y

OUTDOOR SKILLS AND SAFETY
INTRO TO LAND NAVIGATION
THU, OCT 24, 6:00-9:00 PM G8
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Are you ready for the next step in the Land Navigation progression? Get out and use map and compass together in this field-based program. *Intro to Land Navigation is a prerequisite for this program.* Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $15

PADDLING
INTRO TO KAYAKING
THU, JUN 6, 6:00-8:00 PM F20
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Intro to Kayaking is the first step in our paddlesports progression of courses. Classroom instructors will talk about different types of kayaking, trip planning, and where to go paddling. We will also explore a variety of the equipment available to paddlers for comfort and safety. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $5

Subaru Adventure Series
Subaru and its local dealers are offering a lineup of outdoor adventure programs sure to inspire people to “Get Out & Live!” The series will showcase five outdoor activities. Subaru will bring giveaways, raffles and other surprises to our party, and Five Rivers MetroParks knowledgeable staff will provide instruction. Equipment is available on a first-come, first served basis. All programs are FREE! Call (937) 277-4374 or visit metroparks.org/recreation for details. Look for the Subaru logo!

TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING
WED. JUN 5, 4:00-7:30 PM F153
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
Come out to MoMBA, MetroParks Mountain Bike Area and borrow one of our program bikes to ride.

TRY BACKPACKING
WED. JUL 10, 4:00-7:00 PM F155
TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Chamberlain Rd Trailhead Parking Lot, 8502 Chamberlain Rd.
Participants can talk with local experts, experiment with gear and test out a backpack on the Twin Valley Trail.

TRY FLY FISHING
TUE. JUL 23, 5:30-8:30 PM F156
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Join us to see if you can entice a fish to bite and catch a fish on fly. Instructor is available for questions. No fishing license required.

TRY KAYAKING
WED. AUG 21, 4:00-7:00 PM F157
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Try a kayak! An overview of boat, paddle, and life jacket will be offered, and you will have a chance to try different styles of kayaks.

TRY SLACKLINING
THU. SEP 12, 4:00-7:00 PM G75
EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Slacklining is a balance sport that improves core strength, balance and coordination. Flat shoes are recommended.
RIDE THE RIVER RENTALS

Take advantage of living in the “Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest”! Explore our water trails and bikeways with Ride the River Rentals at RiverScape MetroPark. Rent bikes and child accessories (pull-behind trailers and child seats) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays May 25 through September 1. Rent kayaks (operated by Whitewater Warehouse) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays only.

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(FREE) TRY KAYAKING
MON. JUN 10, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM F22
OFFSITE, Praries Swimming Pool, Building 240 Chapel Lane

WED. JUL 24, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM F27
OFFSITE, Praries Swimming Pool, Building 240 Chapel Lane

WED. AUG 21, 4:00-7:00 PM F157
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.

THU. SEP 17, 4:00-7:00 PM G5
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Come try a kayak and see if it is something you would like to learn more about in the future. An quick overview of the boat, paddle, and life jacket will be offered and you will have a chance to try different styles of kayaks. This is a great way to explore the fun of kayaking in a controlled environment. All equipment is provided.

Prerequisites: none. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: All ages

YOUTH KAYAK BASICS
THU. JUN 13, 2:00-5:00 PM F23
SAT. JUL 20, 11:00-4:00 PM F26
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Designed specifically for youth this hands-on program will use instruction and games as we learn to kayak. Topics covered include paddle strokes, boat handling, and safety for kayaking. Equipment is provided. We will be getting wet so please dress appropriately including wearing closed-toed shoes. Bring water to drink. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: 9Y-17Y Fee: $40

KAYAK TOURING BASICS
THU. JUN 20, 6:00-8:00 PM F24
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

This course is the second part of our kayaking progression and applies the information gained from Intro to Kayaking in a hands-on format. We will learn about paddle strokes, boat handling, and safety for tour/sea kayaking. Equipment is provided. We will be getting wet so please dress appropriately including wearing closed-toed shoes. Bring water to drink. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: 14Y and up Fee: $40

GREAT MIAMI RIVER TOURING TRIP
FRI. AUG 2, 6:00 PM - SAT. AUG 3, 6:00 PM F28
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Canoe & Kayak Launch Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40

Come discover the Great Miami River with Five Rivers MetroParks. We will kayak from Taylorsville to Island MetroParks stopping to camp along the way. We will carry all of our supplies needed. All equipment, food, and transportation is included. All participants must attend the pre-trip meeting on July 17. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: 18Y and up Fee: $75

YOUTH FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER
THU. AUG 8, 5:30-8:30 PM F29
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Hey kids do you find that your kayak often gets stuck when you are out or maybe you get bounced around on the river? Join us to learn how to use kayaks in moving water with skills like eddy turns, peel outs, and “reading” the water to help avoid hazards on the river. Please dress to get wet including wearing closed-toed shoes. Bring water to drink. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: 8Y-17Y Fee: $50

MAD RIVER FLOAT
WED. SEP 4, 5:30-8:30 PM G10
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Enjoy an evening on the Mad River with Five Rivers MetroParks staff and see Dayton in a new way. Please dress to get wet including wearing closed-toed shoes. Bring water to drink. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: 14Y and up Fee: $15

KAYAK NATURALIST FLOAT
SAT. SEP 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G4
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Enjoy a morning on the Mad River with a MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that is found along and in the rivers of the Miami Valley. Please dress to get wet including wearing closed-toed shoes. Bring water to drink. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: 14Y and up Fee: $20

NAVIGATING A KAYAK
TUE. OCT 15, 6:30-8:30 PM G50
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

Kayak Navigation will introduce to you how to navigate from a canoe or kayak by preparing before going on the water by learning to understand map and compass, reading and using water charts, dead reckoning and preparing a float plan for proper water navigation. Participants should bring a handheld compass, ruler, protractor, pencil and string. Prerequisites: none. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.
Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15
PHOTOGRAPHY

(FREE) PICTURING PETALS AND PLANTS
SAT. JUN 15, 10:00-11:30 AM F106 WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
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 then go outside (weather permitting) to take photos in the garden. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) CREATIVE USE OF FLASH
SAT. JUL 13, 10:00-11:30 AM F112 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Taking photos outdoors is often a case of man vs. nature, since sunny or shady lighting conditions can make it difficult to capture good images. This session will demonstrate how to use flash (both on and off the camera) to improve the appearance of photos. Bring your camera, and a detachable flash (if you have one). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) NATURE PHOTO CRITIQUE SESSION
SAT. AUG 10, 10:00-11:30 AM F181 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Photographer Adam Alonzo will critique your nature photos and use them as the basis for brief lessons about camera technique and composition. Send digital photos by e-mail in advance to critique@adamalonzo.com. The critique will take place during this group session, not via individual e-mail responses. Only outdoor photos will be considered, preferably those taken at Five Rivers MetroParks. Not all photos submitted will be discussed during the session. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

(FREE) SHOOTING OUTDOOR PORTRAITS
SAT. SEP 7, 10:00-11:30 AM G80 WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Wegerzyn Center, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.
Taking impressive outdoor portraits requires more than just a picturesque location and a person willing to pose. This session explains the importance of background and foreground elements, stance and pose, and sunlight and shadow. Following a presentation indoors, participants will then go outside (weather permitting) to take pictures of a model in the garden. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

(FREE) AUTUMN PHOTOGRAPHY
SAT. OCT 5, 10:00-11:30 AM G81 AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.
Fall is the perfect time of year to capture colorful outdoor pictures. Join Adam Alonzo for an informal photography session in the garden. Participants can take pictures, ask questions and try new techniques. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages

ROWING

COMPETITIVE JUNIOR ROWING
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI., SAT. MAR. 18-JUN. 8, 4:00-6:30 PM E135
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI., SAT. MAY 20-AUG. 10, 4:00-6:30 PM E181
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI., SAT. AUG. 19-NOV. 23, 4:00-6:30 PM F76
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI., SAT. DEC. 2-MAR. 15, 4:00-6:30 PM H1
ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.
Join Greater Dayton Rowing for this 12-week program and compete in regatta events. Rowing is a low-impact, power-endurance sport using 90% of the body’s muscles. Athletes gain confidence through competition and hard work. Training plans are specific to age groups. Financial aid available. Meet at Island MetroPark Boat House: M-F 4-6:30PM; or Sat. 10AM-12:30PM. Prerequisites: Must know how to swim and be comfortable around water. Participants must be a student in the greater Dayton area, grades 7-12 or ages 13-18. See contact info to register. Contact alex.walters@ymail.com or (513) 885-6251 for details. www.daytonjuniorrowing.org. Age: 13Y-18Y Fee: $495

LEARN TO ROW
Were you inspired by the Olympics? Then get on the water with the Greater Dayton Rowing Association and Learn-to-Row! These four-week classes for adults will cover everything required to row a single sculling boat confidently and independently. Rowing is a zero-impact activity that uses most of the body’s muscle groups. It is a great exercise and a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors. Classes begin in May, June, and July so sign-up early; spots fill quickly. Class meets weekdays at 6:00PM and weekends at 2:00PM. Program graduation includes a year-round fitness program and access to GDTA equipment. Located at the Island MetroPark Boat House and then on the Great Miami River.

ADULT LEARN TO ROW
MON. MAY 13, 6:00-8:00 PM E136
SUN. JUN 9, 12:00-2:00 PM
MON. JUN 17, 6:00-8:00 PM F14

GUIDE TO EVENT ACTIVITY

SUN. JUL 14, 12:00-2:00 PM
MON. JUL 22, 6:00-8:00 PM F15
SUN. AUG 18, 12:00-2:00 PM
ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.
Sessions take place: May 13-June 9. Classes are either 6PM Monday/Wednesday, 6PM Tuesday/Thursday, or 2PM Saturday/Sunday. These four-week classes will cover everything needed to row a single sculling boat confidently and independently. Classes are held at the Island MetroPark Boat House. No prior experience necessary. Prerequisites: Participants should know how to swim, be comfortable around water, have good balance, and overall physical mobility. Able to carry 25lbs. over-head and comfortable doing deep knee bends. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 260-2630 or Jon Daugherty for details. www.regattacentral.com/ltr/. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $275

ROOKIES LEARN TO ROW
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI., SAT. MAY 27-JUL. 27, 4:00-6:30 PM E182
ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.
Curious about rowing? These classes are designed for youth to row three days each week and learn the basics. Greater Dayton Rowing is led by experienced coaches. Join GDRA for this 9-week program for rookies. Classes are either: (Monday–Wednesday from 4pm-6:30pm) or (Thursday, Friday 4-6:30pm–Saturday 10am-12:30pm). At Island MetroPark Boat House. Prerequisites: Comfortable around water, must know how to swim; graduated from 6th grade and at least 100lbs. or at least 5’3” tall (equipment size limited). Be in grades 7-12 or ages 13-18. See contact info to register. Contact (513) 885-6251 or alex.walters@gmail.com for details. http://daytonjuniorrowing.org/. Age: 13Y-18Y Fee: $60

(FREE) CHARLIE DOYLE MEMORIAL REGATTA
SAT. OCT 5, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM G35 Island MetroPark, 101 E. Helena St.
The Greater Dayton Rowing Association invites the public to the 14th Annual Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta. Nearly 300 competitive rowers from high school, collegiate and master rowing teams from around the tri-state area will compete in 2,000 meter races. Come join in the spectacle and cheer on all the teams! Go to daytonrowing.org No registration required. www.daytonrowing.org. Age: All ages
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