

# PARKWAYS



## 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 7**

**GRAND OLD  
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Carriage Hill MetroPark



**July 15-19**

**TEEN ADVENTURE  
CAMP**

Wegerzyn Gardens  
MetroPark



**July 26-28**

**DAYTON CELTIC  
FESTIVAL**

RiverScape MetroPark

Photo by United Irish of Dayton



**August 17**

**HISPANIC HERITAGE  
FESTIVAL**

RiverScape MetroPark

Photo by Dayton Daily News



**August 24**

**DAYTON AFRICAN  
AMERICAN CULTURAL  
FESTIVAL**

RiverScape MetroPark

Photo by Joe Long



**Sept. 20-21**

**TASTE OF  
MIAMI VALLEY**

RiverScape MetroPark



**Sept. 21-22**

**COUNTRY FAIR**

Carriage Hill MetroPark



**Sept. 28**

**VOYAGE ON  
THE PARKWAY**

Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark,  
Boonshoft Museum of Discovery



**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**





**Becky Benná**  
Executive Director

## 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*

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](http://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.

## HOLD ON TO YOUR PARKWAYS!

This issue covers programs from June through October. The fall/winter issue will cover November through March, which will kick off the thrice-yearly publishing frequency in 2014. Remember you can find the current issue of ParkWays online at [metroparks.org/parkways](http://metroparks.org/parkways), or you can easily search for activities and programs using [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org). Click the "Find a Program" button on the left-hand navigation pane to search for program by date, topic, or park. Use the "Get Outside" drop-down menu to find programs related to a specific activity, or click on "Things to See and Do" to browse all activities and parks.

## MetroParks Commissioners



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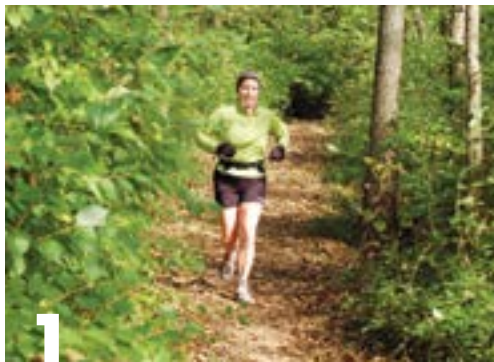
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*Five Rivers MetroParks is dedicated to protecting the region's natural heritage and to providing outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.*

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**#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!

Photo by Tim Gaffney



**#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](http://metroparks.org/history).

# TOP TEN WAYS

TO "GET OUT & LIVE" IN YOUR METROPARKS THIS SUMMER & FALL



Photo by RA Makley

**#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](http://metroparks.org/RidingCenter) for hours, prices and more information.

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



**#5 GONE FISHIN':** Get "hooked" on all the places to fish in MetroParks. Visit [metroparks.org/fishing](http://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](http://metroparks.org/recreation) to find the link with all the details.

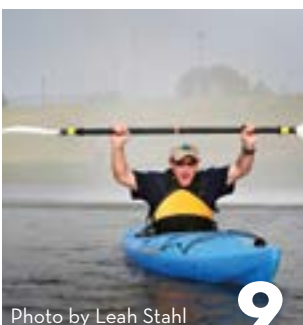


Photo by Leah Stahl

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



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



**#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](http://metroparks.org/RiverScape) for details.



# METROPARKS VOLUNTEERS: WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

## 'GROW' YOUR TALENTS WITH US



### METROPARKS VOLUNTEERS HONE THEIR SKILLS WHILE GIVING BACK

Love nature? Use your unique talents and help others make a personal connection with nature! Five Rivers MetroParks seeks volunteers of every age, skill level and ability. "We 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:jmetter@metroparks.org).

### CARRIAGE HILL COUNTRY STORE

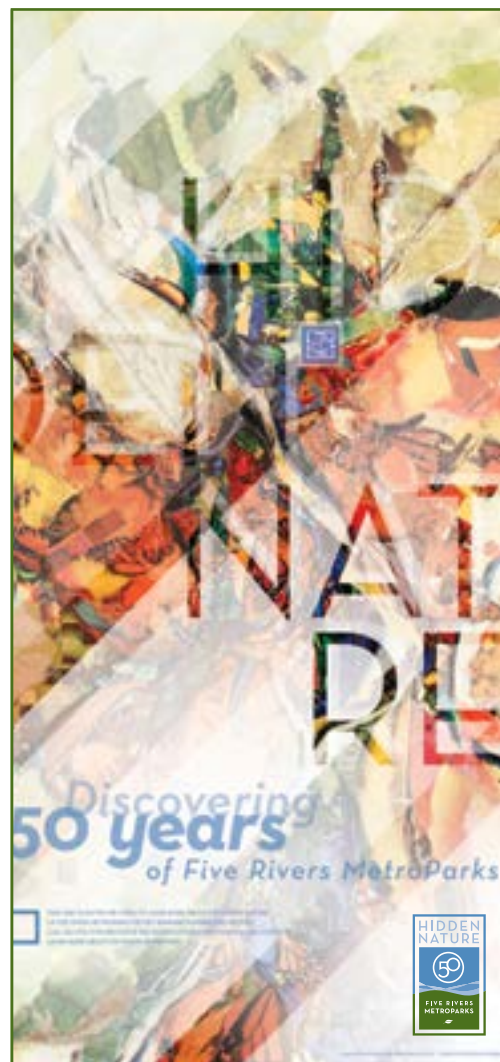
Volunteers are needed to assist in the Carriage Hill MetroPark Country Store, located inside the Visitor Center. Volunteers assist with gift sales in the store during shifts from 12-4:45 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday throughout the year. Training in cash register use is provided. Contact Bambi Shafer at (937) 275-5006 or [bshafer@metroparks.org](mailto: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 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. to assist with caring for garden plots from June through early August. Contact Kasey Henneman at (937) 277-6545 or [khennehan@metroparks.org](mailto:khennehan@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](http://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](http://metroparks.org/history) and discover the "hidden nature" of your MetroParks!

# DAYTON'S 'DAM' POTENTIAL



## 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

# CONSERVATION



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." 🍃

## DRAWBACKS TO LOW DAMS

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.



# POSSUM CREEK METROPARK GETS A NEW IDENTITY

## 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

*The new inception of Possum Creek MetroPark will include educational components that include:*

- growing fruits and vegetables
- raising small livestock
- beekeeping
- preparing and preserving the harvest
- community gardening
- City Beets youth gardening program

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.



EDUCATION





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.

## ONLINE EXTRA

Visit **metroparks.org** and visit the Green Living activity page to find upcoming green practices programs.



# THE RIDING CENTER at Carriage Hill MetroPark



Photo by Susan Caudill

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



**RIDING CENTER**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

 **METROPARKS.ORG/RidingCenter**

# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE COMBOS

## 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.

	Park Bikes at	Launch Boats at	Float Down the	Pedal the	Float Distance	Bike Distance
Mad River	RiverScape MetroPark	Eastwood MetroPark	Mad River	Mad River Bikeway	4.0 miles	4.5 miles
Great Miami River	Island MetroPark	Taylorsville MetroPark	Great Miami River	Great Miami Bikeway	9.0 miles (Dam portage required)	9.3 miles
Stillwater River	Island MetroPark	Wegerzyn MetroPark	Stillwater River	Stillwater Bikeway	1.75 miles	2.6 miles

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**



RECREATION



## ONLINE EXTRA

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

### 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." 

# 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.

 **METROPARKS.ORG**/RiverScape





# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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**, Sugarcreek 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**, Sugarcreek 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**, Sugarcreek 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: 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 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)

**10:00 AM Zumba in the Park**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 22)  
**10:00 AM At Home with Chickens**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)  
**1:00 PM Caring for Your Caterpillar**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 30)

## 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: Cla've 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)

## TUE, JUL 16, 2013

**9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children's Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)

**1:00 PM Farm to Preschool: Nature's Garden Helpers**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 21)

## WED, JUL 17, 2013

**2:00 PM What's New @ 2**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)

**3:00 PM Taylorsville Walkfest**, Taylorsville 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,** Sugar creek 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,** Sugar creek 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,** Sugar creek 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,**

Taylorsville 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,** Taylorsville 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 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)

**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)

**WED, AUG 21, 2013**

**2:00 PM What's New @ 2**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 24)  
**4:00 PM Try Kayaking**, Eastwood MetroPark (see page 34) 

**THU, AUG 22, 2013**

**10:00 AM Tike Hike: Pollinator Party**, Englewood MetroPark (see page 29)  
**7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Pam Noah and Her Big Band**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**SAT, AUG 24, 2013**

**9:00 AM 5K for Kelli**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see page 23)  
**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Crains Run Nature Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see page 18)  
**11:00 AM Dayton African American Cultural Festival**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 26)

**MON, AUG 26, 2013**

**9:00 AM Children's Tour Guide Workshop: Ancient Seas, Flowing Streams**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see page 31)

**TUE, AUG 27, 2013**

**5:30 PM Try Fly Fishing**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 22)

**THU, AUG 29, 2013**

**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Caretaker Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see page 31)  
**7:30 PM Big Band Nights: Kim Kelly Orchestra**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**FRI, AUG 30, 2013**

**6:00 PM Teen Music Slam**, RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**SAT, AUG 31, 2013**

**9:00 AM 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 & Dales 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**



**9:00 AM Bike for the Health of It: Ride to Verona,** Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see page 18)  
**9:00 AM Mountain Biking Basics,** Huffman MetroPark (see page 28)

**10:00 AM EARTHJOY Tree Climbing,** Eastwood MetroPark (see page 33)

**10:00 AM Country Fair,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see page 27)

**3:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley,** RiverScape MetroPark (see page 20)

**3:30 PM URS Rubber Duck Regatta,** RiverScape MetroPark (see page 21)

### 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,** Aullwood 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 30)

**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 AM 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)

# 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** and click on the “Find a Program” link to search for programs and register online.

## 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 erik.dahlstrom@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅



### (FREE) 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. The Chamberlain Road access allows hikers to visit a backcountry campsite on the TVT. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. This program is part of the Subaru Adventure Series; see page 33. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages 📅

## 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.

### (FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK

**SAT. JUN 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F1**

**SAT. AUG 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F223**

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**

**SAT. AUG 31, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F225**

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 West Carrollton 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 27, 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 📅





**(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](http://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](http://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](mailto:bramsey@metroparks.org) for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) SATURDAY E'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. Meet at the 'Scape! No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

**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](http://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) CLA'VE 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](http://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](http://lydliveyourdream.com). Age: All ages ☀

**(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](mailto: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

**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) TOM DAUGHERTY AND THE TOMMY DORSEY TRIBUTE****THU. AUG 1, 7:30-9:30 PM F122**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ☀

**(FREE) BOB GRAY ORCHESTRA****THU. AUG 8, 7:30-9:30 PM F123**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ☀

**(FREE) HAL HARRIS ORCHESTRA****THU. AUG 15, 7:30-9:30 PM F124**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ☀

**(FREE) PAM NOAH AND HER BIG BAND****THU. AUG 22, 7:30-9:30 PM F125**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ☀

**(FREE) KIM KELLY ORCHESTRA****THU. AUG 29, 7:30-9:30 PM F126**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 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](mailto: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 Babbelfish 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) 91.3 WYSO CONCERT****SUN. SEP 8, 6:00-9:00 PM F116**

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

Join 91.3 WYSO for a free summer concert at RiverScape MetroPark! The concert will feature live bands, food, drink and much more. For more information, contact 91.3 WYSO Music Director Niki Dakota. No registration required. Contact (937) 767-6420 for details. Age: All ages ☀

**(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



tickets are \$3. No registration required. Contact (937) 461-6872 for details. dineoutdayton.com.  
Age: All ages

### **(FREE) URS RUBBER DUCK REGATTA**

**SAT. SEP 21, 3:30-5:30 PM G16**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

The 10th Annual Rubber Duck Regatta supports local children and adults with disabilities at United Rehabilitation Services. More than 15,000 rubber ducks are dropped by crane for a race down the Great Miami River. No registration required. Contact (937) 853-5464 or www.ursdayton.org for details. Age: All ages

### **BUS TRIP: COLUMBUS**

**WED. OCT 16, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM G59**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.


We'll tour the state-of-the-art "green" Grange Insurance Audubon Center and learn about ecology for urbanites. Lunch is at Schmidt's Sausage Haus und Restaurant, followed by a two-hour guided tour of beautiful German Village, ending at the gardens of Schiller Park. Fee includes lunch and is due September 13. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$86

## **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) AT HOME WITH CHICKENS**

**SAT. JUN 22, 10:00-11:30 AM F100**

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

Thinking about having some chickens around the house? Chickens can supplement your food budget and help out with pest control in the garden. Learn more about the basics of keeping chickens: breeds, coops and other living arrangements, and zoning laws which affect you. No registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 18Y and up


### **(FREE) GRAIN THRESHING**

**SUN. JUL 14, 12:00-5:00 PM F85**

**SUN. AUG 11, 12:00-5:00 PM F89**

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

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

the farmhands with a sumptuous threshermen's 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**


POSSUM 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  **PTN**

### **(FREE) NATURE'S GARDEN HELPERS**

**TUE. JUL 16, 1:00-2:30 PM F94**


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

We know plants need water and sun to help them grow, but some plants need insects and birds to help them too. Romp through the farm and watch nature's helpers at work helping our plants grow and thrive. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 3Y-6Y  **PTN**

### **(FREE) JAMMING BERRIES**

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


POSSUM 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  **PTN**

### **(FREE) MILK DOES A BODY GOOD**

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


POSSUM 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  **PTN**

### **(FREE) FUN WITH PUMPKINS**

**TUE. OCT 29, 1:00-2:30 PM G46**


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

Pumpkins are amazingly versatile. We can carve faces in them and decorate them in many ways. Learn how tasty and delicious pumpkin can be when cooked. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 3Y-6Y  **PTN**

### **(FREE) PUMPKINS ARE AMAZING**

**SAT. OCT 12, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM G48**


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

What's fall without pumpkins? Learning the amazing history behind why pumpkins are so popular. Experiment with making pumpkin treats. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: All ages  **PTN**

### **(FREE) FROM GRAIN TO BREAD**

**SAT. OCT 26, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM G49**

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


Used in breads, cakes, cereals, soups, and more, grains can be an important part of our diet - and our gardens. Learn some of the differences between grains, how to grow them, and participate in some small-scale processing grain into flour. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 18Y and up 

## **FISHING**

### **HOOKED ON FISHING, NOT ON DRUGS**

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

POSSUM 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 

### **FISH WITH A RANGER**

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

**SAT. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F34**


POSSUM 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) TRY FLY FISHING**

**TUE. JUN 18, 5:00-8:00 PM F236**

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

 **TUE. JUL 23, 5:30-8:30 PM F156**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues ,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

**TUE. AUG 27, 5:30-8:30 PM E106**

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.orrcc.org. Age: All ages Fee: \$25

**(FREE) 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 hslade@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

### 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. JUN 22, 10:00-11:00 AM F136**

**SAT. JUL 13, 10:00-11:00 AM F137**

**SAT. JUL 20, 10:00-11:00 AM F138**

**SAT. AUG 10, 10:00-11:00 AM F139**

**SAT. AUG 31, 10:00-11:00 AM F140**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 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 wheel chairs, 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 Yeagerlehner. No registration required. Contact (937) 878-8381 or KLOCKHAUS@aol.com for details. Age: All ages

**HOE DOWN SQUARE DANCE**

**SAT. JUN 8, 8:00-10:30 PM F81**

**SAT. AUG 17, 8:00-10:30 PM F90**

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

Join us for a square dance in our historic barn. Listen to the sounds of The Corndrinkers as they walk you through the steps. Tickets are \$5 per person and available at the door. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 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

**(FREE) GERMANTOWN HIKE WITH  
THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**

**SUN. JUN 16, 1:30-4:30 PM F13**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Parking  
Lot, 6910 Boomershire 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 📄

**CARRIAGE HILL 5K**

**WED. JUL 10, 7:00-8:30 PM F60**

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

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is provided by Ohio River Road Runners Club. Free for members, \$9 non-members. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 974-3454 or andyhelmick@gmail.com for details. www.orrcc.org. Age: All ages Fee: \$9

**(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 hslade@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 the 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.orrcc.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.orrcc.org. Age: All ages Fee: \$6

📄 = Online Registration Available

⚙️ = Program is Weather-Dependent





**(FREE) ENGLEWOOD HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS****SUN. AUG 4, 1:30-4:00 PM F38**

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

Enjoy a 5-mile, two-and-a-half hour hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers. This hike is considered moderate, some hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 for details. Age: All ages

**BLAZIN' HOT 5K RUN & WALK****FRI. AUG 9, 6:00-9:00 PM F61**

WEGERZYN 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@mcjcoho.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

**5K FOR KELLI****SAT. AUG 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F4**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 1301 East Siebenthaler Ave.

This 5k run/walk is organized by Elesha Snyder and Mandi Moore in honor of their sister, Kelli James who passed away on October 15, 2006 after losing her battle with breast cancer. All proceeds from the 5k for Kelli will go to Hospice of Dayton, The Good Samaritan Breast Health Center and The Noble Circle Project. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 219-4657 or 5kforkelli@gmail.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$20

**DEWEESE PARKWAY 5K****TUE. SEP 3, 6:00-8:00 PM G72**

Bikeway: Stillwater River, Ohio Bike Route 7

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by the Ohio River Road Runners Club. Contact Beth Whitehead. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 609-0950 or buphe2002@yahoo.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$9

**(FREE) 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

**STILETTOS 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 (937) 898-7811 or coliver@oasisforwomen.org for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$25

**(FREE) POSSUM CREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS****SUN. SEP 29, 1:30-3:30 PM G15**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Argonne Forest Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown 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

**(FREE) DAYTON CROP HUNGER WALK****SUN. OCT 6, 12:30-4:30 PM G12**

ISLAND METROPARK, Band Shell, 101 E. Helena St.

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Church World Service in support of the global hunger fight work of Church World Service and the Dayton Foodbank. No registration required. Contact (614) 481-4416 or mikiger@churchworldservice.org for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) WALK TO CURE DIABETES****SAT. OCT 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM G13**


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 vwilliams@jdrf.org for details. www.jdrf.org. Age: All ages

**(FREE) 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 iehonzak@gmail.com for details. Age: All ages 

## GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

**(FREE) BASIC GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS****SAT. JUN 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F103**

WEGERZYN 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 

**BUS TRIP: CLEVELAND****TUE. JUN 11, 7:00 AM - WED. JUN 12, 7:00 PM F104**


WEGERZYN 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

**BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN****TUE. JUN 11, 9:00-10:00 AM F41****TUE. JUN 18, 9:00-10:00 AM F171****TUE. JUN 25, 9:00-10:00 AM F172****TUE. JUL 2, 9:00-10:00 AM F173****TUE. JUL 9, 9:00-10:00 AM F174****TUE. JUL 16, 9:00-10:00 AM F175****TUE. JUL 23, 9:00-10:00 AM F176****TUE. JUL 30, 9:00-10:00 AM F177****TUE. AUG 6, 9:00-10:00 AM F178****TUE. AUG 13, 9:00-10:00 AM F179****TUE. AUG 20, 9:00-10:00 AM F180**

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

Have you ever wondered what the children's garden is like before the front gates open?

Take this rare opportunity to experience the Children's Garden behind closed doors as you help MetroParks staff 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  **PTN**

**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 composter 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**

WEGERZYN 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](http://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 🌞 **PTN**

**(FREE) HOW TO PLAN A GARDEN****SAT. JUN 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F105**

WEGERZYN 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 SUNDAYS**

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 📅

**(FREE) AULLWOOD IN AUGUST****SUN. AUG 18, 2:00-4:00 PM F119**

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Our final Summer Sunday will focus on the trees—the many varieties, their growth and shade patterns, their seasonal color—and what makes the Aullwood garden and surrounding woods significant. Our tour ends with cool lemonade on the porch. A great class for a hot summer day! 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**

WEGERZYN 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-1:00 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 and when to prune. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅





## 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 📞 **PTN**

### (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 📞 **PTN**

### (FREE) FRUIT OR BERRY

**SAT. AUG 10, 1:00-2:30 PM F99**

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

In this program we will focus on the end product of the flower, the fruit. Discuss the difference between a fruit and a berry. Learn how to preserve fruits and berries for use throughout the year. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details.

Age: 6Y-10Y 📞 **PTN**

### (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 📞 **PTN**

## (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 📞 🚲

## 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) 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

**(FREE) GARDENER'S PLANT EXCHANGE****WED. SEP 25, 6:30-7:30 PM** C144

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

The Gardener's Plant Exchange is an economical way to add variety to your garden. Gardening enthusiasts are invited to join us for a fun evening of sharing and swapping. Gather your favorite seeds, divide your perennials, or dig out some of your plants that have outgrown their space. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 or lucille.beachdell@metroparks.org for details. Wegerzyn MetroPark. Age: All ages 📅

**(FREE) GROW YOUTH! A TRAINING FOR GARDEN EDUCATORS****SAT. OCT 5, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM** G74

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

Interested in getting teenage youth hooked on gardening? Maybe you have the garden but don't know what to do with the kids when they get there? Join Kasey Henneman from Five Rivers MetroParks' City Beets program. Learn the ins and outs of this successful youth gardening program. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 or kasey.henneman@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) AULLWOOD'S FALL COLORS****SUN. OCT 20, 2:00-4:00 PM** G60

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Join us for a wonderful Sunday afternoon stroll through the gardens, catching great views of the changing landscape. We'll enjoy trees, shrubs, annuals and perennials, as well as woodland plants as they transition into winter. Our trip through the garden ends with hot cider on the porch. We'll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages 📅

**(FREE) COCKTAILS FROM THE GARDEN****THU. OCT 24, 5:00 AM-7:00 PM** G61

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

Celebrate National Food Day with garden cocktails from locally harvested fruits and vegetables. We'll have alcoholic and non-alcoholic treats mixed from recipes in Amy Stewart's "The Drunken Botanist." The evening includes light refreshments and music as well. Bring your friends! We'll meet in the Edible Landscape Garden. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 21Y and up 📅

**GREEN LIVING****CAFÉ SCI**

Join us for this month's cafe 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.

**(FREE) 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 📅

**(FREE) NEW URBANISM****WED. JUL 10, 6:00-7:30 PM** F149

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Here's a great chance to look at how urban life is being redefined and how we can use the best of the new trends to become a healthier community, use land more wisely, and make better food and exercise choices. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: All ages 📅

**(FREE) GREENING OUR SCHOOLS****THU. SEP 12, 6:00-7:30 PM** F162

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Watch films and discuss how schools can be part of the solution to a greener world. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) THINK BEFORE YOU TOSS IT****WED. OCT 2, 6:00-7:30 PM** F134

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Americans generate millions of tons of waste each year. Where do you think it goes? We'll explore innovative ways of dealing with waste, especially food waste, that bring benefits beyond garden fertilizer. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: All ages 📅

**HERITAGE & HISTORY****(FREE) 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**

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Cityfolk, Dayton's traditional arts organization, presents the region's largest multi-cultural festival. Enjoy three days of music from across America and around the world, food, 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

**(FREE) 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

**(FREE) UNITED IRISH OF DAYTON CELTIC FESTIVAL****FRI. JUL 26, 6:00-11:00 PM** F75**SAT. JUL 27, 12:00-11:00 PM****SUN. JUL 28, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM**

RiverScape 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

**(FREE) HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL****SAT. AUG 17, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM** F102

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

The exciting Hispanic Heritage Festival is back with hot and spicy Latin music and delicious Latin food. The sounds of salsa, merengue, tejano, Latin jazz, cumbia, and bachata music will come alive in the biggest fiesta in downtown Dayton! Admission is free. No registration required. Contact (520) 236-7515 for details. paco-latino.org. Age: All ages

**(FREE) DAYTON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL****SAT. AUG 24, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM** F101

RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave.

This family event brings the richness of the African American experience to the Dayton



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

### **(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 1880's 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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:deborah.spencer@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 

#### **TOMATOES**

**SAT. AUG 3, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM F87**


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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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



= Online Registration Available



= Program is Weather-Dependent

historic recipes and discuss the history of each. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## 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. Jamie from Pure Beginning is doing an encore demonstration of different types of cloth diapers and diapering techniques. This time she is teaming up with Tabitha from 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**  
**THU. AUG 15, 12:30-1:30 PM**  
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 family and friends. Try any or all 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. We'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 requested, 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 taking 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



## NATURE

## HIKE 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 snugli 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. AUG 1, 10:00-11:30 AM F63**

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) LET'S BUG OUT**

**THU. SEP 5, 10:00-11:00 AM G27**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Babies love insects! Bring your baby out to a prairie for sun and fresh air as naturalists catch harmless insects for your baby to observe. A baby backpack or carrier is required 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 F141**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

**SAT. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM F142**

WESLEYAN METROPARK, Shelter: Blue Jay/Parking Lot, 1441 Wesleyan Rd.

**SAT. AUG 3, 1:00-4:00 PM F143**

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 **PTN**



= Online Registration Available



= Program is Weather-Dependent



**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: FOREST FOSTER FAMILY****SAT. JUN 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** F161

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lath 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 spring 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) 275-7275 for details. [www.metroparks.org/forest](http://www.metroparks.org/forest). Age: All ages 📅

**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 required. 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 a picky eater. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) 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) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages 📅 PTN

**(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](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. [www.metroparks.org/conservation](http://www.metroparks.org/conservation). Age: All ages 📅

**(FREE) LET'S EXPLORE FOR NATURE IN OUR DOWNTOWN HOME****SAT. JUN 22, 8:30-11:30 AM** F169

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, Festival Plaza, 111 E. Monument Ave.

**SAT. JUL 20, 8:30-11:30 AM** F59

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

Nature thrives and is alive downtown! Come join us as we take a leisurely, naturalist-guided stroll through downtown and along the river seeking out the animals and plants that have made a home in our urban environment. Bring your binoculars! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 855-7717 or [james.latham@metroparks.org](mailto:james.latham@metroparks.org) for details. Age: All ages 📅

**(FREE) CARING FOR YOUR CATERPILLAR****SAT. JUN 22, 1:00-3:00 PM** F51

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

Watching a caterpillar develop into a butterfly is a fun way to learn about life cycles. Bring the whole family and discover how to raise caterpillars at home. No more need to order butterfly kits. Discover tips for creating a garden to attract butterflies and how to find caterpillars. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: All ages 📅

**(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-valleydayton/](http://www.ohiolnci.org/ohio-regions/miami-valleydayton/). Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) BUTTERFLY WALK****SAT. JUL 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** F52**SAT. AUG 17, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** F53

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Butterfly House, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Join a volunteer guide for an informative walk looking for butterflies. Discover more about native butterflies and the plants that attract them. Meet at Butterfly House, the walk will take place along the red path in the prairie. Dress for the weather and bring water. No registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: All ages

**STROLLER 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, 9:00-10:00 AM** F54**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: 0Y-3Y 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) PRAIRIE 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: 0Y-3Y 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) WHERE WILL I STAY?****TUE. OCT 22, 9:00-10:00 AM** G24**TUE. OCT 22, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM** G25

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Fall is underway so winter can't be far



behind. What do the animals of the arboretum do in the winter? Come and discover which trees and plants make nice cozy winter homes. As we explore the arboretum we'll find out who's making preparations for the winter months ahead. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 0Y-3Y 📅 ⚙️

### (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**

### MASTER SILVICULTURIST

**WED. AUG. 7-SEP. 25, 6:00-9:00 PM**

F159

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Local forests face unprecedented challenges due to invasive pests. Participants will be provided in depth knowledge of the forest types of the Miami Valley, invasive species impacting our forests, collection and propagation of 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) MOTHS AND MOONS

**SAT. AUG 10, 8:00-10:00 PM F70**

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

Tonight begins in the Kettering Learning Lab with an up-close look at some of Ohio's largest moths. Then head out on the grounds to discover the "dark side" of the Butterfly House. Take advantage of telescope viewing with the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Astronomy department. Registration requested; walk-ins welcome. Weather permitting. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

### CHILDREN'S TOUR GUIDE WORKSHOP SERIES:

Discover the joy of sharing nature with children as a volunteer children's tour guide. No experience is necessary; however, potential guides should be 16 years or older and able to walk/hike trails at various MetroParks. Children's tour guides make our natural areas come alive for the students that visit each season.

### (FREE) FOCUS ON FALL

**MON. AUG 12, 9:30-11:30 AM F71**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Make an impact working with students who visit MetroParks as part of our Children's Tour Guide program. We invite returning tour guides and interested adults to this workshop to learn more about leading tours and the opportunities available at multiple parks. Please bring your calendar to sign up for scheduled tours. Light refreshments provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

### (FREE) NEEDLES AND LEAVES

**MON. AUG 19, 9:30-11:30 AM F72**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Whether they have needles or leaves, we all need trees! Jenny Carroll, Ohio certified volunteer naturalist, will help us uncover clues to identify those challenging evergreens. We'll also use them to help key out unknown trees in the field. Most of the session will take place outdoors, so please dress for the weather. Light refreshments provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

### (FREE) ANCIENT 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 📅

### (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

## 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

Lenneia 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 Arboqat  
Aeyla Lamb  
Brendon Lamb  
Kiernan Lamb  
Athena Rosengarten



site. These caretakers may be involved with boundary checks, greeting episodic volunteers to workdays, act as invasive scouts and help in giving each of the areas more TLC during the year. This opportunity can be done independently or in teams. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4147 or yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. [www.metroparks.org/conservation](http://www.metroparks.org/conservation). Age: 18Y and up 📅

### (FREE) GO NUTS WITH METROPARKS SUN. SEP 1, 1:00-4:00 PM G79

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Land Stewardship Classroom, 8300 Brown School Rd.

Tree seed gathering time is here! We will be gathering seed primarily from mature native oaks and hickories, some beech, and understory shrubs as well. Collection will happen from September through October at various times and locations. You do not need to be an expert to join the fun. Sign up at [www.metroparks.org/forests](http://www.metroparks.org/forests) to volunteer. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

### 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 borer. 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) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION AMBASSADORS

THU. OCT 3, 6:30-8:30 PM G68

Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor

This opportunity is for those who enjoy talking to people, love to share information and have a passion for conservation and Five Rivers MetroParks. Training will be on-going, but this orientation will introduce you to the various topics and the role of ambassador. Coming to the orientation does not commit you to anything. Registration required. Age: 21Y and up 📅

### (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

### 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/nai](http://www.interpnet.com/nai) Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$400 📅

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

### (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

TUE. SEP 24, 6:00-7:30 PM G77

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, 12:15 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](http://www.outdoorx.org) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. [www.outdoorx.org](http://www.outdoorx.org). Age: All ages 📱

**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.

Would you like to learn how to use a map and compass in the backcountry? Do you need to dust off some little-used skills? Then this is the program for you. This classroom session will teach the basic parts and ways to use maps and compasses. This program is a prerequisite for Land Navigation Basics. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 📱

**LAND NAVIGATION BASICS****SAT. NOV 2, 1:00-4:00 PM** G9

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, High View Shelter/Trailhead Parking Lot, 9688 Eby Rd.

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](http://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.

📱 - Online Registration Available

🌦 - Program is Weather-Dependent

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## 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.

1 hour    2 hours    3 hours

Bikes	\$6	\$8	\$10
Tandems	\$10	\$15	\$20
Kayaks	\$15 per person per hour		

### (FREE) TRY KAYAKING

**MON. JUN 10, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM** F22  
OFFSITE, Prairies Swimming Pool, Building 240 Chapel Lane

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

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

**TUE. 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, 1:00-4:00 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. **Prerequisites: Intro to Kayaking.** 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. **Prerequisites: Youth Kayak Basics.** 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@gmail.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 weeknights at 6:00PM and weekends at 2:00PM. Program graduation includes a year-round fitness program and access to GDRA 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

**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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