

# PARKWAYS



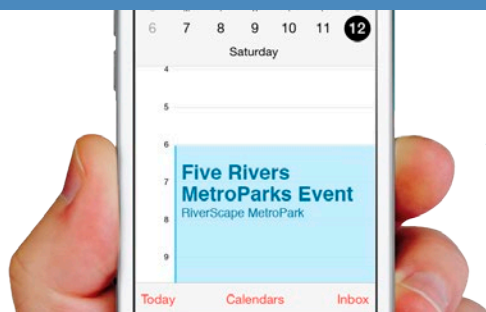
## GO NUTS WITH METROPARKS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PRESERVE OUR FORESTS

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AT THE MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE  
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# SAVE THE DATE

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



## October 3 & 4 MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Eastwood MetroPark



## October 15-17 NATURAL AREAS CONFERENCE

Dayton Convention Center  
(See Page 7)



## October 19 FALL WALK

Aullwood Garden MetroPark



## October 25 METROPARKS' MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Various locations



## Through October 26 WEEKEND TRAIL RIDES

Carriage Hill MetroPark  
Riding Center



## Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 31 STOCK UP WEDNESDAYS

2<sup>ND</sup> Street Market



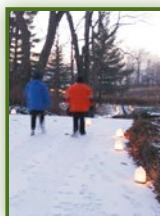
## November 28-30 METROPARKS ICE RINK OPENING WEEKEND

RiverScape MetroPark



## December 7 CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

Carriage Hill MetroPark



## December 7 WINTER LUMINARY WALK

Aullwood Garden MetroPark



## January 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SKATE

RiverScape MetroPark



## HOLD ON TO YOUR PARKWAYS!

This issue covers programs from October 2014 through January 2015.

For more information about these upcoming events and other programs and events offered by MetroParks each month, check the back section of this issue of *ParkWays* or visit

**WWW.METROPARKS.ORG/PROGRAMS**





**Becky Benna**  
Executive Director

## Dear MetroParks Friends,

Fall is one of the best seasons to visit your MetroParks. Hike through one of our nature parks, paddle along a water trail or cycle the bikeways to enjoy autumn's color explosion. Fall brings the Midwest Outdoor Experience, an event where you can sample more than 20 outdoor activities and learn how you can have an active, healthy lifestyle in our region. You and your family can participate in our fall reforestation efforts, helping Five Rivers MetroParks plant trees and rebuild our woods.

Winter, too, offers plenty of ways to connect with nature, such as ice skating and cross-country skiing. Enjoy the holidays with your MetroParks – and enjoy the tranquility of nature to take a break from the holiday bustle. This issue of ParkWays is your guide to enjoying the outdoors this fall and winter.

During this season, we also begin to take stock of our accomplishments during the past year and look forward to those we anticipate in the next. In 2014, we celebrated the grand opening of the Mad River Run at Eastwood MetroPark, a new regional recreation destination. We received Clean Ohio grants that will allow us to further protect the region's natural heritage. And we continued to educate people about ways they can develop a personal connection with nature and help protect our environment.

In 2015, we look forward to even more opportunities for Five Rivers MetroParks to be a conservation leader in a vital, active, nature-based community and provide great parks that help make our community more vibrant and a better place to live, work and play. We look forward to seeing you in the great outdoors!

Best regards, *Becky Benna*



## MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF OUTDOOR CONNECTIONS

Amy Dingle has joined Five Rivers MetroParks' leadership team as director of outdoor connections. She will help establish the department's overall strategy, as well as plan and implement all public engagement efforts that support our mission through environmental education, outdoor recreation, community sustainability and entertainment.

Dingle has worked for Five Rivers MetroParks since 2007, first as an outdoor recreation coordinator and, since 2012, as the outdoor recreation manager. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) recently recognized Dingle with its Regional Boating Educator of the Year Award.

In her personal time, Dingle is an avid adventurer and paddler who enjoys teaching others about outdoor recreation and education activities. As director, she will ensure these outdoor recreation opportunities and other nature-based experiences are available to the Dayton community.

## METROPARKS COMMISSIONERS



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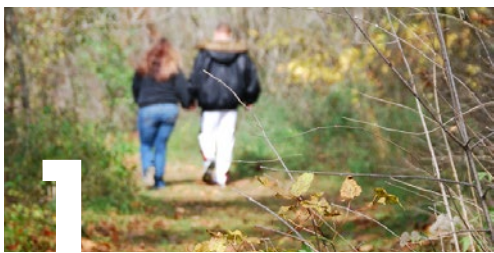


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*Five Rivers MetroParks is dedicated to protecting the region's natural heritage and to providing outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.*



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**#1 COLOR POP:** Hike through your MetroParks for some extraordinary leaf peeping. Your natural area parks offer particularly spectacular views of fall color. Those include Huffman, Englewood, Germantown, Taylorsville, Twin Creek and Sugarcreek.



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**#2 TASTE OF DAYTON:** Treat your taste buds with lunch from one of the many local food vendors at the 2nd Street Market.



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**#3 PARKER PALS:** Visit Parker the Penguin and glide on the ice at the MetroParks Ice Rink at RiverScape MetroPark.



# TOP TEN WAYS

to enjoy your Five Rivers MetroParks this fall and winter



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**#4 IT'S ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE:** Get your "Wheeeee!" on at one of the sledding hills at these MetroParks: Carriage Hill, Englewood, Germantown and Taylorsville. Find directions at [metroparks.org/getoutside/sledding](http://metroparks.org/getoutside/sledding)



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**#5 SOUNDS FISHY:** Fall is a great time to Get Out & Fish, and ice fishing is popular in winter (please note ice conditions are not monitored). Find out where you can fish in your MetroParks at [metroparks.org/fishing](http://metroparks.org/fishing).



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**#6 FREEZE FRAME:** The waterfalls at Englewood MetroPark offer some amazing photo opps, especially in the wintertime when they're frozen.



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**#7 POWDER POWER:** The trails at Possum Creek MetroPark are great for cross-country skiing after a snowfall.



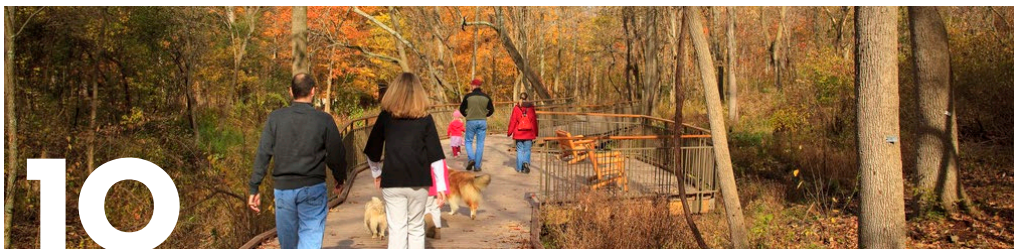
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**#8 BIRD BUDDIES:** Visit the Germantown MetroPark Nature Center from 1 to 4 p.m. on the weekends to check out the Window on Wildlife or visit the bird blind at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.



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**#9 MAKING TRACKS:** Look for animal tracks in the mud or snow during your next hike. What animals can you identify?



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**#10 TAME THAT HOLIDAY BULGE:** Your MetroParks are home to 75 miles of hiking trails, more than 70 miles of paved bikeways and 26 miles of rivers to paddle. The cool and color of fall makes it a great time to get fit outdoors.



# RESTORING AULLWOOD GARDEN TO ITS GLORY DAYS

## GARDENING IS HIGH-TECH WORK AT AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK.

Armed with a passion for plants, a love of history and GPS equipment, Five Rivers MetroParks horticulturist Kim Ballweg and her volunteers scour this northern MetroPark to document every stalk, blade and bloom. These “plant junkies,” as Kim calls them, are on a mission to restore the garden to the way it looked when Marie Aull gifted it to MetroParks in 1977.

They started by creating an electronic database of Mrs. Aull’s original plants, using historical records of plant purchase receipts. As new plants surface, they’re added to the list. From this growing directory, volunteers use GPS and mapping software to create detailed botanical maps of the garden.

In addition to plant mapping, volunteers conduct research on such things as the garden’s birds and butterflies. When she’s not identifying the more than 60 lilac varieties at Aullwood Garden, volunteer Eileen Roberts keeps an eye on what’s flying, having documented more than 120 bird species since 2000.

From mapping to bird watching to simple weeding and working in the greenhouse, there’s plenty of work for the volunteers at Aullwood, a garden the plant junkies will not let time forget.



The dedicated volunteers at Aullwood Garden MetroPark.



## GET INVOLVED WITH THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK

#### Propagation Technician

Grow plant varieties for the garden and the MayFair plant sale. Dig and pot plant material, propagate by seed and cuttings, and provide general care for greenhouse plants.

#### Historical Research Specialist

Document the historical significance of the Aull family and the Aullwood property by reviewing and organizing historical documents and conducting independent research.

#### Botanical Research Specialist

Add to the Aullwood botanical database through photo documentation, identification and cataloging of plant collections.

#### Botanical Mapping Specialist

Use GPS and mapping software to determine locations of plant species, providing information to create a detailed botanical map of Aullwood. Computer literacy and basic knowledge of GPS required; familiarity with Magellan Mapping software preferred.

### VOLUNTEER AT METROPARKS' STORES

Help customers find one-of-a-kind items while playing a vital role in daily retail operations. Retail experience is a plus, but we will train you on cash register transactions and store opening/closing procedures.

#### Friends of Carriage Hill Country Store

Items for sale: Wooden toys, cookware, cookie cutters, candy by the piece, locally produced syrups, sorghum and jams

#### STORE HOURS

Tuesday through Sunday

April-October: noon to 4:45 PM

November-March: noon to 3:45 PM

#### Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation Gift and Garden Shop

Located at the 2nd Street Market in downtown Dayton

Items for sale: Unusual garden tools, accessories, ornaments, houseplants and gifts

#### STORE HOURS

Thursdays and Fridays: 11 AM to 3 PM

Saturdays: 8 AM to 3 PM

### WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

#### Wegerzyn Gardening Angels

9 AM to noon

Every Tuesday

Two Saturdays: Oct. 18 & Nov. 1

Help prepare the gardens for winter by removing annuals, cutting back perennials, planting bulbs and mulching. Enjoy great company, get some exercise and learn about plants.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email [janelle.leonard@metroparks.org](mailto:janelle.leonard@metroparks.org) or call (937) 277-5445.

# HUG TREES NOT HONEYSUCKLE

## GREEN ISN'T ALWAYS GOOD — AT LEAST NOT WHEN IT COMES TO HONEYSUCKLE.

This invasive shrub is easy to spot in late fall and winter, as it will be the last plant to hold onto its green leaves. The most common honeysuckle species that has invaded Dayton-area forests is Amur. Honeysuckle may look pretty in certain places, yet its impact on our forests is anything but.

Honeysuckle — like climate change, deer overpopulation and the emerald ash borer — is a major stress on our local natural areas. This aggressive invader thrives in our area's alkaline soils, forming fast-growing thickets. Here are some reasons why this plant is the bully of the forest:

- Honeysuckle shades the forest understory and prevents the growth of native plants.
- Toxins in honeysuckle's roots also prevent new growth.
- Recent studies show the plant has a harmful effect on water quality and aquatic ecosystems.
- Honeysuckle fruit is harmful to other wildlife, too. While abundant, the fruit lacks the high-fat and nutrient-rich content native plants provide migrating birds, which leads to long-term population reductions.

Indeed, honeysuckle creates dense thickets totally void of other vegetation — which is absolutely detrimental to our forests, as a diversity of plants and trees is critical to a healthy natural area.

## FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS WORKS TO REMOVE INVASIVE HONEYSUCKLE ON THE LAND IT MANAGES.

For example, this fall, we are partnering with the City of Dayton to remove honeysuckle along the Stillwater River, on approximately 58 acres of land between Wegerzyn Gardens and Island MetroParks. Five Rivers MetroParks received a Clean Ohio Grant for this project, which includes removal and retreatment of honeysuckle and planting of native trees and shrubs along the Stillwater River.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP

## TO PRESERVE OUR FORESTS:

- Collect seeds, plant native trees and shrubs, and care for seedlings already planted. (See page 34 for a list of programs.)
- Remove invasive honeysuckle and grow native plants and trees in your outdoor space. The OSU Extension has an "Ask a Master Gardener" program that is a great way to get tips: Visit <http://go.osu.edu/aamg>.
- Visit [metroparks.org/forest](http://metroparks.org/forest) to sign our pledge and learn how you and your family can "Leaf a Legacy."



## GO NUTS WITH METROPARKS!

September through November, you can collect seeds from mature native oaks and hickories. These nut-bearing trees are not reproducing well naturally, but are vitally important to local forests. They live a long time and produce huge quantities of "mast" (fall crops of edible seeds) that are vital to wildlife.



HICKORY LEAVES



HICKORY NUTS



OAK LEAF



ACORNS



**NEARLY 40,000 TREES HAVE BEEN STARTED AT COX ARBORETUM** and planted in targeted areas throughout your MetroParks. Another 50,000 have been planted by contractors with the help of Clean Ohio grant funds. But there's much more work to do. Hundreds of volunteers have become part of the solution. *Won't you join them?*

See page 34 to find out how.

## HOW TO COLLECT OAK AND HICKORY SEEDS

### 1. COLLECT SEEDS

Collect acorns/hickory nuts in paper bags while they're on the tree or no more than a few days after they fall because they dry out quickly and lose viability. Trees should start producing ripe seeds by early September, and they fall into early November.

### 2. REMOVE HUSK OR CAP

Take each nut out of its husk — hickories have a four-part husk on the outside, acorns have a cap. Keep the nuts, discard the husks/caps.

### 3. FLOAT TEST

Place the husked seeds from each tree into a glass or bucket of water. Good nuts will sink; bad ones will float. Discard the ones that float.

### 4. BAG AND LABEL

Place the good nuts into plastic, sealable bags. If possible, put a few leaves from the collection tree in the bag, along with a note about where you collected the seed, the date collected and your contact information.

### 5. REFRIGERATE

Store the sealed bags in a refrigerator or cool, shady place until you're ready to drop them off.

### 6. DELIVER SEEDS

Bring the bagged, tested and tagged seeds to one of two locations (8 AM to 5 PM Monday - Friday)

- Five Rivers MetroParks' headquarters, 409 E. Monument Ave., third floor
- Taylorsville MetroPark Park Office, 8500 Brown School Road

## ANNUAL CONSERVATION EVENT COMES TO DAYTON



The Natural Areas Association selected Five Rivers MetroParks as co-host for its annual conference — a testament to our work conserving more than 15,500 acres of land in Montgomery County. Held Oct. 15-17, the 2014 conference is titled "Deeply Rooted in Restoration." It will focus on how land managers can most effectively respond to disturbances in our ecosystems.

The three-day conference includes a plenary session featuring environmental author Emma Marris and ecologist Hugh Stafford, both known

for their innovative approaches to conservation. Ohio natural history expert Guy Denny also will present, and attendees will take field trips to natural areas in the Dayton area, where they'll bike, hike and paddle.

For registration and more information, visit [www.naturalareasconference.org](http://www.naturalareasconference.org).

## FALL GARDEN PLANNING

Don't put away the shovels and trowels just yet – this season is some of the best time for planting! Fall's cooler nature brings less pressure from weather and insects and a high chance of success with trees, shrubs, perennials and spring bulbs.

**AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED PLANTING, IT'S TIME TO PLAN FOR A HEALTHY GARDEN NOW AND IN THE SPRING.**

- Crush or mow leaves and layer them in your beds to greatly improve your soil.
- Once the leaves are down, make a sun map of your entire landscape to know where to plant sun-loving and shade-loving plants. Make another map in June.
- Add compost to lawns and beds for healthier soil. If you don't already have a compost pile, register for one of our composting programs and learn how! (See the Green Living section on page 22.)
- Research plants that attract bees, butterflies and birds so you can plan additions to your landscape for next year.
- Save seeds from your favorite plants to start in spring. Seeds saved from your garden grow accustomed to the climate and adapt to pests. A good how-to about seed saving is at [www.organicgardening.com/learn-and-grow/saving-seeds-for-next-season](http://www.organicgardening.com/learn-and-grow/saving-seeds-for-next-season).
- Inventory your tools.
- Inventory your perennials and note what needs to be divided, replaced or moved in spring.
- Dreaming is very important. Take time to plan changes you want to make.
- The more you know and learn, the more exciting gardening becomes. Check the Gardening and Landscaping section on pages 20-22 for a variety of opportunities.



## RECYCLING FAQ

- Q:** How can I find out what materials are recyclable?
- A:** MCSWD's online guide lists acceptable (and unacceptable) recyclable items: [http://www.mcoho.org/services/swd/household\\_recycling\\_drop\\_off.html](http://www.mcoho.org/services/swd/household_recycling_drop_off.html).
- Q:** Do I have to sort my recycling?
- A:** No. All recycling companies contracted by Montgomery County provide comingled recycling services.
- Q:** Does my recycling really get recycled? I've seen my bin being emptied into a trash truck on pickup day.
- A:** Yes. In many communities, the truck that picks up trash has a divided compartment, with one side dedicated to recyclable materials.
- Q:** Can I recycle Styrofoam?
- A:** No, not through public recycling programs. However, some businesses do accept polystyrene packing materials. For more information and drop-off locations, visit [www.epspackaging.org](http://www.epspackaging.org). Styrofoam food containers are not accepted anywhere in Montgomery County and should be avoided.
- Q:** Do I need to wash my recyclables?
- A:** Recyclable materials should be rinsed clean of any apparent food or other residues. They do not necessarily need to be scrubbed or cleaned with detergent. Clean recyclables make for a more efficient and cost-effective process.





# BECOME A MASTER RECYCLER



**4.95**  
LBS. PER DAY

*The average Montgomery County resident produces 4.95 pounds of solid waste a day.*



**.5 MIL**  
TONS PER YEAR

*This results in nearly 500,000 tons of cumulative waste per year.*



**70%**  
RECYCLABLE

*Yet an estimated 70 percent of all solid waste is recyclable or compostable.*

**EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ARE NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO GET INVOLVED AND MANAGE THEIR WASTE DISPOSAL RESPONSIBLY – AND HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN HELP.**

Five Rivers MetroParks and Montgomery County Solid Waste District (MCSWD) are collaborating to provide the Master Recycler program for county residents interested in furthering their waste management skills and taking a leadership role in community initiatives.

This service learning program involves a five-week course, which meets once a week at the MCSWD facility, and a commitment to work alongside MetroParks staff and volunteers to assist in public waste management education. Participants pay only \$25 to cover material costs, commit to at least 15 hours of volunteer time and receive certification upon completion of these hours. Participants gain an understanding of how to encourage and facilitate the reduction of resource usage and practice reuse of materials.

## TO GET INVOLVED:

Contact Five Rivers MetroParks Volunteer Services Manager Kevin Kepler at 937-275-PARK. The next course begins Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015.



## TIPS FOR BEING AN EXCELLENT RECYCLER

- Make it easy for you and your family or coworkers to recycle. Keep a collection bin inside that can be emptied as needed or at the end of each day.
- Recycle everything possible. Visit MCSWD's website to find out what materials are accepted. When in doubt, recycle rather than trash!
- Do your part in making recycling efficient and cost effective by rinsing your recyclables and removing non-recyclable bottle tops and labels.
- Reuse materials when possible to keep them out of the waste stream entirely.
- Avoid buying disposable items that cannot be recycled or composted.
- Choose reusable containers for food and beverage and avoid buying disposable items when possible.

# RECREATION

## THIS FALL, TRY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FOR ALL

TRY YOUR HAND AT FLY FISHING, TRY  
YOUR FEET AT A SLACKLINE  
OR LET YOUR DOG TRY TO FLY.

All these activities and more will be packed into two days of outdoor adventure for the whole family – and the family pet – at the annual **Midwest Outdoor Experience**, presented by Wagner Subaru.

This event has grown beyond the backpacks and camp stoves featured when it was known as GearFest. It's now the largest outdoor lifestyle festival in the Midwest, featuring experiences for all ages and abilities, with more than 20,000 people attending. This is the place to be if you love the outdoors!

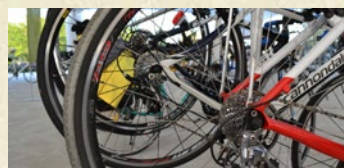
### HERE'S A SNEAK PEAK

AT SOME OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES YOU  
WILL FIND AT THIS YEAR'S MIDWEST  
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE:



### SLACKLINING

Test your balance, core strength and coordination at the temporary slackline park built just for the Midwest Outdoor Experience. Staff from Slackers Slacklines and True Heights Equipment Outfitters will provide instruction as you travel this tightrope-like line. Several lines will be set up so you can learn the basics in a safe environment while watching the best in the country demonstrate flips, twists and unearthly balance.



### BIKE RIDING & MAINTENANCE

At the IMBA Bike Village, try all styles of bikes while learning from some of the country's leading bike manufacturers, retail shops, race promoters and advocacy organizations. Try a demo bike or bring your own and test your skill on a variety of terrain types. (Helmets and signed waiver required.) If you want to know how to fix your own bike, head to one of the hands-on REI Outdoor School bicycle maintenance clinics.



### DOG HAVENS

The Midwest Outdoor Experience is a very dog-friendly event – with an off-leash dog park, Zuke's Bark Zone, treat and drink stations, and the Subaru Ultimate Air Dog competition for pups with some jump.



**FRIDAY - SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 3 & 4  
EASTWOOD  
METROPARK**

**FREE!**

# midwest OUTDOOR experience

**OUTDOORX.ORG**

Presented by



There's so much to do, you may just want to bring your tent and make it a weekend adventure with free camping available. Sign up for one of the many competitions, including a 12-hour endurance race. Pick up or sell lightly used equipment in our Used Gear Area and earn extra cash to spend at one of the many outdoor retailers in the Exhibitor Village. Relax in the hammock lounge with grub from food trucks or enjoy live music on the Osprey stage.

One thing you won't find much of at the Midwest Outdoor Experience is trash, as Five Rivers MetroParks is committed to making this a waste-free event. For example, if visiting the Great Lakes Craft Beer Garden, you can buy an ultra-cool



## FOR THE YOUNGER WARRIOR

At the Subway Fresh Youth Adventure Zone, kids can participate in fitness challenges, do some ziplining, rock climbing and get their hands dirty in the rocks, dirt, mulch, sticks and sand at the Nature Play Area.



## ASPIRE TO DO MORE!

Watch a team of professional tree climbers swing like monkeys, rappel upside down and set a hammock in the top of Sycamore trees at Eastwood MetroPark. Check out a whitewater freestyle show in the new Mad River Run.

stainless steel pint cup or bring your own from home – but plastic cups will not be available.

Be an integral part of the experience! Contact Emmy Fabich in Volunteer Services at (937) 275-PARK or email [volunteer.services@metroparks.org](mailto:volunteer.services@metroparks.org) by Oct. 1 to find out how you can volunteer at the Midwest Outdoor Experience.

## WINTER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE



IT'S OFFICIAL: THE 2014 WINTER OLYMPICS MADE CURLING COOL.

Last winter, people from throughout the Miami Valley flocked to the MetroParks Ice Rink at RiverScape MetroPark to try this oddly captivating sport, played with brooms and stones. It was so popular, it will be expanded this coming winter season, with room for 18 teams.

Curl Troy organizes the curling league, which will run for five weeks starting Jan. 6, and provides all the equipment. No experience is required for the co-ed league, although you must be 18 years of age or older.

If curling isn't your thing – or if you can't get enough of ice sports – you also can join a broomball team. This marks the fifth year the Dayton Broomball Association has run the sport at RiverScape MetroPark, which hosts recreational and competitive leagues. Broomball is similar to hockey (minus the puck and the skates), as players run on the ice with regular shoes and use a ball. Broomball is hugely popular, and leagues fill up quickly.

Of course, you also can visit the rink to skate and enjoy the ice during the many events scheduled this season. Or put your party on ice and rent the rink for your special event!

LEARN MORE &  
REGISTER OR RENT THE RINK  
[curltroy.org](http://curltroy.org)  
[daytonbroomball.org/RiverScape](http://daytonbroomball.org/RiverScape)  
[metroparks.org/skating](http://metroparks.org/skating)

# GIVING BACK TO NATURE



## EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR, NATURE GIVES US THE GIFT OF BEAUTIFUL PARKS, RIVERS AND FORESTS.

Consider giving back by making a donation to Five Rivers MetroParks.

There are many ways to help ensure MetroParks can continue to fulfill its mission to protect the region's natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. Our development team makes it easy to support one of our many educational programs or contribute a gift in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a friend or family member.

Donors Nick Kuzujanakis and his mother gave in memory of Nick's brother, Greg Kuzujanakis Jr., who started each day with a walk at Taylorsville MetroPark. "That was his thing in life," Nick said. "He moved to the area for that reason. His life was cut short. My mother and I decided to make a memorial gift. We thought that would be the proper thing to do."

When Michael and Jill Spurlin moved to the area in 2006, their neighbor, Bob Burton, gave them a map and urged them to explore the bikeways in the MetroParks. "He was a great neighbor and friend," the Spurlins said. "When he passed, we chose to give a gift to support the bikeways to honor him."

These gifts are critical to the health of Five Rivers MetroParks — especially as levy funding declines and conservation efforts become more urgent in light of climate change and such invasive species as the emerald ash borer. Gifts also provide environmental education opportunities for youth, help keep natural areas beautiful, and create recreational and outdoor experiences for people of all ages and abilities.

## HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

A planned gift can keep your favorite MetroPark beautiful for future generations to enjoy. Consider including a gift to Five Rivers MetroParks in your will or estate plan. For more information, contact Beth Redden, CFRE, at (937) 277-4369 or [beth.redden@metroparks.org](mailto:beth.redden@metroparks.org).

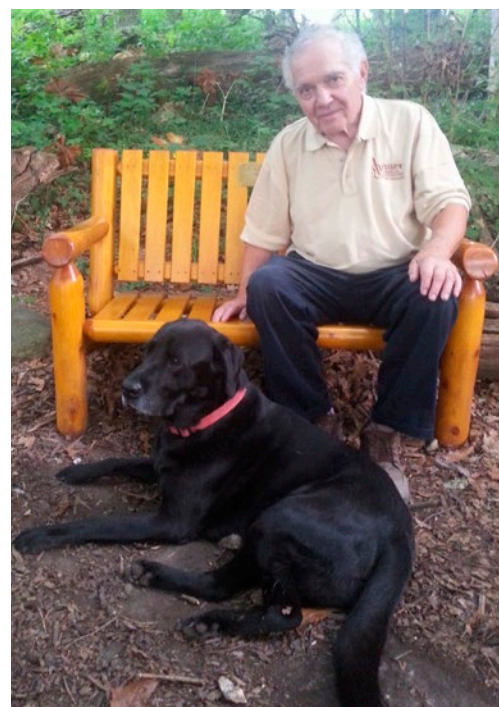
## HOW TO GIVE

For more information on making a financial contribution to Five Rivers MetroParks, contact Brenda Cox at (937) 277-4839 or [brenda.cox@metroparks.org](mailto:brenda.cox@metroparks.org).

## HONOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE WITH A SPECIAL GIFT

Give a gift of conservation, honor someone special or preserve a loved one's memory through Five Rivers MetroParks. The Tribute Program offers benches, swings and trees available to purchase at a designated area in a MetroPark.

RIGHT: Jerry Hauer sits on the tribute bench purchased by his family in honor of his 80th birthday. "The fact that this grand place with huge old growth trees, beautiful walking paths, soaring hawks, grazing deer and other wildlife is literally in my backyard is fantastic," Jerry said. "I take long walks with my dog, Eddie, twice a day in this park, and I see and appreciate something special each time."





# YOUR GUIDE TO UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Finding your interests is quick and easy. You can find them by TOPIC or DATE. Follow the instructions below and start filling up your calendar.

**FOR ALL PROGRAMMING CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

## BY DATE

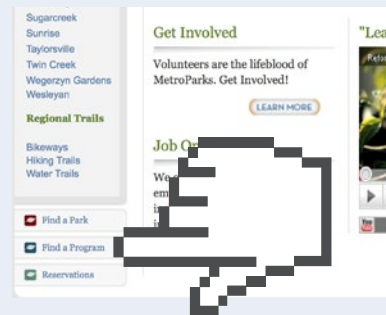
You also can search for programs by date. This is a chronological listing of every program at every park. Pick a date, find an activity that interests you and go to the page listed to find out more information. For more details on programs, or to register, visit [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org). You can register online or by phone.

## 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 [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org) 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 [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org) and click on the “Find a Program” link found on the left-hand navigation bar. You also can 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 Registration.



**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, and any weather-related notices, are posted online at [metroparks.org/alerts](http://metroparks.org/alerts).

## HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER IN A METROPARK:

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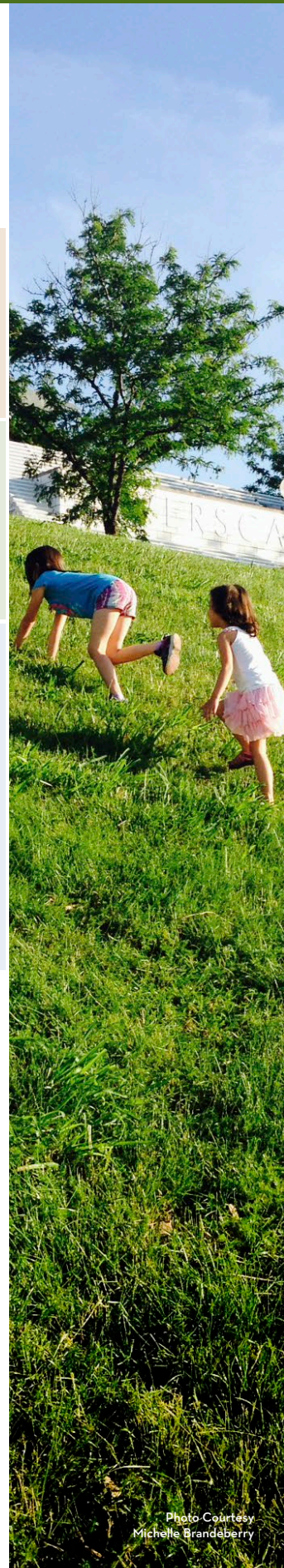


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**WED, OCT 1, 2014**

**2:00 PM Nature Play**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 30 K129)

**6:30 PM Cryovortex Tire Recycling**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 22 K118)

**THU, OCT 2, 2014**

**10:00 AM Magnificent Trees**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 26 K16)

**FRI, OCT 3, 2014**

**6:00 PM Midwest Outdoor Experience presented by Wagner Subaru**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 31 K146)

**SAT, OCT 4, 2014**

**9:00 AM Ride to Island MetroPark; Then Eastwood MetroPark for Midwest Outdoor Experience**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 K65)

**10:00 AM Autumn at Aullwood**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 32 K95)

**TUE, OCT 7, 2014**

**10:00 AM Building Better Soil**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 K106)

**11:30 AM Simple Methods for Drying Fruits and Vegetables**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 24 K107)

**WED, OCT 8, 2014**

**12:00 PM Leaves equal free compost**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 21 K96)

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 K123)

**FRI, OCT 10, 2014**

**9:30 AM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 26 K12)

**7:00 PM Camp Out**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 26 K128)

**SAT, OCT 11, 2014**

**9:00 AM Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 19 K78)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 19 K9)

**10:00 AM Gardening 101--Putting the garden to bed**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 21 K97)

**1:00 PM Forest Generations**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 26 K183)

**1:00 PM Regenerating Forests**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 28 K184)

**SUN, OCT 12, 2014**

**12:00 PM Biscuit Day**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 24 K108)

**2:00 PM Pileated Woodpecker Safari**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 28 K130)

**2:00 PM Pileated Woodpecker Search**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 28 K131)

**MON, OCT 13, 2014**

**4:00 PM Flying Eagles, Quacking Ducks**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 26 K125)

**TUE, OCT 14, 2014**

**10:00 AM Managing Organic Waste**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 K113)

**WED, OCT 15, 2014**

**10:00 AM Accruing Acorns**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 28 K135)

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 29 K164)

**THU, OCT 16, 2014**

**6:00 PM Plant a Community Garden**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 K117)

**FRI, OCT 17, 2014**

**12:00 PM Red River Gorge Backpacking Trip**, Offsite (see Page 19 K23)

**SAT, OCT 18, 2014**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 20 K110)

**9:00 AM Ride to Trotwood**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Page 19 K79)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Day**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 21 K148)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, MoMBA (see Page 26 K7)

**10:00 AM Pumpkins Rule**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 24 K2)

**10:00 AM Spider Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 27 K153)

**10:00 AM Fall Planting Workshop: trees, shrubs, bulbs & perennials**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 21 K98)

**10:00 AM Pumpkin Decorating**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 24 K93)

**10:00 AM EARTHJOY Tree Climbing**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 31 K147)

**2:00 PM Arachnid Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 28 K154)

**SUN, OCT 19, 2014**

**2:00 PM October at Aullwood**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 22 K99)

**TUE, OCT 21, 2014**

**10:00 AM Backyard Composting**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 K112)

**WED, OCT 22, 2014**

**6:00 PM Trail Running Through Nature**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 20 K50)

**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 26 K13)

**THU, OCT 23, 2014**

**10:00 AM Backyard Naturalist Training**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 28 K152)

**6:00 PM Intro to Land Navigation**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 31 K138)

**FRI, OCT 24, 2014**

**10:00 AM Leaves of Color**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 K126)

**6:00 PM Fun Fall Evening in the Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 22 K100)

**7:00 PM Nocturnal Adventure**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 28 K140)

**SAT, OCT 25, 2014**

**9:00 AM Ride to Verona**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Page 19 K80)

**10:00 AM Adult Spider Walk**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 K134)

**1:00 PM Forest Frenzy**, Huffman MetroPark (see Page 28 K132)

**1:00 PM Forest Full of Trees**, Huffman MetroPark (see Page 27 K133)

**WED, OCT 29, 2014**

**10:00 AM Spider Study**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 26 K127)

**6:00 PM Try It: Planting Garlic**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 K90)

**FRI, OCT 31, 2014**

**10:00 AM Creepy Creatures**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 29 K137)

**SAT, NOV 1, 2014**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Day**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 21 K149)

**9:00 AM All Soles 5K Run Walk**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 20 K88)

**MON, NOV 3, 2014**

**6:30 PM Intro to Bicycle Maintenance**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 K32)

**TUE, NOV 4, 2014**

**10:00 AM My First Leaf Collection**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 29 K141)

**10:00 AM Worm Composting Workshop**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 K114)



**WED, NOV 5, 2014**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 K124)  
**6:30 PM Additive Manufacturing**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 22 K115)

**THU, NOV 6, 2014**

**10:00 AM Prairie Play**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 26 K17)  
**12:00 PM Creating a Holiday Porch Container**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 22 K101)  
**6:00 PM Bicycle Maintenance Basics**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 K33)

**SAT, NOV 8, 2014**

**9:00 AM Create a Green Schoolyard**, Offsite (see Page 22 K121)  
**10:00 AM Fall Bird Hike**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 27 K145)  
**10:00 AM Fall Bird Walk**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 28 K144)  
**10:00 AM See the Light**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Photography, Page 32 K102)  
**11:00 AM Ohio's First Farmers**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 24 K91)  
**1:00 PM Fall Tree ID Workshop**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 29 K36)  
**1:00 PM Land Navigation Basics**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see Page 31 K139)

**SUN, NOV 9, 2014**

**12:00 PM Vices of the 1880s: Tobacco, Alcohol and Others**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 24 K109)  
**2:00 PM Aullwood Fall Walk**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 22 K103)

**TUE, NOV 11, 2014**

**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 29 K180)

**WED, NOV 12, 2014**

**10:00 AM My First Leaf Collection**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 K142)  
**12:00 PM Getting the Garden & Landscape Ready for Winter**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 21 K104)  
**5:30 PM Family Recycling Workshop**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 K120)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 26 K11)

**THU, NOV 13, 2014**

**12:00 PM Green Holiday Gatherings**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 23 K119)  
**2:30 PM Volunteer: Ice Rink Assistant Orientation**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 K150)

**6:00 PM Fundamentals of Lightweight Backpacking**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 K22)

**FRI, NOV 14, 2014**

**8:00 PM Northern Saw-whet Owls and Red Cedars**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 29 K185)

**SAT, NOV 15, 2014**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 20 K111)  
**10:00 AM Holiday Porch Container**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 22 K105)  
**10:00 AM Mapping Forests**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 28 K155)  
**10:30 AM Cooking with Pumpkins**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 20 K92)  
**1:00 PM Nature Sleeps**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 28 K19)  
**1:00 PM Who Hibernates?**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 27 K136)  
**2:00 PM Mapping Our Forests**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 28 K156)  
**5:00 PM Evening Ecology Hike**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 29 K157)

**TUE, NOV 18, 2014**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Ice Rink Assistant Orientation**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 K151)  
**6:00 PM Bicycle Maintenance Basics**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 K34)

**WED, NOV 19, 2014**

**6:00 PM Butchering your own Chicken**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 20 K122)

**FRI, NOV 21, 2014**

**10:00 AM Planting Acorns**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 29 K143)

**WED, NOV 26, 2014**

**11:00 AM Stock-up Wednesday**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 20 K94)

**FRI, NOV 28, 2014**

**11:00 AM Ice Rink Opening Weekend**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 K220)

**SAT, NOV 29, 2014**

**10:30 AM Grain to Bread**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 24 K3)

**WED, DEC 3, 2014**

**10:00 AM MetroParks Largest Mammal**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 29 L81)  
**6:00 PM Backcountry Fast & Light Cooking**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 19 L7)

**6:30 PM Mine Reclamation**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 22 L66)

**THU, DEC 4, 2014**

**10:00 AM Nature in Winter**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 26 L5)  
**6:00 PM Nature's Candies**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 25 L70)  
**6:00 PM Repurposed Gift Workshop**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 L69)

**FRI, DEC 5, 2014**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L25)

**SAT, DEC 6, 2014**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 26 L4)  
**9:00 AM Christmas Walk in Downtown Dayton**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 20 L9)  
**10:00 AM Make the Moment Last**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Photography, Page 32 L18)  
**10:00 AM Volunteer: Carriage Hill Riding Center Orientation**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 25 L89)  
**6:00 PM Nature at Night**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 30 L75)  
**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L27)

**SUN, DEC 7, 2014**

**12:00 PM Penguin Preschool**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L39)  
**12:00 PM Christmas on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 24 L22)  
**12:30 PM Waddles I**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L42)  
**6:00 PM Aullwood Winter Luminary Walk**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 22 L17)

**TUE, DEC 9, 2014**

**10:00 AM Winter Mysteries**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 29 L6)  
**1:00 PM What Grows in Ohio**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 20 L12)

**WED, DEC 10, 2014**

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 29 L105)  
**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 L73)

**THU, DEC 11, 2014**

**10:00 AM Animal Keepers**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 29 L82)

**FRI, DEC 12, 2014**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L28)

**SAT, DEC 13, 2014**

**10:00 AM Wool Felting**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 25 L11)

**6:00 PM A Holiday Evening at Carriage Hill**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 24 L23)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L29)

**SUN, DEC 14, 2014**

**12:00 PM Waddles II**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L45)

**12:30 PM Skating Basics**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L47)

**TUE, DEC 16, 2014**

**6:00 PM Backcountry Gourmet Cooking**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 19 L8)

**THU, DEC 18, 2014**

**11:30 AM Santa Visits The Market**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 20 L16)

**6:00 PM Kayak Camping**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 32 L79)

**FRI, DEC 19, 2014**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L30)

**SAT, DEC 20, 2014**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 20 L24)

**10:30 AM Getting to Know Sheep**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 24 L1)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L31)

**WED, DEC 24, 2014**

**11:00 AM Christmas Eve Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L51)

**THU, DEC 25, 2014**

**1:00 PM Christmas Day Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L52)

**FRI, DEC 26, 2014**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L32)

**SAT, DEC 27, 2014**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L33)

**SUN, DEC 28, 2014**

**12:00 PM Penguin Playskate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L49)

**WED, DEC 31, 2014**

**11:00 AM New Year's Eve Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L53)

**THU, JAN 1, 2015**

**1:00 PM New Year's Day Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L54)

**FRI, JAN 2, 2015**

**7:00 PM School Pride Night**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L55)

**SAT, JAN 3, 2015**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L34)

**SUN, JAN 4, 2015**

**12:00 PM Penguin Playskate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L50)

**MON, JAN 5, 2015**

**6:00 PM Outdoor Broomball League**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L60)

**TUE, JAN 6, 2015**

**6:00 PM Curling League**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L61)

**WED, JAN 7, 2015**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 L74)

**6:30 PM Pollination Adaptations**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 L67)

**THU, JAN 8, 2015**

**10:00 AM Frosty Adventures**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 26 L78)

**FRI, JAN 9, 2015**

**7:00 PM Michael Jackson Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L56)

**SAT, JAN 10, 2015**

**10:00 AM Animal Tracking Excursion**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 28 L98)

**10:00 AM Tracking Excursion**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 L99)

**11:00 AM Intro to Beekeeping**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 20 L121)

**1:00 PM Growing Our Biodiversity**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 27 L94)

**3:00 PM Growing Biodiversity**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 28 L95)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L35)

**SUN, JAN 11, 2015**

**12:00 PM Penguin Preschool**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L40)

**12:30 PM Waddles I**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L43)

**TUE, JAN 13, 2015**

**10:00 AM Hibernating Insects**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 29 L96)

**1:00 PM Woolly Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming L14)

**5:30 PM Family Sprouting and Microgreens Workshop**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 L68)

**6:00 PM Fundamentals of Alcohol Stoves**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 19 L72)

**THU, JAN 15, 2015**

**6:00 PM Building Better Soil**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 L63)

**FRI, JAN 16, 2015**

**7:00 PM Sounds from the Cinema Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 34 L57)

**SAT, JAN 17, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Habitat Healer Open House**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 30 L92)

**10:00 AM My First Landscape: Landscaping Fundamentals**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 22 L20)

**10:00 AM Soap Fun for the Family**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 25 L13)

**1:00 PM Wedding Planning for the Eco-Conscious Bride**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 L103)

**1:00 PM Winter Habitat Adventure**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 L101)

**1:00 PM Winter Habitat Hike**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 L100)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L36)

**SUN, JAN 18, 2015**

**12:00 PM Waddles II**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L46)

**12:00 PM Ice Harvest**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 24 L26)

**12:30 PM Skating Basics**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L48)

**MON, JAN 19, 2015**

**10:00 AM Prairie Pilgrims**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 L97)

**11:00 AM Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating L62)

**TUE, JAN 20, 2015**

**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 29 L119)



**WED, JAN 21, 2015**

**6:00 PM River Rescue Knots**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 32 L80)

**THU, JAN 22, 2015**

**10:00 AM Greenhouse Helpers**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 29 L83)

**1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 26 L90)

**6:00 PM Backyard Composting**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 L64)

**FRI, JAN 23, 2015**

**7:00 PM Divas of Pop**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 34 L58)

**SAT, JAN 24, 2015**

**10:00 AM My First Landscape: Basic Landscaping Plants**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 22 L21)

**1:00 PM Winter Tree ID Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 L77)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L37)

**SUN, JAN 25, 2015**

**12:00 PM Penguin Preschool**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L41)

**12:30 PM Waddles I**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 L44)

**TUE, JAN 27, 2015**

**1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Ambassadors**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 30 L88)

**6:00 PM Pasta the Homemade Way**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 25 L15)

**THU, JAN 29, 2015**

**6:00 PM Managing Organic Waste**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 L65)

**7:00 PM Adventure Speaker Series**, Offsite (see Page 31 L84)

**FRI, JAN 30, 2015**

**7:00 PM Old Soul Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 34 L59)

**SAT, JAN 31, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Conservation Season Opener**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 30 L91)

**10:00 AM Getting Started with Digital Photography**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 32 L19)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 L38)

**TUE, FEB 3, 2015**

**7:00 PM Adventure Speaker Series**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 31 L85)

**THU, FEB 5, 2015**

**6:00 PM Compost Meat, Dairy, Veggies and Starch with Bokashi**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 L93)

**TUE, FEB 10, 2015**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Master Recycling**, Offsite (see Page 23 L102)

**7:00 PM Adventure Speaker Series**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 31 L86)

**THU, FEB 19, 2015**

**7:00 PM Adventure Speaker Series**, Offsite (see Page 31 L87)

**SAT, FEB 21, 2015**

**11:30 AM Leave No Child Inside Summit**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 30 L10)

**SAT, FEB 28, 2015**

**8:00 AM Wilderness First Responder**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 32 L71)

**SAT, MAR 7, 2015**

**8:00 AM Wilderness First Aid**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 32 M1)

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## BACKPACKING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER:

#### BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS

**SAT. OCT 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** K9  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675  
Conservancy 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. Call or contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 18Y and up 


#### RED RIVER GORGE BACKPACKING TRIP

**FRI. OCT 17, 12:00 PM - SUN. OCT 19,  
6:00 PM** K23  
OFFSITE

Join us for a weekend backpacking trip. This unique and scenic natural area within the Daniel Boone National Forest is known for its abundant natural stone arches, unusual rock formations and spectacular sandstone cliffs. Breathe in fresh fall air and enjoy stunning views. Mandatory pre-trip meeting Oct. 7 from 6-8 p.m. Prerequisites: Backpacking Basics. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$125


#### FUNDAMENTALS OF LIGHTWEIGHT BACKPACKING

**THU. NOV 13, 6:00-8:00 PM** K22  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.


Looking to lighten your load so you can backpack more easily, hike longer or get in more miles? Then join us for this evening classroom-based program as we explore a variety of ways to reduce our backpacking load. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 

#### BACKCOUNTRY FAST & LIGHT COOKING


**WED. DEC 3, 6:00-8:30 PM** L7  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Do you have the ultra-light backpacking bug? Are you looking for a way to cook nutritious and lightweight meals? This course will introduce you to such techniques, as using a pot cozy and will showcase some of the innovative, lightweight cooking equipment on the market. Bring your spork or foon. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-

4374 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 

#### BACKCOUNTRY GOURMET COOKING

**TUE. DEC 16, 6:00-9:00 PM** L8  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Learn to cook in the backcountry like you do in your kitchen. Discover a variety of cooking methods that include more elaborate gourmet meals using foods common at your local grocery while cooking on backpacking stoves. Ingredients provided. Bring a spork or foon. Registration is required and limited. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 

#### FUNDAMENTALS OF ALCOHOL STOVES

**TUE. JAN 13, 6:00-8:00 PM** L72  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Are you interested in exploring more of the ultralight backpacking evolution? Have you tried an alcohol stove? This evening program is an introduction to alcohol stove building and use. Included are instructions on how to build alcohol stoves, stove demos and tips on use. You'll go home with a stove to take on your next adventure. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or [outdoors@metroparks.org](mailto:outdoors@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 



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### BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!


Join us for a bike ride on Saturdays, through October. Earn a T-shirt after cycling 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 younger than 13. We ride rain or shine, but may cancel due to storms or trail flooding.

#### (FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK & EASTWOOD METROPARK FOR MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE


**SAT. OCT 4, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** K65  
BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER NORTH,  
Ohio Bike Route 25  
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 on your own to the Midwest Outdoor Experience at Eastwood MetroPark. (Bonus 8 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins

welcome. Age: All ages  


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

**SAT. OCT 11, 9:00-11:00 AM** K78  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, last parking lot, 1385  
Harshman Rd.  
Join us for a bike ride on the Creekside Bikeway to the Fifth Third Gateway Park (12 miles). (6 bonus miles available.) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
[metroparks.org/bikehealth](http://metroparks.org/bikehealth). Age: All ages 


#### (FREE) RIDE TO TROTWOOD

**SAT. OCT 18, 9:00-11:00 AM** K79  
BIKEWAY: WOLF CREEK, Ohio Bike Route 38  
Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. We will ride toward Trotwood (14 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
[metroparks.org/bikehealth](http://metroparks.org/bikehealth). Age: All ages 

#### (FREE) RIDE TO VERONA

**SAT. OCT 25, 9:00-11:00 AM** K80  
BIKEWAY: WOLF CREEK, Ohio Bike Route 38  
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.  
[metroparks.org/bikehealth](http://metroparks.org/bikehealth). Age: All ages 

#### INTRO TO BICYCLE MAINTENANCE

**MON. NOV 3, 6:30-9:00 PM** K32  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This lecture-style class with some hands-on instruction will help you diagnose and fix minor mechanical issues. Participants will be introduced to basic repairs and adjustments, as well as the tools needed to do so. Topics will include bike inspection and terminology, fixing a flat tire, and basic brake and gear adjustment. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 

#### BICYCLE MAINTENANCE BASICS

**THU. NOV 6, 6:00-8:30 PM** K33  
**TUE. NOV 18, 6:00-8:30 PM** K34  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This next step in the bike maintenance progression will give riders a more comprehensive understanding of what makes the wheels go round. This hands-on class will cover bike fitting, tune-ups, advanced brake and drive-train maintenance, as well as wheel truing. Prerequisites: Intro to Bike Maintenance. Registration required.  
Age: All ages Fee: \$10

## ENTERTAINMENT

**(FREE) SANTA VISITS THE MARKET**  
**THU., FRI., SAT. DEC. 18-20, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM** L16

2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.

Bring a camera and snap a photo of Santa with your friends and family. It won't be too late to tell Santa what is on your wish list, including Market goodies. Santa will have a treat for everyone who stops by. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

## FARMING

**(FREE) FAMILY FARM CHORES**

**SAT. OCT 18, 8:30-10:00 AM** K110

**SAT. NOV 15, 8:30-10:00 AM** K111

**SAT. DEC 20, 8:30-10:00 AM** L24

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

Join the historical farmer to feed animals, gather eggs and clean stalls. Get to know some of the farm animals up close and personal. Registration required. Age: 6Y-12Y 📅

**BUTCHERING YOUR OWN CHICKEN**

**WED. NOV 19, 6:00-8:00 PM** K122

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

Learn to humanely kill and butcher a chicken at home. Participants will not kill a chicken, but will gain hands-on experience as they learn to clean, pluck and dress a chicken. We will provide the tools required for cleaning and gloves. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

### FARM TO PRESCHOOL

These programs help children understand where their food comes from and what they are eating. Healthy food means healthy children, which starts at the farm.

**(FREE) WHAT GROWS IN OHIO**

**TUE. DEC 9, 1:00-2:00 PM** L12

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

Do you know what kinds of crops are grown in Ohio? Join the fun and learn all about the wonderful food grown right here in Ohio. There will be an activity and a tasty treat. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y 📅

**(FREE) WOOLLY FUN**

**TUE. JAN 13, 1:00-2:30 PM** L14

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek

Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn to felt using wool from the sheep at Possum Creek MetroPark farm. Bring a bar of soap. Use our wool to felt a washcloth around your soap. We will use water and fabric to create this project. Registration required.

Age: 3Y-6Y 📅

**(FREE) INTRO TO BEEKEEPING**

**SAT. JAN 10, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM** L121

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

Want to learn about beekeeping without taking a multi-week class? Here's your chance to meet some beekeepers and decide if bees are really for you. Lecture will be followed by a question and answer session; different types of empty hives will be on display. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## FITNESS & HEALTH

**TRAIL RUNNING THROUGH NATURE**

**WED. OCT 22, 6:00-7:30 PM** K50

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Trailside, 4178 Conference Rd.

Ease up on the joints and learn trail running efficiency, proper gear to use and nutrition. The pace will be consistent and we'll cool down walking. The activity will improve strength and endurance for an overall successful cardiorespiratory workout. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

**ALL SOLES 5K RUN WALK**

**SAT. NOV 1, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM** K88

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Morgan/West Park, 100 E. National Rd.

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Brunner Literacy Center. Contact John Muhlenkamp. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 890-0003 or jhmkamp@gmail.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$25

**(FREE) CHRISTMAS WALK IN DOWNTOWN DAYTON**

**SAT. DEC 6, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** L9

2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Ohio Wander Freunde. 5K/10K Christmas Walk in Downtown Dayton starting and ending at the 2nd Street Market. Contact Mikki White. No registration required. Contact (937) 890-

0416 or mikkiw17@sbcglobal.net for details.

Age: All ages

## GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

### LUNCH AND LEARN

Explore a variety of topics in green living and growing with engaging speakers. Bring a lunch and learn something new.

**(FREE) GETTING THE GARDEN & LANDSCAPE READY FOR WINTER**

**WED. NOV 12, 12:00-1:00 PM** K104

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

Winter is coming but don't neglect the garden! Learn the basic steps of getting ready for the coming cold and improving your spring garden at the same time. We'll discuss soil and plant health, tree and shrub protection, and fall compost application. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) GARDENING 101--PUTTING THE GARDEN TO BED**

**SAT. OCT 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** K97

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

You've planted your first garden, maintained it and either enjoyed the flowers or harvested your herbs and vegetables. Now what? This class explains how to clean the garden and put it in great shape for the coming winter and next year. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) PLANT A COMMUNITY GARDEN**

**THU. OCT 16, 6:00-7:30 PM** K117

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

How can you start a community vegetable garden in your neighborhood, school, church? Learn the essential steps to a successful project. Fall is the best time for planning a new garden! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Call or contact lucille.beachdell@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅



**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: GARDENING ANGELS WORK DAYS****SAT. OCT 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** K148**SAT. NOV 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** K149WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

You will be amazed at the impact a small group of people can make in the gardens in just a few hours! Help us put the gardens to bed for the season by removing annuals, cutting back perennials, planting bulbs, and mulching. It's great company, great exercise, and a great way to learn more about plants! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Call or contact [janelle.leonard@metroparks.org](mailto:janelle.leonard@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 18Y and up ⚙️

**(FREE) FALL PLANTING WORKSHOP: TREES, SHRUBS, BULBS & PERENNIALS****SAT. OCT 18, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM** K98WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,  
Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Fall is perfect for planting, so join us and learn the essentials. Beginners and experienced gardeners will practice the skills learned. Plantsman Tomasz Przepiorkowski will discuss fruit trees and the best new trees available, and MetroParks staff will

demo perennial division and bulb planting. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

**(FREE) OCTOBER AT AULLWOOD**  
**SUN. OCT 19, 2:00-4:00 PM** K99AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK,  
900 Aullwood Rd.

Join us for a walk through Aullwood and be amazed by the fantastic colors of fall. We'll examine foliage changes and fall colors in the garden, woods and prairie. Bring your friends and camera. We'll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🍷

**(FREE) FUN FALL EVENING IN THE GARDEN****FRI. OCT 24, 6:00-8:00 PM** K100WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Children's  
Discovery Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Bring the family to visit the gardens as the sun sets to enjoy cider by the fire, ghost stories and fun seasonal games and crafts. Learn about fall and winter veggies, prairie seeding, creatures of the garden and more. Costumes are encouraged! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🍷 ⚙️

**(FREE) TRY IT: PLANTING GARLIC****WED. OCT 29, 5:30-6:30 PM** K90POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm,  
4790 Frytown Rd.

Do you like garlic? Ever thought about growing your own, but not sure what to do? Bring the family, get your hands dirty, and learn how to plant (and when to harvest) garlic! Registration required. Age: All ages 🍷

**(FREE) CREATING A HOLIDAY PORCH CONTAINER****THU. NOV 6, 12:00-12:30 PM** K101

2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.

Grab a delicious lunch at the Market then watch a demo for great porch containers for the holidays! In this mini-lesson we'll start with a basic potted boxwood and add natural and human-made materials for an impressive-looking planter to display Thanksgiving through the new year! Come to our full class on November 15 at Wegerzyn. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

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[METROPARKS.ORG/SURVEY](https://metroparks.org/survey)

# DO YOU GARDEN?

## THEN WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS WANTS TO IMPROVE OUR GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING PROGRAMMING — AND WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We invite you to complete a confidential 15-minute online survey about your interest and experience with gardening. We want to hear from beginning to expert gardeners so we can offer programming that fits a variety of needs. If you choose to participate, you will be entered to win a \$1,000 gift certificate to a home and garden center located in Montgomery County.

**Take the survey now at [metroparks.org/survey](https://metroparks.org/survey) and be entered to win!**

As a conservation agency, we strive to educate as many residents as possible on how to use environmentally sound gardening and landscaping practices to improve air, soil and water quality and encourage biodiversity for wildlife. We also want show folks that working in the dirt can be fun and rewarding!

You must complete the survey in its entirety to be eligible to win the \$1,000 gift certificate, but you can save your survey and return to it at any time. If you are chosen as our winner, we will contact you within one week of the close of the survey (Nov. 30) to arrange delivery of your prize.



**(FREE) CREATE A GREEN  
SCHOOLYARD****SAT. NOV 8, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** K121  
OFFSITE

This training is designed for teachers. Learn the steps to establishing a successful green schoolyard, draw up preliminary sketches, and practice using curriculum in a habitat or garden. Teachers receive a certificate. Please bring lunch. Held at Primary Village South, 8388 Paragon Rd. 45458. Registration required. Age: 21Y and up 📅

**HOLIDAY PORCH CONTAINER****SAT. NOV 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** K105  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,  
Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Be ready for the holidays with a versatile, beautiful porch container. Designer Cate Renner will show you how to take a simple pot with an evergreen and, with the creative addition of natural and ornamental material, make it a wonderful front-door accent to display Thanksgiving through the new year. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up  
Fee: \$15 📅

**REPURPOSED GIFT WORKSHOP****THU. DEC 4, 6:00-8:00 PM** L69  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to repurpose materials to make creative, crafty gifts this season. Supplies will be available for several small projects to get started with. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up  
Fee: \$15 📅

**(FREE) MY FIRST LANDSCAPE:  
LANDSCAPING FUNDAMENTALS****SAT. JAN 17, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** L20  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Whether you decide to design and install your own landscape or have the work done by a professional, there are certain basic concepts that will be helpful. Learn how to inventory your site and equipment, select the plants that will be most successful for particular areas, and recognize the critical concepts of spacing, height, and balance. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) MY FIRST LANDSCAPE:  
BASIC LANDSCAPING PLANTS****SAT. JAN 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** L21  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Have a new home and confused about what

you should plant this coming spring? This class takes the mystery out of plant recognition and selection. Learn the trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers that grow best in our area, and the best sunlight and soil for them. Essential class whether you do your own work or hire a landscaper. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**GREEN LIVING****CAFÉ SCI**

Discover conservation science in a relaxed atmosphere with friends and neighbors from the Miami Valley. Increase your science savvy and join an open discussion following the topic introduction.

**(FREE) CRYOVORTEX TIRE  
RECYCLING****WED. OCT 1, 6:30-8:30 PM** K118COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third  
Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Cryovortex is the first tire recycling system to utilize cryogenic freezing and allows reclaimed tires to be turned into a wide variety of materials with numerous applications. Discover the engineering science behind this process and discuss the possibilities of its products. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING (3D PRINTING)****WED. NOV 5, 6:30-8:30 PM** K115COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third  
Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Additive manufacturing, or 3D printing, is cutting-edge technology now employed by many industries to make a variety of materials. Learn the science behind it and discuss the ways in which it might be applied in the future. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) MINE RECLAMATION****WED. DEC 3, 6:30-8:30 PM** L66COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third  
Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

The ecological impact of mining coal and minerals is significant and long lasting. Coal mine reclamation is a particularly relevant issue in Ohio. We'll discuss how scientists study these sites and current restoration methods. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) POLLINATION  
ADAPTATIONS****WED. JAN 7, 6:30-8:30 PM** L67COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third  
Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Plants and animals have complex relationships, including that of animal pollination. Learn and discuss some of the fascinating ways in which plants have adapted to attract animals to their flowers and animals have come to depend on certain plants. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**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 the Montgomery County Solid Waste District.

**(FREE) BUILDING BETTER SOIL****TUE. OCT 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

K106

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.**THU. JAN 15, 6:00-8:00 PM** L63COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead West-  
vaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn how to evaluate soil, manage its composition and add available nutrients without the use of synthetic fertilizer. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) MANAGING ORGANIC  
WASTE****TUE. OCT 14, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

K113

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.**THU. JAN 29, 6:00-8:00 PM** L65COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead West-  
vaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

John Woodman from Montgomery County Solid Waste District discusses community strategies and resources for reducing waste. Examine ways in which organic waste can be managed efficiently at home or in the workplace and gain some first-hand experience with composting. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) BACKYARD  
COMPOSTING****TUE. OCT 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

K112

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.**THU. JAN 22, 6:00-8:00 PM** L64COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead West-  
vaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn various composting methods, describe the characteristics of good compost and address challenges associated with getting





started. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 🗑️

## LUNCH AND LEARN

Explore a variety of topics in green living and growing with engaging speakers. Bring a lunch and learn something new.

### (FREE) LEAVES EQUAL FREE COMPOST

**WED. OCT 8, 12:00-1:00 PM** K96  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk. Many homeowners have a yard filled with leaves each fall. Instead of "donating" them to the city, learn how to use this free resource to make your soil better and your plants healthier. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🗑️

## WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

**TUE. NOV 4, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** K114  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn the science and art of vermiculture and vermicomposting! Self-proclaimed "worm wrangler" Connie Duncan will lead you through all aspects of worm bin care and send you home with a functioning bin. We'll provide small starter bins, worms and materials to get started. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$15 🗑️

## FAMILY RECYCLING WORKSHOP

**WED. NOV 12, 5:30-7:30 PM** K120  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Families learn how to recycle and compost together through a variety of fun activities. Each family brings a container to build a starter worm bin and creates a household recycling plan. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 🗑️

## LIVING THE GREEN LIFE

These programs provide participants a variety of opportunities to adopt practical, environmentally friendly practices, reduce waste and curb use of natural resources. Sessions will consist of brief classes, activities and discussion groups.

### (FREE) GREEN HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

**THU. NOV 13, 12:00-1:00 PM** K119  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St. Holiday celebrations can generate a lot of waste, but they don't have! Learn how to organize an event so that all supplies can be

reused, recycled or composted. We'll also discuss how to source locally produced, seasonal food. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗑️

### (FREE) STOCK-UP WEDNESDAYS WED. NOV 26, DEC 24 & 31

**11:00 AM-3:00 PM** K94  
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.

The Market will be open to pick up your last minute needs for Thanksgiving, including homemade breads, fresh turkeys and hams, pies and cakes, flowers, and more. Many of our vendors are accepting pre-orders throughout November so remember to ask during your next visit. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

## FAMILY SPROUTING AND MICROGREENS WORKSHOP

**TUE. JAN 13, 5:30-7:30 PM** L68  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Sprouts and microgreens are fun to grow and a great source of nutrition year-round. Families learn simple ways to do this together and start their own growing trays to take home. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 🗑️

## WEDDING PLANNING FOR THE ECO-CONSCIOUS BRIDE

**SAT. JAN 17, 1:00-3:00 PM** L103  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Having a hard time planning your big day, knowing that it will pay a toll on both your wallet and your local landfill? To help ease some of the stress, come learn about ways you can decrease your wedding's impact on the environment, and still have the wedding day of your dreams! Registration required. Age: 21Y and up Fee: \$10 🗑️

### (FREE) COMPOST MEAT, DAIRY, VEGGIES AND STARCH WITH BOKASHI

**THU. FEB 5, 6:00-8:00 PM** L93  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

No more memorizing a long list of dos and don'ts for the compost pile. With bokashi, meat, starches and dairy can all go in the compost. Bokashi, an ancient Japanese/Korean form of composting by fermentation, is new to the U.S. but is practiced worldwide.

Join us for this hands-on workshop and walk through all steps to make your own bokashi set up. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 🗑️

## VOLUNTEER: MASTER RECYCLING

**TUE. FEB. 10-MAR. 10, 6:00-8:00 PM**  
L102  
OFFSITE, Montgomery County Solid Waste, 2550 Sandridge Dr.

Sessions include a variety of activities involving recycling, the latest available technology in the Miami Valley and practical advice for effective recycling at home and in the community. 15 hrs of volunteer service is required upon completing the course. Participants must complete an interview and background check. Registration deadline Jan 31. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25

## HERITAGE & HISTORY

### (FREE) BISCUIT DAY

**SUN. OCT 12, 12:00-4:00 PM** K108  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

One of the most common staples of any farm family's meal was the biscuit. Join us for a whole day dedicated to the biscuit. Watch as various types of biscuits are made around the farm, and baked in our outdoor oven. Also, come help with corn husking in the barn and partake in a husking bee. No registration required. Age: All ages

### (FREE) OHIO'S FIRST FARMERS

**SAT. NOV 8, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM** K91  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Please join Possum Creek MetroPark staff and Andy Sawyer of Sunwatch Indian Village in celebrating Native American Heritage Month. There will be fun activities and lots to learn about the people who once lived in the Dayton area. Registration required. Age: All ages 🗑️

### (FREE) VICES OF THE 1880s: TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND OTHERS

**SUN. NOV 9, 12:00-4:00 PM** K109  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

Help the farm hands strip the cured tobacco from the stalk and get it ready for sale as they did 100 years ago. Watch as tobacco

plugs are made. Information on several other period vices will be provided, including coffee, tea, beer, and gambling. No registration required. Age: All ages

### **(FREE) CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM SUN. DEC 7, 12:00-4:00 PM** L22

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

String cranberries and popcorn for the farm-grown cedar tree just like families did a century ago. Enjoy fresh baked gingerbread and sample chestnuts hot from the fireplace. Play some period parlor games. At our Visitor Center you can make a Victorian Christmas decoration to take home. No registration required. Age: All ages

### **(FREE) A HOLIDAY EVENING AT CARRIAGE HILL**

**SAT. DEC 13, 6:00-8:30 PM** L23

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

Come join us for a candlelit holiday evening. Stroll through the farm and experience what it was like at night. Listen to holiday music, play some parlor games or watch some historical crafts being made. An old-fashioned Victorian holiday will come to life. No registration required. All ages

### **(FREE) ICE HARVEST**

**SUN. JAN 18, 12:00-4:00 PM** L26

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

Watch the farm hands use ice saws, pike poles and tongs to cut blocks of ice from the farm pond and load them onto the bobsled for storage in the farm's ice house. Ice can then be used year-round to make ice cream, and keep certain foods cool. Depending on the weather, date may change. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️

## HOME & HOBBIES

### **LUNCH AND LEARN**

Explore a variety of topics in green living and growing with engaging speakers. Bring a lunch and learn something new.

### **(FREE) SIMPLE METHODS FOR DRYING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

**TUE. OCT 7, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** K107

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

Drying was one of the various methods used for preserving foods on a 19th century farm.

Join us as we talk about its history and teach some basic methods for drying your own produce at home. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

### **YOUNG HOMESTEADERS**

Gain hands-on experience in topics that have been carried down through the ages. Learn a variety of skills you can take home to use and share, including gardening, small animal care, and food preparation and preservation.

### **(FREE) PUMPKINS RULE**

**SAT. OCT 18, 10:00-11:30 AM** K2

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

Pumpkins are a very cool fruit, from decoration to the dinner table. You will be provided a pumpkin that you will clean, cook, and use in a recipe that will be provided. Registration required. Age: 11Y-14Y 📅 PTN

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

**SAT. NOV 29, 10:00 AM-11:30 PM** K3

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

Learn about the different kinds of grains, grind some into flour and then use your flour to make warm loaves of bread to take home and share with friends and family. Registration required. Age: 11Y-14Y 📅 PTN

### **(FREE) GETTING TO KNOW SHEEP**

**SAT. DEC 20, 10:00 AM-11:30 PM** L1

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

Sheep have been a part of agriculture for thousands of years. They provide food and clothing. The Icelandic sheep, which we keep at Possum Creek MetroPark Farm, is a heritage breed. Try spinning and felting with wool provided by our sheep. Registration required.

Age: 11Y-14Y 📅 PTN

### **(FREE) COOKING WITH PUMPKINS**

**SAT. NOV 15, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM** K92

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd. Pumpkins are more than a rotting mound of orange goo on your stoop after Thanksgiving. They are very nutritious and tasty! Learn some of the pumpkin's history and how to pick the correct pumpkin for cooking or baking, along with how to prepare it. Registration required. Age: All ages 📅

### **(FREE) PUMPKIN DECORATING**

**SAT. OCT 18, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM** K93

2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.

Pumpkins will be ready to decorate at the

Market with the support of volunteers from UD Sorority Pi Beta Phi. Have fun and be imaginative in creating this favorite fall decoration. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: 0Y-18Y

### **NATURE'S CANDIES**

**THU. DEC 4, 6:00-8:00 PM** L70

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

Just in time for the holidays, learn how your garden's harvest can be turned into something sweeter. Participants will make their own candy, using anise, coriander, lavender and honey. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

### **WOOL FELTING**

**SAT. DEC 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** L11

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

Felting, or the process of shrinking and bonding wool fibers together, forms dense cloth with a soft texture. Come learn to felt with wool provided by the Possum Creek MetroPark flock of Icelandic sheep. Bring a bar of your favorite soap to felt. We will also do some dry felting, carding wool and become acquainted with a modern spinning wheel. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

### **SOAP FUN FOR THE FAMILY**

**SAT. JAN 17, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** L13

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

Have some clean, hands-on fun making rebatched soap with your family. Everything you need will be provided to make a bar of soap to use at home. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 📅

### **PASTA THE HOMEMADE WAY**

**TUE. JAN 27, 6:00-8:00 PM** L15

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

Have you been thinking about making some homemade pasta to go with those tomatoes you canned last fall? Don't purchase all kinds of equipment just yet! First, join us to learn about grains and get hands-on experience making pasta. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

## HORSEBACK RIDING

### **WEEKEND TRAIL RIDES**

**SAT., & SUN THROUGH OCT. 26,**

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM** I261





## 2ND STREET MARKET

600 E. SECOND ST., DOWNTOWN DAYTON

THURSDAY & FRIDAY:  
11 AM TO 3 PM

SATURDAY:  
8 AM TO 3 PM

*While you're there, grab lunch from one of the many food vendors!*

## SHOP FRESH AND LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT THE 2ND STREET MARKET

MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON FUN AND UNIQUE WITH FOOD AND GIFTS FROM THE 2ND STREET MARKET!

More than 40 vendors – all of them locally owned small businesses – call the Market home and offer:

- kitchen staples, including milk, bread, flour, cheese, spices, honey and oils
- locally produced meat, including chicken, pork, beef and even bison and salmon
- fresh produce and flowers
- a wide variety of gift items, many of them handmade ... and so much more!

## VISIT THE MARKET FOR ALL YOUR HOLIDAY NEEDS DURING STOCK-UP WEDNESDAYS!

OPEN 11 AM TO 3 PM PRIOR TO:

THANKSGIVING, NOV. 26 • CHRISTMAS, DEC. 24 • NEW YEAR'S DAY, DEC. 31

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

Trail rides are offered on Saturdays and Sundays through October 26. Rides are one hour, walk-only, guided trails through the woods at Carriage Hill MetroPark. The cost is \$30 per person. The minimum age is 8. We take up to 6 people per trail. Rides go out at 10 a.m. / noon / 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-3120 for details. Age: 8Y and up Fee: \$30 ⚙️

### PONY RIDES SATURDAYS THROUGH OCT. 25, 12:00-3:30 PM J266

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

Hand-led pony rides, for youngsters ages 2 - 8, are offered on Saturdays through October 25, from noon until 3:30. Reservations are not required. Fee is \$5.00 per child. Don't forget your camera! No registration required. Contact (937) 274-3120 for details. Age: 2Y-8Y Fee: \$5

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: CARRIAGE HILL RIDING CENTER ORIENTATION

SAT. DEC 6, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM L89  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

Do you want to volunteer with horses or help with trails and lessons? You might not

have any experience at all, but we can train you! Come to our orientation to see what's happening at the Riding Center and how you can get involved. Attending an orientation does not commit you to anything. Many opportunities are hands-on & schedules are flexible. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Call or contact emmy.fabich@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up 📞

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: MoMBA TRAIL WORK DAYS

SAT. OCT 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM K7

MoMBA, 4485 Union School House Road

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. Call or contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📞 ⚙️



## NATURE

### GET OUTSIDE BOOK CLUB STORYTIME

Five Rivers MetroParks and the Dayton Metro Library have designed a special reading club for preschoolers! Storytimes at your local library and in the parks will get you and your child excited for nature adventures in your backyard. Visit [metroparks.org/bookclub](http://metroparks.org/bookclub).

### (FREE) NATURE PLAY

WED. OCT 1, 2:00-3:00 PM K129

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.

Visit us as we read stories about fun adventures you can have playing in nature. Then head to the Nature Play Area with a MetroParks naturalist and start creating your own nature play memories. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-6Y 📞 ⚙️

### (FREE) CAMP OUT

FRI. OCT 10, 7:00-8:00 PM K128

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Campsite: Ash, 4178 Conference Rd.

Explore camping through stories with Miss Melissa and learn camping tips and night-time activities from MetroParks naturalists and volunteers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-6Y 📞 ⚙️

**CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)**

Unless otherwise noted in listing.

**(FREE) FLYING EAGLES,  
QUACKING DUCKS****MON. OCT 13, 4:00-5:00 PM** K125

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Join us for a special storytime all about birds! Ms. Kelly from the Dayton Metro Library will read stories and sing songs about our feathered friends, and MetroParks naturalists will teach us all about birds and their habitats! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 2Y-6Y 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) LEAVES OF COLOR****FRI. OCT 24, 10:00-11:00 AM** K126

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

Meet in the Edible Landscape Garden for a leafy good time. Ms. Dorri from Dayton Metro Library will share stories and songs about leaves, and then we will go on a leaf hunt led by MetroParks naturalists and volunteers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 2Y-6Y 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) SPIDER STUDY****WED. OCT 29, 10:00-11:00 AM** K127

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Prairie Dock/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.

Join Ms. Allison from Dayton Metro Library for spider storytime! Afterward, we will go on a spider hunt led by MetroParks naturalists and volunteers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-6Y 📅 ⚙️

**BACKPACKING BABIES**

During these programs 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. A baby backpack or carrier is required, as trails are not stroller-friendly.

**(FREE) MAGNIFICENT TREES****THU. OCT 2, 10:00-11:30 AM** K16

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Enjoy a healthy walk, and allow your baby to explore the beautiful sights, puzzling sounds, and fresh air of the forest. A baby backpack or carrier is required for this program, as trails are not stroller-friendly. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 0Y-2Y 📅

**(FREE) PRAIRIE PLAY****THU. NOV 6, 10:00-11:00 AM** K17

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Let's get out and play around a prairie. A baby backpack or carrier is required for this program, as trails are not stroller-friendly. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 0Y-2Y 📅

**(FREE) NATURE IN WINTER****THU. DEC 4, 10:00-11:00 AM** L5

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Take a walk with a naturalist and look for signs that life goes on, even in the grip of winter. A baby backpack or carrier is required for this program, as trails are not stroller-friendly. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 0Y-2Y 📅

**(FREE) FROSTY ADVENTURES****THU. JAN 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** L78

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

During the colonial days before gas furnaces, babies endured the chilly temperatures just as their traveling parents did. Join other parents and their babies as we stroll through the park and see what's happening in winter. A baby backpack or carrier is required, as trails are not stroller-friendly. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 0Y-2Y 📅

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER:****CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER  
ORIENTATION****FRI. OCT 10, 9:30-11:30 AM** K12**WED. OCT 22, 6:30-8:30 PM** K13**WED. NOV 12, 6:30-8:30 PM** K11**SAT. DEC 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** L4**THU. JAN 22, 1:00-3:00 PM** L90

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor

Five Rivers MetroParks protects almost 16,000 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 doesn't commit you to anything. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Call or contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: All ages 📅

**CONSERVATION KIDS: VOYAGERS  
(AGES 10-13)**

This series, designed for families with 10- to 13-year-olds, nurtures kids' desire to protect nature and empowers them to speak out for the planet they will soon inherit. Watch as your child grows closer to nature, develops leadership skills and works with peers to protect Dayton's ecology. By completing programs in each of the three levels of this series, your child also will receive a special MetroParks Conservation Kids hoodie. Visit [metroparks.org/kids](http://metroparks.org/kids).

**(FREE) FOREST GENERATIONS****SAT. OCT 11, 1:00-2:30 PM** K183

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Parking Lot, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Trees play an important part in the way we and other animals live. Help us keep them going by collecting fallen nuts from nearby trees. All nuts will be tested and then saved to be replanted as part of our Reforestation Campaign. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ▲

**(FREE) PILEATED  
WOODPECKER SEARCH****SUN. OCT 12, 2:00-3:30 PM** K131

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Come discover more about this king-sized woodpecker as we search for woodpeckers in the park! We will explore the pileated's life history, and learn more about its relative, the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅

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**(FREE) SPIDER PARTY****SAT. OCT 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

K153

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

Spiders are powerful because many kids are scared of them! Explore their conservation power and learn how to create a party at your home celebrating these creatures. Participants will make invitations and get a free headlamp that will help them on their journey. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅

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**(FREE) FOREST FULL OF TREES****SAT. OCT 25, 1:00-2:00 PM** K133

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Shelter: Redtail, 4439 Lower Valley Pk.

Let's go out and discover what really goes on in a forest. Put on your detective hat and come search for clues about what plants and animals call this place home. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅

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**(FREE) FALL BIRD HIKE****SAT. NOV 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** K145

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Hilltop / Sledding Hill/Parking Lot, 1200 Brown School Rd.

While many of our summer birds fly south for the winter, Canadian birds come to Ohio to spend the winter! Come out and search for the migrating birds in the park. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 PTN ▲



**(FREE) WHO HIBERNATES?****SAT. NOV 15, 1:00-2:30 PM** K136

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Animals deal with winter in many different ways. Come learn all about hibernation and which animals hibernate, and which do not. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 10Y-13Y 🦋 PTN ▲

**(FREE) MAPPING OUR FORESTS****SAT. NOV 15, 2:00-4:00 PM** K156

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40

Forests are ever-changing ecosystems.

MetroParks has to routinely monitor trends in order to make the best stewardship decisions. Come explore one of these monitoring methods as we map out plant life. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 🦋 PTN ▲

**(FREE) TRACKING EXCURSION****SAT. JAN 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** L99

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

What does a beaver track look like? What's the difference between a coyote and dog track? Does opossum scat look like raccoon scat? If you've ever wanted to get started becoming an animal tracker, come explore these questions, and discover the art and science of animal tracking in this hands-on outdoor family-friendly excursion. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 🦋 ▲

**(FREE) GROWING OUR BIODIVERSITY****SAT. JAN 10, 1:00-2:30 PM** L94

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

Biodiversity is what fuels this planet with life, as all species interact with others. But humans' destructive nature is resulting in severe biodiversity loss. Come be a part of the positive side of the story and help grow a variety of plants that will be planted in the spring!

Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 🦋 ▲

**(FREE) WINTER HABITAT HIKE****SAT. JAN 17, 1:00-3:00 PM** L100

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

Explore your inner naturalist as you engage in the variety of habitats and ponder some of life's greatest questions. We'll explore plant-animal relationships, and find a newfound respect for our local biodiversity. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 10Y-13Y 🦋 ▲

**CONSERVATION KIDS:****EXPLORERS (AGES 6-9)**

This series, designed for families with 6- to 9-year-olds, nurtures kids' desire to explore nature and empowers them to speak out for the planet they will soon inherit. Watch as your child grows closer to nature, develops leadership skills and works with peers to protect Dayton's ecology. By completing programs in each of the three levels of this series, your child also will receive a special MetroParks Conservation Kids hoodie. Visit [metroparks.org/kids](http://metroparks.org/kids).

**(FREE) REGENERATING FORESTS****SAT. OCT 11, 1:00-2:30 PM** K184

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Parking Lot, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Trees play an important part in the way we and other animals live. Help us keep them going by collecting fallen nuts from nearby trees. All nuts will be tested and then saved to be replanted as part of our Reforestation Campaign. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 🦋 ▲

**(FREE) PILEATED WOODPECKER SAFARI****SUN. OCT 12, 2:00-3:30 PM** K130

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Come discover more about this king-sized woodpecker as we search for woodpeckers in the park! We will explore the pileated's life history, and learn more about its relative, the Ivory-Billed Woodpecker. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 🦋 PTN ▲



# CONSERVATION KIDS

Have you seen the changes to MetroParks' programs for children and families? We have introduced a series of nature-based programs for three specific age groups (Tikes, Explorers and Voyagers) to help you and your child discover nature, take conservation action, share cool conservation actions with others, and ultimately help protect and promote wildlife. These age-appropriate programs give your kids clear steps to take and opportunities to see the impact they make through planting for pollinators, collecting seeds to plant a forest, creating their own wildlife habitat in their backyard, being a naturalist for their classmates at school and so much more!

By completing programs in each of the three levels of this series, your child will also receive a special reward. Visit [metroparks.org/kids](http://metroparks.org/kids) for more information. Look for color triangles (▲) in the program listings for Conservation Kids to see what level each program is designated for within the series. Participants should begin by taking Discovery Level (green) programs and build onto their knowledge with blue and orange programs after completing the green level.

**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 becomes an official Nature Traveler and receives 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.

Due to our new **Conservation Kids** program series, the **Passport to Nature will be retiring at the end of the year**, so please finish any passports already started by Dec. 31, 2014.

**FIRST PASSPORT**

Liam Ballard  
Andre Ballard  
Eli Dudley  
Justice Dudley  
Aiden Schumaker  
Adam Schumaker

Ian Leigh

**THIRD PASSPORT**

Gabriella Fitch  
Chloe Fitch

**SECOND PASSPORT**

Raegan Owsley  
Gianna Byorens  
Xander Leigh

**(FREE) ARACHNID PARTY****SAT. OCT 18, 2:00-4:00 PM** K154

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

Spiders are powerful because many kids are scared of them! Come explore their conservation power and learn how to create a party at your home celebrating these creatures. Participants will make invitations and get a free headlamp that will help them on their journey. Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y

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**(FREE) FOREST FRENZY****SAT. OCT 25, 1:00-2:00 PM** K132

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Shelter: Redtail, 4439 Lower Valley Pk.

Let's go out and discover what really goes on in a forest. Put on your detective hat and come search for clues of what plants and animals call this place home. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y

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**(FREE) FALL BIRD WALK****SAT. NOV 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** K144

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Hilltop / Sledding Hill/Parking Lot, 1200 Brown School Rd.

While many of our summer birds fly south for the winter, Canadian birds come to Ohio to spend the winter! Come out and search for the migrating birds in the park. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y

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**(FREE) MAPPING FORESTS****SAT. NOV 15, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

K155

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40

Forests are ever-changing ecosystems.

MetroParks' staff has to constantly monitor trends to make the best stewardship decisions. Explore one of these monitoring methods as we map plant life. Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y

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**(FREE) NATURE SLEEPS****SAT. NOV 15, 1:00-2:30 PM** K19

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Animals deal with winter in many different ways. Learn all about hibernation and which animals hibernate and which do not. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. All ages

📅 PTN ▲

**(FREE) ANIMAL TRACKING EXCURSION****SAT. JAN 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** L98

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

What does a beaver track look like? What's the difference between a coyote and a dog track? Does opossum scat look like raccoon scat? If you've ever wanted to become an animal tracker, explore these questions and discover the art and science of animal tracking in this hands-on outdoor family-friendly excursion. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y

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**(FREE) GROWING BIODIVERSITY****SAT. JAN 10, 3:00-4:30 PM** L95

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

Biodiversity fuels this planet with life, as all species interact with others. But humans' destructive nature is resulting in severe biodiversity loss. Come be a part of the positive side of the story and help grow a variety of plants that will be planted in the spring! Registration requested. Age: 6Y-9Y

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**(FREE) WINTER HABITAT ADVENTURE****SAT. JAN 17, 1:00-3:00 PM** L101

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

Explore your inner naturalist as you engage in the variety of habitats and ponder some of life's greatest questions. We'll explore plant-animal relationships, and find a newfound respect for local biodiversity. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y

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**CONSERVATION KIDS: TIKES (AGES 3-5)**

This series, designed for families with 3- to 5-year-olds, nurtures kids' desire to discover nature and empowers them to speak out for the planet they will soon inherit. Watch as your child grows closer to nature, develops leadership skills and works with peers to protect Dayton's ecology. By completing programs in each of the three levels of this series, your child also will receive a special MetroParks Conservation Kids backpack. Visit [metroparks.org/kids](http://metroparks.org/kids).

**(FREE) ACCRUING ACORNS****WED. OCT 15, 10:00-11:30 AM** K135

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. Age: 3Y-5Y

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**(FREE) BACKYARD NATURALIST TRAINING****THU. OCT 23, 10:00-11:30 AM** K152

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

Learn what it takes to be a naturalist and how to get your peers excited about the Earth! Participants will receive a naturalist guide pack they will use to lead their own nature hike for friends. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y

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**(FREE) NOCTURNAL ADVENTURE****FRI. OCT 24, 7:00-8:30 PM** K140

HILLS &amp; 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. Afterward, 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. Age: 3Y-5Y

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**(FREE) CREEPY CREATURES****FRI. OCT 31, 10:00-11:00 AM** K137

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. Age: 3Y-5Y

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**(FREE) MY FIRST LEAF COLLECTION****TUE. NOV 4, 10:00-11:00 AM** K141

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.

**WED. NOV 12, 10:00-11:00 AM** K142  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Leaves are perfect study materials for preschoolers; they learn colors, shapes, and relative sizes, while developing a close relationship with the season. Bring your preschooler out for a hike to collect nature's retired food makers! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y

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**(FREE) PLANTING ACORNS****FRI. NOV 21, 10:00-11:30 AM** K143

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Red Fox Run, 8400 Brown School Rd.

Last month we took the first step in preparing acorns, and this month we are acting as squirrels burying acorns. These acorns have an important job in our forest, and will take the place of fallen ash trees. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y

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**(FREE) METROPARKS' LARGEST MAMMAL**

**WED. DEC 3, 10:00-11:00 AM L81**  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40

You've probably seen them in the park or in your backyard, but come learn more about MetroParks' largest mammal, the white-tail deer! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🍷 PTN ▲

**(FREE) WINTER MYSTERIES**

**TUE. DEC 9, 10:00-11:00 AM L6**  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.  
Bundle up your little one for a winter adventure through the park, where we will search for nature's mysteries of survival during this quiet season. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🍷 PTN ▲

**(FREE) ANIMAL KEEPERS**

**THU. DEC 11, 10:00-11:30 AM L82**  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.  
Want to know what it's like to care for wild animals? Come be a wild animal keeper for a day and learn about what animals need to survive, and how Five Rivers MetroParks cares for our native captive animals! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🍷 PTN ▲

**(FREE) HIBERNATING INSECTS**

**TUE. JAN 13, 10:00-11:00 AM L96**  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.  
Enjoy an expedition with your preschooler in search of hibernating insects. Once they're found, your child will warm them up with body heat and watch them wake up! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🍷 ▲

**(FREE) PRAIRIE GAMES**

**MON. JAN 19, 10:00-11:00 AM L97**  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.  
The time is right for prairie exploration without ticks and chiggers! Spend an afternoon playing some fun prairie games. Wear clothes and shoes suitable for outdoor play. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🍷 ▲

**(FREE) GREENHOUSE HELPERS**

**THU. JAN 22, 10:00-11:30 AM L83**  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Green House, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Ever been in a greenhouse? Be part of our conservation effort as a horticulturist for the

day! You will discover what a horticulturist must do to care for seeds and plants in the winter, assisting Cox Arboretum MetroPark's staff in the greenhouses. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🍷 ▲

**ADULT NATURE WALKS**

Enjoy a leisurely hike through natural areas as we explore Dayton's ecology and gain a deeper perspective for how nature works. We will also discuss our role in nature and how we can minimize our harmful impacts and get involved with conservation efforts. It's our nature!

**(FREE) WEDNESDAY DISCOVERY STROLL**

**WED. OCT 15, 10:00-11:30 AM K164**  
**WED. DEC 10, 10:00-11:30 AM L105**  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.  
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
Age: 18Y and up 🍷 ⚙️

**(FREE) TUESDAY ADULT NATURE WALK**

**TUE. NOV 11, 9:00-11:00 AM K180**  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.  
**TUE. JAN 20, 9:00-11:00 AM L119**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.  
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
Age: 18Y and up 🍷 ⚙️

**(FREE) ADULT SPIDER WALK**

**SAT. OCT 25, 10:00-11:30 AM K134**  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.  
Scared of spiders? Want to learn more about them? Join us as we search for spiders on this leisurely walk through the park. See a real brown recluse and black widow so you'll know how to recognize them, but also learn how to appreciate these little beasts. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🍷

**FALL TREE ID WORKSHOP**

**SAT. NOV 8, 1:00-3:30 PM K36**  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.  
Learn how to identify more than 30 native trees by their leaf, bark, and other characteristics. The workshop will begin indoors with a brief discussion on terminology, forest ecology, and identification methods. We will learn trees in a natural setting, quizzing ourselves along the way. Registration required.  
Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

**(FREE) AULLWOOD FALL WALK**

**SUN. NOV 9, 2:00-4:00 PM K103**  
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Join us as we explore the beauty of Aullwood after most of the leaves have fallen. The garden, woods and prairie take on a different look as they ready for winter. Colors deepen and light and sound are less muffled by foliage. Join us for a wonderful afternoon exploration and don't forget your camera! We'll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🍷

**NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS AND RED CEDARS**

**FRI. NOV 14, 8:00-10:00 PM K185**  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.  
Join Master Bander Dr. Dave Russell as his team searches for and bands the elusive Northern Saw-whet Owl. Discover why these amazing owls are perceived as "tame" while learning about their life history and the importance of the Red Cedar habitat to their wintering grounds. This program is best for ages 9 and older. Rain date is Nov. 15 same time. Registration required. <http://www.avianinstitute.com>. Age: All ages  
Fee: \$5 🍷 ⚙️

**(FREE) EVENING ECOLOGY HIKE**

**SAT. NOV 15, 5:00-7:00 PM K157**  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40  
Are you interested in what makes nature 'tick'? Learn about ecological processes while exploring a variety of habitats and searching for owls. We'll also discuss effective ways that can improve interactions with your peers when discussing the importance of nature. Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
Age: 18Y and up 🍷

**(FREE) NATURE AT NIGHT**

**SAT. DEC 6, 6:00-9:00 PM L75**  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.  
Join us at the Nature Center to celebrate our nocturnal wildlife at this special after-hours event! Grab some hot chocolate and participate in various activities, including stargazing with the Miami Valley Astronomical Society, campfire stories, night hikes and much more! Bring flashlights if you desire. No registration required. Age: All ages PTN

**(FREE) AULLWOOD WINTER LUMINARY WALK****SUN. DEC 7, 6:00-8:00 PM** L17AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK,  
900 Aullwood Rd.

Welcome the feel of winter with a great evening walk through the luminary-lit paths of Aullwood Garden and then join us for a hot beverage and cookies at the house. We'll meet at the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

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**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: HABITAT HEALER OPEN HOUSE****SAT. JAN 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** L92FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E.  
Monument Ave., 3rd Floor

Five Rivers MetroParks conservation identifies, preserves, restores and manages plant/animal habitats while increasing public awareness of conservation. Becoming a conservationist is a journey intertwining knowledge with practical experience. We will build our volunteer leadership with this new learning opportunity. Attending doesn't commit you. Registration required. Call or contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. [www.metroparks.org/conservation](http://www.metroparks.org/conservation). Age: 21Y and up

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**WINTER TREE ID WORKSHOP****SAT. JAN 24, 1:00-3:00 PM** L77COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733  
Springboro Pk.

Learn how to identify more than 20 native trees by their twig, bark, and other winter characteristics. Discover pioneer, wildlife and commercial uses for each tree while sharing stories of folklore. Each participant will receive a winter tree identification notebook, with everything needed to get started identifying trees. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15

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**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION AMBASSADORS****TUE. JAN 27, 1:00-3:00 PM** L88FIVE 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 ongoing, 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. Call or

contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 21Y and up

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**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION SEASON OPENER****SAT. JAN 31, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM** L91FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E.  
Monument Ave., 3rd Floor

What are the elements of conservation? How do Five Rivers MetroParks' stewardship plans protect our native habitats? How can individuals help? Find out answers to these questions, learn about 2014 accomplishments and what is planned for 2015, meet staff and volunteers, and discover how you can get involved. New and returning volunteers welcome! Registration required. [metroparks.org/conservation](http://metroparks.org/conservation). Age: All ages

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**(FREE) LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE SUMMIT****SAT. FEB 21, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM** L10WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Join our fourth summit as the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Network works to build access to nature for our children. Review nature play areas, attend presentations featuring great practices to connect kids to nature and learn how you can join our efforts or work independently within our structure. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up



# CELEBRATE OUTDOORS!

## ALL 44 SHELTERS NOW CAN BE RENTED FOR YOUR EXCLUSIVE USE.

Enjoy fall color and plan now for your spring or summertime 2015 event! Open-air shelters in beautiful, natural settings are excellent for BBQs, wedding receptions, birthday parties, family reunions and more. Shelters come with tables and grills, and many include electricity, water and other amenities. Most accommodate 35 people, but some are larger. All are ranger-patrolled, quiet and offer a degree of privacy. Fees vary.

[METROPARKS.ORG/RESERVATIONS](http://METROPARKS.ORG/RESERVATIONS)





## MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S ADVENTURE SPEAKER SERIES!

This winter's line-up of free talks is sure to inspire outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels! Hear tales of paddling, cycling, climbing and backpacking adventures from places near and far. The Adventure Speaker Series is a partnership between Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University.

All talks are held from 7 to 8 PM. Mark your calendars now and look for more information on speakers in the January 2015 issue of *ParkWays*!

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY  
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy.

Climbing  
Adventure



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Paddling  
Adventure



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WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Backpacking  
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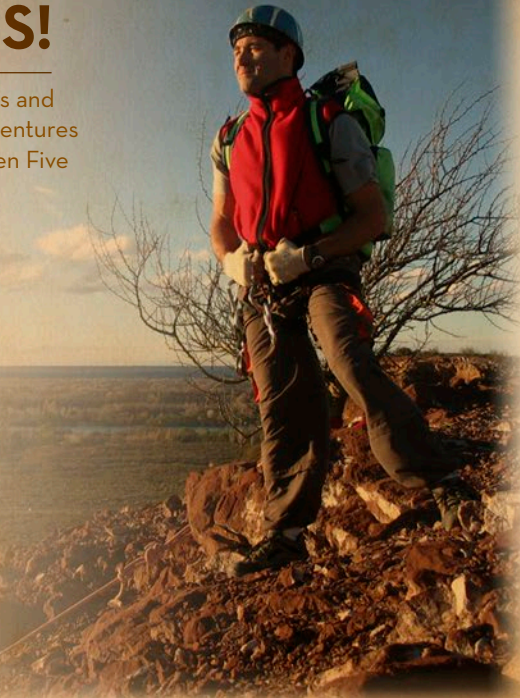


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Cycling  
Adventure



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## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

**(FREE) MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE PRESENTED BY WAGNER SUBARU**

**FRI. OCT 3, 6:00-10:00 PM** K146

**SAT. OCT 4, 11:00 AM-8:00 PM**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Midwest Outdoor Experience 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. Age: All ages 📞

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: OUTDOOR RECREATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

**WED. OCT 8, 6:00-7:30 PM** K123

**WED. NOV 5, 6:00-7:30 PM** K124

**WED. DEC 10, 6:00-7:30 PM** L73

**WED. JAN 7, 6:00-7:30 PM** L74

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor

Are you an outdoor adventurer looking to get involved or give back? Five Rivers MetroParks is building the "Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest." Learn about areas that need volunteer support: backpacking, cycling, kayaking, fishing, and more. Attending an orientation does not commit you to anything. Discover what you can do to inspire others. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Call or contact [emmy.fabich@metroparks.org](mailto:emmy.fabich@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 18Y and up 📞

### EARTHJOY TREE CLIMBING

**SAT. OCT 18, 10:00 AM-6:30 PM** K147

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Explore and climb some of the biggest trees in the Miami Valley. Learn to rappel, get in and out of hammocks, and the art of balancing and walking on sturdy tree limbs. Challenge yourself to hang like Spiderman! Choose starting times 10 am or 5 pm. Registration required. Contact (859) 653-2907 or [Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com](mailto:Shelly@climbtreeswithearthjoy.com) for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$37

## OUTDOOR SKILLS AND SAFETY

### INTRO TO LAND NAVIGATION

**THU. OCT 23, 6:00-9:00 PM** K138

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

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: \$10 📞

### LAND NAVIGATION BASICS

**SAT. NOV 8, 1:00-4:00 PM** K139

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: High View/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. Prerequisites: Intro to Land Navigation. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$20 📞

**CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)**

Unless otherwise noted in listing.

## WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER SAT., SUN, MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI.

**FEB. 28-MAR. 6, 8:00 AM-6:00 PM** L71

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

This class is the ideal medical training for outdoor educators, guides, SAR team members, and others who work or play in remote areas. Through lectures, discussions and scenarios, you'll learn the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary. Registration required. Contact (719) 395-5358 or coloradooutside@gmail.com for details. www.wildmed.com. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$690

## WILDERNESS FIRST AID

**SAT., SUN MAR. 7-8, 8:00 AM-6:00 PM**

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

This two-day introduction to general medical concepts and basic life support skills is targeted to the outdoor enthusiast on day trips or short adventures. The best and most comprehensive course of its kind to offer relevant and realistic first-aid training for seasonal outdoor activities or short term wilderness endeavors. Registration required. Contact (719) 395-5358 or coloradooutside@gmail.com for details. www.wildmed.com. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$220

## PADDLING

### KAYAK CAMPING

**THU. DEC 18, 6:00-8:00 PM** L79

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

Have you ever wanted to go camping from a kayak or a canoe? Then join Five Rivers MetroParks as we explore the equipment and some tips for camping out of a boat. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 🏠

### RIVER RESCUE KNOTS

**WED. JAN 21, 6:00-8:00 PM** L80

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

Do you paddle on moving water? This class is for you. Learn and practice the major knots used in river rescue during this hands-on program in an indoor setting. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🏠

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### (FREE) AUTUMN AT AULLWOOD

**SAT. OCT 4, 10:00-11:30 AM** K95

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, taking pictures of foliage, flowers, insects and creeks. This is an opportunity for hobbyist photographers to ask questions and try new techniques. Meet at the house. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🏠

### SEE THE LIGHT

**SAT. NOV 8, 10:00-11:30 AM** K102

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

Today's digital cameras are capable of automatically taking pictures that are not too bright or too dark, but they might experience problems in tricky lighting situations. Photographer Adam Alonzo shows how metering modes and exposure compensation can be used to obtain good pictures in difficult settings. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🏠

### MAKE THE MOMENT LAST

**SAT. DEC 6, 10:00-11:30 AM** L18

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

Most photographs are taken in just a fraction of a second, but it's also possible to make pictures that capture a longer period of time. A patient photographer can record the blooming of a flower or the movement of clouds across the sky. In this session photographer Adam Alonzo will introduce some creative techniques to convey a sense of time in your photographs. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🏠

### GETTING STARTED WITH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

**SAT. JAN 31, 10:00-11:30 AM** L19

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

Before you can shoot breathtaking outdoor photos, you need to understand the basics of digital photography. Join photographer Adam Alonzo as he explains concepts such as megapixels, magnification, memory cards, quality settings and aspect ratio. Each topic will be clearly illustrated with photos. Bring your camera and your questions. Registra-

tion requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🏠

## SKATING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: ICE RINK

#### ASSISTANT ORIENTATION

**THU. NOV 13, 2:30-4:00 PM** K150

**TUE. NOV 18, 6:00-7:30 PM** K151

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Join us for an informative session on how to become an ice rink volunteer and the many opportunities that are available. Help rink staff on and off the ice with skate rentals, ice guard patrols, or assisting the public with MetroParks Ice Rink information. Attending the orientation does not commit you to anything so come see how you can help out. Prerequisites: Moderate physical activity is highly likely for certain volunteer tasks; must be comfortable outside in varying weather conditions. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Call or contact emmy.fabich@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🏠

### ICE RINK OPENING WEEKEND

**FRI. NOV 28, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM** K220

**SAT. NOV 29, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM**

**SUN. NOV 30, 1:00-5:00 PM**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Spend the holiday weekend creating lasting memories with friends and family at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Warm up with hot chocolate from our food concession and enjoy our outdoor fireplaces. No registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

### STAR-LATE SKATE

**FRI. DEC 5, 7:00-10:00 PM** L25

**SAT. DEC 6, 7:00-10:00 PM** L27

**FRI. DEC 12, 7:00-10:00 PM** L28

**SAT. DEC 13, 7:00-10:00 PM** L29

**FRI. DEC 19, 7:00-10:00 PM** L30

**SAT. DEC 20, 7:00-10:00 PM** L31

**FRI. DEC 26, 7:00-10:00 PM** L32

**SAT. DEC 27, 7:00-10:00 PM** L33

**SAT. JAN 3, 7:00-10:00 PM** L34

**SAT. JAN 10, 7:00-10:00 PM** L35

**SAT. JAN 17, 7:00-10:00 PM** L36

**SAT. JAN 24, 7:00-10:00 PM** L37

**SAT. JAN 31, 7:00-10:00 PM** L38

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Spend your Friday or Saturday night skating near the river, under a beautifully lit canopy!



Take in the sights and sounds of downtown while sipping hot chocolate. Bring your family, coworkers, sweetheart or friends to skate at the MetroParks Ice Rink! No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

### PENGUIN PRESCHOOL

**SUN. DEC 7, 12:00-12:30 PM** L39

**SUN. JAN 11, 12:00-12:30 PM** L40

**SUN. JAN 25, 12:00-12:30 PM** L41

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Join us select Sunday afternoons for Penguin Preschool! Your youngster will have fun as they learn how to march in place and across the ice, dip, glide and stop all while gaining confidence in their new abilities. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Fee includes use of skates. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 🛼 ⚙️

### WADDLES I

**SUN. DEC 7, 12:30-1:00 PM** L42

**SUN. JAN 11, 12:30-1:00 PM** L43

**SUN. JAN 25, 12:30-1:00 PM** L44

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Join us select Sunday afternoons for our children's beginner ice lesson! Participants will learn how to sit and stand up on the ice, march in place and across the ice, dip and glide while gaining confidence in their new abilities. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Fee includes use of skates. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 6Y-10Y Fee: \$10 🛼 ⚙️

### WADDLES II

**SUN. DEC 14, 12:00-12:30 PM** L45

**SUN. JAN 18, 12:00-12:30 PM** L46

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Now that your child has the confidence to move about the rink, it's time for some fancy footwork! Before the rink opens on select Sundays, children ages 3-10 will learn how to walk and wiggle backward, swizzle and do a two-foot turn. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Fee includes use of skates. Prerequisites: Penguin Preschool or Waddles I. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 3Y-10Y Fee: \$10 🛼 ⚙️

### SKATING BASICS

**SUN. DEC 14, 12:30-1:00 PM** L47

**SUN. JAN 18, 12:30-1:00 PM** L48

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Gain confidence to let go of the wall in this beginner's class! Our certified skating instructor will lead you through the basics in this half hour class so you can move about the rink safely and comfortably, and learn some skills in the process. Sign up with friends and enjoy the experience together! Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 11Y and up Fee: \$10 🛼 ⚙️

### CHRISTMAS EVE SKATE

**WED. DEC 24, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM** L51

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Start a holiday tradition by skating with your friends and family at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Enjoy splendid scenery, outdoor fireplaces and hot chocolate from our food concession. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

### CHRISTMAS DAY SKATE

**THU. DEC 25, 1:00-8:00 PM** L52

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Have an old-fashioned family Christmas and skate on Christmas Day! Enjoy the festive atmosphere as you sip hot chocolate by our outdoor fireplaces. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

### PENGUIN PLAYSKATE

**SUN. DEC 28, 12:00-1:00 PM** L49

**SUN. JAN 4, 12:00-1:00 PM** L50

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Come to MetroParks Ice Rink and learn how to skate as a family! Our certified skating instructor will take you and your kids through the basics as you gain confidence and experience the fun of skating together! Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Fee includes use of skates. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 3Y and up Fee: \$10 🛼 ⚙️

### NEW YEAR'S EVE SKATE

**WED. DEC 31, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM** L53

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Looking for something fun to do before the ball drops? Start your New Year's Eve party at the MetroParks Ice Rink and be the last

to skate in 2014! No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

### NEW YEAR'S DAY SKATE

**THU. JAN 1, 1:00-8:00 PM** L54

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Start the New Year right and be the first to skate in 2015! No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

### SCHOOL PRIDE NIGHT

**FRI. JAN 2, 7:00-10:00 PM** L55

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Represent your school at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Bring your student ID and get half-priced admission, wear your school colors and skate as a DJ plays Top 40 hits! No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

### OUTDOOR BROOMBALL LEAGUE

**MON., WED. JAN. 5-FEB. 23, 6:00-8:00 PM** L60

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Get your friends together and sign up for the Dayton Broomball Association's co-ed league at MetroParks Ice Rink! Visit [daytonbroomball.org/riverscape](http://daytonbroomball.org/riverscape) to learn more about this fast-paced sport and register your team for either the competitive or recreational league. They will take the first 18 teams. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$290 per team

### CURLING LEAGUE

**TUE. JAN. 6-FEB. 3, 6:00-10:00 PM** L61

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Play an Olympic sport this winter and sign up with friends for Curl Troy's co-ed league at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Curling is accessible to all physical skill levels and no experience is required. Visit [www.curltroy.org](http://www.curltroy.org) to learn more and to register your team. Curl Troy will accept the first 18 teams. Registration required for the 5-week-long league. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$400 per team

### MICHAEL JACKSON SKATE

**FRI. JAN 9, 7:00-10:00 PM** L56

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Do you love the King of Pop? Then come to

the MetroParks Ice Rink and moonwalk in ice skates as a DJ plays a variety of Michael Jackson's biggest hits. Groove to Thriller, Black or White, I'll Be There, and even some hits from the Jackson Five! No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## SOUNDS FROM THE CINEMA SKATE

**FRI. JAN 16, 7:00-10:00 PM** L57  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Come to MetroParks Ice Rink and skate to your favorite movie music! Records like Don't You (Forget About Me), Footloose, and I Will Always Love You will be the soundtrack for an awesome evening of skating!

ing! No registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY SKATE

**MON. JAN 19, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM** L62  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Celebrate the holiday at MetroParks Ice Rink! No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## DIVAS OF POP

**FRI. JAN 23, 7:00-10:00 PM** L58  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Bring all your friends to the MetroParks Ice Rink for a night devoted to pop music

goddesses! A DJ will supply the music from the divas of yesterday and today, including Mariah Carey, Adele and Whitney Houston. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## OLD SOUL SKATE

**FRI. JAN 30, 7:00-10:00 PM** L59  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Come to the MetroParks Ice Rink and skate to music from the likes of Sam Cooke, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, James Brown and Otis Redding. No registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

# CALLING ALL TREE HUGGERS!

Five Rivers MetroParks needs your help in restoring our forests for the future. Help us take action to support the protection of native trees and forest ecosystems.

## SEED COLLECTING

Join our staff as we collect seeds to grow the next generation of trees. These family-friendly events are a great way for kids to explore the outdoors and learn about nature!

9 AM to Noon

- Sep. 23: Germantown MetroPark
- Sep. 27: Waldruhe Park
- Sep. 30: Sinclair Park
- Oct. 5: Dull Woods
- Oct. 9: Taylorsville MetroPark, East Park

## SHRUB PLANTING

Help us plant 600 native shrubs grown at the Marianist Environmental Education Center. Please dress for a fall day outdoors and bring gloves and water; other supplies will be provided.

Sept. 8 is at Possum Creek MetroPark, Prairie-Dock Shelter 4730 Frytown Road

Sept. 15 & 22 are at Germantown MetroPark, park office, 6675 Conservancy Road



## METROPARKS' MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

The annual Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of community service. Join Five Rivers MetroParks and spruce up your parks this fall! Volunteers will help with such activities as litter removal, trail maintenance, prepping gardening beds for winter, plantings, painting projects, wildlife habitat construction and invasive plant removal at this family-friendly event.

Saturday, Oct. 25  
9 AM to noon  
Various Locations

VISIT  
[METROPARKS.ORG/FORESTS](http://METROPARKS.ORG/FORESTS)  
FOR MORE INFO







COME JOIN THE FUN AT THE

# METROPARKS ICE RINK

OPEN NOVEMBER 28 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

5\$ ADMISSION | \$2 SKATE RENTAL, DAILY

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### NOVEMBER 28 to DECEMBER 20

Sunday	1 to 5 PM
Monday	2:30 to 8 PM
Tuesday	2:30 to 8 PM
Wednesday	2:30 to 8 PM
Thursday	2:30 to 5 PM
Friday	2:30 to 10 PM
Saturday	11 AM to 10 PM

### DECEMBER 21 to JANUARY 3

Sunday	1 to 5 PM
Monday	11 AM to 8 PM
Tuesday	11 AM to 8 PM
Wednesday	See Holiday Hours
Thursday	11 AM to 5 PM
Friday	11 AM to 10 PM
Saturday	11 AM to 10 PM

### JANUARY 4 to FEBRUARY 28

Sunday	1 to 5 PM
Monday	2:30 to 5 PM
Tuesday	2:30 to 5 PM
Wednesday	2:30 to 5 PM
Thursday	2:30 to 5 PM
Friday	2:30 to 10 PM
Saturday	11 AM to 10 PM



## SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) 11 AM to 5 PM  
Christmas Day (Dec. 25) 1 to 8 PM  
New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) 11 AM to 10 PM

New Year's Day (Jan. 1) 1 to 5 PM  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 19) 11 AM to 5 PM  
President's Day (Feb. 16) 11 AM to 5 PM

## PRIVATE RINK RENTALS

MetroParks Ice Rink is available for private event rentals from 6 to 8 PM, Sundays and Thursdays.

\$300 rental fee includes 50 cups of hot chocolate and 50 pairs of skates.

Add a Visit with Parker for \$75/hr.



## SEASON PASS

Give the gift of outdoor fun! Ice rink season passes make great stocking stuffers.

FOR PASSES AND  
RINK RENTAL

CALL (937) 274-0126

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# GET OUT & SKATE

## KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT METROPARKS ICE RINK!

Join us for MetroParks Ice Rink's opening weekend and create lasting memories with friends and family! Warm up with hot chocolate at our outdoor fireplaces while celebrating the holidays.

## RINK OPENS NOVEMBER 28

CHECK OUT THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE FOR FULL SCHEDULE

**\$5**  
ADMISSION

**\$2**  
SKATE RENTAL

MetroParks Ice Rink • RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave.

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