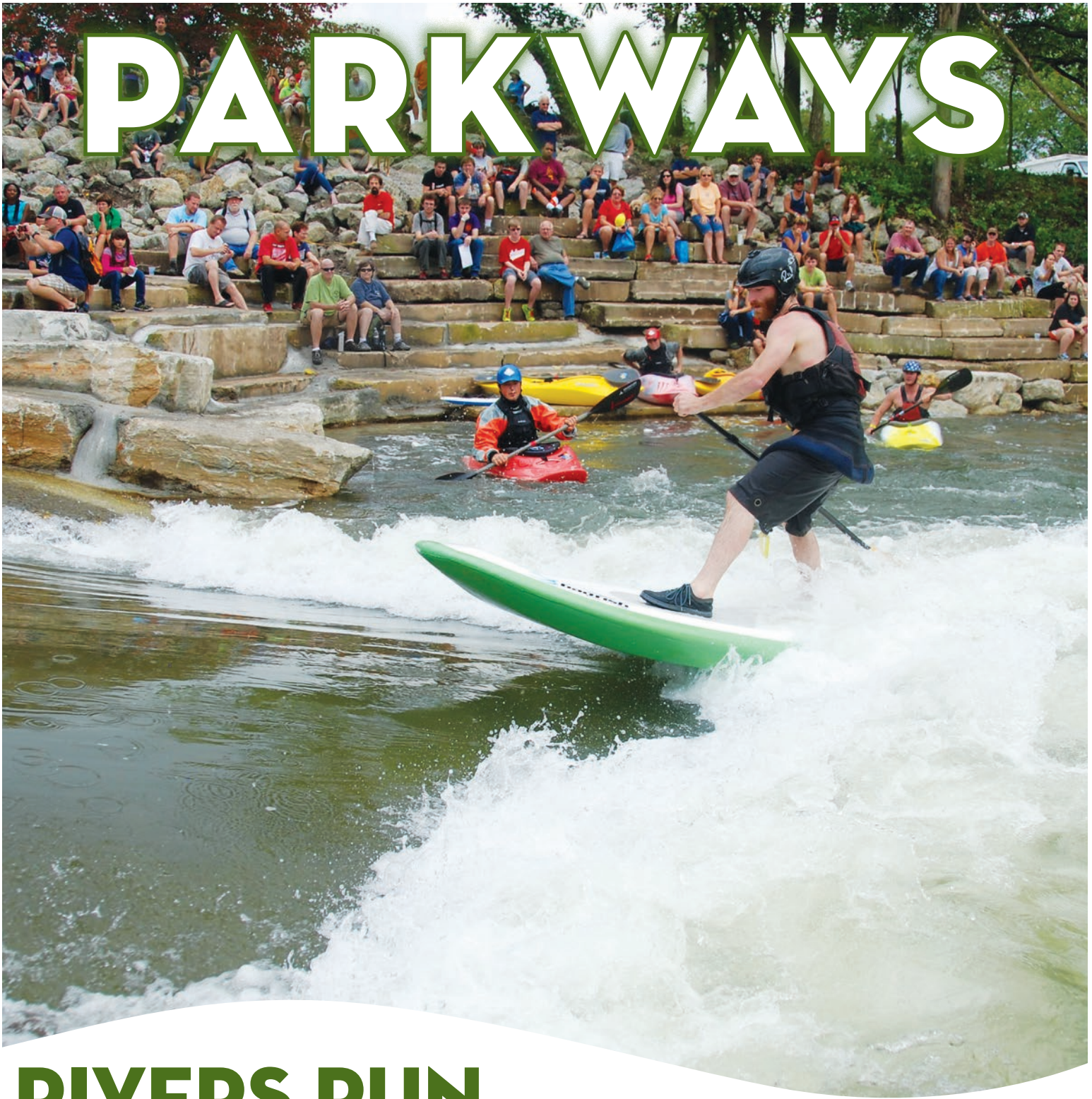


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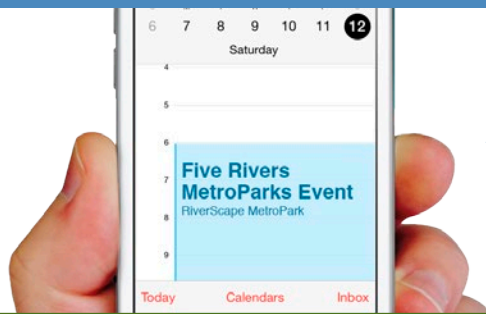
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SAVE THE DATE

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



June 6 & August 1

PICKIN' IN THE PARK

RiverScape MetroPark



June 13, July 11

& August 8

R&B HOT SUMMER MUSIC

RiverScape MetroPark



June 16-20

TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

Wegerzyn Gardens
MetroPark



June 26, July 17 & 31,

August 14 & 28

BIG BAND NIGHTS

RiverScape MetroPark



July 3

**DAYTON'S LIGHTS IN
FLIGHT FIREWORKS**

RiverScape MetroPark



July 6

**GRAND OLD
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Carriage Hill MetroPark



July 25-27

**UNITED IRISH OF DAYTON
CELTIC FESTIVAL**

RiverScape MetroPark



August 16

**HISPANIC HERITAGE
FESTIVAL**

RiverScape MetroPark



August 23

**AFRICAN AMERICAN
CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Island MetroPark



September 20-21

COUNTRY FAIR

Carriage Hill MetroPark



HOLD ON TO YOUR PARKWAYS!

This issue covers programs from June through September.

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

THE WATERWAYS IN YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

For more on your local rivers and what it means to be a state-designated water trail or scenic river by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), visit METROPARKS.ORG/RIVERS.

- Great Miami River, state-designated water trail
- Stillwater River, state-designated scenic and recreational river and state-designated water trail
- Mad River, state-designated water trail
- Wolf Creek, urban and rural waterway
- Twin Creek, one of the cleanest and most biologically diverse waterways in the state



Becky Benna
Executive Director

Dear MetroParks Friends,

Summertime means fun times, and what better way to enjoy summer than by visiting your MetroParks? There are so many ways to experience nature in your parks this summer. Take a hike, watch for wildlife, ride a bike, picnic at one of 44 shelters, go fishing – there is something for everyone!

This summer, we encourage you to visit a new park or try something new, such as checking out the Mad River Run at Eastwood MetroPark. Whether you paddle through the Run, turn cartwheels in the new kayak play spot, or relax in the sun on the new amphitheater, the Mad River Run offers a variety of experiences.

Indeed, one of the best ways to Get Out & Live this summer is a visit to your MetroParks located along the rivers. This issue of ParkWays is dedicated to these regional waterways, the blue ribbons that tie together our MetroParks.

These rivers also are critical to Five Rivers MetroParks' commitment to inspire you and your family to develop your personal connection to nature. Our rivers are places where children can discover the magic and wonders of watching heron and ducks; search for bald eagles, crayfish, beaver or even otter; and splash in our creeks. In addition to connecting to nature, our rivers are places where you can get fit and active with your family, paddling the waters and hiking or biking along the banks.

Our rivers also are vital to Five Rivers MetroParks' conservation leadership efforts to protect our natural resources. MetroParks also has protected conservation areas, undeveloped acres of land, along our river corridors, as well as conservation easements that allow agriculture and nature to coexist sustainably. These buffer zones ensure the health of our rivers and the integrity of our wildlife corridors. Of the nearly 16,000 acres Five Rivers MetroParks protects, the land along the river corridors provides critical habitat for wildlife to thrive, where such birds and animals as wild turkeys and river otters have made a comeback in recent years.

There is so much to do along the region's rivers and in your MetroParks. What better time than now to experience some of the best nature has to offer right here at home? We look forward to seeing you out and about in your Five Rivers MetroParks this summer!

Best regards,

Becky Benna

MetroParks Commissioners



Irvin G. Bieser, Jr.



Karen L. Davis



Alan F. Pippenger

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



#1 FRESH FOOD: Taste the bounty of summer with locally grown produce and other food at the 2nd Street Market.



#2 FLIGHT OF FANCY: Learn about native species – and how you can help them thrive – at the Cox Arboretum MetroPark Butterfly House.



#3 STICKS AND STONES: Kids can get creative at the Nature Play Areas at Hills & Dales, Englewood, Sugarcreek and, new this year, Possum Creek MetroPark.

TOP TEN WAYS

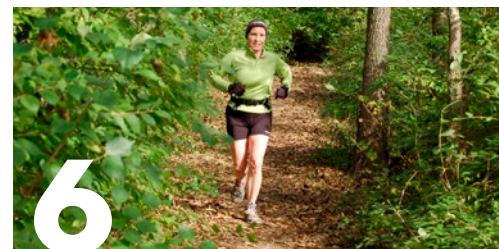
to enjoy your Five Rivers MetroParks this summer



#4 EASY RIDER: Rent a bicycle and accessories at RiverScape MetroPark and explore some of the region's 330 miles of paved, connected bikeways.



#5 EAT OUT: Rent one of our 44 shelters for a special event with family and friends.



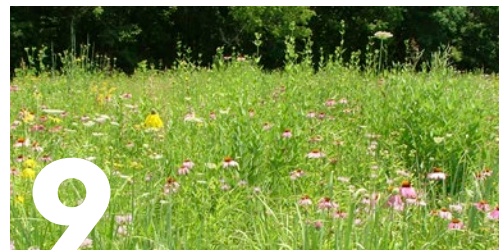
#6 GET FIT: Take a class or run, hike, bike or paddle in one of your MetroParks to shape up while enjoying nature. Your MetroParks are home to 75 miles of hiking trails, more than 70 miles of paved bikeways and 26 miles of rivers to paddle.



#7 SADDLE UP: Take a ride at the Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center or enjoy the miles of bridle trails at Carriage Hill, Englewood, Possum Creek, Sugarcreek and Twin Creek MetroParks.



#8 PACK RAT: Take a hike and camp under the stars while backpacking the 22-mile Twin Valley Trail.



#9 WILD WITH FLOWERS: Walk through the 11 prairies in your MetroParks during the late-summer peak season and enjoy a variety of blooms and wildlife. You can find prairies at Aullwood Garden, Carriage Hill, Cox Arboretum, Eastwood, Englewood, Germantown, Possum Creek, Sugarcreek, Taylorsville, Twin Creek and Wegerzyn MetroParks.



#10 SPLISH SPLASH: Cool off at the interactive fountains at RiverScape, Island and Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks.



Cyclists stranded with a flat tire and bikeway users looking for directions are awfully glad to meet Bill Duffy, who's served on the MetroParks Volunteer Patrol for more than a decade.

"I love the health aspect of biking and the fresh air," said Bill, adding that serving on the bike patrol helps him keep healthy at age 70.

"I live and breathe the parks," he added. "Volunteering for Five Rivers MetroParks is a great opportunity for anybody who loves the outdoors and loves to help people on many avenues."

Once while on patrol, Bill came across a woman and her infant daughter who were sleeping under a bridge. Thanks in part to his volunteer work at other local organizations, he was able to get them shelter.

"This work is so rewarding," Bill said. "I can tell people really appreciate my efforts, whether it's helping them fix their bike, answering questions, teaching them about safety, giving directions and just introducing them to the bikeways."

Bill's favorite place to ride (which was difficult for him to pick) is the Mad River Bikeway, especially since it's been extended to connect RiverScape MetroPark with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and Huffman MetroPark. He loves the Saturday morning rides Bike for the Health of It and volunteers at RiverScape MetroPark during Big Band Nights, when he enjoys being part of an event and place that's helping revitalize downtown Dayton. "I have met so many nice people and made so many new friends," said Bill, a Dayton resident. "My volunteering brings me a lot of enjoyment."

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The beautiful weather of summertime brings lots of ways you can help your parks with conservation efforts, events and much more. For more information, attend a volunteer session listed below or visit metroparks.org/volunteer for other sessions and opportunities to get involved with your MetroParks.

- Tuesday, June 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- Wednesday, July 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Possum Creek MetroPark
- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.: Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark



LONGTIME VOLUNTEER HONORED FOR HER SERVICE

Five Rivers MetroParks gave its most distinguished service award, the Joan and Bob Siebenthaler Bridge to the Community Award, to Liz Bolender of Kettering.

Liz has been volunteering for Five Rivers MetroParks since 1970. She served as the area chair of the Rock Garden Group at Cox Arboretum MetroPark for more than three decades and as Plant Sale chairwoman for more than two decades. Bolender was nominating chair for the Cox Arboretum Associate (Volunteer) Board for many years, and her leadership helped raise critical funds for the 1979 Visitor Center and present Zorniger Education Campus at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.

"Her important contributions involve bringing plants and people together and introducing countless visitors to the Arboretum, our park district and other places in and around our community and beyond that were working toward the same goals," said Kevin Kepler, Five Rivers MetroParks volunteer services manager. "Liz brings a passion for gardening that has helped sustain Cox Arboretum MetroPark almost since its inception."

The annual award is given to a member of the community who best exemplifies the MetroParks spirit by enthusiastically reaching out to the community to form new partnerships, create and nurture relationships, or build heightened awareness of and support for Five Rivers MetroParks.

CONSERVATION

LIFE ALONG THE SCENIC STILLWATER RIVER

PIGEYE
CONSERVATION
AREA

Five Rivers MetroParks has made protection of the Stillwater River corridor in Montgomery County a conservation priority since 1968. The Ohio EPA has designated it as an Exceptional Warmwater Habitat and this waterway was designated as a State Scenic River in 1975. The Stillwater corridor is cleaner than ever – and additional improvements are on the way.

Five Rivers MetroParks is partnering with the City of Dayton to remove invasive honeysuckle, plant native trees and shrubs, and clean up the Stillwater corridor between Siebenthaler and Ridge avenues, near Wegerzyn Gardens and Island MetroParks. A grant from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund is supporting the work, which will take place starting this fall. Invasive honeysuckle keeps other plants from growing, is not a good wildlife plant and has a negative impact on the aquatic environment, so its removal is key to improving the river corridor.

“This will help people, too, because it will restore the views and scenery of this beautiful river corridor,” said Dave Nolin, director of conservation for Five Rivers MetroParks. “Now, with all the honeysuckle on the banks, you can’t watch the wildlife or see much of anything.”

The Stillwater River flows 67 miles from its upper headwaters to its confluence with the Great Miami River near Island MetroPark. The stretch of the Stillwater in Montgomery County is in such good condition because the riparian forest is intact along most of the banks and the agriculture that composes 80 percent of the land use in its watershed employs conservation measures. Indeed, this section of the Stillwater River contains the largest population of River Redhorse in Ohio, a fish sensitive to pollution that has become rare in Ohio.

With the assistance of state and federal funding and Miami Conservancy District, Five Rivers MetroParks has

ENGLEWOOD
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GARDEN
METROPARK

RIVER RIDGE
CONSERVATION AREA

SHILOH WOODS
CONSERVATION AREA

SHOUP MILL
CONSERVATION
AREA

WEGERZYN GARDENS
METROPARK

ISLAND
METROPARK

DEEDS POINT METROPARK

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK



protected 2,642 acres of land along the river. This includes Pigeye, River Ridge, Shiloh Woods and Shoup Mill Conservation Areas, as well as Englewood, Aullwood Garden and Wegerzyn MetroParks. These efforts have protected the finest remaining tracts of undeveloped and forested land along the river in Montgomery County.

URBAN WILDLIFE ALONG THE RIVER

Where can you find bald eagles, otters, huge turtles, a variety of ducks and dozens of fish species? The rivers in downtown Dayton, of course!

A large number of fish and wildlife call our local rivers home, even in urban areas. Starting with the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972, the rivers have been recovering from past pollution and are cleaner than at any time in the past 100 years. Fish and wildlife species, long absent due to pollution, are reclaiming these areas.

For example, an amazing number of fish species are found near River-Scape MetroPark in the Great Miami River. During a 2012 fish survey, more than 20 species of fish were identified, including several that require good water quality, such as golden redbreast suckers, log perch and smallmouth bass.

Another example is the birds found along the rivers. Blue herons often can be seen wading along the edges hunting for minnows. Ducks — such as widegons, goldeneyes and canvasbacks — stop on the rivers during their annual migrations. Recently, the bald eagles that live near Eastwood MetroPark have been spotted hunting for fish in the downtown area.

River otters also have made a fantastic return in Ohio and now are found in local rivers. Often shy, they've been seen at Eastwood MetroPark on the Mad River. Coyotes, the largest predator in MetroParks, often hunt along the rivers for Canada goose eggs and other small wildlife. Coyotes in urban areas are not a threat and are beneficial in controlling Canada goose populations.

RIVER OTTER



One of the most important efforts at Five Rivers MetroParks is protecting and enhancing land along rivers so wildlife can safely move from one natural area to the next. This prevents in-breeding and helps ensure a sustainable population of wildlife in our region.

BOBCATS ARE BACK!

Most visitors to the Twin Valley are amazed to hear shy and nocturnal bobcats now call this area home. First sighted in 2006, they are rarely but regularly seen in this area. The large amount of mature forest, grasslands, cedar thickets and Twin Creek provide the perfect diversity of habitats. Bobcats feed mainly on mice and rabbits but will occasionally feed on large prey, such as deer.

Bobcats are not a threat to people. As bobcat populations expand in Indiana and southern Ohio, it's likely more bobcats will move into the area. One example is a large male bobcat killed in a car accident near the Needmore Conservation Area in fall 2013. With a permit from the Ohio Division of Wildlife, this bobcat was preserved and now serves as the mascot for the Nature Center at Germantown MetroPark.

LOG
PERCH



REDHORSE
SUCKER



SMALLMOUTH
BASS



SAVE THE MONARCHS...

AND OTHER LIVING THINGS

Monarchs weigh no more than a paper clip, but these butterflies journey thousands of miles during their fall migration. This is one of the most amazing phenomena studied in nature.

Yet due to changing habitat in the breeding locations of much of the Midwest, monarch numbers are shrinking. Although the species is not in danger of extinction, the migration is.

THERE ARE ACTIONS EACH OF US CAN TAKE TO HELP SAVE THE MONARCH MIGRATION.

- Create breeding habitat for the monarchs. The caterpillars eat only milkweed leaves, so plant some native milkweed in your garden or containers.
- Once the caterpillars become butterflies, they need flowers as nectar. Plant a variety of blooming perennials and annuals, with a focus on native plants.
- To help monarchs find nectar along migration routes, plant late-blooming fall flowers, such as gold-enrod, New England aster and ironweed.
- Avoid the use of chemicals on lawns and in gardens.

The butterflies – and other pollinators, such as bees, moths, beetles, birds and bats – that live in our yards and parks are critical to the health of ecosystems. These creatures move pollen for many flowering plants; they're needed for the reproduction of 90 percent of flowering plants and one-third of human food crops. The prairies and woodlands MetroParks protects serve as valuable habitat to such pollinators as butterflies and bees. In

addition, gardens at some of our parks – including the pollinator garden at Cox Arboretum MetroPark and monarch waystations at Germantown MetroPark and the Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Children's Discovery Garden – are planted to improve the population of pollinators on the grounds.

Residential lawns and gardens can provide critical food and shelter for a diversity of native bees and butterflies, potentially increasing local populations and improving pollinator services.

In addition to the tips above, you can make your yard pollinator friendly by:

- Planting variety to attract various pollinators, which also leads to an extended season of blooms;
- Choosing flowers in a wide variety of colors to increase the range of pollinators your garden attracts; and
- Making it easy for the pollinators to find the flowers by planting in groups, not individual or single plants.



EDUCATION



VISIT THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SAVING THE MONARCH.

The popular Butterfly House at Cox Arboretum MetroPark, an open-air native butterfly exhibit, and surrounding pollinator garden celebrates the diversity of our native bees and butterflies and demonstrates plant-insect relationships in a beautiful garden setting.

This year, Cox Arboretum MetroPark staff and volunteers will encourage visitors to take action to save the monarch migration. The steep decline of these butterflies has been documented at the Arboretum, with monarchs arriving to the area late this past summer and in alarmingly low numbers. A variety of activities and resources will be available at the Arboretum to help you take action, including:

- A booklet on gardening for butterflies highlighting how to build a monarch waystation;
- Guided butterfly habitat walks throughout July and August;
- A new Butterfly Trail that features monarch habitat in the restored prairie; and
- Milkweed plants available for purchase in the Cox Arboretum Foundation Garden Store.

BUTTERFLY HOUSE HOURS

JULY 7 - AUG. 29
8AM - 8 PM

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

UNCOVERING CREEK CRITTERS

Our rivers, streams and creeks are great places to wildlife. The presence of many of them indicates good water quality. Keep an eye out for these riverbed denizens:

Male rainbow darters are adorned with red, orange and bluish green stripes and bands on the body and fins. These fish are usually found in more shallow, faster-moving water, and are only a few inches long.

Creek chubs are usually 4-6 inches in length, typically with a dark stripe from nose to tail fin. Males can be distinguished from females during late spring and early summer, their

RAINBOW DARTER



CREEK CHUB



CRICKET FROG

CRAWDAD



breeding season, when males will have multiple bumps on their forehead.

Such insects as water bugs, dragonfly larvae, mayfly larvae, caddisfly larvae and water pennies can be found submerged, living in plant material or attached to rocks. These **macro-invertebrates** are very important to the food chain.

Often confused with wolf spiders because of their size, fishing spiders spend most of their time hiding under rocks and crevices, venturing out for food when hungry. Sometimes, these spiders feast on tadpoles,

macroinvertebrates and even small fish.

Found along the banks of streams and ponds, tiny **cricket frogs** are easy to find. They're identified by a black triangle between the eyes, and are only about 1 inch long when fully grown. They love to feast on mosquito larvae.

Another common creek dweller is the **crawdad**. They are great fun to catch and hold; just be sure to grasp them behind their head to avoid getting pinched. They are fun to watch in the water, as they will shoot backward when startled.



For Updates to
RiverScape River Run,
Visit
[metroparks.org/
RiverScape](http://metroparks.org/RiverScape)

WHITEWATER FEATURES MAKE DAYTON A PADDLING DESTINATION

With Mad River Run open and RiverScape River Run on the horizon, Daytonians have new ways to connect with and experience our local rivers.

The Mad River Run in Eastwood MetroPark was completed in September, with a grand opening held in May when the river levels were higher. Permitting is underway for RiverScape River Run, a project in the Great Miami River downtown. It includes the removal of a dangerous low dam and the construction of two structures spanning the river, each with a slower-water passageway for beginning paddlers and those who are fishing, and a whitewater passageway for advanced paddlers. Construction is expected to begin this fall.

These River Run features have numerous recreational benefits. In addition to the new play areas for paddlers, dozens of spectators are expected to view the action from the riverbank. The river features serve as swiftwater rescue training classrooms, and additional programs are planned for advanced paddling and maneuvering training in moving water.

“The features on the Mad River have helped meet the needs of the paddling community – not only for current paddlers and the new ones we gain daily, but for future generations,” said local paddling expert and

enthusiast Lamar Jackson. “As a father of two, a paddler and instructor, I see the big picture of something like this and can assure you my children and I will be taking full advantage of what the current feature and planned features have to offer. The ease of access and location makes this a great place for instructional clinics for paddling or swift water rescue, and the location of the Mad River Run couldn’t be at a better spot for the public to see.”

In addition, those interested in fishing will benefit from deep water holes formed by the water flow around the River Run rock structures, where fish tend to concentrate to stay out of the river current.

“The Mad River Run is a great addition to the Miami Valley,” said Pete Ziehler of the National Association of Professional River Anglers. “It’s a place for anglers to seek fish pooled above and below the run. This also enables fly anglers to hone their skills with the calmness of the waters. This gem is really a keystone in the continued development of the waterways in the MetroParks system.”

The River Runs have numerous conservation benefits as well. They restore key sections of local rivers to their natural functionality and improve public access, aquatic habitat and safety characteristics of the rivers.

DAY TRIPPIN' ON THE RIVERS

The Dayton area is home to a bountiful network of rivers and streams, including nearly 300 miles along three state-designated water trails: the Mad, Stillwater and Great Miami rivers. Below are suggestions for exploring some of our local waterways in one day of paddling fun.

| WATER WAY | GREAT MIAMI RIVER | MAD RIVER | STILLWATER RIVER | TWIN CREEK |
|-----------|---|---|--|--|
| PUT-IN | Taylorsville MetroPark | Eastwood MetroPark, Harshman Road | Aullwood Gardens MetroPark | Germantown MetroPark |
| TAKE OUT | Island | RiverScape MetroPark | Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark | Chamberlain Road |
| SEASON | Most of the Year | Most of the Year | Spring to Early Summer | Spring to Early Summer |
| LENGTH | 9 Miles | 4 Miles | 5.5 Miles | 7 Miles |
| HOURS | 6 | 2 | 3-4 | 4 |
| NOTES | There is a low dam downstream of Needmore Road at the City of Dayton wellfield; portage this on the left. | This stretch of river includes the Class II whitewater feature Mad River Run. | In-river navigable feature; can portage on right. Elevation drop causing whitewater rapid. | For the take-out, park on the north side of Chamberlain Road near the bridge over Twin Creek. There is a long, muddy path down to the creek. |

THE ABUNDANCE OF SMALLMOUTH BASS

Smallies are a prize catch for anglers, and these fish are hungry – and prevalent – in the rivers that run through your MetroParks:

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|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Great Miami River: | RiverScape, Sunrise, Taylorsville |
| Mad River: | Eastwood, Huffman |
| Stillwater River: | Englewood |
| Twin Creek: | Germantown, Twin Creek |

An Ohio fishing license is required for these locations, although you can fish without a license at Carriage Hill MetroPark (Cedar Lake and North Woods Pond); Possum Creek MetroPark (Argonne Lake and fishing ponds); Germantown MetroPark (Sunfish Pond); and Eastwood MetroPark (Lagoon and Blue Lake) in your MetroParks. Register for one of our programs to get started if you're new to fishing or to advance your skills. Visit metroparks.org/fishing for details.

TIPS WHEN YOU FISH

Those who are going after smallmouth can use fly fishing or more traditional spinning or bait-casting rigs. Find the best fishing in pools below riffles with rocky banks or stream bottom. Smallmouth can be quite picky about what they will pursue in terms of bait. Crayfish are 85 percent of a smallie's diet. The best baits are lures that mimic (or are) crayfish or minnows, the natural prey of bass. Smallies are great game fish and put on quite a show when you try to reel them in. They are normally catch-and-release fish.





NATURE-INSPIRED GOODIES AND GIFTS

You already know your parks are great places for connecting with nature, but did you know some also are great places to shop?

Three parks are supported in part by sales at garden and gift shops where you can find fun and unusual items for the gardening and nature-lovers on your special occasion shopping list (or for yourself). These stores are staffed by volunteers, so you also can support them by lending some of your time.

COX ARBORETUM FOUNDATION GARDEN STORE

Zorniger Education Center,
Cox Arboretum MetroPark
(937) 275-5053

Hours:

Wednesday-Friday:

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: noon to 4 p.m.

The Garden Store sells unusual plants, gardening supplies, nature-themed gifts and tools that encourage conservation. It stocks a variety of native trees, heirloom vegetable plants and wildflowers, along with a selection of jewelry, terrariums, field guides, and leaf castings and hyper-tufa containers.

WEGERZYN GARDENS FOUNDATION GIFT AND GARDEN SHOP

2nd Street Market,
600 E. Second St.

(937) 226-1977

Hours:

Thursday-Friday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Wegerzyn Gift and Garden Shop carries a multitude of gifts for gardeners of all skill and age levels, along with a nice selection of houseplants. The shop specializes in hard-to-find garden tools, accessories, ornaments and gifts.

FRIENDS OF CARRIAGE HILL COUNTRY STORE

Carriage Hill MetroPark
Visitor Center, 7800 E. Shull Rd.
(937) 278-2609

Hours:

(April-October) Tuesday-Sunday:

noon to 4:45 p.m.

(November-March) Tuesday-Sunday:

noon to 3:45 p.m.

A trip to the Country Store, like a visit to Carriage Hill Farm, is a trip back in time. Visitors to the store can choose candy by the piece or take home a historical-themed treasure. Volunteers often dress in period clothing while staffing the store, where you also can pick up gift items perfect for history buffs.

THANK YOU
TO THESE BUSINESSES
AND ORGANIZATIONS
FOR SUPPORTING FIVE
RIVERS METROPARKS

COMPOSITE ADVANTAGE

Dayton-based Composite Advantage donated a 20-foot fiberspan trail bridge, manufactured by the company, to Five Rivers MetroParks. The lightweight, anti-slip bridge was installed across a stream as part of a construction project on the pink trail in Germantown MetroPark this winter. The bridge has a lifespan of 50-plus years.

DP&L

The annual volunteer event Adopt-a-Park again was supported by a donation from DP&L, which provided funding for this year's T-shirts. This year, the company also sponsored the complementary lunch for volunteers at RiverScape MetroPark. In addition, DP&L employees and their families comprised one of the 41 Adopt-a-Park teams.

ROTARY CLUB OF DAYTON

The Mad River Run, a four-mile whitewater feature at the park with numerous recreation and conservation benefits, is now open Eastwood MetroPark. A generous \$100,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Dayton, made to commemorate its 100th anniversary, provided much of the funding for the first phase of the project.

MIAMI VALLEY ART QUILT NETWORK

Members of the MVAQN donated four quilts from its exhibition "Magic in Fabric" to be auctioned at the end of summer, with proceeds benefiting Five Rivers MetroParks. The exhibit includes 23 art quilts showcasing the sights and sounds of your parks. Magic in Fabric is on display at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark through June 26 and will be at Carriage Hill MetroPark July 1-Aug. 27.

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS IS PLEASED TO PRESENT **YOUR GUIDE TO UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

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

BY TOPIC

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

BY DATE

You 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 **www.metroparks.org**. You can register online or by phone.

ONLINE

You can make a comprehensive search for programs using tools online. Search for programs listed by date, topic or park when you visit **www.metroparks.org** and click on the “Find a Program” link found on the left-hand navigation bar. You also can find suggestions by clicking the “Get Outside” link at the top of the page. **Metroparks.org** helps you get connected to park information, program guides, videos, nature play and Registration. If you’re a “go on your own” park user, the website is a great place to find maps, park features, trail information and more.

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

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

ALERTS AND CLOSURES

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

HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER IN A METROPARK:

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

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

Inform the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office dispatcher you are in a MetroParks facility. A MetroParks Law Enforcement Ranger will be notified and respond to the situation as soon as possible. As always, if it is an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

LOST SOMETHING?

If you lost something valuable in a MetroPark, contact the Rangers to identify and retrieve your belongings. Contact Sgt. John Rieder at (937) 277-4820 for details.



SUN, JUN 1, 2014

12:00 PM Haymaking, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J104)
1:00 PM Bike to the Dragons, Offsite (see Page 19 J196)

TUE, JUN 3, 2014

9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children's Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 J174)
11:30 AM Heritage Breeds for Your Own Farm, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J105)
4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking, Huffman MetroPark (see Page 29 J23)
6:00 PM Butterfly Identification, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 29 J10)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Five Rivers MetroPark Volunteer Orientation, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 J45)

WED, JUN 4, 2014

9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 J13)
6:30 PM Food In Revolt, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 J127)

THU, JUN 5, 2014

8:00 AM Swiftwater Rescue for Paddlers, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J198)
10:00 AM Amazing Reptiles, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 J54)
6:30 PM Milk Crate Vegetable Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 J140)

FRI, JUN 6, 2014

6:00 PM First Friday: Blue Moon Soup and Sawgrass, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 J205)

SAT, JUN 7, 2014

8:00 AM Farmers' Market Season Grand Opening, 2nd Street Market (see Page 26 J201)
8:00 AM MVLNCI Traveling Symposium: Youth Access to Nature Tour, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 29 J29)
8:00 AM 10th Annual Another Dam 50K, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 22 J120)
9:00 AM Ride to Kyle Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 J89)
9:00 AM Fish with a Ranger, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 J11)
9:00 AM Strawberry Lemon Syrup, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 J166)
9:00 AM Possum Creek Walkfest, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 J4)
10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J228)
10:00 AM Recycled Material in the Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 J141)

11:30 AM Claymation & Stop Motion, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 34 J235)
12:00 PM Bicycle Touring Basics, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 20 J130)
12:00 PM Pony Rides - Saturdays starting in June, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 29 J266)
1:30 PM Strawberry Lemon Syrup, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 J271)

SUN, JUN 8, 2014

2:00 PM Woodland Nesting Birds, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 31 J255, J256)

TUE, JUN 10, 2014

10:00 AM Live Like a Bee, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 30 J27)
4:30 PM Summertime and Soil, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J19)
6:00 PM Native Plants to Attract Butterflies, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 J67)

WED, JUN 11, 2014

2:00 PM Garden Tea, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J177)

THU, JUN 12, 2014

6:00 PM Recreation Kayak Rescue Clinic, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J76)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Caretaker Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 32 J49)

FRI, JUN 13, 2014

7:30 PM KICK-N-FLAVA, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 J207)
8:30 PM Frog Watch, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 J251)

SAT, JUN 14, 2014

8:00 AM Kayak Exploring: Huffman Lake, Huffman MetroPark (see Page 32 J82)
8:00 AM African American Wellness Walk, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J173)
8:30 AM Buckeye Trail Walk, 2nd Street Market (see Page 22 J119)
9:00 AM Birds and Blooms, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 32 J55)
9:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 J90)
9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 19 J33)
10:00 AM Friends of Aiden 5K, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 22 J72)
11:30 AM Getting Started with Chickens, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 J100)
1:00 PM Monitoring Bird Nesting Boxes, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 31, 32 J245, J246)
8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance, Carriage

Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J106)
9:00 PM Owl Search, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 31, 32 J249, J250)

SUN, JUN 15, 2014

1:30 PM Germantown Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 22 J22)
2:00 PM A Look at the Woods, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 25 J144)
2:00 PM Aullwood in Bloom, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 35 J200)

MON, JUN 16, 2014

9:00 AM Teen Adventure Camp, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 33 J121)
6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row, Island MetroPark (see Page 35 J15)

TUE, JUN 17, 2014

10:00 AM Skeeter's Gardeners, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 J186)

WED, JUN 18, 2014

10:00 AM An Ant's View, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 30 J28)
12:00 PM Insects in Your Garden, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 J145)
2:00 PM Strawberry Jam, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J178)

THU, JUN 19, 2014

6:00 PM Walking For Fitness, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 22 J52)

FRI, JUN 20, 2014

7:00 PM Down By The Riverside, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 J125)

SAT, JUN 21, 2014

8:30 AM Let's Explore for Nature in Our Downtown Home, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 32 J24)
8:30 AM Family Farm Chores, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J115)
8:30 AM Growing Up Wild Training, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 32 J56)
9:00 AM Ride through Englewood MetroPark, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 19 J91)
9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, MoMBA (see Page 29 J30)
10:00 AM Yoga in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J191)
10:00 AM Insect Day: Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 J146)

MON, JUN 23, 2014

10:00 AM Butterfly Basics, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 32 J53)
10:00 AM Competitive Youth Rowing, Island

MetroPark (see Page 35 J29)

10:00 AM Youth Learn To Row, Island MetroPark (see Page 35 J14)

TUE, JUN 24, 2014

4:00 PM Try Fly Fishing, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 J202)

WED, JUN 25, 2014

6:30 AM Bus Trip: Secrest Arboretum and STI Gardens, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 J18)

10:00 AM Try Paddlesports, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J77)

2:00 PM Paper Making, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J179)

THU, JUN 26, 2014

10:00 AM Caring for Caterpillars, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 J43)

6:00 PM Women's Cycling Fundamentals, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 20 J47)

6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 32 J36)

7:30 PM Tom Daugherty and the Tommy Dorsey Tribute, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 J217)

SAT, JUN 28, 2014

9:00 AM Ride to Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark and 2nd Street Market, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 19 J92)

9:00 AM Seedling Saturdays-Seedling TLC, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 32 J238)

9:00 AM The Donut Dash, Island MetroPark (see Page 22 J87)

10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J229)

10:00 AM Story of an Image--Photography, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 35 J148)

11:30 AM Small Batch Berry Preserving, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 28 J1)

TUE, JUL 1, 2014

9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children's Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 J175)

11:30 AM Green Cleaning the Historic Way, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 26 J107)

4:30 PM The Heat is On, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J20)

WED, JUL 2, 2014

2:00 PM Fresh Salsa, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J180)

4:00 PM Try Paddlesports, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J199)

6:30 PM Light Pollution, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 J128)

THU, JUL 3, 2014

10:00 AM Creek Rumping, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 30 J57)

11:00 AM Compost Primer, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 27 J133)

6:00 PM City of Dayton's Lights in Flight Fireworks Show and Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 J210)

SAT, JUL 5, 2014

9:00 AM Ride to Carillon Historical Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 J93)

9:00 AM Dill Pickles, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J167)

10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J234)

1:30 PM Dill Pickles, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J272)

9:30 PM Fireflies of the Fen, Woodman Fen Conservation Area (see Page 27 J134)

SUN, JUL 6, 2014

12:00 PM A Grand Old Independence Day, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J108)

TUE, JUL 8, 2014

4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking, MoMBA (see Page 29 J122)

6:00 PM Water Retention in the Landscape, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 J149)

6:00 PM Building Better Soil, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 J130)

WED, JUL 9, 2014

10:00 AM Streamology, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 30 J41)

1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 32 J37)

2:00 PM Flower Flags, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J181)

THU, JUL 10, 2014

6:30 PM Lettuce Baskets, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 J150)

FRI, JUL 11, 2014

1:00 PM Butterflies and Dragonflies, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 31,32 J58, J68)

7:30 PM Mojoflo, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 J208)

SAT, JUL 12, 2014

8:30 AM Growing Up Wild Training, Wesleyan MetroPark (see Page 32 J227)

9:00 AM Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 19 J94)

9:00 AM Fish with a Ranger, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 J12)

9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 19 J34)

10:00 AM Yoga in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J225)

10:00 AM City Trees, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 25 J151)

1:00 PM Healthy Waterway, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 31,32 J46, J48)

SUN, JUL 13, 2014

12:00 PM Grain Threshing, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J109)

2:00 PM A Look at the River and the Creek, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 25 J152)

TUE, JUL 15, 2014

10:00 AM Skeeter's Gardeners, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 J187)

10:00 AM Teen Essentials of SUP, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J78)

6:00 PM Backyard Composting, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 J131)

WED, JUL 16, 2014

12:00 PM Youth Backpacking Overnight, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 19 J6)

2:00 PM Indigo Tie Dye, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J182)

3:00 PM Taylorsville Walkfest, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 22 J8)

6:30 PM Volunteer: Five Rivers MetroPark Volunteer Orientation, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 32 J40)

THU, JUL 17, 2014

10:00 AM Pondology, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Nature J42)

7:30 PM Dayton Jazz Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment J219)

FRI, JUL 18, 2014

6:00 PM Grow Your Own Potluck, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 J194)

6:30 PM Rain, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 J264)

SAT, JUL 19, 2014

8:30 AM Family Farm Chores, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J116)

9:00 AM Explore Yoga In Nature, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 22 J192)

9:00 AM Ride to Eastwood MetroPark, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 J95)

9:00 AM Community Garden Bicycle Tour, Offsite (see Page 25 J165)

9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, MoMBA (see Page 29 J31)

9:00 AM Essentials of Kayaking, Eastwood

MetroPark (see Page 34 J118)

10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape

MetroPark (see Page 22 J230)

10:00 AM Sustainable Plantings with Scott Beuerlein, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25-26 J153)

2:00 PM Backyard Naturalist Training, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 31,32 J247, J248)

5:00 PM Prairie Serenade, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J110)

8:30 PM Nocturnal Adventure, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 31,32 J252, J253)

MON, JUL 21, 2014

6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row, Island MetroPark (see Page 35 J17)

TUE, JUL 22, 2014

5:00 PM Try Fly Fishing, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 22 J203)

6:00 PM Managing Organic Waste, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 J132)

6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 J38)

WED, JUL 23, 2014

10:00 AM Waterway Biopsy, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 30 J254)

12:00 PM SummerScaping, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 J154)

2:00 PM Weaving With Natural Materials, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J183)

THU, JUL 24, 2014

1:00 PM Youth Kayak Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J79)

FRI, JUL 25, 2014

4:00 PM Bicycle Touring Trip, Offsite (see Page 20 J126)

6:00 PM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 28 J211)

SAT, JUL 26, 2014

9:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 J96)

10:00 AM Shooting Outdoor Portraits, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 35 J156)

11:30 AM Let's Talk Poultry, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 28 J75)

12:00 PM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 28 J212)

SUN, JUL 27, 2014

9:00 AM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 28 J213)

1:00 PM Bike to the Dragons, Offsite (see Page 19 J268)

TUE, JUL 29, 2014

12:30 PM Youth Fundamentals of Moving Water, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J80)

WED, JUL 30, 2014

2:00 PM Pickles, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 J184)

THU, JUL 31, 2014

6:00 PM Women's Cycling Fundamentals, Medlar Conservation Area (see Page 20 J50)

7:30 PM Bob Gray Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 J220)

FRI, AUG 1, 2014

6:00 PM First Friday: Whiskey Bent Valley and Woody Pines, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 J206)

SAT, AUG 2, 2014

9:00 AM Ride to Verona, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Page 19-20 J97)

9:00 AM Corn Relish, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J168)

9:00 AM British Car Day, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 21 J263)

10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J232)

10:00 AM Seed Collection--A Preparation Workshop, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 26 J157)

1:00 PM Kayak Exploring the Great Miami River, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 33 J81)

1:30 PM Corn Relish, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J276)

SUN, AUG 3, 2014

1:30 PM Englewood Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 22-23 J261)

2:00 PM A Look at the Prairie, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 25 J158)

MON, AUG 4, 2014

10:00 AM Pollinator Party, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 30 J257)

TUE, AUG 5, 2014

9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children's Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 J176)

11:30 AM Making Butter from Scratch, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J111)

4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking, MoMBA (see Page 29 J123)

WED, AUG 6, 2014

2:00 PM Garden Art, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 J185)

6:30 PM Bird Friendly Coffee, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 J129)

THU, AUG 7, 2014

10:00 AM Flutter by Butterfly, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 J69)

5:30 PM Fundamentals of Moving Water, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 J83)

6:00 PM Experience the Watershed, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 27 J138)

6:30 PM Portable Succulent Garden, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 J159)

FRI, AUG 8, 2014

11:00 AM Repurposed Building Materials, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 27 J139)

7:30 PM Charles Walker Band, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 J209)

SAT, AUG 9, 2014

12:00 AM Ride to Island MetroPark, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 20 J98)

8:30 AM Growing Up Wild Training, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 32 J231)

9:00 AM Explore Yoga In Nature, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 22 J218)

9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 19 J35)

10:00 AM Yoga in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J226)

10:00 AM Nature Photo Critique Session, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 35 J161)

2:00 PM Wetland Exploration, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 31,32 F290,J70)

4:00 PM Try Family Camping, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 19 J103)

SUN, AUG 10, 2014

12:00 PM Grain Threshing, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J112)

MON, AUG 11, 2014

9:30 AM Fall Welcome, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 33 J273)

TUE, AUG 12, 2014

4:30 PM Harvest Season and Fall Planting, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 J21)

6:00 PM Plants for Hot, Dry Weather, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 J162)

6:00 PM Volunteer: Street Team Orientation, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 33 J195)

WED, AUG 13, 2014

10:00 AM Prairie Safari, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 30 J71)

12:00 PM Ornamental Grasses, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 J163)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 32 J39)

THU, AUG 14, 2014

6:00 PM The Great Miami River Watershed, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 27 J135)
6:00 PM Intro to Paddlesports, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 34 J85)
7:30 PM Barry Campbell and His Big Band with vocalist Pam Noah, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 J221)

SAT, AUG 16, 2014

8:30 AM Family Farm Chores, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J117)
9:00 AM Ride to Carillon Historical Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 J99)
9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, MoMBA (see Page 29 J32)
10:00 AM Voyagers Leading Tikes, Wesleyan MetroPark (see Page 32 J239)
11:00 AM Creek Fun, Wesleyan MetroPark (see Page 30 J243)
11:00 AM Hispanic Heritage Festival, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 28 J214)
2:00 PM Prairie Wildflowers Walk, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 33 J259)
8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 J113)

SUN, AUG 17, 2014

1:00 PM Explorers Leading Tikes, Wesleyan MetroPark (see Page 31 J241)
1:00 PM Bike to the Dragons, Offsite (see Page 19 J269)
1:30 PM Carriage Hill Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 23 J262)
2:00 PM Creek Romp, Wesleyan MetroPark (see Page 30 J244)

MON, AUG 18, 2014

9:30 AM Sharing our Talents, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 33 J274)
6:30 PM Intro to Smart Cycling, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 20 J124)

TUE, AUG 19, 2014

10:00 AM Skeeter's Gardeners, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 J188)

WED, AUG 20, 2014

5:00 PM Try Fly Fishing, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 22 J204)
6:00 PM Intro to Backpacking, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 19 J7)
6:30 PM Volunteer: Five Rivers MetroPark

Volunteer Orientation, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 J51)

THU, AUG 21, 2014

10:00 AM Prairie Seed Collecting, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 31 J258)
6:00 PM Chemicals and Catastrophe, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 27 J136)
6:30 PM Date Night, Dinner & Dirt, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 26 J169)

SAT, AUG 23, 2014

9:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 J100)
9:00 AM Smart Cycling Basics, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 20 J189)
12:00 PM Dayton African American Cultural Festival, Island MetroPark (see Page 28 J216)

MON, AUG 25, 2014

9:00 AM Picture of Possum Creek, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 33 J275)

TUE, AUG 26, 2014

6:00 PM Kayak Touring Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 35 J86)

THU, AUG 28, 2014

6:00 PM Trail Running Through Nature, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 J172)
6:00 PM Water Wise Gardening, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 27 J137)
7:30 PM Kim Kelly Orchestra, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 J222)

SAT, AUG 30, 2014

9:00 AM Ride to Kyle Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 J101)
10:00 AM Zumba in the Park, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 J233)
10:00 AM Draft Horse Days, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J114)
11:30 AM Goats in My Backyard, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 28 J3)

SUN, AUG 31, 2014

10:00 AM Draft Horse Days, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 J270)

TUE, SEP 2, 2014

5:30 PM DeWeese Park 5K, Bikeway: Stillwater River (see Page 23 K60)
6:00 PM Grow Your Own Potluck, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 K39)

WED, SEP 3, 2014

6:00 PM SUP Basics, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 35 J84)
6:30 PM Invaders, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 K35)

THU, SEP 4, 2014

10:00 AM Nature's Smells, SugarCreek MetroPark (see Page 29 K14)
4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking, MoMBA (see Page 29 K29)
6:00 PM The Water Wise Household, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 27 K37)
6:30 PM A Fall Porch Container, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 K42)

FRI, SEP 5, 2014

12:00 PM Earth Friendly Cleaners, 2nd Street Market (see Page 27 K38)
8:00 PM Night Time Exploration, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 33 K76)

SAT, SEP 6, 2014

9:00 AM Apples in Syrup, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 K48)
9:00 AM Ride to Radvansky Lane Bridge, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 20 K66)
12:00 PM Backpacking Basics, Twin Creek MetroPark (see Page 19 K21)
1:30 PM Apples in Syrup, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 K86)
2:00 PM Market to Market Relay, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 23 K20)

SUN, SEP 7, 2014

1:30 PM Twin Creek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Twin Creek MetroPark (see Page 23 K74)

TUE, SEP 9, 2014

10:00 AM Monarch Tagging, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 31 K57)
11:30 AM The Basics of Brewing Ginger Beer, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 K26)
4:00 PM Try Slacklining, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 33 K5)
6:00 PM Easing the Garden from Summer to Fall, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 K55)

WED, SEP 10, 2014

10:00 AM Leave it to Beavers, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 33 K77)
6:00 PM Volunteer: Midwest Outdoor Experience Orientation, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 33 K52)

THU, SEP 11, 2014

10:00 AM Pollinator Party, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 30 K67)
5:30 PM Kayak Touring Rescue Clinic, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 35 K25)

FRI, SEP 12, 2014

4:00 PM Urban Outdoor Adventure, Offsite (see Page 34 K54)
5:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 K72)

SAT, SEP 13, 2014

9:00 AM Explore Yoga In Nature, Twin Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 J193)

9:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 K62)

9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 19 K8)

10:00 AM Butterfly Safari, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 35 K43)

10:00 AM Pruning, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 H212)

2:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 K73)

3:30 PM 11th Annual URS Rubber Duck Regatta, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 21 K56)

SUN, SEP 14, 2014

2:00 PM Searching for Monarchs, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 31,32 K58, K59)

2:00 PM Aullwood--Fall Comes to the Garden, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 26 K44)

MON, SEP 15, 2014

10:00 AM Spider Kid, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 31 K68)

TUE, SEP 16, 2014

10:00 AM Hidden Nature, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 33 K82)

THU, SEP 18, 2014

6:00 PM Volunteer: Midwest Outdoor Experience Orientation, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 33 K53)

6:30 PM Intro to Mountain Biking, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 29 K30)

FRI, SEP 19, 2014

9:00 AM PARKing Day, Offsite (see Page 26 K70)

SAT, SEP 20, 2014

8:30 AM Family Farm Chores, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 K28)

9:00 AM Fall Bird Hike, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 33 K15)

9:00 AM Ride to Verona, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Page 19-20 K63)

9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, MoMBA (see Page 29 K6)

9:00 AM Mountain Biking Basics, MoMBA (see Page 29 K31)

10:00 AM Leave No Trace Trainer Course, Twin Creek MetroPark (see Page 34 and Safety K24)

10:00 AM Light in the Garden--Landscaping Tricks, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 26 K45)

10:00 AM Country Fair, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 K27)

SUN, SEP 21, 2014

10:00 AM Country Fair, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 K85)

1:30 PM Possum Creek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 23 K75)

TUE, SEP 23, 2014

1:00 PM Trackin' My Snackin', Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 K69)

WED, SEP 24, 2014

12:00 PM Fall Perennials and the Changing Garden, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 K46)

THU, SEP 25, 2014

1:00 PM Pondology, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 30 K81)

6:00 PM Trail Running Through Nature, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 23 K49)

6:30 PM Gardener's Plant Exchange, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 26 K71)

SAT, SEP 27, 2014

9:00 AM Ride to Carillon Historical Park, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 K64)

10:00 AM The New Role of the Suburban Landscape, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 26 J164)

11:30 AM Harvest Time, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 28 K1)

TUE, SEP 30, 2014

6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 32 K10)

9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days, MoMBA (see Page 29 K7)

GET OUT & RIDE

@ CARRIAGE HILL RIDING CENTER

Equestrian enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy the riding programs at the Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center, including lessons, camps, and weekend trail and pony rides.

7800 E. Shull Rd. (937) 274-3120
METROPARKS.ORG/RIDINGCENTER

SATURDAY eSCAPE

Get fit and have fun at RiverScape MetroPark this summer! Nearly every Saturday through August, enjoy:

- Free fitness classes
- Live tunes during Music @ Lunch
- Bike rentals to explore miles of paved bikeways
- Delicious, healthy fare from Silver Fern Café



METROPARKS.ORG/RIVERSCAPE

BACKPACKING

(FREE) VOLUNTEER:

BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS

SAT. JUN 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J33

SAT. JUL 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J34

SAT. AUG 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J35

SAT. SEP 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM K8

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the Twin Valley Backpacking Trail. No experience necessary; tools are provided.

Bring water and work gloves. Youth 14-17 must be accompanied by adult. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4147 or

yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

YOUTH BACKPACKING OVERNIGHT

WED. JUL 16, 12:00 PM - THU. JUL 17, 12:00 PM J6

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Campsite: Shimps Hollow, 7350 Boomershire Rd.

Hit the Twin Valley Trail and learn the basics of backpacking, including equipment, backcountry cooking, water filtration, Leave No Trace and more. Mandatory pre-trip meeting July 8.

Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 13Y-17Y Fee: \$25

INTRO TO BACKPACKING

WED. AUG 20, 6:00-8:30 PM J7

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

This class will introduce you to trip planning, nutrition, physical fitness, and Leave No Trace concepts and help you find your comfort zone in terms of trips and gear selection. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age:

14Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

BACKPACKING BASICS

SAT. SEP 6, 12:00 PM - SUN. SEP 7, 12:00 PM K21

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Campsite: Twin Creek Group #1: Tecumseh, 8539 Morningstar Rd.

Hit the Twin Valley Trail and practice techniques covered during Intro to Backpacking, including backcountry cooking, water filtration, campsite selection and more. Gear available at no additional charge with reservation. Prerequisites: Intro to Backpacking. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$25

CAMPING

TRY FAMILY CAMPING

SAT. AUG 9, 4:00 PM - SUN. AUG 10, 11:00 AM J103

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Shelter: Morning Glory, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Learn basic outdoor skills, from setting up camp to outdoor cooking, for successful camping experiences with your kids in this hands-on program.

Enjoy a night hike, campfire program and watch the sky during the Perseid Meteor Shower. Pitch your own tent or borrow one of ours. Price per family. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$50

CYCLING

(FREE) BIKE TO THE DRAGONS

SUN. JUN 1, 1:00-5:30 PM J196

SUN. JUL 27, 1:00-5:00 PM J268

SUN. AUG 17, 1:00-5:00 PM J269

OFFSITE, Fifth Third Field, 220 N Patterson Blvd Head downtown to watch America's favorite

game. The first 50 cyclists to register on the Dragons' website and bike to the game win lawn seats and prizes courtesy of Five Rivers MetroParks and Dayton Dragons. Valet Bike Parking available one hour before game time until 30 min after last pitch. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 228-2287 or dragons@daytondragons.com for details. www.daytondragons.com. Age: All ages

BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

Join us for a bike ride on Saturdays, April 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 KYLE PARK

SAT. JUN 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J89

SAT. AUG 30, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J101

BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet at Rip Rap Park, at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap and Taylorsville roads in the parking lot near the soccer fields. 16 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. www.metroparks.org/bikehealth. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO CRAINS RUN NATURE PARK

SAT. JUN 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J90

SAT. JUL 26, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J96

SAT. AUG 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J100

SAT. SEP 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM K62
BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet at West Carrollton low dam, Take North Alex Road to Hydraulic Road, use entrance on right. 20 miles. Registration requested,

walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) RIDE THROUGH ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

SAT. JUN 21, 9:00-11:00 AM J91

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, West Park Parking Lot, 100 East National Rd.

Meet at U.S. 48 and State Route 48 in Englewood, north of dam. Ride on the Stillwater River Bikeway (north) to Jake Grossnickle Park. 9 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. www.metroparks.org/bikehealth. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK AND 2ND STREET MARKET

SAT. JUN 28, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J92
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Ride on the Mad River Bikeway to Wegerzyn, then to the Market for lunch. Ride ends back at Eastwood. 15 miles. Bring bike locks. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. www.metroparks.org/bikehealth. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK

SAT. JUL 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J93

SAT. AUG 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J99

SAT. SEP 27, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM K64
BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet at West Carrollton low dam: Take North Alex Road to Hydraulic Road; use the entrance on right. 16 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO FIFTH THIRD GATEWAY PARK

SAT. JUL 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J94

Ride Creekside Bikeway. 12 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. www.metroparks.org/bikehealth. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO EASTWOOD METROPARK

SAT. JUL 19, 9:00-11:00 AM J95

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

Ride on the Stillwater River Bikeway (central). 13 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO VERONA**SAT. AUG 2, 9:00-11:00 AM** J97**SAT. SEP 20, 9:00-11:00 AM** K63

BIKEWAY: WOLF CREEK, Ohio Bike Route 38

Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. 11 miles.

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. www.metro-parks.org/bikehealth. Age: All ages 📅**(FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK****SAT. AUG 9, 12:00 AM** J98

BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet in the parking lot at Rip Rap Park at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap and Taylorsville roads. 16 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) RIDE TO RADVANSKY LANE BRIDGE**SAT. SEP 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** K66

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

Ride on the Stillwater River Bikeway (north). 16 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4823 for details. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

BICYCLE TOURING BASICS**SAT. JUN 7, 12:00 PM - SUN. JUN 8, 2:30 PM** I130

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

Using the vast network of bikeways in the Miami Valley, we will ride to a campsite and return the next day. Lessons will be taught during bike preparation, on the trail and in camp. Bikes and helmets required. Camping gear provided. Prerequisites: Intro to Bicycle Touring. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$25

WOMEN'S CYCLING FUNDAMENTALS**THU. JUN 26, 6:00-7:30 PM** J47

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Parking Lot by restrooms, 1401 Harshman Rd.

THU. JUL 31, 6:00-7:30 PM J50

MEDLAR CONSERVATION AREA, 5040 Medlar Rd.

Prior to the all-women's ride, we'll talk about safety, proper body positioning and cycling etiquette. Bike in good repair and helmets are required. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. www.metro-parks.org/cycling. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️**BICYCLE TOURING TRIP****FRI. JUL 25, 4:00 PM - SUN. JUL 27, 4:00 PM** J126

OFFSITE,

Ride in SW Ohio during this two-night trip while honing skills needed to gain confidence to take a bicycle trip of your own. Bikes in good repair and helmets required. Mandatory July 17 pre-trip meeting. Prerequisites: Intro to Bicycle Touring

Bicycle Touring Basics. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-3144 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$50

INTRO TO SMART CYCLING**MON. AUG 18, 6:30-9:00 PM** J124

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

Step one in the Smart Cycling Series is a classroom session taught by League-certified instructors, designed to provide cyclists of all levels better knowledge and understanding of how to safely and effectively operate their bicycles in various situations. Topics include ride preparation, traffic laws, equipment and clothing. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📅

SMART CYCLING BASICS**SAT. AUG 23, 9:00 AM-2:30 PM** J189

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

Put the knowledge from Intro to use on your bike. This hands-on class teaches maneuvering, signaling and riding skills for competent, comfortable riding on streets and bikeways. Helmets and bicycles required. Prerequisites: Intro to Smart Cycling. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$25

ENTERTAINMENT**(FREE) MUSIC @ LUNCH****MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. MAY 12-****SEP. 26, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM** I249

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

Lunchtime downtown features acoustic music, food from Silver Fern Café, free WiFi, bike rentals and a book cart from Dayton Metro Library. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

PICKIN' IN THE PARKEnjoy progressive bluegrass music, craft beer and food from Silver Fern Café and a variety of food trucks as RiverScape MetroPark presents its new Urban Nights/First Friday experience! Bring a lawn chair for seating. Visit downtowndayton.org for other Urban Nights and First Friday events.**(FREE) FIRST FRIDAY: BLUE MOON SOUP AND SAWGRASS****FRI. JUN 6, 6:00-10:00 PM** J205

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) FIRST FRIDAY: WHISKEY BENT VALLEY AND WOODY PINES**FRI. AUG 1, 6:00-10:00 PM** J206

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

R&B HOT SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

Dance to the region's hottest R&B bands on the second Fridays of June, July and August. Bring a lawn chair for seating.

(FREE) KICK-N-FLAVA**FRI. JUN 13, 7:30-9:30 PM** J207

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) MOJOFLO**FRI. JUL 11, 7:30-9:30 PM** J208

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) CHARLES WALKER BAND**FRI. AUG 8, 7:30-9:30 PM** J209

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE**FRI. JUN 20, 7:00-10:00 PM** J125

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

This celebration of gospel music will highlight Southern, country, bluegrass, choral, contemporary Christian, inspirational music and Christian comedy. National recording artist Johnathan Bond will emcee. No registration required. Contact (937) 475-4760 for details. www.strictlygospel.org. Age: All ages**BIG BAND NIGHTS**

Enjoy swing and big band music under the pavilion! Bring a lawn chair for seating.

(FREE) TOM DAUGHERTY AND THE TOMMY DORSEY TRIBUTE**THU. JUN 26, 7:30-9:30 PM** J217

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) DAYTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA**THU. JUL 17, 7:30-9:30 PM J219**

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) BOB GRAY ORCHESTRA**THU. JUL 31, 7:30-9:30 PM J220**

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) BARRY CAMPBELL AND HIS BIG BAND WITH VOCALIST PAM NOAH**THU. AUG 14, 7:30-9:30 PM J221**

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) KIM KELLY ORCHESTRA**THU. AUG 28, 7:30-9:30 PM J222**

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) CITY OF DAYTON'S LIGHTS IN FLIGHT FIREWORKS SHOW AND FESTIVAL**THU. JUL 3, 6:00-10:30 PM J210**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Celebrate Dayton with a fun-filled evening of live music, food, beverages and kids' activities. Watch the City's spectacular visual display over the Great Miami River. No registration required. Contact (937) 333-8400 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) PRAIRIE SERENADE**SAT. JUL 19, 5:00-9:00 PM J110**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Plaza, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

Enjoy music surrounded by prairie flower gardens. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Food available. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) BRITISH CAR DAY**SAT. AUG 2, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM J263**

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

This annual car show includes more than 300 cars and motorcycles in a variety of classes. No registration required. Contact (937) 293-2819 or mgbskip@aol.com for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) TASTE OF MIAMI VALLEY**FRI. SEP 12, 5:00-11:00 PM K72****SAT. SEP 13, 2:00-11:00 PM K73**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Sample portions of signature dishes from more than 20 Miami Valley restaurants while enjoying performances by local bands and exploring the fourth annual Home Show, presented by Bath Fitter. Food tickets for a fee. No registration required. Contact (937) 461-6872 for details. dineoutdayton.org. Age: All ages

(FREE) 11TH ANNUAL URS RUBBER DUCK REGATTA**SAT. SEP 13, 3:30-5:30 PM K56**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

At this fundraiser to support programs for local children and adults with disabilities at United Rehabilitation Services of Greater Dayton, 20,000 rubber ducks are dropped into the Great Miami River and finish at the steps of the Hydraulic Jump Fountain. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 853-5464 or abrookee@ursdayton.org for details. daytonducks.com. Age: All ages

FARMING**(FREE) HAYMAKING****SUN. JUN 1, 12:00-5:00 PM J104**

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

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

LUNCH AND LEARN

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

(FREE) HERITAGE BREEDS FOR YOUR OWN FARM**TUE. JUN 3, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM J105**

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

Backyard chickens and other poultry have become popular with homeowners. You can practice period breed conservation as well and start a flock of merino sheep or gather barred Plymouth Rock chicken eggs. Includes guided tour of the Carriage Hill animals. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up 🐔

(FREE) GETTING STARTED WITH CHICKENS**SAT. JUN 14, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM I100**

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Educa-

tion Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn about zoning, breeds and supplies so you can raise chickens for fresh eggs. Meet Possum Creek's flock. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 276-7053 for details. Age: 18Y and up 🐔

(FREE) FAMILY FARM CHORES**SAT. JUN 21, 8:30-10:00 AM J115****SAT. JUL 19, 8:30-10:00 AM J116****SAT. AUG 16, 8:30-10:00 AM J117****SAT. SEP 20, 8:30-10:00 AM K28**

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

Join the historical farmers to feed animals, gather eggs and clean stalls. Meet some of the farm animals. Meet at the farm. Registration required.

Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 6Y-18Y 🐔

(FREE) GRAIN THRESHING**SUN. JUL 13, 12:00-5:00 PM J109****SUN. AUG 10, 12:00-5:00 PM J112**

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

The steam engine, separator, farm hands and shocks of grain recreate the farm scene of a century ago. Watch as grain is separated from the stalk and the last threshing of the season is done. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) DRAFT HORSE DAYS**SAT. AUG 30, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM J114****SUN. AUG 31, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM J270**

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

Watch the U.S. Plowing Contest as participants from many states put their skills to the test to see who is the best plow hand. Watch demonstrations highlighting the skills required to drive draft horses. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

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) TRACKIN' MY SNACKIN'**TUE. SEP 23, 1:00-2:30 PM K69**

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

Learn where bananas and oranges come from and how they arrive in our area. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details.

Age: 3Y-6Y 🐔 PTN

FISHING

(FREE) HOOKED ON FISHING NOT ON DRUGS

WED. JUN. 4-25, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J13
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

This four-week program teaches students how to cast, tie knots and handle fish. A MetroParks Ranger will discuss good decision-making skills. When class work is completed, each student gets to fish with a provided pole and bait in a stocked pond. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 5Y-15Y 📅

FISH WITH A RANGER

SAT. JUN 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J11

SAT. JUL 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J12

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

Officer Zimmerman will speak about a safety topic, and then students will use poles and bait in a stocked pond. Sponsored by Safe Kids of Greater Dayton. No more than 5 students per adult, no adults permitted to fish. Scholarships available by calling to schedule class. Registration required. Age: 4Y-15Y Fee: \$3 📅

(FREE) TRY FLY FISHING

TUE. JUN 24, 4:00-7:00 PM J202

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

Entice a fish to bite and catch a fish on fly. Instructor will teach basic fly fishing techniques in a controlled, safe environment. No fishing license required. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 8Y and up 📅

FITNESS & HEALTH

10TH ANNUAL ANOTHER DAM 50K

SAT. JUN 7, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM J120

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, West Park Parking Lot, 100 East National Rd.

Sponsored by Ohio River Road Runners Club. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 228-5418 or latham-j@sbcglobal.net for details. www.orrcc.org. Age: All ages Fee: \$15

(FREE) POSSUM CREEK WALKFEST

SAT. JUN 7, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM J4

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Hickory/Parking Lot/Argonne Lake, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Sponsored by Purple Penguins Walking Club. Start between 9 AM and 1 PM. Contact Helga Slade. No registration required. Contact (937) 429-3946 or hslade@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

FITNESS IN THE PARK

Enjoy fun and effective workouts under the pavilion as part of Saturday eScape. Get fit on yoga days with certified yogi Tori Reynolds and on Zumba days with personal trainer Nashanda Peeples. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Afterward, stick around for live acoustic music and delicious food from Silver Fern Café.

(FREE) ZUMBA IN THE PARK

SAT. JUN 7, 10:00-11:00 AM J228

SAT. JUN 28, 10:00-11:00 AM J229

SAT. JUL 5, 10:00-11:00 AM J234

SAT. JUL 19, 10:00-11:00 AM J230

SAT. AUG 2, 10:00-11:00 AM J232

SAT. AUG 30, 10:00-11:00 AM J233

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) YOGA IN THE PARK

SAT. JUN 21, 10:00-11:00 AM J191

SAT. JUL 12, 10:00-11:00 AM J225

SAT. AUG 9, 10:00-11:00 AM J226

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

No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) AFRICAN AMERICAN WELLNESS WALK

SAT. JUN 14, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM J173

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

Sponsored by Premier Health and Mahogany's Child to bring together the African American community and friends while raising awareness about health issues. Contact Frankye Herald. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 208-3863 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) BUCKEYE TRAIL WALK

SAT. JUN 14, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM J119

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

Sponsored by Ohio Wander Freunde. Contact Mikki White. No registration required. Contact (937) 890-0416 or mikkiw17@sbcglobal.net for details. Age: All ages

FRIENDS OF AIDEN 5K

SAT. JUN 14, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM J72

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Blue Heron / Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40

Sponsored by Help Extinguish Hunter Syndrome. Contact Kristin Spaeth. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 684-6460 or kspaeth@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$20

(FREE) GERMANTOWN HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

SUN. JUN 15, 1:30-4:30 PM J22

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

Enjoy a 7-mile, three-hour rugged hike, for experienced hikers only. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

WALKING FOR FITNESS

THU. JUN 19, 6:00-7:30 PM J52

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.

Walk your way to a healthier lifestyle and get in shape. Learn about proper technique, gear and stretching to improve your cardio-vascular health and endurance. Prerequisites: N/A. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.

Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

THE DONUT DASH

SAT. JUN 28, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM J87

ISLAND METROPARK, Shelter: Willow Wood, 101 E. Helena St.

Eat donuts during the race at this unique running event. For each donut you eat, two minutes are deducted from your finish time. Prizes are awarded based on "donut adjusted times." Proceeds support Dayton Children's. Championship belts for overall winners. Free kids' events. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 548-2511 or info@rocketshipsports.com for details. www.thedonut-dash.com. Age: All ages Fee: Before March 1: \$25, After March 1: \$30, Day of Race: \$35

(FREE) TAYLORSVILLE WALKFEST

WED. JUL 16, 3:00-9:00 PM J8

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Canal Cove / Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40

Sponsored by Purple Penguins Walking Club. Contact Helga Slade. No registration required. Contact (937) 429-3946 or hslade@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

EXPLORE YOGA IN NATURE

SAT. JUL 19, 9:00-10:00 AM J192

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

SAT. AUG 9, 9:00-10:00 AM J218

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Dogwood Pavilion/Parking Lot, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

SAT. SEP 13, 9:00-10:00 AM J193

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Shelter: Whitetail/Sunfish Pond/Parking Lot, 7101 Conservancy Rd.

Join yoga instructor Leslie King for a gentle, restorative class focused on meditation techniques, breathing exercises and postures (asanas) to increase mind-body-spirit awareness, balance and harmony. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$12 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) ENGLEWOOD HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

SUN. AUG 3, 1:30-4:00 PM J261

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, West Park Parking Lot, 100 East National Rd.

Enjoy a 5-6 mile, 2 1/2 hour moderate hike. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) CARRIAGE HILL HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

SUN. AUG 17, 1:30-3:30 PM J262

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

Enjoy a 5-mile, two-hour easy hike. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

TRAIL RUNNING THROUGH NATURE

THU. AUG 28, 6:00-7:30 PM J172

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, 6733 Springboro Pike

THU. SEP 25, 6:00-7:30 PM K49

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

Ease up on the joints and learn trail running efficiency, proper gear and nutrition. The pace will be consistent, and we'll cool down walking. Improve strength and endurance for a cardiorespiratory workout. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.

Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📱 ⚙️

DEWEESE PARK 5K

TUE. SEP 2, 5:30-8:30 PM K60

BIKEWAY: STILLWATER RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 7

Sponsored by Ohio River Road Runners Club.

Contact Jim Latham. See contact info to register.

Contact (937) 228-5418 or latham-j@sbcglobal.net for details. www.orrcc.org. Age: All ages Fee:

ORRRC non-members: \$9

MARKET TO MARKET RELAY

SAT. SEP 6, 2:00-11:00 PM K20

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

Ohio's running road trip, a day-long team running relay, takes runners from Cincinnati to Dayton.

Starting at sun up, seven runners per team and a van take a scenic course through the Little Miami River Valley to a downtown Dayton finish at RiverScape MetroPark. See contact info to register.

Contact (402) 770-1170 or bcohoon@marketto-marketrelay.com for details. m2mrelay.com. Age: All ages Fee: Per Team: \$450

(FREE) TWIN CREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

SUN. SEP 7, 1:30-4:30 PM K74

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

Enjoy a 7-mile, three-hour rugged hike, for experienced hikers only. No registration required.

Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) POSSUM CREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

SUN. SEP 21, 1:30-3:30 PM K75

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

Enjoy a 5-mile, two-hour easy hike. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

(FREE) BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

TUE. JUN 3, 9:00-10:00 AM J174

TUE. JUL 1, 9:00-10:00 AM J175

TUE. AUG 5, 9:00-10:00 AM J176

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

Experience the garden while you help MetroParks' staff get ready for the day. Activities may include feeding fish and wildlife, followed by free time in the garden before other visitors arrive.

Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 5Y-12Y 📱

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: FIVE RIVERS METROPARK VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

TUE. JUN 3, 6:30-8:30 PM J45

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

WED. JUL 16, 6:30-8:30 PM J40

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

WED. AUG 20, 6:30-8:30 PM J51

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

Learn about year-round volunteer opportunities, location-specific opportunities and needs for this season. Attendance does not obligate you to volunteer. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4154 or kevin.kepler@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📱

CREATIVE GARDENER SERIES

Join us for four make-it-and-take-it garden projects. No gardening experience required. Materials will be included.

MILK CRATE VEGETABLE GARDEN

THU. JUN 5, 6:30-7:30 PM J140

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

Grow a 3-plant vegetable garden in a compact container. We'll supply sun or shade plants for your location, the milk crate and soil. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details.

Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📱

LETTUCE BASKETS

THU. JUL 10, 6:30-7:30 PM J150

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

Grow your own salad in a flat-sided basket to hang on a wall or fence. Lettuce does beautifully in partial shade during summer. We'll supply soil and plants, and you bring a flat-sided basket, at least 6" deep. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details.

Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📱

PORTABLE SUCCULENT GARDEN

THU. AUG 7, 6:30-7:30 PM J159

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

Bring a piece of wire furniture or a wire planting wreath, and we will demonstrate the necessary materials and techniques to get you started. We'll supply soil, moss, wire and plants for a one-square-foot area. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📱

A FALL PORCH CONTAINER

THU. SEP 4, 6:30-7:30 PM K42

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

We'll show you how to switch colors from summer to fall with key plants. Bring a container no larger than 12 inches with a central plant, and we'll supply filler plants and accents. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee:

\$10 📱

GARDEN BOOT CAMP

Need to quickly learn how to garden? Join us for seasonal three-hour sessions on practical gardening skills. You'll learn the techniques you need at the right time of year. Bring your lunch.

RECYCLED MATERIAL IN THE GARDEN

SAT. JUN 7, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM J141

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

Garden supports, trellises and other items needed for planting are great opportunities for recycling. Explore the creative, fun possibilities with MetroParks' Tim Pritchard. Bring work gloves and join in making wonderful creations. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up

Fee: \$10 📱 ⚙️

PRUNING

SAT. SEP 13, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM H212

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

Join former Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

horticulturist Chris Jensen for instruction and hands-on opportunities. Bring one set of hand pruners, and we'll supply other equipment. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📞

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

Youth ages 8 through 12 work together to plant, tend and harvest Skeeter's Garden while acquiring skills and learning about sustainable gardening. Three classes are held each month, May through August, and participants may register for any or all months.

(FREE) SUMMERTIME AND SOIL

TUE. JUN. 10-24, 4:30-6:00 PM J19
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Harvest early summer veggies, plant successive crops, and learn about soil science and composting. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 8Y-12Y 📞

(FREE) THE HEAT IS ON

TUE. JUL. 1-15, 4:30-6:00 PM J20
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn how to keep plants watered and healthy and study insects both helpful and a nuisance. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 8Y-12Y 📞

(FREE) HARVEST SEASON AND FALL PLANTING

TUE. AUG. 12-26, 4:30-6:00 PM J21
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn about seed saving and food preservation, in addition to making crafts and bringing in the harvest. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 8Y-12Y 📞

LEARNING FROM THE LANDSCAPE

These 'walk and talk' sessions feature sustainable landscape topics and design and maintenance examples from the park grounds.

(FREE) NATIVE PLANTS TO ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES

TUE. JUN 10, 6:00-7:00 PM J67
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Learn to help the environment by the flowers you plant. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: All ages 📞

(FREE) WATER RETENTION IN THE LANDSCAPE

TUE. JUL 8, 6:00-7:00 PM J149
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Look at examples of mulch, ground cover and other methods to help the soil retain moisture. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📞 ⚙️

(FREE) PLANTS FOR HOT, DRY WEATHER

TUE. AUG 12, 6:00-7:00 PM J162
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Look at the plants that do best in the heat of summer without requiring lots of water. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📞 ⚙️

(FREE) EASING THE GARDEN FROM SUMMER TO FALL

TUE. SEP 9, 6:00-7:00 PM K55
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Cox House Parking lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Look at color and form in the late summer/early fall garden. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: All ages 📞 ⚙️

WHAT'S NEW @ 2

Explore the Children's Discovery Garden with staff and volunteers to learn about plants through crafts, recipes and other hands-on experiences. The garden changes throughout the summer and so do the activities. Visit website for daily listings. Participation is limited to the first 30 drop-in visitors.

(FREE) GARDEN TEA

WED. JUN 11, 2:00-3:00 PM J177
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Learn how to use dried herbs to make delicious herbal tea and sample some of our signature blend. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) STRAWBERRY JAM

WED. JUN 18, 2:00-3:00 PM J178
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Learn about one of the most prized fruits of summertime and make jam from scratch. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) PAPER MAKING

WED. JUN 25, 2:00-3:00 PM J179
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Make recycled paper and learn about the different plant fibers that can be used for paper making. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) FRESH SALSA

WED. JUL 2, 2:00-3:00 PM J180
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Try the vegetables and herbs used to make salsa and create a batch from ingredients of your choice. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) FLOWER FLAGS

WED. JUL 9, 2:00-3:00 PM J181
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Create flower flags using the flower-pounding technique and learn what flowers different pollinators are attracted to. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) INDIGO TIE DYE

WED. JUL 16, 2:00-3:00 PM J182
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Learn about plants that can be used to create natural dyes and create your own tie-dyed cloth. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) WEAVING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS


WED. JUL 23, 2:00-3:00 PM J183
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Make a unique, decorative craft using natural materials on a miniature loom. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) PICKLES

WED. JUL 30, 2:00-3:00 PM J184
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,
Learn about cucumbers and dill and make your own pickles to take home. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up ⚙️

(FREE) GARDEN ART**WED. AUG 6, 2:00-3:00 PM** J185

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,



Create art with practical garden structures, such as planter pots, to use at home or in the garden. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. metroparks.org/ChildrensGarden. Age: 3Y and up 

AULLWOOD SUMMER SUNDAYS

Join us one Sunday each month during summer for a peaceful time to look at and learn from the beauty of Aullwood Garden. Each month features a different topic and ideas you can use in your own garden.


(FREE) A LOOK AT THE WOODS**SUN. JUN 15, 2:00-4:00 PM** J144

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Join MetroParks' Dave Nolin on an informational walk through the woods. He'll identify tree species and talk about the age and significance of certain trees. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages  



(FREE) A LOOK AT THE RIVER AND THE CREEK**SUN. JUL 13, 2:00-4:00 PM** J152

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.



Learn how the river and the creek also serve as homes, food and water sources for wildlife and how the flood impacted the area. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages 

(FREE) A LOOK AT THE PRAIRIE**SUN. AUG 3, 2:00-4:00 PM** J158

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Learn about the plants, insects and other animals that depend on prairies; the benefits to the soil the prairie provides; the history of our area and role the prairies played; and the environmental impact of prairie plants. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages  

(FREE) SKEETER'S GARDENERS**TUE. JUN 17, 10:00-11:00 AM** J186**TUE. JUL 15, 10:00-11:00 AM** J187**TUE. AUG 19, 10:00-11:00 AM** J188


WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, Learn basic botany and vegetable gardening. Participants will help tend the garden, sample available veggies and herbs, and plant seeds to take home and grow. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-6545 for details. Age: 6Y-10Y  

LUNCH AND LEARN

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


(FREE) INSECTS IN YOUR GARDEN**WED. JUN 18, 12:00-1:00 PM** J145

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

Learn about what insects bother gardeners the most why an insect-less garden is not a good idea, destructive and beneficial insects, and which plants are best for attracting and keeping the bugs you want in your garden. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 


(FREE) SUMMERSCAPING**WED. JUL 23, 12:00-1:00 PM** J154

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

Learn about hot-weather plants and how to keep the garden and the gardener happy during hot temps. We'll discuss colors, shapes, textures, and how to use light and shade to give the illusion of cool. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 


(FREE) ORNAMENTAL GRASSES**WED. AUG 13, 12:00-1:00 PM** J163

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

Learn about the many roles ornamental grasses play in a healthy environment. We'll learn about new and old varieties of grasses, as well as how to maintain them for maximum beauty. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 

(FREE) FALL PERENNIALS AND THE CHANGING GARDEN**WED. SEP 24, 12:00-1:00 PM** K46

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



Learn the tricks of color and textures and make your fall garden as exciting as it was in summer! Optional walk in the gardens after class. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 

(FREE) INSECT DAY: BUGS, BEES, AND BUTTERFLIES**SAT. JUN 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** J146

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

OSU expert Denise Ellsworth presents a program about the importance of pollinators in your

garden, especially bees, and why we must protect them and the plants they love best. Activity stations for adults and families are available. Meet in the adult classroom. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details.



Age: All ages  **BUS TRIP: SECREST ARBORETUM AND STI GARDENS****WED. JUN 25, 6:30 AM-7:00 PM** J18

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

Travel to Wooster for a visit to the OSU/STI Annual and Perennial Garden hosted by Laura Deeter and a tour of Secrest Arboretum with director Dr. Dan Cochran. After box lunches, we'll shop for plants at Quail Crest Nursery. Payment is due by May 23. Credit cards accepted. Please make checks payable to Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 21Y and up Fee: \$87

(FREE) CITY TREES**SAT. JUL 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** J151



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

Learn how trees survive in hot downtown conditions, which varieties are most successful and how their roots adapt to crowded spaces. Walk to trees on nearby streets while you learn how to select a tree for your own landscape and keep it healthy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 276-7052 for details. Age: 18Y and up  



(FREE) COMMUNITY GARDEN BICYCLE TOUR**SAT. JUL 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** J165

OFFSITE, Community Gardens, Contact Us for Map

MetroParks staff and volunteers will lead this bike tour to several community gardens in the southwest Dayton area. Meet at Edgemont Solar Gardens, 919 Miami Chapel Rd. Ride your bike with us or pick up a route map and drive. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 276-7053 for details. <http://mapq.st/QFMUW4>.

Age: 18Y and up  **(FREE) SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS WITH SCOTT BEUERLEIN****SAT. JUL 19, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** J153

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

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden horticulturist presents a talk on sustainable plantings for your landscape, followed by a walk through the grounds with Five Rivers MetroParks horticulturist Rich Pearson to see examples. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up  

(FREE) SEED COLLECTION--A PREPARATION WORKSHOP

SAT. AUG 2, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM J157
 WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
 Learn how to select plants from which to gather seeds, the best collection time, seed-saving techniques and cataloging possibilities. Separate activities available for children. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: All ages 📍

(FREE) DATE NIGHT, DINNER & DIRT

THU. AUG 21, 6:30-8:00 PM J169
 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
 Bring your sweetie or bestie and harvest what's ripe in the garden, and then prepare a fresh, simple meal. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7053 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📍

(FREE) AULLWOOD--FALL COMES TO THE GARDEN

SUN. SEP 14, 2:00-4:00 PM K44
 AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.
 Look at the garden and the changes happening for both plants and animals. Cider on the porch after walk. Meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📍 ⚙️

(FREE) PARKING DAY

FRI. SEP 19, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM K70
 OFFSITE, Contact Us for Location,
 PARK(ing) Day is an annual, worldwide event that transforms metered parking spots into temporary parks. MetroParks provides plants, Green Velvet Sod Farms provides sod, and Garden Station Garden & Art Park organizes volunteers to set up and staff the "parks" in the Oregon District and other downtown locations. No registration required. Contact (937) 276-7053 or lucille.beachdell@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) LIGHT IN THE GARDEN--LANDSCAPING TRICKS

SAT. SEP 20, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM K45
 WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
 Photographer Adam Alonzo demonstrates how to see and use light to add drama to your landscape, followed by a walk in the garden to look at examples of plants, planting designs and light creations. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📍

(FREE) GARDENER'S PLANT EXCHANGE

THU. SEP 25, 6:30-7:30 PM K71
 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
 Gardening enthusiasts are invited to join us for a fun evening of sharing and swapping. Gather your favorite seeds, divide your perennials, or dig out some of your plants that have outgrown their space. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 276-7053 or lucille.beachdell@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages 📍

(FREE) THE NEW ROLE OF THE SUBURBAN LANDSCAPE

SAT. SEP 27, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM J164
 WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
 Due to the destruction of wooded areas and farmlands, what we plant in our yards is more critical for the balance of the environment. Learn the best plants to include in your landscape. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📍

GREEN LIVING**CAFÈ 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) FOOD IN REVOLT

WED. JUN 4, 6:30-8:30 PM J127
 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
 Examine the effects of conventional agriculture on wildlife habitat, consider factors that contribute to the food desert phenomenon and discuss ways in which consumers can instigate change. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 21Y and up 📍

(FREE) LIGHT POLLUTION

WED. JUL 2, 6:30-8:30 PM J128
 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
 This program will examine the consequences of light pollution, especially on nocturnal creatures, and explore ways we can reduce it. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 21Y and up 📍

(FREE) BIRD FRIENDLY COFFEE

WED. AUG 6, 6:30-8:30 PM J129
 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
 Learn about new standards in coffee certifica-

tion that allow consumers to select products grown in a way that preserves habitat, protects workers and ensures a quality product. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 21Y and up 📍

(FREE) INVADERS

WED. SEP 3, 6:30-8:30 PM K35
 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
 Learn about our region's current invasive species threats and the what can be done to address these issues on your property. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 21Y and up 📍

(FREE) FARMERS' MARKET SEASON GRAND OPENING

SAT. JUN 7, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM J201
 2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.
 Enjoy the best of in-season, locally grown vegetables, herbs and bedding plants brought to the Market straight from the field at the annual summer outdoor Farmers' Market. Six farmers, conventional and organic, will participate. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 or marketinfo@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

LUNCH AND LEARN

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

(FREE) GREEN CLEANING THE HISTORIC WAY

TUE. JUL 1, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM J107
 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
 Many cleaning products used by Victorian farm families were all natural. Learn how to make your own using simple ingredients in this hands-on program. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📍

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) COMPOST PRIMER

THU. JUL 3, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM J133
 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
 Learn all you need to know to get started with composting and additional tips for those who want to improve composting or address

potential problems. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) REPURPOSED BUILDING MATERIALS

FRI. AUG 8, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM J139
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead West-vaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Learn how to reuse materials and repurpose household goods! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) EARTH FRIENDLY CLEANERS

FRI. SEP 5, 12:00-1:00 PM K38
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.
Learn how to make some chemical free, biodegradable cleaners that work well and help protect our waterways. Includes demonstrations and recipes to try at home. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) FIREFLIES OF THE FEN

SAT. JUL 5, 9:30-10:30 PM J134
WOODMAN FEN CONSERVATION AREA, 2409 Newcastle Dr.
Meet in the Woodman Fen parking lot between 9:15 and 9:30 pm to join us for a twilight walk and a spectacular firefly display as night falls. We'll discuss what makes this place a prime habitat and how people can help protect fireflies and similar species. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages 📅

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. JUL 8, 6:00-8:00 PM J130
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Learn how to evaluate soil, manage its composition and add available nutrients without the use of synthetic fertilizer. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) BACKYARD COMPOSTING

TUE. JUL 15, 6:00-8:00 PM J131
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn various composting methods, describe the characteristics of good compost and address challenges associated with getting started. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) MANAGING ORGANIC WASTE

TUE. JUL 22, 6:00-8:00 PM J132
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
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. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) GROW YOUR OWN POTLUCK

FRI. JUL 18, 6:00-8:00 PM J194
TUE. SEP 2, 6:00-8:00 PM K39
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Bring food you're prepared from produce you've grown or sourced from a local grower. List all ingredients. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages 📅

WATER WISDOM

The Great Miami Watershed is a vast network of waterways that drain to the Ohio River and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico. It includes a substantial aquifer system that supplies the region with usable water. This valuable resource is sensitive to human activity and must be cared for. This series explores the history, science and conservation issues surrounding the watershed and connected bodies of water.

(FREE) EXPERIENCE THE WATERSHED

THU. AUG 7, 6:00-8:00 PM J138
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Spend time in the Stillwater River with our naturalists learning about stream assessments to monitor water quality and biodiversity. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER WATERSHED

THU. AUG 14, 6:00-8:00 PM J135
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn the history, geography and geology of the Great Miami Watershed; the natural resources it provides; and how they've been

utilized, managed and protected. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) CHEMICALS AND CATASTROPHE

THU. AUG 21, 6:00-8:00 PM J136
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Take an in-depth look at how chemical runoff occurs and potentially leads to catastrophe. Examine the state of the Great Miami River Watershed and the path of chemicals that enter it. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) WATER WISE GARDENING

THU. AUG 28, 6:00-8:00 PM J137
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn about efficient irrigation methods, ways to reduce or eliminate chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the virtues of native plants, xeriscaping, and pest and disease resistant plant choices. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) THE WATER WISE HOUSEHOLD

THU. SEP 4, 6:00-8:00 PM K37
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn how to save water by practicing responsible use and installing water-saving devices, make your own Earth-friendly cleaning supplies, and shop wisely for "green" chemicals. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 16Y and up 📅

HERITAGE & HISTORY

CANNING CLUB

Learn how to preserve fruits and vegetables in an inexpensive and efficient way. Participants will learn how to preserve six varieties of fruits and vegetables using seasonal produce and the 'boiling-water heat processing' method over a wood-fired stove. Take home a jar of goodies, along with 19th-century and modern recipes.

STRAWBERRY LEMON SYRUP

SAT. JUN 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J166
SAT. JUN 7, 1:30-3:30 PM J271
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Learn to safely preserve this concentrated syrup to enjoy all year. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 or Deborah.Spencer@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

DILL PICKLES

SAT. JUL 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J167**SAT. JUL 5, 1:30-3:30 PM** J272

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

Learn to safely preserve pickles to enjoy all year. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 or Deborah.Spencer@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

CORN RELISH

SAT. AUG 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J168**SAT. AUG 2, 1:30-3:30 PM** J276

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

Learn to safely preserve corn relish to enjoy all year. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 or Deborah.Spencer@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

APPLES IN SYRUP

SAT. SEP 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM K48**SAT. SEP 6, 1:30-3:30 PM** K86

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

Learn to safely preserve apples in syrup to enjoy all year. Registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 or Deborah.Spencer@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

HOE DOWN SQUARE DANCE

SAT. JUN 14, 8:00-10:30 PM J106**SAT. AUG 16, 8:00-10:30 PM** J113

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

Join us for a square dance in our historical barn. Listen to The Corndrinkers as they walk you through the steps. Tickets \$5 per person, children 12 and younger free. Tickets available at the door. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$5

(FREE) A GRAND OLD

INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUN. JUL 6, 12:00-5:00 PM J108

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

Visit Carriage Hill Farm for a community celebration of our country's independence. Enjoy period games and contests. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) UNITED IRISH OF DAYTON
CELTIC FESTIVAL**FRI. JUL 25, 6:00-11:00 PM** J211**SAT. JUL 26, 12:00-11:00 PM** J212**SUN. JUL 27, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM** J213

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave. Celebrate the sights and sounds of Ireland, Scotland and Wales at the 13th Annual Dayton Celtic Festival. Three stages offer continuous live musi-

cal and dance entertainment, children's activities, food, beverages, traditional Gaelic Mass, Celtic breakfast, and more! No registration required. Contact (937) 372-9788 for details. unitedirishof-dayton.org. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) HISPANIC HERITAGE
FESTIVAL**SAT. AUG 16, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM** J214

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.

The exciting Hispanic Heritage Festival is back with hot and spicy Latin music and delicious Latin food. The sounds of Salsa, Merengue, Tejano, Latin jazz, Cumbia, and Bachata music will come alive in the biggest fiesta in downtown Dayton! No registration required. Contact (520) 236-7515 for details. Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) DAYTON AFRICAN
AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL**SAT. AUG 23, 12:00-8:00 PM** J216

ISLAND METROPARK, 101 E. Helena St.

This family event brings the richness of the African American experience to the Dayton region through culture, arts, education and music. See the African Village, youth and writers pavilions, and enjoy live presentations of R&B, gospel and jazz. No registration required. Contact (937) 475-2707 for details. www.daacf.com.

Age: All ages ⚙️

(FREE) COUNTRY FAIR**SAT. SEP 20, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM** K27**SUN. SEP 21, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM** K85

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

From agricultural demonstrations to a pie-baking competition, enjoy the sights and sounds of an 1880s country fair. See living history talks and demonstrations and watch the sorghum press squeeze the sweet juice from the stalks and the steam engine boils the juice into sorghum molasses. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

HOME & HOBBIES

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) SMALL BATCH BERRY
PRESERVING**SAT. JUN 28, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** J1

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

Learn to preserve berries at harvest time.

Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7053 for details. Age: 11Y-14Y 📅 PTN

(FREE) LET'S TALK POULTRY**SAT. JUL 26, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** J75

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

Learn about the chicken, turkey and duck breeds you can raise and their uses. Also learn to handle, wash, candle and hatch eggs. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7053 for details. Age: 11Y-14Y 📅 PTN

(FREE) GOATS IN MY
BACKYARD**SAT. AUG 30, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** J3

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

Learn about the useful products goats provide and how to choose and care for goats. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7053 for details. Age: 11Y-14Y 📅 PTN

(FREE) HARVEST TIME**SAT. SEP 27, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** K1

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

Learn to freeze and cook items from the harvest. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7062 for details. Age: 11Y-14Y 📅 PTN

LUNCH AND LEARN

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

(FREE) MAKING BUTTER FROM
SCRATCH**TUE. AUG 5, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** J111

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

Learn about the necessary equipment for butter making, a common chore on 1880s farms, and how to make herbal butters at home. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) THE BASICS OF
BREWING GINGER BEER**TUE. SEP 9, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** K26

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

Join us as we learn about the history of this popular drink and how to make it at home in this hands-on program. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages 📅

HORSEBACK RIDING

WEEKEND TRAIL RIDES

SAT., SUN MAY 31-OCT. 26,

10:00 AM-2:00 PM J261

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

Trail rides are offered on Saturdays and Sundays from May 31 through October 26, 2014. 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, by calling the Riding Center office at (937) 274-3120. We'll begin taking reservations on May 1, 2014 for the 2014 trail ride season. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-3120 for details. Age: 8Y and up Fee: \$30 ⚙️

PONY RIDES - SATURDAYS

STARTING IN JUNE

SAT. JUN. 7-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 only beginning June 7 through October 25, 2014 from 12:00 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

MOUNTAIN BIKING

(FREE) TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING

TUE. JUN 3, 4:00-7:00 PM J23

HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.

TUE. JUL 8, 4:00-7:00 PM J122

MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road

TUE. AUG 5, 4:00-7:00 PM J123

MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road

THU. SEP 4, 4:00-7:00 PM K29

MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road

Head to MetroParks Mountain Bike Area and

borrow a bike to ride a lap or two. Bikes are

available on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth

younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent

or guardian. Helmets are mandatory and pro-

vided with bike. Registration requested, walk-ins

welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age:

All ages ⚙️

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MOMBA

TRAIL WORK DAYS

SAT. JUN 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J30

SAT. JUL 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J31

SAT. AUG 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J32

SAT. SEP 20, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM K6

MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road

Learn about sustainable trail building while help-

ing maintain the mountain bike trails at MoMBA! No experience necessary; tools provided. Bring work gloves and water. Youth 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4147 or yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up ⚙️

INTRO TO MOUNTAIN BIKING

THU. SEP 18, 6:30-8:30 PM K30

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

This classroom program will introduce you to the equipment and skills for a fun, enjoyable ride, including bike selection, ride preparation, trail riding, trail etiquette and riding as a family. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 ⚙️

MOUNTAIN BIKING BASICS

SAT. SEP 20, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM K31

MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road

After taking the Intro class, for attend a practical training at MoMBA. Teaching and practice will include bike balance, braking and shifting, falling, and front/rear wheel lift. After we practice the techniques, we'll go on a trail ride. Prerequisites: Intro to Mountain Biking. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$15

NATURE

(FREE) BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION

TUE. JUN 3, 6:00-8:00 PM J10

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

Discover who's who in the butterfly world. Elisabeth Rothschild, president of Miami Valley Butterfly Association, will present tips and tricks to ID butterflies. Learn how butterflies are classified and improve skills in butterfly watching. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details.

Age: 18Y and up ⚙️

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) AMAZING REPTILES

THU. JUN 5, 10:00-11:30 AM J54

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Explore the lives of our native reptiles and get a close-up view of a live snake and turtle. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 0Y-2Y

(FREE) CREEK ROMPING

THU. JUL 3, 10:00-11:30 AM J57

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Get your baby's feet wet in the stream while naturalists search for water creatures to share with you and your infant. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 0Y-2Y ⚙️ PTN

(FREE) FLUTTER BY BUTTERFLY

THU. AUG 7, 10:00-11:30 AM J69

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Try to catch a few butterflies to give your baby an up-close look. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 0Y-2Y ⚙️ PTN

(FREE) NATURE'S SMELLS

THU. SEP 4, 10:00-11:00 AM K14

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Join us for an hour of exercise and studying the outdoors as we explore the pleasant smells of nature and expose them to your baby. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 0Y-2Y ⚙️

MVLNCI TRAVELING SYMPOSIUM: YOUTH ACCESS TO NATURE TOUR

SAT. JUN 7, 8:00 AM-3:30 PM J29

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

Join child advocates on a tour to benchmark access to nature at schools, neighborhoods and parks. National speaker Cindy Heath will discuss Safe Routes to Play, and bus trip activities and wrap up will provide tools for you to create these spaces. Bring a sack lunch. More details online. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4178 for details. www.ohiolnci.org/ohio-regions/miami-valleydayton/. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 ⚙️

EAT FRESH & LOCAL AT THE 2ND STREET MARKET

METROPARKS.ORG/LOCALFOOD



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 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

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| Joshua Bejarano | Mackenzie Moon |
| Gianna Bejarano | Marlie Snyder |
| Marianna Bejarano | Izaak Wood |
| Amelia Lamont | Tabitha Josey |
| Darby Links | Myrna Josey |
| Caroline Peters | |
| Myrah Peters | |
| Tucker Seveika | |
| Euilija Seveika | |
| Zachariah Salner | |
| Dylan Martina | |

SECOND PASSPORT

Sierra Sundell-Turner

THIRD PASSPORT

Gabriella Fitch

CONSERVATION KIDS:


TIKES (AGES 3-5)

This series, designed for families with 3- to 5-year-olds, nurtures kids' desire to explore 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.

(FREE) LIVE LIKE A BEE

TUE. JUN 10, 10:00-11:00 AM J27

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

Explore the flowers bees pollinate. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN** ▲

(FREE) FROG WATCH

FRI. JUN 13, 8:30-10:00 PM J251


COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Join us as we survey the frog populations at Cox Arboretum. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y **PTN** ▲

(FREE) AN ANT'S VIEW

WED. JUN 18, 10:00-11:00 AM J28


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

Explore the park through an ant's eyes! Forage for food, tend to our brood and try to make it in this human-dominated world. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN** ▲

(FREE) CARING FOR CATERPILLARS

THU. JUN 26, 10:00-11:00 AM J43


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

Watching a caterpillar develop into a butterfly is a fun way to learn about life cycles. Tikes discover how to raise caterpillars at home. Each participant will receive butterfly garden seeds and a digging trowel. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  ▲

(FREE) STREAMOLOGY

WED. JUL 9, 10:00-11:30 AM J41

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Explore the creek and find such creatures as crawdads, salamanders and rainbow darters. Kids and parents should wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN** ▲

(FREE) PONDODOLOGY

THU. JUL 17, 10:00-11:30 AM J42

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

THU. SEP 25, 1:00-2:00 PM K81

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Hilltop / Sledding Hill/Parking Lot, 1200 Brown School Rd. Get wet and muddy as we explore the pond and what lives in and around it. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y **PTN** ▲

(FREE) WATERWAY BIOPSY

WED. JUL 23, 10:00-11:30 AM J254

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Parking Lot and Put-in below the Dam, 7481 Creek Rd.


Check one of our five waterways, Twin Creek, to assess how healthy and clean our water is and discuss ways to keep it clean! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y **PTN** ▲

(FREE) POLLINATOR PARTY

MON. AUG 4, 10:00-11:00 AM J257

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Patterson/Nature Play/Parking Lot, 2606 Hilton Dr.


THU. SEP 11, 10:00-11:00 AM K67
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Redwing/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.

Come to the prairie and celebrate our pollinators and all they do for us! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN** ▲

(FREE) PRAIRIE SAFARI

WED. AUG 13, 10:00-11:00 AM J71



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

Explore wildflowers and towering grasses while searching for butterflies and other insects in the prairie. Insect nets and containers provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN** ▲

(FREE) CREEK FUN

SAT. AUG 16, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM J243


WESLEYAN METROPARK, Wesleyan/AC Annex, 2222 N. James H. McGee Blvd.

Search for salamanders, rainbow darters and crawdads while exploring the river. Learn about water quality, and what kids can do to keep water clean. Wear shoes that can get wet; no sandals. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y   **PTN** ▲


(FREE) CREEK ROMP

SUN. AUG 17, 2:00-3:00 PM J244


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

Search for macroinvertebrates, rainbow darters and crawdads while exploring the river. Learn about water quality and what kids can do to keep water clean. Wear shoes that can get wet; no sandals. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN** ▲


(FREE) PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTING

THU. AUG 21, 10:00-11:30 AM J258
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Prairie Dock/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.
Collect seeds that will become part of our prairies and help establish new prairies for wildlife. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN ▲**

(FREE) MONARCH TAGGING

TUE. SEP 9, 10:00-11:30 AM K57
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Prairie Dock/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.
Monarchs are beginning their migration to Mexico, so take part in a project monitoring this amazing migration. Learn about these insects help capture and tag monarchs, and record the data for butterfly conservation efforts. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN ▲**

(FREE) SPIDER KID

MON. SEP 15, 10:00-11:00 AM K68
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Program Parking, 100 Deep Hollow Road
Discover the world of spiders as we search for webs and learn about their occupants. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 3Y-5Y  **PTN ▲**

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.

(FREE) WOODLAND NESTING BIRDS

SUN. JUN 8, 2:00-3:30 PM J256
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Discover the 8 nest types of birds, how they are able to make nests, and try to build one with natural materials. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y **PTN ▲**

(FREE) MONITORING BIRD NESTING BOXES

SAT. JUN 14, 1:00-3:00 PM J245
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Join an ongoing, multi-family conservation

project by monitoring MetroParks' nest boxes! Hike the bluebird trail while learning how to check boxes, and sign up to take care of these boxes throughout the year. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y **PTN ▲**


(FREE) OWL SEARCH

SAT. JUN 14, 9:00-10:00 PM J249
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.
Join a quest for owls as naturalists attempt to lure them and explore the importance of forests in our area. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y **PTN ▲**

(FREE) BUTTERFLIES AND DRAGONFLIES

FRI. JUL 11, 1:00-2:30 PM J68
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Prairie Dock/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.
Walk through the prairie and use nets (provided) to find insects, which will be returned to their habitat at the end of the program. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y **PTN ▲**


(FREE) HEALTHY WATERWAY

SAT. JUL 12, 1:00-2:30 PM J46
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Check one of our five waterways, the Stillwater River, to see how healthy and clean our water is and learn how your family can help keep our water healthy. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y  **PTN ▲**


(FREE) NOCTURNAL ADVENTURE

SAT. JUL 19, 8:30-10:00 PM J252
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40
Explore the creatures that command the darkness. Hike through a variety of habitats in search of coyotes, raccoons, owls, and other animals while discussing the importance of Dayton's forests. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y **PTN ▲**


(FREE) BACKYARD NATURALIST TRAINING

SAT. JUL 19, 2:00-4:00 PM J248
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. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y  **PTN ▲**


(FREE) WETLAND EXPLORATION

SAT. AUG 9, 2:00-3:30 PM J70
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Search for frogs, turtles, insects and other creatures while exploring the marsh. Wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages  **PTN ▲**

(FREE) EXPLORERS LEADING TIKES

SUN. AUG 17, 1:00-3:00 PM J241
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn some tools of the naturalist's trade, and lead a tike hike with your fellow Explorers! Help 3-5 year olds discover nature by showing them the wonder of exploring rivers. Dress for getting wet! Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y  **PTN ▲**

(FREE) SEARCHING FOR MONARCHS

SUN. SEP 14, 2:00-3:30 PM K59
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Prairie Dock/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.
Monarchs are beginning their migration to Mexico, so take part in a project monitoring this amazing migration! Learn about these creatures help us capture and tag monarchs, and record the data for butterfly conservation efforts. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 6Y-9Y  **PTN ▲**

CONSERVATION KIDS: VOYAGERS (AGES 10-13)



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(FREE) WOODLAND NESTING BIRDS



SUN. JUN 8, 2:00-3:30 PM J255
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Discover the 8 nest types of birds, how they are able to make nests, and try to build one with natural materials. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y **PTN ▲**

(FREE) BUTTERFLIES AND DRAGONFLIES**FRI. JUL 11, 1:00-2:30 PM J68**



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

Walk through the prairie and use nets (provided) to find insects, which will be returned to their habitat at the end of the program. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y  **(FREE) MONITORING BIRD NESTING BOXES****SAT. JUN 14, 1:00-3:00 PM J246**



POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Join an ongoing, multi-family conservation project by monitoring MetroParks' nest boxes! Hike the bluebird trail while learning how to check boxes, and sign up to take care of these boxes throughout the year. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y  **(FREE) OWL SEARCH****SAT. JUN 14, 9:00-10:00 PM J250**



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

Join a quest for owls as naturalists attempt to lure them and explore the importance of forests in our area. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y  **(FREE) HEALTHY WATERWAY****SAT. JUL 12, 1:00-2:30 PM J48**

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

Check one of our five waterways, the Stillwater River, to see how healthy and clean our water is and learn how your family can help keep our water healthy. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y  **(FREE) NOCTURNAL ADVENTURE****SAT. JUL 19, 8:30-10:00 PM J253**

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

Explore the creatures that command the darkness. Hike through a variety of habitats in search of coyotes, raccoons, owls, and other animals while discussing the importance of Dayton's forests. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y  **(FREE) BACKYARD NATURALIST TRAINING****SAT. JUL 19, 2:00-4:00 PM J247**


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. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y

 **(FREE) WETLAND EXPLORATION****SAT. AUG 9, 2:00-3:30 PM F290**



COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Search for frogs, turtles, insects and other creatures while exploring the marsh. Wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: All ages  **(FREE) VOYAGERS LEADING TIKES****SAT. AUG 16, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM J239**


WESLEYAN METROPARK, Wesleyan/AC Annex, 2222 N. James H. McGee Blvd.

Learn some tools of the naturalist's trade, and lead a tike hike with your fellow Voyagers! Help 3-5 year olds discover nature by showing them the wonder of exploring rivers. Dress for getting wet! Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y  **(FREE) SEARCHING FOR MONARCHS****SUN. SEP 14, 2:00-3:30 PM K59**


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

Monarchs are beginning their migration to Mexico, so take part in a project monitoring this amazing migration! Learn about these creatures help us capture and tag monarchs, and record the data for butterfly conservation efforts. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y  **(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION CARETAKER ORIENTATION****THU. JUN 12, 6:30-8:30 PM J49**


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

Volunteers at each conservation area are more integrated in a specific site and help with boundary checks, greeting episodic volunteers to work-days, act as invasive scouts and give each TLC throughout the year. Volunteer independently or in teams. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4147 or yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. www.metroparks.org/conservation. Age: 18Y and up **KAYAK EXPLORING: HUFFMAN LAKE****SAT. JUN 14, 8:00-11:00 AM J82**


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

Explore Huffman Lake with a MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exists along this hidden gem. We will be in and out of our kayaks around the lake as we explore. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$20 **(FREE) BIRDS AND BLOOMS****SAT. JUN 14, 9:00-11:00 AM J55**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Enjoy serene bird songs while exploring wildflowers. Bring binoculars if you have them; limited supply available. No registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 14Y and up **(FREE) LET'S EXPLORE NATURE IN OUR DOWNTOWN HOME****SAT. JUN 21, 8:30-9:30 AM J24**

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

Join a leisurely, naturalist-guided stroll through downtown and along the river seeking the animals and plants that live in our urban environment. Bring binoculars. Prerequisites: none. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 855-7717 or james.latham@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages **(FREE) GROWING UP WILD TRAINING****SAT. JUN 21, 8:30-11:30 AM J56**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Natural Adventure Box,

SAT. JUL 12, 8:30-11:30 AM J227

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


SAT. AUG 9, 8:30-11:30 AM J231

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

Get certified in the nationally recognized Growing Up Wild curricula, gain access to our Natural Adventures Boxes at this training for childcare professionals, and get tools to give children an early foundation and sense of wonder about nature. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4178 for details. Age: 21Y and up

(FREE) BUTTERFLY BASICS**MON. JUN 23, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM J53**

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

Join longtime Butterfly House guide Wendy Rachlin for an introductory look at life cycle, natural history and mating rituals of native butterflies. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

THU. JUN 26, 6:30-8:30 PM J36

WED. JUL 9, 1:00-3:00 PM J37

TUE. JUL 22, 6:30-8:30 PM J38

WED. AUG 13, 6:30-8:30 PM J39

TUE. SEP 30, 6:30-8:30 PM K10

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. Contact (937) 277-4147 or yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) SEEDLING SATURDAYS- SEEDLING TLC

SAT. JUN 28, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J238

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Horse Trailer Parking Lot, 7636 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.

Join reforestation efforts and give tree seedlings some TLC! We've grown more than 60,000 seedlings during the past four years, planted throughout MetroParks. Full details about locations and dates online. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4147 for details. www.metroparks.org/forests. Age: All ages

KAYAK EXPLORING THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER

SAT. AUG 2, 1:00-5:00 PM J81

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Canoe & Kayak Launch Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40

Explore the Great Miami River with a MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exists along this hidden gem. We will be in and out of kayaks as we use binoculars, seines and more to explore. Prerequisites: Kayak Basics. Prerequisites: Kayak Basics. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$20

CHILDREN'S TOUR GUIDE

WORKSHOP SERIES:

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

(FREE) FALL WELCOME

MON. AUG 11, 9:30-11:30 AM J273

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead West-

vaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

We invite returning tour guides and interested adults to learn more about leading tours and the opportunities available at multiple parks. Bring your calendar to sign up for scheduled tours. Light refreshments provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details.

Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) SHARING OUR TALENTS

MON. AUG 18, 9:30-11:30 AM J274

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead West-vaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn more about tour topics from fellow volunteers! This hands-on session will feature information by and for tour guides that relates to fall tour offerings. Light refreshments provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-5059 for details.

Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) PICTURE OF POSSUM CREEK

MON. AUG 25, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM J275

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Many exciting changes have taken place at Possum Creek, and this is a chance for tour guides to get a behind-the-scenes view, as well as learn about opportunities to get involved. Transportation for this session provided from Cox Arboretum MetroPark. Meet in the front parking lot at 9 AM. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details.

Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) PRAIRIE WILDFLOWERS WALK

SAT. AUG 16, 2:00-3:30 PM J259

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

During this leisurely walk, learn about the importance of prairies, why they're part of many parks, and the variety of wildflowers present. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 14Y and up 📅

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 www.metroparks.org/bookclub.

(FREE) NIGHT TIME EXPLORATION

FRI. SEP 5, 8:00-9:00 PM K76

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

Join Dayton Metro Library Children's Librarian and Five Rivers MetroPark staff as they read stories about nocturnal creatures and night time adventures, then go on a night hike through the park. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 2Y-6Y 📅 ⚡

(FREE) LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS

WED. SEP 10, 10:00-11:00 AM K77

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Picnic Area, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Avenue

Come out and enjoy an outside storytime, complete with a hike looking for signs of beavers with in our parks. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-7275 for details. Age: 2Y-6Y 📅 ⚡

(FREE) HIDDEN NATURE

TUE. SEP 16, 10:00-11:00 AM K82

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

Discover the vast opportunities and listen to engaging stories of how nature is creeping into our cities. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4178 for details. Age: 2Y-6Y 📅 ⚡

(FREE) FALL BIRD HIKE

SAT. SEP 20, 9:00-11:00 AM K15

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

Search for migrating birds in the park. Bring binoculars if you have them; limited supply available. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 14Y and up 📅

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUN. 16-20, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM J121

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

Join Five Rivers MetroParks staff for a week-long day camp as we discover nature through kayaking, mountain biking, fly fishing and disc golf. The week culminates with an overnight trip. Monday through Wednesday are daylong adventures and Thursday we camp overnight until Friday at 4 PM. Mandatory pre-trip meeting on June 9. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details.

Age: 13Y-15Y Fee: \$175 📅

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: STREET TEAM ORIENTATION

TUE. AUG 12, 6:00-7:30 PM J195

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Park-

ing Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

The Street Team promotes MetroParks' outdoor recreation facilities, programs and events on a flexible, year-round schedule. Street Team volunteers can promote by wearing MetroParks gear, passing out information, posting online, or staffing outreach booths. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 343-5748 or lucy.siefker@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) TRY SLACKLINING

TUE. SEP 9, 4:00-7:00 PM K5

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Slacklining is an emerging sport that improves balance, core strength and flexibility. Try this activity at our temporary slackline park with staff who can help you learn proper technique while sharing tips to enhance your balance on the line. Flat shoes recommended. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE ORIENTATION

WED. SEP 10, 6:00-7:30 PM K52

THU. SEP 18, 6:00-7:30 PM K53

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Mad River, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Be part of the biggest outdoor adventure festival in the Midwest! Volunteer roles are available for people of all skill levels and interests. Attend this orientation to learn more and sign up. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 or lucy.sanchez@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up 📅

(FREE) URBAN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

FRI. SEP 12, 4:00-8:00 PM K54

OFFSITE, Courthouse Square, corner of Third and Main Streets

The Get Out & Live team is bringing adventure to downtown Dayton during Urban Nights. Enter our Big Kids on Little Bikes race, stand up paddleboard in the fountain and slackline. It's a great sampling of what the Midwest Outdoor Experience will offer in a few weeks. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 274-3171 for details. Age: All ages 📅

OUTDOOR PLAY

GRASS ROOTS ENRICHMENT

Lisa Patrick-Wright of Grass Roots Enrichment and Wellness Center facilitates fun, unique and engaging activities for kids. Sessions are held outdoors under the pavilion as part of Saturday eScape.

(FREE) CLAYMATION & STOP MOTION

SAT. JUN 7, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM J235

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

Learn to make a claymation stop motion film. Create a storyboard, design your characters, make a set and bring your story to life! Registration required. Contact (937) 723-6747 for details. Age: 3Y-12Y 📅 ⚙️

OUTDOOR SKILLS AND SAFETY

LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER COURSE

SAT. SEP 20, 10:00 AM - SUN. SEP 21, 12:00 PM K24

TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Campsite: Twin Creek Group #: Tecumseh, 8539 Morningstar Rd.

Enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics and increase your confidence in teaching these skills to others during this two day, overnight course. Ideal for outdoor educators, leaders or enthusiasts who want to learn the skills needed to minimize recreational impacts. Participants will receive a national LNT trainer certificate. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$60

PADDLING

SWIFTWATER RESCUE FOR PADDLERS

THU., FRI. JUN. 5-6, 8:00 AM-6:00 PM J198

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Mad River, 1385 Harshman Rd.

This American Canoe Association Level 4 Swiftwater Rescue course is for whitewater paddlers and teaches recognition and avoidance of common river hazards, rescue techniques for paddlers in distress, and self-rescue. Class time will be spent on land, in the river and in a boat. Prerequisites: Prior Class II whitewater experience is strongly recommended. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$135 📅

RECREATION KAYAK RESCUE CLINIC

THU. JUN 12, 6:00-8:30 PM J76

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd. Learn how to properly rescue yourself and others during a hands-on clinic in recreation kayaks. Several techniques and rescues will be taught. Gain confidence in your kayak skills and become more knowledgeable in rescue. Prerequisites: Kayak Basics. For more information or to register please call (937)-277-4374

(FREE) TRY PADDLESPOOTS

WED. JUN 25, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM J77

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

WED. JUL 2, 4:00-7:00 PM J199

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Try a kayak, stand up paddleboard or canoe. An overview to the boat will be given and, depending on demand, you may be able to try different boats. Learn about the sport in a controlled, safe environment. Equipment provided at this drop-in program. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages 📅

TEEN ESSENTIALS OF SUP

TUE. JUL 15, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM J78

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Designed specifically for youth, this hands-on program will use instruction and games as we learn to stand up paddleboard. Topics covered include paddle strokes, board handling and safety. Equipment provided. Dress to get wet and wear closed-toed shoes. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 13Y-18Y Fee: \$40 📅

ESSENTIALS OF KAYAKING

SAT. JUL 19, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM J118

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

During this hands-on class, students will become acquainted with equipment, learn a variety of paddle strokes, flatwater rescues and other safety topics for beginners. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 10Y and up Fee: \$60 📅

YOUTH KAYAK BASICS

THU. JUL 24, 1:00-5:00 PM J79

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Designed specifically for youth, this hands-on program will use instruction and games as we learn to kayak. Topics covered include paddle strokes, boat handling and safety. Equipment provided. Dress to get wet and wear closed-toed shoes. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 9Y-17Y Fee: \$40 📅 ⚙️

YOUTH FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER

TUE. JUL 29, 12:30-5:00 PM J80

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Learn how to use kayaks in moving water with such skills as eddy turns, peel outs and reading the water to avoid hazards. Dress to get wet and wear closed-toed shoes. Prerequisites: Youth Kayak Basics. Registration required. Contact (937)

277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details.
Age: 8Y-17Y Fee: \$50

FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER

THU. AUG 7, 5:30-9:00 PM J83

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Learn to kayak in moving water on our local rivers. Receive instruction on river safety and a variety of maneuvers that will improve your paddling ability, promote confidence and help avoid hazards. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: Intro to Kayak and Kayak Basics. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details.
Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$50 ⚙️

INTRO TO PADDLESPO RTS

THU. AUG 14, 6:00-8:30 PM J85

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

Intro to Paddlesports is the first step in this progression of classes. Learn about different types of kayaking, stand up paddleboarding and canoeing. Other topics covered include a variety of equipment, trip planning, safety and where to go paddling. This is a prerequisite for Kayaking Basics, SUP Basics and Canoeing Basics. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details.
Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

KAYAK TOURING BASICS

TUE. AUG 26, 6:00-8:30 PM J86

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Apply the information gained in Intro to Paddlesports in a hands-on format. Learn about paddle strokes, boat handling and safety for tour/sea kayaking. Dress to get wet and wear closed-toed shoes. Prerequisites: Intro to Paddlesports. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$40 ⚙️

SUP BASICS

WED. SEP 3, 6:00-8:00 PM J84

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

This hands-on program will use instruction and games as we learn to stand up paddleboard. Topics covered include paddle strokes, board handling and safety. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: Intro to Paddlesports. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$40 ⚙️

KAYAK TOURING RESCUE CLINIC

THU. SEP 11, 5:30-8:00 PM K25

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd. Learn how to properly rescue yourself and others during a hands-on clinic in touring-style kayaks. Several techniques and rescues will be taught.

Gain confidence in your kayak skills. Prerequisites: Kayak Touring Basics. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$25

PHOTOGRAPHY

(FREE) AULLWOOD IN BLOOM

SUN. JUN 15, 2:00-4:00 PM J200

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Join Adam Alonzo for an informal photography session in the garden, taking pictures of flowers, insects, trees and creeks. Hobbyist photographers can ask questions and try new techniques. Meet at the house. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) STORY OF AN IMAGE-- PHOTOGRAPHY

SAT. JUN 28, 10:00-11:30 AM J148

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

This presentation focuses on specific nature photos taken at one of the Five Rivers MetroParks. Photographer Adam Alonzo will describe the circumstances in which the pictures were taken, such as time of day, equipment used and camera settings. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

SHOOTING OUTDOOR PORTRAITS

SAT. JUL 26, 10:00-11:30 AM J156

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

Learn the importance of background and foreground elements, stance and pose, and sunlight and shadow. Following a presentation indoors, participants will go outside (weather permitting) to take pictures of a model in the garden. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

(FREE) NATURE PHOTO CRITIQUE SESSION

SAT. AUG 9, 10:00-11:30 AM J161

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

Photographer Adam Alonzo will critique your nature photos and use them for brief lessons about camera technique and composition. Send digital photos by e-mail in advance. The critique will take place during this group session. Only outdoor photos, preferably taken in MetroParks, will be used. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-6545 or critique@adamalonzo.com for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

BUTTERFLY SAFARI

SAT. SEP 13, 10:00-11:30 AM K43

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Butterfly House, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Bring your camera to the Butterfly House for a photo session. During this special session, only photographers registered for this class will be admitted. Registration required. Contact (937) 434-9005 for details. Age: 21Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

ROWING

ADULT LEARN TO ROW

MON., TUE., WED., THU., SAT., SUN JUN. 16-JUL. 13, 6:00-8:00 PM J15

MON., TUE., WED., THU., SAT., SUN JUL. 21-AUG. 17, 6:00-8:00 PM J17

ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.

These four-week classes cover everything needed to row a single sculling boat confidently and independently. Classes are held at the Island MetroPark Boat House. No prior experience necessary. Prerequisites: Participants should know how to swim, be comfortable around water, have good balance and overall physical mobility, and be able to carry 25 lbs. overhead and comfortable doing deep knee bends. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 673-4968 or benvieth@yahoo.com for details. www.daytonrowing.org. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$275

COMPETITIVE YOUTH ROWING

MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI., SAT. JUN. 23-AUG. 23, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM J29

ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.

Join Greater Dayton Rowing for a multi-week program and compete in regatta events. Training plans are specific to age groups. Financial aid available. Prerequisites: Must know how to swim and be comfortable around water. Participants must be a student in the Dayton area. See contact info to register. Contact (513) 885-6251 or alex.walters@gmail.com for details. www.daytonjunior-rowing.org. Age: 13Y-18Y Fee: \$420

YOUTH LEARN TO ROW

MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI., SAT. JUN. 23-AUG. 23, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM J14

ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.

These three-day courses are open to students, grades 7-12, from any Dayton-area school district. The course teaches rowing terminology, how to handle equipment, water safety, team dynamics and rowing technique. Prerequisites: Must be comfortable around water, know how to swim, graduated from 6th grade, and at least 100 lbs. or at least 5'3" tall. See contact info to register. Contact (513) 885-6251 or alex.walters@gmail.com for details. www.daytonjuniorrowing.org. Age: 13Y-18Y Fee: \$60



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