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YOUR GUIDE TO FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS NEWS AND PROGRAMS



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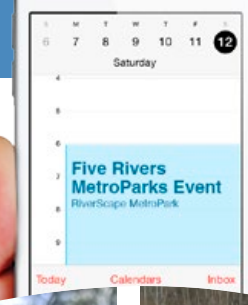
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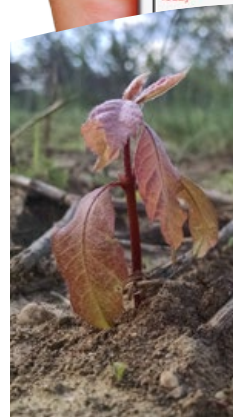
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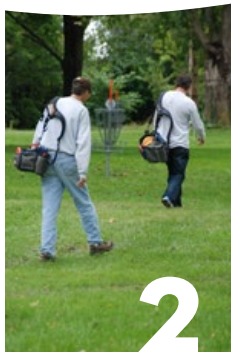
# TOP FIVE

WAYS TO ENJOY YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS THIS FALL AND WINTER



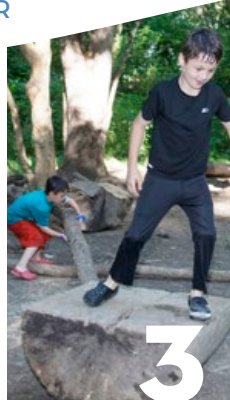
## ONE SEED AT A TIME

Help Five Rivers MetroParks grow new forests for future generations by collecting oak and hickory seeds for our fall reforestation campaign. Collect seeds while out on a hike or just while walking in your neighborhood. See page 33 or visit [metroparks.org/forests](http://metroparks.org/forests) for details.



## GOLF OUTING

Using a frisbee-like disc and rules similar to traditional golf, play a round of disc golf. Head to Englewood MetroPark, which features an 18-hole course, and try your luck for a hole in one. Visit [metroparks.org/discgolf](http://metroparks.org/discgolf) for more info.



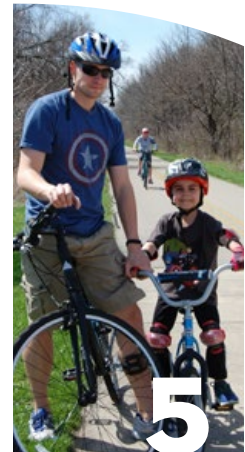
## PLAY DATE

Kids will love getting dirty while discovering the outdoors at the nature play areas at Englewood, Hills & Dales, Wegerzyn Gardens, Possum Creek, Wesleyan and Sugarcreek MetroParks.



## GONE FISHING

Get hooked on all the places you can fish in your MetroParks. Visit [metroparks.org/fishing](http://metroparks.org/fishing) to find programs and hot spots.



## EASY RIDER

Bike, walk or roll and discover new destinations along our region's nearly 330 miles of bikeways — the nation's largest paved trail network. Visit [metroparks.org/cycling](http://metroparks.org/cycling) for more information.



**Becky Benna**  
Executive Director

## DEAR METROPARKS FRIENDS,

As fall's fanfare begins, Five Rivers MetroParks' reforestation efforts also flourish.

These efforts include many of you, the volunteers and donors who help Five Rivers MetroParks safeguard nature in Montgomery County and beyond. We thank you for collecting seeds, planting and caring for seedlings, helping monitor the plants and animals in our natural areas, and more. These conservation efforts truly make a difference for hundreds of years to come.

Indeed, the enduring legacy of our work makes it critical that Five Rivers MetroParks prepare for the future. We are completing a comprehensive master plan, based on a great deal of community input, to guide decisions for the next 10 years – and ensure your Five Rivers MetroParks enriches the future of our community. (Learn more at [metroparks.org/plan](http://metroparks.org/plan).)

We also are working to create a more sustainable future – both for the organization and our natural areas. Just as reforestation efforts help sustain our forests, Five Rivers MetroParks is strengthening its sustainable business practices. Together, we're making our region a better place to live, work and play now and for generations to come.

Now is the time to get outdoors and enjoy the beauty and serenity that abound in your MetroParks during the fall and winter seasons!

Best Regards,

*Becky Benna*

## THANK YOU FOR DECADES OF SERVICE

Five Rivers MetroParks conservationist Dave Nolin retired Aug. 20 after a long career that started with an internship in 1981. Nolin was promoted in 1985 to serve as land stewardship specialist and was again promoted to manager and then to assistant director. In 2004, Nolin became the director of land stewardship and then served as deputy director before he became director of conservation in 2007, a leadership role he held until his retirement.

Throughout his career, Nolin had a tremendous impact on the organization and region in protecting land and natural habitats. He was the organization's leader in protecting land for current and future MetroParks, responsible for the acquisition of more than one-third of MetroParks' current protected acreage. Nolin is considered a conservation leader throughout the region and state, having been recognized during the years for his contributions and accomplishments.

In 2012, the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association awarded him with its first Jack Hanna Resource Conservation Award for Nolin's efforts and leadership in conservation. In 2014, the Three Valley Conservation Trust recognized him as Conservationist of the Year for his leadership in preserving and restoring natural spaces in the Miami Valley for more than 30 years.



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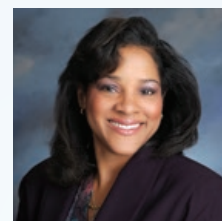
Find out what's going on in your MetroParks from October 2015 through January 2016.

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## OUR MISSION

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



## U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE NOW HAS LOCAL PRESENCE

This summer, Five Rivers MetroParks entered into an agreement with the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and USRowing to designate the newly formed Dayton Regional Rowing a Community Olympic Development Program (CODP). Dayton Regional Rowing is a partnership between Five Rivers MetroParks, the Dayton Boat Club and Greater Dayton Rowing Association. Dayton Regional Rowing is the only CODP for rowing in the nation and one of only 14 CODPs in the nation.

The mission of Dayton Regional Rowing is to provide lifelong personal development and active lifestyles for Miami Valley youth through the sport of rowing, as well as to enhance high-quality intermediate programs for youth to maximize their potential in the Olympic sport of rowing.

Dayton Regional Rowing will collaborate with the USOC and USRowing to offer a community-based rowing program. This program will build partnerships and leverage USOC and USRowing resources to help athletes develop their performance. Dayton Regional Rowing's initial goals include hosting coach and referee trainings, creating a clear pathway of athlete development, and increasing participation and improving performance in youth rowing.

Five Rivers MetroParks will serve as the local administrator of Dayton Regional Rowing as part of its efforts to connect people to nature and promote active, healthy lifestyles.

### METROPARKS:

Contact Amy Dingle,  
director of outdoor connections,  
at (937) 275-PARK.

### GREATER DAYTON

ROWING ASSOCIATION:  
[www.daytonrowing.org](http://www.daytonrowing.org)

### DAYTON BOAT CLUB:

[www.daytonboatclub.org](http://www.daytonboatclub.org)

## TWIN VALLEY WELCOME CENTER

Five Rivers MetroParks is transforming the Germantown Nature Center to the Twin Valley Welcome Center, providing a more engaging, useful space for visitors to experience the Dayton region's most biodiverse place.

The center will provide a gateway to the Twin Valley, an area of rich natural habitats comprising Twin Creek and Germantown MetroParks, as well as the Upper Twin Conservation Area and several easements. Together, the Twin Valley encompasses more than 7,000 acres of protected land, much of it forested.

The project is funded in large part by a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' NatureWorks Grant Program, aimed at providing Ohioans with enhanced outdoor opportunities. The new Twin Valley Welcome Center will create a number of amenities accessible to visitors during park hours.

It initially will include:

- covered porch
- larger restrooms available during park hours
- bird viewing area
- classroom for staff and volunteer-led activities
- hiking center

Five Rivers MetroParks will be able to offer outdoor recreation programs, in addition to the nature programs currently offered, at the hiking center — introducing more people to the popular outdoor activities of hiking, backpacking and camping.

Construction should be completed by late 2015.

Visit [metroparks.org/tvwelcomecenter](http://metroparks.org/tvwelcomecenter) for updates.

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SOON

NEWS

TWIN VALLEY  
WELCOME  
CENTER

GERMANTOWN

FIVE RIVERS  
METROPARKS



## HAPPY RETIREMENT, ZIPP!

Since 2005, border collie Zipp served as “director of goose management” at Cox Arboretum MetroPark, keeping geese out of public areas and gardens, as well as serving as an ambassador to help lead school tours around the MetroPark. Zipp now is living with a family that owns several border collies. According to the family, he is happy to have new siblings to play and relax with at his new home.

## PROJECT UPDATES

### BARBARA COX CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE

Construction began this summer on the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture. Funded by a generous donation from the James M. Cox Foundation, it should be completed by the end of 2015. The project at Cox Arboretum MetroPark includes the renovation of an existing greenhouse, as well as the addition of an ADA-accessible trail made of permeable pavers, cold frames for wildflowers and tree propagation boxes. The center will allow visitors to get a firsthand look at Five Rivers MetroParks’ conservation efforts – and help visitors implement more sustainable living practices at home.



### RIVERSCAPE RIVER RUN

Construction also began this summer on RiverScape River Run. Urbana-based J & J Schlaegel is building the project, which includes two in-river features with smooth-water and whitewater passageways spanning the Great Miami River. Construction will take approximately one year of in-river work to complete. More information is at [metroparks.org/riverrun](http://metroparks.org/riverrun).



### METROPARKS MOUNTAIN BIKE AREA (MoMBA)

New features are slated for completion by the end of 2015 at this popular destination in Huffman MetroPark. Those include a beginner trail built near MoMBA’s trailhead, the addition of restrooms, and upgrades to parking and the entrance drive. This project will be paid for primarily with funds from an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trail Project grant, the first of its kind to be granted for a mountain biking-specific facility. More information is at [metroparks.org/momba](http://metroparks.org/momba).



### HUFFMAN PRAIRIE STATE NATURAL LANDMARK

New interpretive signage has been installed at Huffman Prairie State Natural Landmark, making this historical site adjacent to the flying field where the Wright brothers tested their airplanes more accessible to the public. Five Rivers MetroParks has partnered with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to restore and manage Huffman Prairie since 1988. Thanks to these conservation efforts, many rare plants, birds and insects now can be found at the 112-acre prairie – one of the largest prairie remnants in Ohio. More information is at [metroparks.org/huffmanprairie](http://metroparks.org/huffmanprairie).





# TREE TREK: TIPS FOR FALL HIKING

The best place to experience fall foliage is from your own two feet, exploring the 75-plus miles of hiking trails found in your Five Rivers MetroParks.

The cool temperatures mean there aren't that many biting insects, and the falling leaves make it easier to spot wildlife. Nearly all 25 Five Rivers MetroParks facilities have some extraordinary leaf-peeping opportunities along trails with varying terrain and distances suitable for all fitness levels and everyone who would like to experience the outdoors. The natural area parks offer particularly spectacular views, and for those willing to hike up stairs, the 46-foot Tree Tower at Cox Arboretum MetroPark is a great place for panoramic fall views.

YOU DON'T NEED A LOT OF EQUIPMENT TO GET OUT AND HIKE, BUT HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO MAKE YOUR ADVENTURE SAFE AND ENJOYABLE:

- Since it's getting dark sooner, head out early and bring a headlamp or a flashlight. Make sure it has plenty of battery power so you don't end up in the dark.
- Dress in layers and bring a rain jacket: Temperatures can vary wildly during the fall.
- Wear tennis shoes, hiking boots or footwear with ankle support.
- Always bring water and a snack.
- Don't forget your sunscreen: It's still possible this time of year to get sunburnt.
- Hike with someone or tell someone where you're going.
- Always bring a trail map.







## FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS' WELL-MARKED TRAILS ARE COLOR CODED AND MOST ARE LOOPS. SUGGESTED HIKE INCLUDE:

- **Cox Arboretum MetroPark:** For those willing to hike up stairs, the 46-foot Tree Tower is a great place for panoramic views of fall color.
- **Englewood MetroPark:** Hike the green trail to visit the park's waterfalls.
- **Germantown & Twin Creek MetroParks:** Home to the 22-mile Twin Valley Backpacking Trail and miles of other trails, treks through these parks cross a variety of terrain and habitats and offer scenic views to take in fall's color pop.
- **Hills & Dales MetroPark:** Hike the 1.4-mile Adirondack Trail, including a loop around beautiful Dogwood Pond and a boardwalk through a forested wetland.
- **Possum Creek MetroPark:** Follow the purple trail through the Argonne Forest and discover beautiful woodlands — as well as the remnants of a 1930s- and 1940s-era amusement park known as the Argonne Forest Park.
- **Sugarcreek MetroPark:** Hike the green or orange trails to visit the Osage Orange Tunnel and Three Sisters at this park with a variety of trails, including a paved wheelchair-accessible loop.
- **Taylorville MetroPark:** The trails in East Park offer spectacular views of the Great Miami River, a rock outcrop and more.
- **Carriage Hill MetroPark:** Visit North Woods Pond, accessible from the orange and yellow trails.

Maps of all Five Rivers MetroParks trails are available at [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org) and at trailhead kiosks.

## ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

### THE METROPARK EVERY TRAIL HIKING CHALLENGE

The MetroPark Every Trail Hiking Challenge, led by avid local hikers Brian and Michelle Coleman, is back by popular demand. The next series of hikes, called "Who Needs Daylight Savings Time?," will be held on Sundays Nov. 1, 2015, through March 13, 2016. Register in advance at [www.daytonhikers.org](http://www.daytonhikers.org), as the hikes are limited to 60 people. Earlier this year, more than 40 people completed the challenge, hiking the trails in every Five Rivers MetroPark.

Want to take your hiking to the next level? Join us for one of our backpacking programs. See page 24 for a list of upcoming programs, and visit [metroparks.org/GetOutside](http://metroparks.org/GetOutside) for more info.





# SAVING THE MONARCHS AND OTHER POLLINATORS

**FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS IS CREATING A SPECIAL NATURAL AREA JUST FOR BIRDS, BEES AND BUTTERFLIES — PARTICULARLY MONARCHS.**

To protect the region's natural heritage, Five Rivers MetroParks will transform 112 acres of farmland — located on Boomershine Road, across the street from Germantown MetroPark and near the park's sled hill entrance — into a pollinator prairie. In a few years, the land will be a prairie that provides the food and nesting sites necessary for pollinators' survival. Many of the plants will be milkweed, which is critical to monarchs since it's the only plant on which these distinctive butterflies lay their eggs.

The project is funded by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund. Protecting the dwindling monarch population is a priority for Fish & Wildlife, which is determining if monarchs should be listed under the Endangered Species Act. Indeed,

approximately 6,000 acres of monarch habitat is lost in the United States every day.

"In general, all pollinators are in trouble — and they're all necessary for our natural areas and agricultural production," said Mike Enright, Five Rivers MetroParks interim director of conservation.

Pollinators are required for 85 percent of the world's flowering plants to reproduce. Pollinators are food for song birds, and one-third of humans' food is produced with the help of pollinators.

"Germantown MetroPark is a large natural area close to the Upper Twin Valley Conservation Area," Enright said. "In this larger, more stable natural area, we have an opportunity to enjoy great success."

## THE MILKWEED UNIVERSE

Milkweed plants support a community of diverse creatures that depend on each other for food, shelter and protection. Many insects are attracted to the nectar and pollen found in the fragrant flowers. Others make a meal of the leaves, stems, buds, sap and roots. The nectar and leaf eaters attract predatory insects and arachnids.

COVER STORY



## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Volunteers are needed to collect and clean milkweed seeds, found in milkweed pods. The best time to gather milkweed seed is during early fall, within one or two days of the pod opening.

### YOU WILL NEED:

- A dry cardboard box or paper bag for storing pods
- Scissors to remove pod from plant
- A marker to write your name, date and species of the collection on the box or bag



### HOW TO COLLECT AND PRESERVE MILKWEED SEEDS:

1. Find a milkweed patch and collect 1/3 of the pods. (Leave 2/3 of the pods in place to ensure the plants continue to grow there.) Squeeze the pod gently; if it opens easily, it is ready.
2. As soon as possible, lay milkweed pods on paper to dry in a warm place with good air circulation.
3. Once pods are thoroughly dry, separate the seeds from the coma, which is the silk-like material often called "fluff" in the pods. You can separate by hand or using the paper bag method:
  - Strip seeds and coma from pods and place in paper bag.
  - Shake the contents of the bag vigorously to separate the seeds from the coma.
  - Cut a small hole in a corner of the bottom of the bag and shake out the seeds.
4. Place seeds in re-sealable plastic bag and store in refrigerator.



5. Deliver to MetroParks:

**MAIN OFFICE:**  
409 E. Monument Ave.  
Third Floor  
Dayton, Ohio

**TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK:**  
8300 Brown School Rd.  
Vandalia, Ohio

### IDENTIFYING SEEDS AND PODS:



BUTTERFLY MILKWEED



COMMON MILKWEED

**Psst!**

We still need help collecting nuts, too.

See page 33 for details.



OSU grad student Erin O'Brien studies ash tree seedlings at Germantown MetroPark.

# CONSERVATION ASH TREE TLC

**FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS IS FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE DEVASTATING EMERALD ASH BORER — AND THE RESULTS ARE PROMISING.**

## **IN 2011, FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS BEGAN AN ASH TREATMENT PROGRAM,**

injecting 600 ash trees in a variety of species, ages and sizes with an insecticide that inhibits the EAB larvae from molting properly; they die as a result. Booster shots were given to each tree in 2013 and again this year. More than 90 percent of the trees are doing well.

“The goal was to preserve the genetic potential of these trees, as well as to preserve several large trees that are critical to the aesthetics of certain park areas,” said Mike Enright, Five Rivers MetroParks interim director of conservation. “The hope is that the emerald ash borer will die out when all the non-treated trees are gone, and our treated ash trees will produce seeds that can return ash trees to our forests in the future.”

The future of ash trees is related to research being conducted by Erin O'Brien, a doctoral student at The Ohio State University, on Five Rivers MetroParks' land.

“I've been interested in the effect on the ash population of insecticide

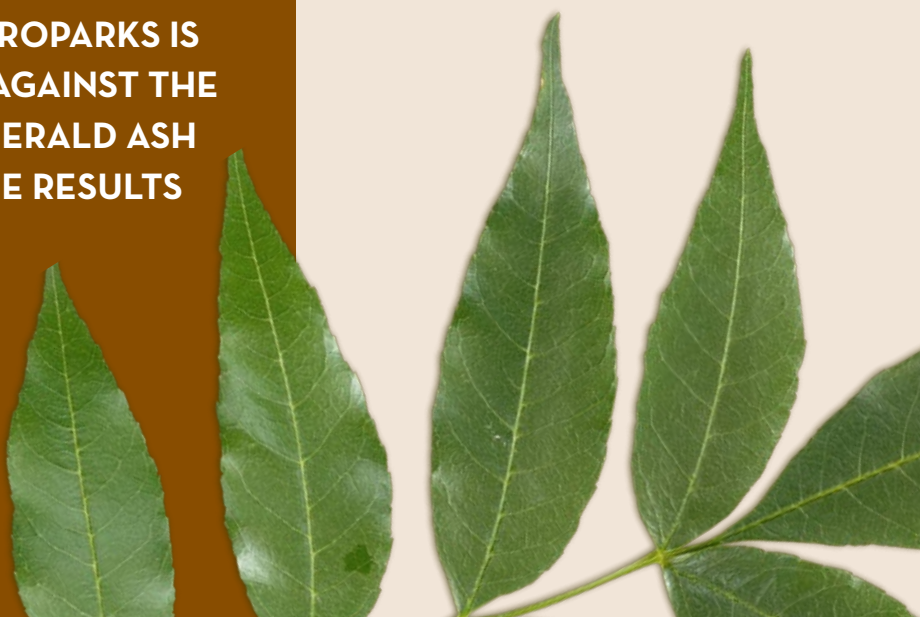




Photo Colleen Kammer

treatment for a long time, and since Five Rivers MetroParks started its treatment program in 2011, it provides a good baseline,” O’Brien said. “I’m counting seedlings and saplings, immature and mature trees, to study the whole population structure of ash. I’m asking, ‘Does the number of trees treated in an area affect the density of seedlings? Will this effectively maintain a healthy regenerating ash population?’”

O’Brien started her research during summer 2013, when she identified and set up research sites in Germantown, Twin Creek, Sugarcreek, Cox Arboretum, Englewood and Taylorsville MetroParks. Each park includes a number of research sites, each with two plots neighboring clusters of treated trees and two plots 100 meters away; each plot has at least two mature ash trees.

It’s a lot of ground to cover, and this past summer O’Brien and assistant Megan Zerrer, a sophomore at The College of Wooster, worked full-time throughout the week, in all kinds of weather, counting ash tree seedlings and classifying them based on size. O’Brien was in the field all of summer 2014 and will again be in the field next summer before analyzing her data.

“It will be interesting to see what happens in five to 10 years,” O’Brien said. “I hope this study will provide a good model and give forest managers insight into other benefits of treating trees so we can maintain a future ash population.”



Volunteers Samantha Kennedy, University of Dayton campus minister (right), and Miranda Melone, a University of Dayton junior (left), plant native shrubs at the Great Miami Wetland Mitigation Bank in honor of Sister Dorothy Stang, S.M.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIVE SHRUBS

Reforestation is about more than trees. Native shrubs, found on forest edges, provide important habitat and food for wildlife and help eliminate invasive species, such as honeysuckle, from our natural areas.

Many species of sun-loving shrubs and small trees lived in openings in the forests and along the edges of prairies and wetlands prior to human settlement. Now, Five Rivers MetroParks is working to increase biodiversity in its natural areas by restoring these edge habitats.

Ohio is home to approximately 240 native trees and shrubs. Most songbirds build their nests in trees and shrubs and get food from their foliage. Many caterpillars use these woody plants as hosts and require their leaves for nutrition, and caterpillars are a major food source for many birds.

Wild hazelnuts and plums produce edible nuts and berries and make thickets for nesting birds. Hoptree (wafer ash) is a major food plant for the giant swallowtail butterfly, and such plants as blackhaw viburnum and American crabapple are important parts of these edge habitats. The yellow breasted chat, blue-winged warbler, willow flycatcher and other birds need edge habitats.

To restore this important habitat, Five Rivers MetroParks works with the Marianist Environmental Education Center (MEEC), which grows native prairie, wetland and shrub species. Its nursery complements Five Rivers MetroParks’ native plant nursery, where shrubs aren’t grown.

A \$5,000 annual grant from Sylvia Koons through The Dayton Foundation has allowed Five Rivers MetroParks to purchase a variety of native shrubs from MEEC since 2012. More than 3,000 shrubs have been planted in various locations. In spring 2015, volunteers planted more than 300 shrubs at the Great Miami Wetland Mitigation Bank in honor of the late Sister Dorothy Stang, S.M. Native shrubs also can be seen at Germantown MetroPark (along the silver trail on the edge of the prairie and woodland) and at Possum Creek MetroPark (near the Prairie Dock shelter at the edge of the prairie and mowed grass).



SAVING THE MONARCHS

# PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS

Pollinators – butterflies, birds, bees, moths, beetles and bats – live in our yards and parks and are critical to the health of ecosystems. These pollen-moving creatures are needed for the reproduction of 90 percent of flowering plants and one-third of human food crops.

The nearly 16,000 acres of land Five Rivers MetroParks protects serves as valuable habitat to pollinators. Yet residential lawns and gardens can provide critical food and shelter, too. Fall is a great time to plant, and here are some tips for making your outdoor space pollinator-friendly.

- Select a sunny spot where the pollinators and plants will thrive. Pollinators are cold-blooded and use the sun to warm themselves for flight.
- Plant a variety of blooming perennials and annuals, with a focus on native plants.
- Plant in blocks (three to seven plants), rather than as individual plants.
- Provide habitat for nesting and egg-laying, such as shrubs, tall grasses, low-growing plants or patches of fallen branches.
- Avoid the use of chemicals on lawns and in gardens.

## SOME SELECTIONS FOR YOUR SOUTHWESTERN OHIO POLLINATOR GARDEN INCLUDE:

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| • Purple Coneflower  | • Stiff Goldenrod        |
| • Joe-Pye Weed       | • Monarda                |
| • New England Asters | • Butterfly Weed         |
| • Swamp Milkweed     | • Blazing Star (Liatris) |
| • Royal Catchfly     | • Penstemon              |
| • Blue False Indigo  | • Ohio Spiderwort        |

EDUCATION





## CONSERVATION KIDS PROGRAM CREATES YOUNG ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Five Rivers MetroParks' program Conservation Kids teaches youth how to confidently explore and care for the outdoors — and how to inspire others to do the same. It has seen great success since it was launched in spring 2014.

"We are strong advocates of environmental stewardship and believe that encouraging our daughters to intimately explore the natural world will foster that same belief in them," said parent Nikki Tempus. "We've found they concentrate longer, comprehend more and find connections all around them since participating in Conservation Kids."

Conservation Kids' age-appropriate programs are designed for children ages 3 to 13. They advance through discovering nature and becoming comfortable outdoors to becoming protectors of the environment and advocates for conservation.

"The program builds kids' experiences, confidence and leadership skills so they feel empowered to help their peers protect nature," said Joshua York, education supervisor for Five Rivers MetroParks (top photo, left). "Kids have monitored bird nest boxes, tagged monarchs, held moth parties, collected seed and grown plants. They have proven that conservation action knows no age boundaries."

Yet perhaps most important is how the program's primary audience — kids — view its success. Take Gabe Horsman (third photo, middle) and Norah Tempus (third photo, right), both age 7, for example.

"I help kids get into nature and not be afraid and to learn all kinds of things," Gabe Horsman said. "I am a kid volunteer naturalist!"

Norah Tempus agreed: "I get to help other kids learn about nature," she said. "Conservation Kids has helped me to learn more about nature, to learn what it's like to be in a group of kids and not be afraid of making new friends."

LEARN MORE AT  
[metroparks.org/kids](http://metroparks.org/kids)

**CONSERVATION  
KIDS**

See all Conservation Kids  
programming on pages 32-34.



Jeremy Samuel shows his find during the creek guide training program at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.



Erica Shelby with a Green Frog found during creek guide training program at Cox Arboretum MetroPark.

### WHAT TO DO WITH ALL THESE LEAVES?

The roots of most trees absorb minerals from deep in the soil, a good portion of which goes into the leaves. You can transform those leaves into the rich compost so valued by gardeners.

- **GATHER YOUR LEAVES.** Maple, birch, ash, beech and fruit tree leaves are perfect for composting, but oak leaves can be too acidic. *Be sure oak leaves make up less than 20 percent of your pile.*
- **SHRED 'EM.** A push mower or garden tractor makes a great leaf shredder. The smaller the pieces are, the better.
- **KEEP IT TOGETHER.** Gather piles of shredded leaves to allow them to heat up and decompose. A piece of wire fence shaped into a circle is a perfect composting bin.
- **ADD NITROGEN.** Speed up decomposition by adding nitrogen from such sources as fresh-cut grass or manure. Free manure is available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center. For every five units of shredded leaves, mix in one unit of nitrogen. You also can add normal compost pile trimmings, including coffee grounds, fruit peels and veggie scraps.
- **TURN IT.** Use a shovel or pitchfork to turn your pile once a week.
- **ADD WATER.** Keep the pile moist so it's the consistency of a damp sponge.



# ADVENTURE ABOUNDS

## - AT THE - MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

What started 10 years ago as an event to highlight outdoor gear has grown to a two-day festival featuring almost every outdoor adventure sport in which that gear is used.

The Midwest Outdoor Experience, presented by Wagner Subaru, is now the region's largest outdoor lifestyle festival. More than 20,000 people attend this event that features activities for all ages and abilities.

New this year is a pumptrack, presented by Mikesell's. Pumptracks offer a full-body and skills workout as riders push and pull bikes and skateboards through the looped course. Visitors can use one of the bikes provided or bring a skateboard to try it out.

Also new is the Osprey Backcountry Zone – which includes exhibits by backcountry retailers and clubs, a campfire to hang around, a hammock lounge, and mock campsite – as well as the Mad River Mountain Action Sports Area, where visitors can try snow tubing, climbing and more. An exciting new demo will be the Jeff Lenosky Bike Trials Show, when Lenosky will amaze audiences with tricks on a bike.

One thing you won't find much of at the Midwest Outdoor Experience is trash, as Five Rivers MetroParks is committed to making this a waste-free event as part of conservation efforts. For example, an ultra-cool stainless steel pint is included with your first beverage or you can bring your own from home – but plastic cups will not be available at the beer garden.

Friday, Oct. 2 : 6 to 10 PM  
Saturday, Oct. 3: 11 AM to 7 PM  
Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
[outdoorx.org](http://outdoorx.org)

RECREATION



To celebrate 10 years of the  
Midwest Outdoor Experience,

HERE ARE THE

## TOP 10

REASONS TO ATTEND THIS  
YEAR'S EVENT:

- 1 -

More Than  
25 Activities to Try

- 2 -

Youth  
Adventure Zone

- 3 -

12 Competitions  
to Enter

- 4 -

Free Camping

- 5 -

Gear & Goods in the  
Exhibitor Village

- 6 -

Pro  
Action Demos

- 7 -

Music, Food  
and Craft Beer

- 8 -

Dog Friendliness  
Abounds

- 9 -

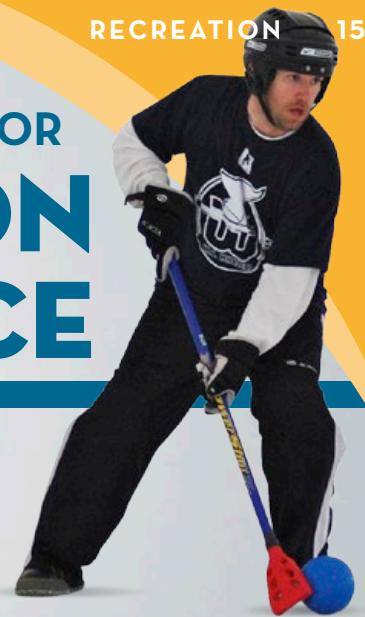
Local Outdoor Clubs

- 10 -

It's Life Changing!



## PLAN NOW FOR FUN ON THE ICE



There are many ways to experience the  
ice at the MetroParks Ice Rink, presented  
by Buckeye Health Plan.

Rent the MetroParks Ice Rink for a great outing with family, friends, group members and co-workers. The rink is available for rental Sunday and Thursday evenings, and the fee includes 50 pairs of skates and 50 cups of hot chocolate. You can even have Parker the Penguin make an appearance. Visit [metroparks.org/icerink](http://metroparks.org/icerink) to book your rental now for the best selection of dates.

Mark your calendar for skating lessons, offered select Sundays in December and January. A certified skating instructor teaches the lessons, which are broken down by age group and designed for beginners. Family lessons, Penguin Playskate, are open for ages 3 and older and will be held Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

Also save the date for a chance to try two increasingly popular winter sports. New this year, adults can participate in Try Broomball on Nov. 29 and Casual Curl sessions, offered Dec. 3, 10 and 17. See page 39 and visit [metroparks.org/skating](http://metroparks.org/skating) for more information and to register.

If you already know and love curling or broomball, registration for this season's leagues will start in September and close when full. Curl Troy organizes the curling league, which will run for six weeks starting in early January. This marks the sixth year the Dayton Broomball Association has hosted recreational and competitive leagues at RiverScape MetroPark. No experience is required for the co-ed leagues, although you must be 18 or older.

Of course, you also can visit the rink during the many events scheduled this season. The rink opens the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, and it will close Feb. 29. See page 39 for this year's schedule.

**LEARN MORE  
& REGISTER**

[www.curltroy.org](http://www.curltroy.org)  
[daytonbroomball.org/riverscape](http://daytonbroomball.org/riverscape)  
[www.metroparks.org/skating](http://www.metroparks.org/skating)





Southwest Airlines employees during a Five Rivers MetroParks volunteer outing.

# YOUR PARKS ARE YOUR BUSINESS

## CORPORATE AND SERVICE GROUP VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS.

Each year, groups from LexisNexis, Deloitte, Teradata, Southwest Airlines, University of Dayton, Wright State University, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and elsewhere collaborate with volunteer services staff to organize group work days. These volunteer efforts advance Five Rivers MetroParks' initiatives in such areas as reforestation, trail building, invasive plant removal, facility maintenance and programming.

### VOLUNTEERING ALLOWS YOU AND YOUR TEAM TO:

- Gain experience using a wide array of skills
- Improve the quality of life in Montgomery County
- Receive professional training on a variety of nature-related topics
- Learn more about the natural world
- Develop friendships
- Exercise outdoors
- Support the mission of conservation

Thousands of corporate and service group volunteers support projects throughout Five Rivers MetroParks' facilities and conservation areas. There are important volunteer needs year-round. Five Rivers MetroParks' volunteer services staff members make it easy to organize an outing tailored to the interests and skills of each group.

"I always feel great after volunteering at Aullwood Garden MetroPark," said Roxanne Gibson of Southwest Airlines. "It allows us to bring our work family together in nature. Getting all departments together and being able to work alongside each other helps to build better relationships, communication and appreciation for what each of us does on a daily basis."

TO ORGANIZE A GROUP VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY, contact Kevin Kepler, volunteer services manager, at [volunteerservices@metroparks.org](mailto:volunteerservices@metroparks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK.

## VOLUNTEER AT UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

9 AM TO NOON, OCT. 24

People of all ages and abilities will work at various Five Rivers MetroParks facilities on important tasks, such as prepping garden beds for winter, maintenance, seed and tree planting, and invasive honeysuckle removal. Make a Difference Day is considered the nation's largest day of service.

### MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

6 TO 10 PM, OCT. 2

11 AM TO 7 PM, OCT. 3

Help bring the Midwest's largest outdoor adventure festival to life! Volunteer spots are available for people of all skill levels and interests for event support, set-up and tear-down, as well as for activities that promote healthy lifestyles and sustainability.

### EMAIL OR CALL TO PARTICIPATE

[volunteerservices@metroparks.org](mailto:volunteerservices@metroparks.org)  
(937) 275-PARK

Learn more about available volunteer opportunities at [metroparks.org/volunteer](http://metroparks.org/volunteer) and in the back section of this issue of *ParkWays*.





## GIVING BACK TO NATURE

It takes a community to protect nature – and Five Rivers MetroParks is thankful to have so many donors, volunteers and supporters. Together, we are working to protect the region's natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. Your support makes it possible for Five Rivers MetroParks to provide great parks, quality educational programming, conservation activities, and recreational opportunities for children and adults. Thank you, champions, for being such wonderful, tireless advocates.

More information on the many ways you can support your Five Rivers MetroParks and the newly formed Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation is below and available online at [metroparks.org/donate](http://metroparks.org/donate).

## THE GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

Five Rivers MetroParks has the perfect gift for the nature lover on your shopping list: Tribute benches and trees are available in all MetroParks and make wonderful gifts. Choose the recipient's favorite park, and we'll work with you to select the ideal location and craft a personal message to be engraved on a plaque.

Contact Brenda Cox, development coordinator, at (937) 277-4839.

## MAKE NATURE YOUR BUSINESS

Sponsorships increase your business' or organization's visibility within the community in a positive way. Opportunities are available for all parks, facilities, events and programs – making

it easy to craft a sponsorship package that meets your goals while supporting Five Rivers MetroParks. For example, sponsorships currently are available to support the RiverScape MetroPark Pavilion and 2nd Street Market, as well as conservation, outdoor recreation, and youth and family programming.

Contact Lucy Johnson, development manager, at (937) 277-4139.

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Planned giving provides Five Rivers MetroParks long-term financial stability and ensures great parks will be available for future generations to connect with nature and explore the outdoors. By including Five Rivers MetroParks in your will or other long-range charitable plans, you may find tax advantages that can increase the value of your estate, enabling you to do more than you

thought possible. We encourage you to speak to your financial advisor or estate attorney about planned giving options.

For more information about Five Rivers MetroParks' planned giving program, contact Beth Redden, director of development, at (937) 277-4369.

## SUPPORT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Learn more about giving to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation; James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation; Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation; and Friends of Carriage Hill: Visit [metroparks.org/donate](http://metroparks.org/donate).



# HOW TO SEARCH AND REGISTER FOR METROPARKS PROGRAMMING

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

## SEARCH

### GUIDE TO PROGRAMS BY DATE

#### THU, FEB 26, 2015

**6:00 PM Intro to Paddling**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 33 M112)

**9:00 PM Owl Excursion**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 30 M199)

**9:00 PM Owl Prowl**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 31 M191)

### GUIDE TO PROGRAMS BY TOPIC

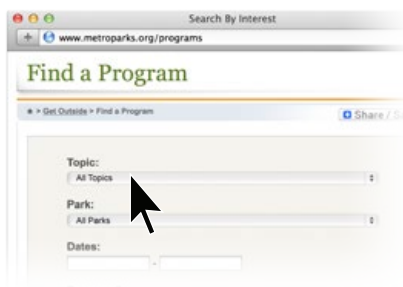
#### PADDLING

##### INTRO TO PADDLESPOOTS

**THU, FEB 26, 6:00-8:30 PM M112**

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

During this classroom-based program, learn about different types of kayaking, stand up pad-



## REGISTER

**VIEW DETAILS AND REGISTER**

### ONLINE

**metroparks.org/programs**

After locating your desired program, use the button located in the listing to register for that program.

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

Fees are required at the time of registration. Visit [metroparks.org/refunds](http://metroparks.org/refunds) for details.

### PARKWAYS 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.

### PARKWAYS BY TOPIC

This is an alphabetical listing of programming by topic. Each program lists the title, date, time, location, program code and description.

### ONLINE

Select programs listed by topic, park, dates, program numbers and/or age ranges. Visit [metroparks.org/programs](http://metroparks.org/programs).



### BY PHONE

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

Register for all programs by calling 275-PARK unless otherwise noted in the listing.



### ALERTS AND CLOSURES

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



### HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER

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 Alan Starnes at (937) 567-4265 for details.



**THU, OCT 1, 2015**

**5:00 PM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O106)

**FRI, OCT 2, 2015**

**6:00 PM Midwest Outdoor Experience presented by Wagner Subaru**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure O53)

**SAT, OCT 3, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Island MetroPark Then Eastwood MetroPark for Midwest Outdoor Experience**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling O2)  
**9:00 AM Charlie Doyle Memorial Regatta**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing O204)  
**10:00 AM End of Season Harvest: Relish**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies O58)  
**10:00 AM Seed and Perennial Plant Swap**, Offsite (see Gardening & Landscaping O33)  
**11:00 AM Midwest Outdoor Experience presented by Wagner Subaru**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure O235)

**MON, OCT 5, 2015**

**10:00 AM Creepy Creatures**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature N416)

**TUE, OCT 6, 2015**

**10:30 AM Volunteer: Wegerzyn Gardens Orientation**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O105)  
**11:30 AM Simple Methods for Drying Fruits and Vegetables**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies O56)  
**11:30 AM Volunteer: Five Rivers MetroParks Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature O1)  
**2:30 PM Nature Play**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature O126)  
**6:00 PM Start a New Community Garden**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O32)

**WED, OCT 7, 2015**

**6:30 PM Geology and Groundwater Resources of Southwest Ohio**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living O121)

**THU, OCT 8, 2015**

**6:00 PM Volunteer Orientation: Historical Research at Aullwood Garden**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O110)

**FRI, OCT 9, 2015**

**10:00 AM Compost Kitchen**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living O98)  
**6:00 PM Teachers' Night Out: A Batty**

**Experience**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O122)

**7:00 PM Live Bat Encounter**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O124)

**SAT, OCT 10, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Cycling O3)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Germantown MetroPark (see Backpacking O17)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Go Nuts with MetroParks**, Offsite (see Nature O19)  
**10:00 AM Live Bat Experience**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O125)  
**10:00 AM "You Need a Potager!" with Jennifer Bartley**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O145)  
**10:00 AM Squash Workshop**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O35)  
**10:00 AM Walk the Falls**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature O89)  
**1:00 PM Regenerating Forests**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Nature O88)  
**4:00 PM Pileated Woodpecker Safari**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Nature O103)  
**7:00 PM Nocturnal Adventure**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature O90)

**SUN, OCT 11, 2015**

**12:00 PM Biscuit Day**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History O57)

**MON, OCT 12, 2015**

**3:30 PM Space Traveler**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Nature O127)

**TUE, OCT 13, 2015**

**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature O155)

**WED, OCT 14, 2015**

**5:30 PM Youth Cycling and Skills Class**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Cycling O148)

**THU, OCT 15, 2015**

**10:00 AM Accruing Acorns**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Nature O87)  
**6:00 PM Hops Workshop**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O27)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature O14)

**SAT, OCT 17, 2015**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming O60)  
**9:00 AM Ride to RiverScape MetroPark**, Huffman MetroPark (see Cycling O4)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O108)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Go Nuts with MetroParks**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature O20)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking O18)  
**10:00 AM Sheep Shearing**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O31)  
**10:00 AM Fall Photography at Aullwood**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Photography O132)  
**10:00 AM Forest Frenzy**, Huffman MetroPark (see Nature O104)  
**10:00 AM Mums and Bulbs How-To**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O131)  
**10:00 AM Hanger Clinic 1/2 Mile & 5K**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Fitness & Health O236)  
**11:00 AM Try it: Cover Crops**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O25)

**SUN, OCT 18, 2015**

**2:00 PM Fall Foliage Walk**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O133)

**MON, OCT 19, 2015**

**1:00 PM Bird Life**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Nature O128)

**TUE, OCT 20, 2015**

**1:00 PM I Ate My Pumpkin**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O34)

**WED, OCT 21, 2015**

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Nature O171)

**FRI, OCT 23, 2015**

**6:00 PM Spooky Fall Evening in the Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Entertainment O233)

**SAT, OCT 24, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Trotwood**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Cycling O5)  
**10:00 AM Crawly Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O69)  
**10:00 AM It's All About Pumpkins**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O36)  
**10:00 AM Spider Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O70)  
**1:00 PM Tree ID Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O78)

**SUN, OCT 25, 2015**

**9:00 AM Project Wild & Inquiry Adventures Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see



Nature O54)

**12:00 PM Pickled, Smoked and Fermented,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History O59)

## MON, OCT 26, 2015

**10:00 AM Forest of Leaves,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O130)

## SAT, OCT 31, 2015

**9:00 AM Ride to Verona,** Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Cycling O6)

**10:00 AM Brunner Literacy Center All Soles 5K Run Walk,** Englewood MetroPark (see Fitness & Health O147)

**11:00 AM Try It: Planting Garlic ,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O28)

## SUN, NOV 1, 2015

**1:30 PM Carriage Hill Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Fitness & Health O48)

## MON, NOV 2, 2015

**6:00 PM Intro to Bicycle Maintenance,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Cycling O8)

## TUE, NOV 3, 2015

**10:00 AM A Seed's Journey,** Englewood MetroPark (see Nature O91)

## WED, NOV 4, 2015

**6:30 PM Mycorrhizal Fungi,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living O119)

## THU, NOV 5, 2015

**6:00 PM Bicycle Maintenance Basics,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Cycling O9)

## FRI, NOV 6, 2015

**10:00 AM Planting Acorns,** Taylorsville MetroPark (see Nature O86)

**6:00 PM Worm Composting Workshop,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living O100)

## SAT, NOV 7, 2015

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O109)

**9:00 AM Create a Green Schoolyard,** Offsite (see Gardening & Landscaping O30)

**10:00 AM Family Turkey Fun,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O39)

**10:00 AM Nature Photography Step by Step,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Photography O141)

**10:00 AM Fall Porch Container,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O134)

## SUN, NOV 8, 2015

**12:00 PM Vices of the 1880s: Tobacco, Alcohol and Others,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History O62)

**2:00 PM Late Fall at Aullwood,** Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O136)

## MON, NOV 9, 2015

**10:00 AM My First Leaf Collection,** Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Nature O92)

## TUE, NOV 10, 2015

**1:00 PM Let's Talk Turkey,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O38)

**1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation,** Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature O15)

**6:00 PM Kick the Disposable Habit,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living O102)

## FRI, NOV 13, 2015

**7:00 PM Polar Bears to Penguins,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O71)

**8:30 PM Teachers' Night Out: Polar Bears to Penguins,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O234)

## SAT, NOV 14, 2015

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Ice Rink Assistant Orientation,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O229)

**10:00 AM Kitchen Scrap Magic,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O23)

**3:00 PM Mapping Forests,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O85)

## SUN, NOV 15, 2015

**1:30 PM Germantown Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers,** Germantown MetroPark (see Fitness & Health O49)

**2:00 PM Wegerzyn Walk: Getting Ready for Winter,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O137)

## MON, NOV 16, 2015

**6:00 PM Repurposing Workshop: Recycled Paper,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living O101)

## TUE, NOV 17, 2015

**6:00 PM Fundamentals of Lightweight Backpacking,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Backpacking O11)

## WED, NOV 18, 2015

**6:00 PM Bicycle Maintenance Basics,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Cycling O10)

## THU, NOV 19, 2015

**6:00 PM Mushroom Growing Workshop,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O26)

## SAT, NOV 21, 2015

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming O63)

**9:00 AM Fall Bird Walk,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Nature O107)

**10:00 AM Cooking with Whole Grains,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O37)

**2:00 PM Forest Advocate,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O73)

**2:00 PM Forest Guide,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O72)

**5:00 PM Our Nocturnal Animals,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Nature O111)

## TUE, NOV 24, 2015

**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk,** Eastwood MetroPark (see Nature O161)

## WED, NOV 25, 2015

**11:00 AM Stock-up Wednesday,** 2nd Street Market (see Green Living O151)

## FRI, NOV 27, 2015

**11:00 AM Ice Rink Opening Weekend, presented by Buckeye Health Plan** RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O187)

## SUN, NOV 29, 2015

**6:00 PM Try Broomball,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O188)

## TUE, DEC 1, 2015

**6:00 PM Green Holiday Gatherings,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living O115)

## WED, DEC 2, 2015

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll,** Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Nature O177)

**6:00 PM Kayak Camping,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Paddling O7)

**6:30 PM Urban Forestry,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living O120)

## THU, DEC 3, 2015

**10:00 AM Animal Keepers,** Germantown MetroPark (see Nature O83)

**6:00 PM Casual Curl,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O189)



**FRI, DEC 4, 2015**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O192)

**SAT, DEC 5, 2015**

**9:00 AM Christmas Walk in Dayton**, 2nd Street Market (see Fitness & Health O149)

**10:00 AM Lake Exploration**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Nature O112)

**10:00 AM Nature Photography Critique Session**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Photography O143)

**10:00 AM Soapy Family Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies O41)

**1:00 PM Animal Care**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature O84)

**6:00 PM Nature at Night**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O82)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O193)

**SUN, DEC 6, 2015**

**12:00 PM Penguin Preschool**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O205)

**12:00 PM Christmas on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History O64)

**12:30 PM Waddles**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O208)

**6:00 PM Aullwood Luminary Walk**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O138)

**MON, DEC 7, 2015**

**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature O16)

**TUE, DEC 8, 2015**

**10:00 AM Our Largest Mammal**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Nature O93)

**10:00 AM Compost Kick Start**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living O116)

**1:00 PM Bread Dough Holiday Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies O42)

**WED, DEC 9, 2015**

**6:00 PM Backcountry Fast & Light Cooking**, 2nd Street Market (see Backpacking O12)

**THU, DEC 10, 2015**

**8:15 AM Bus Trip: Troy/Piqua**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O139)

**6:00 PM Casual Curl**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O190)

**6:00 PM Tropicals for Ohio**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O21)

**FRI, DEC 11, 2015**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O194)

**SAT, DEC 12, 2015**

**10:00 AM Winter Holiday Containers**, 2nd Street Market (see Gardening & Landscaping O140)

**10:00 AM Soap 101**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies O40)

**6:00 PM A Holiday Evening at Carriage Hill**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History O65)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O195)

**SUN, DEC 13, 2015**

**12:00 PM Gliders**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O211)

**12:30 PM Skating Basics**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O214)

**MON, DEC 14, 2015**

**10:00 AM Winter Mysteries**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Nature O95)

**WED, DEC 16, 2015**

**6:00 PM Backcountry Gourmet Cooking**, 2nd Street Market (see Backpacking O13)

**THU, DEC 17, 2015**

**6:00 PM Casual Curl**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O191)

**FRI, DEC 18, 2015**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O196)

**SAT, DEC 19, 2015**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming O67)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O197)

**SUN, DEC 20, 2015**

**1:30 PM Eastwood Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Fitness & Health O50)

**THU, DEC 24, 2015**

**11:00 AM Christmas Eve Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O217)

**FRI, DEC 25, 2015**

**1:00 PM Christmas Day Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O186)

**SAT, DEC 26, 2015**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O198)

**SUN, DEC 27, 2015**

**12:00 PM Penguin Playskate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O218)

**THU, DEC 31, 2015**

**11:00 AM New Year's Eve Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O220)

**FRI, JAN 1, 2016**

**1:00 PM New Year's Day Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O221)

**SAT, JAN 2, 2016**

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O199)

**SUN, JAN 3, 2016**

**12:00 PM Penguin Playskate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O219)

**MON, JAN 4, 2016**

**6:00 PM Outdoor Broomball League**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O222)

**TUE, JAN 5, 2016**

**10:00 AM Volunteer: Ice Rink Assistant Orientation**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O230)

**6:00 PM Curling League**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O223)

**WED, JAN 6, 2016**

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Nature O182)

**6:30 PM Conservation Report**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living O118)

**FRI, JAN 8, 2016**

**7:00 PM Pop Country Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O224)

**SAT, JAN 9, 2016**

**10:00 AM Getting Started with Digital Photography**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Photography O146)

**10:00 AM Animal Tracking Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O76)

**10:00 AM Honey, A Sweet Alternative**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies O43)

**2:00 PM Tracking Guide**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O75)

**2:00 PM Tracking Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O74)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O200)

**SUN, JAN 10, 2016**

**12:00 PM Penguin Preschool**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O206)

**12:30 PM Waddles**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O209)

**1:00 PM Winter Tree ID Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O77)



**MON, JAN 11, 2016**

**10:00 AM Hibernating Insects**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature O96)

**TUE, JAN 12, 2016**

**6:00 PM Household Energy Workshop**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living O117)

**6:00 PM Compost Kitchen**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Green Living O99)

**WED, JAN 13, 2016**

**10:00 AM Prairie Play**, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see Nature O97)

**1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Orientation-Naturalist Volunteers**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature O232)

**6:00 PM Fundamentals of Alcohol Stoves**, 2nd Street Market (see Backpacking O46)

**THU, JAN 14, 2016**

**6:00 PM Hydroponics Workshop**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O22)

**FRI, JAN 15, 2016**

**10:00 AM Greenhouse Helpers**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O81)

**7:00 PM Top 40 Hits**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O225)

**SAT, JAN 16, 2016**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming O66)

**9:30 AM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Outdoor Adventure O153)

**10:00 AM Animal Tracking Excursion**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Nature O113)

**10:00 AM All About Evergreens**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O142)

**12:00 PM Ice Harvest**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History O68)

**1:00 PM Volunteer: Bluebird Monitor Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature O231)

**2:00 PM Growing Biodiversity**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O80)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O201)

**SUN, JAN 17, 2016**

**12:00 PM Gliders**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O212)

**12:30 PM Skating Basics**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O215)

**1:00 PM Winter Habitat Hike**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Nature O114)

**1:30 PM Taylorsville Hike With The Metro**

**Dayton Hikers**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Fitness & Health O51)

**MON, JAN 18, 2016**

**11:00 AM Martin Luther King Jr. Day Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O226)

**TUE, JAN 19, 2016**

**1:00 PM Do Bees Have Knees?**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O45)

**THU, JAN 21, 2016**

**6:30 PM Backcountry Knots**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Backpacking O47)

**FRI, JAN 22, 2016**

**7:00 PM Wish Upon a Star Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O227)

**SAT, JAN 23, 2016**

**10:00 AM Bees 101**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming O44)

**10:00 AM Revising Your Landscape**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O144)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O202)

**SUN, JAN 24, 2016**

**12:00 PM Penguin Preschool**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O207)

**12:30 PM Waddles**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O210)

**THU, JAN 28, 2016**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Adventure Summit Orientation**, Offsite (see Outdoor Adventure O152)

**FRI, JAN 29, 2016**

**7:00 PM Old Soul Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O228)

**SAT, JAN 30, 2016**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Conservation Season Opener**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature O150)

**9:00 AM Project Wild & Inquiry Adventures Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature O55)

**1:00 PM Window Gardens**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping O24)

**7:00 PM Birding Workshop: Owls**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature O79)

**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O203)

**SUN, JAN 31, 2016**

**12:00 PM Gliders**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O213)

**12:30 PM Skating Basics**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Skating O216)

**1:30 PM Huffman Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Huffman MetroPark (see Fitness & Health O52)



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## BACKPACKING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER:

#### BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS

**SAT. OCT 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O17  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

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

### FUNDAMENTALS OF LIGHTWEIGHT BACKPACKING

**TUE. NOV 17, 6:00-8:00 PM** O11  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

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

### BACKCOUNTRY FAST & LIGHT COOKING

**WED. DEC 9, 6:00-8:00 PM** O12  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Do you have the ultra-light backpacking bug and are looking for a way to cook nutritious and lightweight meals? This course will introduce you to techniques, like using a pot cozy, and will showcase some of the innovative lightweight cooking equipment on the market. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 ☞

### BACKCOUNTRY GOURMET COOKING

**WED. DEC 16, 6:00-8:30 PM** O13  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Learn to cook in the backcountry like you do in your kitchen. Discover a variety of cooking methods that include more elaborate gourmet meals using foods common at your local grocery while cooking on backpacking stoves. Ingredients provided. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 ☞

### FUNDAMENTALS OF ALCOHOL STOVES

**WED. JAN 13, 6:00-8:00 PM** O46  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Learn about different types of alcohol stoves and then make your own to take on your next adventure. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 ☞

## BACKCOUNTRY KNOTS

**THU. JAN 21, 6:30-8:30 PM** O47  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn some of the best knots for use in the backcountry as we take a hands-on approach to knot tying use and know-how. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 ☞

## CYCLING

### BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

Join us for a bike ride on Saturdays through October. Earn a T-shirt after cycling 125 miles. Participants completing 250 miles or more will receive an additional award. Parents/guardians must remain with children. Wearing a helmet is strongly recommended for all participants and required for children younger than 13. We ride rain or shine, but may cancel due to storms or trail flooding. [metroparks.org/bikehealth](http://metroparks.org/bikehealth)

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

**SAT. OCT 3, 9:00-11:00 AM** O2  
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). Continue riding to the Midwest Outdoor Experience at Eastwood MetroPark. (8 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages ☞ ⚙

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

**SAT. OCT 10, 9:00-11:00 AM** O3  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
Join us for a bike ride on the Creekside Bikeway. (12 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages ☞

### (FREE) RIDE TO RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

**SAT. OCT 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O4  
HUFFMAN METROPARK, Shelter: Redtail, 4439 Lower Valley Pk.  
Meet at 4439 Lower Valley Pike, Huffman South Park. (14 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages ☞

### (FREE) RIDE TO TROTWOOD

**SAT. OCT 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O5  
BIKEWAY: WOLF CREEK, Ohio Bike Route 38  
Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. (14 miles). Registration requested, walk-ins

welcome. Age: All ages ☞

### (FREE) RIDE TO VERONA

**SAT. OCT 31, 9:00-11:00 AM** O6  
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. Age: All ages ☞

## YOUTH CYCLING AND SKILLS CLASS

**WED. OCT 14, 5:30-7:30 PM** O148  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
This hands-on class taught by Rangers, as well as the cycling staff, will advance students' knowledge of safe cycling. Students will get a helmet, then ride the Mad River Bikeway to Eastwood MetroPark. Students will end the night by practicing skills needed to ride the roads safely. Bikes and registration required. Age: 9Y-15Y Fee: \$5 ☞

## INTRO TO BICYCLE MAINTENANCE

**MON. NOV 2, 6:00-8:00 PM** O8  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This classroom session will help you diagnose and fix minor mechanical issues. You will be introduced to basic repairs and adjustments, as well as the tools needed. Topics will include bike inspection and terminology, fixing a flat tire, and basic brake and gear adjustment. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 ☞

## BICYCLE MAINTENANCE BASICS

**THU. NOV 5, 6:00-8:00 PM** O9  
**WED. NOV 18, 6:00-8:00 PM** O10  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This hands-on class will cover bike fitting, tune-ups, advanced brake and drive-train maintenance, as well as wheel truing. Prerequisites: Intro to Bicycle Maintenance. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10

## ENTERTAINMENT

### (FREE) SPOOKY FALL EVENING IN THE GARDEN

**FRI. OCT 23, 6:00-8:00 PM** O233  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Children's Discovery Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Bring the family to visit the gardens as the sun sets to enjoy cider by the fire, ghost stories, and fun seasonal games and crafts. Learn about fall and winter veggies, prairie seeding, creatures of the garden and more. Costumes are encouraged. This event is offered free of charge thanks to a donation from the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages ☞



## FARMING

### SQUASH WORKSHOP

**SAT. OCT 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O35  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Discover the wonders of cooking squashes of all kinds, from sweet treats to main dishes. Learn how to choose the right pumpkin for the best results for your favorite dishes. Sample dishes will be available for tasting. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

### FAMILY FARM CHORES

**SAT. OCT 17, 8:30-10:00 AM** O60  
**SAT. NOV 21, 8:30-10:00 AM** O63  
**SAT. DEC 19, 8:30-10:00 AM** O67  
**SAT. JAN 16, 8:30-10:00 AM** O66  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Join a farm staff person to feed animals, gather eggs, and clean stalls. Get to know some of the farm animals up close and personal. Meet at the front gate of the farm. Registration required. Age: 6Y-18Y Fee: \$5 🍷

### (FREE) SHEEP SHEARING

**SAT. OCT 17, 10:00-11:00 AM** O31  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Watch as our staff skillfully shear the sheep's winter coats. Stop by our education building to learn more about wool. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🍷

### I ATE MY PUMPKIN

**TUE. OCT 20, 1:00-2:30 PM** O34  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Explore the inside of a pumpkin and learn how good it is to eat. We will make pumpkin treats and eat some roasted pumpkin seeds. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y Fee: per child: \$5

### IT'S ALL ABOUT PUMPKINS

**SAT. OCT 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O36  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Bring the family on a pumpkin adventure. Learn about some of its history and how to prepare it to eat, from its meaty insides to its tasty seeds. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per child: \$5

### FAMILY TURKEY FUN

**SAT. NOV 7, 10:00-11:00 AM** O39  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Come and meet Possum Creek's turkeys. Learn about this honorable bird's history and do a cool take-home activity related to this fascinating bird. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per child: \$5

### LET'S TALK TURKEY

**TUE. NOV 10, 1:00-2:30 PM** O38  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
If you would like to learn more about the turkey,

here is your chance to meet a real turkey and do a turkey activity. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y Fee: per child: \$5

### COOKING WITH WHOLE GRAINS

**SAT. NOV 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O37  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
There are many great grains out there waiting for you to try. Understanding the importance of whole grain as part of our diet has been forgotten. Bring your curiosity and appetite as we try easy grain dishes the family is sure to enjoy. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

### DO BEES HAVE KNEES?

**TUE. JAN 19, 1:00-2:30 PM** O45  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Do you know how important bees are to us? Did you know your food may have been provided by a bee? Learn what bees do for us. Try a honey treat and make a bee craft. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y Fee: \$5

### BEES 101

**SAT. JAN 23, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O44  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Interested in bees as a hobby or business investment? Join local beekeepers as they tell about their experiences in raising bees. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 🍷

## FITNESS & HEALTH

### HANGER CLINIC 1/2 MILE & 5K

**SAT. OCT 17, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM** O236  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
This 5K race and 1/2 mile is an adaptive friendly event. Offering the outdoor experience for all people with or without a disability. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 356-8042 or [tmelton@orpro.com](mailto:tmelton@orpro.com) for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$20

### BRUNNER LITERACY CENTER ALL SOLES 5K RUN WALK

**SAT. OCT 31, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM** O147  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Lawwill/West Park, 100 E. National Rd.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Brunner Literacy Center. Contact [jhmkamp@gmail.com](mailto:jhmkamp@gmail.com) to register. Contact (937) 371-3642 for details. [www.brunnerliteracy.org](http://www.brunnerliteracy.org). Age: All ages Fee: \$25

### (FREE) CARRIAGE HILL HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

**SUN. NOV 1, 1:30-3:30 PM** O48  
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](mailto:cksands8@woh.rr.com) for details. Age: All ages

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

**SUN. NOV 15, 1:30-4:30 PM** O49  
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](mailto:cksands8@woh.rr.com) for details. Age: All ages

### (FREE) CHRISTMAS WALK IN DAYTON

**SAT. DEC 5, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** O149  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Ohio Wander Freunde Volkswalk Club. Start between 9 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Contact Carol Yegerlehner. No registration required. Contact (937) 878-8381 or [klockhaus@aol.com](mailto:klockhaus@aol.com) for details. Age: All ages

### (FREE) EASTWOOD HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

**SUN. DEC 20, 1:30-3:30 PM** O50  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
Enjoy a 4-5 mile, two-hour easy hike. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or [cksands8@woh.rr.com](mailto:cksands8@woh.rr.com) for details. Age: All ages

### (FREE) TAYLORSVILLE HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

**SUN. JAN 17, 1:30-4:00 PM** O51  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Blue Heron / Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40  
Enjoy a 5-mile, 2 1/2 hour moderate hike. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or [cksands8@woh.rr.com](mailto:cksands8@woh.rr.com) for details. Age: All ages

### (FREE) HUFFMAN HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

**SUN. JAN 31, 1:30-3:30 PM** O52  
HUFFMAN METROPARK, Huffman North Park, 4095 Lower Valley Pk.  
Enjoy a 4-5 mile, two-hour easy hike. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or [cksands8@woh.rr.com](mailto:cksands8@woh.rr.com) for details. Age: All ages




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## GARDENING & LANDSCAPING



### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: GARDENING ANGELS WORK DAYS

**THU. OCT 1, 5:00-7:00 PM** O106

**SAT. OCT 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O108

**SAT. NOV 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O109

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Work along knowledgeable horticulturists to keep the gardens in pristine condition. Discover design ideas, unique plants, and cultivation techniques suitable for the home garden. Get some exercise and make an impact! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up  

### (FREE) SEED AND PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP


**SAT. OCT 3, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM** O33 OFFSITE,

Huber Heights Grows Seed Lending Library and Five Rivers MetroParks celebrate the swap at the Huber Heights Library! Bring your favorite plants and open-pollinated seeds, labeled and ready to swap. Learn about our local community gardens. Donate seeds, browse the seed collection, and get involved! 6160 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, 45424. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 463-2665 or [www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/events](http://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/events) for details. Age: All ages 

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: WEGERZYN GARDENS ORIENTATION

**TUE. OCT 6, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM** O105


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

Discover how volunteers can get involved and make an impact at this hidden gem of the Miami Valley. Orientation will provide an overview of opportunities and a walking tour. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 

### (FREE) START A NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

**TUE. OCT 6, 6:00-7:30 PM** O32


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

How can you start a community vegetable garden in your neighborhood, school, church? Learn the essential steps to a successful project. Start planning for next year! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: HISTORICAL RESEARCH AT AULLWOOD GARDEN

**THU. OCT 8, 6:00-7:30 PM** O110


AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aull Residence, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Discover the historical significance of the Aull family and the Aullwood property to our region. Discuss some topics of interest for further research and learn which resources will be made available to volunteers for review and documentation. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 

### "YOU NEED A POTAGER!" WITH JENNIFER BARTLEY

**SAT. OCT 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O145


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

A potager or kitchen garden fits into any landscape and is wonderful in fall. Nationally acclaimed author Jennifer Bartley describes how to create one, and ways to use its produce in flower arrangements and delicious recipes. Each guest receives a signed copy of *The Kitchen Gardener's Handbook* and a take-home bag of seasonal goodies. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$30 

### HOPS WORKSHOP

**THU. OCT 15, 6:00-8:00 PM** O27


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

Hops are not just for beer. Learn about the fascinating properties of this medicinal plant and everything you need to know about growing hops from a local hop farmer, and even try your hand at making a hopped soda. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 

### MUMS AND BULBS HOW-TO

**SAT. OCT 17, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O131


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

These most-frequent fall additions to our landscape bring up many questions for both new and experienced gardeners. Learn how to select, plant, and maintain these wonderful perennials and the most popular spring-blooming bulbs. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 

### (FREE) TRY IT: COVER CROPS

**SAT. OCT 17, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM** O25



POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn what cover crops grow best in what situations, why cover cropping is important and try your hand at planting some. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 

### (FREE) FALL FOLIAGE WALK

**SUN. OCT 18, 2:00-4:00 PM** O133


AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Fall's amazing colors - in leaves, flowers, the woods, garden and the prairie - are ready to be enjoyed. Bring your friends and camera for a great time. We'll meet in the parking lot of Aullwood Garden MetroPark. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages  

### (FREE) TRY IT: PLANTING GARLIC

**SAT. OCT 31, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM** O28

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Bring the family, get your hands dirty, and learn how to plant and when to harvest garlic! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 

 = Online Registration Available

 = Program is Weather-Dependent



# GARDENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## GARDEN STEWARDS

*Cox Arboretum MetroPark and RiverScape MetroPark*

Perform a variety of Earth-friendly activities, including seed collection, propagation, weeding, pruning, deadheading, mulching and maintaining herbaceous and woody plants throughout the grounds. Shifts, available daily, are flexible but typically are a half day (9 to 11:30 AM or 12:30 to 3 PM) or a whole day (9 AM to 3 pm).

Contact [janet.metter@metroparks.org](mailto:janet.metter@metroparks.org).

## AULLWOOD HISTORICAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST

*Aullwood Garden MetroPark*

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

Contact [janelle.leonard@metroparks.org](mailto:janelle.leonard@metroparks.org).

## AULLWOOD GARDEN HELPERS

*Aullwood Garden MetroPark*

Learn to grow a great variety of shade plants in this serene setting and help with plant propagation, garden mapping and botanical research.

Contact [janelle.leonard@metroparks.org](mailto:janelle.leonard@metroparks.org).

## WEGERZYN GARDENING ANGELS

*Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark*

Discover design ideas, unique plants and cultivation techniques suitable for the home garden. Shifts available Tuesdays through October and select Saturdays (Oct. 17 and Nov. 7) from 9 AM to noon.

Contact [janelle.leonard@metroparks.org](mailto:janelle.leonard@metroparks.org).

## WEGERZYN GIFT AND GARDEN SHOP

*2ND Street Market*

Volunteers meet, greet and interact with customers at this shop specializing in garden-related gifts and house plants. Shop hours are 11 AM to 3 PM

Thursdays and Fridays and  
Saturdays 8 AM to 3 PM.

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**(FREE) CREATE A GREEN  
SCHOOLYARD****SAT. NOV 7, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** O30  
OFFSITE,

Move forward with your school gardening projects. This training is designed for teachers. Learn the steps to establishing a successful green schoolyard, draw up preliminary sketches, and practice using curriculum in a habitat or garden. Teachers receive a certificate. Please bring lunch. Held at Edison Elementary, 228 N. Broadway, 45402. Registration required. Age: 21Y and up 📅

**FALL PORCH CONTAINER****SAT. NOV 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O134  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Get ready for the holidays with wonderful ideas for porch containers. We'll get you set for Thanksgiving with creative, fun tips. Bring a 12-inch pot with an evergreen and we'll supply accent plants and decorative material. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

**(FREE) LATE FALL AT AULLWOOD****SUN. NOV 8, 2:00-4:00 PM** O136  
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Explore the beauty of Aullwood after the leaves have fallen. Colors deepen and light and sound are less muffled by foliage. Come for a wonderful afternoon and don't forget your camera! We'll meet in the parking lot of Aullwood Garden MetroPark. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

**KITCHEN SCRAP MAGIC****SAT. NOV 14, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O23  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Some veggies will regrow from the scraps you throw away! Learn how to make carrots, lettuce, and onion leftovers re-sprout. Enjoy hands-on activities for everyone in the family! Take home a cutting and get started at home. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per child: \$5 📅

**(FREE) WEGERZYN WALK:  
GETTING READY FOR WINTER****SUN. NOV 15, 2:00-3:30 PM** O137  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Late fall brings a quiet beauty to Wegerzyn. We'll discover the secrets of the swamp woods and then take a look at the still gardens as they get

ready for the short days of winter. We'll meet in the parking lot. Warm refreshments afterward inside. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

**MUSHROOM GROWING  
WORKSHOP****THU. NOV 19, 6:00-8:00 PM** O26  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Do you love mushrooms but never considered growing your own? Learn all you need to know to get started and get hands-on experience making your own colony to take home. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25 📅

**(FREE) AULLWOOD LUMINARY  
WALK****SUN. DEC 6, 6:00-8:00 PM** O138  
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Welcome winter with a great evening walk through the luminary-lit paths of Aullwood Garden and then join us for a hot beverage and cookies at the house. We may even have a visit from Santa! We'll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

**BUS TRIP: TROY/PIQUA****THU. DEC 10, 8:15 AM-4:30 PM** O139  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Today's trip is to Troy's WACO Aircraft Museum, followed by a tour of the Troy-Hayner Cultural Arts Center, ready for the holidays. After lunch, we go to the Overfield Tavern Museum and finally to Winan's Chocolate Factory for a tour. Reservations due November 9. This event is hosted by and is a fundraiser for the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7052 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$74**TROPICALS FOR OHIO****THU. DEC 10, 6:00-8:00 PM** O21  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Are you dreaming of warm, sunny beaches? Bring a little taste of the tropics to your yard. Learn which tropical food plants can overwinter here in Ohio, as well as how to grow and care for citrus. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📅

**WINTER HOLIDAY CONTAINERS****SAT. DEC 12, 10:00-11:30 AM** O140  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.

Get ready for the holidays with a wonderful greenery container. You supply a 12-inch container and we'll supply cut greens, accents, and inspiration to make it a wonderful holiday decoration. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**HYDROPONICS WORKSHOP****THU. JAN 14, 6:00-8:00 PM** O22  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Learn about what hydroponics is and why it is an effective indoor growing method while making your own simple system in a 5 gallon bucket. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$25 📅

**ALL ABOUT EVERGREENS****SAT. JAN 16, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O142  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Evergreens make winter more beautiful and add structure and color to the landscape. Learn about the varieties that do best in our area and how to select and maintain them. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**REVISING YOUR LANDSCAPE****SAT. JAN 23, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O144  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to evaluate and change your landscape for better curb appeal, easier maintenance, and better use of space. A great class for any homeowner. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**WINDOW GARDENS****SAT. JAN 30, 1:00-2:30 PM** O24  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Bring the family to learn about caring for indoor herbs. Plant your own herbs to take home and put in the window. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 📅

— SAVE THE DATE —

**MIAMI VALLEY ORCHID SOCIETY  
SPRING SHOW**FEB. 20-21, 2016: 10 AM TO 4 PM  
Cox Arboretum MetroPark



# SHOP FRESH AND LOCAL AT THE 2ND STREET MARKET

MAKE YOUR FALL AND HOLIDAY SEASONS FUN AND  
UNIQUE WITH FOOD AND GIFTS FROM THE  
2ND STREET MARKET.

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

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

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



Visit the Market for all  
your Thanksgiving needs during

## STOCK UP WEDNESDAY!

Open 11 AM TO 3 PM  
Wednesday, November 25

.....  
600 E. Second St.  
Downtown Dayton

– OPEN YEAR ROUND –

Thursday & Friday  
11 AM to 3 PM

Saturday  
8 AM to 3 PM



Register for programs by calling

**275-PARK (7275)** Unless otherwise noted.

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## GREEN LIVING

## CAFÉ SCI

Explore 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. Refreshments available by donation.

**(FREE) GEOLOGY AND GROUNDWATER RESOURCES OF SOUTHWEST OHIO**

**WED. OCT 7, 6:30-8:30 PM** O121

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

The Miami Valley has one of the best fresh water supplies on the continent. Come learn the natural history of our aquifers and discuss regional geology. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📄

**(FREE) MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI**

**WED. NOV 4, 6:30-8:30 PM** O119

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

Some fungi form fascinating relationships with plants. This has big implications for plant ecology and the future of agriculture. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📄

**(FREE) URBAN FORESTRY**

**WED. DEC 2, 6:30-8:30 PM** O120

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

Forests that exist in the urban environment differ from those in natural areas, but still play a key role as habitat. Come learn and discuss how scientists are able to study them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📄

**(FREE) CONSERVATION REPORT**

**WED. JAN 6, 6:30-8:30 PM** O118

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

Join interim director of conservation, Mike Enright, for an update on MetroParks' conservation efforts. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📄

**(FREE) COMPOST KITCHEN**

**FRI. OCT. 9-23, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O98

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

**TUE. JAN. 12-26, 6:00-8:00 PM** O99

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

This three-part program covers everything you need to know to compost effectively and is offered free of charge thanks to a partnership with Montgomery County Solid Waste District. Talks and activities explore soil ecology, compost-centric gardening and household waste management. Participants who complete program receive a free composter. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up 📄

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**WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP**

**FRI. NOV 6, 6:00-7:30 PM** O100

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

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

**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.

**KICK THE DISPOSABLE HABIT**

**TUE. NOV 10, 6:00-7:30 PM** O102

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

Learn how to always be prepared to avoid disposable food and beverage containers, unnecessary packaging and more. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 📄

**GREEN HOLIDAY GATHERINGS**

**TUE. DEC 1, 6:00-7:00 PM** O115

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

Holiday celebrations can generate a lot of waste, but they don't have to! Learn how to organize an event so that all supplies can be reused, recycled or composted. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 📄

**COMPOST KICK START**

**TUE. DEC 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

O116

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

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. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$5 📄

**HOUSEHOLD ENERGY WORKSHOP**

**TUE. JAN 12, 6:00-7:30 PM** O117

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

Learn how to save money and reduce carbon

emissions by creating a customized household energy use plan. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📄

**REPURPOSING WORKSHOP: RECYCLED PAPER**

**MON. NOV 16, 6:00-8:00 PM** O101

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

Learn to make recycled paper out of old scraps, perfect for greeting cards and crafts. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📄

**(FREE) STOCK-UP WEDNESDAY**

**WED. NOV 25, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM** O151

2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.

The Market will be open to pick-up your last minute needs for Thanksgiving. Many of our vendors are accepting pre-orders throughout November. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

## HERITAGE &amp; HISTORY

**(FREE) BISCUIT DAY**

**SUN. OCT 11, 12:00-4:00 PM** O57

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

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

**(FREE) PICKLED, SMOKED AND FERMENTED**

**SUN. OCT 25, 12:00-4:00 PM** O59

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

Join us to learn about the various preservation methods used in the 19th century. Learn about the basics of fermentation and watch as sauerkraut is made. Basic methods of pickling will be demonstrated throughout the day. Lastly, learn about smoking and curing and watch as we use our smokehouse. No registration required. Age: All ages

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

**SUN. NOV 8, 12:00-4:00 PM** O62

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

Help the farm hands strip the cured tobacco from the stalk and get it ready for sale as they did 100 years ago. Watch as tobacco plugs are made. Information on several other period vices will be provided, including coffee, tea, beer, and



gambling. No registration required. Age: All ages

### **(FREE) CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM SUN. DEC 6, 12:00-4:00 PM** O64

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

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

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

**SAT. DEC 12, 6:00-8:30 PM** O65

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

Come join us for a candlelit stroll through the farm and experience what it was like at night. Listen to holiday music, play some parlor games or watch some historic crafts. An old fashioned Victorian Christmas will come to life. Concessions will be available. No registration required. Age: All ages

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

**SAT. JAN 16, 12:00-4:00 PM** O68

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

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

## HOME & HOBBIES

### **CANNING CLUB**

Learn how to preserve fruits and vegetables in an inexpensive and efficient way. Take home a jar of goodies, along with 19th-century and modern recipes.

### **END OF SEASON HARVEST: RELISH**

**SAT. OCT 3, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O58

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

Learn what to do with all those bell peppers, green tomatoes and cabbage! Join us in the summer kitchen at Carriage Hill and learn how to make and safely preserve relish. We'll be using the hot-water-bath method of canning on a wood-fired stove. Each registered person takes home their own jar of piccalilli. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

## LUNCH AND LEARN

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

### **SIMPLE METHODS FOR DRYING FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

**TUE. OCT 6, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** O56

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

Drying was one of the various methods used for preserving foods on a 19th century farm. Join us as we talk about its history and teach some basic methods for drying your own produce at home. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 🍷

### **SOAPY FAMILY FUN**

**SAT. DEC 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O41

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Have some clean fun with the family making rebatched soap. Great gift ideas for friends and family. Make a simple soap using a goat milk base; choose a color and scent for your soap. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per child: \$5

### **BREAD DOUGH HOLIDAY FUN**

**TUE. DEC 8, 1:00-2:30 PM** O42

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Wheat is a wonderful grain, but it is so much more. Make bread dough ornaments to hang on your tree or to give as a gift while learning about this cereal grain. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y Fee: per child: \$5

### **SOAP 101**

**SAT. DEC 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O40

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.

We will discuss the difference between real soap and store soap. Then you will watch how a small batch of soap is made. After demo you will make a rebatch bar of soap to take home. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

### **HONEY, A SWEET ALTERNATIVE**

**SAT. JAN 9, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O43

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.

We are all looking for healthy ways to feed our families, especially when it comes to our sweet tooth. Honey is a great substitute! Try some great recipes using honey instead of processed sugar. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per child: \$5

## HORSEBACK RIDING

### **WEEKEND TRAIL RIDES - SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS**

**SAT., SUN THROUGH OCT. 31,**

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM** N412

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Riding

Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

Trail rides are offered on Saturdays and Sundays through October 31. 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. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-3120 for details. Age: 8Y and up Fee: \$30 🌟

### **SATURDAY PONY RIDES**

**SAT. THROUGH OCT. 31,**

**12:00-3:00 PM** N411

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 through October 31, from noon until 3 p.m. Reservations are not required. Don't forget your camera! No registration required. Contact (937) 274-3120 for details. Age: 2Y-8Y Fee: per child: \$5

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

### **(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MOMBA TRAIL WORK DAYS**

**SAT. OCT 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O18

MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road

Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the mountain bike trails at MoMBA! No experience is necessary; tools are provided. Volunteers bring work gloves and water. Youth 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

## NOMINATE A TEACHER

Nominations for Five Rivers MetroParks' OUTstanding Teacher Award open in October. Dayton-area classroom educators who teach any subject from preschool to high school are eligible for the award, which honors teachers who help students connect with nature and explore the outdoors. Winning teachers will receive a prize package of items for their schools.

Visit [metroparks.org/outstanding](http://metroparks.org/outstanding) for more info and to submit your nomination.



Register for programs by calling

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# CONSERVATION KIDS

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

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



## PROTECTORS OF NATURE

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR MOST RECENT  
CONSERVATION KIDS!

Chloe Fitch  
Olivia Stewart  
Fiona Mahoney  
Raegan Owsley  
Jack Periard

## NATURE

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

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

**(FREE) CREEPY CREATURES**  
**MON. OCT 5, 10:00-11:00 AM** N416  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley  
Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.  
Spiders, snakes, and bats: Learn about these  
commonly misunderstood animals, then  
venture on the trail to meet a few of them.  
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
Age: 3Y-5Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) NOCTURNAL  
ADVENTURE**  
**SAT. OCT 10, 7:00-8:00 PM** O90  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter  
Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.  
Join us on a night hike just for preschoolers  
and their families. We'll discuss our fears of the  
night, explore nocturnal animals, and search  
for Screech Owls. Registration requested,  
walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**ACCRUING ACORNS**  
**THU. OCT 15, 10:00-11:30 AM** O87  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East  
Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40  
Come act as squirrels as we collect fallen  
acorns, test them, and prepare them for  
planting next month in an area plagued by  
the Emerald Ash Borer. Registration required.  
Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**CRAWLY PARTY**  
**SAT. OCT 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
O69  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering  
Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Explore your conservation power and learn  
how create a party celebrating miniature  
animals. Participants will get supplies to help  
guide their friends on an insect hike. Registra-  
tion required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) A SEED'S JOURNEY**  
**TUE. NOV 3, 10:00-11:00 AM** O91  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter  
Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.  
By wind, water, explosions, or by animal,  
seeds travel in style! Collect seeds on this

hike for planting in your backyard. Registra-  
tion requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y  
📅 ⚙️ ▲

**PLANTING ACORNS**  
**FRI. NOV 6, 10:00-11:30 AM** O86  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Red Fox  
Run, 8400 Brown School Rd.  
Plant nuts we've collected last month while  
developing a conservation ethic through  
strengthening our local biodiversity. Registra-  
tion required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 📅 ▲

**(FREE) MY FIRST LEAF  
COLLECTION**  
**MON. NOV 9, 10:00-11:00 AM** O92  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.  
Collect perfect study materials for preschool-  
ers: Leaves! They come in different colors,  
shapes, sizes, textures, and more! Registration  
requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📅  
⚙️ ▲

**FOREST GUIDE**  
**SAT. NOV 21, 2:00-4:00 PM** O72  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering  
Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Become an advocate for forest protection  
through rekindling our relationship with  
nature, and learning how to share it with  
others. Participants will get supplies to help  
them become forest naturalists. Registration  
required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**ANIMAL KEEPERS**  
**THU. DEC 3, 10:00-11:30 AM** O83  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Wel-  
come Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.  
Be a wild animal keeper for a day, learn what  
animals need to live, and how MetroParks  
cares for our captive animals. Registration  
required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 📅 ▲

**(FREE) OUR LARGEST MAMMAL**  
**TUE. DEC 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** O93  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/  
Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.  
Come learn more about MetroParks' largest  
mammal, the white-tail deer, while hiking  
through winter's forest. Registration request-  
ed, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) WINTER MYSTERIES**  
**MON. DEC 14, 10:00-11:00 AM** O95  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East  
Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40  
Bundle your little one up for a winter adven-  
ture through the park, where we will search  
for nature's mysteries of survival. Registration  
requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📅  
⚙️ ▲

**TRACKING PARTY**  
**SAT. JAN 9, 2:00-4:00 PM** O74




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# GO NUTS WITH METROPARKS!

Five Rivers MetroParks needs your help  
in restoring our forests for the future.

## COLLECT SEEDS ON YOUR OWN



Hickory Leaf  
and Nuts



Oak Leaf  
and Acorns

September through November, collect seeds from mature native oaks and hickories. These nut-bearing trees aren't reproducing well naturally but are vital to our forests.

Volunteer at one of our seed collection events:

SATURDAY, OCT. 10  
9 AM TO NOON  
Sinclair Park,  
685 Shoup Mill Rd.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17  
9 AM TO NOON  
Germantown MetroPark,  
park office,  
6675 Conservancy Rd.

## HOW TO COLLECT OAK AND HICKORY SEEDS:

### 1. COLLECT SEEDS

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

### 2. REMOVE HUSK OR CAP

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

### 3. FLOAT TEST

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

### 4. BAG AND LABEL

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



### 5. REFRIGERATE

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



### 6. DELIVER SEEDS

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



- Five Rivers MetroParks' headquarters, 409 E. Monument Ave., third floor
- Cox Arboretum MetroPark, 6733 Springboro Pike
- Taylorsville MetroPark, 8300 Brown School Road

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Wintertime is great for exploring animal tracks. Learn how to spot animal signs, and become an animal tracker for your friends! Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$15  

### (FREE) HIBERNATING INSECTS

**MON. JAN 11, 10:00-11:00 AM** O96  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.  
Enjoy an expedition in search of insects. Once found, warm them up with body heat and watch them wake up! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y  

### (FREE) PRAIRIE PLAY

**WED. JAN 13, 10:00-11:00 AM** O97  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.  
With towering grasses, but no ticks, prairies are great places to play in winter. Join local families in the best nature games! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y  



## GREENHOUSE HELPERS

**FRI. JAN 15, 10:00-11:30 AM** O81

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Green House, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Be part of conservation efforts while discovering what a horticulturist must do to care for seeds and plants in the winter. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 📅▲

**CONSERVATION KIDS:  
EXPLORERS & VOYAGERS  
(AGES 6-13)**

This series, designed for families with 6- to 13-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 Montgomery County's ecology. By completing programs in each of the three levels of this series, your child also will receive a special MetroParks Conservation Kids hoodie. Visit [metroparks.org/kids](http://metroparks.org/kids).

**(FREE) LIVE BAT ENCOUNTER****FRI. OCT 9, 7:00-8:00 PM** O124

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

Come learn about and meet live bats up close with the Organization of Bat Conservation. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅▲

## REGENERATING FORESTS

**SAT. OCT 10, 1:00-2:30 PM** O88

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

Trees play an important part in the way we and other animals live. Help collect nuts and test their viability to be planted as part of reforestation efforts. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$10 📅⚙️▲

**(FREE) PILEATED  
WOODPECKER SAFARI****SAT. OCT 10, 4:00-5:30 PM** O103

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Come discover more about this king-sized woodpecker as we search for woodpeckers in the park! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅⚙️▲

**(FREE) FOREST FRENZY****SAT. OCT 17, 10:00-11:30 AM** O104

HUFFMAN METROPARK, Huffman North Park, 4095 Lower Valley Pk.

Explore the changing season, search for local wildlife, and learn why forests are crucial to human survival. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅⚙️▲

## SPIDER PARTY

**SAT. OCT 24, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O70

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

Explore the conservation power of spiders and learn how to create a party at your home celebrating these creatures. Participants will get supplies to help guide their friends on an insect hike. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$15 📅⚙️▲

## MAPPING FORESTS

**SAT. NOV 14, 3:00-5:00 PM** O85

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

MetroParks monitors trends to make stewardship decisions. Explore one of these methods as we map out plant life. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$10 📅⚙️▲

**(FREE) FALL BIRD WALK****SAT. NOV 21, 9:00-10:30 AM** O107

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

Discover what birds call Ohio their warm refuge while searching for them in the park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅⚙️▲

## FOREST ADVOCATE

**SAT. NOV 21, 2:00-4:00 PM** O73

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

Speak for forests through learning the forests' plants and wildlife, and how to nurture relationships between your friends and nature. Participants will get resources to help them become forest naturalists. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$15 📅⚙️▲

**(FREE) OUR NOCTURNAL  
ANIMALS****SAT. NOV 21, 5:00-6:30 PM** O111

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

Learn about nocturnal animals while searching for them in the dark forest. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅⚙️▲

**(FREE) LAKE EXPLORATION****SAT. DEC 5, 10:00-11:30 AM** O112

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

Explore a lake, complete with beavers, ducks and large fish. Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅⚙️▲

## ANIMAL CARE

**SAT. DEC 5, 1:00-2:30 PM** O84

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Be a wild animal keeper for a day, learn what animals need to survive, and how MetroParks cares for our captive animals. Registration

required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$10 📅▲

## TRACKING GUIDE

**SAT. JAN 9, 2:00-4:00 PM** O75

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

Wintertime is great for exploring animal tracks. Learn how to spot animal signs, and become an animal tracker for your friends! Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$15 📅⚙️▲

**(FREE) ANIMAL TRACKING  
EXCURSION****SAT. JAN 16, 10:00-11:30 AM** O113

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

If you've ever wanted to become an animal tracker, come discover the art and science of tracking on this hands-on excursion. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅⚙️▲

## GROWING BIODIVERSITY

**SAT. JAN 16, 2:00-3:30 PM** O80

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Green House, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Come be a part of our conservation story and help grow a variety of plants that will be planted in the spring. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$10 📅▲

**(FREE) WINTER HABITAT HIKE****SUN. JAN 17, 1:00-2:30 PM** O114

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

Explore a variety of habitats while focusing on plant-animal relationships and local biodiversity. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅⚙️▲

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: FIVE RIVERS  
METROPARKS VOLUNTEER  
ORIENTATION****TUE. OCT 6, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** O1

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

Five Rivers MetroParks has volunteer opportunities year-round, and at virtually every one of our parks. Orientation provides history, an overview of location-specific opportunities and an introduction to opportunities this season. Coming to orientation does not obligate you to anything, but you may discover an opportunity for you. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y 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 [metroparks.org/bookclub](http://metroparks.org/bookclub).

### (FREE) NATURE PLAY

**TUE. OCT 6, 2:30-3:30 PM** O126

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

Read stories of nature exploration, then embark on your own adventures of discovering life and imagination. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y 📅 ⚙️

### (FREE) SPACE TRAVELER

**MON. OCT 12, 3:30-4:30 PM** O127

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.

Travel to the moon, planets, and far beyond our galaxy as we build spaceships made from items found in nature, and blast off into our imagination. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y 📅 ⚙️

### (FREE) BIRD LIFE

**MON. OCT 19, 1:00-2:00 PM** O128

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Explore local bird diversity through stories and hikes while exploring what it would be like to fly through the sky. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y 📅 ⚙️

### (FREE) FOREST OF LEAVES

**MON. OCT 26, 10:00-11:00 AM** O130

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

Explore the colors, sizes, and shapes of leaves through stories, songs, and puppets as Dayton Metro Library staff and MetroParks naturalists guide your little one on a journey through forests. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y 📅 ⚙️

### (FREE) TEACHERS' NIGHT OUT: A BATTY EXPERIENCE

**FRI. OCT 9, 6:00-8:00 PM** O122

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

Join other formal educators and get close to live bats from the Organization for Bat Conservation, discover ways to connect bats to your classroom, network with educators, and learn about resources to bring nature to your students! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: GO NUTS WITH METROPARKS

**SAT. OCT 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O19 OFFSITE

**SAT. OCT 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** O20 GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

Five Rivers MetroParks needs tree seeds! Various staff and master silviculture volunteers lead nut

collection activities throughout the MetroParks and beyond. Seeds are gathered from mature native oaks and hickories to grow our seedlings. You do not need to be an expert in identification to join the expedition. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. [www.metroparks.org/forests](http://www.metroparks.org/forests). Age: All ages 📅

### (FREE) LIVE BAT EXPERIENCE

**SAT. OCT 10, 10:00-11:30 AM** O125

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

Come learn about and meet live bats up close with the Organization of Bat Conservation. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up 📅

### (FREE) WALK THE FALLS

**SAT. OCT 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O89

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

Enjoy a leisurely hike through Englewood MetroPark and discover its waterfalls. No registration required. Age: 18Y and up ⚙️

### ADULT NATURE WALKS

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

### (FREE) TUESDAY ADULT NATURE WALK

**TUE. OCT 13, 9:00-11:00 AM** O155

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

**TUE. NOV 24, 9:00-11:00 AM** O161

EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

### (FREE) WEDNESDAY DISCOVERY STROLL

**WED. OCT 21, 10:00-11:30 AM** O171

**WED. DEC 2, 10:00-11:30 AM** O177

**WED. JAN 6, 10:00-11:30 AM** O182

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

**THU. OCT 15, 6:30-8:30 PM** O14

**TUE. NOV 10, 1:00-3:00 PM** O15

**MON. DEC 7, 6:30-8:30 PM** O16

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

Five Rivers MetroParks protects nearly 16,000 acres, and we could use your help. Whether you are interested in fish or flowers, like to walk or prefer to help in an office or greenhouse, there is an opportunity perfect for you. Discover what we are doing in conservation and how to get involved. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: All ages 📅

### TREE ID WORKSHOP

**SAT. OCT 24, 1:00-3:30 PM** O78

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

Learn how to identify more than 20 native trees by their leaf, twig, bark, and other characteristics. Discover pioneer, wildlife and commercial uses for each tree while sharing stories of folklore. Each participant will receive a tree identification notebook, with everything needed to get started identifying trees. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️

### PROJECT WILD & INQUIRY ADVENTURES WORKSHOP

**SUN. OCT 25, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM** O54

**SAT. JAN 30, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM** O55

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

This workshop will certify teachers in the nationally recognized Project Wild curricula, engage educators in outdoor inquiry, and demonstrate how to utilize Five Rivers MetroParks' resources to make science come alive for students. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25 📅

### (FREE) POLAR BEARS TO PENGUINS

**FRI. NOV 13, 7:00-8:30 PM** O71

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

Join travelers Laura Schetter and Gary Courts and hear about their recent journey to the arctic poles, where they encountered polar wildlife and captured magnificent landscapes. Educators welcome to register for the Teachers' Night Out afterward to network and discover related citizen science projects for the classroom. Registration required. Age: All ages 📅

### (FREE) TEACHERS' NIGHT OUT: POLAR BEARS TO PENGUINS

**FRI. NOV 13, 8:30-10:00 PM** O234

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

Join other formal educators in the Greater Dayton area to discover new opportunities for students, including new ideas for polar Citizen Science in the classroom, and how Five Rivers MetroParks can support your curriculum! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅



**(FREE) NATURE AT NIGHT****SAT. DEC 5, 6:00-9:00 PM** O82

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, 6733 Springboro Pike

Celebrate our nocturnal wildlife through activities throughout the park: Stargazing through telescopes, owl walks, storytelling campfire, crafts, and much more! Bring flashlights if you desire. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️

**ANIMAL TRACKING WORKSHOP****SAT. JAN 9, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O76

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

Discover the art and science of animal tracking as we learn how to identify animal tracks and scat. We will explore collections, make track plaster casts, and explore animal signs in the field. Dress warmly. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$15 🗝️ ⚙️

**WINTER TREE ID WORKSHOP****SUN. JAN 10, 1:00-3:30 PM** O77

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

Learn how to identify more than 20 native trees by their twig, bark, and other winter characteristics. Discover pioneer, wildlife and commercial uses for each tree while sharing stories of folklore. Each participant will receive a winter tree identification notebook, with everything needed to get started identifying trees. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$15 🗝️ ⚙️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER:****CONSERVATION ORIENTATION-NATURALIST VOLUNTEERS****WED. JAN 13, 1:00-3:00 PM** O232

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

Five Rivers MetroParks offers numerous opportunities to kids and families, and the naturalist staff is looking for volunteers. You do not need to be a naturalist to get started, but a passion for sharing, a love of nature, and a joy for working with kids

and families is a must. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: All ages 🗝️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: BLUEBIRD MONITOR ORIENTATION****SAT. JAN 16, 1:00-3:00 PM** O231

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

This orientation and training for all those interested in monitoring blue bird boxes in 2016. Bluebird boxes are in several MetroParks locations, and dedicated volunteers are needed for the season starting in March. This is a family friendly opportunity. Registration required. Contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: All ages 🗝️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION SEASON OPENER****SAT. JAN 30, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM** O150

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

What are the elements of conservation? How do Five Rivers MetroParks' stewardship plans protect our native habitats? How can individuals help? Find out answers to these questions, learn about 2015 accomplishments and what is planned for 2016, meet staff and volunteers, and discover how you can get involved. New and returning volunteers welcome! Registration required. Contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. [metroparks.org/conservation](http://metroparks.org/conservation). Age: All ages 🗝️

**BIRDING WORKSHOP: OWLS****SAT. JAN 30, 7:00-9:00 PM** O79

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Explore Ohio's eight owl species with a relaxing presentation of their courtship rituals, feeding behaviors, identification characteristics, songs and interactions with people. Then take a slow-paced night hike into the forest in search of owls. Each participant will get an ODNR field guide to Ohio

Owls and a CD of their sounds. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 🗝️

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE****(FREE) MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE PRESENTED BY WAGNER SUBARU****FRI. OCT 2, 6:00-10:00 PM** O53**SAT. OCT 3, 11:00 AM-7:00 PM** O235  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Midwest Outdoor Experience has grown beyond just gear and exploded into one of the largest festivals celebrating the outdoor lifestyle in the Midwest. This multi-day event features camping, competitions, live music, a youth adventure zone, high flying demos, beer garden and much more! Learn more at [outdoorx.org](http://outdoorx.org). No registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: OUTDOOR RECREATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION****SAT. JAN 16, 9:30-11:30 AM** O153

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

Are you an outdoor adventurer looking to get involved or give back? Five Rivers MetroParks is building the "Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest." Learn about areas that need volunteer support: backpacking, cycling, kayaking, fishing, and more. Attending an orientation does not commit you to anything. Discover what you can do to inspire others. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🗝️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: ADVENTURE SUMMIT ORIENTATION****THU. JAN 28, 6:00-7:30 PM** O152

OFFSITE, Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

[www.theadventuresummit.com](http://www.theadventuresummit.com). Age: All ages 🗝️**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR THE ADVENTURE SUMMIT!**

Thousands of outdoor enthusiasts will converge on Dayton, Ohio: The Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest for a weekend of outdoor skill, culture and experience.

**FEB. 12-13,  
2016****Student Union,  
Wright State University**

Look for more information on speakers in the January 2016 issue of *ParkWays* and at [theadventuresummit.com](http://theadventuresummit.com). The Adventure Summit is a partnership between Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University.



## PADDLING

### KAYAK CAMPING

**WED. DEC 2, 6:00-8:00 PM** O7

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

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

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### (FREE) FALL PHOTOGRAPHY AT AULLWOOD

**SAT. OCT 17, 10:00-11:30 AM** O132

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Fall is the perfect time to capture colorful outdoor pictures. Join Adam Alonzo for an informal photography session in the garden. Participants can take pictures, ask questions and try new techniques. Meet at the house. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🗝️ ⚙️

### NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY STEP BY STEP

**SAT. NOV 7, 10:00-11:30 AM** O141

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

Photographer Adam Alonzo describes a series of important steps you should consider as you take nature photos. This procedure addresses factors that impact the quality of your pictures, such as distance from the subject, camera angle, and direction of the light. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🗝️

### NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CRITIQUE SESSION

**SAT. DEC 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O143

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

Photographer Adam Alonzo critiques your nature photos and uses them as the basis for lessons on camera technique and composition. Individual attention is given to all. Send digital photos by email in advance to critique@adamalonzo.com. Only outdoor photos will be considered and not all photos submitted will be discussed. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 🗝️

### GETTING STARTED WITH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

**SAT. JAN 9, 10:00-11:30 AM** O146

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

Before you can shoot breathtaking outdoor photos, you need the basics of digital photography. This session explains mega pixels, magnification, memory cards, quality settings, and aspect ratio.

Each topic will be illustrated with photos. Bring your camera and your questions. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🗝️

## ROWING

### (FREE) CHARLIE DOYLE MEMORIAL REGATTA

**SAT. OCT 3, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** O204

ISLAND METROPARK, 101 E. Helena St.

Hosted by the Greater Dayton Rowing Association, the 16th annual Dayton rowing regatta brings together more than 1,000 youth and adult athletes from around the Midwest to compete in 2,000-meter racing down the Great Miami River. Spectators can catch a spectacular view of the finish line at Island MetroPark and visit food and clothing vendors. No registration required. Age: All ages

## SKATING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: ICE RINK ASSISTANT ORIENTATION

**SAT. NOV 14, 9:00-11:00 AM** O229

**TUE. JAN 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** O230  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.

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

### ICE RINK OPENING WEEKEND, PRESENTED BY BUCKEYE HEALTH PLAN

**FRI. NOV 27, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM** O187

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

**SUN. NOV 29, 1:00-5:00 PM**

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

Spend the holiday weekend creating lasting memories with friends and family at MetroParks Ice Rink! Warm up with hot chocolate from our food concession. No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7

### TRY BROOMBALL

**SUN. NOV 29, 6:00-8:00 PM** O188

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

Grab your friends, come to MetroParks Ice Rink and let the Dayton Broomball Association take you through the broomball basics! Learn the rules, get on-ice instruction and scrimmage with other participants. Please wear gloves and gym shoes. No experience necessary. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🗝️ ⚙️

### CASUAL CURL

**THU. DEC 3, 6:00-8:00 PM** O189

**THU. DEC 10, 6:00-8:00 PM** O190

**THU. DEC 17, 6:00-8:00 PM** O191

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

Enjoy an evening of curling at MetroParks Ice Rink! Participants can choose between a learn to curl session led by Curl Troy or a recreational pickup game against other local curlers. Register as a team of four players or as an individual by visiting curltroy.org. Registration required. www.curltroy.org. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 ⚙️

### STAR-LATE SKATE

**FRI. DEC 4, 7:00-10:00 PM** O192

**SAT. DEC 5, 7:00-10:00 PM** O193

**FRI. DEC 11, 7:00-10:00 PM** O194

**SAT. DEC 12, 7:00-10:00 PM** O195

**FRI. DEC 18, 7:00-10:00 PM** O196

**SAT. DEC 19, 7:00-10:00 PM** O197

**SAT. DEC 26, 7:00-10:00 PM** O198

**SAT. JAN 2, 7:00-10:00 PM** O199

**SAT. JAN 9, 7:00-10:00 PM** O200

**SAT. JAN 16, 7:00-10:00 PM** O201

**SAT. JAN 23, 7:00-10:00 PM** O202

**SAT. JAN 30, 7:00-10:00 PM** O203

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

Take in the sights and sounds of downtown, warm up with hot chocolate from our food concession, and enjoy an evening skating alongside the Great Miami River! No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7

### PENGUIN PRESCHOOL

**SUN. DEC 6, 12:00-12:30 PM** O205

**SUN. JAN 10, 12:00-12:30 PM** O206

**SUN. JAN 24, 12:00-12:30 PM** O207

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

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



## WADDLES

**SUN. DEC 6, 12:30-1:00 PM** O208**SUN. JAN 10, 12:30-1:00 PM** O209**SUN. JAN 24, 12:30-1:00 PM** O210

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

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

## GLIDERS

**SUN. DEC 13, 12:00-12:30 PM** O211**SUN. JAN 17, 12:00-12:30 PM** O212**SUN. JAN 31, 12:00-12:30 PM** O213

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

It's time for some fancy footwork! Participants will learn how to walk and wiggle backward, swizzle and do a two-foot turn. This lesson is for children ages 3-10 who have completed Penguin Preschool, Waddles or have the confidence to move around the rink. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Fee includes use of skates. Registration required. Age: 3Y-10Y Fee: \$10 📅

## SKATING BASICS

**SUN. DEC 13, 12:30-1:00 PM** O214**SUN. JAN 17, 12:30-1:00 PM** O215**SUN. JAN 31, 12:30-1:00 PM** O216

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

Our certified skating instructor will lead you through the basics in this half hour class so you can move around the rink safely and comfortably and learn some skills in the process. Sign up with friends and enjoy the experience together! Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Fee includes use of ice skates. Registration required. Age: 11Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

## CHRISTMAS EVE SKATE

**THU. DEC 24, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM** O217

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

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

## CHRISTMAS DAY SKATE

**FRI. DEC 25, 1:00-8:00 PM** O186

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

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

## PENGUIN PLAYSKATE

**SUN. DEC 27, 12:00-1:00 PM** O218**SUN. JAN 3, 12:00-1:00 PM** O219

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

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

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SKATE

**THU. DEC 31, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM** O220

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

Looking for something fun to do before the ball drops? Start your New Year's Eve party at the MetroParks Ice Rink! No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## NEW YEAR'S DAY SKATE

**FRI. JAN 1, 1:00-8:00 PM** O221

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

Start the New Year right and be the first to skate in 2016! No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## OUTDOOR BROOMBALL LEAGUE

**MON., WED. JAN. 4 THROUGH FEB. 22, 6:00-8:00 PM** O222

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

Sign up for the Dayton Broomball Association's co-ed league at MetroParks Ice Rink! Visit [daytonbroomball.org/riverscape](http://daytonbroomball.org/riverscape) to learn more about this fast-paced sport and register your team for either the competitive or recreational league. The DBA will take the first 18 teams. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$310

## CURLING LEAGUE

**TUE. JAN. 5-FEB. 9, 6:00-10:00 PM** O223

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

Play an Olympic sport this winter and sign up with friends for Curl Troy's co-ed league at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Curling is accessible to all physical skill levels and no experience is required. Visit [curltroy.org](http://curltroy.org) to learn more and to register your team. Curl Troy will accept the first 18 teams; 4 players per team. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$480

## POP COUNTRY SKATE

**FRI. JAN 8, 7:00-10:00 PM** O224

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

Grab your cowboy hat and scoot on down to MetroParks Ice Rink! A DJ will be on hand, playing all the hits from the likes of Lady Antebellum, Taylor

Swift, Sugarland and The Band Perry. No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## TOP 40 HITS

**FRI. JAN 15, 7:00-10:00 PM** O225

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

Come to MetroParks Ice Rink and skate as an on-site DJ plays Top 40 hits! No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SKATE

**MON. JAN 18, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM** O226

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

Celebrate the holiday at MetroParks Ice Rink! No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## WISH UPON A STAR SKATE

**FRI. JAN 22, 7:00-10:00 PM** O227

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

Skate as our onsite DJ plays your favorite Disney songs all night long! No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## OLD SOUL SKATE

**FRI. JAN 29, 7:00-10:00 PM** O228

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

Come to MetroParks Ice Rink and skate to music from the likes of Sam Cooke, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, James Brown and Otis Redding. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️



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## 2015 - 2016 HOURS OF OPERATION

### NOVEMBER 27 to DECEMBER 19

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

### DECEMBER 20 to JANUARY 2

Sunday	1 - 5 PM
Monday	11 AM - 8 PM
Tuesday	11 AM - 8 PM
Wednesday	11 AM - 8 PM
Thursday	SEE HOLIDAY HOURS
Friday	1 - 8 PM
Saturday	11 AM - 10 PM

### JANUARY 3 to FEBRUARY 29

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

## HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) 11 AM - 5 PM  
Christmas Day (Dec. 25) 1 - 8 PM

New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) 11 AM - 10 PM  
New Year's Day (Jan. 1) 1 - 8 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 18) 11 AM - 5 PM  
Presidents' Day (Feb. 15) 11 AM - 5 PM

## PRIVATE RINK RENTALS

Private event ice rink rentals are available  
Sundays and Thursdays 6 to 8 PM.

\$300 rental fee includes 50 cups of hot chocolate  
and 50 pairs of skates. Add a visit with Parker for \$75/hr.

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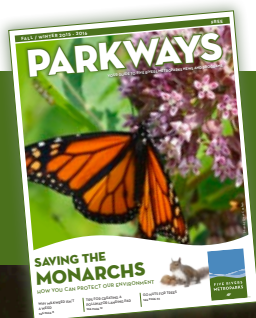


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