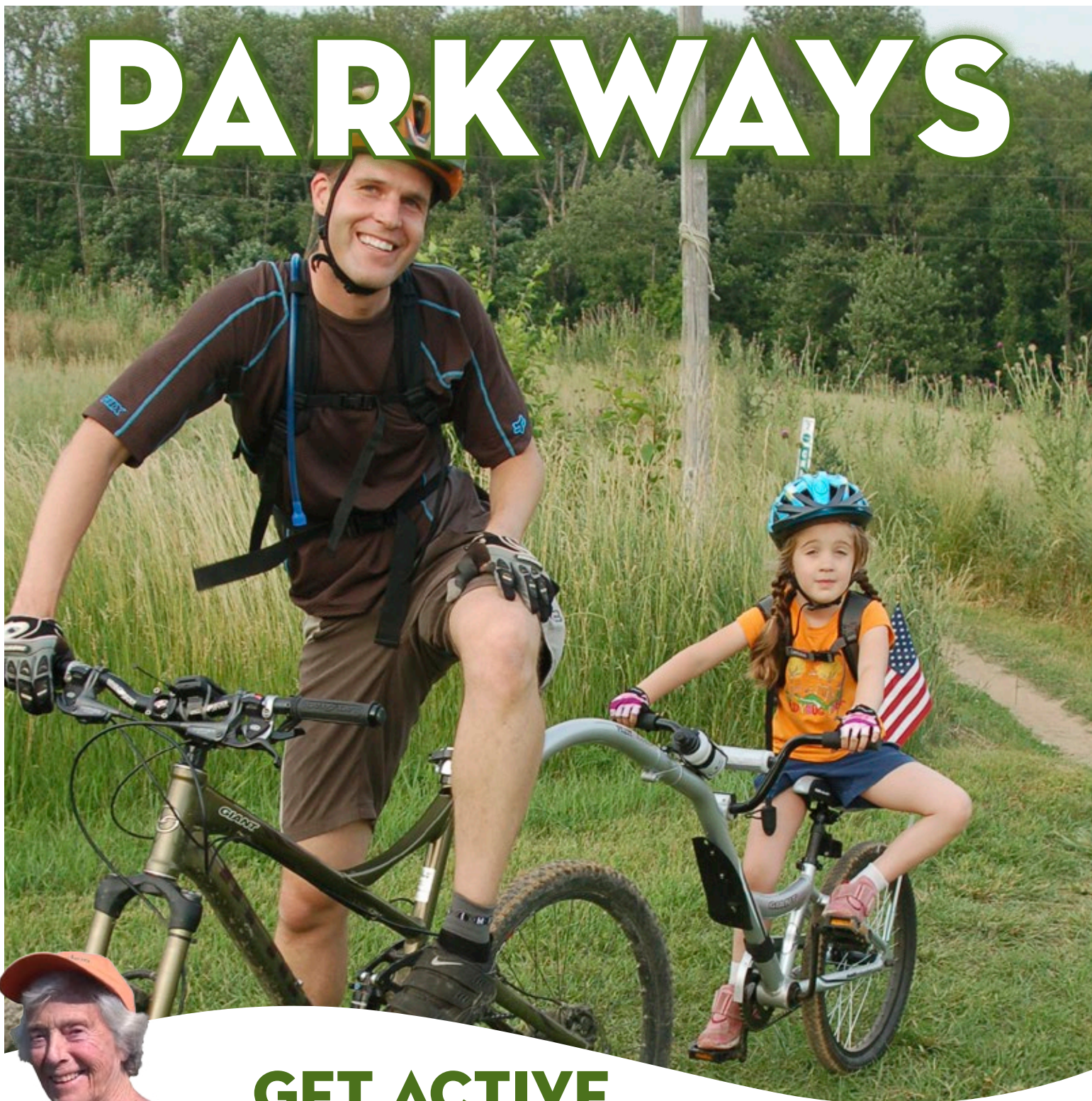


# PARKWAYS



## GET ACTIVE OUTDOORS

DISCOVER WAYS FOR YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY TO CONNECT WITH NATURE

HONORING ONE OF FIVE RIVERS  
METROPARKS' FOUNDERS  
SEE PAGE 4

BIRD-WATCHING AT THE  
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MAKE YOUR OWN NATURE  
EXPLORATION KIT  
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# SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING  
METROPARKS EVENTS



**JUNE 3, 10, 17  
& 24**

**HOOKED ON  
FISHING, NOT  
ON DRUGS**  
Possum Creek  
MetroPark



**JUNE 5 &  
AUGUST 7**

**PICKIN' IN  
THE PARK**  
RiverScape  
MetroPark



**JUNE 6**  
CONTINUES EVERY SATURDAY  
THROUGH FALL HARVEST

**OUTDOOR  
FARMERS' MARKET  
SEASON GRAND  
OPENING**  
2ND Street Market



**JULY 2**

**CITY OF DAYTON'S  
LIGHTS IN FLIGHT  
FIREWORKS SHOW  
AND FESTIVAL**  
RiverScape MetroPark



**SEPTEMBER 26  
& 27**

**COUNTRY FAIR**  
Carriage Hill MetroPark



## TOP FIVE

WAYS TO ENJOY YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS  
THIS SUMMER



**1**

### ON THE BOARDWALK:

Explore the Woodman Fen Conservation Area, a groundwater-fed wetland that allows for a large collection of native plants to thrive – the only fen in Montgomery County.



**2**

### GO WHERE THE IMAGINATION LEADS:

Encourage children to explore the nature play areas found at Englewood, Hills & Dales, Possum Creek, Sugarcreek, and Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks.



**3**

### S'MORE TIME:

Groups, families or individuals can reserve a campsite in a number of MetroParks for a night under the stars.



**4**

### FOSSIL HUNTING:

Head to southern side of the Germantown Dam at Germantown MetroPark to discover fossils of creatures that lived in Ohio millions of years before us.



**5**

### WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE:

Cool off on a hot day by playing in the interactive water features at RiverScape, Island and Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks.



**Becky Benná**  
Executive Director

## DEAR METROPARKS FRIENDS,

Summer offers so many ways to get active outdoors in your Five Rivers MetroParks: Take a hike, observe wildlife, cycle our region's more than 300 miles of bikeways, picnic at one of 44 shelters. Learn about and connect with nature by attending one of many programs that allow you to try a new outdoor sport, learn how to grow food, help children become environmental stewards and so much more.

Five Rivers MetroParks also will be learning new things this summer – namely, how the agency can provide the parks, services and programs you

want. It's part of the current development of a 10-year comprehensive master plan that will sustain Five Rivers MetroParks well into the future. It's your nature, and we hope you'll share your priorities and input about how to strengthen Five Rivers MetroParks.

Visit [metroparks.org/plan](http://metroparks.org/plan) to take a brief survey and provide other input. Follow us on social media for updates on the master plan's development. (For more on the comprehensive master plan, see page 6.) Your input will provide direction for implementing short-term and long-term actions to best meet the needs and priorities of our community.

Indeed, ensuring Five Rivers MetroParks is being smart and strategic – and meeting the community's priorities – is more important than ever. We are conducting business in new, more sustainable ways that allow us to continue our commitment to maintaining the high-quality parks, programs and services the community deserves. We have established a new Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation to provide new fundraising opportunities. Five Rivers MetroParks receives various inquiries throughout the year regarding donating to our organization. The Foundation will be able to provide a vehicle for donors to support our efforts through a 501(c)3 organization, which serves as a funding source for special projects and/or programs at all our parks.

We hope you'll share your input this summer, and we also hope to see you and your family out and about as you develop a personal connection with nature.

Best regards,

*Becky Benná*

## METROPARKS COMMISSIONERS



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## DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION HONORED FOR ADVOCACY WORK

Three Valley Conservation Trust named Dave Nolin recipient of the 2014 Wally I. Edwards Conservationist of the Year award. Nolin, Five Rivers MetroParks director of conservation, was honored for his nearly 30 years working to preserve and restore thousands of acres of natural spaces in the Dayton region, as well as for his advocacy for conservation at local and national levels.



## OUR MISSION

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



A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE SUCCESS OF METROPARKS – and the development of Cox Arboretum MetroPark, in particular – Jean was a philanthropist, visionary and passionate conservationist.

# JEAN WOODHULL

Five Rivers MetroParks lost one of its founders and most ardent supporters when Jean Woodhull passed away at age 94 in January.

“Her public sense of responsibility and commitment to the outdoors has been felt throughout the Dayton/Montgomery County area,” said Marvin Olinsky, former director of Cox Arboretum and former executive director of Five Rivers MetroParks.

Woodhull’s leadership and stewardship of our region’s environment began in the early 1960s. She was instrumental in organizing the Save Open Space Committee, which in turn was key in the local effort to create a park district in Montgomery County – what today is Five Rivers MetroParks. She convinced James Cox, Jr., son of former Ohio governor and publishing executive James Cox, to donate his farm south of town for what is now Cox Arboretum MetroPark. As co-founder of the arboretum, she served as the James M. Cox Arboretum Foundation’s board president from 1979 to 1984.

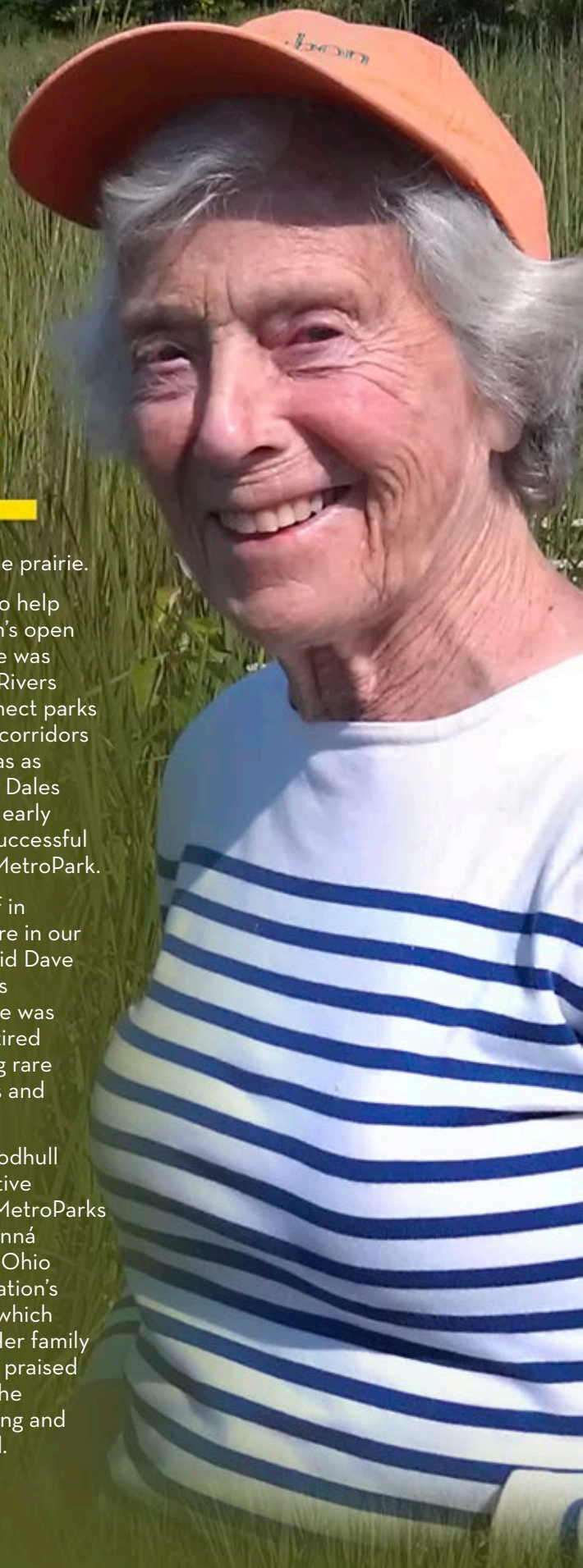
In addition, Woodhull was a member of the MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners from January 1989 to November 1998. The Jean V. Woodhull Prairie at Possum Creek MetroPark is named in honor of her outstanding contributions to Five Rivers MetroParks, and Woodhull arranged for the donation and installation of the

sculpture, “I Invite You,” in the prairie.

Woodhull worked tirelessly to help build and maintain our region’s open spaces and natural areas. She was an essential part of the Five Rivers MetroParks’ initiative to connect parks and open spaces along river corridors and restore such natural areas as Island, Eastwood, and Hills & Dales MetroParks. She also was an early advocate and leader in the successful effort to create RiverScape MetroPark.

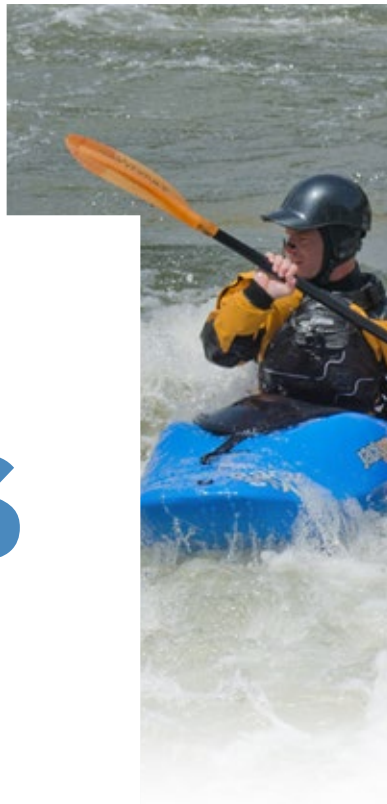
“Jean had a passionate belief in connecting people with nature in our wild areas and in the city,” said Dave Nolin, Five Rivers MetroParks director of conservation. “She was an avid naturalist and never tired of seeking out and protecting rare wildflowers in the woodlands and prairies of the Miami Valley.”

Well into her later years, Woodhull was an avid gardener and active conservationist. Five Rivers MetroParks Executive Director Becky Benná nominated Woodhull for the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association’s Outstanding Citizen Award, which Woodhull received in 2014. Her family and community leaders have praised her unending dedication to the idea and practice of preserving and celebrating our natural world.





# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION



With more than eight miles of trail, including 20 tons of rock and 800 feet of bridges and boardwalks, mountain biking at the MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA) has some serious game.

Yes – mountain biking. MoMBA, launched in 2007 with the support of hundreds of volunteers, is just one of the many outdoor experiences Five Rivers MetroParks has developed in the past 10 years as it works toward its vision of helping Dayton become the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest.

Five Rivers MetroParks' outdoor adventure strategy was developed as a way to help people connect with nature and experience the outdoors, since outdoor adventure sports was an activity that showed significant growth in the 16- to 24-year-old age group. The focus was and remains on providing access, enabling people to play in the outdoors close to home. Today, outdoor

recreation staff members – who are experts in their fields – continue to provide programming that offers a progression of skills development and the means to use those skills independently. Programs also teach environmental ethics, such as Leave No Trace. Five Rivers MetroParks staff also work with other experts in the community to provide outdoor recreation programming.

In September 2005, MetroParks launched its outdoor recreation initiative under the name Five Rivers Outdoors. Its first signature event was GearFest, now known as the Midwest Outdoor Experience. Launched to give outdoor enthusiasts a chance to connect with each other while exploring the latest in outdoor lifestyle activities and equipment, the event has evolved to a two-day event where people of all ages can try more than a dozen outdoor activities – wrapped in a festival atmosphere with demo

teams, music and more than 100 exhibitors.

In the past decade, MetroParks' outdoor recreation programming also has evolved and expanded. Working with community partners, MetroParks has launched new events, facilities and programs to lay a strong foundation for the growth of the outdoor community well into the future.

Five Rivers MetroParks was ambitious when it launched its effort to become a leader in the outdoor adventure space. However, MetroParks hasn't just added new offerings – it has helped transform the culture of the community so that outdoor recreation now is a part of the Dayton region's identity.

Read more about outdoor recreation in your Five Rivers MetroParks on pages 12-13.

# Planning for a Greener Future

Five Rivers MetroParks is developing a 10-year comprehensive master plan that will guide the future of your parks, facilities and services — and we need your help.

VISIT [METROPARKS.ORG/PLAN](https://www.fiveriversmetroparks.org/plan) TO COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT.

Check back to the site often to participate in online forums, when we'll pose questions arising in the survey and invite you to comment. In the fall, we'll post a draft master plan on the site, and we hope you'll provide us with your feedback on that document as well.

Indeed, input from you and others throughout our community is at the heart of Five Rivers MetroParks' comprehensive master plan. We began developing the plan this past spring with input from focus groups, interviews at various community events and a survey of Montgomery County residents. That input is being evaluated and will be combined with that from the online survey and community forums in the final plan.

Once it's completed, the comprehensive master plan will provide direction for implementing short-term and long-term strategies and actions to best meet our community's needs and priorities. It also will help Five Rivers MetroParks grow as the region's conservation

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PLAN THE FUTURE OF  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

leader, connect people of all ages to nature and active lifestyles, and ensure your parks remain a major source of pride and an economic catalyst for the Dayton area.

The comprehensive master plan also is a critical part of another Five Rivers MetroParks effort: We're in the process of completing the requirements to become accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This commission oversees a systematic evaluation of park agencies' management and operations in 10 categories of best practice standards. This internationally recognized quality assurance and improvement process demonstrates Five Rivers MetroParks' commitment to excellence. Five Rivers MetroParks' official application was submitted in April, and the process takes a year to complete. Only about 135 agencies throughout the world have successfully completed the accreditation process, and we look forward to joining this prestigious list — and to another 50 years of providing clean, safe, enjoyable parks; protecting our region's natural heritage; and providing outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.

[METROPARKS.ORG/PLAN](https://www.fiveriversmetroparks.org/plan)

# MEET STAR VOLUNTEER Gretchen Henrich

VOLUNTEERISM IS IN GRETCHEN  
HENRICH'S BLOOD

"I watched my mom volunteer as a very young child," Henrich said. "I wanted to find something I enjoyed doing, and it needed to be outside. I saw an ad in *ParkWays* years ago about the InvenTour Guide program. It fit my niche with the bonus of learning more of the history of Dayton. When that program ended, I took the master recycler class. I now feel very much part of the volunteer family at MetroParks."

Henrich has helped in many areas at Five Rivers MetroParks, including programming, supporting recycling efforts, collecting seeds in support of conservation and reforestation

efforts, and numerous "as needed" opportunities that pop up almost daily.

"I think the best experiences are the people I get to meet," she said. "I am glad I tried the volunteer tour guide orientation at Cox Arboretum MetroPark, as that orientation introduced me to Possum Creek MetroPark, and it is the place for me. I love doing the outdoor projects, the opportunities to interact with the animals, and the opportunities to do interpretation with children and adults. Possum Creek is such a treasure, and I want to be part of keeping the park a treasure."

At Five Rivers MetroParks, volunteers truly are extensions of staff and help provide quality programming and services to our community. Henrich is part of the Five Rivers MetroParks' volunteer team that now numbers more than 1,700 people, providing more than 50,000 hours of service annually.



"If you haven't volunteered lately, I would suggest giving it a try," Henrich said. "There are so many opportunities. I truly believe in giving forward, and to me volunteering is the perfect gift."

VISIT [METROPARKS.ORG](https://www.fiveriversmetroparks.org)  
TO SIGN UP FOR THE  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
EMAIL NEWSLETTER.

## GET OUT & VOLUNTEER

Five Rivers MetroParks offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in conservation, gardening, outdoor recreation, heritage and history, and more. Attend one of these free volunteer orientations and see the program listings for even more opportunities. All are held at Five Rivers MetroParks' main office, 409 E. Monument Ave., third floor. Register at [metroparks.org](https://www.fiveriversmetroparks.org) or by calling 937-275-PARK.

### CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

June 9, 9-11:30 AM N71  
June 25, 6:30-8:30 PM N72  
July 16, 9-11:30 AM N73  
Aug. 5, 6:30-8:30 PM N74  
Sept. 9, 6:30-8:30 PM N75  
Sept. 22, 1-3 PM N76

Learn how you can help Five Rivers MetroParks protect more than 16,000 acres of land.

### FIVE RIVERS METROPARK VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Aug. 11, 6:30-8 PM N11

Discover the volunteer opportunity best for you.

### NATURALIST VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

June 3, 1-2:30 PM N69  
Sept. 12, 9-10:30 AM N70

Share your love of nature with kids and families.

### OUTDOOR RECREATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

June 9, 6:30-7:30 PM N90  
July 14, 6:30-7:30 PM N91  
Aug. 4, 6:30-7:30 PM N92

Discover how you can help make Dayton the "Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest."



# BIRD WATCHER'S PARADISE

We all love our familiar backyard Ohio birds – robins, cardinals, sparrows, the occasional woodpecker.

But more exotic birds can be spotted at the Great Miami Wetland Mitigation Bank near Sycamore State Park in Trotwood. The Bank has become one of the best places in the region to spot rare bird species.

In 2011, Five Rivers MetroParks began restoring 100 acres of the 363 acre site, a former cornfield once slated to become a landfill. Since then, a dedicated volunteer group called the MetroParks Bird Brigade has surveyed the area and identified more than 100 different birds – including northern shrike, short-eared owl, sedge wren, red-breasted merganser, sora, Wilson's snipe, green-winged teal, solitary sandpiper, palm warbler, warbling vireo, sandhill crane and white-crowned sparrow.

For more information on the bird-watching surveys, contact volunteer coordinator Yvonne Dunphe at [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org).



CONSERVATION

## OTHER SPOTS FOR IDEAL BIRDWATCHING INCLUDE:

- Carriage Hill MetroPark
- Germantown MetroPark
- Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- Huffman MetroPark
- Englewood MetroPark
- Possum Creek MetroPark



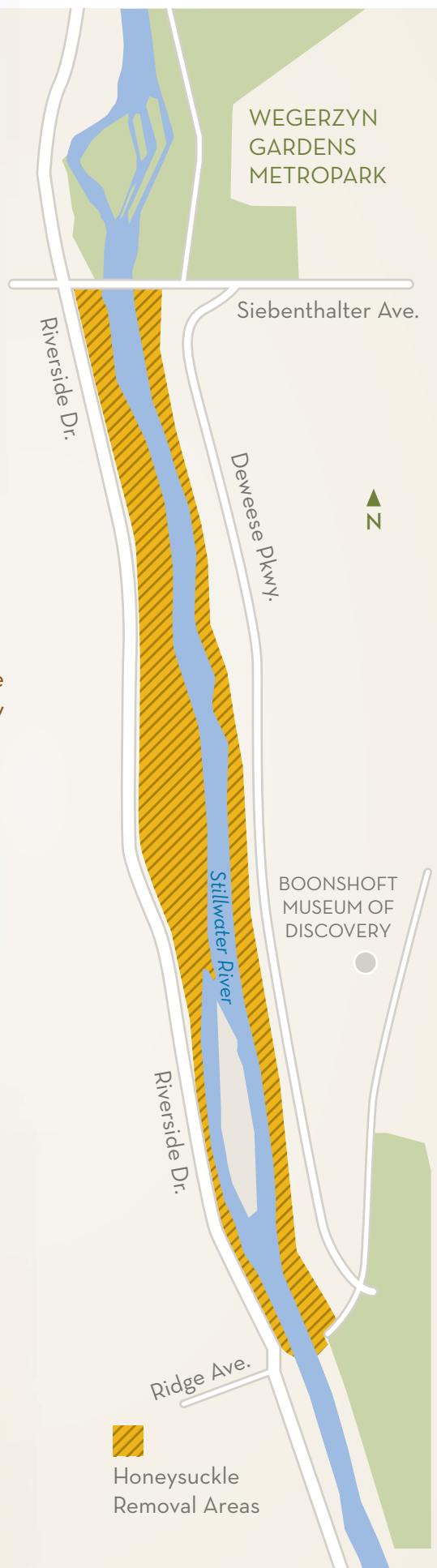
# STILLWATER RIVERBANK RESTORATION

Honeysuckle, your days are numbered – at least along a stretch of the Stillwater River in north Dayton.

This summer, Five Rivers MetroParks will start removing a mile-long swath of invasive bush honeysuckle along both sides of the Stillwater River between Ridge and Siebenthaler avenues. In the fall, contractors will spray the honeysuckle re-sprouts to ensure it does not grow back. The \$83,000 project will clear the way for native vegetation, improve wildlife conditions and water quality, and open up a view of the river.

Once the honeysuckle is gone, volunteer crews will plant Ohio shrubs and such trees as burr oak, sycamore and spicebush.

The project is funded by a \$58,292 Clean Ohio Open Space grant and \$25,000 from the city of Dayton. The city also gave MetroParks a conservation easement on the 34 acres of city-managed property (including the wooded portion of DeWeese Parkway along the riverbank), protecting it from future development.



## NEW SIGNS AT HUFFMAN PRAIRIE



In July, a new installation of interpretive signs and plant identification markers, as well as brochures, will be unveiled at the Huffman Prairie Conservation Area and State Natural Landmark. The project has been made possible by an \$11,700 grant from the Ohio Environmental Education Fund and a partnership with the National Park Service and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Previously, only scant information was available about this 112-acre conservation area, located on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and adjacent to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field, where the Wright brothers tested their planes. The project partners are eager to add this enriching education layer to the historic site. Many rare plants, birds and insects make the prairie their home, and the new signs and brochures will increase awareness of this special place.

The Discover Huffman Prairie project is a collaboration between Five Rivers MetroParks, the 88th Air Base Wing Civil Engineering Group and the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park.

To visit the site, enter through WPAFB gate 16A and follow the signs to Huffman Prairie. For bird watching, June is the best time to visit, and for the most spectacular display of wildflowers, visit in mid to late July. For more information about the history of the prairie, visit [metroparks.org/huffmanprairie](http://metroparks.org/huffmanprairie).



**ONE OF DAYTON'S HIDDEN GEMS IN NATURE IS ABOUT TO BE MORE REVEALED.**



# PREPARE FOR YOUR SUMMER ADVENTURES

It's easy to make your own nature exploration kit using many of the things you have around your house. These kits make discovering nature even more fun and educational for families and children.

## HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS FROM OUR NATURALISTS:

### TACKLE BOX:

With their small compartments, tackle boxes are perfect for keeping such backyard treasures as small rocks, seeds and feathers.

### CHILD-FRIENDLY PUMPKIN CARVING TOOLS:

The safety knives in these kits also work great for dissecting flowers and twigs.



### REUSED JARS:

Baby food jars and de-labeled medicine bottles make great containers in which you can explore insects for a short time — just remember to release the insects, as they have jobs to do.



### TAPE MEASURE:

This simple tool will help you further study what you find.



### AQUARIUM NET:

Use these nets while exploring ponds and streams.



## NEW CENTER COMING TO COX ARBORETUM METROPARK





## A FEW ITEMS THAT ARE WORTH THE INVESTMENT:

- **COMPASS:** This tool helps kids discover their place on Earth and develop a sense of direction.
- **MAGNIFIER:** A microscope or simple magnifying glass can open the door to the intricacies and complexities of nature and bring a whole new challenge to the budding naturalist.
- **DIGITAL CAMERA:** As technology improves, don't throw away your old camera. Instead, let your child use

### TROWEL:

This tool is a shovel, scoop and scraper in one that can be used in numerous ways to explore nature.

### TWEEZERS:

Handle delicate flower parts and small animal bones with tweezers.

it to capture images of interesting things he or she finds along the trail. Pictures can be printed to make your own adventure field guide or to relive the adventure with family or friends.

## PLACES TO TAKE YOUR KIT

- Keep your kit — along with a blanket, water bottle and sunscreen — by the door or in the car for a summer adventure in no time.
- Five Rivers MetroParks nature play areas, where kids are encouraged to explore nature through a variety of activities, such as building stick forts, digging in the mud and splashing in water.

## NATURE PLAY AREAS

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK,  
East Park (4361 National Rd.)

HILLS & DALES METROPARK  
(near 2606 Hilton Dr. entrance)

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK FARM  
(4790 Frytown Rd.)

SUGARCREEK METROPARK  
(near 4178 Conference Rd. entrance)

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK,  
CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN  
(1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.)

WESLEYAN METROPARK,  
ADVENTURE CENTRAL  
(2222 N. James H. McGee Blvd.)

### SMALL NOTEBOOK AND PEN:

Draw or write down your discoveries and things to look up later.

### OLD PILLOWCASE:

A white backdrop is helpful for finding the little animals in a decaying log or leaf litter.

One of Five Rivers MetroParks' most visited parks is expanding and will offer new ways to learn about and connect with nature. Construction will begin this summer on the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture. The project, funded by a generous donation from the James M. Cox Foundation, is expected to be completed in October. The new center will be adjacent to the existing Zorniger Education Center and consists of structural enhancements and new features.

- The plant production area located behind the Kettering Learning Lab will be transformed into an inspirational demonstration space where visitors can discover how gardening can help conservation in our area.

- The greenhouses and other spaces used by Five Rivers MetroParks' conservation staff and volunteers to propagate seedlings for reforestation and other restoration and garden projects will be renovated.
- A learning observation area will allow visitors to see conservation in action.
- Visitors also will be able to see sustainable design features in action, such as rainwater catch systems, and a vegetated wall.

Construction already has begun on another sustainable design feature: a new 1/2-mile trail that will connect Cox Arboretum MetroPark's amenities, such as the Tree Tower and Butterfly House. The trail will be built using environmentally friendly permeable pavers, which minimize run-off and erosion by allowing water to drain through to the aquifer.

The ADA-accessible trail also will be a great addition for visitors who use wheelchairs or have children in strollers.

Hundreds of volunteers have aided Five Rivers MetroParks' reforestation efforts by collecting nuts and seeds and giving seedlings TLC. Now, those volunteers and other visitors will be able to watch those seeds grow and see the reforestation process in action at the center.

In addition, seasonal hands-on activities and demonstrations are being planned to help the community incorporate the sustainable activities and designs demonstrated at the center into their lifestyles and homes.

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS HAS

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

TO GET YOUR WHOLE FAMILY OUTSIDE



**SUBARU**

ADVENTURE  
SERIES

## TRY PADDLESPTS

As summer heats up, the family can cool off by coming to Eastwood MetroPark for Try Paddlesports. On June 30 from noon to 4 p.m., Five Rivers staff will be on hand with kayaks and stand up paddleboards, giving you a great chance to “test the water” if you have never been paddling before.

## PICKIN’ IN THE PARK

Then join us on Aug. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. at RiverScape MetroPark during an Urban Outdoor Experience as part of Pickin’ in the Park. While enjoying the sounds of progressive bluegrass, craft beer and a food truck rally, try your hand at some outdoor recreation activities as a preview of more to come in October at the Midwest Outdoor Experience.

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

AT THESE FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS FACILITIES:



**MoMBA**

Huffman  
MetroPark



**MAD  
RIVER  
RUN**

Eastwood  
MetroPark



**TWIN VALLEY  
TRAIL**

Germantown and  
Twin Creek  
MetroParks



**DISC  
GOLF  
COURSE**

Englewood  
MetroPark



**REGIONAL  
BIKE  
TRAILS**



## RIVERSCAPE RENTALS

Don't wait until summer officially starts to hit the bike trails – and don't feel as if you have to drop a ton of cash on new wheels or accessories the kids will outgrow by fall.

RiverScape Rentals will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., May 23 through Sept. 6. Rent all the cycling gear you need to start exploring the more than 300 miles of connected bikeways in the Dayton region, the nation's largest bike trail network.

Several equipment options are available, including men's and women's hybrid bikes, comfort bikes, road bikes, and helmets. You even can hitch a Weehoo to the back of your rental (or your own bike) so the little ones can ride in style.

Rental rates start at \$8 an hour. Trailers and other attachments rent for an easy \$5 an hour.

Start and finish your ride at RiverScape MetroPark and before you head home, satisfy your sweet tooth with ice cream from the concession stand.

For more information, visit [metroparks.org/riverscape](http://metroparks.org/riverscape).



## MOMBA IMPROVEMENTS TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER

The MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA) at Huffman MetroPark is scheduled for a new addition.

Budding younger cyclists and novices in the family will love the beginner trail that will be built near MoMBA's trailhead. Restrooms will be added and upgrades will be made 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.

MoMBA features the area's first fully sustainable trail system, boasting great terrain, beautiful hardwoods, a rock-bottom creek, hills and rock-filled ridges. Volunteers can help maintain this trail that provides more than eight miles of mountain biking opportunities for the most advanced to the newest riders.

For more information, visit [metroparks.org/momba](http://metroparks.org/momba).



## RIVERSCAPE RIVER RUN UPDATE

Whitewater is coming to the heart of downtown Dayton with the RiverScape River Run project.

With construction slated to start this July, River Run will provide open passage for paddlers along what has long been a dangerous low dam near the Dayton Art Institute. Kayakers will be able to turn sweet tricks in the waves while spectators relax along the shore.

RiverScape River Run will complete a beautiful seven-mile paddle from Eastwood MetroPark on the Mad River, through downtown to Carillon Historical Park and the University of Dayton area.

River Run has been a true community effort, with approximately \$4 million raised from partners, businesses and private individuals.

For more information, visit [metroparks.org/riverrun](http://metroparks.org/riverrun).



# A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR PARKS

Five Rivers MetroParks has launched its own philanthropic foundation, ensuring an even healthier future for the region's parks, forests and waterways.

The Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation creates a more strategic, structured way for donors to support the organization. Charitable contributions now can be designated for all parks or a specific park; directed to educational and recreational programs; or used for conservation, special projects and long-term support.

Bonbright Distributors made the first donation to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation in the amount of \$15,500 (part of a larger, \$83,000 gift to MetroParks). It's the latest demonstration of the company's long-time commitment to Five Rivers MetroParks, as the beverage distributor also has sponsored such major events as the Midwest Outdoor Experience and The Adventure Summit.

"We are thrilled with this relationship and the philanthropic generosity of Bonbright Distributors," said Beth Redden, MetroParks director of development. "We appreciate how the company is giving back to Dayton's favorite park district."

"The decision to support the new foundation was easy," said Bonbright CEO Brock Anderson III, a native Daytonian and avid cyclist who has been a MetroParks regular his entire life.

Bonbright's backing of Five Rivers MetroParks has been made possible in part by its partnership with New Belgium Brewing Company, which Bonbright officials say has a long history of supporting outdoor lifestyles, environmental stewardship and sustainable practices – making it a perfect fit with MetroParks' mission.



BONBRIGHT DISTRIBUTORS

## FOUNDATION OFFICERS



Michael Brigner  
President



Brock Anderson III  
Vice President



KC Stack  
Secretary



Jim Gross  
Treasurer

Anderson also is contributing his time and talent to the foundation as vice president of the volunteer board of directors. His fellow officers are Michael Brigner from Sinclair Community College, community volunteer KC Stack and Jim Gross, owner of Healthy Communities Consulting LLC. Other Miami Valley companies and organizations represented on the board are The Ohlmann Group, Dayton Dragons, Dayton International Airport, University of Dayton and The Siebenthaler Company.

## 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).





## 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.

# 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

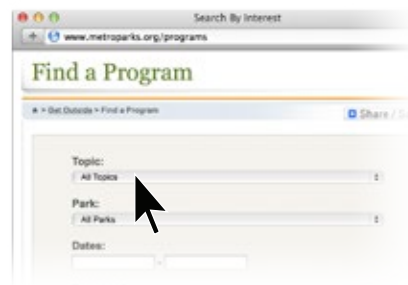
#### PADDLING

##### INTRO TO PADDLESPOITS

**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](http://metroparks.org/programs)**

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### 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.

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**NOTE:** Some programs require a minimum number of participants and are subject to cancellation. Those 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.**

**MON, JUN 1, 2015**

**8:30 AM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N384)

**TUE, JUN 2, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Horticultural Learning Series**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

(see Gardening & Landscaping N242)

**10:00 AM Live Like a Bee**, Sugar Creek MetroPark (see Nature N177)

**11:30 AM Switchel, Shrub and Lemonade**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N297)

**WED, JUN 3, 2015**

**9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fishing N25)

**1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Orientation-Naturalist Volunteers**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N69)

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Cox Arboretum Volunteer Orientation**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N248)

**6:30 PM Miami Valley Fossils**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living N104)

**THU, JUN 4, 2015**

**5:00 PM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N275)

**6:00 PM Experience the Watershed**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living N264)

**FRI, JUN 5, 2015**

**6:00 PM Hocking River String Band and The Appleseed Collective**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N281)

**8:00 PM Firefly Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N152)

**8:00 PM Firefly Sleepover**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N147)

**SAT, JUN 6, 2015**

**8:00 AM Farmers' Market Season Grand Opening**, 2nd Street Market (see Green Living N341)

**9:00 AM Ride to Kyle Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N6)

**9:00 AM Fish with a Ranger**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fishing N26)

**9:00 AM Possum Creek Walkfest**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N35)

**10:00 AM Zumba**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N347)

**10:00 AM Shooting Outdoor Portraits**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Photography N214)

**10:00 AM How to Plant Anything**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N213)

**10:00 AM Strawberry Sauce**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N286)

**1:00 PM Family Berry Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N77)

**1:30 PM Strawberry Sauce**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N289)

**2:00 PM Woodland Nesting Birds**, Hills & Dales

MetroPark (see Nature N197)

**2:00 PM Growing Up WILD Training**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature N65)

**8:30 PM Frog Survey**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N189)

**SUN, JUN 7, 2015**

**12:00 PM Haymaking**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N298)

**1:30 PM Germantown Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Germantown MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N52)

**MON, JUN 8, 2015**

**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N126)

**TUE, JUN 9, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N71)

**4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N44)

**4:30 PM Summertime and Soil**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N113)

**6:00 PM Companion Planting**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N215)

**6:30 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Outdoor Adventure N90)

**WED, JUN 10, 2015**

**7:00 AM Bus Trip: Malabar Farm**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N7)

**9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fishing N25)

**9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children's Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N137)

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Nature N145)

**2:00 PM Garden Tea**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N251)

**5:00 PM Try Fly Fishing**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fishing N223)

**THU, JUN 11, 2015**

**5:30 PM Volunteer: Wegerzyn Gardens Orientation**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N279)

**6:00 PM The Great Miami River Watershed**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living N263)

**7:30 PM Bob Gray Orchestra**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N284)

**FRI, JUN 12, 2015**

**7:30 PM KICK-N-FLAVA**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N338)

**8:30 PM Bat Search**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Nature N211)

**SAT, JUN 13, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N3)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Germantown MetroPark (see Backpacking N319)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N273)

**10:00 AM Landscaping 101: Design Fundamentals**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N376)

**10:00 AM Essentials of Kayaking**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N36)

**1:00 PM Butchering your own Chicken**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N176)

**6:00 PM Turkey in the Straws**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N301)

**8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N299)

**SUN, JUN 14, 2015**

**2:00 PM Wildflower Walk: First summer colors**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N216)

**2:00 PM Bike to the Dragons**, Offsite (see Cycling N8)

**MON, JUN 15, 2015**

**8:30 AM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N389)

**9:00 AM Youth Adventure Camp**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure N295)

**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N128)

**6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N167)

**TUE, JUN 16, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Horticultural Learning Series**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N233)

**6:00 PM Great summer annuals**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N217)

**6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N171)

**WED, JUN 17, 2015**

**9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fishing N25)

**2:00 PM Strawberry Jam**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N253)

**THU, JUN 18, 2015**

**12:00 PM Intro to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N357)

**6:00 PM Water Wise Homes and Gardens**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living N265)

**SAT, JUN 20, 2015**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming N305)

**9:00 AM Ride to Jake Grossnickle Park and past Patty's Shelter**, Englewood MetroPark (see Cycling N4)



**9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days,** MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N328)  
**10:00 AM Yoga,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N352)  
**10:00 AM Putting Up Berries,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N78)  
**10:00 AM Landscaping 101: Basic Plants,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N377)  
**10:00 AM Photography Master Class,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Photography N303)  
**11:30 AM Secret Agents,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Outdoor Play N342)  
**12:00 PM Adult Learn to Row,** Island MetroPark (see Rowing N172)

#### SUN, JUN 21, 2015

**2:00 PM Summer at Aullwood: woodland gardening,** Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N218)

#### MON, JUN 22, 2015

**9:30 AM Youth Team,** Island MetroPark (see Rowing N369)  
**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N129)  
**1:00 PM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N391)

#### TUE, JUN 23, 2015

**10:00 AM An Ant's View,** Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Nature N178)  
**10:00 AM Farm Discovery,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N81)  
**10:00 AM Volunteer: Aullwood Garden Orientation,** Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N280)  
**5:30 PM Fundamentals of Moving Water,** Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N37)  
**6:00 PM Butterflies of Ohio,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N10)

#### WED, JUN 24, 2015

**9:00 AM Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fishing N25)  
**2:00 PM Paper Making,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N254)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Seedling TLC Orientation,** Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N372)

#### THU, JUN 25, 2015

**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation,** Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N72)  
**7:30 PM Hal Harris Orchestra,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N285)

#### FRI, JUN 26, 2015

**10:00 AM Nestbox Monitoring,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Nature N193)

#### SAT, JUN 27, 2015

**9:00 AM Birds and Blooms,** Englewood MetroPark (see Nature N212)  
**9:00 AM Ride to RiverScape MetroPark and 2nd**

**Street Market,** Huffman MetroPark (see Cycling N5)

**10:00 AM Zumba,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N348)

**10:00 AM Farm Discovery,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N82)

**7:00 PM Date Night: Mocktails in the Garden,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N219)

**9:00 PM Baby Owl Search,** Englewood MetroPark (see Nature N198)

#### SUN, JUN 28, 2015

**2:00 PM Wildflower Walk: Summer Tapestry,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N220)

#### MON, JUN 29, 2015

**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N130)  
**12:00 PM Intro to Row,** Island MetroPark (see Rowing N358)  
**9:00 PM Fireflies of the Fen,** Woodman Fen Conservation Area (see Green Living N142)

#### TUE, JUN 30, 2015

**12:00 PM Try Paddlesports,** Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N300)

#### WED, JUL 1, 2015

**2:00 PM Fresh Salsa,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N255)  
**6:30 PM Fireworks and Rocketry,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living N105)

#### THU, JUL 2, 2015

**5:00 PM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N276)  
**5:00 PM City of Dayton's Lights in Flight Fireworks Show and Festival,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N381)

#### SAT, JUL 4, 2015

**9:00 AM Ride to Carillon Historical Park,** Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N12)

#### SUN, JUL 5, 2015

**12:00 PM A Grand Old Independence Day,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N302)

#### MON, JUL 6, 2015

**8:30 AM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N392)  
**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N131)

#### TUE, JUL 7, 2015

**6:30 AM Sunrise Yoga,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N266)  
**8:30 AM Bus Trip: Dayton Gardens,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N257)  
**10:00 AM Wetland Escape,** Carriage Hill MetroPark

(see Nature N179)

**11:30 AM Barn Tour of Carriage Hill,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N304)

**4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking,** MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N45)

**4:30 PM The Heat is On,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N118)

**6:00 PM Easy Soft Cheese,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N84)

#### WED, JUL 8, 2015

**9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children's Garden,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N139)

**10:00 AM Farm Discovery,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N86)

**2:00 PM Flower Flags,** Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N256)

**6:00 PM Compost Kitchen,** Offsite (see Green Living N249)

#### THU, JUL 9, 2015

**6:30 AM Sunrise Yoga,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N268)

**6:00 PM Wasps Saved My Summer ,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N9)

#### FRI, JUL 10, 2015

**7:30 PM Jah Sol,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N339)

**8:30 PM Date Night: Firefly Walk,** Woodman Fen Conservation Area (see Green Living N380)

#### SAT, JUL 11, 2015

**12:00 AM Yoga,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N353)

**7:30 AM Yoga in Nature,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N324)

**8:45 AM Flow and Grow Kids Yoga,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N329)

**9:00 AM Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park,** Eastwood MetroPark (see Cycling N13)

**9:00 AM Fish with a Ranger,** Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fishing N27)

**9:00 AM Growing Up WILD Training,** Germantown MetroPark (see Nature N66)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days,** Germantown MetroPark (see Backpacking N322)

**9:30 AM Flow and Grow Tikes Yoga,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N331)

**10:00 AM Pickled Beans,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N290)

**10:00 AM Sustainable Plantings Tour of Cox Arboretum,** Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N221)

**11:30 AM Superhero Headquarters,** RiverScape MetroPark (see Outdoor Play N343)

**1:30 PM Pickled Beans,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N291)

**2:00 PM Creek Fun,** Germantown MetroPark (see Nature N200)

#### SUN, JUL 12, 2015

**12:00 PM Grain Threshing,** Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N306)

**1:00 PM Growing Up WILD Training**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature N67)

**2:00 PM Wildflower walk: Pollinator feast**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N222)

### MON, JUL 13, 2015

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Horticultural Learning Series**, Island MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N243)

**9:00 AM Teen Adventure Camp**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure N340)

**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N132)

**6:00 PM Repurposing Workshop: Cork Coat Rack**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living N270)

### TUE, JUL 14, 2015

**6:30 AM Sunrise Yoga**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N269)

**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature N114)

**6:00 PM Prevent Pests the Healthy Way**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N224)

**6:30 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Outdoor Adventure N91)

### WED, JUL 15, 2015

**10:00 AM Creek Play**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Nature N180)

**2:00 PM Indigo Tie Dye**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N259)

**3:00 PM Taylorsville Walkfest**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N34)

### THU, JUL 16, 2015

**6:30 AM Sunrise Yoga**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N318)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N73)

**1:00 PM Teacher's Afternoon Out**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N68)

**4:00 PM Intro to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N360)

**7:30 PM Barry Campbell and His Big Band with vocalist Pam Noah**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N283)

### FRI, JUL 17, 2015

**10:00 AM Waterway Check-up**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature N190)

**1:00 PM Healthy Waterway**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Nature N194)

### SAT, JUL 18, 2015

**7:30 AM Yoga in Nature**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N325)

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming N307)

**8:45 AM Flow and Grow Kids Yoga**, Wegerzyn Gar-

dens MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N333)

**9:00 AM Birding Workshop: Common Birds**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N205)

**9:00 AM Ride to RiverScape MetroPark**, Huffman MetroPark (see Cycling N14)

**9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N330)

**9:30 AM Flow and Grow Tikes Yoga**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N335)

**10:00 AM Zumba**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N349)

**10:00 AM Cheesy Family Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N83)

**10:00 AM Picturing Puddles and Ponds**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Photography N226)

**10:00 AM Weeds and Water**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N225)

**1:00 PM Tree ID Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N206)

**6:00 PM Prairie Serenade: Old Time Country Music**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Entertainment N308)

**9:00 PM Nocturnal Excursion**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature N199)

### SUN, JUL 19, 2015

**2:00 PM Summer at Aullwood: hot weather pleasures**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N227)

**2:00 PM Bike to the Dragons**, Offsite (see Cycling N185)

### MON, JUL 20, 2015

**8:30 AM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N396)

**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N133)

**1:00 PM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N397)

**6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N173)

### TUE, JUL 21, 2015

**6:30 AM Sunrise Yoga**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N320)

**10:00 AM Nature Clubs for Families**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N156)

**10:00 AM Nature Sports**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N158)

**6:00 PM Shade Garden Inspiration**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N229)

**6:00 PM Adult Learn to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N174)

### WED, JUL 22, 2015

**9:00 AM Project Wild & Inquiry Adventures Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N1)

**1:00 PM Youth Kayak Basics**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N40)

**2:00 PM Weaving with Natural Materials**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N260)

### THU, JUL 23, 2015

**6:30 AM Sunrise Yoga**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N321)

### FRI, JUL 24, 2015

**6:00 PM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Heritage & History N346)

### SAT, JUL 25, 2015

**7:30 AM Yoga in Nature**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N327)

**8:45 AM Flow and Grow Kids Yoga**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N336)

**9:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N15)

**9:30 AM Flow and Grow Tikes Yoga**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N337)

**10:00 AM Farm Discovery**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N87)

**10:00 AM Sustainable Plantings Tour of Wegerzyn**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N228)

**12:00 PM Adult Learn to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N175)

**12:00 PM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Heritage & History N356)

### SUN, JUL 26, 2015

**10:00 AM United Irish of Dayton Celtic Festival**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Heritage & History N359)

**2:00 PM Wildflower Walk: Mid-summer Surprises**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N230)

### MON, JUL 27, 2015

**9:30 AM Youth Team**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N370)

**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N134)

**1:00 PM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N399)

**4:00 PM Intro to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N362)

### WED, JUL 29, 2015

**2:00 PM Pickles**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N261)

### THU, JUL 30, 2015

**1:00 PM Youth Fundamentals of Moving Water**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N42)

**7:30 PM Dayton Jazz Orchestra**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N287)

### SAT, AUG 1, 2015

**9:00 AM Ride to Verona**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Cycling N16)

**9:00 AM British Car Day**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Entertainment N58)

**10:00 AM Yoga**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N354)

**10:00 AM Rabbits for the Family**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N95)



**10:00 AM Tomato Sauce**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N292)  
**10:00 AM Essentials of Kayak Touring**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N41)  
**11:30 AM Arty Scientist**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Outdoor Play N344)  
**1:30 PM Tomato Sauce**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N293)

### SUN, AUG 2, 2015

**10:00 AM Butterfly Safari**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Photography N232)  
**2:00 PM Summer at Aullwood: Prairie Adventure**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N231)

### MON, AUG 3, 2015

**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N135)  
**1:00 PM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N400)

### TUE, AUG 4, 2015

**10:00 AM Farm Discovery**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N98)  
**11:30 AM Making Your Own Butter**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N310)  
**4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N46)  
**4:30 PM Harvest Season and Fall Planting**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N122)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Outdoor Adventure N92)

### WED, AUG 5, 2015

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Cox Arboretum Volunteer Orientation**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N250)  
**2:00 PM Garden Art**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N262)  
**6:00 PM Compost Meat, Dairy, Veggies and Starch with Bokashi**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Green Living N272)  
**6:30 PM New Horizons**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living N107)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N74)

### THU, AUG 6, 2015

**12:00 PM Intro to Row**, Island MetroPark (see Rowing N363)  
**5:00 PM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N277)  
**5:00 PM Try Fly Fishing**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Fishing N33)

### FRI, AUG 7, 2015

**5:00 PM Subaru Urban Outdoor Experience**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure N187)  
**6:00 PM Mad River Railroad and The Tillers**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N282)

### SAT, AUG 8, 2015

**9:00 AM Ride to Island MetroPark**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N17)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Germantown MetroPark (see Backpacking N323)  
**10:00 AM Zumba**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N350)  
**10:00 AM Ready, Set Winter Garden!**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N235)

### SUN, AUG 9, 2015

**12:00 PM Grain Threshing**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N312)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower Walk: Late summer Treasures**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N236)

### MON, AUG 10, 2015

**8:30 AM 1st Year Summer Horse Camp**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Horseback Riding N401)  
**10:00 AM Gardening Basics for Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N136)  
**6:00 PM Repurposing Workshop: Glass Etching**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Green Living N271)

### TUE, AUG 11, 2015

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Horticultural Learning Series**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N240)  
**10:00 AM Creek Guide Training**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N166)  
**10:00 AM Speak Creek!**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N168)  
**6:00 PM Late season succession planting**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N237)  
**6:00 PM Intro to Smart Cycling**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Cycling N140)  
**6:00 PM Kayak Exploring: Huffman Lake**, Huffman MetroPark (see Nature N361)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Five Rivers MetroPark Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N11)

### WED, AUG 12, 2015

**9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children's Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N141)  
**10:00 AM Prairie Safari**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Nature N182)  
**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Nature N155)

### THU, AUG 13, 2015

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Street Team Orientation**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure N93)  
**7:30 PM Tom Daugherty Orchestra**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N288)

### SAT, AUG 15, 2015

**8:00 AM Beginning Birding Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N207)

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming N309)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Carillon Historical Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N18)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N332)  
**9:00 AM Smart Cycling Basics**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Cycling N144)  
**10:00 AM Kids in the Garden**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N61)  
**11:00 AM Hispanic Heritage Festival**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Heritage & History N364)  
**1:00 PM Wetland Exploration**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N201)  
**8:00 PM Hoe Down Square Dance**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N313)

### SUN, AUG 16, 2015

**1:30 PM Possum Creek Hike With The Metro Day-ton Hikers**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N53)  
**2:00 PM Bike to the Dragons**, Offsite (see Cycling N186)

### TUE, AUG 18, 2015

**9:00 AM Leading Tikes Creeking**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Nature N195)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Horticultural Learning Series**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N234)  
**10:00 AM Creek Exploration**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Nature N181)  
**5:00 PM Try Inline Skating**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure N188)  
**6:00 PM The Children's Garden for Adults**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N252)

### THU, AUG 20, 2015

**10:00 AM Prairie Seed Collecting**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Nature N191)

### SAT, AUG 22, 2015

**12:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N19)  
**8:30 AM Super Underwear 5K, 10K, 1-mile Run/Walk**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N94)  
**10:00 AM Farm Discovery**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N102)  
**10:00 AM Draft Horse Day**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming N314)  
**12:00 PM Dayton African American Cultural Festival**, Island MetroPark (see Heritage & History N365)  
**1:00 PM Butterflies and Dragonflies**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Nature N202)  
**1:00 PM Veggie-palooza**, Offsite (see Gardening & Landscaping N59)

### SUN, AUG 23, 2015

**2:00 PM Wildflower walk: Season endings and beginnings**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N238)

**MON, AUG 24, 2015**

**5:30 PM Essentials of SUP**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N43)

**WED, AUG 26, 2015**

**6:00 PM Intro to Backpacking**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Backpacking N50)  
**6:30 PM Planting for Fall**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N63)

**FRI, AUG 28, 2015**

**8:00 PM Supermoon Walk**, Huffman MetroPark (see Nature N210)

**SAT, AUG 29, 2015**

**7:00 AM Wright Wride Weekend**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Cycling N138)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Kyle Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N20)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N274)  
**10:00 AM Yoga**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N355)  
**10:00 AM Getting Started with Rabbits**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N96)  
**11:30 AM Spa Apothecary**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Outdoor Play N345)

**SUN, AUG 30, 2015**

**1:30 PM Englewood Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Englewood MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N54)

**TUE, SEP 1, 2015**

**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Nature N123)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Horticultural Learning Series**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N244)  
**4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N47)  
**6:00 PM Sprouting and Microgreens Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N267)

**WED, SEP 2, 2015**

**6:00 PM Kayak Exploring: Eastwood Lagoon**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N366)  
**6:30 PM Fort Ancient Archeology**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Green Living N106)

**THU, SEP 3, 2015**

**10:00 AM Butterfly Bonanza**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N184)  
**5:00 PM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Days**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N278)

**SAT, SEP 5, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Radvansky Ln Bridge**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N21)  
**10:00 AM Family Farm and Park Tour**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N103)  
**10:00 AM Spider Search**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Nature N204)

**10:00 AM Apple Compote**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N294)

**1:00 PM Prairie Wildflower Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N208)

**1:30 PM Apple Compote**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Home & Hobbies N296)

**SUN, SEP 6, 2015**

**1:30 PM Taylorsville Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N55)

**TUE, SEP 8, 2015**

**10:00 AM Farm Discovery**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N100)  
**11:30 AM Historic Small Beers**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N315)

**WED, SEP 9, 2015**

**10:00 AM Spider Kid**, Englewood MetroPark (see Nature N183)  
**6:00 PM Recreation Kayak Rescue Clinic**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Paddling N48)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N75)

**THU, SEP 10, 2015**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Midwest Outdoor Experience Orientation**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure N88)

**SAT, SEP 12, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Conservation Orientation-Naturalist Volunteers**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N70)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Crains Run Nature Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N22)  
**9:00 AM Abilities Dash**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N79)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Germantown MetroPark (see Backpacking N326)  
**9:00 AM Essentials of Mountain Biking**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N157)  
**10:00 AM All about Pruning**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N239)  
**12:00 PM Backpacking Basics**, Germantown MetroPark (see Backpacking N51)  
**6:00 PM Date Night: 19th Century Cookery Class for Couples**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N317)

**SUN, SEP 13, 2015**

**1:00 PM Backyard Naturalist Training**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N170)  
**1:00 PM Urban Naturalist Training**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N169)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower walk: Early fall**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N378)

**TUE, SEP 15, 2015**

**7:00 AM Bus Trip: Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N258)

**10:00 AM Monarch Tagging**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N192)

**WED, SEP 16, 2015**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Midwest Outdoor Experience Orientation**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Outdoor Adventure N89)

**FRI, SEP 18, 2015**

**9:00 AM PARKing Day**, Offsite (see Gardening & Landscaping N57)  
**5:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N367)

**SAT, SEP 19, 2015**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Farming N311)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Verona**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Cycling N23)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Go Nuts with MetroParks**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature N375)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, MoMBA (see Mountain Biking N334)  
**10:00 AM Fossil Fun**, Germantown MetroPark (see Nature N203)  
**10:00 AM Fall Planting Workshop**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N241)  
**12:00 PM Taste of Miami Valley**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Entertainment N379)  
**1:00 PM Monarch Tagging**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature N196)

**SUN, SEP 20, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Go Nuts with MetroParks**, Offsite (see Nature N373)  
**1:30 PM Sugarcreek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Fitness & Health N56)  
**2:00 PM Aullwood: The fall Garden**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N245)

**TUE, SEP 22, 2015**

**1:00 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Nature N76)

**WED, SEP 23, 2015**

**6:00 PM Date Night: Dinner & Dirt**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N60)

**SAT, SEP 26, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Carillon Historical Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Cycling N24)  
**10:00 AM Farm Discovery**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Farming N101)  
**10:00 AM Country Fair**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History N316)  
**7:30 PM Night Photography**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Photography N246)

**SUN, SEP 27, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Go Nuts with MetroParks**, Offsite (see Nature N374)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower walk: Cool weather**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N247)





## BACKPACKING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER:

#### BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS

**SAT. JUN 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N319

**SAT. JUL 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N322

**SAT. AUG 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N323

**SAT. SEP 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N326

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the Twin Valley 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](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 18Y and up 🚲 ⚙️

### INTRO TO BACKPACKING

**WED. AUG 26, 6:00-8:30 PM** N50

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

Learn about gear, food, trip planning and other tips and tricks during this classroom session, setting you up to have a safe and enjoyable backpacking adventure. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 🚲

### BACKPACKING BASICS

**SAT. SEP 12, 12:00 PM - SUN. SEP 13, 12:00 PM** N51

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Campsite: Old Mill, 101 Old Mill Rd.

Spend a night on the Twin Valley Trail learning how to pack your backpack, use a water filter, cook in the backcountry, select a campsite and more. Equipment is available at no additional charge with reservation. Prerequisites: Intro to Backpacking. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$40

## CYCLING

### BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!

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

### (FREE) RIDE TO KYLE PARK

**SAT. JUN 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N6

**SAT. AUG 29, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N20

BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet at Rip Rap Park, located at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap, and Taylorsville

roads, in the parking lot near the soccer fields. (16 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚲

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

**SAT. JUN 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N3

**SAT. JUL 25, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N15

**SAT. AUG 22, 12:00 AM** N19

**SAT. SEP 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N22  
BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet at West Carrollton low dam; take North Alex Road to Hydraulic Road, use the entrance on right. (20 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚲

### (FREE) RIDE TO JAKE GROSSNICKLE PARK AND PAST PATTY'S SHELTER

**SAT. JUN 20, 9:00-11:00 AM** N4

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

Join us on a bike ride on the Stillwater River Bikeway (north). Use entrance at 100 E. National Rd. (U.S. 40 and State Route 48 in Englewood, north of the dam). (9 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚲 ⚙️

### (FREE) RIDE TO RIVERSCAPE METROPARK AND 2ND STREET MARKET

**SAT. JUN 27, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N5

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

Meet at 4439 Lower Valley Pike, Huffman South Park, and ride over Huffman Dam to RiverScape MetroPark. Then ride to the 2nd St. Market for lunch. We will finish our ride back at Huffman (15 miles). Bring your bike locks. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚲

### (FREE) RIDE TO CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK

**SAT. JUL 4, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N12

**SAT. AUG 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N18

**SAT. SEP 26, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N24

BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet at West Carrollton low dam; take North Alex Road to Hydraulic Road, use the entrance on the right. (14 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚲

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

**SAT. JUL 11, 9:00-11:00 AM** N13

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

(12 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚲

### (FREE) RIDE TO RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

**SAT. JUL 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N14

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

Ride west on the Mad River Bikeway. (14 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. [www.metroparks.org/bikehealth](http://www.metroparks.org/bikehealth). Age: All ages 🚲

### (FREE) RIDE TO VERONA

**SAT. AUG 1, 9:00-11:00 AM** N16

**SAT. SEP 19, 9:00-11:00 AM** N23

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. [www.metroparks.org/bikehealth](http://www.metroparks.org/bikehealth). Age: All ages 🚲

### (FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK

**SAT. AUG 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N17

BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25

Meet at Rip Rap Park, at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap and Taylorsville roads, in the soccer field parking lot. (15 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚲



Five Rivers MetroParks is proud to be a founding sponsor of Link, downtown Dayton's new bike share program.

Start or end your bike trips at Link stations at RiverScape MetroPark or the 2nd Street Market — just two of the 24 Link stations in the network. We're helping make transportation fun, safe and active!

[linkdayton.org](http://linkdayton.org)

**(FREE) RIDE TO RADVANSKY LN BRIDGE**

**SAT. SEP 5, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N21  
BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25  
Meet at Wegerzyn Garden MetroPark. (16 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

**BIKE TO THE DRAGONS**

Hop on your bike and head downtown to watch America's favorite game. The first 50 cyclists to register on the Dragons website and hike to the game will win complimentary lawn seats and prizes. Valet bike parking available starting at 1 PM. Game time 2 PM. Registration begins approximately one month prior to game date at [www.daytondragons.com](http://www.daytondragons.com).

**(FREE) BIKE TO THE DRAGONS**

**SUN. JUN 14, 2:00-5:00 PM** N8  
**SUN. JUL 19, 2:00-5:00 PM** N185  
**SUN. AUG 16, 2:00-5:00 PM** N186  
OFFSITE, Fifth Third Field, 220 N Patterson Blvd  
Registration required. Contact (937) 228-2287 or [dragons@daytondragons.com](mailto:dragons@daytondragons.com) for details.  
[www.daytondragons.com](http://www.daytondragons.com). Age: All ages 📅

**INTRO TO SMART CYCLING**

**TUE. AUG 11, 6:00-8:30 PM** N140  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

This classroom session, taught by League-certified instructors, is designed to provide cyclists of all levels better knowledge and understanding of how to safely and effectively operate their bicycle in various situations. Topics will include ride preparation, traffic laws, equipment, clothing and much more. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**SMART CYCLING BASICS**

**SAT. AUG 15, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** N144  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor

This hands-on class will teach maneuvering, signaling and riding skills. Helmets and bicycles required. Prerequisites: Intro to Smart Cycling. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20

**WRIGHT WRIDE WEEKEND**

**SAT., SUN AUG. 29-30, 7:00 AM-5:00 PM** N138

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Since 1971, the Wright Brothers Historical Bicycle Tour has visited sites showcasing the brothers' Dayton legacy. Wright Wride is a full-service bicycle ride with great routes, full SAG support, maps, professional road markings and awesome food. Contact Dwaine Wheeler. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 626-4455 or [dwainewheeler@gmail.com](mailto:dwainewheeler@gmail.com) for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$20

**ENTERTAINMENT****(FREE) MUSIC @ LUNCH**

**SAT. MAY 9-AUG. 29, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM** M155

**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. MAY 11-SEP. 25, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM** M154

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

Lunchtime downtown features acoustic music, food, free WiFi, bike rentals and more. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️

**PICKIN' IN THE PARK**

Enjoy progressive bluegrass music, food from the café, a variety of food trucks and craft beer as RiverScape MetroPark brings music to the riverside! No registration is required for this free, all-ages event.

**(FREE) HOCKING RIVER STRING BAND AND THE APPLESEED COLLECTIVE**

**FRI. JUN 5, 6:00-10:00 PM** N281  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Age: All ages ⚙️

**(FREE) MAD RIVER RAILROAD AND THE TILLERS**

**FRI. AUG 7, 6:00-10:00 PM** N282  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Age: All ages ⚙️

**BIG BAND NIGHTS**

Swinging Big Band music brings the dancers downtown! Bring your lawn chair for seating. No registration is required for this free, all-ages event.

**(FREE) BOB GRAY ORCHESTRA**

**THU. JUN 11, 7:30-9:30 PM** N284  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave. ⚙️

**(FREE) HAL HARRIS ORCHESTRA**

**THU. JUN 25, 7:30-9:30 PM** N285  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave. ⚙️

**(FREE) BARRY CAMPBELL AND HIS BIG BAND WITH VOCALIST PAM NOAH**

**THU. JUL 16, 7:30-9:30 PM** N283  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave. ⚙️

**(FREE) DAYTON JAZZ ORCHESTRA**

**THU. JUL 30, 7:30-9:30 PM** N287  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave. ⚙️

**(FREE) TOM DAUGHERTY ORCHESTRA**

**THU. AUG 13, 7:30-9:30 PM** N288  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave. ⚙️

**R&B HOT SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**

Dance to the region's hottest R&B bands. Bring a lawn chair for seating. No registration is required for this free, all-ages event.

**(FREE) KICK-N-FLAVA**

**FRI. JUN 12, 7:30-9:30 PM** N338  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave. ⚙️

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Five Rivers MetroParks is developing a 10-year comprehensive master plan – and wants to hear from you!

**VISIT [METROPARKS.ORG/PLAN](http://METROPARKS.ORG/PLAN)  
TO COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY  
AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT.**

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFO ON THE PLAN.



**(FREE) JAH SOL****FRI. JUL 10, 7:30-9:30 PM** N339RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion,  
111 E. Monument Ave. 🌸**(FREE) CITY OF DAYTON'S LIGHTS  
IN FLIGHT FIREWORKS SHOW  
AND FESTIVAL****THU. JUL 2, 5:00-10:00 PM** N381RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E.  
Monument Ave.Celebrate Dayton with a fun-filled evening of live  
music, food, beverages and kids' activities. Watch  
the City's spectacular visual display over the  
Great Miami River. No registration required. Con-  
tact (937) 333-8400 for details. Age: All ages 🌸**(FREE) PRAIRIE SERENADE: OLD  
TIME COUNTRY MUSIC****SAT. JUL 18, 6:00-9:00 PM** N308CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Plaza,  
7800 E. Shull Rd.Enjoy good music and a summer evening sur-  
rounded by prairie flower gardens at our Visitors  
Center. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for  
seating. Food available. No registration required.  
Age: All ages**(FREE) BRITISH CAR DAY****SAT. AUG 1, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** N58

EASTWOOD METROPARK, 1385 Harshman Rd.

This annual car show includes more than 300  
cars and motorcycles in a variety of classes. No  
registration required. Contact (937) 293-2819 or  
mgskip@aol.com for details. Age: All ages**(FREE) TASTE OF MIAMI VALLEY****FRI. SEP 18, 5:00-10:00 PM** N367**SAT. SEP 19, 12:00-9:00 PM** N379RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E.  
Monument Ave.Miami Valley Restaurants will serve delicious  
food at this year's Taste of Miami Valley! Sample  
portions of signature dishes from more than 25  
restaurants and enjoy performances by local  
bands. No registration required. dineoutdayton.  
org. Age: All ages**FARMING****BUTCHERING YOUR OWN  
CHICKEN****SAT. JUN 13, 1:00-3:00 PM** N176POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Educa-  
tion Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.Learn how to humanely butcher a chicken at  
home. Participants will not kill a chicken, but will  
learn to pluck and dress a chicken. We will pro-  
vide the tools required for cleaning. Registration  
required. Contact cduncan@metroparks.org for  
details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷**CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)**

Unless otherwise noted in listing.

**FAMILY FARM CHORES**Join the farmer to feed animals, gather eggs, and  
clean stalls.**FAMILY FARM CHORES****SAT. JUN 20, 8:30-10:00 AM** N305**SAT. JUL 18, 8:30-10:00 AM** N307**SAT. AUG 15, 8:30-10:00 AM** N309**SAT. SEP 19, 8:30-10:00 AM** N311CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill  
Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

Registration required. Age: 6Y-12Y Fee: \$5 🍷

**(FREE) FARM DISCOVERY****TUE. JUN 23, 10:00-11:00 AM** N81**SAT. JUN 27, 10:00-11:00 AM** N82**WED. JUL 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** N86**SAT. JUL 25, 10:00-11:00 AM** N87**TUE. AUG 4, 10:00-11:00 AM** N98**SAT. AUG 22, 10:00-11:00 AM** N102**TUE. SEP 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** N100**SAT. SEP 26, 10:00-11:00 AM** N101POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Educa-  
tion Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.Join us at Possum Creek for cool discoveries of  
what grows and lives on the farm. A great op-  
portunity for families to enjoy hands on activities  
while learning about food and the environment.  
No registration required. Age: All ages**RABBITS FOR THE FAMILY****SAT. AUG 1, 10:00-11:30 AM** N95POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Educa-  
tion Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.Interested in bringing rabbits into your family's  
life? Not sure where to start? Learn what you  
need to get started with raising rabbits for fun,  
showing or profit. Kids will learn how to hold and  
care for a rabbit. Registration required. Age: All  
ages Fee: per child: \$5 🍷**(FREE) DRAFT HORSE DAY****SAT. AUG 22, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM** N314CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical  
Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.Watch as draft horse drivers compete in the Ohio  
State Plowing Contest. Participants from around  
the state will put their skills to the test to see who  
the best plow hand is. No registration required.  
Age: All ages**GETTING STARTED WITH RABBITS****SAT. AUG 29, 10:00-11:30 AM** N96POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Educa-  
tion Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.Thinking about raising rabbits for show, profit  
or use at home? Wondering what you will need  
to get started? Learn about breeds, butchering,  
marketing and registered breeds for 4-H and  
shows. Also an opportunity for you to ask ques-  
tions. Registration required, walk-ins welcome.  
Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 🍷**FAMILY FARM AND PARK TOUR****SAT. SEP 5, 10:00-11:30 AM** N103

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Never been to Possum Creek MetroPark before?  
Tour the farm and learn about the animals that  
live here. Then hop on our hay wagon and learn  
what great things the park offers, from camping  
to hiking to fishing. Don't forget your poles if you  
want to make it a day! Registration required. Age:  
All ages Fee: per child: \$5 🍷**FISHING****HOOKED ON FISHING, NOT ON  
DRUGS****WED. JUN. 3,10,17,24 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

N25

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Educa-  
tion Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.A Ranger will discuss good decision-making skills  
and show students the basics of fishing. When  
class work is completed each student will get to  
fish with a provided pole and bait in a stocked  
pond. Scholarships available. Registration re-  
quired. Age: 5Y-15Y Fee: \$10 🍷**FISH WITH A RANGER****SAT. JUN 6, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N26**SAT. JUL 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N27POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown  
Rd.Officer Zimmerman will speak about a safety  
topic, then all students who participated will  
be able to use poles and free bait in a stocked  
fishing pond. Scholarships available. Registration  
required. Age: 4Y-15Y Fee: \$3 🍷**(FREE) TRY FLY FISHING****WED. JUN 10, 5:00-8:00 PM** N223POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Hickory/Park-  
ing Lot/Argonne Lake, 4790 Frytown Rd.**THU. AUG 6, 5:00-8:00 PM** N33CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake/Parking  
Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.Join us to see if you can entice a fish to bite and  
catch a fish on fly. Instructor is available for ques-  
tions and will teach basic fly fishing techniques  
in a controlled and safe environment. No fishing  
license required. Registration requested, walk-ins  
welcome. Age: 10Y and up 🍷**FITNESS & HEALTH****(FREE) POSSUM CREEK WALKFEST****SAT. JUN 6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** N35POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Hickory/Park-  
ing Lot/Argonne Lake, 4790 Frytown Rd.Sponsored by Purple Penguins Walking Club. Start  
between 9 AM and 1 PM. Contact Helga Slade. See  
contact info to register. Contact (937) 429-3946 or  
hslade@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

## FITNESS IN THE PARK

Fun and effective workouts under the pavilion are part of Saturday eEscape. Get fit on yoga days with Tori Reynolds and enjoy Zumba with Nashanda Moore. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Stick around for live music and delicious food from the cafe. No registration required for these free, all-ages workouts.

### (FREE) ZUMBA

**SAT. JUN 6, 10:00-11:00 AM** N347

**SAT. JUN 27, 10:00-11:00 AM** N348

**SAT. JUL 18, 10:00-11:00 AM** N349

**SAT. AUG 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** N350

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

Age: All ages ☼

### (FREE) YOGA

**SAT. JUN 20, 10:00-11:00 AM** N352

**SAT. JUL 11, 10:00-11:00 AM** N353

**SAT. AUG 1, 10:00-11:00 AM** N354

**SAT. AUG 29, 10:00-11:00 AM** N355

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

Age: All ages ☼

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

**SUN. JUN 7, 1:30-4:30 PM** N52

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

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

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

## HOE DOWN SQUARE DANCE

**SAT. JUN 13, 8:00-10:30 PM** N299

**SAT. AUG 15, 8:00-10:30 PM** N313

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

Join us for a square dance in our historic barn. Listen to the sounds of The Corndrinkers as they walk you through the steps. Tickets are \$5 per person and available at the door. No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5

## SUNRISE YOGA

**TUE. JUL 7, 6:30-7:30 AM** N266

**THU. JUL 9, 6:30-7:30 AM** N268

**TUE. JUL 14, 6:30-7:30 AM** N269

**THU. JUL 16, 6:30-7:30 AM** N318

**TUE. JUL 21, 6:30-7:30 AM** N320

**THU. JUL 23, 6:30-7:30 AM** N321

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, Deeds Point, 510 Webster St.

Inhale, exhale and begin your day with purpose. This mixed level vinyasa flow practice will awaken the mind and body. Salute the sun as you generate heat through movement and breath. Bring a yoga mat or heavy towel. Registration required.

Age: 13Y and up Fee: \$10 ☼

## YOGA IN NATURE

**SAT. JUL 11, 7:30-8:30 AM** N324

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.

**SAT. JUL 18, 7:30-8:30 AM** N325

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Formal Gardens, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

**SAT. JUL 25, 7:30-8:30 AM** N327

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Practice yoga postures surrounded by beauty; allow the sounds of nature to help you connect mind, movement, and breath. This is a mixed level class and will focus on the large muscle groups used to enjoy outdoor activities. Bring a yoga mat or heavy towel. Registration required. Age: 13Y and up Fee: \$10 ☼

## FLOW AND GROW KIDS YOGA

**SAT. JUL 11, 8:45-9:15 AM** N329

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.

**SAT. JUL 18, 8:45-9:15 AM** N333

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Formal Gardens, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

**SAT. JUL 25, 8:45-9:15 AM** N336

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Students will be introduced to breathing exercises and learn to connect movement with breath while they flow through yoga poses in the garden. An opportunity for kids to feel connected to the world around them and understand the big and small impacts they create. Bring a yoga mat or heavy towel. Registration required. Age: 7Y-12Y Fee: \$5 ☼

## FLOW AND GROW TIKES YOGA

**SAT. JUL 11, 9:30-10:00 AM** N331

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.

**SAT. JUL 18, 9:30-10:00 AM** N335

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Formal Gardens, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

**SAT. JUL 25, 9:30-10:00 AM** N337

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Younger children will flow and grow through playful poses in the garden. Interactive games and stories will keep children engaged as they connect with the world around them. Students will be introduced to breathing exercises and learn to connect movement with breath. Bring a yoga mat or heavy towel. Registration required. Age: 4Y-6Y Fee: \$5 ☼

## (FREE) TAYLORSVILLE WALKFEST

**WED. JUL 15, 3:00-9:00 PM** N34

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

Sponsored by Purple Penguins Walking Club. Start between 3 PM and 6 PM. Contact Helga Slade. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 429-3946 or hslade@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

## (FREE) POSSUM CREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS

**SUN. AUG 16, 1:30-3:30 PM** N53

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

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

## SUPER UNDERWEAR 5K, 10K, 1-MILE RUN/WALK

**SAT. AUG 22, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM** N94

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Zoom Multisport Racing. Contact Mick Mominee. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 572-5018 or mick@zoomracingusa.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: Varies: \$10, Varies: \$37

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

**SUN. AUG 30, 1:30-4:00 PM** N54

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

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

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

**SUN. SEP 6, 1:30-3:30 PM** N55

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

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

## ABILITIES DASH

**SAT. SEP 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N79

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

See contact info to register. Contact (937) 216-0315 or herbie4287@yahoo.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: 5K: \$20, 10K: \$25

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

**SUN. SEP 20, 1:30-4:00 PM** N56

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

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



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Visit the Market  
Saturday, July 18:  
Participants in the youth  
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Enjoy in-season fruit,  
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Thursday & Friday: 11 AM to 3 PM – Saturday: 8 AM to 3 PM

## GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: HORTICULTURAL LEARNING SERIES

**TUE. JUN 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N242  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

**TUE. JUN 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N233  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Volunteer Lounge, 6733 Springboro Pk.

**MON. JUL 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N243  
ISLAND METROPARK, Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.

**TUE. AUG 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N240  
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

**TUE. AUG 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N234  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Volunteer Lounge, 6733 Springboro Pk.

**TUE. SEP 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N244  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, Festival Plaza, 111 E. Monument Ave.

These projects are great opportunities for staff and seasoned and novice gardeners to learn from each other. Each session will include a learning topic, followed by a work project. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact janet.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🍷 ⚙️

### (FREE) VOLUNTEER: COX ARBORETUM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

**WED. JUN 3, 6:00-8:00 PM** N248  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

You'll learn about our sustainable horticulture initiative and how to get involved as a gardener, butterfly house guide, or the many other opportunities that help the Arboretum grow. Orientation will include a walking tour. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact Janet.Metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

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

**THU. JUN 4, 5:00-7:00 PM** N275

**SAT. JUN 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N273

**THU. JUL 2, 5:00-7:00 PM** N276

**THU. AUG 6, 5:00-7:00 PM** N277

**SAT. AUG 29, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N274

**THU. SEP 3, 5:00-7:00 PM** N278

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 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. Contact janelle.leonard@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up ⚙️

### HOW TO PLANT ANYTHING

**SAT. JUN 6, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N213  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn planting techniques for annuals, perennials, vegetables, trees, shrubs and seeds to ensure a

successful garden, landscape or container. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷

### GARDENING BASICS FOR KIDS

**MON. JUN 8, 10:00-11:00 AM** N126

**MON. JUN 15, 10:00-11:00 AM** N128

**MON. JUN 22, 10:00-11:00 AM** N129

**MON. JUN 29, 10:00-11:00 AM** N130

**MON. JUL 6, 10:00-11:00 AM** N131

**MON. JUL 13, 10:00-11:00 AM** N132

**MON. JUL 20, 10:00-11:00 AM** N133

**MON. JUL 27, 10:00-11:00 AM** N134

**MON. AUG 3, 10:00-11:00 AM** N135

**MON. AUG 10, 10:00-11:00 AM** N136

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter,

Learn basic botany and vegetable gardening. Participants will help tend the garden, sample available veggies and herbs, and plant seeds to take home and grow. Registration required. Age: 6Y-10Y Fee: \$5 🍷 ⚙️

### YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

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

### SUMMERTIME AND SOIL

**TUE. JUN. 9-23, 4:30-6:00 PM** N113  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Harvest early summer crops, continue planting and learn about soil and compost. Registration required. Age: 8Y-12Y Fee: \$15 🍷 ⚙️

### THE HEAT IS ON

**TUE. JUL. 7-21, 4:30-6:00 PM** N118  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Continue harvesting and planting, and learn about water, insects and plant diseases. Registration required. Age: 8Y-12Y Fee: \$15 🍷

### HARVEST SEASON AND FALL PLANTING

**TUE. AUG. 4-18, 4:30-6:00 PM** N122  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Enjoy the big harvest and learn how to save seeds. Prepare and preserve food. Registration required. Age: 8Y-12Y Fee: \$15 🍷

### LEARNING FROM THE LAND- SCAPE: COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

Volunteers lead one-hour programs using the grounds of the park as examples for plant selec-

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Unless otherwise noted in listing.

tion and maintenance techniques. Meet in the parking lot.

## COMPANION PLANTING

**TUE. JUN 9, 6:00-7:00 PM N215**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn how to deter certain garden pests by using specific plants, as shown in the gardens at Cox. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅 ⚙️

## PREVENT PESTS THE HEALTHY WAY

**TUE. JUL 14, 6:00-7:00 PM N224**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Pest problems can often be avoided or solved in simple, non-chemical ways through Integrated Pest Management. A beautiful, healthy garden is an insect-balanced one. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅 ⚙️

## LATE SEASON SUCCESSION PLANTING

**TUE. AUG 11, 6:00-7:00 PM N237**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Continue garden beauty into fall with succession planting in vegetable and flower gardens. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅 ⚙️

## BUS TRIP: MALABAR FARM

**WED. JUN 10, 7:00 AM-6:00 PM N7**

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

Join us as we visit the beautiful and fascinating Malabar Farm State Park. We'll have guided tours of the house and farm followed by lunch. In the afternoon, we'll have a fun stop at Wade and Gatton for fantastic plant shopping. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7052 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$84

## BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

**WED. JUN 10, 9:00-10:00 AM N137**

**WED. JUL 8, 9:00-10:00 AM N139**

**WED. AUG 12, 9:00-10:00 AM N141**

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

A rare opportunity to experience the children's garden as you help MetroParks staff get ready for the busy day. Activities include feeding fish and wildlife, followed by free time in the garden before other visitors arrive. Registration required. Age: 5Y-12Y Fee: \$5 📅 ⚙️

## WHAT'S NEW @ 2

Explore the Children's Discovery Garden through

crafts, recipes and other hands-on experiences using plants from the garden. This program is offered free of charge thanks to sponsorship by the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation.

## GARDEN TEA

**WED. JUN 10, 2:00-3:00 PM N251**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to use dried herbs to make delicious herbal tea and sample some of our signature blend. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## STRAWBERRY JAM

**WED. JUN 17, 2:00-3:00 PM N253**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn about one of the most prized fruits of summertime and make jam from scratch. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## PAPER MAKING

**WED. JUN 24, 2:00-3:00 PM N254**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Make recycled paper and learn about the different plant fibers that can be used for paper making. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## FRESH SALSA

**WED. JUL 1, 2:00-3:00 PM N255**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Try the vegetables and herbs used to make salsa and create a batch from ingredients of your choice. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## FLOWER FLAGS

**WED. JUL 8, 2:00-3:00 PM N256**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Create flower flags using the flower-pounding technique and learn what flowers different pollinators are attracted to. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## INDIGO TIE DYE

**WED. JUL 15, 2:00-3:00 PM N259**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn about plants that can be used to create natural dyes and create your own tie-dyed cloth. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## WEAVING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

**WED. JUL 22, 2:00-3:00 PM N260**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Use materials from the garden and nature to create a unique woven craft. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## PICKLES

**WED. JUL 29, 2:00-3:00 PM N261**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn about cucumbers and dill and make your own pickles to take home. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## GARDEN ART

**WED. AUG 5, 2:00-3:00 PM N262**

WEGERYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Create art with practical garden structures, such as planter pots, to use at home or in the garden. Registration required. Age: 3Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## (FREE) VOLUNTEER: WEGERYN GARDENS ORIENTATION

**THU. JUN 11, 5:30-7:00 PM N279**

WEGERYN 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. Contact janelle.leonard@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## LANDSCAPING 101: DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS

**SAT. JUN 13, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM N376**

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

Basic landscaping concepts of spacing, height, and balance. Guide plant selection and create a beautiful, successful planting. Registration required, Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

## WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS WALKS

Join volunteers from the Cox Wildflower Group for informative walks through the different areas of wildflowers at the park. During each session see new and different blooms you're sure to love. Each participant will receive four wildflower seedlings raised by the group. Meet in the parking lot.

## WILDFLOWER WALK: FIRST SUMMER COLORS

**SUN. JUN 14, 2:00-3:00 PM N216**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Explore the beauty of warm weather flowers. We hope to have available starts for *Spigelia marilandica*, *Thalictrum aquilegifolium* and *Penstemon digitalis*. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️



**WILDFLOWER WALK: SUMMER TAPESTRY**

**SUN. JUN 28, 2:00-3:00 PM** N220  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

See wildflower varieties which enjoy warm weather. We hope to have available starts for *Tradescantia virginiana*, *Oenothera fruticosa*, *Actaea racemosa*. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷 ⚙️

**WILDFLOWER WALK: POLLINATOR FEAST**

**SUN. JUL 12, 2:00-3:00 PM** N222  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

Pollinators love wildflowers, and today's blooms are no exceptions. We hope to have available starts for *Rudbeckia triloba*, *Monarda fistulosa*, *Campanula Americana*. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷 ⚙️

**WILDFLOWER WALK: MID-SUMMER SURPRISES**

**SUN. JUL 26, 2:00-3:00 PM** N230  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

Some flowers fade in summer heat, while others dazzle. Visit these beauties on today's walk. We hope to have available starts for *Eupatoriadelphus fistulosum*, *Heuchera Americana*, *Phlox paniculata*. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷 ⚙️

**WILDFLOWER WALK: LATE SUMMER TREASURES**

**SUN. AUG 9, 2:00-3:00 PM** N236  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

All landscapes continue the changes from summer to fall. Enjoy the special plants which

look wonderful at this time of year. We hope to have starts available for *Silphium perfoliata*, *Asclepias syriaca*, *Impatiens capensis*. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷 ⚙️

**WILDFLOWER WALK: SEASON ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS**

**SUN. AUG 23, 2:00-3:00 PM** N238  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

Summer's end doesn't mean the end of flowers. Today's walk highlights the changes of light, color and texture in the wildflower area. We hope to have starts of *Chelone lyonii*, *Physostegia virginiana* and seeds for *Actea pachypoda*. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷 ⚙️

**WILDFLOWER WALK: EARLY FALL**

**SUN. SEP 13, 2:00-3:00 PM** N378  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

Fall is nearly here, and with it the rich colors of the season. Enjoy today's walk and the colors of leaves and flowers. We hope to have starts available for *Vernonia gigantea* and *Symphoytrichum caesia*, and seeds for *Arisaema triphyllum*. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷 ⚙️

**WILDFLOWER WALK: COOL WEATHER**

**SUN. SEP 27, 2:00-3:00 PM** N247  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot,  
6733 Springboro Pk.

Falling leaves prepare the way for dormancy in the wildflower area. We'll look at how nature prepares for winter while still being beautiful. We hope to have starts available for *Symphoytrichum novae-angliae*, *Symphoytrichum cordifolium*, and seeds for *Viburnum*

*trilobum*. Registration required, Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷 ⚙️

**LEARNING FROM THE LAND-SCAPE: WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK**

Volunteers lead one-hour walks using the park for examples of plants and maintenance techniques. Meet in the parking lot.

**GREAT SUMMER ANNUALS**

**TUE. JUN 16, 6:00-7:00 PM** N217  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking  
Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

See examples of glorious annuals planted in beds and containers and get beautiful ideas for your own landscape. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 🍷 ⚙️

**SHADE GARDEN INSPIRATION**

**TUE. JUL 21, 6:00-7:00 PM** N229  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Formal  
Gardens, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Not all plants need full sun. Visit stunning examples of cool summer gardens to use in your own landscape. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 🍷 ⚙️

**THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN FOR ADULTS**

**TUE. AUG 18, 6:00-7:00 PM** N252  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Children's  
Discovery Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn about the plants which make this garden so beautiful throughout the seasons and get ideas for your own garden. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 🍷 ⚙️

## GARDENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**GARDEN DISCOVERY GUIDES**

WEGERZYN GARDENS  
METROPARK

Engage visitors through conversation, guided discoveries and hands-on activities. Shifts run through September, and times are flexible, with two shifts per month requested.

**WEGERZYN GIFT AND GARDEN SHOP**

2ND STREET MARKET

Volunteers meet and greet customers. Training is provided. Shop hours are 11 AM to 3 PM Thursdays and Fridays; 8 AM to 3 PM Saturdays.

**AULLWOOD GARDEN HELPERS**

AULLWOOD GARDEN  
METROPARK

Learn about to growing a variety of shade plants, plant propagation, garden mapping, and historical and botanical research.

**POSEY PATROL**

VARIOUS LOCATIONS,  
DOWNTOWN DAYTON

Volunteers monitor the status of the huge planters walking a designated route twice a month.

**BUTTERFLY HOUSE GUIDES**

COX ARBORETUM  
METROPARK

Tell the story of native Ohio butterflies and moths amidst a garden of beautiful host and nectar plants. Volunteers are needed in July and August from 10 AM to 2 PM Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 PM Sundays. Training provided.

**GARDENERS**

COX ARBORETUM  
METROPARK &  
RIVERSCAPE  
METROPARK

Learn the most effective gardening techniques from expert horticulture staff and fellow volunteers. No experience necessary; hands-on training provided. Shifts vary.

## LANDSCAPING 101: BASIC PLANTS

**SAT. JUN 20, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N377

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

Learn about the best trees, shrubs, perennials and ground covers for our area and how to select the correct ones for your yard. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**(FREE) SUMMER AT AULLWOOD: WOODLAND GARDENING****SUN. JUN 21, 2:00-4:00 PM** N218

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Woodland plants create peaceful additions to your landscape. Learn from the garden how to select and highlight these beautiful plants. We'll meet in the Aullwood Garden MetroPark parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: AULLWOOD GARDEN ORIENTATION****TUE. JUN 23, 10:00-11:30 AM** N280

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aull Residence, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Volunteers have a big impact on preserving this historic estate garden and living work of art and local history. Orientation will provide an overview of opportunities and a walking tour. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact janelle.leonard@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## DATE NIGHT: MOCKTAILS IN THE GARDEN

**SAT. JUN 27, 7:00-9:00 PM** N219

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Formal Gardens, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Bring your sweetie to learn about and sip garden-inspired drinks, share garden-fresh nibbles, and enjoy an evening stroll through the park. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: per couple: \$25 📅 ⚙️

## BUS TRIP: DAYTON GARDENS

**TUE. JUL 7, 8:30 AM-6:00 PM** N257

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

Tour the beautiful gardens of the VA and Mission of Mary. Lunch at Amber Rose is followed by a craft session at K-12 Gallery. Fee includes lunch and snacks and is due June 8. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7052 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$70

## SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS TOUR OF COX ARBORETUM

**SAT. JUL 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N221

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Walk and talk with Cincinnati Zoo horticulturist

Scott Beuerlein and Cox horticulturalist Rich Pearson as we tour sustainable plantings. A great opportunity to see the beauties of the park and to ask questions of the experts. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

**GUYS GARDENING**

Gardening won't remain a mystery to participants of this series. Bring questions and go home ready to start the manly art of gardening!

## WEEDS AND WATER

**SAT. JUL 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

N225

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

A successful garden needs one, but not the other. Learn how to identify and subdue weeds and how to correctly supply needed water to various types of plantings. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

## READY, SET WINTER GARDEN!

**SAT. AUG 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

N235

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

Summer is ending, but gardening continues. Learn about succession planting and techniques and constructing planting beds to keep produce coming from now through winter and beyond. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**(FREE) SUMMER AT AULLWOOD: HOT WEATHER PLEASURES****SUN. JUL 19, 2:00-4:00 PM** N227

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.

Cooling factors such as running water, shaded views, plant groupings and use of subtle color make summer days a pleasure in the garden. We'll meet in Aullwood Garden MetroPark parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

## SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS TOUR OF WEGERZYN

**SAT. JUL 25, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N228

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

Cincinnati Zoo horticulturalist Scott Beuerlein and Wegerzyn horticulturalist Megan Croswell guide you through park examples of sustainable plantings. A great experience and a perfect opportunity to ask the plant experts your questions. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) SUMMER AT AULLWOOD: PRAIRIE ADVENTURE****SUN. AUG 2, 2:00-4:00 PM** N231

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

The prairie is in full bloom, so come and enjoy the beauty of plants and pollinators and the magic of late summer. We'll meet in the Aullwood Garden MetroPark parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: COX ARBORETUM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION****WED. AUG 5, 9:00-11:00 AM** N250

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

Learn about our sustainable horticulture initiative. Find out how volunteers fit into the picture and about the many ways you can help the Arboretum grow. Orientation will include a walking tour. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact Janet.Metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## FAMILIES IN THE GARDEN

**SAT. AUG 15, 10:00-11:30 AM** N61

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

When kids grow their own veggies they eat more of them. Learn how to create a kid-focused garden while getting dirty planting, watering and harvesting. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: Per Child: \$5 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) VEGGIE-PALOOZA****SAT. AUG 22, 1:00-4:00 PM** N59

OFFSITE

Learn what to do with all those summertime veggies, not to mention 500 pounds of kale! Watch demonstrations and try your hand at cooking, preserving, and saving seeds. Kids and family activities. Co-hosted with United Way's Volunteer Connections. Offsite location: Grace United Methodist Church, 11001 Harvard Blvd, (enter at Salem and Dartmouth). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅

## SPROUTING AND MICROGREENS WORKSHOP

**TUE. SEP 1, 6:00-7:30 PM** N267

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

Sprouts and microgreens are fun to grow and a great source of nutrition year-round. Learn simple ways to do this together and start growing trays to take home. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: Participant: \$10 📅

**GARDEN BOOT CAMP**

Need to quickly learn how to garden? Join us for seasonal three-hour sessions on practical garden-



ing skills. You'll learn the techniques you need at the right time of year. Bring your lunch.

## ALL ABOUT PRUNING

**SAT. SEP 12, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N239

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter ,

Chris Jensen takes the mystery out of pruning. Learn proper techniques and timing for trees, shrubs, and perennials. A great opportunity to try new skills and ask questions of an expert. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷 ⚙️

## BUS TRIP: STAN HYWET HALL AND GARDENS

**TUE. SEP 15, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM** N258

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

Visit Akron and tour the fabulous estate and gardens of F.A. Seiberling, founder of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Lunch is at the estate between tours. Next is West Point Market for a great shopping experience. Fee includes all admissions, lunch and snacks and is due August 14. Registration required. Contact (937) 276-7052 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$110

## (FREE) PARKING DAY

**FRI. SEP 18, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM** N57

OFFSITE,

PARK(ing) Day is an annual, worldwide event that transforms metered parking spots into temporary parks for the public good. MetroParks provides plants, Green Velvet Sod Farms provides sod, and Garden Station organizes volunteers to set up and staff the 'parks' in the Oregon District and other downtown locations. No registration required. Contact lbeachdell@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

## FALL PLANTING WORKSHOP

**SAT. SEP 19, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N241

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

Trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs are best planted now. Learn the techniques for successful installation that lead to long-lived and beautiful plants. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷

## (FREE) AULLWOOD: THE FALL GARDEN

**SUN. SEP 20, 2:00-4:00 PM** N245

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.

Color, light and sound are changing in the garden, giving it a new and different look from the full green of summer. Enjoy the changes and the beauty of the season, and don't forget to bring your camera. We'll meet in the Aullwood Garden MetroPark parking lot. Registration requested,

walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷 ⚙️

## DATE NIGHT: DINNER & DIRT

**WED. SEP 23, 6:00-8:00 PM** N60

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

Bring your sweetie or bestie and harvest what's ripe in the garden and at the farm, then prepare a fresh, simple meal. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: per couple: \$15 🍷

## 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) MIAMI VALLEY FOSSILS

**WED. JUN 3, 6:30-8:30 PM** N104

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

Come learn about the fossil record of our region with an expert from the Dayton Gem and Mineral Society. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

### (FREE) FIREWORKS AND ROCKETRY

**WED. JUL 1, 6:30-8:30 PM** N105

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

Before the skies light up for the holiday, discuss the history and science of this spectacle with rocketry expert Eric Specht. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

### (FREE) NEW HORIZONS

**WED. AUG 5, 6:30-8:30 PM** N107

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

Astronomer Ron Whitehead reports on the mission to Pluto and other current astronomical research and observation. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

### (FREE) FORT ANCIENT ARCHEOLOGY

**WED. SEP 2, 6:30-8:30 PM** N106

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

Understand how the pieces of this important regional history continue to be discovered. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

## WATER WISDOM

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

### EXPERIENCE THE WATERSHED

**THU. JUN 4, 6:00-8:00 PM** N264

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

Learn how scientists monitor waterway quality and spend time in the Stillwater River with our naturalists conducting a stream assessment and enjoying nature. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷

### THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER WATERSHED

**THU. JUN 11, 6:00-8:00 PM** N263

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

Learn the history, geography and geology of the Great Miami Watershed. We'll examine the resources it provides, how they are managed and current pollution concerns. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷

### WATER WISE HOMES AND GARDENS

**THU. JUN 18, 6:00-8:00 PM** N265

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

Manage your property to save water and money and do your part to prevent pollution and protect aquatic life. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷

### (FREE) FARMERS' MARKET SEASON GRAND OPENING

**SAT. JUN. 6-SEP. 26, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM** N341

2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.

Enjoy the best of in-season, locally grown vegetables, herbs and bedding plants brought to the Market straight from the field at the annual summer outdoor Farmers' Market. Conventional and organic farmers will participate every Saturday. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

### FIREFLIES OF THE FEN

**MON. JUN 29, 9:00-10:30 PM** N142

WOODMAN FEN CONSERVATION AREA , 2409 Newcastle Dr.

Meet in the Woodman Fen parking lot at 9:00 pm for a twilight walk and a spectacular firefly display as night falls. We'll discuss what makes this place a prime habitat and how people can help protect fireflies and similar species. Registration required.

Age: All ages Fee: \$5 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) COMPOST KITCHEN****WED. JUL. 8-22, 6:00-8:00 PM** N249

OFFSITE, Montgomery County Solid Waste, 2550 Sandridge Dr.

This three-part program covers everything you need to know to compost effectively. Talks and activities explore soil ecology, chemical-free gardening and household waste management. Participants completing all three programs receive a free composter. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up 📅

## SUPPORT YOUR METROPARKS

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a unique, lasting gift located at your favorite MetroPark. Choose from such options as benches, trees and, in some locations, swings.



Contact Brenda Cox,  
Development Coordinator,  
at (937) 277-4839 or  
brenda.cox@metroparks.org.

**METROPARKS.ORG/DONATE**

**DATE NIGHT: FIREFLY WALK****FRI. JUL 3, 8:30-10:00 PM** N380

WOODMAN FEN CONSERVATION AREA, 2409 Newcastle Dr.

Couples take an evening stroll, learn about firefly habitat, and enjoy refreshments on the boardwalk. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: Per Couple: \$10 📅 ⚙️

**REPURPOSING WORKSHOP:****CORK COAT RACK****MON. JUL 13, 6:00-8:00 PM** N270

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

Use scraps of wood and bottle corks to craft a useful rack for hanging things. Bring your own corks and scrap wood or use what is supplied. We'll provide the tools, hardware and paint. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**COMPOST MEAT, DAIRY, VEGGIES AND STARCH WITH BOKASHI****WED. AUG 5, 6:00-8:00 PM** N272

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

With bokashi, meat, starches and dairy can all go in the compost. Bokashi, an ancient Japanese/Korean form of composting by fermentation, is new to the U.S. but is practiced worldwide. Walk through all steps to make your own bokashi set up. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

**REPURPOSING WORKSHOP:****GLASS ETCHING****MON. AUG 10, 6:00-8:00 PM** N271

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

Bring bottles and jars and leave with decorative vases, votive holders and dispensers. We'll provide the tools and accessories. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

## HERITAGE & HISTORY

**LUNCH AND LEARN**

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

**SWITCHEL, SHRUB AND LEMONADE****TUE. JUN 2, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** N297

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

Join us as we talk about some of the various thirst quenching drinks from the 1880s. Afterwards, help make some of these historic recipes and try a sample. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

**BARN TOUR OF CARRIAGE HILL****TUE. JUL 7, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** N304

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

Learn about the history of barns as we take a tour of the various barns on the historic farm. Come learn about their construction, style and uses. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

**MAKING YOUR OWN BUTTER****TUE. AUG 4, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** N310

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

Butter was one of the most common items made on a 19th century farm. But, how much do you really know about butter? Join us as we discuss its history and make some fresh butter. Participants will learn what is needed to make their own butter at home. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

**HISTORIC SMALL BEERS****TUE. SEP 8, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** N315

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

Listen in as we discuss 'small' or 'short' beers from the 1880s. Information will be provided on their history and how you can make them at home. We will be discussing maple, molasses and apple beer. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

**19TH CENTURY FARMING DEMONSTRATIONS**

Join us for ongoing drop-in demonstrations of 19th century farm life. Typical farm chores will be recreated to demonstrate daily life in the 1880s.

**(FREE) HAYMAKING****SUN. JUN 7, 12:00-5:00 PM** N298

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

The farmer makes hay 19th century style when loose hay is loaded on the wagon and taken to the barn. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️

**(FREE) GRAIN THRESHING****SUN. JUL 12, 12:00-5:00 PM** N306**SUN. AUG 9, 12:00-5:00 PM** N312

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

Absorb the sights, sounds and aromas as the whistle blows and the steam engine powers the separator, while the crew feeds in the yellow bundles of grain. Watch the straw pile grow higher as the box bed wagon fills with grain. Also, watch as the homemakers bake and cook to provide the farmhands with a sumptuous threshermen's dinner. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️



**TURKEY IN THE STRAWS****SAT. JUN 13, 6:00-8:00 PM** N301

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

In this family program, participants will learn how to make historic cheese straws and bake them in our outdoor oven. Afterward, enjoy some music and dancing in our historical barn. Fee also will cover admission for parent or guardian to the square dance. Registration required. Age: 0Y-12Y Fee: \$5 🍷

**(FREE) A GRAND OLD INDEPENDENCE DAY****SUN. JUL 5, 12:00-5:00 PM** N302

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

Visit Carriage Hill MetroPark for a community celebration of our country's independence. Enjoy some period games and contests and step back in time as we celebrate the holiday. Come celebrate Independence Day with us. No registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE) UNITED IRISH OF DAYTON CELTIC FESTIVAL****FRI. JUL 24, 6:00-11:00 PM** N346**SAT. JUL 25, 12:00-11:00 PM** N356

**SUN. JUL 26, 10:00 AM-6:00 PM** N359  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Celebrate the sights and sounds of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. No registration required. Contact (937) 372-9788 for details. [unitedirishofdayton.org](http://unitedirishofdayton.org). Age: All ages

**(FREE) HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL****SAT. AUG 15, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM** N364

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

Enjoy hot and spicy Latin music and delicious Latin food. The sounds of Salsa, Merengue, Tejano, Latin Jazz, Cumbia, and Bachata music will come alive. No registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE) DAYTON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL****SAT. AUG 22, 12:00-8:00 PM** N365

ISLAND METROPARK, 101 E. Helena St.

This family event brings the richness of the African American experience to the Dayton region through culture, arts, education and music. No registration required. <http://www.daacf.com>. Age: All ages

**DATE NIGHT: 19TH CENTURY COOKERY CLASS FOR COUPLES****SAT. SEP 12, 6:00-9:00 PM** N317

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

Couples are invited to join us for an evening of

historic cooking lessons and parlor entertainments. Participants will learn how to prepare fresh, local vegetables and do some simple baking. Afterwards, participants will join us in the candlelit parlor for some historic games and entertainments. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per couple: \$30 🍷

**(FREE) COUNTRY FAIR****SAT., SUN SEP. 26-27, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM**

N316

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

As the fall harvest approaches, so does the tradition of the country fair. From agricultural demonstrations to a pie-baking competition, all the sights and sounds of an 1880s country fair will be recreated. See various living history talks and demonstrations that present a vibrant picture of our past. No registration required. Age: All ages

**HOME & HOBBIES****CANNING CLUB**

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

**STRAWBERRY SAUCE****SAT. JUN 6, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N286**SAT. JUN 6, 1:30-3:30 PM** N289

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

Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

**PICKLED BEANS****SAT. JUL 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

N290

**SAT. JUL 11, 1:30-3:30 PM** N291

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

Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

**TOMATO SAUCE****SAT. AUG 1, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N292**SAT. AUG 1, 1:30-3:30 PM** N293

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

Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

**APPLE COMPOTE****SAT. SEP 5, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N294**SAT. SEP 5, 1:30-3:30 PM** N296

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

Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🍷

**FAMILY BERRY FUN****SAT. JUN 6, 1:00-2:30 PM** N77

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

It's berry time! Before you visit your local you-pick or farmers' markets for fresh berries, learn to make simple freezer jams. This way, you'll have plenty of berry goodness when the season is done. Enjoy hands-on fun and take a jar of jam home. Registration required. Contact [cduncan@metroparks.org](mailto:cduncan@metroparks.org) for details. Age: All ages Fee: per child: \$5

**PUTTING UP BERRIES****SAT. JUN 20, 10:00-11:30 AM** N78

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

Berry season is here and it's time to pick and visit local farmers markets. If you're not sure what to do with all those berries, how about putting up some later? Learn how to make simple freezer jams and explore the basics of canning. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 🍷

**EASY SOFT CHEESE****TUE. JUL 7, 6:00-8:00 PM** N84

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

There is nothing more rewarding than offering your family fresh homemade goodness. Learn about simple soft cheeses and some easy cheeses to make that you can use in recipes or snack time. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷

**CHEESY FAMILY FUN****SAT. JUL 18, 10:00-11:30 AM** N83

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

Bring the family and learn to make a simple mozzarella cheese to use for a family night pizza party or in any of your favorite cheesy recipes. Hands-on activities and tasting. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per child: \$5 🍷


# GET OUT & RIDE

Camps and rides at the Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center are a great way to experience the outdoors this summer!

- Horse camps for ages 8-17 are available June 1-Aug. 14. Learn English and Western riding styles, safety while handling horses, and proper horsemanship skills. Cost: \$200.
- Trail rides for ages 8 and older are offered Saturdays and Sundays from June 6 through Nov. 1. Rides are one hour, walk-only, guided trails through the woods at Carriage Hill MetroPark. Cost: \$30.
- Pony rides for ages 2-8 are offered Saturdays June 6 through Oct. 31 and cost \$5.



TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFO:

 [metroparks.org/ridingcenter](http://metroparks.org/ridingcenter) or (937) 274-3120

## HORSEBACK RIDING

**1ST YEAR SUMMER HORSE CAMP**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUN. 1-5,**  
**8:30 AM-12:00 PM N384**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUN. 15-19,**  
**8:30 AM-12:00 PM N389**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUN. 22-26,**  
**1:00-4:30 PM N391**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUL. 6-10,**  
**8:30 AM-12:00 PM N392**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUL. 20-**  
**24, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM N396**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUL. 20-**  
**24, 1:00-4:30 PM N397**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUL. 27-31,**  
**1:00-4:30 PM N399**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. AUG. 3-7,**  
**1:00-4:30 PM N400**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. AUG. 10-14,**  
**8:30 AM-12:00 PM N401**  
 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.  
 Registration required. Contact (937) 274-3120 for details. [www.metroparks.org/ridingcenter](http://www.metroparks.org/ridingcenter). Age: 8Y-17Y Fee: \$200 



## MOUNTAIN BIKING

**(FREE) TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING**  
**TUE. JUN 9, 4:00-7:00 PM N44**  
**TUE. JUL 7, 4:00-7:00 PM N45**  
**TUE. AUG 4, 4:00-7:00 PM N46**  
**TUE. SEP 1, 4:00-7:00 PM N47**  
 MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road  
 Is not owning a mountain bike keeping you from trying it? If so, then come out to the MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA) and borrow one of our bikes to ride for a lap or two. Bikes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Helmets are mandatory and provided with bike. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages  

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MoMBA TRAIL WORK DAYS**  
**SAT. JUN 20, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N328**  
**SAT. JUL 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N330**  
**SAT. AUG 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N332**  
**SAT. SEP 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N334**  
 MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road  
 Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the mountain bike trails at the MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA). No experience is necessary; tools are provided. Volunteers bring work gloves and water. Youth

ages 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org) for details. Age: 18Y and up  

## ESSENTIALS OF MOUNTAIN BIKING

**SAT. SEP 12, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM N157**  
 MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road  
 Teaching and practice will include bike balance, braking and shifting, falling, and front/rear wheel lift. We will also discuss reading a map and route finding. After we practice the techniques we'll go on a trail ride. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$20  



## BUTTERFLY HOUSE

THE BUTTERFLY HOUSE WILL BE OPEN JULY 6 TO AUG. 29 FROM 8 AM TO 8PM

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



## 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) LIVE LIKE A BEE****TUE. JUN 2, 10:00-11:00 AM N177**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Children will see plantlife through a bee's eyes and learn how important insects are to human survival. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**FIREFLY PARTY****FRI. JUN 5, 8:00-9:30 PM N152**

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

Rekindle your own summertime backyard experiences by helping your tike host a Firefly Party! They will learn firefly biology and develop into nature advocates. Participants receive a magnifying bug jar, and make an invitation package to take home. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$15 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**FROG SURVEY****SAT. JUN 6, 8:30-10:00 PM N189**

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Children will be part of nature's check-up and help survey the frogs, which are indicators of wetland health. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 🦋 ▲

**(FREE) AN ANT'S VIEW****TUE. JUN 23, 10:00-11:00 AM N178**

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

Children will explore the park through an ant's eyes, foraging for food, tending to a brood and trying to make it in this human-dominated world. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) WETLAND ESCAPE****TUE. JUL 7, 10:00-11:00 AM N179**

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

Witness nature's most powerful, diverse habitat. Search for frogs, dragonflies, waterfowl and plants unique to our area. Wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) CREEK PLAY****WED. JUL 15, 10:00-11:30 AM N180**

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Find creatures like crawdads, salamanders and rainbow darters in a creek! Kids and adults should wear clothes that can get wet. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**WATERWAY CHECK-UP****FRI. JUL 17, 10:00-11:00 AM N190**

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

Healthy waterways are crucial to humans' survival. Help survey Twin Creek to see how healthy and clean it is, and discover ways to keep our water clean! Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 🦋 ▲

**NATURE SPORTS****TUE. JUL 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM N158**

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

From Hide & Seek to building forts, nature is the perfect playing field for summer! Your family will learn new nature-based games and how to put on a party at your house, focused on fun in nature! Participants will get a games facilitator package to take home. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$15 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**SPEAK CREEK!****TUE. AUG 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM N168**

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

Learn the language of streams and lead your friends on an adventure of their lifetime! You'll learn how to select a safe site, identify creatures, and techniques to help your friends embrace this habitat. Each participant will get a creek exploration kit. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$15 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) PRAIRIE SAFARI****WED. AUG 12, 10:00-11:00 AM N182**

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

Explore enormous wildflowers and towering grasses while searching for butterflies and other insects in the prairie. Insect nets and containers will be provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 🦋 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) CREEK EXPLORATION****TUE. AUG 18, 10:00-11:00 AM N181**

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

Treat your tike to a cool, refreshing creek and find creatures like crawdads, salamanders, and rainbow darters! Kids and parents should wear clothes that can get wet. Registration



# CONSERVATION KIDS

This series of nature-based programs for three specific age groups (Tikes, Explorers and Voyagers) helps 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 also will 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.

**PROTECTOR OF  
NATURE**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST  
RECENT CONSERVATION KIDS!

Caroline Tempus  
Gabriella Fitch  
Graci Garber

Norah Tempus  
William Fleming  
Gabe Horsman

**PASSPORT TO NATURE**

Due to the new Conservation Kids program series, the Passport to Nature has been retired.

**FIRST PASSPORT**

Alexander Lamont  
Penny Ronallo  
Grant Oldham  
Jade Periard  
Kelsey Van Huss  
Ella Lewis  
Nathan Lewis  
Lucia Schickel  
Collin Huppe  
Jalen Dove  
Amelia Horn

**SECOND PASSPORT**

Camille Golden  
Adele Golden

**THIRD PASSPORT**

Caroline Tempus  
Norah Tempus  
Ben Sebesy

**FOURTH PASSPORT**

Gabriella Fitch  
Chloe Fitch  
Jack Periard

requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

## PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTING

**THU. AUG 20, 10:00-11:30 AM** N191  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.  
MetroParks needs seeds to care for existing prairies and help establish new prairies for wildlife. Collect seeds to help ensure the future of our biodiversity! Registration required.  
Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$10 📅 ▲

## (FREE) BUTTERFLY BONANZA

**THU. SEP 3, 10:00-11:00 AM** N184  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Children will learn about butterflies and celebrate all they do for us! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

## (FREE) SPIDER KID

**WED. SEP 9, 10:00-11:00 AM** N183  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.  
Children's fears will be challenged as we search for spider webs and learn about their occupants. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

## BACKYARD NATURALIST TRAINING

**SUN. SEP 13, 1:00-3:00 PM** N170  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Children will learn what it takes to be a naturalist and how to excite their friends about protecting the Earth! Participants receive a naturalist guide pack used to lead their own nature hike for friends. Registration required.  
Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️ ▲

## MONARCH TAGGING

**TUE. SEP 15, 10:00-11:30 AM** N192  
**SAT. SEP 19, 1:00-2:30 PM** N196  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Monarchs are beginning their migration to Mexico, so come take part in a project monitoring this amazing migration! Help capture, tag, & record data to help with butterfly conservation efforts. Registration required.  
Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: FREE 📅 ▲

## (FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION ORIENTATION-NATURALIST VOLUNTEERS

**WED. JUN 3, 1:00-2:30 PM** N69  
**SAT. SEP 12, 9:00-10:30 AM** N70  
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 to help with these efforts. 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 for details.  
Age: All ages 📅

## 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.

## FIREFLY SLEEPOVER

**FRI. JUN 5, 8:00-9:30 PM** N147  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn how to put together the best backyard sleepover at your house with crafts, games and outdoor discovery! Participants receive a magnifying bug jar and make an invitation package to take home. Registration required.  
Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️ ▲

## (FREE) WOODLAND NESTING BIRDS

**SAT. JUN 6, 2:00-3:30 PM** N197  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Program Parking, 100 Deep Hollow Road  
Discover the eight nest types of birds and how they make these mystical creations without any hands! Build a nest with natural materials, and go on a hike in search of birds and their nests. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅 ▲

## (FREE) BAT SEARCH

**FRI. JUN 12, 8:30-9:30 PM** N211  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Farm Shelter/Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Road  
Learn facts, fiction, and folklore about bats while watching the sun set and bats emerge. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
Age: 6Y-13Y 📅 ▲

## NESTBOX MONITORING

**FRI. JUN 26, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N193  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Farm Shelter/Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Road  
Help monitor baby birds as they grow in nests. Hike our bluebird trail and learn how to identify nests and check for parasites. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$10 📅 ▲

## (FREE) BABY OWL SEARCH

**SAT. JUN 27, 9:00-10:00 PM** N198

ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.  
Search for owls while naturalists attempt to lure them and explore the importance of forests, their home. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅 ▲

## (FREE) CREEK FUN

**SAT. JUL 11, 2:00-3:30 PM** N200  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Parking Lot and Put-in below the Dam, 7481 Creek Rd.  
Search for macroinvertebrates, rainbow darters and crawdads while exploring the river! Learn about water quality and how kids can keep water clean. Wear shoes that you can wear in the water (no sandals). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 📅 ▲

## HEALTHY WATERWAY

**FRI. JUL 17, 1:00-2:30 PM** N194  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Healthy waterways are crucial to humans' survival. Help survey Twin Creek to see how healthy and clean it is, and discover ways to keep our water clean! Registration required.  
Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$10 📅 ▲

## (FREE) NOCTURNAL EXCURSION

**SAT. JUL 18, 9:00-10:30 PM** N199  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.  
Explore creatures that lurk in the darkness. Hike through a variety of habitats in search of coyotes, raccoons, owls and other animals. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.  
Age: 6Y-13Y 📅 ▲

## NATURE CLUBS FOR FAMILIES

**TUE. JUL 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N156

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Families can help each other enjoy, explore and play in our nature parks. Practice some simple tricks to help your friends join you on an adventure and share your story with Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside. Participants will get tools to help facilitate natural experiences for their peers. Registration required.  
Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️ ▲

## CREEK GUIDE TRAINING

**TUE. AUG 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N166

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Lead friends on an adventure! Learn how to select a safe site, identify creek creatures, and techniques that will help your friends embrace this habitat. Participants receive a creek exploration kit. Registration required.  
Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️ ▲



**(FREE) WETLAND EXPLORATION****SAT. AUG 15, 1:00-3:00 PM** N201

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Get into the muck and explore dragonflies, water scorpions, backswimmers, tadpoles and other creatures living in ponds. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y

**LEADING TIKES CREEKING****TUE. AUG 18, 9:00-11:00 AM** N195

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

You have seen naturalists lead, and now it's your turn! Learn tools of the trade, and lead a tike hike with your fellow Earth Explorers! Dress for getting wet! Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$10

**(FREE) BUTTERFLIES AND DRAGONFLIES****SAT. AUG 22, 1:00-3:00 PM** N202

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

Walk through the prairie with nets (provided) to see what species we can find! All insects will be released at the end of the program. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y

**(FREE) SPIDER SEARCH****SAT. SEP 5, 10:00-11:30 AM** N204

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Challenge undesired fears while learning more about these adaptable creatures. \*See a brown recluse and black widow so you'll know how to recognize them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y

**URBAN NATURALIST TRAINING****SUN. SEP 13, 1:00-3:00 PM** N169

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

Children will learn what it takes to be a naturalist and how to excite their friends about protecting the Earth! Participants will receive a naturalist guide pack used to lead their own nature hike for friends. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: \$15

**(FREE) FOSSIL FUN****SAT. SEP 19, 10:00-11:30 AM** N203

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

Explore Ohio's incredible fossils and geologic history, make a fossil and take a short hike to view rock formations. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y

**GROWING UP WILD TRAINING****SAT. JUN 6, 2:00-5:00 PM** N65

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

**SAT. JUL 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** N66

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Siebenthaler Nature Trail Parking, End of Old Mill Rd.

**SUN. JUL 12, 1:00-4:00 PM** N67

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

Take the nationally recognized Growing Up WILD curricula and combine it with our Natural Adventures Box and you'll have a fun, exciting summer with students! This training gives childcare providers tools to give children an early foundation and a sense of wonder about nature, while encouraging them to explore the outdoors. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER:****CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION****TUE. JUN 9, 9:00-11:30 AM** N71**THU. JUN 25, 6:30-8:30 PM** N72**THU. JUL 16, 9:00-11:30 AM** N73**WED. AUG 5, 6:30-8:30 PM** N74**WED. SEP 9, 6:30-8:30 PM** N75**TUE. SEP 22, 1:00-3:00 PM** N76

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

Five Rivers MetroParks protects more than

16,000 acres, and we could use your help.

Whether you are interested in fish or flowers, like to walk or prefer to help with administrative tasks, enjoy being outside or would rather help in the greenhouse, there is an opportunity for you. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

**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 harmful impacts and get involved with conservation efforts. It's our nature!

**(FREE) WEDNESDAY DISCOVERY STROLL****WED. JUN 10, 10:00-11:30 AM** N145**WED. AUG 12, 10:00-11:30 AM** N155

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

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 18Y and up

**(FREE) TUESDAY ADULT NATURE WALK****TUE. JUL 14, 9:00-11:00 AM** N114

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

**TUE. SEP 1, 9:00-11:00 AM** N123

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

Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

Age: 18Y and up

**ADVANCED BUTTERFLY CLASS**

Participants will gain a better understanding of the life cycle and courtship of these insects. Basic skills for identification of adult moths and butterflies will be discussed.

**BUTTERFLIES OF OHIO****TUE. JUN 23, 6:00-8:00 PM** N10

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

Elisabeth Rothschild explains the essential points of identification. Discover classification using scientific nomenclature, as well as tricks of the trade for individual ID. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: SEEDLING TLC ORIENTATION****WED. JUN 24, 6:30-8:00 PM** N372

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

Reforestation efforts need your help, and our tree seedlings could use some TLC! Learn about Five Rivers MetroParks conservation efforts and what you can do to help care for more than 100,000 seedlings planted as part of reforestation efforts. Coming to the orientation does not commit you to anything. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. www.metroparks.org/forests. Age: All ages

**(FREE) BIRDS AND BLOOMS****SAT. JUN 27, 9:00-11:00 AM** N212

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

Bask yourself in serene bird song while exploring wildflowers. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up

**WASPS SAVED MY SUMMER****THU. JUL 9, 6:00-8:00 PM** N9

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

Elisabeth Rothschild discusses ways to encourage and care for your garden with the help of insects. They're not as scary as we have been taught. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5

**(FREE) TEACHER'S AFTERNOON OUT****THU. JUL 16, 1:00-3:00 PM** N68

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

Join other like-minded, formal educators in the Montgomery County area for an afternoon in the park, just for teachers and their families! Learn about local pollinators and why they need our help, how to care for classroom caterpillars, network with educators in the area, and discover new ways to bring nature to your classroom! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## BIRDING WORKSHOP: COMMON BIRDS

**SAT. JUL 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N205**  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Study behavior of the blue jay, cardinal, mourning dove, and many other birds common to Montgomery County. Afterward, we will embark on a two-hour field study in search of these birds, and take time to observe their rituals. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

## TREE ID WORKSHOP

**SAT. JUL 18, 1:00-4:00 PM N206**  
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

**WED. JUL 22, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM N1**  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Open to all formal teachers, participants will receive the nationally recognized Project WILD and Project WILD Aquatic curricula guides designed to bring nature into the classroom. Combine this with Five Rivers MetroParks' Inquiry Adventures program, allowing kids to experiment in a natural setting, and you're sure to excite the minds of students! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25 📅

## KAYAK EXPLORING: HUFFMAN LAKE

**TUE. AUG 11, 6:00-9:00 PM N361**  
HUFFMAN METROPARK, Huffman North Park, 4095 Lower Valley Pk.

Explore Huffman Lake with a Five Rivers MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exists along this hidden gem. We will be in and out of our kayaks around the lake as we explore. Registration required. Contact outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$25 📅

## (FREE) VOLUNTEER: FIVE RIVERS METROPARK VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

**TUE. AUG 11, 6:30-8:00 PM N11**  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor  
Five Rivers MetroParks has volunteer opportunities year-round and at virtually every park. Orientation provides history, an overview of location-specific opportunities and an introduction to opportunities this season. Coming to orientation and training does not obligate you to anything, but you may discover an opportunity for you. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## BEGINNING BIRDING WORKSHOP

**SAT. AUG 15, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM N207**  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Get started with the basics of birding, including identification, field guide and binocular use, bird song, biology, and behavior. The 2-hour indoor session will be followed by a 2-hour field study. Participants receive a birding handbook, ODNR field guides and bird song CDs. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$25 📅

## (FREE) SUPERMOON WALK

**FRI. AUG 28, 8:00-9:00 PM N210**  
HUFFMAN METROPARK, Shelter: Redtail, 4439 Lower Valley Pk.

The full moon is always a spectacle, but especially when it is at its nearest point to Earth. Learn about moon myths and misconceptions while watching it rise above the horizon. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

## PRAIRIE WILDFLOWER WORKSHOP

**SAT. SEP 5, 1:00-3:30 PM N208**  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Just for beginners, build your identification skills and study prairie ecology in this hands-on field experience. Bring a field guide if you have one; some will be available. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 📅

## (FREE) VOLUNTEER: GO NUTS WITH METROPARKS

**SAT. SEP 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N375**  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

**SUN. SEP 20, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N373**  
OFFSITE,

**SUN. SEP 27, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N374**  
OFFSITE,  
Tree seeds are needed! Various staff and master silviculture volunteers lead nut collection activities throughout Five River 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 for details. www.metroparks.org/forests. Age: All ages 📅

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

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

**TUE. JUN 9, 6:30-7:30 PM N90**

**TUE. JUL 14, 6:30-7:30 PM N91**

**TUE. AUG 4, 6:30-7:30 PM N92**

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

Are you an outdoor adventurer looking to get involved or give back? We're building the 'Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest'. Learn about areas that need 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. Contact kevin.kepler@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

### YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMP

**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUN. 15-19, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM N295**

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

This is a week-long day camp for middle school age kids in which we discover nature through kayaking, mountain biking, fly fishing, hiking, and more. Monday through Wednesday are day-long adventures that culminate in a camping trip held on Thursday night until Friday at 4 p.m. Attendance at the pre-trip meeting is mandatory. Registration required. Age: 11Y-14Y Fee: \$175 📅

### TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP

**MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUL. 13-17, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM N340**

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

This is a week-long day camp for high school age kids in which we discover nature through kayaking, mountain biking, fly fishing, hiking, and more. Monday through Wednesday are day-long adventures that culminate in a camping trip held on Thursday night until Friday at 4 p.m. Attendance at the pre-trip meeting is mandatory. Registration required. Age: 14Y-17Y Fee: \$175 📅

### (FREE) SUBARU URBAN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

**FRI. AUG 7, 5:00-8:30 PM N187**

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Outdoor Permit Area, 111 E. Monument Ave.



Hosted in conjunction with First Fridays and Pickin' in the Park, the Get Out & Live team and our Subaru sponsors are bringing adventure to downtown Dayton. Stop by and try our mountain bike obstacle course, slackline and enter our disc golf hole-in-one challenge. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚶 ⚙️

## (FREE) VOLUNTEER: STREET TEAM ORIENTATION

**THU. AUG 13, 6:00-7:30 PM** N93  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: River View, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Help spread the word about outdoor recreation programs and events on a flexible schedule, year-round. Engage the public by wearing Five Rivers MetroParks' gear, hanging-up posters, sharing links on social media, or inspiring people at community outreach booths. Attending does not commit you to anything. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact kevin.kepler@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🚶 ⚙️

## (FREE) TRY INLINE SKATING

**TUE. AUG 18, 5:00-8:00 PM** N188  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Parking Lot by restrooms, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Calling all fitness enthusiasts and fun seekers. Feel like a kid again while burning calories and enjoying our paved paths. Our friends and competitive skaters from Miles for Freedom will provide you with tips and tricks to skate like a pro. Inline skates, helmets and pads provided. Adult sizes Women's 6-9 and Men's sizes 6-11 available. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚶 ⚙️

## (FREE) VOLUNTEER: MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE ORIENTATION

**THU. SEP 10, 6:00-7:30 PM** N88  
**WED. SEP 16, 6:00-7:30 PM** N89  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: River View, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Get out & volunteer! Participate in the biggest outdoor recreation festival in the Midwest. Spots available for people of all skill levels. Attend this orientation to learn more. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact volunteerservices@metroparks.org for details. Outdoorx.org. Age: 14Y and up 🚶 ⚙️

## OUTDOOR PLAY

### GRASS ROOTS ENRICHMENT

Lisa Patrick-Wright of Grass Roots Enrichment and Wellness Center facilitates fun, unique and engaging activities for kids. Kids will interact in theme specific programs that encourage the use of creativity and imagination, while connecting them to nature and new friends. Sessions are held outdoors under the pavilion as part of

Saturday eScape.

### (FREE) SECRET AGENTS

**SAT. JUN 20, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM** N342  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Learn to make working spy gadgets, decode secret messages and become a master of disguise. Are you ready to start your Secret Agent training? Registration required. Age: 3Y-12Y 🚶 ⚙️

### (FREE) SUPERHERO HEADQUARTERS

**SAT. JUL 11, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM** N343  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Create your own superhero with costume and super powers. Become more powerful than a locomotive and be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Create your own superhero! Registration required. Age: 3Y-12Y 🚶 ⚙️

### (FREE) ARTY SCIENTIST

**SAT. AUG 1, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM** N344  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Science and art intertwine to make beautiful creations using chemistry, biology, and physics. Make your own sculptures and works of art. Registration required. Age: 3Y-12Y 🚶 ⚙️

### (FREE) SPA APOTHECARY

**SAT. AUG 29, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM** N345  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Learn the basic herbs, aromatherapy, and natural remedies to help cure the common cold and other natural cure-alls. Make a spa essential to take home! Registration required. Age: 3Y-12Y 🚶 ⚙️

## PADDLING

### ESSENTIALS OF KAYAKING

**SAT. JUN 13, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM** N36  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Become acquainted with equipment, learn a variety of paddle strokes, flatwater rescues and other safety topics for beginners. Dress to get wet. Registration required. Age: 9Y and up Fee: \$60 🚶 ⚙️

### FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER

**TUE. JUN 23, 5:30-9:00 PM** N37  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Learn to kayak on a local river. Get instruction on safety, river paddling techniques, and how to recognize and avoid hazards. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: Kayak Basics or Essentials of Kayaking. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$50 ⚙️

### (FREE) TRY PADDLESPOOTS

**TUE. JUN 30, 12:00-4:00 PM** N300  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Kayak, stand up paddleboard, and canoe overviews will be given and, depending on demand, you may be able to try different boats. Learn about the sport in a controlled environment. Equipment provided at this drop-in program. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🚶 ⚙️

### YOUTH KAYAK BASICS

**WED. JUL 22, 1:00-5:00 PM** N40  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

This hands-on program will use instruction and games as we learn to kayak. Topics covered include paddle strokes, boat handling, and safety for kayaking. Equipment is provided. We will be getting wet so dress appropriately. Registration

## GET OUT & LIVE

Give your family the gift of adventure — for FREE! Subaru and Wagner Subaru are offering a lineup of outdoor adventure programs and will bring giveaways and other surprises while Five Rivers MetroParks' staff will provide instruction and equipment.



**TRY PADDLESPOOTS**  
JUNE 30 • NOON TO 4 PM  
EASTWOOD METROPARK

Learn about paddling a kayak, stand up paddleboard or canoe.



### URBAN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

AUG. 7 • 5 TO 8:30 PM  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

Hosted in conjunction with Pickin' in the Park, try a mountain bike obstacle course, slackline and enter the disc golf hole-in-one challenge.

**SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US OCT. 2-3 FOR THE MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE!**

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required. Age: 9Y-17Y Fee: \$40 📅 ⚙️

## YOUTH FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER

**THU. JUL 30, 1:00-5:00 PM** N42

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Learn to kayak on a local river. Get instruction on safety, river paddling techniques, and how to recognize and avoid hazards. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: Youth Kayak Basics. Registration required. Age: 8Y-17Y Fee: \$50 📅 ⚙️

## ESSENTIALS OF KAYAK TOURING

**SAT. AUG 1, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM** N41

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

During this hands-on class, students will become acquainted with equipment, learn a variety of kayak paddle strokes, flatwater rescues, and other safety topics for beginners to touring kayaks. We will be fully immersed in the water. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$60 📅 ⚙️

## ESSENTIALS OF SUP

**MON. AUG 24, 5:30-8:30 PM** N43

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

This hands-on program will use instruction and games as we learn to stand up paddleboard. Topics covered include paddle strokes, board handling and safety, and more. Dress to get wet. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$40 📅 ⚙️

## KAYAK EXPLORING: EASTWOOD LAGOON

**WED. SEP 2, 6:00-8:30 PM** N366

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Explore Eastwood Lagoon with a Five Rivers MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exists along this hidden gem in the Montgomery County area. We will be in and out of our kayaks around the lake as we use our senses, binoculars, and more to explore this unique environment. Registration required. Contact outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$25 📅

## RECREATION KAYAK RESCUE CLINIC

**WED. SEP 9, 6:00-8:00 PM** N48

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Learn how to properly rescue yourself and others during a hands-on clinic in recreation kayaks. You'll learn how to successfully rescue yourself and others in near and offshore situations. Several techniques and rescues will be taught. It is an excellent way to gain confidence in your kayak skills and become more knowledgeable in rescue. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$25 📅 ⚙️

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### SHOOTING OUTDOOR PORTRAITS

**SAT. JUN 6, 10:00-11:30 AM** N214

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

Photographer Adam Alonzo explains the importance of background and foreground elements, stance and pose, and sunlight and shadow. Following the presentation, participants will take pictures of a model in the garden. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📅

### PHOTOGRAPHY MASTER CLASS

**SAT. JUN 20, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N303

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

Photographer Adam Alonzo give individual attention to your questions, photos and camera. The group discussion centers on how to improve your photographic skills and the quality of your pictures. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$30 📅

### PICTURING PUDDLES AND PONDS

**SAT. JUL 18, 10:00-11:30 AM** N226

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

Discover methods for photographing bodies of water, such as controlling reflections, and how to capture (or avoid) a sense of motion in flowing water. We'll then take photos of water around the park. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📅

### BUTTERFLY SAFARI

**SUN. AUG 2, 10:00-11:30 AM** N232

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Butterfly House, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Enjoy a photo session with some captivating caterpillars and beautiful butterflies. Only photographers registered for this class will be admitted during this time, so you can take pictures free of distractions. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📅 ⚙️

### NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

**SAT. SEP 26, 7:30-9:00 PM** N246

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

Taking pictures at night allows us to see our familiar world in an unfamiliar way. After the presentation indoors, participants will take photos of the garden. Bring a tripod and a camera capable of long exposures and, if you have one, a detachable flash or a powerful flashlight. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📅 ⚙️

## ROWING

### ADULT LEARN TO ROW

**MON., WED. JUN. 15-JUL. 8, 6:00-8:00 PM** N167

**TUE., THU. JUN. 16-JUL. 9, 6:00-8:00 PM** N171

**SAT., SUN JUN. 20-JUL. 12, 12:00-2:00 PM** N172

**MON., WED. JUL. 20-AUG. 12, 6:00-8:00 PM** N173

**TUE., THU. JUL. 21-AUG. 13, 6:00-8:00 PM** N174

**SAT., SUN JUL. 25-AUG. 16, 12:00-2:00 PM** N175

ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St. These four-week series will cover everything needed to row a single sculling boat confidently and independently. No prior experience necessary. Prerequisites: Participants should know how to swim, be comfortable around water, have good balance and overall physical mobility, and be able to carry 25lbs. over-head and comfortable doing deep knee bends. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 673-4968 or benvieth@yahoo.com for details. www.daytonrowing.org. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$275

### INTRO TO ROW

**THU., FRI., SAT. JUN. 18-20, 12:00-2:00 PM** N357

**MON., TUE., WED. JUN. 29-JUL. 1, 12:00-2:00 PM** N358

**THU., FRI., SAT. JUL. 16-18, 4:00-6:00 PM** N360

**MON., TUE., WED. JUL. 27-29, 4:00-6:00 PM** N362

**THU., FRI., SAT. AUG. 6-8, 12:00-2:00 PM** N363

ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St. This three day course will get you prepped and ready to join the rowing team. We'll show you how to row, teach you about the boats, introduce you to the team and get you out on the water. See contact info to register. Contact abigail.r.beach@gmail.com for details. www.daytonrowing.org. Age: 11Y-18Y Fee: \$65

### YOUTH TEAM

**MON., TUE., WED., THU., SAT. JUN. 22-JUL. 4, 9:30-11:30 AM** N369

**MON., TUE., WED., THU., SAT. JUL. 27-AUG. 29, 9:30-11:30 AM** N370

ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St. Youth from throughout Montgomery County participate in the Greater Dayton Rowing Association. The summer is broken into two five-week sessions to allow for busy schedules. The June 22 to July 25 session is \$180 and includes a competition; the July 27 to Aug. 29 session is \$150; enroll in both for \$300. See contact info to register. Contact abigail.r.beach@gmail.com for details. www.daytonrowing.org. Age: 12Y-18Y Fee: \$150



# — RIVERSCAPE METROPARK — 2015 MUSIC SERIES



## PICKIN' IN THE PARK



**JUNE 5, 6:00 PM**  
HOCKING RIVER  
STRING BAND AND THE  
APPLESEED COLLECTIVE



**AUGUST 7, 6:00 PM**  
MAD RIVER RAILROAD  
AND THE TILLERS



## R&B HOT SUMMER

**JUNE 12, 7:30 PM**  
KICK-N-FLAVA



**JULY 10, 7:30 PM**  
JAH SOL



## BIG BAND NIGHTS

**JUNE 11  
7:30 PM**  
BOB GRAY  
ORCHESTRA

**JUNE 25  
7:30 PM**  
HAL HARRIS  
ORCHESTRA

**JULY 16  
7:30 PM**  
BARRY CAMPBELL  
AND HIS BIG BAND  
WITH VOCALIST  
PAM NOAH

**JULY 30  
7:30 PM**  
DAYTON JAZZ  
ORCHESTRA

**AUGUST 13  
7:30 PM**  
TOM DAUGHERTY  
ORCHESTRA



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Through Sept. 25  
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Monday-Friday  
11 AM to 1 PM Saturday

Take your break along the river with  
live acoustic music.

## ALL SUMMER LONG AT RIVERSCAPE METROPARK



## SATURDAY eSCAPE

Through Aug. 29

Get your heart pumping  
during free Zumba or yoga  
classes from 10 to 11 AM, and  
then relax along the  
riverfront while enjoying  
live music.



## RIVERSCAPE RENTALS

9 AM to 6 PM  
Saturday and Sunday  
Memorial Day through Labor Day

Rent bikes and child accessories to  
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