GET ACTIVE OUTDOORS

DISCOVER WAYS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO CONNECT WITH NATURE

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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.

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IT’S OUR NATURE.
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 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
Executive Director

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.
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 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 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.

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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 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 or by calling 937-275-PARK.

CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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

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Discover the volunteer opportunity best for you.

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Share your love of nature with kids and families.

OUTDOOR RECREATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

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

OTHER SPOTS FOR IDEAL BIRDWATCHING INCLUDE:
• Carriage Hill MetroPark
• Cox Arboretum MetroPark
• Englewood MetroPark
• Germantown MetroPark
• Huffman 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.
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.

AQUARIUM NET:

NEW CENTER COMING TO COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

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 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.

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

SMALL NOTEBOOK AND PEN:
Draw or write down your discoveries and things to look up later.

TWEEZERS:
Handle delicate flower parts and small animal bones with tweezers.

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 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.
TRY PADDLESPORTS
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
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.

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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.

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.
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.

FOUNDATION OFFICERS

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.

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.
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

PARKWAYS BY DATE
This is a chronological listing of every program at every park. Pick a date, find an activity that interests you and go to the page listed to find out more information.

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

ONLINE
Select programs listed by topic, park, dates, program numbers and/or age ranges.

Visit: metroparks.org/programs

REGISTER

ONLINE
metroparks.org/programs
After locating your desired program, use the button located in the listing to register for that program.

BY PHONE
937-275-PARK (7275)
Register for all programs by calling 275-PARK unless otherwise noted in the listing.

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

Fees are required at the time of registration.

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

HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER
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.
## Guide to Programs by Date

**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, Sugarcreek 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 Gardening & Landscaping N137)
- 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 Straw, 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 N27)
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 N12)
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 N108)

**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 Trips: Dayton Gardens, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N257)
10:00 AM Wetland Escape, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Heritage & History 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 Pickeled 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 Pickeled 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)
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9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpaking 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 N121)
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, Cox Arboretum 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 N1)

WED, AUG 12, 2015
9:00 AM Behind the Scenes of the Children’s Garden, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping N41)
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 Bike With The Metro Dayton 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 N506)
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 N65)

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 N45)

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 N185)
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 N70)
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 ParkRing 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 N103)
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
for details. Age: 18Y and up

INTRO TO BACKPACKING
WED. AUG 26, 6:00-8:30 PM N50
WEGEZYN 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 back
packing 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

BIKING

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

(CYCLING)

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

(FREE) RIDE TO GRAINS RUN
NATURE PARK
SAT. JUN 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N319
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 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 Restau-
rant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. (11 miles)
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.
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) Regis-
tration 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

CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)
Unless otherwise noted in listing.
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.

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
FREE)
SAT. MAY 9-AUG. 29, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM M155
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. MAY 11-SEPT. 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

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.

INTRO TO SMART CYCLING
TUE. AUG 11, 6:00-8:30 PM N140
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6753 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 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-SEPT. 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

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.

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

VISIT METROPARKS.ORG/PLAN
TO COMPLETE A SHORT SURVEY
AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT.

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFO ON THE PLAN.
CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)  
Unless otherwise noted in listing.
**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  
WEGERTZYN 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, 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.

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**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  
WEGERTZYN 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.

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**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  
WEGERTZYN 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**GERMANTOWN HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**

**SUN. JUN 7, 1:30-4:30 PM**
N52  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center Parking Lot, 6910 Boomerish 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.

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**HOE DOWN SQUARE DANCE**

**SAT. JUN 13, 8:00-10:30 PM**
N299  
SAT. JUN 15, 8:00-10:30 PM  
N315  
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.

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**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.
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 joann.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up.

(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.

(YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

YS 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 LANDSCAPE: COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

Volunteers lead one-hour programs using the grounds of the park as examples for plant selec-
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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, 7:00AM-6:00PM N7
WEGEZYN 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, 9:00-10:00AM N137
WED. JUL 8, 9:00-10:00AM N139
WED. AUG 12, 9:00-10:00AM N141
WEGEZYN 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. JUL 10, 2:00-3:00PM N251
WEGEZYN 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. JUL 17, 2:00-3:00PM N253
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM N254
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM N255
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM N256
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM N259
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM N260
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM N261
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM N262
WEGEZYN 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: WEGEZYN GARDENS ORIENTATION
THU. JUN 11, 5:30-7:00PM N279
WEGEZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 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, 10:00AM-12:00PM N376
WEGEZYN 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, 2:00-3:00PM 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 aquiligiafolium and Penstemon digitalis. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $10

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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

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COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 930 Aullwood Rd.

SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS TOUR
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 Wegerzyn horticulturalist Megan Croswell 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

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. JUN 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
N225
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
A successful garden needs weeds, 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

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

(SUMMER AT AULLWOOD: PRARIE 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

(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

(SUMMER AT AULLWOOD: HOT WEATHER PLEASURES
SUN. JUL 19, 2:00-4:00 PM N227
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aull Residence, 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 Fee: $10

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 WEGERZYN
SAT. JUL 25, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM N228
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Cincinnati Zoo horticulturist Scott Beuerlein and Wegerzyn horticulturist 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

(VOLUNTEER: AULLWOOD GARDEN ORIENTATION
TUE. JUN 23, 10:00-11:30 AM N280
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aull Residence, 930 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 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

(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-
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.
(PARKing) 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

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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 their 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
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(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

(FREE) 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.

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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: per couple: $15

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 sweetheart 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

CAFÈ 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

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FRI. JUL 3, 8:30-10:00 PM N380  
WOODMAN DR 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, Composting 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

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.

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

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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.

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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

(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  
Fee: per couple: $30

HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
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 for details. Age: All ages Fee: per child: $5

PUTTING UP BERRIES  
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

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

DATE NIGHT: 19TH CENTURY COOKERY CLIP 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

CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)  
Unless otherwise noted in listing.
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 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. 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 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 8AM TO 8PM
METROPARKS.ORG/BUTTERFLYHOUSE

• Online Registration Available
○ Program is Weather-Dependent
**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.

**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

**FREE**

**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 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

**FREE**

**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 & 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

**FREE**

**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

**FREE**

**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

**FREE**

**FIREFLY PARTY**

**FRI. 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 required, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y

**FREE**

**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

**FREE**

**AN ANT’S VIEW**

**TUE. AUG 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** N182 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Syca-more/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**

**PRairie SAFARI**

**WED. AUG 12, 10:00-11:00 AM** N182 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Syca-more/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.

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

**PROTECTORS OF NATURE**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST RECENT CONSERVATION KIDS!**

Caroline Tempus
Norah Tempus
Graci Garber
Gabe Horsman

**PASSPORT TO NATURE**

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**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 required, 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.dunphee@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.

**FREE** 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** 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 ◆ ▲

**FREE** NOCTURNAL EXCURSION

**SAT. JUL 18, 9:00-10:30 PM N199**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6910 Boomershine 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 ◆ ▲

**FREE** CREEK GUIDING KID TRAINING

**TUE. JULY 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 ◆ ▲

**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 ◆ ▲

**HEALTHY WATERWAY**

**FRI. JUL 17, 1:00-2:30 PM N194**

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6910 Boomershine 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: 6Y-13Y Fee: $10 ◆ ▲

**FREE** WOODLAND NESTING BIRDS

**SAT. JUN 6, 2:00-3:30 PM N197**

HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Program Parking, 100 Deep Hollow Road

Discovered 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 Fee: $15 ◆ ▲

**FREE** NOCTURNAL EXCURSION

**SAT. JUL 18, 9:00-10:30 PM N199**

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine 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 ◆ ▲

**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 ◆ ▲

**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 and outdoor discovery! Participants receive a magnifying bug jar and make an invitation package to take home. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: $10 ◆ ▲

**FREE** 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 ◆ ▲

**FREE** 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. A U G 1 5 , 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. A U G 1 8 , 9:00-11:00 AM N195
WEGERTZYN 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. A U G 2 2 , 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. S E P 5 , 10:00-11:30 AM N204
SUGAR CREEK METROPARK, 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

URAL NATURALIST TRAINING
SUN. S E P 1 3 , 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

GROWING UP WILD TRAINING
SAT. J U N 6 , 2:00-5:00 PM N65
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.
SAT. J U L 1 1 , 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N66
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Siebenthaler Nature Trail Parking, End of Old Mill Rd.
SUN. J U L 1 2 , 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. J U N 9 , 9:00-11:30 AM N71
THU. J U N 2 5 , 6:30-8:30 PM N72
THU. J U L 1 6 , 9:00-11:30 AM N73
WED. A U G 5 , 6:30-8:30 PM N74
WED. S E P 9 , 6:30-8:30 PM N75
TUE. S E P 2 2 , 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

FREE) VOLUNTEER: SEEDLING TLC ORIENTATION
WED. J U N 2 4 , 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. J U N 2 7 , 9:00-11:00 AM N212
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.
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. J U N 1 0 , 10:00-11:30 AM N145
WED. A U G 1 2 , 10:00-11:30 AM N155
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up

WASPS SAVED MY SUMMER
THU. J U L 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) TUESDAY ADULT NATURE WALK
TUE. J U L 1 4 , 9:00-11:00 AM N114
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.
GUIDE TO PROGRAMS BY TOPIC

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
GERSMONTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.
SUN. SEP 20, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N373
SUN. SEP 27, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM N374
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 kevin.kepler@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up

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 N30
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) TRY PADDLESPORTS
TUE. JUN 23, 5:30-9:00 PM N337
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: $60

(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 volunteer.services@metroparks.org for details. Outdoortx.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: $50

FUNDAMENTALS OF MOVING WATER
TUE. JUN 23, 5:30-9:00 PM N37
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking lot, 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

CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)
Unless otherwise noted in listing.

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US OCT. 2-3 FOR THE MIDWEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE!
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

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

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

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

YOUTH TEAM
MON., TUE., WED., THU., SAT. JUN. 22-JUL. 4, 9:30-11:30 AM N369
ISLAND METROPARK, South Parking Lot, 101 E. Helena St.
Youth from throughout Montgomery County particiapate in the Greater Dayton Rowing Association. The summer is broken into two five-week sessions to allow for busy schedules. Contact abigail.r.beach@gmail.com for details. www.daytonrowing.org. Age: 11Y-18Y Fee: $65

INTRO TO ROW
THU., FRI., SAT. JUN. 18-20, 12:00-2:00 PM N357
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 abigailr.beach@gmail.com for details. www.daytonrowing.org. Age: 11Y-18Y Fee: $65

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. 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. 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

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

PUBLICATIONS
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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 experience this unique environment. Registration required. Contact outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $40

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

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

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

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: 9Y-17Y Fee: $40
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

ALL SUMMER LONG

AT RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

MUSIC @ LUNCH
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.

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 explore the region’s more than 300 miles of paved, connected bikeways.
Open-air shelters in beautiful settings are excellent for BBQs, wedding receptions, birthday parties, family reunions and more. Shelters come with tables and grills, and many include electricity, water and other amenities. Most accommodate 35 people, but some are larger. All are ranger-patrolled, quiet and offer a degree of privacy. Fees vary.

**CELEBRATE OUTDOORS!**

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