

# PARKWAYS



## LIVE LIGHTLY ON THE EARTH

WAYS TO BE MORE SUSTAINABLE

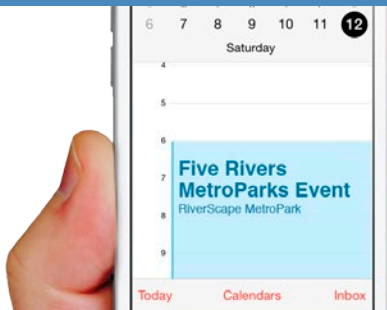
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# SAVE THE DATE

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



**FEBRUARY 14**  
**BIRDING WORKSHOP:**  
**OWLS**

Germantown MetroPark



**FEBRUARY 19**  
**FARM FRESH TO YOU:**  
**COMMUNITY SUPPORTED**  
**AGRICULTURE FAIR**

2ND Street Market



**FEBRUARY 21**  
**LEAVE NO CHILD**  
**INSIDE SUMMIT**

Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark



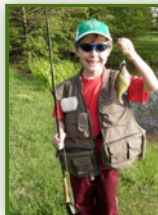
**MARCH 7**  
**MIAMI VALLEY GARDENING**  
**CONFERENCE**

Sinclair Community College



**APRIL 7**  
**TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING**

MoMBA, Huffman MetroPark



**APRIL 14 & MAY 6**  
**TRY FLY FISHING**

Cox Arboretum and  
Eastwood MetroParks



**APRIL 19**  
**AULLWOOD SPRING**  
**WALK**

Aullwood Garden MetroPark



**APRIL 24 & 25**  
**TREE SEEDLING**  
**GIVEAWAY**

2ND Street Market



**MAY 2**  
**FISH WITH A RANGER**

Possum Creek MetroPark



**MAY 2 & 3**  
**MAYFAIR PLANT SALE**

Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

## HOLD ON TO YOUR PARKWAYS!

This issue covers programs from February through May 2015.

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

**WWW.METROPARKS.ORG/PROGRAMS**



**Becky Benná**  
*Executive Director*

## Dear MetroParks Friends,

Spring is the season of renewal and a great time to think about sustainability, an increasingly important concept in nature and day-to-day life as we seek to live more lightly on the Earth.

At Five Rivers MetroParks, sustainability is a priority in our efforts to protect the region's natural heritage. In this issue of *ParkWays*, you'll read how sustainability infuses our work, including programs that teach skills for more sustainable living, gardening tips to help you grow your own food and commuting by cycling, a sustainable form of transportation.

Five Rivers MetroParks also continues to become more financially sustainable. We greatly appreciate the citizens of Montgomery County who support a property tax levy that is our primary funding source. Five Rivers MetroParks is committed to being a responsible steward of this funding. As a result of declines in recent years in local property values that fund the levy, coupled with additional reductions in state financial support, our traditional funding sources have been significantly reduced. The annual revenue declines mean we must be creative and resourceful in diversifying our income stream and provide services in a new way that allows us to meet our commitments in maintaining the high-quality parks, programs and services the community deserves. Along with new revenue opportunities, we also continue to identify and implement opportunities for cost savings throughout the agency and expand our partnerships with other community organizations.

We are very excited to announce the creation of the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation. This foundation, which will work with existing charitable organizations that support specific parks, creates a funding mechanism of support for all our parks, programs and services. We anticipate the new foundation will enhance our ability to apply for grants, accept philanthropic gifts and create endowments. (See page 12 for information on donation opportunities).

We also are embarking on developing a comprehensive strategy to plan for the future of MetroParks. To help ensure we understand your needs and interests and sustain MetroParks for future years, an extensive community engagement process will begin this year that will result in a comprehensive 10-year master plan. The plan will serve as the agency's guide in planning and ensuring we continue to offer high-quality parks, programs and services. We will be reaching out to you later this year as we gather out community's thoughts about Five Rivers MetroParks.

Five Rivers MetroParks is proud to have served the Dayton region for more than 50 years. We look forward to serving for decades to come by providing clean, safe, enjoyable parks; protecting our region's natural heritage; and providing outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.

Best regards,

*Becky Benná*



## MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES

Bill Tschirhart has joined Five Rivers MetroParks' leadership team as director of business services. He will help guide the agency's financial sustainability for future generations, as well as continue to implement a cost recovery plan and focus on securing other funding sources through grants, sponsorships and donations.

Tschirhart comes to Five Rivers MetroParks after 16 years with the city of Kettering's parks, recreation and cultural arts department, the last eight as business services manager. He holds a master's degree in public administration and is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional.

## METROPARKS COMMISSIONERS



*Irvin G. Bieser, Jr.*



*Karen L. Davis*



*Alan F. Pippenger*

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

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**#1 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:** Get out and active in the MetroParks. With 75 miles of hiking trails in your parks and more than 300 miles of paved bikeways in the region, keeping healthy goals is easy.



**#2 CHALLENGE YOURSELF:** Did you know there are more than 25 MetroParks? How many have you visited? Try to experience them all this year.



**#3 SLIDING AND GLIDING:** Take advantage of snow cover to enjoy cross-country skiing and sledding or skate the MetroParks Ice Rink at RiverScape MetroPark during January and February. Learn more at [metroparks.org/winter](http://metroparks.org/winter).

# TOP TEN WAYS

to enjoy your Five Rivers MetroParks this winter and spring



**#4 WINTER WARM UP:** Visit the 2nd Street Market to stock up on hearty stew essentials and other fresh, local foods. Take a break from your shopping to warm up with a hot meal from one of the many local vendors.



**#5 WINTER WONDERLAND:** The trails at Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks make for beautiful hiking in the snow.



**#6 HIDE AND SEEK:** What kinds of animals are hiding in the snow? What types of tracks in the snow or sounds do you hear when you are out in your MetroParks?



**#7 SPRING'S EARLY BIRDS:** Watch the transformation of your MetroParks from winter into spring. Stop by one of the garden parks — such as Aullwood Gardens, Wegerzyn Gardens or Cox Arboretum MetroParks — and see what plants are reawakening first.



**#8 FARM LIFE:** Visit Carriage Hill MetroPark and experience the daily tasks of farm life in the 1800s. Don't forget to stop by the country store for some penny candy.



**#9 PARTY TIME:** Celebrating an event this spring? Check out the great options for reservable shelters throughout the MetroParks at [metroparks.org/reservations](http://metroparks.org/reservations).



**#10 TAKE THE BAIT:** Get Out & Fish at such spots as Possum Creek MetroPark's ponds and Argonne Lake or Eastwood MetroPark's Lagoon and Blue Lake, where a fishing license is not required. Learn more at [metroparks.org/fishing](http://metroparks.org/fishing).



# ADOPT-A-PARK

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY BY VOLUNTEERING

Go green and create a more sustainable environment by protecting and cleaning green spaces during **FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS' 28TH ANNUAL ADOPT-A-PARK EVENT FROM 9 TO 11:30 AM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18.**

Register online by April 6 at [www.metroparks.org/adopt](http://www.metroparks.org/adopt). Groups are encouraged to register early to ensure space at available sites.

A diverse crew of volunteers of all ages, accessibility levels and backgrounds join forces during this event to make our parks and river corridors healthier, more attractive and friendlier places to visit. Volunteers will participate in projects aimed at improving the environment at more than two dozen sites throughout the Dayton area.

In addition to cleanup, volunteers will plant trees, prepare garden beds, remove invasive species, maintain trails and spruce up facilities. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and lunch at RiverScape MetroPark, and project supplies will be provided.

## ADOPT-A-PARK 2014 STATS

MORE THAN  
**2,000**  
PEOPLE  
VOLUNTEERED

AT  
**40**  
DIFFERENT  
SITES

ROUGHLY  
**35,000** LBS.  
OF  
LITTER

AND  
**376**  
TIRES  
REMOVED

ROUGHLY  
**8,000** LBS.  
OF MATERIAL  
RECYCLED

AND MORE THAN  
**1,000**  
TREES  
PLANTED

## GET INVOLVED WITH METROPARKS:

### ATTEND A VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

What better way to give back to nature than by volunteering throughout the year! Attend an orientation session to learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks' volunteer opportunities, and check pages 18-35 for more chances to get involved. Attending an orientation doesn't commit you to anything.

Unless otherwise noted, orientations are held at Five Rivers MetroParks headquarters, 409 E. Monument Ave., third floor. Call (937) 275-PARK or visit [metroparks.org/volunteer](http://metroparks.org/volunteer) to register.

## VISITOR SERVICES VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Feb. 4 — 11:30 AM to 1 PM (M280)  
Share your enthusiasm for the outdoors and Five Rivers MetroParks by serving as a greeter to support our visitor services staff at various park locations and at our headquarters. Customer service experience a plus; training provided.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Feb. 4, (M145) March 11, (M146) April 8 (M147) & May 5 — 6 to 7:30 PM (M148)  
Learn about areas that need volunteer support, including backpacking, cycling, kayaking and fishing. Help Five Rivers MetroParks build the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest.

## CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Feb. 11 — 10 AM to noon (M164)  
March 10 — 9:30 to 11:30 AM (M167)  
March 26 (M170), April 21 (M173) & May 12 — 6:30 to 8:30 PM (M174)  
Five Rivers MetroParks protects nearly 16,000 acres of land, and we could use your help. Discover how you can join our conservation team in reforestation efforts, habitat restoration, wildlife management and land stewardship.

## GARDENING & NATURE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

March 16 — 10 to 11:30 AM, (M103) Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark adult classroom  
May 6 — 6:30 to 8 PM (M153)  
Orientation provides history, an overview of location-specific opportunities and an introduction to opportunities this season.



## EMERALD ASH BORER POPULATION HIGH IN MOST METROPARKS

THE EMERALD ASH BORER MAY BE A SMALL BUG, but it is causing big problems in our natural areas. The EAB has now impacted ash trees throughout Montgomery County and all Five Rivers MetroParks facilities.

The EAB doesn't attack smaller ash trees, and our parks are home to large numbers of these young trees. There's some hope they will survive because the ash borers will have devoured their food supply and be in greatly reduced numbers.

Five Rivers MetroParks staff has been treating 600 ash trees in our parks and conservation areas as part of efforts to sustain our forests for the next generation. Most are alive and healthy. These include healthy young trees and the largest known specimens of the five species of ash in our parks, including "Skybuster" and "Big Blue" at Englewood MetroPark, and "Ashzilla" at Island MetroPark.

The Ohio State University is using our treated ash trees for important research,

and their work was presented during the national Natural Areas Conference, which Five Rivers MetroParks hosted in Dayton last fall. The goal of the OSU study, which runs through 2016, is to evaluate the effectiveness of Five Rivers MetroParks' ash treatment strategy.

EAB LARVAE  
DAMAGE



More than 200 species of birds can be found in Five Rivers MetroParks facilities at various times of the year. Some species live here all year, some migrate south in winter and others come here for the winter.

## WINGED WILDLIFE

Each species of bird has specific habitat requirements it needs to survive and reproduce. Habitat destruction is the main cause for declines in bird populations, which is why Five Rivers MetroParks has implemented habitat management plans designed to provide a variety of habitats throughout the year so birds and other wildlife will continue to live here.

### NORTHERN HARRIER

These graceful hawks come to our area for the winter and need large, open meadows or prairies where they hunt mice and voles. Harriers also are scarce in our area, mainly because there are not many large grasslands. Five Rivers MetroParks' habitat management plans include the establishment and maintenance of large, open meadows and prairies, which are managed by periodic mowing or burning. The best places to see harriers are Germantown MetroPark and the Huffman Prairie Conservation Area.

### BLUE-WINGED WARBLER

This bird is becoming increasingly scarce due to habitat loss. These birds need shrubby thickets and overgrown fields in which to nest. This transitional habitat only lasts a few years before growing into young forest, and so the only way to provide it is to regularly disrupt natural succession. Five Rivers MetroParks staff does this by using heavy mowers to give thickets a haircut on occasion. Look for blue-wings in shrubby habitats in most parks by listening for their distinctive "beee-buzzzzzz" call.

### PILEATED WOODPECKER

These spectacular giants of the woodpecker world live in our parks year round. Once rare, they have adapted to humans and benefitted from an increase in protected forest lands. Pileateds especially love ants and will dig deep into a rotting tree or log to get them. These big woodpeckers need tracts of mature forest with lots of dead and dying wood containing ant nests. Their numbers correspond to the size and quality of our forests, with the largest populations at Germantown, Twin Creek, Englewood and Taylorsville MetroParks.



## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Five Rivers MetroParks' reforestation efforts continue to make steady progress thanks to the efforts of so many dedicated volunteers.

Last fall, volunteers collected and processed 90,000 viable acorns and hickory nuts. Approximately 7,000 are being grown into seedlings at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. These trees will be planted in reforestation areas in spring 2016.

The rest of these seeds were planted into a large field at Carriage Hill MetroPark. This

is by far our largest direct seeding effort to date.

We are trying a variety of techniques to grow trees and plant forests for the next generation. To date, Five Rivers MetroParks staff and volunteers have planted seedlings and seeds in 292 acres. More than 1,000 additional acres need restocking with trees or seeds, and we look forward to working with the community to make that happen.



NONE OF THIS  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN POSSIBLE  
WITHOUT YOUR  
CONTRIBUTIONS.





Photo Courtesy Nadja Turek



**GREEN APPLE DAY OF SERVICE AT ECHOING U**  
Nick Pavlak, from Heapy Engineering and students at Echoing U in Dayton, create raised gardening beds.

## GROW FOOD, BUILD COMMUNITY

Gardening is another way to live sustainably, and Five Rivers MetroParks' Community Garden Program is a great way to grow your own food – and new friendships.

This program has helped people transform vacant lots into productive community gardens since 1986. Community gardens are managed, maintained and owned by neighborhood residents and organizations. Community gardeners cultivate vegetable gardens, care for community-managed parks, and beautify their neighborhoods with flowers and trees. Five Rivers MetroParks provides many forms of ongoing support to groups that want to start a community garden.

**GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY GARDENING:**  
Contact Luci Beachdell at (937) 275-PARK or lbeachdell@metroparks.org

### RENT A COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT AT A FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS FACILITY

MORE INFO: [METROPARKS.ORG/COMMUNITYGARDENING](http://METROPARKS.ORG/COMMUNITYGARDENING)

#### POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

- \$20/year Apr. 27 through Nov. 1 (weather permitting)
- Approximately 100 garden plots (800 square feet)
- Register starting March 23 at the Possum Creek MetroPark farmhouse Tue. - Thur., 10 AM to 3 PM

CALL (937) 276-7053

#### WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

- \$20/year Apr. 27 through Nov. 1 (weather permitting)
- Approximately 300 garden plots (784 square feet)
- Register starting March 23 at the Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark office Mon. - Fri. 8 AM to 5 PM

CALL (937) 277-6545

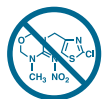


Rent a plot at one of the more than 80 community gardens located throughout Montgomery County.



## FIVE EASY TIPS FOR EARTH-FRIENDLY GARDENING

### KEEP OUT CHEMICALS!



A healthy garden is filled with insects, birds and other creatures that keep your garden pest free. Chemicals damage insects, plants and soil and can even contaminate ground water.

### USE COMPANION PLANTING



Companion plants act as insect repellents and physical supports, as well as attract desirable insects. Use native plants whenever possible in both flower and vegetable gardens to attract native pollinators.

### KEEP YOUR SOIL HEALTHY



Add such organic matter as compost, leaves, grass and plant trimmings to create healthy soil, which creates healthy plants more resistant to droughts, disease and pests.

### KEEP AWAY WEEDS



Weeds fight with your garden plants for available water, nutrients, sunlight and air while providing hiding places for disease and undesirable insects. Smother them and keep them pulled or cut.

### WATER WISELY



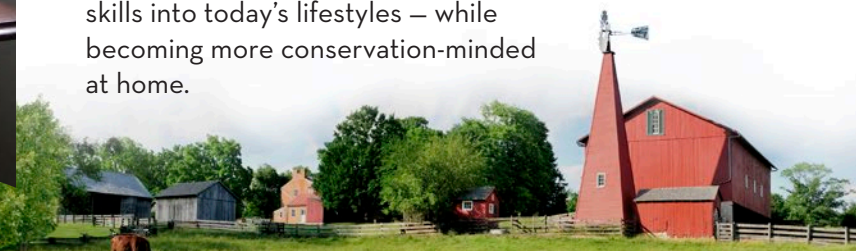
Plants need the equivalent of an inch of rainfall per week. Too much and they die from root rot, too little and they starve. Provide water slowly, preferably through drip hoses, so roots grow deeper in soil, making plants able to withstand drought and heat. Water in the morning, as foliage left damp at night can be a breeding ground for disease.

## SUSTAINABLE SKILLS: WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN



Rural life in the 1880s was a model for sustainable living. Today, as more people want to practice sustainability, such traditional skills as canning, woodworking and maple sugaring are pertinent again.

At the Historical Farm at Carriage Hill MetroPark, many of these skills are brought to life in demonstrations and specialized workshops. Staff teach visitors about 1880s life and how to incorporate traditional skills into today's lifestyles – while becoming more conservation-minded at home.



### THIS YEAR, VISIT THE FARM ON WEEKENDS FOR THEMED DEMONSTRATIONS BASED ON SEASONAL FARM CHORES AND EVERYDAY TASKS.

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>FEBRUARY 7 &amp; 8</b> | Traditional Butchering: Learn the process and help render lard or make fresh sausage.              |
| <b>FEBRUARY 21</b>        | Maple Sugaring: Learn how to tap maple trees and process the sap into maple syrup.                 |
| <b>APRIL 11 &amp; 12</b>  | Sheep Shearing and Wool Processing: Learn how to do natural dyeing, felting, spinning and weaving. |

Take your learning to the next level by volunteering at the farm. Learn more during Historical Skills Day from noon to 4 PM Saturday, March 28.

Or take the service-learning Heritage Interpreter Historical Skills Course, held Saturdays, May 9 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will learn in-depth information about a wide variety of skills, including historical interpretation, woodworking, blacksmithing, hearth cooking, canning, sewing and gardening. Participants must attend both classes and serve 50 volunteer hours throughout the year. Visit [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK for more info and to register.



## HELP YOUTH GROW: JOIN CITY BEETS

Youth learn valuable skills in business, communication, leadership, problem-solving, nutrition and cooperation during Five Rivers MetroParks' summer program City Beets. Participants grow vegetables at Possum Creek MetroPark Farm, take field trips, and learn about

where food comes from and how to cook healthy meals.

Applications will be accepted Feb. 1-March 1 for the 2015 program, held June 9-Aug. 1 at Possum Creek MetroPark. Youth ages 12 to 15 can apply for the eight-week program. Adults also are needed to volunteer as mentors, working in the garden, and helping with nutrition and cooking classes.

Learn more during the City Beets open house from 6 to 7:30 PM Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Possum Creek MetroPark Education Building.

**MORE INFO AND TO APPLY: [METROPARKS.ORG/CITYBEETS](http://METROPARKS.ORG/CITYBEETS)**



# INCREDIBLE JOURNEYS



THEADVENTURESUMMIT.COM

**THE ADVENTURE SPEAKER SERIES IS BACK**, with a lineup of speakers sure to inspire outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels. Hear tales of paddling, cycling, climbing and backpacking adventures from places near and far. The Adventure Speaker Series is a partnership between Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University. These free talks are held from 7 to 8 PM.

## WINTER CLIMBING IN SCOTLAND'S CAIRNGORMS

Wright State University Student Union

The British Mountaineering Council hosts an International Climbers' Meet in the Cairngorm Mountains of Scotland every two years. In 2012, the American Alpine Club chose Scott Fife to represent the United States at this event, where he spent a week with climbers from 26 other nations. This multimedia presentation will highlight the climbing, incredible scenery in this legendary setting, and some cultural and historical asides.

**PRESENTER BIO:**

A retired educator, Scott is a lifelong resident of the Miami Valley. He enjoys numerous outdoor sports, including hiking, camping, cycling and skiing. A homegrown mountaineer for 40 years, he has climbed on rock, ice and snow.

THURSDAY  
JANUARY  
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7 - 8 PM

## FEAR IS NOT AN OPTION: EMBRACING THE JOURNEY, THE ADVENTURE & THE PASSION OF THE TRAIL

Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

"Aren't you afraid?" is a question Yvonne Entingh — who's backpacked more than 6,000 miles, mainly solo — hears often. Yvonne will share her experiences hiking many of America's long trails, such as the Appalachian Trail, and share hiking tips essential to any long-distance backpacking trip.

**PRESENTER BIO:**

Yvonne started backpacking later in life after raising three daughters. In 2007, she enrolled in a beginning backpacking class at Five Rivers MetroParks and has been on numerous trips since. She has backpacked in more than 18 states, and is a backpacking guide for Outdoor Adventure Connection.

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY  
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7 - 8 PM

# MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

Spring is a great time to get out and ride, and May is the official month to celebrate all things cycling. We're offering a month-long roster of activities to educate you on safe cycling skills and holding festivities to encourage riding your bike as a sustainable means of transportation. Cycling to work and play helps you tread lighter on the Earth, stay fit, save money — and have fun. Plus, it's easy to get out and ride in the Miami Valley, home to the United States' largest paved bikeway network with more than 300 miles of trails to explore.

YOU ALSO CAN GET YOUR RIDE ON BY ATTENDING ONE OF THESE CYCLING CLASSES AND EVENTS.

## APRIL

- 16 Introduction to Smart Cycling
- 25 Smart Cycling Basics
- 29 Cycling Fundamentals for Women
- 30 Fundamentals of Bicycle Touring

## MAY

- 6 Fundamentals of Commuting
  - 12 Go W/ the Flow Yoga, Bike Week Edition
  - 15 National Bike to Work Day
  - 16 MoMBA Work Day
  - 29 Cycling Summit in Piqua
  - 31 Bike to the Dragons
- Saturdays through May  
Bike Bucks at the Market

## BIKE TO WORK DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join fellow cyclists at the Five Rivers MetroParks' breakfast served from 7 to 9 AM Friday, May 15, at the RiverScape MetroPark Bike Hub, 237 E. Monument Ave. in downtown Dayton. Enjoy lots of free flapjacks, live music, cycling exhibits and team challenges — all before your work day starts.



MORE INFO: [METROPARKS.ORG/BIKETOWORK](http://METROPARKS.ORG/BIKETOWORK)

## AXUS: ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, CYCLING FOR A CAUSE

Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

In summer 2014, Ian Kallay planned to cycle 3,207 miles across the United States, passing through nine states in 37 days — all while raising money and awareness to combat human trafficking. He conquered 35 mph headwinds, 110-degree heat and 10,000-foot mountains. Ian's will was truly tested a mere 87 miles from the finish when an accident fractured his hand. Unable to ride, but with a strong desire to finish, Ian ran the rest of the way.

**PRESENTER BIO:**

Originally from Painesville, Ohio, Ian received his undergraduate degree in marketing from Wright State University's Raj Soen College of Business. Currently, he is working toward a master's degree in engineering innovation and entrepreneurship while working a research assistantship at Wright State's Research Institute.

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY  
10

7 - 8 PM

## 40 ADVENTURES IN MY 40TH YEAR

Wright State University Student Union

For Tom Helbig, turning 40 was a cause for celebration to be remembered with milestone adventures. He challenged himself to complete 40 different adventures of 40 miles or more with 40 different people. His adventures included kayaking, tandem bicycling, stand-up paddleboarding, inline skating, rope swinging, river snorkeling and more. Share in Tom's stories of inspiration, struggles and laughter along the way.

**PRESENTER BIO:**

Tom Helbig is the owner of Tomfoolery Outdoors, an outdoor event production company that encourages people to live an active, outdoor lifestyle. Tom breaks out his inner 5-year-old to play in the outdoors daily and launched his 40x40 for 40 Challenge to encourage people to live active, laugh more and be inspired.

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY  
19

7 - 8 PM



# FOUNDATIONS SUPPORT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Five Rivers MetroParks is fortunate to receive support from four nonprofit organizations led by volunteer boards. These organizations are committed to the organization’s mission and help raise funds for programs, services and special projects.



## FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce a new foundation has been created to provide Five Rivers MetroParks with a 501(c)3 entity for securing philanthropic funding for special projects, programming and long-term support.

Throughout the year, we receive questions about making donations to Five Rivers MetroParks. This new foundation provides a way for donors to support us with charitable contributions that benefit all parks or a specific park. Donations also can be directed to support our educational and recreational program, as well as conservation projects and initiatives. The foundation is led by a volunteer board committed to the mission, master plan and strategic plan for Five Rivers MetroParks.

More info: Visit [metroparks.org/donate](https://metroparks.org/donate) or contact Beth Redden, Five Rivers MetroParks director of development, at (937) 277-4369 or [beth.redden@metroparks.org](mailto:beth.redden@metroparks.org).

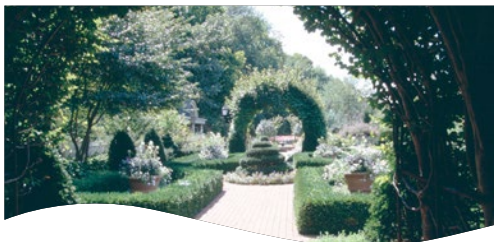


## FRIENDS OF CARRIAGE HILL

Providing support for the programming and restoration at Carriage Hill MetroPark, this organization is dedicated to supporting programs that bring the historical farm to life. In 2014, the foundation supported:

- The purchase of materials and equipment for historical educational activities
- The annual Country Fair, a fundraiser attended by 1,700 visitors who participated in farm activities and enjoyed home-cooked food
- Numerous historical-themed educational and fundraising events
- The purchase of paint and other materials for the restoration of the historical Daniel Arnold Barn that houses livestock and farm animals

MORE INFO:  
[METROPARKS.ORG](https://metroparks.org)



## WEGERZYN GARDENS FOUNDATION

This foundation increases awareness about Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks and provides funding for special projects at the park. In 2014, it funded:

- A new splash pad in the Children’s Discovery Garden for children to safely explore the water feature
- Resurfacing of the North Plaza and Skeeter’s Garden
- A large message board near the entrance of the North Plaza
- Restoration of garden benches and a sculpture in the Children’s Discovery Garden
- The first phase of the North Plaza renovation that included flowerbeds and multi-purpose seating

MORE INFO:  
[WEGERZYNGARDENSFOUNDATION.ORG](https://WEGERZYNGARDENSFOUNDATION.ORG)



## THE JAMES M. COX JR. ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

Funding a variety of programs, projects and priorities at Cox Arboretum MetroPark is the purpose of this foundation. In 2014, it supported:

- Preliminary design for the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture
- Planting thousands of bulbs on the grounds and in pots at the Zorniger Education Center
- Renovation of the allée, which included replacement of more than 100 trees and construction of a new arbor
- New appliances in the Fifth Third Room to enhance events and meetings
- Installation of a state-of-the-art projection and sound system in the Zorniger Education Center

MORE INFO:  
[COXARBORETUMFOUNDATION.ORG](https://COXARBORETUMFOUNDATION.ORG)

# YOUR GUIDE TO UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

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

## BY DATE

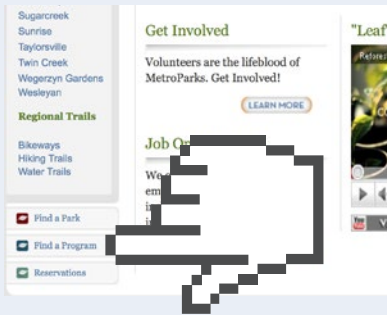
You also can search for programs by date. This is a chronological listing of every program at every park. Pick a date, find an activity that interests you and go to the page listed to find out more information. For more details on programs, or to register, visit [metroparks.org](https://metroparks.org).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

## BY TOPIC

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

## ONLINE

You can make a comprehensive search for programs using tools online. Search for programs listed by date, topic or park when you visit [metroparks.org](https://metroparks.org) and click on the “Find a Program” link found on the left-hand navigation bar. You also can find suggestions by clicking the “Get Outside” link at the top of the page. [Metroparks.org](https://metroparks.org) helps you get connected to park information, program guides, videos, nature play and Registration.



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

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

## ALERTS AND CLOSURES

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

## HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER IN A METROPARK:

EMERGENCY CONTACT: 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT: (937) 535-2580

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

## LOST SOMETHING?

If you lost something valuable in a MetroPark, contact the Rangers to identify and retrieve your belongings. Contact Alan Starnes at (937) 567-4265 for details.



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**SUN, FEB 1, 2015**

**1:00 PM Hibernating Nature**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 29 M193)  
**1:00 PM Sleeping Nature**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 30 M184)  
**1:30 PM Possum Creek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M8)

**TUE, FEB 3, 2015**

**7:00 PM Embracing the Journey, the Adventure & the Passion of the Trail**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 33 L85)

**WED, FEB 4, 2015**

**11:30 AM Volunteer: Visitor Services Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 27 M280)  
**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 33 M145)  
**6:30 PM The Deer Boom**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 M52)

**THU, FEB 5, 2015**

**6:00 PM Compost Meat, Dairy, Veggies and Starch with Bokashi**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 L93)  
**6:30 PM Changing a Flat Tire**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 18 M110)

**FRI, FEB 6, 2015**

**7:00 PM School Pride Night**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M91)

**SAT, FEB 7, 2015**

**10:00 AM House Plants 101**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 22 M49)  
**1:00 PM Traditional Butchering**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M18)  
**1:30 PM Photography Weekend**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 34 M42)  
**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M88)

**SUN, FEB 8, 2015**

**12:00 PM Waddles II**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M98)  
**12:30 PM Skating Basics**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M99)

**TUE, FEB 10, 2015**

**10:00 AM Volunteer Opportunities with City Beets**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 M128)  
**6:00 PM Volunteer: Master Recycling**, Offsite (see Page 26 L102)  
**7:00 PM AXUS: Across the US, Cycling for a Cause**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 33 L86)

**WED, FEB 11, 2015**

**10:00 AM Animal Tracking**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 31 M138)  
**10:00 AM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer**

**Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 M164)

**THU, FEB 12, 2015**

**6:00 PM City Beets, a Summer Youth Program: Open House**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 23 M127)

**FRI, FEB 13, 2015**

**10:00 AM Great Backyard Bird Count**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 31 M143)  
**12:30 PM Project FeederWatch!**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 31 M268)  
**7:00 PM Sweetheart Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M94)

**SAT, FEB 14, 2015**

**9:00 AM Backyard Bird Count**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 29 M200)  
**9:00 AM Bird Survey**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 30 M201)  
**10:00 AM Valentine's Decorating**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 19 M222)  
**11:00 AM Getting started Raising Animals at Home**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 20 M35)  
**1:00 PM Forest Bird Search**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 30 M185)  
**1:00 PM Forest Bird Exploration**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 M192)  
**6:00 PM Birding Workshop: Owls**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 31 M208)  
**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M89)

**SUN, FEB 15, 2015**

**1:30 PM Huffman Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Huffman MetroPark (see Page 21 M9)

**MON, FEB 16, 2015**

**11:00 AM Presidents' Day Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M100)

**TUE, FEB 17, 2015**

**6:00 PM Appalachian Trail Trip Planning**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 18 M129)

**THU, FEB 19, 2015**

**5:30 PM Farm Fresh to You: A Community Supported Agriculture Fair**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 26 L123)  
**7:00 PM 40 Adventures in My 40th Year**, Offsite (see Page 33 L87)

**FRI, FEB 20, 2015**

**7:00 PM Mardi Gras Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M93)

**SAT, FEB 21, 2015**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 20 M29)  
**10:00 AM Let's Talk Chicken!**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 20 M34)  
**10:00 AM African Violets Basics**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 M50)

**11:30 AM Guided Maple Sugaring Tour**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M20)  
**11:30 AM Leave No Child Inside Summit**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 31 L10)  
**12:00 PM Maple Sugaring on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M19)  
**2:00 PM Guided Maple Sugaring Tour**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M292)  
**2:45 PM Nature Club for Families: Nature's ABC's**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 32 M144)  
**7:00 PM Star-Late Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M90)

**SUN, FEB 22, 2015**

**2:00 PM Birds and Community**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M175)  
**2:00 PM Building a Bird Sanctuary**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Nature M182)  
**2:00 PM Winged Friends**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 31 M165)

**TUE, FEB 24, 2015**

**1:00 PM It's an Egg!**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M33)

**WED, FEB 25, 2015**

**11:30 AM Volunteer: Carriage Hill Volunteer Orientation**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 21 M281)

**THU, FEB 26, 2015**

**6:00 PM Intro to Paddlesports**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 34 M112)

**FRI, FEB 27, 2015**

**12:30 PM Project FeederWatch!**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 31 M271)  
**7:00 PM Pop Country Skate**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M95)

**SAT, FEB 28, 2015**

**8:00 AM Wilderness First Responder**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 33 L71)  
**9:00 AM Black History Day at the Market**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 27 M224)  
**10:00 AM Winter Garden Workshop and Seed Swap**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 M48)  
**11:00 AM Last Day to Skate!**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 35 M96)

**SUN, MAR 1, 2015**

**1:30 PM Taylorsville Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 22 M10)

**WED, MAR 4, 2015**

**6:30 PM A Solar Powered Future**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 M58)

**SAT, MAR 7, 2015**

**8:00 AM Miami Valley Gardening Conference**, Offsite (see Page 23 M51)  
**8:00 AM Wilderness First Aid**, Possum Creek

MetroPark (see Page 34 M1)  
**10:30 AM Winter Bird Banding**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 32 M136)

**TUE, MAR 10, 2015**

**9:30 AM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 M167)  
**6:00 PM Green Cleaning Workshop**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 27 M69)  
**6:00 PM Start a New Community Garden**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 23 M124)

**WED, MAR 11, 2015**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 33 M146)  
**6:00 PM Fly Fishing For Bass And Bluegill**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M262)

**THU, MAR 12, 2015**

**6:00 PM Intro to Bicycle Maintenance**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 18 M115)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Caretaker Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 32 M176)

**FRI, MAR 13, 2015**

**10:00 AM Signs of Spring**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 31 M140)

**SAT, MAR 14, 2015**

**10:00 AM Family Goat Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M37)  
**10:00 AM St. Patrick's Day at the Market**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 27 M223)  
**2:00 PM Tree Planting**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 30 M202)  
**2:00 PM Tree Planting & Care**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 M203)

**SUN, MAR 15, 2015**

**9:00 AM Waterfowl Fieldtrip**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 32 M209)  
**12:00 PM Steam on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M21)  
**1:30 PM Englewood Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Englewood MetroPark (see Page 22 M11)

**MON, MAR 16, 2015**

**8:45 AM NAI Certified Interpretive Guide Training**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see NPage 32 M108)  
**10:00 AM Volunteer: Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark Volunteer Orientation**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 M103)

**TUE, MAR 17, 2015**

**6:00 PM Intro To Backpacking For Women**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 18 M130)

**WED, MAR 18, 2015**

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 32 M235)

**THU, MAR 19, 2015**

**6:00 PM Bicycle Maintenance Basics**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 18 M116)  
**6:30 PM Community Garden Coordinator's Dinner**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 M109)

**SAT, MAR 21, 2015**

**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 20 M30)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: A World of Gardening**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 23 M287)  
**10:00 AM Seed Starting Basics**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 M59)  
**10:30 AM Try It: Planting Potatoes**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 24 M125)  
**8:00 PM Woodcock Dance**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 29 M194)  
**8:00 PM Woodcock Search**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M186)

**TUE, MAR 24, 2015**

**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 32 M253)  
**1:00 PM Goodness of Goats**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M36)

**WED, MAR 25, 2015**

**10:00 AM Project Budburst**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 31 M157)  
**11:30 AM Volunteer Orientation: Possum Creek Volunteer Orientation**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M282)  
**6:00 PM Intro to Backpacking**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 18 M131)

**THU, MAR 26, 2015**

**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 M170)

**SAT, MAR 28, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Day**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 M97)  
**10:00 AM Ancient Grains for the Garden**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 24 M38)  
**10:00 AM Spring Garden Prep**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 M56)  
**10:00 AM Photography Master Class**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 34 M54)  
**12:00 PM Historic Skills Day**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M22)  
**1:00 PM Eagles and Ducks**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 30 M187)

**SUN, MAR 29, 2015**

**1:30 PM Sugarcreek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 22 M12)

**TUE, MAR 31, 2015**

**6:00 PM Bicycle Maintenance Basics**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 18 M117)

**WED, APR 1, 2015**

**6:30 PM Beer Science**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 M63)

**THU, APR 2, 2015**

**9:00 AM Volunteer: Cox Arboretum Volunteer Orientation**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 M284)

**SAT, APR 4, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Verona**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Page 18 M2)  
**10:30 AM Possum Creek Community Gardener Spring Meeting**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 24 M126)  
**11:00 AM Be a Bunny with the Easter Bunny**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 20 M227)  
**2:00 PM Amphibian Naturalist Training**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 29 M181)  
**2:00 PM Amphibian Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M177)  
**2:00 PM Frog Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 31 M169)  
**8:00 PM Nocturnal Amphibian Exploration**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 29 M196)  
**8:00 PM Nocturnal Amphibian Safari**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 30 M188)

**TUE, APR 7, 2015**

**10:00 AM Compost Kitchen**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 M73)  
**4:00 PM Try Mountain Biking**, MoMBA (see Page 28 M118)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Ambassadors**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 33 M178)

**WED, APR 8, 2015**

**10:00 AM Wednesday Discovery Stroll**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 32 M238)  
**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 33 M147)

**THU, APR 9, 2015**

**6:00 PM Volunteer: Carriage Hill Riding Center Orientation**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 28 M152)

**SAT, APR 11, 2015**

**9:00 AM Ride to Trotwood**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Page 18 M3)  
**9:00 AM Seedling Saturdays-Seedling TLC**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 32 M213)  
**9:00 AM A Half Mile More**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 22 M26)  
**10:00 AM All-In-One Cookie**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M40)  
**10:00 AM Beginning Gardening: How to Know What to Grow**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 M60)  
**12:00 PM Backpacking Basics**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 18 M132)  
**12:00 PM Volunteer: Garden Discovery Guides**



**Kick-Off**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 M106)  
**12:00 PM From Sheep to Shawls**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M23)

**SUN, APR 12, 2015**  
**1:30 PM Eastwood Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 22 M13)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower Walks: Early Spring**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 M85)

**TUE, APR 14, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Volunteer Learn and Work Day**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 M166)  
**1:00 PM Make Your Own Play Fun**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 M39)  
**4:00 PM Try Fly Fishing**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 21 M263)  
**6:00 PM Making a Garden Plan**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 M68)

**WED, APR 15, 2015**  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Street Team Orientation**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 33 M151)

**THU, APR 16, 2015**  
**6:00 PM Intro to Smart Cycling**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 M119)

**FRI, APR 17, 2015**  
**11:00 AM Tree Seedling Giveaway**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 25 M226)  
**8:00 PM Nocturnal Amphibian Search**, Sugar-creek MetroPark (see Page 31 M141)

**SAT, APR 18, 2015**  
**8:00 AM Beginning Birding Workshop**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 33 M210)  
**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 20 M31)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Fifth Third Gateway Park**, Bikeway: Creekside (see Page 19 M4)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work Day**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 M101)  
**9:00 AM Adopt-A-Park 2015**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 25 M279)  
**9:00 AM Wegerzyn Gardens Walkfest**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 22 M27)  
**1:00 PM Woodland Salamander Exploration**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 29 M197)  
**1:00 PM Woodland Salamander Search**, German-town MetroPark (see Page 30 M189)  
**1:00 PM Basic Gardening Questions**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 23 M61)  
**8:30 PM Spring Frog Survey**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 29 M205)  
**8:30 PM Spring Frogs Survey**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 29 M204)

**SUN, APR 19, 2015**  
**2:00 PM Aullwood Spring Walk**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 25 M64)

**MON, APR 20, 2015**  
**10:00 AM Leave a Legacy**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 31 M158)

**TUE, APR 21, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Tuesday Adult Nature Walk**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 32 M256)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer Learn and Work Day**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 24 M163)  
**4:00 PM Try Inline Skating**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 33 M267)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 M173)

**WED, APR 22, 2015**  
**5:30 PM Introduction to Fly Fishing**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21M265)  
**6:00 PM Make a Spring Container**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 M66)

**THU, APR 23, 2015**  
**8:30 AM Volunteer: Cover Mapping**, Taylorsville MetroPark (see Page 33 M183)  
**6:00 PM Spring Bulbs in the Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 M70)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: RiverScape Events**, River-Scape MetroPark (see Page 20 M135)

**FRI, APR 24, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: RiverScape Gardeners Kick-off**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 25 M286)

**SAT, APR 25, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Ride to Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark**, Bikeway: Mad River (see Page 19 M5)  
**9:00 AM Seedling Saturdays-Seedling TLC**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 32 M214)  
**9:00 AM Smart Cycling Basics**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 19 M120)  
**10:00 AM Wildflower and Woodland Photography**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 34 M65)  
**12:00 PM Backpacking Basics**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 18 M133)

**SUN, APR 26, 2015**  
**1:30 PM Twin Creek Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Twin Creek MetroPark (see Page 22 M14)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower Walks: The Next Layer of Color**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Gardening & Landscaping M276)

**WED, APR 29, 2015**  
**10:00 AM Worm Composting Workshop**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 27 M75)  
**6:00 PM Women's Cycling Fundamentals**, River-Scape MetroPark (see Page 19 M137)

**THU, APR 30, 2015**  
**6:00 PM Fundamentals of Bicycle Touring**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 19 M121)

**FRI, MAY 1, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Volunteer Learn and Work Day**, Sunrise MetroPark (see Page 24 M168)

**SAT, MAY 2, 2015**  
**8:00 AM Bike Bucks**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 19 M228)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Kyle Park**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 M44)  
**9:00 AM Fish with a Ranger**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M62)  
**9:00 AM Seedling Saturdays-Seedling TLC**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 32 M216)  
**9:00 AM Annual MayFair Plant Sale**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 M105)  
**10:00 AM Tomatoes, Peppers, and Beans!**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 24 M72)  
**11:00 AM Music @ Lunch**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 M155)  
**4:00 PM Girl Scout Leader Camping & Outdoor Leadership Workshop**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 18 M134)

**SUN, MAY 3, 2015**  
**11:00 AM Annual MayFair Plant Sale**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 M104)  
**1:30 PM Hills & Dales Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 22 M15)

**TUE, MAY 5, 2015**  
**11:30 AM Historic Tour of Carriage Hill**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M24)  
**6:00 PM Volunteer: Outdoor Recreation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 33 M148)

**WED, MAY 6, 2015**  
**6:30 AM Bus Trip: Yew Dell Gardens, Louisville, KY**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 M74)  
**4:00 PM Try Fly Fishing**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 21 M264)  
**6:00 PM Fundamentals of Bicycle Commuting**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 M123)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Five Rivers MetroPark Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 33 M153)  
**6:30 PM Seeing the Blue LED Light**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 M67)

**THU, MAY 7, 2015**  
**6:00 PM Volunteer: Bike to Work Day Orientation**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 19 M149)

**FRI, MAY 8, 2015**  
**10:00 AM Milkweed for Monarchs**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 31 M161)  
**5:00 PM Kickin' off Pickin' in the Park**, River-Scape MetroPark (see Page 20 M160)  
**9:00 PM Forests at Night**, Hills & Dales MetroPark (see Page 31 M142)

**SAT, MAY 9, 2015**  
**8:00 AM Birding Workshop: Warblers**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 33 M211)  
**9:00 AM Seedling Saturdays-Seedling TLC**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 32 M212)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Radvansky Bridge**, Bikeway: Stillwater River (see Page 19 M45)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Backpacking Trail Work Days**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 33 M219)  
**9:00 AM Wegerzyn Bike Rodeo For Kids**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 19 I277)  
**9:00 AM Eastwood Walkfest**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 22 M28)  
**9:00 AM Fly Fishing Basics**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 21 M266)  
**10:00 AM Fitness in the Park**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 M156)  
**10:00 AM Creating a Garden**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 26 M78)  
**10:00 AM Heritage Interpreter Historic Skills Course**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M87)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower Planting**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 29 M206)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower Planting for Pollinators**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M207)

**SUN, MAY 10, 2015**  
**12:00 PM Corn on the Farm**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 27 M25)  
**2:00 PM Wildflower Walks: Color Burst**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 M277)

**TUE, MAY 12, 2015**  
**11:30 AM Music @ Lunch**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 20 M154)  
**4:30 PM Spring Greens and Early Planting**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 26 M77)  
**6:00 PM Container Vegetables**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 25 M82)  
**6:00 PM GO W/ FLOW Yoga: Bike Week Edition**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 22 M76)  
**6:00 PM Caterpillar Care**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 33 M86)  
**6:30 PM Volunteer: Conservation Volunteer Orientation**, Five Rivers MetroParks Main Office (see Page 31 M174)

**FRI, MAY 15, 2015**  
**7:00 AM National Bike To Work Day Pancake Breakfast**, RiverScape MetroPark (see Page 19 M283)

**SAT, MAY 16, 2015**  
**8:30 AM Family Farm Chores**, Carriage Hill MetroPark (see Page 20 M32)  
**9:00 AM Ride to Verona**, Bikeway: Wolf Creek (see Page 18 M46)  
**9:00 AM Women's Cycling Fundamentals**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 19 M139)  
**9:00 AM Seedling Saturdays-Seedling TLC**, Sugarcreek MetroPark (see Page 32 M215)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: Gardening Angels Work**

**Day**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 M102)  
**9:00 AM Volunteer: MoMBA Trail Work Days**, MoMBA (see Page 28 M218)  
**9:00 AM Tab-a-pull-ooza**, 2nd Street Market (see Page 20 M225)  
**10:00 AM Make a Vegetable Container**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 26 M80)  
**1:00 PM 6-legged Beasts**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M190)  
**1:00 PM Family Farm and Park Tour**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 21 M47)  
**1:00 PM Insect Safari**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M198)

**SUN, MAY 17, 2015**  
**10:00 AM Twin Valley Trail Hike With The Metro Dayton Hikers**, Germantown MetroPark (see Page 22 M16)  
**2:00 PM May Beauty at Aullwood**, Aullwood Garden MetroPark (see Page 26 M81)

**TUE, MAY 19, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Volunteer Learn and Work Day**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 24 M171)

**WED, MAY 20, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Swiftwater Rescue for Paddlers**, Eastwood MetroPark (see Page 34 M113)  
**6:00 PM Planning a Butterfly Garden**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 M84)

**THU, MAY 21, 2015**  
**6:00 PM Spring Perennials**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 25 M83)

**SAT, MAY 23, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Ride to RiverScape MetroPark**, Huffman MetroPark (see Page 19 M55)  
**2:00 PM Caring for Caterpillars**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 31 M172)  
**8:00 PM Moth Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M180)  
**8:00 PM Nocturnal Insect Party**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 30 M179)

**TUE, MAY 24, 2015**  
**2:00 PM Wildflower Walks: Late Spring Wonders**, Cox Arboretum MetroPark (see Page 26 M278)

**TUE, MAY 26, 2015**  
**1:00 PM Bugs Rock MY Garden!**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 26 M43)

**THU, MAY 28, 2015**  
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**8:30 AM ACA Kayak Instructor Certification**, Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark (see Page 34 N31)

**SAT, MAY 30, 2015**  
**9:00 AM Ride to Island MetroPark**, Bikeway: Great Miami River (see Page 19 M57)  
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**10:00 AM DIY Condiments**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 28 M53)  
**11:30 AM Photography Action Workshop: Life on the Farm**, Possum Creek MetroPark (see Page 35 M71)  
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**SUN, MAY 31, 2015**  
**2:00 PM Bike to the Dragons**, Offsite (see Page 19 M79)

# MIAMI VALLEY GARDENING CONFERENCE

SAT., MARCH 7, 8 AM TO 5 PM  
AT SINCLAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Join keynote speakers Thomas Rainer (The American Garden in a Post-Wild World) and Kelly Norris (Dig This: Stylish Gardening for Savvy Gardeners) and other local gardening experts as they explore the way we garden and how it has and will continue to change. The \$50 fee includes lunch, snacks, covered parking and all materials.

Register online now at  
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Space is limited!



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# BACKPACKING

APPALACHIAN TRAIL TRIP PLANNING  
**TUE. FEB 17, 6:00-8:30 PM** M129  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
We'll walk through planning your long-distance A.T. hike. You'll receive a planning booklet and talk with past thru-hikers and local experts. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📅

INTRO TO BACKPACKING FOR WOMEN  
**TUE. MAR 17, 6:00-8:30 PM** M130  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This class, taught by female backpacking experts, will cover trip planning, trail techniques, nutrition, physical fitness, 'Leave No Trace' concepts and female-specific techniques. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

INTRO TO BACKPACKING  
**WED. MAR 25, 6:00-8:30 PM** M131  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
This class will introduce you to trip planning, trail techniques, nutrition, physical fitness, 'Leave No Trace' concepts and gear. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

BACKPACKING BASICS  
**SAT. APR 11, 12:00 PM - SUN. APR 12, 12:00 PM** M132  
**SAT. APR 25, 12:00 PM - SUN. APR 26, 12:00 PM** M133  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Campsite: Shimps Hollow, 7350 Boomershire Rd.  
This overnight, field-based program hits the wilds of Germantown MetroPark on the Twin Valley Trail. Spend a night out under the stars utilizing 'Leave No Trace' concepts. Gear is available at no additional charge with reservation. Prerequisites: Intro to Backpacking. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$40

# CAMPING

GIRL SCOUT LEADER CAMPING & OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP  
**SAT. MAY 2, 4:00-8:00 PM** M134  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Campsite: Black Cherry Camp/Black Cherry Shelter/Parking, 4730 Frytown Rd.  
Join fellow adult Girl Scout leaders and learn outdoor skills to help you feel more confident in getting your troop outside. This program will cover hike leadership, setting up camp, outdoor

cooking, 'Leave No Trace' concepts, how to appropriately talk to youth about hazards in nature and more! Camping that evening is optional. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15

# CYCLING

CHANGING A FLAT TIRE  
**THU. FEB 5, 6:30-7:30 PM** M110  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
During this hands-on class, a step-by-step process will be explained, demonstrated, and practiced. We also will cover patching a tube and show other tips. Please do not bring your bicycle. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$5 📅

INTRO TO BICYCLE MAINTENANCE  
**THU. MAR 12, 6:00-8:30 PM** M115  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Participants will be introduced to basic repairs, adjustments and tools. Topics will include bike inspection and terminology, fixing a flat tire, and basic brake and gear adjustment. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE BASICS  
**THU. MAR 19, 6:00-8:30 PM** M116  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
**TUE. MAR 31, 6:00-8:30 PM** M117  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This hands-on class will cover bike fitting, tune-ups, advanced brake and drive-train maintenance, and wheel truing. Prerequisites: Intro to Bike

Maintenance. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10

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. More information on [metroparks.org/bikehealth](https://www.metroparks.org/bikehealth). Registration requested; walk-ins welcome. All ages. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO VERONA  
**SAT. APR 4, 9:00-11:00 AM** M2  
**SAT. MAY 16, 9:00-11:00 AM** M46  
BIKEWAY: WOLF CREEK, Ohio Bike Route 38  
Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. 11 miles. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO TROTWOOD  
**SAT. APR 11, 9:00-11:00 AM** M3  
BIKEWAY: WOLF CREEK, Ohio Bike Route 38  
Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. 14 miles. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO FIFTH THIRD GATEWAY PARK  
**SAT. APR 18, 9:00-11:00 AM** M4  
BIKEWAY: CREEKSIDE, Ohio Bike Route 2  
Meet in last parking at 1385 Harshman Rd. park entrance. 12 miles. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

**SAT. APR 25, 9:00-11:00 AM** M5  
BIKEWAY: MAD RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 8  
Meet at Eastwood MetroPark, 1385 Harshman Rd. 13 miles. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO KYLE PARK  
**SAT. MAY 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M44  
BIKEWAY: GREAT MIAMI RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 25  
Meet at Rip Rap Park, located at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap and Taylorsville roads, in the parking lot near the soccer fields. 16 miles. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO RADVANSKY BRIDGE  
**SAT. MAY 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M45  
BIKEWAY: STILLWATER RIVER, Ohio Bike Route 7  
16 miles. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO RIVERSCAPE METROPARK  
**SAT. MAY 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M55  
HUFFMAN METROPARK, Shelter: Redtail, 4439 Lower Valley Pk.  
Ride the Mad River Trail west. Meet at Huffman South Park. 14 miles. 📅

(FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK  
**SAT. MAY 30, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M57  
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. 📅

INTRO TO SMART CYCLING  
**THU. APR 16, 6:00-8:30 PM** M119  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This classroom session, taught by League-certified instructors, provides cyclists of all levels a better understanding of how to safely and effectively operate their bicycles. Topics will include ride preparation, traffic laws, equipment and clothing. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📅

SMART CYCLING BASICS  
**SAT. APR 25, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM** M120  
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: All ages Fee: \$20

WOMEN'S CYCLING FUNDAMENTALS  
**WED. APR 29, 6:00-7:30 PM** M137  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
**SAT. MAY 16, 9:00-10:30 AM** M139

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

EASTWOOD METROPARK, parking lot by restrooms, 1401 Harshman Rd.  
Prior to rides, we'll talk about safety, proper body positioning, and cycling etiquette on bikeways and bike lanes. Bikes need to be in good condition. Helmets required. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️

FUNDAMENTALS OF BICYCLE TOURING  
**THU. APR 30, 6:00-8:00 PM** M121  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
This lecture-style class will cover touring equipment, clothing options, types of tours and tour planning. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

(FREE) BIKE BUCKS  
**SAT. MAY 2, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM** M228  
**SAT. MAY 9, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM** M296  
**SAT. MAY 16, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM** M293  
**SAT. MAY 23, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM** M294  
**SAT. MAY 30, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM** M295  
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.  
Celebrate National Bike Month by riding your bike to the 2nd Street Market on any Saturday in May and enter to win \$50 in Market Money. Volunteers will be on hand to help you enter, snap a photo of you (with your awesome bike) and supply you with valuable info on cycling in the Miami Valley. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

FUNDAMENTALS OF BICYCLE COMMUTING  
**WED. MAY 6, 6:00-8:00 PM** M123  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This lecture-style class will include bike terminology, commuting equipment, and trip and bike preparation. We will briefly discuss traffic laws, hazards encountered, safe-riding skills and proper route planning. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: BIKE TO WORK DAY ORIENTATION  
**THU. MAY 7, 6:00-7:15 PM** M149  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Learn how to promote cycling while volunteering for the Bike to Work Day Pancake Breakfast. Sign up for volunteer shifts or learn about the volunteer positions. Refreshments will be provided. Attending does not commit you. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact emmy.fabich@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up 📅

(FREE) WEGERZYN BIKE RODEO FOR KIDS  
**SAT. MAY 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** I277

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Join the MetroParks Ranger Division on a ride through a safety course, and have your bikes checked out by a technician. Before riding students are encouraged to have their helmets properly fitted to their heads. New helmets will be available on an as-needed bases (no beads in hair please). Allow one hour to complete the activities. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-15Y 📅

(FREE) NATIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
**FRI. MAY 15, 7:00-9:00 AM** M283  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Leave your car in the garage and support National Bike to Work Day. Ride in on your own or with a group to RiverScape for a free pancake breakfast then head to work. Live music, cycling-related exhibitors and a team challenge are also part of the fun. No registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages [www.metroparks.org/biketowork](https://www.metroparks.org/biketowork).

(FREE) BIKE TO THE DRAGONS  
**SUN. MAY 31, 2:00-5:00 PM** M79  
OFFSITE, Fifth Third Field, 220 N Patterson Blvd  
Hop on your bike and head downtown to watch America's favorite game. The first 50 cyclists to register on the Dragons' web site and "Bike to the Game" will win complimentary lawn seats and prizes. Valet bike parking available. Registration begins May 1. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 228-2287 or [dragons@daytondragons.com](mailto:dragons@daytondragons.com) for details. [www.daytondragons.com](https://www.daytondragons.com). Age: All ages

# ENTERTAINMENT

(FREE) VALENTINE'S DECORATING  
**SAT. FEB 14, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM** M222  
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.  
Make a Valentine for your mom or dad, best friend, or teacher. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) BE A BUNNY WITH THE EASTER BUNNY  
**SAT. APR 4, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM** M227  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Visit the Market the day before Easter and decorate a fun bunny mask. Bring a camera to take a picture with the Easter bunny afterward. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: RIVERSCAPE EVENTS  
**THU. APR 23, 6:30-7:30 PM** M135  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.



Learn how you can support MetroParks' River-Scape activities on a flexible, seasonal schedule by greeting park visitors, facilitating set-up and working with outside organizers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact emmy.fabich@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🗓️

**(FREE) MUSIC @ LUNCH**  
**SAT. MAY 2-AUG. 29, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM** M155  
**TUE., WED., THU., FRI. MAY 12-SEP. 25, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM** M154  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Lunchtime downtown features acoustic music, food, free WiFi, bike rentals and more. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️

**PICKIN' IN THE PARK**  
Enjoy progressive bluegrass music and food from the cafe and a variety of food trucks as River-Scape MetroPark brings music to the riverside! Bring a lawn chair for seating.  
**(FREE) KICKIN' OFF PICKIN' IN THE PARK**  
**FRI. MAY 8, 5:00-10:00 PM** M160  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Bring your dancing shoes and a lawn chair for seating. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️  
**(FREE) TAB-A-PULL-OOZA**  
**SAT. MAY 16, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM** M225  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St. Bring your aluminum can pull-tabs to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

FARMING

**(FREE) GETTING STARTED RAISING ANIMALS AT HOME**  
**SAT. FEB 14, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM** M35  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
We'll talk about what you need to know before spending time and money on animals, food and other needs. Afterward, we will go to the barn to see our animals. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🗓️  
**(FREE) FAMILY FARM CHORES**  
**SAT. FEB 21, 8:30-10:00 AM** M29

**SAT. MAR 21, 8:30-10:00 AM** M30  
**SAT. APR 18, 8:30-10:00 AM** M31  
**SAT. MAY 16, 8:30-10:00 AM** M32  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Join the historical farmer to feed animals, gather eggs and clean stalls. Registration required. Age: 6Y-12Y 🗓️  
**(FREE) LET'S TALK CHICKEN!**  
**SAT. FEB 21, 10:00-11:00 AM** M34  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Make it a family affair and join us on the farm

as we collect eggs and feed the chickens. Learn about how you can raise your own chickens while we make a snack from the eggs we collect. Registration required. Age: All ages 🗓️

**FARM TO PRESCHOOL**  
These programs help children understand where their food comes from and what they are eating. Healthy food means healthy children, which starts at the farm.  
**(FREE) IT'S AN EGG!**  
**TUE. FEB 24, 1:00-2:00 PM** M33  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Visit the chicken coop, collect eggs, touch a

chicken and make a healthy snack from the eggs that we collect. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y 🗓️  
**(FREE) GOODNESS OF GOATS**  
**TUE. MAR 24, 1:00-2:00 PM** M36  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Meet Possum Creek's goats and learn about the different types of goats and the good things we get from them, such as milk and cheese. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y 🗓️

**(FREE) BUGS ROCK MY GARDEN!**  
**TUE. MAY 26, 1:00-2:00 PM** M43  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Learn how important bugs are to us, from helping grow food to making healthy soils and keeping our natural world clean. Build a Mason bee home to put in your garden. Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y 🗓️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CARRIAGE HILL VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
**WED. FEB 25, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** M281  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center, 7800 E. Shull Rd  
Carriage Hill has a variety of volunteer opportunities, including those at our 1880s historical farm, the candy store or concession stand; with visitor services; or assisting park staff with various projects. Discover an opportunity that is just right for you. Contact candy.holloway@metroparks.org for details. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🗓️

**(FREE) FAMILY GOAT FUN**  
**SAT. MAR 14, 10:00-11:00 AM** M37  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Bring the family to the farm to meet and feed our goats. Learn about and sample the great things goats have to offer, from cheese to milk. Get those taste buds ready to experience goat cheese and milk. Registration required. Age: All ages 🗓️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION: POSSUM CREEK VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
**WED. MAR 25, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** M282  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Volunteers are needed to assist with prepping the garden beds around the farmhouse, a variety of activities and events, and with various park and farm projects. Call or contact candy.holloway@metroparks.org for details Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗓️

**(FREE) ALL-IN-ONE COOKIE**  
**SAT. APR 11, 10:00-11:30 AM** M40

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

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
We will explore the ingredients that go into baking a chocolate chip cookie. We will go to the chicken coop and collect the eggs we need, grind some flour and make our own butter. Learn how to measure, mix and bake. Registration required. Age: All ages 🗓️

**(FREE) FAMILY FARM AND PARK TOUR**  
**SAT. MAY 16, 1:00-2:30 PM** M47  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Tour the farm and learn about the animals that reside here. Then hop on our hay wagon as we tour Possum Creek to learn about the great things the park offers, from camping to hiking to fishing. Registration required. Age: All ages 🗓️ ⚙️

**(FREE) SHEEP SHEARING**  
**SAT. MAY 30, 1:00-3:00 PM** M220  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Watch as our staff skillfully shear the sheeps' winter coats. Learn more about wool and try your hand at spinning and felting. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗓️

FISHING

**FLY FISHING FOR BASS AND BLUEGILL**  
**WED. MAR 11, 6:00-8:00 PM** M262  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Learn the techniques, gear and flies needed to catch these sport fish on a fly rod. Fly Fishing experience is recommended, but not required. This is a classroom session. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y and up Fee: \$5 🗓️

**(FREE) TRY FLY FISHING**  
**TUE. APR 14, 4:00-7:00 PM** M263  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
**WED. MAY 6, 4:00-7:00 PM** M264  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
An instructor will be available for questions and to teach basic fly fishing techniques in a controlled and safe environment. No fishing license required. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y and up 🗓️

**INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING**  
**WED. APR 22, 5:30-8:30 PM** M265  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
The session will include a classroom overview of gear, local opportunities and techniques needed to get started. Casting techniques are covered through a variety of fun drills. Participants should

dress for outdoor activity. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y and up Fee: \$5 🗓️

**FISH WITH A RANGER**  
**SAT. MAY 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M62  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Officer Zimmerman will speak about a safety topic, then all students will use poles and bait in a stocked fishing pond. Scholarships available. Registration required. Age: 4Y-15Y Fee: \$3 🗓️

**FLY FISHING BASICS**  
**SAT. MAY 9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** M266  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor  
Students will learn tips on reading water, casting techniques, flies to use, and gear needed to fish our local lakes, ponds and rivers. Lunch and gear provided. Location TBD by conditions. Fishing license REQUIRED. Prerequisites: Introduction to Fly Fishing . Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$30

FITNESS & HEALTH

**(FREE) POSSUM CREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. FEB 1, 1:30-3:30 PM** M8  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Argonne Forest Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Enjoy a 5-mile, 2-hour hike considered easy, no hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) HUFFMAN HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. FEB 15, 1:30-3:30 PM** M9  
HUFFMAN METROPARK, Huffman North Park, 4095 Lower Valley Pk.  
Enjoy a 4-to-5 mile, 2-hour hike considered easy, no hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) TAYLORSVILLE HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. MAR 1, 1:30-4:00 PM** M10  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Blue Heron / Parking Lot, 2000 U.S. 40  
Enjoy a 5-mile, 2.5-hour hike considered moderate, some hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) ENGLEWOOD HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. MAR 15, 1:30-4:00 PM** M11  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, West Park Parking Lot, 100 East National Rd.  
Enjoy a 5-to-6 mile, 2.5-hour hike considered

# SUMMER IS COMING

KICK IT OFF AT RIVERSCAPE METROPARK!



**PICKIN' IN THE PARK**  
5 TO 10 PM  
FRIDAY, MAY 8  
Enjoy live music, food and craft beer at this year's edition of our progressive bluegrass series.



**MUSIC @ LUNCH**  
BEGINS SAT. MAY 9  
11 AM TO 1 PM SATURDAYS  
11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM MON.-FRI.  
Take your break along the river with live acoustic music and lunch from the RiverScape Café during the workweek and on Saturdays.



**SATURDAY eSCAPE**  
BEGINS SAT. MAY 9  
Get your heart pumping during free dance fitness or yoga classes, and then relax with a snack at the River-Scape Café while enjoying live music.

**RIVERSCAPE RENTALS**  
BEGINS SAT. MAY 23  
Rent bikes and child accessories weekends from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.

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moderate, some hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) SUGARCREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. MAR 29, 1:30-4:00 PM** M12  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.  
Enjoy a 5-mile, 2.5-hour hike considered difficult, very hilly in spots. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**A HALF MILE MORE**  
**SAT. APR 11, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM** M26  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America. Contact William Mathies for more information. To register, contact (937) 435-1019 or wmmathies-scouter@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$20

**(FREE) EASTWOOD HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. APR 12, 1:30-3:30 PM** M13  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
Enjoy a 4-to-5 mile, 2-hour hike considered easy, no hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) WEGERZYN GARDENS WALKFEST**  
**SAT. APR 18, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** M27  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Purple Penguins Walking Club. No registration required. Contact Helga Slade at (937) 429-3946 or hslade@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) TWIN CREEK HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. APR 26, 1:30-4:30 PM** M14  
TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: High View/Parking Lot, 9688 Eby Rd.  
Enjoy a 7-mile, 3-hour hike considered rugged, for experienced hikers only. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) HILLS & DALES HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. MAY 3, 1:30-3:30 PM** M15  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Olmsted/Nature Play/Parking Lot, 2606 Hilton Dr.  
Enjoy a 5-mile, 2-hour hike considered easy, no hills. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-

0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**(FREE) EASTWOOD WALKFEST**  
**SAT. MAY 9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** M28  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Purple Penguins Walking Club. No registration required. Contact Helga Slade at (937) 429-3946 or hslade@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

**FITNESS IN THE PARK**  
Enjoy fun and effective workouts under the RiverScape MetroPark pavilion as part of Saturday eScape. Get fit on yoga days with certified yogi Tori Reynolds and on dance fitness days with personal trainer Nashanda Peeples. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Afterward, stick around for live acoustic music and delicious food from the cafe. [metroparks.org/riverscape](http://metroparks.org/riverscape)

**(FREE) FITNESS IN THE PARK**  
**SAT. MAY 9, 10:00-11:00 AM** M156  
**SAT. MAY 16, 10:00-11:00 AM** M289  
**SAT. MAY 23, 10:00-11:00 AM** M290  
**SAT. MAY 30, 10:00-11:00 AM** M291  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Classes vary, so check [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org) for the specific class schedule. No registration required. Age: All ages ⚙️

**(FREE) GO W/ FLOW YOGA: BIKE WEEK EDITION**  
**TUE. MAY 12, 6:00-7:30 PM** M76  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Join the largest gathering of outdoor yogis in Dayton. Power Vinyasa yoga is geared for all experience levels and builds whole-body strength, flexibility and mental focus. Ride your bike to the event and earn cool prizes. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages 🚲

**(FREE) TWIN VALLEY TRAIL HIKE WITH THE METRO DAYTON HIKERS**  
**SUN. MAY 17, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM** M16  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Sledding Hill/TVT/Parking Lot, 6206 Boomershine Rd.  
Enjoy a 14-mile, 4-hour hike. Bring a small lunch to carry in a pack. This hike is considered rugged, for experienced hikers only. No registration required. Contact (937) 687-0114 or cksands8@woh.rr.com for details. Age: All ages

## GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

**(FREE) CITY BEETS 2015 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**FEB. 2-27** M111  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Grow food at Possum Creek MetroPark while learning leadership skills. Produce is sold and used in nutrition and cooking lessons. Teens receive a stipend. For ages 12-15. Applications available online and at Possum Creek MetroPark. Applications are due March 1. Contact (937) 276-7053 or ashley.coning@metroparks.org for details. [www.metroparks.org/CityBeets](http://www.metroparks.org/CityBeets). Age: 12Y-15Y

**(FREE) HOUSE PLANTS 101**  
**SAT. FEB 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M49  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Learn how to keep houseplants healthy, when and how to divide them, the correct light exposure for the most common plants and how to care for amaryllis and other bulbs. We'll also talk about overwintering tropical or tender plants from the yard and when and how to re-acclimate them to outdoors in the spring. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CITY BEETS**  
**TUE. FEB 10, 10:00-11:00 AM** M128  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Learn more about City Beets and how you can be involved as a volunteer: helping youth in the garden, the kitchen or at the 2nd Street Market. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. [www.metroparks.org/citybeets](http://www.metroparks.org/citybeets). Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) CITY BEETS OPEN HOUSE**  
**THU. FEB 12, 6:00-7:30 PM** M127  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Learn more about participating in the City Beets summer youth program, as well as basic interview skills. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. [www.metroparks.org/citybeets](http://www.metroparks.org/citybeets). Age: 12Y-15Y 🌿

**(FREE) AFRICAN VIOLETS BASICS**  
**SAT. FEB 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M50  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Join Pat Hancock, African violet expert, as she explains how to grow these plants, different varieties, propagation, and how to re-pot. You'll even take home a start! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) WINTER GARDEN WORKSHOP AND SEED SWAP**

**SAT. FEB 28, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M48  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Plan your summer garden and learn about soil and seeding techniques. Enjoy seasonal snacks, learn to grow micro greens, and attend mini-sessions, and play games on how plants grow. Bring saved vegetable and flower seeds to trade or give away; bring non-hybridized seeds if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🌿

**MIAMI VALLEY GARDENING CONFERENCE**  
**SAT. MAR 7, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM** M51  
OFFSITE, Sinclair Community College, 444 W. Third St.  
Join keynote speakers Thomas Rainer and Kelly Norris and ten other local gardening experts as they explore the way we garden. Fee includes lunch, snacks, covered parking and materials. Registration begins at 7:30AM. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$50 🌿

**(FREE) START A NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
**TUE. MAR 10, 6:00-7:30 PM** M124  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
How can you start a community vegetable garden in your neighborhood, school, church? Learn the essential steps to a successful project. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact lucille.beachdell@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
**MON. MAR 16, 10:00-11:30 AM** M103  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

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. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact janelle.leonard@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATOR'S DINNER**  
**THU. MAR 19, 6:30-8:30 PM** M109  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Join MetroParks' community gardening program staff and representatives from the region's 80 community gardens for dinner — no need to bring anything. Discover essential resources and information and meet your gardening colleagues. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up

**(FREE) A WORLD OF GARDENING WORKSHOP**  
**SAT. MAR 21, 9:00 AM-1:30 PM** M287  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Get excited about the upcoming gardening season by attending this kickoff for new and returning volunteers. Topics will cover weird and wonderful trees, pruning, bee keeping, the importance and necessity of wasps, the use of native and exotic plants in the home landscape, city vegetable gardening, and winning combinations for containers. Registration required. Contact janet.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**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!  
**(FREE) SEED STARTING BASICS**  
**SAT. MAR 21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

M59  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Farmer Doug Christen takes the mystery out of seed starting and getting ready for the gardening season. Whether you plan to landscape a yard, grow a few vegetables or just want some containers on a deck, it all starts here. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) BASIC GARDENING QUESTIONS**  
**SAT. APR 18, 1:00-3:00 PM** M61  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Join three expert gardeners for an information session-brief. All gardeners need to learn plants, techniques, and maintenance, and this is a great place to start. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) TOMATOES, PEPPERS, AND BEANS!**  
**SAT. MAY 2, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M72  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Join MetroParks gardening experts for an information session on growing summer favorites. We'll talk about varieties, spacing, companion planting, and light and soil requirements. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🌿

**(FREE) TRY IT: PLANTING POTATOES**  
**SAT. MAR 21, 10:30-11:30 AM** M125  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Get your hands dirty and learn how to plant potatoes and other cool weather crops, including what you can plant now. Registration requested,

## GARDENING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**WEGERZYN GARDENING ANGELS**  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK  
9 AM to noon  
Every Tuesday beginning MAR. 24  
Saturdays: MAR. 28, APR. 18 & MAY 16  
Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks' exquisite formal gardens and delightful Children's Discovery Garden offer a wealth of design ideas, wonderful plants and cultivation techniques suitable for the home garden. Volunteers will work side-by-side with knowledgeable horticulturists.

**GARDEN DISCOVERY GUIDES**  
CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN AT WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK  
MAY-SEP., flexible hours  
Two shifts per month requested  
Engage visitors through casual conversation, guided discoveries and simple hands-on activities. You don't need to be a gardener to volunteer. Call for more information or attend the Garden Discovery Guide season kick-off on Saturday, April 11, from noon to 2 p.m.

**POSEY PATROL**  
VARIOUS LOCATIONS, DOWNTOWN DAYTON  
Saturday, MAY 9  
9 AM to noon  
As part of the First Bloom program, volunteers work in teams to plant downtown planters with fresh annuals each spring and monitor the status of the planters throughout the growing season.





walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: GARDENING ANGELS WORK DAYS

**SAT. MAR 28, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M97  
**SAT. APR 18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M101  
**SAT. MAY 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M102  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Outdoor Venues, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Experience springtime in the gardens and discover design ideas and cultivation techniques suitable for the home garden. Get some exercise and make a difference in the gardens! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact janelle.leonard@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) ANCIENT GRAINS FOR THE GARDEN

**SAT. MAR 28, 10:00-11:00 AM** M38  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
We will talk about the new interest in ancient grains, such as einkorn, quinoa, spelt and amaranth. Learn how to incorporate whole grains into your meal plans. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) SPRING GARDEN PREP  
**SAT. MAR 28, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M56

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Learn what to do with the soil and when, the timing of seeding, and when to buy plants. Learn about your soil and how to make or keep it wonderful so it produces healthy, beautiful plants. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: COX ARBORETUM VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

**THU. APR 2, 9:00-11:00 AM** M284  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn about our sustainable horticulture initiative and how volunteers fit into the picture. Find out 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 📅

(FREE) POSSUM CREEK COMMUNITY GARDENER SPRING MEETING

**SAT. APR 4, 10:30-11:30 AM** M126  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Learn how the community garden works, who to contact with questions and concerns, and what's

happening this year in the gardens. 18-foot-by-40-foot plots open May 1, and cost \$20 to rent for the season. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) BEGINNING GARDENING: HOW TO KNOW WHAT TO GROW

**SAT. APR 11, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M60  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
If you're gardening for the first time, one of the hardest decisions is what to plant. This class will help solve that mystery, as well as explain the concepts of flower and fruit production, site selection, soil quality, and spacing. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: GARDEN DISCOVERY GUIDES KICK-OFF

**SAT. APR 11, 12:00-2:00 PM** M106  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Learn more about volunteering this summer, when volunteers will engage visitors through guided discoveries and simple hands-on activities. You don't need to be a gardener to volunteer. Volunteers will be trained by shadowing staff. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 or janelle.leonard@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) VOLUNTEER LEARN AND WORK DAYS

**TUE. APR 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M166  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Volunteer Lounge, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
**TUE. APR 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M163  
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 900 Aullwood Rd.  
**FRI. MAY 1, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M168  
SUNRISE METROPARK, 50 Edwin C. Moses Blvd.  
**TUE. MAY 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M171  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
These projects are great opportunities for staff and seasoned and novice gardeners to learn from each other. Each session will include a learning topic, followed by a work project. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact janet.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

LEARNING FROM THE LANDSCAPE: COX ARBORETUM

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

(FREE) MAKING A GARDEN PLAN

**TUE. APR 14, 6:00-7:00 PM** M68  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn the basics of garden planning (plant and site selection) and see examples. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: RIVER-SCAPE GARDENERS KICKOFF

**FRI. APR 24, 9:00-11:00 AM** M286  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Get to know fellow volunteers and learn about the annuals, perennials and tropical plants featured at the park with our park manager. Bring a container to participate in the "make it/take it" session and take home some annuals. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact janet.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

(FREE) CONTAINER VEGETABLES

**TUE. MAY 12, 6:00-7:00 PM** M82  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn what will do best in containers and see examples. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) TREE SEEDLING GIVEAWAY  
**FRI. APR 17, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM** M226

**SAT. APR 18, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM**  
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.  
Celebrate Earth Day and pick up free tree seedlings while supplies last. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) ADOPT-A-PARK 2015

**SAT. APR 18, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM** M279  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Volunteers are needed to work at 15 river locations and every Five Rivers MetroParks facility. See Page 5 for details. Registration required. Age: All ages

(FREE) AULLWOOD SPRING WALK  
**SUN. APR 19, 2:00-4:00 PM** M64

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.  
See the bluebells and other wonderful flowers in full spring glory. We'll meet in the parking lot of Aullwood Garden MetroPark. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

MAKE A SPRING CONTAINER

**WED. APR 22, 6:00-7:30 PM** M66  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Bring your own 8" or 10" container with a central plant and we'll supply soil, design advice and additional plants to make a beautiful spring accent. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

CALL (937) 275-PARK (7275)

Unless otherwise noted in listing.

lunch and snacks. Registration required by April 6. Contact (937) 277-6545 to register. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$96

WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS WALKS

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

WILDFLOWER WALKS: EARLY SPRING

**SUN. APR 12, 2:00-3:00 PM** M85  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Look at early spring flowers that can add color to any landscape. We hope to have available starts for trillium sessile, Virginia bluebells, phlox divaricate and viola sororia x confederate. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-6545 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

WILDFLOWER WALKS: THE NEXT LAYER OF COLOR

**SUN. APR 26, 2:00-3:00 PM** M276  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Discover warmer-weather wildflowers, such as delphinium tricorné, sedum ternatum and podophyllum peltatum (Mayapple). Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

WILDFLOWER WALKS: COLOR BURSTS

**SUN. MAY 10, 2:00-3:00 PM** M277  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
The date of last frost is near, and more and more flowers and foliage are appearing. Join us as we discover these plants in their native settings. We hope to have available starts for arisaema triphyllum (Jack in the pulpit), geranium maculatum, zizia aurea and iris cristata. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

WILDFLOWER WALKS: LATE SPRING WONDERS

**SUN. MAY 24, 2:00-3:00 PM** M278  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Spring is really here, and with it wonderful colors and shapes begin to crowd the woodland landscape. We hope to have available starts for stylophorum diphyllum (celendine poppy) and native shrubs. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

SHOP FRESH & LOCAL AT THE 2ND STREET MARKET

600 E. SECOND ST., DOWNTOWN DAYTON

THE MARKET IS OPEN YEAR-ROUND FEATURING MORE THAN 40 VENDORS – ALL OF THEM LOCALLY OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES – OFFERING:

- kitchen staples, including bread, flour, pasta, spices, honey and oils
- locally produced meat, including chicken, pork, and even bison, lamb and salmon
- dairy items, such as milk, yogurt, cheese and butter
- sweet treats, including gluten free and paleo items
- fresh produce and flowers
- a wide variety of gifts, many of them handmade
- ... and so much more!



METROPARKS.ORG/LOCALFOOD

THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 11 AM TO 3 PM • SATURDAY: 8 AM TO 3 PM



Age: All ages Fee: \$10 📅 ⚙️

GARDEN BOOT CAMP

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

CREATING A GARDEN

**SAT. MAY 9, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M78  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter ,  
Learn how to plan, measure and build a regular garden, a lasagna garden, raised beds and a container garden. Bring work gloves, lunch and a willingness to get dirty! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅 ⚙️

YOUTH GARDEN CLUB

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

(FREE) SPRING GREENS AND EARLY PLANTING

**TUE. MAY 12-26, 4:30-6:00 PM** M77  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Gardeners will harvest leafy greens and other spring veggies, plant warm-weather crops and learn about basic plant science. Registration required. Age: 8Y-12Y 📅

MAKE A VEGETABLE CONTAINER

**SAT. MAY 16, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M80  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter ,  
Learn the varieties of vegetables that do best in containers and what techniques will keep the produce coming. Bring your own 10" to 12" container, and we'll provide soil and plants to get you growing! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

(FREE) MAY BEAUTY AT AULLWOOD GARDEN

**SUN. MAY 17, 2:00-4:00 PM** M81  
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Garden Parking Lot, 955 Aullwood Rd.  
Join us for a beautiful walk through the gardens as spring flowers are at their peak. Bring your camera. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) PLANNING A BUTTERFLY GARDEN

**WED. MAY 20, 6:00-7:30 PM** M84  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning

Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn the correct sites for and components of a butterfly garden, including the favorite plants of specific butterflies. We'll also talk about life cycles and how different butterfly eggs and larvae look. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

GREEN LIVING

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Discover conservation science in a relaxed atmosphere. Increase your science savvy and join an open discussion following the topic introduction. Refreshments available by donation. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) THE DEER BOOM

**WED. FEB 4, 6:30-8:30 PM** M52  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
We'll discuss the ecological implications of the high Whitetail Deer population and the ways that MetroParks practices deer management. 📅

(FREE) A SOLAR POWERED FUTURE

**WED. MAR 4, 6:30-8:30 PM** M58  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Considering new breakthroughs in electrical efficiency, what is the potential for our future to be powered by harvested sunlight? 📅

(FREE) BEER SCIENCE

**WED. APR 1, 6:30-8:30 PM** M63  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Biochemistry meets culinary know-how as we explore the science and tradition of brewing. 📅

(FREE) SEEING THE BLUE LED LIGHT

**WED. MAY 6, 6:30-8:30 PM** M67  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
In 2014, three scientists were awarded the Nobel Prize for the development of the blue LED. We'll discuss the history of the LED and its current and potential applications. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. 📅

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

**THU. FEB 5, 6:00-8:00 PM** L93  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Bokashi, an ancient Japanese/Korean form of

composting by fermentation, is new to the U.S. but is practiced worldwide. Join us for this hands-on workshop and walk through all steps to make your own bokashi set up. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

VOLUNTEER: MASTER RECYCLING

**TUE. FEB. 10-MAR. 10, 6:00-8:00 PM** L102  
OFFSITE, Montgomery County Solid Waste, 2550 Sandridge Dr.  
Learn about the latest available recycling technology in the Miami Valley and practical advice for effective recycling at home and in the community. 15 hours of volunteer service are required upon completing the course. Participants must complete an interview and background check. Registration deadline Jan. 31. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25

(FREE) FARM FRESH TO YOU: A COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE FAIR

**THU. FEB 19, 5:30-7:30 PM** L123  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
This program will introduce you to several local farmers, their growing methods and the business of community supported agriculture (CSA). What does it mean to join a CSA? Each farmer will talk about pricing, timing of delivery or pick-up, and what kind of food you can receive. A chef will demonstrate how to cook unique or plentiful crops. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📅

GREEN CLEANING WORKSHOP

**TUE. MAR 10, 6:00-7:30 PM** M69  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Learn how to replace toxic, polluting cleaners with safe, effective, natural alternatives and make some of your own to take home. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

(FREE) COMPOST KITCHEN

**TUE. APR. 7-21, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M73  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
This three-part program covers everything you need to know to compost effectively. Talks and activities explore soil ecology, chemical-free gardening and household waste management. Participants completing all three programs receive a free composter. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up 📅

(FREE) MAKE YOUR OWN PLAY FUN

**TUE. APR 14, 1:00-2:00 PM** M39  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Learn how to make safe, chemical free play-dough

and paint from things you can find in the kitchen. Make and take your own! Registration required. Age: 3Y-6Y 📅

WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

**WED. APR 29, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** M75  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Learn the science and art of vermiculture and vermicomposting. Self-proclaimed "worm wrangler" Connie Duncan will lead you through all aspects of worm bin care and send you home with a functioning bin. We'll provide small starter bins, worms and materials to get started. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$15 📅

HERITAGE & HISTORY

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: VISITOR SERVICES VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

**WED. FEB 4, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** M280  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor  
Greeters are needed to support our visitor services staff at various park locations and our headquarters. Customer service experience a plus; training provided. Call or contact candy.holloway@metroparks.org for details. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

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. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2609 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) TRADITIONAL BUTCHERING

**SAT., SUN FEB. 7-8, 1:00-3:00 PM** M18  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Watch the age-old activity of processing the meat that was the staple in the 19th century farmer's diet. On Saturday, the hog is scraped, cleaned and cooled. On Sunday, the meat is prepared into the various cuts and then salted, cured and made into sausage. ⚙️

(FREE) MAPLE SUGARING ON THE FARM

**SAT., SUN FEB. 21-22, 12:00-4:00 PM** M19  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
We'll demonstrate maple sugaring using our historical steam engine. Learn about the vari-

ous tools and processes used to collect the sap. Watch as the sap is boiled down into the sweet syrup. ⚙️

**(FREE) STEAM ON THE FARM**  
**SUN. MAR 15, 12:00-4:00 PM** M21  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Watch various demonstrations of how steam was used during the time period. Chores such as corn grinding and milling, will illustrate the effectiveness of this agricultural marvel.

(FREE) FROM SHEEP TO SHAWLS

**SAT., SUN APR. 11-12, 12:00-5:00 PM** M23  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Watch as sheep are sheared for the spring at 2PM. Help card wool and watch as fabric is dyed using traditional methods. Hear about the spinning process and factory production of wool. Watch spinners and weavers process the wool into yarn.

**(FREE) CORN ON THE FARM**  
**SUN. MAY 10, 12:00-5:00 PM** M25  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Watch as the farmer rides the corn planter and plants the corn in check rows. See a corn field laid out. Try your hand at grinding corn into meal. Learn about heirloom corn and the various resources for it today. Afterwards, stop by the farmhouse to try some items made from corn.

(FREE) GUIDED MAPLE SUGARING TOUR

**SAT. FEB 21, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM** M20  
**SAT. FEB 21, 2:00-2:30 PM** M292  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center 7800 E. Shull Rd.  
Learn about the role that maple sugar played on the farm in the 1880s and how maple sugaring is done today. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Dress to be outdoors. Age: All ages 📅

(FREE) BLACK HISTORY DAY AT THE MARKET

**SAT. FEB 28, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM** M224  
2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.  
Join us for a cultural celebration of old school and gospel music and dance. With a top-notch local entertainment line-up. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE MARKET

**SAT. MAR 14, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM** M223  
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.  
We will feature live Celtic music, followed by

dancers from the Celtic Academy of Irish Dance. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) HISTORICAL SKILLS DAY

**SAT. MAR 28, 12:00-4:00 PM** M22  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Try historical skills during this hands-on program. Learn the basics of blacksmithing and woodworking, find out about draft horses, learn to cook on a woodstove and more. Information will also be provided on how you can volunteer. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

LUNCH AND LEARN

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

(FREE) HISTORICAL TOUR OF CARRIAGE HILL

**TUE. MAY 5, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM** M24  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Learn about the history of the farm, construction of the various buildings and behind the scenes information. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📅

VOLUNTEER: HERITAGE INTERPRETER HISTORICAL SKILLS COURSE

**SAT. MAY 9, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM** M87  
**SAT. MAY 16, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.  
Join us for a program devoted to 19th century skills. Participants will choose from an array of available sessions. Topics covered include canning, blacksmithing, gardening, broom making and hearth cooking. Following the class, participants will be required to provide 50 hours of volunteer service. Participants must attend both classes. Registration required. Contact rick.musselman@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$30 📅

HOME & HOBBIES

DIY CONDIMENTS

**SAT. MAY 30, 10:00-11:30 AM** M53  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
What could go better on burgers and brats than homemade mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise? Join the fun as we make and taste our own condiments. Registration required. Contact connie.duncan@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅



# HORSEBACK RIDING

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

**THU. APR 9, 6:00-7:30 PM** M152  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Riding Center, 8111 E. Shull Rd.

See what's happening at the Riding Center and how you can get involved. Attending an orientation does not commit you to anything. Many opportunities are hands-on and schedules are flexible. Registration required. Contact emmy.fabich@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up 📅 ⚙️

# MOUNTAIN BIKING

**(FREE) TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING**

**TUE. APR 7, 4:00-7:00 PM** M118  
MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road  
Borrow one of our program bikes to ride for a lap or two. Bikes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth under 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. MAY 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M218

MOMBA, 4485 Union School House Road  
Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the mountain bike trails at MoMBA. No experience is necessary. Tools are provided. Volunteers bring work gloves and water. Youth 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

# NATURE

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

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

**(FREE) HIBERNATING NATURE**  
**SUN. FEB 1, 1:00-3:00 PM** M193

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.  
Ohio's winters can be harsh, but plants and animals have developed successful strategies for enduring colder temperatures. Discover these adaptations as we explore the out-

doors on this family adventure. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) BACKYARD BIRD COUNT**  
**SAT. FEB 14, 9:00-10:30 AM** M200  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

Birds are indicators of the health of our local habitats. Be a part of the Great Backyard Bird Count and survey the birds found during this adventure. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) FOREST BIRD EXPLORATION**

**SAT. FEB 14, 1:00-3:00 PM** M192  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.  
Track down some of the forest's most beautiful winter birds, discover why forests and birds depend on each other for survival and how you can help! Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) BUILDING A BIRD SANCTUARY**

**SUN. FEB 22, 2:00-4:00 PM** M182  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Volunteer Lounge, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn your local birds, how to attract them to your yard and how to get kids excited about

nature in time to conduct your own Great Backyard Bird Count. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ▲

**(FREE) TREE PLANTING & CARE**  
**SAT. MAR 14, 2:00-4:00 PM** M203  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.

Be a part of the reforestation and biodiversity story as we plant trees and learn their value on our quality of life. Bring gloves and be prepared to get dirty. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) WOODCOCK DANCE**  
**SAT. MAR 21, 8:00-9:00 PM** M194

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Be a witness to the woodcock's extravagant mating display of circles, spirals and dives while enjoying the crisp evening. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) EXPLORING EAGLES AND DUCKS**

**SAT. MAR 28, 1:00-3:00 PM** M195  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.  
Look for the Eastwood Eagles, Jim and Cindy, and watch for the winter waterfowl at Eastwood Lake. Drive to Huffman MetroPark and search for more waterfowl along the Mad River and Huffman Lake. Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) AMPHIBIAN NATURALIST TRAINING**

**SAT. APR 4, 2:00-4:00 PM** M181  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Volunteer Lounge, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn your local amphibians and practice techniques in searching for them and sharing them with others. We'll venture out into the wetlands for our own adventure, then help you develop your own get-together! Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ▲

**(FREE) NOCTURNAL AMPHIBIAN EXPLORATION**

**SAT. APR 4, 8:00-9:30 PM** M196  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd.  
Search for spring peepers, spotted salamanders, and other amphibians in Sugarcreek's vernal pool, only 1/4 mile away from the parking lot. Bring a flashlight and wear clothing that can get muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) WOODLAND SALAMANDER EXPLORATION**

**SAT. APR 18, 1:00-2:30 PM** M197  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center,

6910 Boomershire Rd.  
Discover the predators of the leaf litter as we explore the lives of red-back salamanders. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) SPRING FROGS SURVEY**

**SAT. APR 18, 8:30-10:00 PM** M204  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Shelter: Sunfish/Valley Overlook/Parking Lot, 7101 Conservancy Rd.  
Help MetroParks conduct frog surveys at Sunfish pond and a hidden swamp. Bring flashlights and wear clothes that can get muddy. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) WILDFLOWER PLANTING**

**SAT. MAY 9, 2:00-4:00 PM** M206  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn about pollinator-friendly plants and get ideas to make your family habitat more pollinator-friendly. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) INSECT SAFARI**

**SAT. MAY 16, 1:00-2:30 PM** M198  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Explore the prairie and wetland to catch insects that probably live in your own backyard. We'll use nets for close-up inspection and release after identifying what we've captured. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) MOTH PARTY**

**SAT. MAY 23, 8:00-9:30 PM** M180  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Explore the incredible diversity of moths and learn how to build your own moth party for your friends. Participants will get a nocturnal moth starter kit. Registration required. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲

**(FREE) OWL EXCURSION**

**SAT. MAY 30, 9:00-10:00 PM** M199  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.  
Escape on a night hike in search of the screech and barred owls, while learning about their interactions with our forests. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 10Y-13Y 📅 ⚙️ ▲



# CONSERVATION KIDS

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

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

## PROTECTORS OF NATURE

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST RECENT CONSERVATION KIDS!

Caroline Tempus  
Gabriella Fitch

Norah Tempus

# PASSPORT TO NATURE

Due to the new Conservation Kids program series, the Passport to Nature has been retired.

<b>FIRST PASSPORT</b>	Adele Golden
Baily Thomas	Camille Golden
Willow Thomas	Daniel Spencer
Kevin Adler	David Spencer
Josh Adler	Kayden Stedman
Kartly Moon	Ava Stedman
Austin Moon	
Jacob Moon	<b>THIRD PASSPORT</b>
Griffin Sanner	Gabriel Stewart
Corinne Hawkins	Olivia Stewart
Elliot Davis	

# GET OUT & RIDE

**SPRING HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS AT CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK RIDING CENTER BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 1.**

- A variety of levels, from beginner English through advanced canter, offered
- Classes for adults and children ages 8 and older
- Fee: \$200.
- Registration and class schedules will be online beginning Feb. 2

**SUMMER YOUTH HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 1.**

- Camps, for youth ages 8-17, run June 1 to Aug. 14.
- Youth learn to lead, groom, saddle, and ride English and Western, as well as how to take care of a horse.
- Multiple levels are offered.

**TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFO: METROPARKS.ORG/RIDINGCENTER OR (937) 274-3120**



📅 = Online Registration Available  
⚙️ = Program is Weather-Dependent

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



CONSERVATION KIDS:  
EXPLORERS (AGES 6-9)

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(FREE) SLEEPING NATURE

**SUN. FEB 1, 1:00-3:00 PM** M184  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd. Ohio's winters can be harsh, but plants and animals have developed successful strategies for enduring colder temperatures. Discover these adaptations as we explore the outdoors on this family adventure. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) BIRD SURVEY

**SAT. FEB 14, 9:00-10:30 AM** M201  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd. Birds are indicators of the health of our local habitats. Be a part of the Great Backyard Bird

Count and survey the birds found during this adventure. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) FOREST BIRD SEARCH

**SAT. FEB 14, 1:00-2:30 PM** M185  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd. Track down some of the forest's most beautiful winter birds, discover why forests and birds depend on each other for survival and learn how you can help! Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) BIRDS AND COMMUNITY

**SUN. FEB 22, 2:00-4:00 PM** M175  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Learn your local birds, how to attract them to your yard, and how to get other kids excited about nature. You'll get everything you need to conduct your own Great Backyard Birdcount. Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) TREE PLANTING

**SAT. MAR 14, 2:00-4:00 PM** M202  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd. Be a part of the reforestation and biodiversity story as we plant trees and learn their value on our quality of life. Bring gloves and be

prepared to get dirty. Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) WOODCOCK SEARCH

**SAT. MAR 21, 8:00-9:00 PM** M186  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk. Be a witness to the woodcock's extravagant mating display of circles, spirals and dives while enjoying the crisp night. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) EAGLES AND DUCKS

**SAT. MAR 28, 1:00-3:00 PM** M187  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd. Look for the Eastwood Eagles, Jim and Cindy, and also watch for the winter waterfowl at Eastwood Lake. Drive over to Huffman MetroPark and search for more waterfowl along the Mad River and Huffman Lake. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) AMPHIBIAN PARTY

**SAT. APR 4, 2:00-4:00 PM** M177  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. See what's 'hoppin' around Cox Arbo- retum's wetlands and develop your own amphibian party at a park or at your home! Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) NOCTURNAL  
AMPHIBIAN SAFARI

**SAT. APR 4, 8:00-9:30 PM** M188  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd. Search for spring peepers, spotted salamanders and other amphibians in Sugarcreek's vernal pool, only 1/4 mile away from the parking lot. Bring a flashlight and wear clothes that can get muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) WOODLAND  
SALAMANDER SEARCH

**SAT. APR 18, 1:00-2:30 PM** M189  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd. Discover the predators of the leaf litter as we explore the lives of red-back salamanders. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) SPRING FROG SURVEY

**SAT. APR 18, 8:30-10:00 PM** M205  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Shelter: Sunfish/ Valley Overlook/Parking Lot, 7101 Conservancy Rd. Help MetroParks conduct frog surveys at Sunfish pond and a hidden swamp. Bring flashlights, and wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) WILDFLOWER PLANT-  
ING FOR POLLINATORS

**SAT. MAY 9, 2:00-4:00 PM** M207  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk. Learn about pollinator-friendly plants and get ideas on how to make your family habitat more pollinator-friendly. Registration re- quired. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) SIX-LEGGED BEASTS

**SAT. MAY 16, 1:00-2:30 PM** M190  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk. Explore the prairie and wetland to catch in- sects that probably live in your own backyard. We'll use nets for close-up inspection and release after identifying what we've captured. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) NOCTURNAL  
INSECT PARTY

**SAT. MAY 23, 8:00-9:30 PM** M179  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk. Explore the incredible diversity of moths and learn how to build your own moth party for National Moth Week. Participants will get a nocturnal moth starter kit. Registration required. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) OWL PROWL

**SAT. MAY 30, 9:00-10:00 PM** M191  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd. Escape on a night walk in search of the screech and barred owls while learning about their interactions with our forests. Registra- tion requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-9Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

CONSERVATION KIDS: TIKES  
(AGES 3-5)

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

(FREE) ANIMAL TRACKING

**WED. FEB 11, 10:00-11:00 AM** M138  
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Park- ing Lot, 4361 National Rd. We will explore the science and technique behind animal tracks, as well as examine molds, scat replicas and mammal furs and look for tracks in the wild. Registration re- quired. Age: 3Y-5Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) GREAT BACKYARD BIRD  
COUNT

**FRI. FEB 13, 10:00-11:00 AM** M143  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40 People across the country will be counting the birds they see this weekend and report- ing their sightings online, and you can be a part of the story. Bring binoculars if you have them, a limited supply will be available. Regis- tration required. Age: 3Y-5Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) WINGED FRIENDS

**SUN. FEB 22, 2:00-4:00 PM** M165  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk. Learn more about your feathered friends and how to build your own bird feeding station at your house to lead your own Great Backyard Bird Count. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) SIGNS OF SPRING

**FRI. MAR 13, 10:00-11:00 AM** M140  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/ Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd. We'll discuss seasonal changes and explore nature's awakening. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) PROJECT BUDBURST

**WED. MAR 25, 10:00-11:30 AM** M157  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/ Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd. Join a national network of citizen scientists responsible for keeping track of the timing of plant growth. We will venture out, collect data, then submit to Project Budburst and continue monitoring through the year. Regis- tration required. Age: 3Y-5Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) FROG PARTY

**SAT. APR 4, 2:00-4:00 PM** M169  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk. See what's 'hoppin' around Cox Arbo- retum's wetlands and develop your own amphibian party at a park or at your home! Participants will receive tools to help them develop their party. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) NOCTURNAL  
AMPHIBIAN SEARCH

**FRI. APR 17, 8:00-9:00 PM** M141  
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, 4178 Conference Rd. Join us on an evening search for spring peep- ers and spotted salamanders in Sugarcreek's vernal pool, only 1/4 mile away from the parking lot. Dress to get muddy, and bring a flashlight. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y 📱 ⚙️ ▲

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Unless otherwise noted in listing.

(FREE) PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

**FRI. FEB 13, 12:30-2:30 PM** M268  
**FRI. FEB 27, 12:30-2:30 PM** M271  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd. Enjoy watching feeder birds while taking part in this citizen-science initiative through Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology. Registration re- quested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📱

BIRDING WORKSHOP: OWLS

**SAT. FEB 14, 6:00-8:30 PM** M208  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd. Explore Ohio's eight owl species during a relaxing presentation of their courtship rituals, feeding behaviors, identification characteristics, songs and interactions with people. Then take a slow- paced night hike in search of owls. Each partici- pant will get an ODNR field guide to Ohio Owls and a CD of their sounds. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 📱

(FREE) MIAMI VALLEY LEAVE NO  
CHILD INSIDE SUMMIT

**SAT. FEB 21, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM** L10  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Wegerzyn Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. Join in our fourth summit as the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Network works to build access to nature for our children to "play in the woods". Featuring a keynote panel, a congress to identify actions steps, display gallery for children to connect to nature and nature clubs for families. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 📱

(FREE) NATURE CLUB FOR  
FAMILIES: NATURE'S ABC

**SAT. FEB 21, 2:45-4:00 PM** M144  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. Join this exploration of winter landscapes to look for natural letters and other children-inspired games. This program is offered in concert with the Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Summit. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📱

WINTER BIRD BANDING

**SAT. MAR 7, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM** M136  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd. Participants will meet inside the Nature Center and observe the bird banding process with Dr. Dave Russell. We will taste and discover how shade-grown coffee helps migrant birds. Registra- tion required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 📱 ⚙️

(FREE) VOLUNTEER:  
CONSERVATION CARETAKER  
ORIENTATION

**THU. MAR 12, 6:30-8:30 PM** M176  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E.





# CELEBRATE OUTDOORS!

Now is the time to rent a shelter for your spring, summer or fall event. All 44 of Five Rivers MetroParks' open-air shelters can be rented for your exclusive use for birthday parties, family reunions, church and group picnics, and other special events. Shelters come with tables and grills, and many include other amenities. All are located in beautiful park settings.

**METROPARKS.ORG/RESERVATIONS**

Monument Ave., 3rd Floor  
Learn about the different conservation areas. Volunteers may be involved with boundary checks, greeting episodic volunteers to workdays, act as invasive scouts and more. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. www.metroparks.org/conservation. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**WATERFOWL FIELDTRIP**  
**SUN. MAR 15, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM** M209  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Learn how to identify Ohio's waterfowl as we travel in vans to different birding hotspots throughout the Dayton area, including Spring Valley Wildlife Area. Bring binoculars and a spotting scope if you have one; a limited supply will be available. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$30 📅 ⚙️

**NAI CERTIFIED INTERPRETIVE GUIDE TRAINING**  
**MON., TUE., WED., THU. MAR. 16-19, 8:45 AM-5:00 PM** M108  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Five Rivers MetroParks and the National Association for Interpretation are offering a 32-hour certification course for anyone who teaches programs. It combines both the theoretical foundations of the profession with practical skills in delivering quality interpretive programming to visitors. See our web site for more information. Registration required. Contact dhorvath@metroparks.org for details. www.interpnet.com. Age: 18Y and up. Fee includes NAI membership and CIG certification application: \$370, No NAI membership: \$375, Holding current NAI membership through 3-20-15 (includes CIG certification application): \$320. 📅

## ADULT NATURE WALKS

Enjoy a leisurely hike through natural areas as we explore Dayton's ecology and gain a deeper perspective on how nature works. We also will discuss our role in nature and how we can minimize our harmful impacts and get involved with conservation efforts. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up

**(FREE) WEDNESDAY DISCOVERY STROLLS**  
**WED. MAR 18, 10:00-11:30 AM** M235  
**WED. APR 8, 10:00-11:30 AM** M238  
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/ Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd. 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) TUESDAY ADULT NATURE WALKS**  
**TUE. MAR 24, 9:00-11:00 AM** M253  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, First Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
**TUE. APR 21, 9:00-11:00 AM** M256  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/ Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd. 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) SEEDLING SATURDAYS-SEEDLING TLC**  
**SAT. APR 11, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M213  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Campsite: Camp Red Bud, 8775 Bellefontaine Rd.  
**SAT. APR 25, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M214  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Parking Lot, 7800 E. Shull Rd.  
**SAT. MAY 2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M216  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.  
**SAT. MAY 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M212  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Parking Lot, 7800 E. Shull Rd.  
**SAT. MAY 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M215

SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Horse Trailer Parking Lot, 7636 Wilmington-Dayton Rd.  
**SAT. MAY 30, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M217  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.  
Join reforestation efforts. We've grown more than 60,000 seedlings during the past four years, planted throughout MetroParks. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. metroparks.org/forests. Age: All ages

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION AMBASSADORS**  
**TUE. APR 7, 6:30-8:30 PM** M178  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor  
This opportunity is for those who enjoy talking to people, love to share information and have a passion for conservation. Training will be ongoing, but this orientation will introduce you to the various topics and the role of ambassador. Coming to the orientation does not commit you to anything. Registration required. Age: 21Y and up 📅

**BEGINNING BIRDING WORKSHOP**  
**SAT. APR 18, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM** M210  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
This workshop starts with the basics of birding, including bird 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. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$20 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: COVER MAPPING**  
**THU. APR 23, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM** M183  
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Land Stewardship Classroom, 8300 Brown School Rd.  
Cover mapping, the gathering of geographic

information on the status of plant species and their habitats, provides critical information. This is a full-day immersion. Prerequisites: Should have some knowledge of native plants. Registration required. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. metroparks.org/conservation. Age: 21Y and up 📅

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: FIVE RIVERS METROPARK VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
**WED. MAY 6, 6:30-8:00 PM** M153  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor  
Five Rivers MetroParks has volunteer opportunities year-round, and at virtually every one of our parks. Orientation provides history, an overview of location-specific opportunities and an introduction to opportunities this season. Coming to orientation does not obligate you to anything. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**BIRDING WORKSHOP: WARBLERS**  
**SAT. MAY 9, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM** M211  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Nature Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.  
Enjoy the migrating rush of incredibly colorful warblers. Get close to some of our common warblers while learning their song and characteristics on this slow-paced outdoor adventure. Bring binoculars if you have them; a limited supply will be available. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$20 📅 ⚙️

**CATERPILLAR CARE**  
**TUE. MAY 12, 6:00-8:00 PM** M86  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Join Elisabeth Rothschild as she explains the types of diseases caterpillars are subject to and how to prevent them. There will be a hands-on portion. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5 📅

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

**ADVENTURE SPEAKER SERIES**  
Check out this winter's great line-up of talks sure to inspire every level of outdoor enthusiast. The series includes local adventurers and nationally known outdoor personalities. This series is a partnership between Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. More information available on [www.theadventuresummit.com](http://www.theadventuresummit.com). See pages 10-11 for speaker bios. Age: All ages

**(FREE) WINTER CLIMBING IN SCOTLAND'S CAIRNGORMS**  
**THU. JAN 29, 7:00-8:00 PM** L84  
OFFSITE, Wright State University, 3640 Colonel

Glenn Hwy.  
**(FREE) EMBRACING THE JOURNEY, THE ADVENTURE & THE PASSION OF THE TRAIL**  
**TUE. FEB 3, 7:00-8:00 PM** L85  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

**(FREE) AXUS: ACROSS THE US, CYCLING FOR A CAUSE**  
**TUE. FEB 10, 7:00-8:00 PM** L86  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

**(FREE) 40 ADVENTURES IN MY 40TH YEAR**  
**THU. FEB 19, 7:00-8:00 PM** L87  
OFFSITE, Wright State University, 3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy.

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: OUTDOOR RECREATION VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**  
**WED. FEB 4, 6:00-7:30 PM** M145  
**WED. MAR 11, 6:00-7:30 PM** M146  
**WED. APR 8, 6:00-7:30 PM** M147  
**TUE. MAY 5, 6:00-7:30 PM** M148  
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor  
Five Rivers MetroParks is building the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest. Learn about areas that need volunteer support: backpacking, cycling, kayaking, fishing and more. Attending an orientation does not commit you to anything. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact emmy.fabich@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: STREET TEAM ORIENTATION**  
**WED. APR 15, 6:30-8:00 PM** M151  
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.  
Street Team volunteers can help with promotion by wearing MetroParks gear, passing out information, posting online or staffing outreach booths. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact emmy.fabich@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up 📅

**(FREE) TRY INLINE SKATING**  
**TUE. APR 21, 4:00-7:00 PM** M267  
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Last Parking Lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
Competitive skaters from Miles for Freedom will be on hand to 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 6-11 available. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: All ages 📅 ⚙️

**(FREE) VOLUNTEER: BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS**  
**SAT. MAY 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** M219  
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.  
Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the Twin Valley Backpacking Trail. No experience is necessary; tools are provided. 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 📅 ⚙️

## OUTDOOR SKILLS AND SAFETY

**WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER**  
**FEB. 28-MAR. 6, 8:00 AM-6:00 PM** L71  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Through lectures, discussions and scenarios, learn the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments for days and weeks if necessary. Registration required. Contact (719) 395-5358 or coloradooutside@gmail.com for details. www.wildmed.com. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$690

**WILDERNESS FIRST AID**  
**SAT., SUN MAR. 7-8, 8:00 AM-6:00 PM** M1  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
This two-day introduction to general medical concepts and basic life support skills is targeted to the outdoor enthusiast on day trips or short adventures. Registration required. Contact (719) 395-5358 or coloradooutside@gmail.com for details. www.wildmed.com. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$220

## PADDLING

**INTRO TO PADDLESPO RTS**  
**THU. FEB 26, 6:00-8:30 PM** M112  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
During this classroom-based program, learn about different types of kayaking, stand up paddleboarding and canoeing. Other topics covered include a variety of equipment, trip planning, safety and where to go paddling. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 or outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 📅



SWIFTWATER RESCUE FOR  
PADDLERS  
WED., THU. MAY 20-21, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM M113

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Mad River, 1385 Harshman Rd.  
This American Canoe Association Level 4 Swiftwater Rescue course is for whitewater paddlers and teaches recognition and avoidance of common river hazards, rescue techniques for paddlers in distress, and self-rescue. Class time will be spent on land, in the river and in a boat. Prerequisites: Prior Class II whitewater experience is strongly recommended. Registration required. Contact outdoors@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$235 📄

ACA CANOE INSTRUCTOR  
CERTIFICATION  
THU., FRI., SAT. MAY 28-30, 8:30 AM-6:00 PM N30

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

American Canoe Association level 1 canoe certification is meant to give you a good foundation in the skills and knowledge needed to instruct paddling a canoe on flat-water. Certification requires ACA membership, CPR and first aid. Course will be a combination of classroom and on-the-water skills. Prerequisites: ACA membership and SEIC membership. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$125

ACA KAYAK INSTRUCTOR  
CERTIFICATION  
THU., FRI., SAT. MAY 28-30, 8:30 AM-6:00 PM N31

WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
American Canoe Association level 1 kayak certification is meant to give you a good foundation in the skills and knowledge needed to instruct paddling a kayak on flatwater. Certification requires ACA membership, CPR and first aid. Course will be a combination of classroom and on-the-water skills including teaching topics. Experience is preferred. Registration required. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$125

PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOGRAPHY WEEKEND  
SAT., SUN FEB. 7-8, 1:30-3:30 PM M42  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Join Photographer Adam Alonzo for a double photography session. On Saturday, participants learn and practice techniques and ask questions. Sunday, discuss how to improve your skills. Receive personal attention to your own photographic goals. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$50 📄

PHOTOGRAPHY MASTER CLASS  
SAT. MAR 28, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM M54  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.  
Photographer Adam Alonzo presents an in-depth master class on photography. Learn in detail how your camera works, how you can improve your photos and how to get the best shots in every occasion. Registration required and limited to six participants. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$30 📄

PHOTO PERMITS

Professional Photographers:  
Paid permits are required for photo shoots in all Five Rivers MetroParks facilities. Apply for a permit at metroparks.org or call 275-PARK to speak to a visitor service representative.

(FREE) WILDFLOWER AND  
WOODLAND PHOTOGRAPHY  
SAT. APR 25, 10:00-11:30 AM M65  
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 930 Aullwood Rd.  
Drop in anytime with your camera to photograph the woods in spring, complete with wildflowers and wonderful emerging foliage. Photographer Adam Alonzo will be on hand to answer questions and provide informal instruction. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📄 ⚙️

PHOTOGRAPHY ACTION  
WORKSHOP: LIFE ON THE FARM  
SAT. MAY 30, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM M71  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm, 4790 Frytown Rd.  
Practice your skills or learn to take action shots. Join photographer Adam Alonzo at Possum Creek MetroPark Farm and learn how to capture action without blur and make the best choices in framing your shots and making them exciting. Try your new skills during a sheep shearing demonstration beginning at noon. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📄 ⚙️

SKATING

SCHOOL PRIDE NIGHT  
FRI. FEB 6, 7:00-10:00 PM M91  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Wear your school colors to skate as a DJ plays Top 40 hits. Bring your student ID to get half-price admission. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

STAR-LATE SKATE  
SAT. FEB 7, 7:00-10:00 PM M88  
SAT. FEB 14, 7:00-10:00 PM M89  
SAT. FEB 21, 7:00-10:00 PM M90  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Take in the sights and sounds of downtown while skating or sipping hot chocolate. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

WADDLES II  
SUN. FEB 8, 12:00-12:30 PM M98  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Before the rink opens on select Sundays, children ages 3-10 will learn how to walk and wiggle backward, swizzle and do a two-foot turn. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Fee includes use of skates. Prerequisites: Penguin Preschool or Waddles I. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 3Y-10Y Fee: \$10 📄 ⚙️

📄 = Online Registration Available  
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Thursday	2:30 to 5 PM
Friday	2:30 to 10 PM
Saturday	11 AM to 10 PM

SKATING BASICS  
SUN. FEB 8, 12:30-1:00 PM M99  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Our certified skating instructor will lead you through the basics in this half-hour class so you can move about the rink safely and comfortably. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to start time. Registration required. Contact (937) 274-0126 for details. Age: 11Y and up Fee: \$10 📄 ⚙️

SWEETHEART SKATE  
FRI. FEB 13, 7:00-10:00 PM M94  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Bring your sweetie to MetroParks Ice Rink and skate to love songs supplied by an onsite DJ. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

PRESIDENTS DAY SKATE  
MON. FEB 16, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM M100  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Celebrate the holiday at MetroParks Ice Rink. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

MARDI GRAS SKATE  
FRI. FEB 20, 7:00-10:00 PM M93  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Skate to jazz tunes played by an onsite DJ! No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

POP COUNTRY SKATE  
FRI. FEB 27, 7:00-10:00 PM M95  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
A DJ will be on hand, playing all the hits from the likes of Lady Antebellum, Sugarland and The Band Perry. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

LAST DAY TO SKATE!  
SAT. FEB 28, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM M96  
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.  
Help us close out our skating season at MetroParks Ice Rink. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

# ADOPT A PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 18  
9 TO 11:30 A.M.

Volunteer for Five Rivers MetroParks' annual Adopt-A-Park and help keep our local natural areas beautiful! Remove litter, plant trees and do other Earth-friendly tasks. Volunteer solo or with your club or group.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
Visit metroparks.org/adopt and sign up by Monday, April 6.

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# SUPPORT YOUR METROPARKS

Honor a special person in your life by making a donation to Five Rivers MetroParks. This option is a perfect way to commemorate a wedding, anniversary, birthday, graduation, retirement or other special event. We will send you an acknowledgment of your gift, as well as to the honoree.

For additional information, please contact:  
Brenda Cox, Development Coordinator  
(937) 277-4839 or [brenda.cox@metroparks.org](mailto:brenda.cox@metroparks.org)

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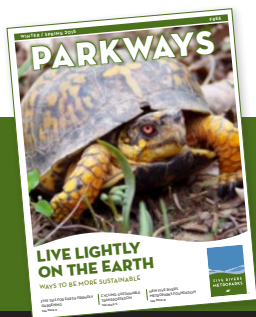


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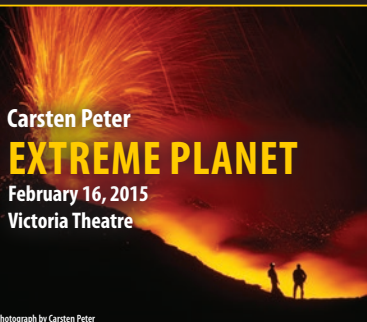
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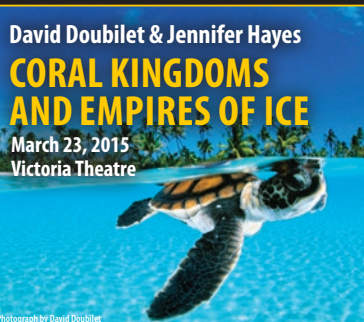
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