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1. FIND THE FOREST
Get active and explore nature with a hike through Germantown MetroPark. Start at the newly updated Twin Valley Welcome Center, and then take the orange trail to enjoy 6.8 miles of mature and old growth woodlands. See if you can spot wildflowers and perhaps a wild turkey along the way. metroparks.org/germantown

2. OVERNIGHT STARGAZING
Stay up late and stargaze with your family during an overnight camping adventure. Reserve a campsite during the Perseid meteor shower – from Aug. 11 to 13 – to see an amazing display of meteors light up the clear night sky. Frontcountry camp sites are available at Possum Creek, Englewood, Germantown and Twin Creek MetroPark. Make a reservation at metroparks.org/reservations.

3. PERFECT PADDLING
The Eastwood Lagoon is the perfect destination for beginners to practice their favorite paddlesports, from stand up paddle boarding to kayaking. Use the Springfield Street entrance and access the lagoon from the docks near the restroom or use the ramp at the corner of the last parking lot. metroparks.org/paddling

4. LIVING HISTORY
Step back into history at Carriage Hill MetroPark and experience what life was like on a farm in the 1880s. The historical farm features a barn, family farm house and livestock. Living history interpreters provide seasonal demonstrations to the public, including cooking, baking, blacksmithing, woodworking and more. metroparks.org/carriage-hill

5. PRETTY POLLINATORS
Explore the Butterfly House at Cox Arboretum MetroPark to view beautiful native butterflies, such as painted lady, red admiral, monarch, a variety of swallowtails, luna month, cecropia month and more. See how many of these beautiful pollinators you can spot, and then learn more about what you can do to attract butterflies to your home garden. After a visit to the Butterfly House, stop by the specialty gardens to view beautiful perennials and challenge your family to a race through the Bell Children’s Maze. metroparks.org/cox-arboretum

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.

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

HOW TO CONTACT A RANGER
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.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: 9-1-1
NON-EMERGENCY CONTACT: (937) 535-2580
DEAR METROPARKS FRIENDS,

Like you, we love and appreciate the beauty of nature year-round at Five Rivers MetroParks. But in summer, we’re most reminded of this, as so many of you tell us how much you value the access to nature provided by your MetroParks.

Indeed, parks and natural areas help make communities great places to live, work, learn and play. So are regional recreation destinations, such as RiverScape River Run. We’re so excited this new feature at RiverScape MetroPark is now open! We look forward to seeing how RiverScape River Run adds to the growing vibrancy of downtown Dayton and our region. Read more about RiverScape River Run in this issue of ParkWays.

You also can read about the ways parks improve a community’s economy and educational opportunities while making it easy to have active, healthy lifestyles. By providing access to nature, our children have safe places where they can express themselves and explore the world. By maintaining 160 miles of trails for hiking, biking, mountain biking and horseback riding, as well as other outdoor recreation destinations, MetroParks helps people of all ages remain active. And by providing access to fresh, local food and offering programs on growing your own, MetroParks helps our community stay healthy.

Yet residents can only be as healthy as their surrounding environment. That’s why MetroParks’ protects the region’s natural heritage. Conservation practices improve air and water quality, provide habitat for wildlife, support plant biodiversity, and help combat climate change. MetroParks protects more than 16,000 acres of land — 90 percent of which is in its natural state.

Five Rivers MetroParks is proud of its role in providing Montgomery County residents with a high quality of life. We continue to strengthen that role. For example, MetroParks is implementing the community’s priorities, outlined in the 10-year comprehensive master plan. Now, we’re developing site plans for individual parks and conservation areas in phases. Please visit metroparks.org/plan to view and comment on the draft park site plans from the first phase. (See page 4 for more information). We want your feedback as we plan the future of our natural gems.

We hope to see you enjoying the outdoors and connecting with nature at your MetroParks this summer! Best Regards,

Becky Benná
Executive Director

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OUR MISSION

Five Rivers MetroParks is dedicated to protecting the region’s natural heritage and providing outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.
PLAN BEING DEVELOPED FOR DOWNTOWN DAYTON’S RIVERFRONT

Five Rivers MetroParks has partnered with the city of Dayton and Miami Conservancy District to develop a comprehensive 20-year master plan for 14 miles of river corridor in greater downtown Dayton. The Downtown Dayton Riverfront Master Plan should be completed by summer 2018. Other project partners include Montgomery County, the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Downtown Dayton Partnership.

“The goal is to take advantage of downtown’s greatest natural resource — our rivers — to create dynamic places that strengthen urban vibrancy and create a regional destination,” said Carrie Scarff, chief of planning and projects for Five Rivers MetroParks. “The plan will propose transforming the rivers into the spaces where our community comes together by providing connections to all the parks, museums and other attractions along our rivers, as well as exciting outdoor recreational opportunities that support a healthy, active lifestyle.”

The project area will include approximately three miles along all four waterways in greater downtown Dayton, reaching into every segment of the community. Those include:

• the Great Miami River south to Carillon Historical Park
• the Stillwater River north to Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark
• Wolf Creek west to Wesleyan MetroPark
• the Mad River east to Eastwood MetroPark

The Downtown Dayton Riverfront Master Plan also will include site plans for key parks and open spaces in the project area. The plan also will focus on accessibility to everyone in the community, connections from river corridors into neighborhoods, public health and social justice, flood risk reduction, environmental quality of the waterways and habitat for plants and animals.

“The long-term vision is for greater downtown Dayton to feel like a riverfront community, where our rivers connect us and provide a distinct sense of place,” Scarff said.

Five Rivers MetroParks has hired Sasaki Associates as the project consultant. The company is nationally renowned for several urban riverfront projects in such cities as Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF YOUR PARKS

Five Rivers MetroParks needs your input on the future of five park destinations — and even help naming two of them.

Draft site plans have been completed for six park destinations: Eastwood, Englewood, Aullwood Garden and Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks, along with the Medlar conservation area and Wetland Mitigation Bank/former Larch Tree golf course. The plans are now available for review and comment.

In addition, the community is invited to vote on the names of what will be Five Rivers MetroParks’ future park destinations, located at Medlar conservation area and the former Larch Tree golf course /Wetland Mitigation Bank — during the May 15 open house. The proposed names are:

• Medlar Conservation Area: Shepard’s Run MetroPark or Medlar MetroPark
• former Larch Tree golf course/Wetland Mitigation Bank: Sedge Meadow MetroPark or Spring Run MetroPark

Cast your vote and review and comment on the draft site plans at metroparks.org/plan or by calling (937) 275-PARK through June 30.

The plans identify protected open space, habitats, amenities and potential uses and improvements for each location, as well as an estimated capital and operating budgets for those uses and improvements. They focus on such items as access to trails, creating safe routes to parks and providing a variety of outdoor experiences.

The draft site plans are the next step in implementing Five Rivers MetroParks’ 10-year comprehensive master plan and are based on citizen feedback, which was collected via surveys and during open houses held last fall. These five park destinations are the first phase, with additional site plans now underway.
NEW SUNDAY HOURS FOR THE 2ND STREET MARKET

For the first time, the popular 2nd Street Market, 600 E. Second St. in downtown Dayton, will be open an extra day this summer. From June 4 through Aug. 27, the Market will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays with a robust mix of vendors similar to those found on Saturdays, including the outdoor farmers market.

In addition, the Saturday outdoor farmers market opens June 3, with several vendors joining the approximately 50 year-round indoor vendors through the fall harvest season, which typically lasts until mid-October.

Also, nearly 30 vendors at the Market now accept SNAP/food assistance Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) tokens thanks to a partnership with Homefull, a nonprofit working to end homelessness. Participating vendors offer fresh food items, such as produce, dairy products, meat and bread. June 3 also marks the introduction of Produce Perks at the Market. New this summer, this incentive program is a dollar-for-dollar match to every dollar spent — up to $10 per visit — when using an Ohio Direction Card (EBT) to purchase produce.

Together, this means more shoppers will have even more options to purchase locally grown food. The Market is open Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the summer.

“The 2nd Street Market helps Five Rivers MetroParks serve as the region’s conservation leader by providing our community with convenient access to local food, which is less taxing on the environment and often healthier,” said Market Manager Jimmy Harless.

Visit metroparks.org/localfood and follow the 2nd Street Market on Facebook for more.

DAYTON-AREA TRAILS NOW ON GOOGLE MAPS

In May, Google incorporated 360-degree virtual imagery of hundreds of miles of Dayton-area trails and park destinations into Google Maps.

This includes panoramic street view imagery of regional hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, water and paved trails. People throughout the world will have the ability to virtually explore many of the region’s trails and landscapes.

“People can use these images as a tool to plan experiences on our amazing trails and public lands,” said Amy Dingle, director of outdoor connections for Five Rivers MetroParks. “This project is the most comprehensive of its kind in Ohio. It reflects the outdoor culture here and showcases Dayton, Ohio, as the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest.”

Access the images of the Dayton region’s trails and landscapes by visiting www.google.com/maps.

Five Rivers MetroParks partnered with Outdoor Adventure Connection and Dayton Hikers, and collaborated with dozens of regional partners, to ensure more than 600 miles of hiking, equestrian, mountain bike, water and paved trails were captured during summer 2016. Google launched the images during the International Trails Symposium, which was held May 7-10 in Dayton.
Nature is the great equalizer, providing everyone access to healthy, active lifestyles. Parks are often where people from throughout our community come together. RiverScape MetroPark, for example, has become Dayton’s front porch, hosting a range of cultural and other festivals during the summer and, as of this year, serving as a focal point for outdoor recreation with the opening of RiverScape River Run.

The *Dayton Business Journal* reports that Five Rivers MetroParks is the number one attraction in Dayton, with an average of more than 3.3 million visitors each year. Nationwide, Americans visit their local parks and recreation facilities an average of 29 times per year, according to the National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA).

Indeed, natural spaces, parks and nature-based programs provide multifaceted value to communities and individuals.
**Strong ECONOMY**

From tourism dollars to economic development, nature-based amenities add to a community’s healthy bottom line.

**THE EVIDENCE:**
- America’s local and regional public park agencies generated nearly $140 billion in economic activity and supported almost 1 million jobs from their operations and capital spending alone in 2013. (NRPA)
- Outdoor enthusiasts who travel along trails often patronize local small businesses for food and lodging. More attractive communities and safer routes for bicyclists, pedestrians and children going to school are other benefits of community trails. (AmericanTrails.org)
- The positive connection between parks and property values has been well documented during the past 20 years, and realtors herald natural spaces as a top selling point for residential properties. (American Planning Association)

**THE ADVENTURES:**
In Montgomery County, you’re never more than 15 minutes from a MetroPark, and your parks are free to explore year-round.

See page 17 or visit metroparks.org/places-to-go for a list of all parks. Challenge yourself to visit at least one park in each part of Montgomery County this summer. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Visit Englewood MetroPark to hike to the park’s three waterfalls and see how many critters you can spot at the Benedict Blincoe Wildlife Observation Area.
- Ride your bike to all the urban parks, starting at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark on the Stillwater River Trail and ending at Wesleyan MetroPark on the Wolf Creek Trail. Learn some of Dayton’s aviation history along the way.
- Walk the two miles of trails at Hills & Dales MetroPark to discover natural and historical features, such as Dogwood Pond and Patterson Monument.
- Hike the trails at Sugarcreek MetroPark and take in such natural features as the Osage Orange Tunnel and Three Sisters.

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**Smart CHILDREN**

Nature plays an important role in childhood development and has a positive effect on academics.

**THE EVIDENCE:**
- Children who spend time outside are more fit, score higher on standardized tests and have lower stress levels than children who spend their time indoors. (National Wildlife Federation)
- Access to parks lays the foundation for effective formal education and are a valuable resource for closing the educational achievement gap, which refers to the disparity in academic performance among students across different socioeconomic groups. (American Planning Association)
- Spending time in nature enhances educational outcomes by improving children’s academic performance, focus, behavior and love of learning. (Children & Nature Network)

**THE ADVENTURES:**
From places to splash to nature play areas, your parks are an abundance of fun, kid-friendly adventures. Just a few of them include:

- Explore the outdoors at a water play, nature play area or playground in your parks. Cool off during a hot day at RiverScape MetroPark, where the kids can enjoy the water play area and ice cream from the Fountain Snack Bar.
- Take a MetroParks’ Conservation Kids program, which helps children ages 3-13 become protectors of nature. See pages 33-37 for a list of upcoming programs.
- Visit metroparks.org/outdoor-play for more ideas, and see pages 31-32 for a variety of outdoor learning adventures you can share with children.
Healthy PEOPLE

Access to outdoor areas where it’s fun and convenient to have an active lifestyle contributes toward building a healthy community.

THE EVIDENCE:

- Parks and trails support community and individual wellness. Access to these resources can have a positive effect on physical and mental health and foster a sense of community. (National Parks and Recreation Association)
- Chronic diseases account for more than 20 percent of total U.S. health care costs, and parks are valuable assets that help people have healthy lifestyles as the healthcare industry shifts to not only treating disease, but preventing it. (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)
- A study representing one of the most wide-ranging looks at the dynamics of health, nature and wellbeing found that nature offers multiple health benefits from allergy reductions to increases in self-esteem and mental wellbeing. (Institute for European Environmental Policy)

THE ADVENTURES:
The Dayton area is home to the nation’s largest paved trail network, with more than 300 miles of trails to explore. Five Rivers MetroParks features 160 miles of natural surface trails, perfect for hiking and trail running. The Great Miami River Watershed Water Trail, the largest water trail system in Ohio, has 265 miles of waterway trails located in the Dayton region.

- Visit metroparks.org/active-outdoors to plan your next cycling, hiking and paddling adventure.
- Try an outdoor sport — such as kayaking, mountain biking, horseback riding and disc golf — at MetroParks’ nine outdoor recreation features.
- Visit your favorite MetroPark for heart-pumping fun. Run the 5K green trail loop at Sugarcreek MetroPark, challenge yourself on the hiking trails or take in a free fitness class at RiverScape one Saturday this summer. Visit metroparks.org/fitness for more fitness ideas.
- Your MetroParks are always free to explore, and 18 parks have ADA-accessible areas and 14 are accessible via public transportation, in addition to the 2nd Street Market. Many of the activities in the parks don’t require expensive equipment. To find a new favorite outdoor activity this summer, visit metroparks.org/activity-finder.

Clean ENVIRONMENT

Protecting natural resources also creates a healthy community. Too much ozone, small particles and carbon can create air quality issues, and trees help remove some of these harmful elements from the air.

THE EVIDENCE:

During an average year, the natural habitats on land that MetroParks manages filter and help clean an estimated 11 billion gallons of water. The forests on that land remove:
- About 14 million pounds of carbon dioxide
- An estimated 155,000 pounds of small particles
- More than 157,000 pounds of ozone

Indeed, conservation and protecting our region’s natural heritage are at the heart of Five Rivers MetroParks’ mission. Learn how MetroParks’ conservation efforts contribute to the health of your community by visiting metroparks.org/conservation-leadership.

THE ADVENTURES:

- Your MetroParks include more natural features — such as waterfalls, gardens, lakes, prairies, wetlands and forests — than can even be counted. Summer is a great time to get out and discover nature’s bounty.
- A fun way to more deeply connect with nature is to go camping. MetroParks is home to 14 frontcountry (accessible by car) and nine backcountry (accessible by foot) campsites that can be reserved year-round. Attend the Great American Campout June 17-18 or Family Camping Aug. 19-20. Backpack the Twin Valley Trail, which connects the wild and remote Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks, for an even more immersive nature experience.
- Growing your own food also is a way to appreciate nature. See pages 26-27 for gardening programs. You also can buy fresh, local produce at the 2nd Street Market, which has expanded to include Sunday hours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June-August this year. Locally grown food typically is less taxing on the environment, tastier and healthier.
FINDING FRIENDSHIP THROUGH SERVICE

VOLUNTEERING HAS BENEFITS FROM LEARNING NEW SKILLS TO IMPROVED SELF-ESTEEM, BUT PERHAPS THE MOST MEANINGFUL IS THE LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS.

Self-proclaimed movie buffs and nature enthusiasts Natalie DeHorn and Winifred Fiedler met while volunteering at Cox Arboretum MetroPark and have been friends since.

DeHorn, 77 and a retired teacher, was inspired to take MetroParks’ master gardening program after taking an interest in her son’s career as a horticulturalist.

“Gardening wasn’t the right volunteer position for me, but I told them I had to volunteer,” DeHorn said.

MetroParks volunteer staff found a position for her as a receptionist at Cox Arboretum MetroPark. DeHorn took the morning shift, and Fiedler the afternoon.

One of Fiedler’s first experiences with Cox Arboretum MetroPark was in 1989, when she did an art show at the facility. Fiedler, 94 and a former news reporter and gallery manager, was asked to stay on to manage art exhibitions at the park. Throughout the years, her volunteer duties shifted, and she took on receptionist duties.

The pair discovered their shared love of art, music and writing. Their short conversations soon turned into regular dinner-and-movie nights and casual walks through Cox Arboretum MetroPark.

“I love the parks,” Fiedler said. “They are such an important part of society.”

Developing new friendships is not uncommon among Five Rivers MetroParks volunteers.

“The commonality among our volunteers is a love of nature, and I think that is a catalyst for a lot of new and lasting friendships,” said Kevin Kepler, Five Rivers MetroParks volunteer services manager.

MetroParks has a variety of volunteer opportunities available for different ages and interests, from conservation projects to special events. Volunteers are integral to the success of Five Rivers MetroParks and help support its mission to protect the region’s natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.

“Volunteering is a part of life,” Fiedler said. “It’s good for the soul.”

View upcoming volunteer orientations on page 29, and be sure to visit metroparks.org/volunteer to submit a volunteer application.
When Five Rivers MetroParks purchased the former Larch Tree Golf Course in 2015, the 180-acre site had been unused for several years and was home to buildings that had fallen into disrepair. Now, those buildings have been removed, with materials salvaged when possible. The property, adjacent to Sycamore State Park and the 360-acre Wetland Mitigation Bank owned by Five Rivers MetroParks is a grassland habitat. Together, these natural areas create more than 3,000 acres of open space — one of the largest in the region.

The future of this critical natural area is currently being planned: A draft site plan for the former golf course and the Mitigation Bank is available for review and comment at metroparks.org/plan.

“The Larch Tree property adds a nice buffer to the wetland restoration and increases habitat for grassland birds, such as northern bobwhite quail,” said Mary Klunk, MetroParks regional conservation manager.

The Larch Tree project is one of many conservation efforts funded by a Clean Ohio grant that help MetroParks protect the region’s natural heritage.

Clean Ohio is a public-private partnership that funds projects that restore polluted and abandoned industrial sites, protect nature areas and farmland from development, and connect Ohio’s natural and urban areas through recreation trails. Five Rivers MetroParks has used Clean Ohio grant funding to expand its resources by purchasing land and conservation easements, which protects these natural areas from development, protects watersheds and creates corridors for wildlife. Funding also allows MetroParks to clean up trash sites, remove dilapidated buildings and invasive species, and plant trees and pollinator-friendly plants. These efforts create better communities for humans and wildlife.
The creation of a new prairie at Germantown MetroPark is another project funded by Clean Ohio, along with a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grant. The 107-acre property includes cedar groves and mature forest — along with a 60.5-acre newly planted prairie that focuses on supporting such pollinators as monarchs and honeybees.

This spring, an additional 10,000 native prairie plants were sown on the property. By August, a parking area and trail will be added to the prairie — just in time for the late-summer splendor of prairie blooms. Native shrubs and wetland plants also are being added to the property and invasive species, such as honeysuckle, are being removed.

“Already, short-eared owls and other rare birds and wildlife have been spotted on the property,” Klunk said. “The focus on pollinators at the new Germantown Prairie is not only creating a haven for butterflies, but for different types of bees and hummingbirds as well. Any time you create a biodiverse habitat, it will attract a lot of different wildlife.”

“These Clean Ohio-funded conservation projects help MetroParks ensure the land we protect has healthy biodiversity,” Klunk said. “These projects allow us to take these areas, many of which have special habitats associated with them, back to a more natural state.”
PLAN AN OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURE THIS SUMMER

SUMMER IS PERFECT FOR OUTDOOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES, and MetroParks has destinations and programs that offer something for all ages. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service cites improved focus, health and better communications as benefits for kids and families who spend time together enjoying the outdoors.

FOR FAMILIES WITH LITTLE ONES

PIRATE PLAY: The Children’s Discovery Garden at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark will offer pirate-themed activities this summer. Visit metroparks.org for a schedule of pop-up programs, such as treasure hunts, number games, crafts and story times.

STROLLER-FRIENDLY TRAILS: Experience the gardens at Cox Arboretum MetroPark by walking the paved trail loop, and stop by the Butterfly House and Edible Landscape Garden along the way. Visit Englewood MetroPark and hike the wooded loop trail, and then enjoy the nature play area.

FARM ANIMALS: Visit Possum Creek and Carriage Hill MetroParks to meet some barnyard friends, and learn what it takes to care for these amazing animals.

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

GET OUT AND BIKE: Explore the region’s more than 300 miles of paved recreation trails. Bike and child accessories rentals are available on weekends at RiverScape MetroPark from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends. Summer rentals also are available on Saturday mornings at the MetroParks Mountain Biking Area (MoMBA), which offers trails for different experience levels, including a tot track for young children.

HIT THE TRAILS: Your MetroParks include 75 miles of hiking trails that are great for birdwatching, discovering waterfalls and rivers, and all the beauty nature offers.

TAKE A BREAK AND PLAY: Visit nature play areas in Englewood, Hills & Dales, Sugarcreek, Wegerzyn Gardens and Wesleyan MetroParks.

MAKE A SPLASH: Suit up and get ready to splash in the fountain at RiverScape MetroPark and at the splash pad at Island MetroPark.

TRY IT OUT: From mountain biking to paddle sports, MetroParks’ Try It series is the perfect opportunity to try something new with the family during a safe, fun learning experience with MetroParks’ staff. See pages 22-25 to learn more.
ADD NATIVE PLANTS TO YOUR LANDSCAPE

If you want to attract butterflies and other pollinators to your garden, the best way to do so is to supply the delicious nectar and pollen they need — and some of their favorites are native plants.

NATIVE PLANTS DON’T REQUIRE A LOT OF ATTENTION once established, but do need care for the first year or two:

- Plant in full to part sun and well-drained soil.
- Add some compost when planting time.
- Keep plants moist the first year, but don’t over-water, as that will lead to root rot.

MONARCHS ARE STILL IN TROUBLE, so add one of their host plants to your garden:

- SWAMP MILKWEED is three to four feet tall with pink blossoms. Plant in the back of your border.
- BUTTERFLY WEED also attracts lots of monarchs and other butterflies. This plant is two feet tall and has a bright orange flower.

POLLINATORS LIKE A VARIETY OF FLOWER TYPES, so consider planting at least a couple from this list:

- PENSTEMON is a great perennial with purplish leaves and wonderful white flowers in late summer. This plant provides a see-through effect and offers movement and color when early summer flowers are fading.
- SPIDERWORT is a durable, beautiful plant that’s about a foot tall and has deep or yellow-green grass-like foliage. Its flowers are purple, blue or white and rest on the tops of the plant spikes.
- PURPLE CONEFLOWER has been on native plant lists for a long time. While many new varieties are available, the original is one of the most reliable performers — both in plant durability and its ability to attract pollinators.
- LITTLE BLUESTEM is a clumping grass that grows in one to two-foot mounds, giving color and movement throughout the season. Watch these plants as they change colors with the season and be amazed by their tiny blossoms.
RiverScape MetroPark’s newest feature, River Run, has been making a splash with Daytonians since even before its official May 5 grand opening.

Everyone can enjoy RiverScape River Run, from those who are new to paddlesports to paddling pros.

CHECK OUT SOME NEED-TO-KNOW USE AND SAFETY TIPS BEFORE YOU PLAN YOUR FIRST VISIT:

SAFETY FIRST
RiverScape River Run is an independent-use facility, so visitors should take precaution and exercise the following safety measures when planning a paddling adventure at any MetroParks facility:

• Always wear a lifejacket.
• Be aware of the weather conditions and river levels.
• Dress appropriately for the air and water temperatures, and plan on getting wet!
• Be aware of known hazards in the route. Never paddle over a low head dam, strainer or obstruction.
• Leave a float plan with paddling location and a start/stop time with family or friends.
• Do not stand in moving water.

READY TO PADDLE
Visitors using RiverScape River Run can park in one of the available public parking spaces downtown. Metered parking is free on weekdays after 6 p.m. and all day on weekends. Parking garages at 15 W. Monument Ave. and 18 W. Monument Ave. are also available.

Those who don’t have the required paddling gear can find new and used equipment at local retailers. If you are eager to try the new RiverScape River Run and want to learn some paddling skills beforehand, sign up for a lesson or program. MetroParks offers Kayak I and Kayak II at Eastwood MetroPark, and Great Miami Outfitters and White Water Warehouse also offer educational paddling programs.

Those who want to embark on a local paddling adventure can start on the Mad River at Eastwood MetroPark and paddle the scenic seven-mile route to Carillon Historical Park.
RIVERSCAPE RIVER RUN INCREASES ACCESSIBILITY TO THE GREAT MIAMI RIVER AND ADDS VIBRANCY TO THE DOWNTOWN DAYTON AREA.
The project included the removal of a dangerous low dam in the Great Miami River near the Dayton Art Institute. Two structures that span the river were built, each with two chutes: one novice chute and one advanced chute. People also can fish, sunbathe and enjoy the river downtown in new ways, with access all the way to the river through an ADA-accessible grouted rock structure. RiverScape River Run also improves water quality and aquatic habitats.

PUT INS AND TAKE OUTS
• Between Founder’s Pavilion and the Riverside Bridge
• At the Drop 1 feature at the end of Jefferson Street.
• At the Drop 2 feature under the I-75 bridge at Monument Street.

Try Paddlesports
Wednesday, June 7, and Thursday, July, 6, from 4 - 7 p.m. at Eastwood MetroPark
Try a kayak, stand up paddleboard or canoe, and learn about each sport. See page 24 for more information.

Did you know?
The Great Miami River corridor represents 99 miles of interconnected waterways and trails that flow through 15 different cities, including Dayton. The Miami Conservancy District has spearheaded a project to brand the corridor as the Great Miami Riverway, an effort that will attract recreation enthusiasts and benefit destinations in cities along the river.

The Great Miami River Watershed Water Trail includes the Great Miami River, Mad River, Stillwater River, Greenville Creek, Buck Creek and Twin Creek. It is the largest water trail system in Ohio, offering 291 miles of waterway accessible trails, with 265 miles located in the Dayton region. This diverse array of trails allows visitors to embark on local adventures and experience the picturesque views along these rivers.
Helping individuals of all ages in our community to make a personal connection to nature is core to the mission of Five Rivers MetroParks. Now, the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation has launched a new Access to Nature Scholarship Fund that will provide financial assistance for qualified families, children and adults in need who want to participate in fee-based MetroParks programs. A generous donation from Bonbright Distributing provided seed money to get the program started. Additional donations are being raised to support this fund that will allow more people in our community to connect with nature through MetroParks programs.

“The Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation is so pleased to launch this scholarship program,” said Beth Redden, Five Rivers MetroParks chief of philanthropy. “Research shows that spending time outdoors makes children happier, healthier and smarter. Children who play outside also are more fit, have better critical thinking skills and score higher on standardized tests in math, reading, writing and listening. Scholarship donors will know they’re helping children in our community take advantage of MetroParks’ programs that will provide them all these benefits.”

For Annabelle Howe, a seventh-grade student at Brookville Intermediate School who’s on the autism spectrum, socializing hasn’t always been an easy task. Howe has always expressed an appreciation for nature, but it wasn’t until Howe’s mother enrolled her in MetroParks’ Conservation Kids program that she flourished both as an environmental steward and social butterfly. Children in the program complete a series of environmental education programs and a peer-based conservation project.

“Annabelle loved her volunteer program leaders and learning about nature,” Julie Howe said, “She likes to talk to people and teach them new things when she volunteers. She’s in her element when she’s outside.”

Annabelle Howe made her own personal connection to nature and her peers by participating in Conservation Kids. She now volunteers with her family at Five Rivers MetroParks as often as she can, educating her peers on the importance of insects and their role in the ecosystem.
Five Rivers MetroParks operates 25 outstanding public facilities. Founded in 1963 to serve the greater Dayton area, MetroParks protects nearly 16,000 acres of open space and provides year-round recreation, education and conservation opportunities. Facilities are available to the public free of charge—made possible by Montgomery County citizen support of a property tax levy.

**METROPARKS**
- 2nd Street Market
- Aullwood Garden
- Carriage Hill
- Cox Arboretum
- Deeds Point
- Eastwood
- Englewood
- Germantown
- Hills & Dales
- Huffman
- Island
- Possum Creek
- RiverScape
- Sugarcreek
- Sunrise
- Taylorville
- Twin Creek
- Wegerzy Gardens
- Wesleyan

**CONSERVATION AREAS**
- Dull Woods
- Medlar
- Woodman Fen

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**PROGRAM GUIDE**

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

- **ONLINE REGISTRATION**
  Online registration is available for programs marked with this icon.

- **WEATHER DEPENDENT**
  Some outdoor events and programs are weather permitting.

- **PROGRAM SERIES**
  Programs contained within a light blue box are part of a series of programs.

- **FEES**
  Fees are required at the time of registration. Visit metroparks.org/policies for information on refunds.

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

**CATEGORIES**

- **SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE**
  Enjoy time with friends and family at these community celebrations.

- **ACTIVE OUTDOORS**
  Discover how easy it is to have an active, healthy outdoor lifestyle.

- **EARTH FRIENDLY LIVING**
  Learn how to live more sustainably and make better choices for the environment.

- **ADULT NATURE EXPLORATION**
  Enjoy and learn about the splendor of the natural world.

- **PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN**
  Spend quality time outdoors with family.

- **COMMUNITY GROUPS AND TRAINING**
  Share an active, nature-based lifestyle with your community and future generations.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

**ONLINE**
metroparks.org/programs
Search online by date or program number to register.

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

Enjoy time with friends and family at these community celebrations.

(FREE) DAYTON JAZZ FESTIVAL
SUN. JUN 11, 1:00-9:00 PM U142
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Experience the best the local jazz scene has to offer. Relax to the smooth sounds of the region’s best jazz vocalists and artists. No registration required. Age: All ages 🌟

(FREE) AFRICAN AMERICAN WELLNESS WALK
SAT. JUN 17, 7:00 AM-1:00 PM U139
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 237 E. Monument Ave.
This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Premier Health. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 269-4006 or lgwalder@premierhealth.com for details. www.aawwdayton.org. Age: All ages 🌟

(FREE) TRY ROWING OLYMPIC DAY
SAT. JUN 17, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM U319
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.
Get an introduction to rowing and meet an Olympian. Learn about Dayton Regional Rowing, the nation’s only Community Olympic Development Program for rowing and a partnership between USRowing, Five Rivers MetroParks, Dayton Boat Club and the Greater Dayton Rowing Association. On-site time-slot registration is mandatory. Must be a minimum 56” tall. Age: 7Y and up 🌟

AULLWOOD EN BLANC
SAT. JUN 24, 6:00-11:00 PM U269
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Celebrate Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm’s 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee at Aullwood En Blanc. Guests will enjoy a gourmet meal, engaging performances, and dancing the night away under the stars while raising funds for educational programs at Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, which is hosting this fundraiser. Contact (937) 890-7360 or lcothran@audubon.org for details. www.aullwood.org. Registration required. Age: 21Y and up Fee: Admission: $135 🌟

(FREE) A GRAND OLD INDEPENDENCE DAY
SUN. JUL 2, 12:00-5:00 PM U108
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Celebrate our country’s independence with period games and contests while stepping back in time to mark the holiday. No registration required. Age: All ages 🌟

(FREE) CITY OF DAYTON’S LIGHTS IN FLIGHT FIREWORKS SHOW AND FESTIVAL
MON. JUL 3, 5:00-10:00 PM U154
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Celebrate Dayton with live music, food, beverages and kids’ activities. Watch the City’s spectacular visual display over the Great Miami River. Fireworks take off at 10:00 pm! No registration required. Contact (937) 333-8400 for details. Age: All ages 🌟

(FREE) DAYTON BLUES FESTIVAL
SUN. JUL 16, 1:00-9:00 PM U145
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Enjoy some of the best blues bands this side of the Mississippi. Listen to the rhythms and licks from the guitar as the artists and bands wow you with a fantastic show. No registration required. Contact (937) 333-8400 for details. All ages 🌟

(FREE) UNITED IRISH OF DAYTON CELTIC FESTIVAL
FRI. JUL 28, 5:30-11:00 PM U149
SAT. JUL 29, 11:30 AM-11:00 PM U150
SUN. JUL 30, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM U151
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Celebrate Celtic style with music, dance, food and fun! No registration required. Contact (937) 372-9788 for details. www.daytoncelticfestival.com. Age: All ages 🌟

(FREE) GERMANFEST PICNIC
FRI. AUG 11, 5:00-11:00 PM U158
SAT. AUG 12, 11:00 AM-11:00 PM U159
SUN. AUG 13, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM U160
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Now in its 34th year, the Germanfest Picnic is a 3-day celebration of the Miami Valley’s rich German heritage. Authentic food, live music, a 5K/10K race, Polka Mass, kidzone, genealogy, and a culture display make this event really family-friendly. And did we mention great BIER? Get your Gemütlichkeit on at RiverScape MetroPark! No registration required. Contact (937) 429-9251 or jabkoerner@aol.com for details. daytongermanclub.org. Age: All ages 🌟
(FREE) DAYTON AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL
SAT. AUG 19, 12:00-8:00 PM U156
ISLAND METROPARK, 101 E. Helena St.
This family event brings the richness of the African American experience to the Dayton region through culture, arts, education and music. No registration required. www.daacf.com. Age: All ages ☀

(GARDENS, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Guests will enjoy a catered dinner, live music, and silent auction under a tent on the Garden Green. Proceeds benefit Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation in support of Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark. Contact (937) 474-3760 or contact@wegerzyngardensfoundation.org for details. www.wegerzyngardensfoundation.org. Registration required. Age: 21Y and up. Fee: Non-member Ticket Price: $85, Member Ticket Price: $75

(FREE) DAYTON REGGAE FESTIVAL
SUN. SEP 3, 1:00-8:00 PM U153
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Reggae music is popular for its melodic beats and lyrics that proclaim various social issues of the times. Groove with the music and be free to live in the life of the Reggae movement! No registration required. Contact (937) 333-8400 for details. Age: All ages ☀

(FREE) MIAMI VALLEY PEACEBUILDERS WALK & WYSO COMMUNITY CONCERT
SUN. SEP 10, 4:00-9:00 PM U170
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
The Miami Valley Peacebuilders Walk will begin at 4 pm, promoting peace literacy through honoring peacebuilders and creating a one-day peacebuilder village. At 6 pm, the WYSO Community Concert will take off with bands The Almighty Get Down, Zane and the Sway, and The Claudettes. No registration required. Contact (937) 769-1379 or ldennis@wysogba.org for details. www.wysogba.org; www.peaceheroeswalk.org. Age: All ages ☀

(FREE) 14TH ANNUAL UNITED REHABILITATION SERVICES RUBBER DUCK REGATTA
SAT. SEP 16, 4:30-6:00 PM U172
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
20,000 rubber ducks will be dropped from the bridge for a race to the finish at RiverScape MetroPark, presented by Synchonony Financial, in conjunction with the Hispanic Heritage Festival. Proceeds from this family-friendly event benefit local children and adults with disabilities! Adopt your ducks for $5 each for a chance to win great prizes! Contact (937) 853-5464 or acrawford@ursdayton.org for details. www.daytonducks.com. Age: All ages ☀

(FREE) COUNTRY FAIR
SAT. SEP 30, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM U117
SUN. OCT 1, 12:00-5:00 PM U118
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
As the fall harvest approaches, so does the tradition of the country fair. From agricultural demonstrations to pie-baking competition, all the sights and sounds of an 1880s country fair will be recreated. See various living history talks and demonstrations that present a vibrant picture of our past. No registration required. Age: All ages ☀

FAMILY FOREST FEST
FRI. SEP 22, 12:00 PM - SUN. SEP 24, 12:00 PM U396
TWIN CREEK METROPARK, Lake George & Camp Hook, 8539 Morningstar Rd.
This 3 day, 2 night camping festival with music, activities, hiking, outdoor gear booths, yoga, parents massage, nature play, kids author readings and more is hosted in only 3 cities around the country and Dayton is one of them! Registration required. www.familyforestfest.com. Age: All ages Fee: $125

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**CONSERVATION & CITIZEN SCIENCE**

(_FREE) VOLUNTEERS: HIKE WITH THE COORDINATORS  
**WED. JUN 7, 6:00-8:00 PM U74**  
MEDLAR CONSERVATION AREA, Medlar Bikeway, 4558 Medlar Rd.

**TUE. JUL 11, 9:00-11:00 AM U75**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

**THU. AUG 24, 6:00-8:00 PM U76**  
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

**SAT. SEP 9, 1:00-3:00 PM U77**  
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

A more active way to learn about Five Rivers MetroParks, highlights at this particular site, and opportunities to get involved. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

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**FOOD: EARTH TO TABLE**

(_FREE) FISH ON THE FARM  
**SUN. JUL 23, 12:00-5:00 PM U11**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

Fish or seafood was not the most common item found on the farm. However, it was highly sought after and enjoyed. Join us for a whole day focused on the role that fish played on an 1880s farm. Try fishing with a cane pole and learn about cleaning fish. Also, watch as we cook with fish and smoke it in the smokehouse. Afterwards, try your hand at fly fishing. No registration required. Age: All ages

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**HERITAGE & HISTORY**

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.

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(_FREE) HAYMAKING  
**SUN. JUN 4, 12:00-5:00 PM U104**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

The farmer makes hay 19th century style using historical horse-drawn equipment. Watch as loose hay is loaded on the wagon and taken to the barn to be unloaded. No registration required. Age: All ages

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(_FREE) GRAIN THRESHING  
**SUN. JUL 9, 12:00-5:00 PM U109**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

The steam engine, separator, farm hands and shocks of grain recreate the farm scene of a century ago. The separator removes the grain from the stalk so it can be used for feed and flour. No registration required. Age: All ages

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(_FREE) DRAFT HORSE DAYS  
**SAT. AUG 19, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM U114**  
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

Watch as draft horses are used to pull various types of field equipment. Also, learn how horses are used to power equipment on the farm. Horse related activities will also be occurring in the historical farm house. No registration required. Age: All ages

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**NATURE APPRECIATION**

(_FREE) PARKING DAY  
**FRI. SEP 15, 9:30 AM-5:30 PM U57**  
OFFSITE

PARK(ing) Day is an annual, worldwide event that transforms metered parking spots into temporary parks for the public good. Take a break from work and join MetroParks and Bike Miami Valley at various parks in the Oregon District and other downtown locations. Visit bikemiamivalley.org for information on the pop-up parks. No registration required. Age: All ages
Dayton Regional Rowing is the nation’s only Community Olympic Development Program for rowing and a partnership between USRowing, Five Rivers MetroParks, Dayton Boat Club and the Greater Dayton Rowing Association.

For upcoming programs and more information:
Dayton Boat Club
www.daytonboatclub.org
Greater Dayton Rowing Association
https://daytonrowing.org

Discover this exciting sport during Try Rowing Olympic Day!
Saturday, June 17, 10 AM to 3 PM
Eastwood MetroPark
More info on page 18.

The Market features more than 40 vendors — all locally owned — offering:
- Fresh Produce
- Kitchen Staples
- Locally Produced Meat
- Dairy Items
- Sweet Treats
- Flowers
- Gift Items

Grab a meal from one of the many food vendors while you shop!

NEW THIS YEAR:
OPEN SUNDAYS DURING THE SUMMER — JUNE - AUGUST —

HOURS:
Thursday & Friday: 11 AM to 3 PM
Saturday: 8 AM to 3 PM

The Market will be open on Sundays from 11 AM to 3 PM from June 4 through Aug. 27!!

Nearly 30 Market vendors now accept SNAP/EBT tokens and Produce Perks!

THE SATURDAY OUTDOOR FARMERS’ MARKET OPENS JUNE 3!
Enjoy in-season fruit, vegetables, herbs and plants from local conventional and organic farmers.

THE 2ND STREET MARKET IS LOCATED AT 600 E. SECOND ST., DOWNTOWN DAYTON

SHOP FRESH & LOCAL AT THE 2ND STREET MARKET
ACTIVE OUTDOORS

Discover how easy it is to have an active, healthy outdoor lifestyle.

BACKPACKING

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS
SAT. JUN 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U82
SAT. JUL 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U83
SAT. AUG 12, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U84
SAT. SEP 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U85
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Park Office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

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

(FREE) TRY BACKPACKING
SUN. JUN 18, 1:00-4:00 PM U310
SUN. JUL 16, 1:00-4:00 PM U311
SUN. AUG 20, 1:00-4:00 PM U312
SUN. SEP 17, 1:00-4:00 PM U313

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

Have you ever tried backpacking? Are you even slightly curious? Then come anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. to this hands-on program. Meet with local experts to ask your backpacking questions, try on a backpack, experiment with some of the gear, sample backcountry food and more! Backpacks are available on a first-come first-served basis. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: FREE

12:00 PM U1
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Campsite: Shimp's Hollow, 7350 Boomershine Rd.

Spend a night on the Twin Valley Trail learning how to pack your backpack, use a water filter, cook in the backcountry, select a campsite and more. Equipment is available at no additional charge with reservation. Prerequisites: Backpacking 1 or Intro to Backpacking. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $40

CAMPING

GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT
SAT. JUN 17, 3:00 PM - SUN. JUN 18, 12:00 PM U14
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Campsite: Black Cherry Camp/Black Cherry Shelter/Parking, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Join us as we take the National Wildlife Federation's pledge to celebrate camping as a way to connect with nature and wildlife. Pack the tent and the family; we'll provide the hotdogs, campfire and s'mores. Check in at the campsite between 3-5 p.m. Price per family (up to 5 people). Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: $25

BIKE FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!
Join us for a bike ride on Saturdays through October. Earn a T-shirt after riding 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 riders younger than 18. We ride rain or shine, but may cancel due to storms or trail flooding. metroparks.org/bikehealth

BACKPACKING 1
THU. SEP 7, 6:00-8:30 PM U17
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn about gear, food, trip planning and other tips and tricks during this classroom session, setting you up to have a safe and enjoyable back-packing adventure. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $5

BACKPACKING 2
SAT. SEP 23, 12:00 PM - SUN. SEP 24,

Meet in last parking lot at Eastwood Metropark, 1385 Harshman Road. (12 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: FREE

(CAMPING)

SAT. JUN 10, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM U23
STILLWATER RIVER TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 7
Meet at Englewood MetroPark’s West Park at 100 E. National Rd. (9 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: FREE

SAT. JUN 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U22
SAT. JUL 29, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U29
SAT. AUG 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U32
SAT. SEP 9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U36

GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 25
Meet at the West Carrollton low dam. Take North Alex Road to Hydraulic Road, use the entrance on the right. (20 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: FREE

SAT. JUN 24, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM U25
SAT. JUL 15, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM U28

MAD RIVER TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 8
Meet in last parking lot at Eastwood Metropark, 1385 Harshman Road. (9 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: FREE

SAT. JUN 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U26
SAT. SEP 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U38

GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 25
Meet at the West Carrollton low dam. Take N. Alex Road to Hydraulic Road, use the entrance on the right. (14 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages Fee: FREE

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SAT. JUN 3, 9:00-11:00 AM U21
SAT. JUL 8, 9:00-11:00 AM U27
SAT. AUG 12, 9:00-11:00 AM U31
SAT. SEP 30, 9:00-11:00 AM U39
CREEKSIDE TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 2

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(CYCLING)

SAT. JUN 3, 9:00-11:00 AM U21
SAT. JUL 8, 9:00-11:00 AM U27
SAT. AUG 12, 9:00-11:00 AM U31
SAT. SEP 30, 9:00-11:00 AM U39
CREEKSIDE TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 2
from the area to learn about local resources and opportunities in the Dayton region. Registration required. Age: 8Y and up

(FREE) TRY FLY FISHING
TUE. JUN 6, 5:00-8:00 PM U19
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.

WED. JUL 5, 5:00-8:00 PM U50
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Farm Shelter/Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Road

WED. AUG 9, 5:00-8:00 PM U53
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Join us to see if you can entice a fish to bite and catch a fish on fly. Instructor is available for questions and will teach basic fly fishing techniques in a controlled and safe environment. Equipment is provided. No fishing license required at this location. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 12Y and up

FLY FISHING 3: SMALLMOUTH BASS
SAT. JUN 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U41
OFFSITE,
Ready to take the next step in fly fishing? Students will learn tips on reading water, casting techniques, flies to use and gear needed for smallmouth bass in our local rivers. Location determined based on weather conditions. Equipment available upon request. A valid Ohio fishing license is required. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Prerequisites: Fly Fishing 1 and Fly Fishing 2 and Fly Fishing Basics. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $30

FLY FISHING 1
THU. SEPT 7, 5:00-8:30 PM U51
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

An introduction to fly fishing, this classroom program covers gear (both essentials and accessories), flies, several different casts, and more. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Age: 12Y and up Fee: $10

FLY FISHING 2: RIVER
SAT. SEPT 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U54
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Bluegrass, 1385 Harshman Rd.

Fly Fishing 1 got you started and now you are ready for the next step. Learn about fish habitat, how to read the water, flies, and casting techniques needed for fishing in the current. Equipment available upon request. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a water bottle. A valid Ohio fishing license is required. Park in Springfield St entrance lot. Prerequisites: Fly Fishing 1 and Intro to Fly Fishing. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $30

FITNESS

FITNESS IN THE PARK
Fun and effective workouts under the pavilion are part of Saturday eScape. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Come enjoy a terrific, free, outdoor workout!

(FREE) ZUMBA
SAT. JUN 3, 10:00-11:00 AM U179
SAT. JUL 1, 10:00-11:00 AM U180
SAT. JUL 15, 10:00-11:00 AM U181
SAT. AUG 5, 10:00-11:00 AM U182
SAT. AUG 26, 10:00-11:00 AM U183
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScapes Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.

No registration required. Age: All ages

(FREE) YOGA
SAT. JUN 10, 10:00-11:00 AM U175
SAT. JUL 8, 10:00-11:00 AM U176
SAT. JUL 22, 10:00-11:00 AM U177
SAT. AUG 19, 10:00-11:00 AM U178
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScapes Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.

This outdoor fitness opportunity is sponsored by Bridge Credit Union. No registration required. Age: All ages

MARKET TO MARKET RELAY
SAT. SEPT 9, 3:00-10:00 PM U157
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScapes Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.

The Market to Market Relay is Ohio’s running road trip, a day-long team running relay that takes runners from Cincinnati to Dayton. Teams of 6, 7, or 8 runners take on a scenic course through the Little Miami River Valley and make their way to a downtown Dayton finish at RiverScapes MetroPark.

Contact (513) 801-1758 or matt@pinkgorillaevents.com for details. www.markettomarketrelay.com.


STILETTOS TO SNEAKERS 5K
FRI. SEPT 22, 7:00-9:30 PM U173
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScapes Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is sponsored by Oasis House. To register, visit www.speedyfeet.com. Contact (937) 898-7811 or oasishouse@oasisforwomen.org for details. www.oasisforwomen.org Age: All ages Fee: Pre-registration (Includes T-Shirt): $25

ACTIVE OUTDOORS PROGRAMMING

Fishing

(FREE) MEET & FISH
MON. JUN 5, 6:00-7:30 PM U34
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

MON. SEP 18, 6:00-7:30 PM U52
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.

Come fish with us and meet representatives

METRO PARKS.ORG
HIKING

(FREE) MEET & HIKE
TUE. AUG 29, 6:00-7:30 PM U16
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40
Join us for a short hike and meet representatives from local hiking organizations to learn about the opportunities in the Dayton region. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 14Y and up

MOUNTAIN BIKING

(FREE) TRY MOUNTAIN BIKING
TUE. JUN 6, 4:00-7:00 PM U42
TUE. JUL 11, 4:00-7:00 PM U43
TUE. AUG 1, 4:00-7:00 PM U44
TUE. SEP 5, 4:00-7:00 PM U45
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
Is not owning a mountain bike keeping you from trying it? If so, then come out to MoMBA and borrow one of our bikes. Bikes are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Riders younger than 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Helmets are mandatory and are provided with the bike. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

(FREE) MEET & BIKE
TUE. JUN 6, 6:00-7:00 PM U46
TUE. AUG 1, 6:00-7:00 PM U47
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
Come out to MoMBA and learn about the mountain biking community and opportunities in the Dayton region. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 16Y and up

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: MOMBA TRAIL WORK DAYS
SAT. JUN 17, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U78
SAT. JUL 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U79
SAT. AUG 19, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U80
SAT. SEP 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U81
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA Trailhead Parking Lot, 4485 Union Rd.
Learn about sustainable trail building while helping maintain the mountain bike trails at MoMBA! No experience is necessary; tools are provided. Volunteers should bring work gloves and water. Youth 14-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonnes.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up

MOUNTAIN BIKING 1
THU. JUN 22, 6:00-8:00 PM U48
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
This hands-on program designed for beginners will introduce skills for riding singletrack mountain bike trails. Topics covered include trail etiquette, body positioning, braking, shifting, and safety. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

MOUNTAIN BIKING 2
THU. JUL 13, 6:00-8:00 PM U49
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
This hands-on program will practice and build on skills learned in Mountain Biking 1. After these skills are reviewed we will go on a trail ride practicing what was learned. Prerequisites: Mountain Biking 1. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

SUBARU ADVENTURE
Share your love for adventure with this great series designed to help the whole family Get Out & Live! Learn more about our partnership with Subaru at www.subaru.com/metroparks.

(FREE) URBAN OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE
FRI. AUG 4, 5:30-8:30 PM U265
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Try your hand at mountain bike skill elements, slacklining, disc golf and more during this outdoor recreation sampler sponsored by Subaru. Then enjoy the sounds and atmosphere of Pickin’ in the Park complete with a food truck rally and progressive bluegrass under the pavilion. No registration required. Age: All ages

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: WAGNER SUBARU OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE ORIENTATION
THU. SEP 21, 6:00-8:00 PM U320
WED. SEP 27, 6:00 PM-8:00 AM U321
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Bluegrass, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Come out and support the region’s premier outdoor adventure festival! Volunteer spots are available for people of all skill levels and interests including action sports, bike village, information, event set-up, tear-down, and more. Join the fun, food, music, demos and more while serving at this great event! We’ll show you how at this orientation. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact jenny.hymans@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up

OUTDOOR SKILLS AND SAFETY

LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINER COURSE
SAT. JUL 8, 10:00 AM - SUN. JUL 9, 12:00 PM U2
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Campsite: Shimp Hollow, 7350 Boomerishine Rd.
Enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics and increase your confidence in teaching these skills to others during this two day, overnight course. Ideal for outdoor educators, leaders or enthusiasts who want to learn the skills needed to minimize recreational impacts. Participants will receive a national LNT Trainer certificate. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $70

PADDLING

KAYAK 1
SAT. JUN 3, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM U148
SAT. JUL 8, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM U273
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.
Become acquainted with equipment, learn a variety of paddle strokes, flatwater rescues and other safety topics for beginners. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: none. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $70

(FREE) TRY PADDLESPORTS
WED. JUN 7, 4:00-7:00 PM U152
THU. JUL 6, 4:00-7:00 PM U272
TUE. AUG 22, 4:00-7:00 PM U276
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Kayak, stand up paddleboard, and canoe overviews will be given. Learn about the sport in a controlled environment. Equipment provided at this drop-in program. Walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

KAYAK 2: RIVER
SAT. JUN 17, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM U261
SAT. AUG 19, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM U275
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Get instruction on safety, river paddling techniques, and how to recognize and avoid hazards. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: Kayak 1. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $70

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OCTOBER 7 & 8 MARK YOUR CALENDARS
# Active Outdoors Programming

## River Safety & Rescue for Paddlers
**Sat. Jul 1, 8:30 AM-6:00 PM U271**
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Mad River, 1385 Harshman Rd.
This American Canoe Association Level 3 River Safety & Rescue course is for river 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 and in the river. Prior Class II whitewater experience is strongly recommended. Prerequisites: none - although prior class I-II river experience is recommended. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $75

## Stand Up Paddleboarding 1
**Thu. Aug 3, 5:30-8:30 PM U274**
**Wed. Sep 6, 5:30-8:30 PM U277**
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.
This hands-on program will use instruction and games as we learn to stand up paddleboard. Topics covered include paddle strokes, board handling and safety, and more. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: None. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $40

## Kayak Exploring: Huffman Lake
**Thu. Aug 10, 6:00-9:00 PM U282**
HUFFMAN METROPARK, Huffman Lake, 4095 Lower Valley Pk.
Explore Huffman Lake with a Five Rivers MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exists along this hidden gem. We will be in and out of our kayaks around the lake as we explore. Prerequisites: none. Registration required. Age: 12Y and up Fee: $25

## Kayak Exploring: Eastwood Lagoon
**Wed. Aug 30, 6:00-8:30 PM U284**
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Lagoon, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Explore Eastwood Lagoon with a Five Rivers MetroParks naturalist and learn about the wildlife that exists here. We will be in and out of our kayaks around the lagoon as we use our senses, binoculars, and more to explore this unique environment. Registration required. Age: 12Y and up Fee: $25

## SUBARU Adventure Series
Share your love of the outdoors with this great series designed to help the whole family Get Out & Live! Stop by any time during these FREE programs.

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## Rent Mountain Bikes
MoMBA Saturday Bike Rentals
Saturdays from 10 AM to 1 PM from June 3 through Sept. 30!

Explore the trails at the MetroParks Mountain Biking Area (MoMBA) at Huffman MetroPark this summer! Trails are available for all levels, from tots to advanced riders.

A variety of mountain bikes are available for rental. Rates for youth bikes start at $6 an hour, and adult bikes start at $8 an hour.

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**WAGNER SUBARU Outdoor Experience**
THE MIDWEST’S PREMIERE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FESTIVAL FOR A WEEKEND OF ADVENTURE! A FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS EVENT

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FOOD: EARTH TO TABLE

SHEEP 101
THU. JUN 8, 6:00-7:30 PM U258
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Are you interested in raising sheep for food, wool and milk? There are a things you need to know before you get started. During this program you will be provided with the information you need and answers to your questions. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $10

APPLESAUCE
SAT. SEP 2, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM U268
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Students learn to prepare and safely preserve unsweetened applesauce using the boiling water bath canning method on a wood-fired cook stove. Each person receives modern and 19th century recipes, as well as one jar of applesauce to take home! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

RABBITS 101
WED. JUL 26, 6:00-7:30 PM U264
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Students learn to prepare and safely preserve tomato ketchup, using the boiling water bath canning method on a wood-fired cook stove. Each person receives modern and 19th century recipes, as well as one jar of homemade ketchup to take home! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

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

STRAWBERRY MARMALADE
SAT. JUN 10, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM U161
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Students will learn to prepare strawbery marmalade using the hot water-boiling method of canning on a wood-fired stove! Each person will take home recipes and one jar of marmalade. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

DILL PICKLES
SAT. JUL 1, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM U266
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Students learn to prepare dill pickles, using the boiling water bath canning method on a wood-fired cook stove. Each person receives modern and 19th century recipes, as well as one jar of pickles to take home! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

GARDENING

BOTANIZE YOUR BALCONY!
Learn about small space gardening plants and growing techniques to make your balcony, patio or porch a productive and beautiful place to enjoy!

UP! VERTICAL VEGETABLE AND FLOWER CONTAINERS
SAT. JUN 3, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM U123
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
for summer flowers. Learn the best container varieties and how to grow them. We'll show you the way to get started, including how to add a trellis — and you’ll take home a bucket ready to plant and seeds to start. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

BEYOND BASIL
SAT. JUN 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM U124
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter's Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
You can grow herbs for seasoning food, making sachets, as companion plants to keep pests away from your vegetables and as insect repellents. We’ll demonstrate container plantings and show you how to add herbs to almost any setting. A great class and you’ll also take home an herb plant. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $15

THE NO-WASTE GARDEN
SAT. JUN 17, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM U126
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Reduce, reuse, recycle takes on a whole new meaning in a small-space garden. Join MetroParks’ Tim Pritchard as he talks about composting and garden recycling and repurposing to add fun, creativity and your own environmental statement to the garden! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $10

NOT IN MY GARDEN: GETTING RID OF WEEDS, PESTS, AND DISEASE
SAT. JUL 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM U127
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
The garden is up and growing and so are certain things you don’t want! Learn how to keep weeds and pests away and how to head-off disease before it destroys your plantings. Learn quick, chemical-free answers for pesky garden problems! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $10
WILD ABOUT WILDFLOWERS

Walks

Join volunteers from the Cox Wildflower Group for informative walks through the different areas of wildflowers at the park. During each session see new and different blooms you’re sure to love. Meet in the parking lot.

**FREE** SUMMER’S FIRST BLOOMS
**SUN. JUN 11, 2:00-3:00 PM U6**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
We’ll visit the wildflower area off the main parking lot for a last look at spring blooms and a beginning of summer. Pastels of spring give way to brighter colors and leaves fill in on shrubs and trees. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** WILDFLOWER PROPAGATION TRICKS AND TIPS
**SUN. JUN 25, 2:00-3:00 PM U7**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
We’ll visit the propagation area at the Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture and see varieties of wildflowers that are destined to be planted along trails in different MetroParks. Learn the tricks to help your wildflowers stay healthy going into the heat of summer. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up.

VOLUNTEER: GARDENER’S LEARN AND TRY-IT SERIES

Each session will feature a learning topic to enhance your gardening knowledge and skills, followed by a volunteer project to practice what you’ve learned in the garden.

**FREE** VOLUNTEER: WEED IDENTIFICATION
**TUE. JUN 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U4**
WEGEZRYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn to identify the most common and troublesome garden weeds, then practice in the gardens and discover the best approaches for eradication. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** VOLUNTEER: PRUNE DECIDUOUS SHRUBS
**WED. JUL 19, 9:00-11:30 AM U270**
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Learn proper pruning techniques to maintain the health and beauty of your deciduous shrubs. Practice what you’ve learned by helping us prune spirea, clethra and other popular shrubs. Registration required. Contact janet.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** VOLUNTEER: DEADHEADING FOR EXTENDED BLOOM
**TUE. AUG 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U5**
WEGEZRYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Learn ways to extend your summer blooms for as long as possible while getting to know some of the best performing perennials in the garden. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** VOLUNTEER: PRUNE EVERGREEN SHRUBS
**WED. SEP 13, 9:00-11:30 AM U300**
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Learn proper pruning techniques to maintain the health and beauty of your evergreen shrubs. Practice what you’ve learned by helping us prune boxwood, taxus and other popular shrubs. Registration required. Contact janet.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** VOLUNTEER: LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN LEAF CASTING
**TUE. SEP 19, 9:00-11:30 AM U298**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Grow House, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Learn how to create leaf castings from members of the Cox Arboretum Rock Garden Volunteer Group in this hands-on workshop as they demonstrate their technique and share their recipe for making these natural works of art. Leaf castings are a wonderful way to add a natural and organic element to your yard or garden, as well as a decorative item. Registration required. Contact janet.metter@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** VOLUNTEER: INSECT REPELLENT PLANTS IN THE GARDEN
**TUE. JUL 11, 6:00-7:00 PM U195**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Garden plants are enjoyed for their beauty, but many of them possess another quality: they repel insects. Learn some of the varieties and how to include them in your own garden so they will keep eating bugs away from other plants and stinging ones away from you. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** FOUR SEASONS OF COLOR IN THE GARDEN
**TUE. AUG 8, 6:00-7:00 PM U196**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Summer is winding down, but it doesn’t mean that color goes away. Learn how plants can give color in the landscape, no matter the season. You’ll learn about great plants and planting combinations to keep your garden beautiful and interesting year round. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** VOLS: CASTINGS HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN LEAF CASTING
**SAT. AUG 12, 10:00-11:30 AM U144**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Plants can look great in a prairie setting but then seem awkward in a home landscape. Join us as we tour the native plants at Cox Arboretum and learn which ones will adapt best to your own yard and how to install and maintain them. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up. Fee: $5.

LEARNING FROM THE LANDSCAPE

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

**FREE** SUMMER COLOR SURPRISES
**TUE. JUN 13, 6:00-7:00 PM U194**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Drifts, waves, and blends are just a few of the ways you can use color in the garden to create mood, drama, or space. Learn how to use these techniques in your own landscape and see examples in the gardens at Cox. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up.

**FREE** PLANTS IN THE GARDEN
**SAT. AUG 12, 10:00-11:30 AM U144**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
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NATIVE PLANTS FOR THE HOME GARDEN

**SAT. AUG 12, 10:00-11:30 AM U144**
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
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EARTH FRIENDLY PROGRAMMING

**FREE** VOLUNTEER: CASTINGS LEARN CASTINGS HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN LEAF CASTING
**SAT. AUG 12, 10:00-11:30 AM U144**
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FEARLESS PRUNING
SAT. SEP 9, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM U140
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Join retired Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark horticulturist Chris Jensen to learn the basics and timing of pruning. Trees, shrubs, and perennials will be addressed and you can ask questions about plants in your landscape. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $20

SEED SAVING AND PERENNIAL SPLITTING WORKSHOP
SAT. SEP 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM U90
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Keep your garden growing year after year by learning how to divide perennials, save and process seeds and why it is important. You will receive hands-on opportunities and take home some seeds and perennials. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: $15

GET OUT & BIKE
Five Rivers MetroParks is proud to be a founding sponsor of Link, downtown Dayton’s bike share program. Start or end your bike trips at Link stations at RiverScape MetroPark or the 2nd Street Market – just two of the nearly 30 Link stations in the network. We’re helping make transportation fun, safe and active!
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SHARE YOUR OPINION:
HELP NAME TWO PARK DESTINATIONS

Vote on the names of Five Rivers MetroParks’ newest park destinations! The proposed names are:
- Medlar Conservation Area: Shepard’s Run MetroPark or Medlar MetroPark
- Wetland Mitigation Bank/former Larch Tree golf course: Sedge Meadow MetroPark or Spring Run MetroPark

Also, review and comment on draft site plans that have been completed for six park destinations: Eastwood, Englewood, Aullwood Garden and Wegerzyn Gardens MetroParks, along with the Medlar conservation area and former Larch Tree golf course /Wetland Mitigation Bank.

Visit metroparks.org/plan or call (937) 275-PARK through June 30 to make your voice heard!

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ADULT NATURE EXPLORATION

Enjoy and learn about the splendor of the natural world.

CONSERVATION & CITIZEN SCIENCE

(FREE) BECOME A BUTTERFLY HOUSE GUIDE
TUE. JUN 6, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM U9
SAT. JUN 10, 1:00-3:30 PM U10

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
The Butterfly House captures some of the most compelling stories in nature, critical to human survival. Learn what it takes to be a guide and hear stories from Butterfly House veteran volunteers while studying identification techniques, behavior, and ecology. Volunteer opportunities available pending screening process. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up.

(FREE) RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION AND THE RISE OF THE SOUTH DAYTON SUBURBS
WED. AUG 2, 6:30-8:30 PM U286

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Please join us for a presentation about how the earliest suburban plats to the south of Dayton developed under the influence of steam and electric-powered railways. These railways were important connections between Dayton and outlying communities, especially from the late 1890s through the World War 1 years. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages.

(CAFE SCI)
Explore science in a relaxed atmosphere with friends and neighbors from the Miami Valley. Increase your science savvy and join an open discussion following the topic introduction. Refreshments available by donation.

(FREE) CUTTING EDGE ORGANIC WEED CONTROL
WED. JUN 7, 6:30-8:30 PM U157

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Dr. Cadance Lowell, chair of Agricultural Studies at Central State University, presents new innovations in organic weed control - and links resveratrol, found in red wine, with some of the weeds her team is trying to eradicate from farmers’ fields. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up.

(FREE) CHARLES KETTERING: A PERSONAL LOOK
WED. JUL 5, 6:30-8:30 PM U288

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Chuck Johnson, former research assistant for the Charles F. Kettering Research Laboratory in Yellow Springs, will take you on a journey of Mr. Kettering’s accomplishments and inventions. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages.

FLORA & FAUNA

BUTTERFLY ID WORKSHOP
SAT. AUG 26, 1:00-3:00 PM U263

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Get started with butterfly identification through this hands-on experience exploring live specimens and the Butterfly House. Later, put your new skills to work while exploring on-site pollinator habitats, and learn how to create your own pollinator garden at home. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $10.

TREE ID WORKSHOP
SAT. SEP 23, 9:00-11:30 AM U262

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Learn how to identify more than 20 native trees by their leaf, twig, bark and other characteristics. Discover pioneer, wildlife and commercial uses for each tree while sharing stories of folklore. Each participant will receive a tree identification notebook with everything needed to get started identifying trees. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: $10.

NATURE APPRECIATION

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
TUE. JUN 6, 9:00-11:00 AM U61
WED. JUN 21, 6:30-8:30 PM U62
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TUE. AUG 15, 6:30-8:30 PM U64
TUE. AUG 29, 1:00-3:00 PM U65
TUE. SEP 12, 9:00-11:00 AM U66
WED. SEP 27, 6:30-8:30 PM U67

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor
Five Rivers MetroParks has volunteer opportunities year-round and at nearly every park. Orientation provides history, an overview of location-specific opportunities and an introduction to opportunities this season. Attendance does not commit you to anything. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact info@metroparks.org for details. Age: 18Y and up.

SUMMER’S FIRST FLOWERS
SUN. JUN 18, 2:00-3:30 PM U141
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.
Most of the spring wildflowers are done, and now it’s time for the beauty of summer! We’ll look at wonderful later wildflowers and at the perennials throughout the property and the beauty of the full leaves in the woods. Bring your camera! We’ll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested,
(FREE) AULLWOOD: PRAIRIES AND WOODS
SUN. JUL 16, 2:00-3:30 PM U143
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.
Hot days of summer bring out the best in the prairies, with grasses and flowers in abundance. Learn about a prairie’s vital functions and be impressed by its beauty. You’ll also learn about the cool woods that surround the property and why woods are so valuable. We’ll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) AULLWOOD: LILIES AND FERNS
SUN. AUG 6, 2:00-3:30 PM U146
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.
Be amazed by the beautiful lilies of Aullwood. The colors and shapes are wonderful as they rise subtly throughout the landscape. You’ll also see the lush beauty of the ferns surrounding different areas and providing a wonderful backdrop for other plants. A beautiful summer walk—bring your friends and your camera. We’ll meet in the parking lot. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up

BUS TRIP: ONE-DAY SAFARI: DISCOVER THE WILDS
WED. SEP 6, 8:00 AM-6:30 PM U138
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
See African wild animals on this 10,000-acre natural open-range habitat, which is a reclaimed strip mine. We’ll explore, shop and lunch and then have a 2-1/2 hour safari on an open-air tram. A great day for all! This trip is a fundraiser for the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Registration is by mail to 1301 E. Siebenthaler Avenue, Dayton, OH 45414. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $122/person

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: CONSERVATION-NATURALIST OPEN HOUSE
SAT. SEP 9, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM U73
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor
Five Rivers MetroParks’ naturalist staff needs volunteers to assist with programs for kids and families. You don’t need to be a naturalist to get started, but a passion for sharing, a love of nature, and a joy for working with kids and families is a must. Attendance does not commit you to anything. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) AULLWOOD: GETTING READY FOR FALL
SUN. SEP 10, 2:00-3:30 PM U147
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.
Subtle changes are taking place as the landscape winds down from summer. We’ll visit the river, the woods, the gardens, and the prairie and discover the beauty of Aullwood as it changes season once again. We’ll meet in the parking lot. Don’t forget your camera! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up

PHOTOGRAPHY & ART
PHOTOGRAPHY SUPERCLASS
SAT. JUN 10, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM U125
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Enjoy in-depth classroom instruction, outdoor picture-taking, an in-class project, and a personalized critique of your work. Learn about your camera and how to improve your photos. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $40

CATCHING THE COLORS OF SUMMER
SAT. JUL 22, 10:00-11:30 AM U129
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Huffman Gallery, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Spend the morning with photographer Adam Alonzo taking snapping summer pictures of flowers, insects and birds. Learn techniques for taking close-up photos of small treasures in the garden and have the instructor there to guide you. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $20

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE
SAT. AUG 5, 10:00-11:30 AM U130
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Come downtown for an outdoor class with photographer Adam Alonzo. Take photos of plants and structures, spraying fountains and the new RiverScape River Run. You’ll learn great picture-taking, an in-class project, and a personalized critique of your work. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $20

PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE FARM
SAT. SEP 9, 10:00-11:30 AM U397
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Bring your camera and capture a morning on the farm. Learn techniques for taking outdoor pictures of animals and plants, as well as indoor photos in the barn and Daniel Arnold House. Meet at the Historical Farm. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $20

To register and for more info: metroparks.org/ridingcenter or (937) 275-PARK

Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center
GET OUT & RIDE
Horseback rides at the Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center are a great way to experience the outdoors this summer!

• Trail rides for ages 8 and older are offered Saturdays and Sundays. Rides are one hour, walk-only, guided trails through the woods at Carriage Hill MetroPark. $30
• Pony rides for ages 2-8 are offered Saturdays. $5

New this year! REGISTER ONLINE for trail rides!

For Summer Horse Camps, see page 35
**FAMILY FIRST TUESDAY FREE TRAM TOURS**

**TUE. JUN 6, 6:00-7:30 PM** U193
**TUE. JUL 11, 6:00-7:30 PM** U219
**TUE. AUG 1, 6:00-7:30 PM** U220

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Families have a great time touring Cox Arboretum on our trams. Volunteer guides make sure you have a wonderful visit and learn something, too. We’ll meet in the parking lot. Registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE)**

**CULTURE KITCHEN**

Many wonderful cultures make up the Dayton community and each month we’ll learn about food from one of them. We’ll sample a special dish, learn how and from what crops it’s made, and learn about the country and its customs. Recipes will be available!

**(FREE) CULTURE KITCHEN: LEBANON**

**THU. JUN 8, 6:00-7:30 PM** U165
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Celebrate the culture of Lebanon as we sample a dish and learn how it’s made and a little about the land and people that inspire it. Registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE) CULTURE KITCHEN: BOSNIA/CROATIA**

**THU. JUL 13, 6:00-7:30 PM** U278
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Celebrate the culture of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia as we sample a dish and learn how it’s made and a little about the land and people that inspire it. Registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE) CULTURE KITCHEN: CONGO**

**THU. AUG 10, 6:00-7:30 PM** U279
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Celebrate the culture of Congo as we sample a dish and learn how it’s made and a little about the land and people that inspire it. Registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE) CULTURE KITCHEN: PAKISTAN**

**THU. SEP 7, 6:00-7:30 PM** U280
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Celebrate the culture of Pakistan as we sample a dish and learn how it’s made and a little about the land and people that inspire it. Registration required. Age: All ages

**FATHER AND DAUGHTER FISHING DAY**

**SAT. JUN 10, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** U24
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Farm Shelter/Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Dads, bring your girls and spend some special time at the pond, catching fish and making memories. This is a “Passport to Fishing” program sponsored in part by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Instruction, gear and bait provided. Registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE)**

**PASSPORT TO FISHING**

**FRI. JUN 23, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** U40
FRI. JUN 23, 1:00-4:00 PM U56
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.
“Passport to Fishing” is sponsored in part by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Learn the basics of casting, knots and rigging, habitat and handling. Experience a great way to get outdoors and enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle. Equipment is provided. No fishing license required. Registration required. Age: All ages

**(FREE)**

**FAMILY FISHING DAY**

**SAT. JUL 8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM** U55
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.
If you have experience or have never done it before, this day is for families to enjoy fishing together. Pack your tackle. Instruction and bait
is provided. Limited gear available. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

WORM COMPOSTING FOR THE FAMILY
SAT. JUL 22, 10:00-11:30 AM U259
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Worm bins are the perfect space-saving indoor composting technique. Each family will make a worm bin to take home, complete with worms. As well as making compost, these worms also can be used as fish bait. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: Fee per family: $10

(FREE) VEGGIE-PALOOZA
SAT. AUG 12, 1:00-4:00 PM U3
OFFSITE, Grace United Methodist Church, 1001 Harvard Blvd
Learn how to eat all your summertime veggies, especially plentiful things like kale and zucchini! Watch demonstrations and taste new veggie dishes. Build your own summer-fresh pizza with Wheat Penny’s baker and collect and eat it after the bake! Co-hosted with United Way’s Volunteer Connections. Enter the church off Salem at Dartmouth. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

DIY PIZZA
SAT. AUG 19, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM U260
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Get up close and personal with your pizza! Learn to make sauce, cheese and your own dough. Then we’ll go out to the garden and gather toppings for our pizzas! Finally, each family will assemble a 9-inch pizza to take home and bake. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee per Family: $15

FAMILY FARMHANDS
SAT. JUN 17, 9:00-10:30 AM U295
SAT. JUL 15, 9:00-10:30 AM U294
SAT. AUG 5, 9:00-10:30 AM U296
SAT. SEP 9, 9:00-10:30 AM U318
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Become a farmhand for the morning and help feed and care for the rabbits, chickens, sheep, goats and donkey. Registration required. Age: 5Y-8Y Fee per child: $5

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: ADVENTURE CENTRAL
WED. SEP 13, 5:30-7:00 PM R19
WESLEYAN METROPARK, Adventure Central, 2222 N. James H. McGee Blvd.
Adventure Central is an after school and summer day camp program for youth ages 5-18 offering hands-on science and nature-based education at Wesleyan MetroPark. Attend this training to learn how you can volunteer at Adventure Central this year. Volunteer roles and opportunities will be shared and a tour of the building and park provided. Registration required. Contact jenny.hymans@metroparks.org for details. www.metroparks.org/ac. Age: 14Y and up

Support Your MetroParks
Your tax-deductible gift to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation helps protect the region’s natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.

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

UP CLOSE WITH BUTTERFLIES
VISIT THE
Butterfly House and the surrounding pollinator garden
AT COX ARBORETUM METROPARK THIS SUMMER!
Learn about native butterflies and moths in all stages of metamorphosis in a beautiful garden setting. Cox Arboretum is home to one of the few butterfly exhibits in the country featuring all native butterflies.

Open early July to late August.
METROPARKS.ORG/BUTTERFLYHOUSE

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

(FREE) LIVE LIKE A BEE
MON. JUN 5, 10:00-11:00 AM U225 SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Children will see plantlife through a bee’s eyes and learn how important insects are to human survival. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y ▲ ▲

FROG SURVEY
SAT. JUN 10, 8:00-9:30 AM U226 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Children will be part of nature’s check-up through surveying frogs to determine the wetland’s health. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: $5 ▲ ▲

(FREE) AN ANT’S VIEW
TUE. JUN 13, 10:00-11:00 AM U228 TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40
Children will explore the park through an ant’s eyes, foraging for food, tending to a brood and trying to make it in this human-dominated world. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-5Y ▲

NATURE CLUBS
WED. JUN 21, 1:00-3:00 PM U229 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Families can help each other enjoy, explore and play in our nature parks. Practice some simple tricks to help your friends join you on an adventure. Participants will get tools to help facilitate natural experiences for their peers. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: $10 ▲ ▲

(FREE) WETLAND ESCAPE
WED. JUL 5, 10:00-11:00 AM U233 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Redwing/Dam Overlook, 7481 Creek Rd.
Witness nature’s most powerful, diverse habitat. Search for frogs, dragonflies, waterfowl and plants unique to our area. Wear clothes that can get wet and muddy. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y ▲ ▲

(FREE) CREEK PLAY
TUE. JUL 11, 10:00-11:00 AM U234 SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.
Find creatures like crawdads, salamanders and rainbow darters while exploring a creek! Kids and adults should wear clothes that can get wet. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y ▲ ▲

WATERWAY CHECK UP
MON. JUL 17, 1:00-2:30 PM U235 GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Creek Access and Dam Overlook, 7481 Creek Rd.
Check one of our five waterways, Twin Creek, to see how healthy and clean our water is and learn how your family can help keep our water healthy. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: $5 ▲ ▲

(FREE) CREEK EXPLORATION
SAT. AUG 12, 2:00-3:00 PM U243 WEGERTZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Treat your tike to a cool, refreshing creek and find creatures like crawdads, salamanders, and rainbow darters! Kids and parents should wear clothes that can get wet. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y ▲ ▲

(FREE) POLLINATOR DISCOVERY
TUE. AUG 15, 10:00-11:00 AM U245 HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Program Parking, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.
See flowers through the eyes of such pollinators as butterflies and bees and celebrate the diversity of insects! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y ▲ ▲

SPEAK CREEK!
SAT. AUG 26, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM U246 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Learn the language of streams and lead your friends on an adventure of a lifetime! You’ll learn how to select a safe site, identify creatures, and techniques to help your friends...
CONSERVATION KIDS

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

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

protectiong the Earth! Participants receive a naturalist guide pack used to lead their own nature hike for friends. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: $10 ▲

(FREE) SPIDER KID
TUE. SEP 5, 10:00-11:00 AM U248 ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Patty Shelter Parking Lot, 4361 National Rd.
Help your tike feel comfortable and appreciate creepy crawlies as we search for spider webs and learn about their occupants. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y ▲

(FREE) BUTTERFLY BONANZA
WED. SEP 13, 10:00-11:00 AM U252 CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Redwing/Parking Lot, 7821 E. Shull Rd.
Children will learn about butterflies, how to interact with them, and celebrate all they do for us! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-5Y ▲

MONARCH TAGGING!
MON. SEP 25, 10:00-11:30 AM U255 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Monarchs are beginning their migration to Mexico, so come take part in a project monitoring this amazing migration! Help capture, tag and record data to help with butterfly conservation efforts. Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: $5 ▲

(FREE) STORY TIME: CREATURES
THU. JUL 6, 10:00-11:00 AM U306 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
WED. JUL 26, 10:00-11:00 AM U167 WEGERTZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Join us for a story about creatures, accompanied by an adventure or activity in the park. This program is designed for toddlers and their caregivers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-6Y ▲

(FREE) STORY TIME: SOIL
THU. AUG 3, 10:00-11:00 AM U305 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
WED. AUG 23, 10:00-11:00 AM U168 WEGERTZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Join us for a story about soil, accompanied by an adventure or activity in the park. This program is designed for toddlers and their caregivers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-5Y ▲

(FREE) STORY TIME: FRUIT
THU. SEP 7, 10:00-11:00 AM U308 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
WED. SEP 27, 10:00-11:00 AM U309 WEGERTZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Join us for a story about fruit (or vegetables that are really fruit), accompanied by an activity or adventure in the park. This program is designed for toddlers and their caregivers. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-5Y ▲

GET OUTSIDE BOOK CLUB

STORYTIME
Five Rivers MetroParks and the Dayton Metro Library have designed a special reading club for preschoolers! Storytimes at your local library and in the parks will get you and your child excited for nature adventures in your backyard. Visit metroparks.org/bookclub.

(FREE) SPIDERS
WED. SEP 6, 10:00-11:00 AM U308 POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Prairie Dock/Parking Lot, 4730 Frytown Rd.
Join a Dayton Metro Librarian and read stories about spiders! Afterwards, we will go on a spider search and discover their hidden secrets while fighting arachnophobia. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y ▲

(FREE) NIGHTTIME EXPLORATION
FRIDAY SEP 15, 8:00-9:00 PM U303 HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Patterson/Nature Play/Parking Lot, 2606 Hilton Dr.
Encounter the mysteries of the night while reading stories and songs with a librarian, then take a walk with a MetroPark Naturalist exploring owls and other nightlife! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y ▲

(FREE) HIDDEN NATURE
TUE. SEP 19, 10:00-11:00 AM U309 RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Learn about what kinds of animals can be found in the middle of a city while reading books with a Dayton Metro Librarian. Later, search for life hidden among us in the gardens, and along the river. Nature may be closer than you think! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y ▲

(FREE) POND EXPLORATION
WED. SEP 27, 10:00-11:00 AM U400 TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: Hilltop/Parking Lot, 1200 Brown School Rd.
Read stories with a Dayton Metro Librarian, and discover that we are all made of water! Later, explore the pond in search of frogs, dragonflies, and other life. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y ▲

PARKWAYS
(937) 275-PARK
TRY A NEW ADVENTURE
DURING A FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS SUMMER CAMP!

WEEKLONG CAMPS

SUMMER YOUTH HORSE CAMPS
Carriage Hill MetroPark
Weekly camps for youth include morning and afternoon sessions, with multiple skill levels offered. Ages 8-17. Fee: $225.

TEEN ADVENTURE CAMP
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUN. 26-30, 8 AM-5 PM U15
WERGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Discover nature through kayaking, mountain biking, fly fishing, hiking and more. Monday through Wednesday are day-long adventures that culminate in a camping trip held on Thursday night until Friday at 5 p.m. Ages 14-17. Fee: $140.

TEEN PADDLING CAMP
MON., TUE., WED., THU., FRI. JUL. 24-28, 8 AM-5 PM U18
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Blue Lake, 1401 Harshman Rd.
Learn how to canoe, stand up paddleboard and kayak on lakes and rivers around the Miami Valley. Ages 14-17. Fee: $140.

YOUTH FISHING CAMP
FRI. JUL 14, 8 AM-5 PM U59
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Farm Shelter/ Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Experience a fun day of spin cast and fly fishing! Learn about gear, fish habitat, casting techniques and proper handling of fish, and then try to land the big one! Lots of fun angling activities and games are packed into this camp. Ages 9-13. Fee: $40.

ONE-DAY CAMPS

ADVENTURES OF PRAIRIE KIDS CAMP
MON. JUN 12, 8 AM-5 PM U97
THU. JUL 13, 8 AM-5 PM U98
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Get outside and step back in time. Join us for a day-long experience of what it was like to be a kid on the prairie. Try some historical chores and games. Afterward, walk through a prairie and learn about its wildflowers and habitats. Ages 7-10. Fee: $40.

FANTASTIC BEASTS CAMP
TUE. JUN 13, 8 AM-5 PM U71
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, 6733 Springboro Pike
FRI. JUL 14, 8 AM-5 PM U72
WERGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Visit the real world of plants and animals in the park — as well as the make-believe world of fairies — and take what you’ve learned to create your own imaginary beast, complete with super powers. Enjoy a day of learning, creativity and fun with a contest at the end. Ages 7-10. Fee: $40.

CONSERVATION KIDS DAY CAMP
MON. JUN 19, 8 AM-5 PM U92
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, 6733 Springboro Pike
Jump-start your Conservation Kids journey through exploring the world of pollination! We will focus on plant and insect relationships as we explore the prairie, plant milkweed and other wildflowers, and take part in citizen science activities — all while making new friends. Ages 7-10. Fee: $40.

HALF-DAY CAMPS

WILD AND BUILT: TEEN PHOTOGRAPHY BIKE TOUR
FRI. JUN 23, 1-5 PM U119
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, 111 E. Monument Ave.
Learn to compose striking photographs while touring the architecture of downtown Dayton, as well as nature and parks along nearby recreation trails. Bring your camera (or phone) and your bicycle. If you do not have a bicycle, we can provide one for you. Ages 12-15. Fee: $20.

TEEN MOUNTAIN BIKING CAMP
THU. JUL 20, 1-5 PM U94
HUFFMAN METROPARK, MoMBA, 4485 Union Rd.
This hands-on program will introduce skills for riding singletrack mountain bike trails. Topics covered include trail etiquette, body positioning, braking, shifting and safety. Ages 14-17. Fee: $20.

FISHING CAMP
FRI. JUL 21, 1-5 PM U60
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Experience lots of fun angling activities and learn about gear, fish habitat, casting techniques and proper handling of fish. Then put all that knowledge into action by catching a fish at the pond! Ages 12-17. Fee: $20.

THREE-CAY CAMPS

PARK ADVENTURES CAMP: POSSUM CREEK
WED., THU. & FRI. JUN. 14-16, 8 AM-5 PM U99
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Spend three days discovering Possum Creek MetroPark. Campers will be outside and active, trying new skills, exploring nature, and experiencing activities such as cooking, farm chores and gardening. Ages 7-10. Fee: $90.

PARK ADVENTURES CAMP: CARRIAGE HILL
MON., TUE. & WED. JUL. 10-12, 8 AM-5 PM U100
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Carriage Hill Historical Farm, 7850 E. Shull Rd.
Spend three days discovering Carriage Hill MetroPark. C Campers will be outside and active, trying new skills, exploring nature, and experiencing activities such as cooking, farm chores and gardening. Ages 7-10. Fee: $90.

Advance registration for all camps is required: METROPARKS.ORG/SUMMERCAMPS
YOUTH AND TEEN

Explore the outdoors while learning and growing.

HEY! I GREW THAT! KIDS IN THE GARDEN
THU. JUN 1, 10:00-11:30 AM U162
THU. JUN 15, 10:00-11:30 AM U197
THU. JUN 29, 10:00-11:30 AM U198
THU. JUN 13, 10:00-11:30 AM U199
THU. JUN 27, 10:00-11:30 AM U200
WEGEZRZY GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Get your kids growing in the garden! Learn to plant seeds, watch plants grow, learn how to keep them healthy, and harvest and enjoy the final produce! The more often you come, the more you’ll learn. Kids will be working with the plants, so dress to get dirty! Registration required. Age: 7Y-10Y Fee: $5.

CHILDREN’S GARDEN GOURMET

CHILDREN’S GARDEN GOURMET: STRAWBERRIES
WED. JUN 7, 2:00-3:30 PM U166
WEGEZRZY GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Fresh, local strawberries are available now and today we’ll learn step by step how to turn them into delicious jam. Registration required. Age: 7Y-12Y Fee: $10.

CHILDREN’S GARDEN GOURMET: HERB DIP
WED. JUN 21, 2:00-3:00 PM U221
WEGEZRZY GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Herbs are fresh and yummy in the garden and today we’ll learn how to harvest them and turn them into delicious herb dip. Registration required. Age: 7Y-12Y Fee: $10.

CHILDREN’S GARDEN GOURMET: PICKLES
WED. JUN 7, 2:00-3:30 PM U217
WEGEZRZY GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Garden, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Cucumbers are great and so are other vegetables that today we’ll learn how to turn into pickles. Registration required. Age: 7Y-12Y Fee: $10.

CHILDREN’S GARDEN GOURMET: SALSA
WED. JUN 19, 2:00-3:00 PM U223
WEGEZRZY GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to turn fresh tomatoes, onion, tomatillos and other vegetables into delicious salsa. Registration required. Age: 7Y-12Y Fee: $10.

CHILDREN’S GARDEN GOURMET: PESTO
WED. AUG 2, 2:00-3:00 PM U224
WEGEZRZY GARDENS METROPARK, Skeeter’s Shelter, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to turn fresh basil leaves and other garden ingredients into delicious pesto. Registration required. Age: 7Y-12Y Fee: $10.

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

This series, designed for families with 6- to 13-year-olds, nurtures kids’ desire to explore nature and empowers them to speak out for the planet they will soon inherit. Watch as your child grows closer to nature, develops leadership skills and works with peers to protect Montgomery County’s ecology. By completing programs in each of the three levels of this series, your child also will receive a special MetroParks Conservation Kids hoodie. Visit metroparks.org/kids.

(WOODLAND NESTING BIRDS
MON. JUN 12, 1:00-2:30 PM U227
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Argonne Forest Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Discover different bird nests and how they make these mystical creations without any hands! Build a nest with natural materials, and go on a hike in search of birds and their nurseries. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y.

NATURE SPORTS
WED. JUN 21, 1:00-3:00 PM U230
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

From hide & seek to building forts, nature is the perfect playing field for summer! Your family will learn new nature-based games and how to put on a party at your house, focused on fun in nature. Participants will get a games
facilitator package to take home. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: $10 😊 🌱

**FREE** BABY OWL SEARCH
**FRI. JUN 23, 8:30-10:00 PM** U231
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.
Search for owls while naturalists attempt to lure them and explore the importance of forests, their home. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 😊 🌱

**FREE** YOUTH KAYAK 2: RIVER
**WED. JUL 21, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM** U211
EASTWOOD METROPARK, Mad River Access parking lot, 1385 Harshman Rd.
Learn to kayak on a local river. Get instruction on safety, river paddling techniques, and how to recognize and avoid hazards. Dress to get wet. Prerequisites: Youth Kayak 1. Registration required. Age: 8Y-12Y Fee: $5 😊 🌱

**FREE** KREEK FUN
**SAT. JUN 24, 10:00-11:30 AM** U232
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Help monitor baby birds as they grow in nests. Hike our bluebird trail and learn how to identify nests and check for parasites. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: $5 😊 🌱

**FREE** CREEK EXCURSION
**SAT. JUN 30, 1:00-2:30 PM** U238
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Explore the importance of forests, the home of our five waterways to see how healthy and clean our water is. Registration required. Age: 6Y-13Y Fee: $10 😊 🌱

**FREE** WETLAND EXPLORATION
**TUE. AUG 8, 1:00-2:30 PM** U241
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Get into the mud and explore dragonflies, water scorpios, backswimmers, tadpoles and other creatures living in ponds. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 😊 🌱

**FREE** BUTTERFLIES AND DRAGONFLIES
**SUN. AUG 13, 1:00-2:30 PM** U244
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Fishing Ponds Parking Lot, 4790 Frytown Rd.
From beetles and bugs to butterflies and dragonflies: Explore the prairie for these creatures while exploring their role in nature! All insects are released at the end of the program. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 6Y-13Y 😊 🌱
CONSERVATION & CITIZEN SCIENCE

TEACHER WORKSHOPS
Professional development hours are more fun when you’re in a park! Join us as we explore new curriculum guides to bring nature to your classroom and your classroom outside!

GROWING UP WILD TRAINING
SAT. JUN 10, 1:00-4:00 PM U285 GERMANTOWN METROPARK, 100 Old Mill Rd. Take the nationally recognized Growing Up Wild curricula combined with our Natural Adventures Box and you’ll have a fun, exciting summer with students! Give children an early foundation in nature while encouraging them to explore the outdoors. Step-Up-To-Quality/Ohio approved credit is available. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $30

PROJECT WILD & INQUIRY ADVENTURES WORKSHOP
THU. JUN 29, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM U283 COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk. This workshop will certify classroom teachers in the nationally recognized Project Wild curricula, engage educators in outdoor inquiry, and demonstrate how to utilize Five Rivers MetroParks’ resources to make science come alive for students. Graduate and SUTQ/Ohio approved credit is available. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: $25

FOOD: EARTH TO TABLE

FREE) COMMUNITY GARDENERS POTLUCK
SAT. SEP 9, 4:00-5:30 PM U136 OFFSITE, Omega Community Garden, 825 Manhattan Ave Do you work with a community garden? Join the MetroParks community gardening program staff and fellow community gardeners for a summer potluck. Bring a dish from the garden to share. Garden is visible from the street. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

GARDENING

FREE) SCHOOL GARDEN TOUR: SOUTHDALE
TUE. JUN 27, 4:00-6:00 PM U304 OFFSITE, Southdale Elementary, 1200 W Dorothy Ln Walk through an active school garden, meet the primary teachers, and see how they maintain their garden through the summer. Learn how you or your school can get involved with our Green Schoolyards program. From the front entrance, follow signage to the garden. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages

Natural Adventures Boxes
Engage early learners with outdoor exploration!
Step up your classroom’s outdoor learning adventures this summer with a Natural Adventures Box. Perfect for children of all ages, Natural Adventures Boxes provide educators with the tools they need to help young explorers discover the natural world through hands-on experiences.

Natural Adventures Boxes are available June through August at Englewood, Germantown, Sugarcreek and Wesleyan MetroParks. Reservations are required. Fee $5

Learn more and make a reservation at metroparks.org/natural-adventure-boxes.
NOW THROUGH SEP. 29
11:30 AM TO 1:30 PM MON–FRI
Take your break along the river with live acoustic music. Enjoy lunch from a rotating selection of food trucks and grab ice cream from the Fountain Snack Bar.

MUSIC @ LUNCH

FITNESS IN THE PARK
FREE FITNESS CLASSES
NOW THROUGH AUG. 26
Get your heart pumping during free Zumba or yoga classes from 10 to 11 AM. Classes alternate each week, please see schedule on page 23 for details.

JOIN THE FUN AT RIVERSCAPE ALL SUMMER LONG

SUMMER MUSIC AT RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

PICKIN’ IN THE PARK
SPONSORED BY MIKESSELL’S SNACK FOOD COMPANY
MAY 5 • 5:30-10 PM
Casey Campbell | Slippery Creek
The Tillers
JUNE 2 • 5:30-10 PM
Alex DeLange | The Wayfarers
The Last Revel
AUGUST 4 • 5:30-10 PM
Mad River Railroad | Growler
Whiskey Bent Valley Boys

R&B HOT SUMMER MUSIC
SPONSORED BY BRIDGE CREDIT UNION
JUNE 9 • 7:30-9:30 PM
Charles Walker Band
JULY 14 • 7:30-9:30 PM
KICK-N-FLAVA

BIG BAND NIGHTS
JUNE 8 • 7:30-9:30 PM
Hal Harris Orchestra
JUNE 22 • 7:30-9:30 PM
Tom Daugherty Orchestra
JULY 6 • 7:30-9:30 PM
The Kim Kelly Orchestra
JULY 20 • 7:30-9:30 PM
Barry Campbell Big Band with vocalist Elaina McCormick
AUGUST 17 • 7:30-9:30 PM
Dayton Jazz Orchestra

RIVERSCAPE RENTALS
9 AM TO 6 PM SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY
Rent bikes and child accessories to explore the region’s more than 300 miles of paved, connected bikeways.
Hold on to your ParkWays!
This issue covers programs from June through September 2017. View this ParkWays publication online at metroparks.org/parkways.

Reservations Made Easy
Rent a MetroParks shelter or campsite now for the best selection of dates and locations — both now easy to reserve online!

Shelters and campsites are located in beautiful natural settings and near park activities, such as hiking, play areas, fishing, paddling and cycling.

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