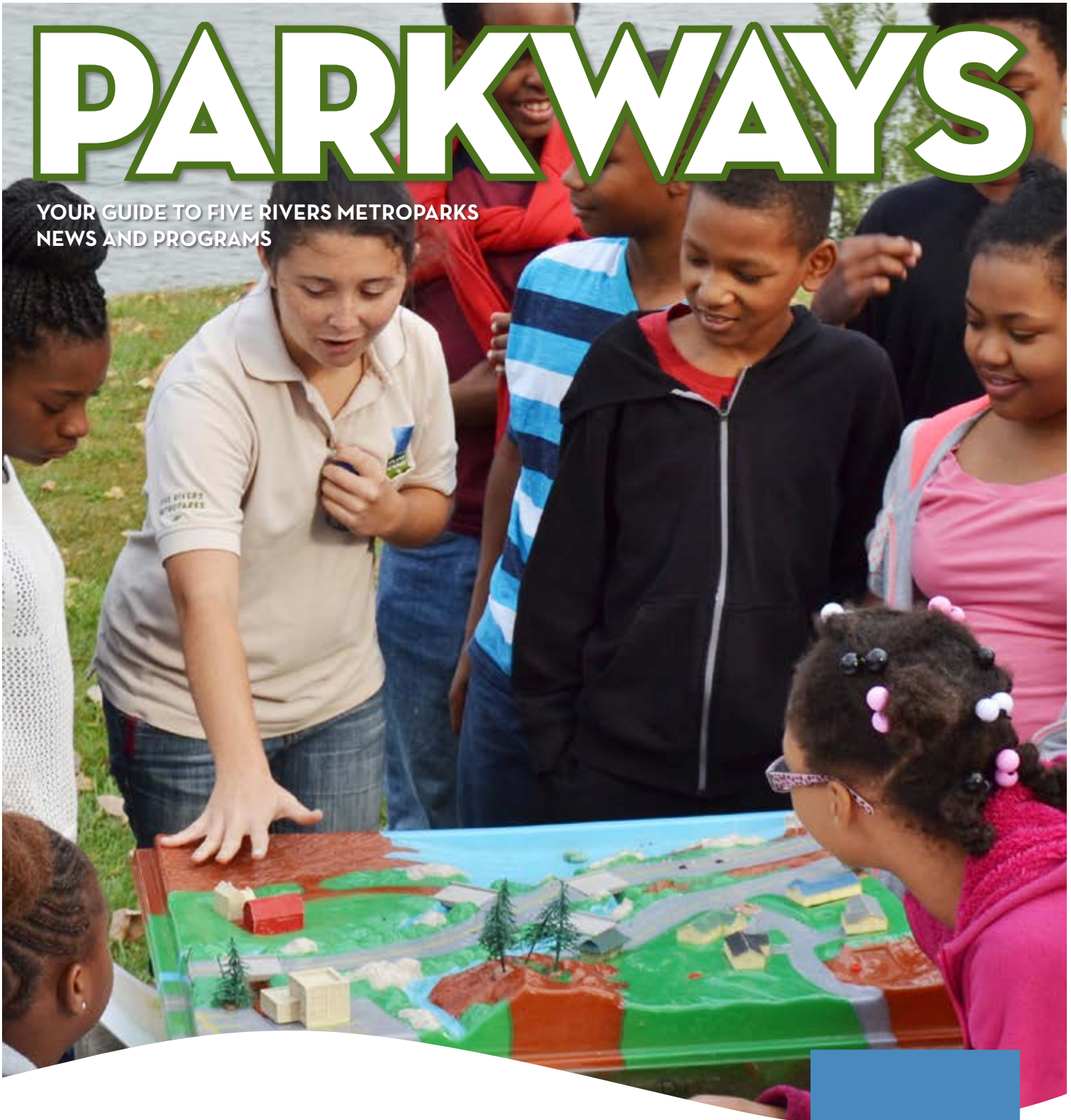


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YOUR GUIDE TO FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS
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TOP 5 THINGS TO DO

In Your MetroParks This Season

Visit “Things to Do” on our website for suggestions about the best places and ways to enjoy 24 different activities, hand-picked by the experts! metroparks.org/things-to-do



1 GET OUT & CAMP

The cool weather and colorful scenery makes fall a great time of year for a picturesque outing with family and friends. A warm fire and hot comfort food add to the experience as well. Five Rivers MetroParks has a great selection of camp sites that are safe, clearly marked and well-maintained. metroparks.org/camp



2 CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Twin Creek MetroPark offers unique hiking experiences with beautiful views of mature forests, expansive overlooks, ancient native ruins, and of course, the Twin Creek itself. Challenge yourself by hiking the rugged ridges of the six-mile orange loop. metroparks.org/twincreek



3 GET TO KNOW YOUR TREES

How many trees can you identify? Almost all of us can spot a maple, oak or a sycamore, but can you tell the difference between a white and red oak? What about a beech or black locust? Also, as the leaves fall, take the opportunity to spot local wildlife. metroparks.org/flora-fauna



4 MOUNTAIN BIKING

Summer is winding down, but that doesn't mean it's time to put away the gear just yet. The MetroParks Mountain Biking Area (MoMBA) offers another option to experience fall colors. Beginner trails, new bathrooms and parking create a suitable outing for riders of all ages and abilities. metroparks.org/momba



5 CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY

Five Rivers MetroParks has family-friendly options for those who like to celebrate during the winter holidays. Carriage Hill MetroPark, the 2nd Street Market and the MetroParks Ice Rink all have seasonal fun for the whole family. metroparks.org/programming



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



Becky Benná
Executive Director

DEAR METROPARKS FRIENDS,

Colorful trees make it hard to look anywhere but up during an Ohio autumn. When you take in the seasonal changes of our landscape, keep an eye on the rivers, too. They are at the heart of our region's next major transformation.

When we completed the Five Rivers MetroParks 10-year comprehensive master plan in 2016, you told us that you valued our mission to conserve our environmental and cultural heritage. What better way to do both than to focus on our extensive waterways that provides opportunities for conservation, recreation, commerce and community pride? You also told us that you wanted access to our rivers to provide places to gather as communities and neighborhoods.

As we look toward the future, we want to make sure that you stay connected to all the possibilities as they unfold, specifically during several public meetings that are happening in October. You'll find park site plans and Dayton Riverfront Plan meetings dates, times and locations advertised here inside ParkWays and online at metroparks.org/about/planning.

First, as recommended in the 10-year comprehensive master plan, over the past year we asked for the community's input regarding various MetroParks. Your feedback guided us in the development of park site plans that will not only create more connections between parks, communities and other existing attractions, but also will develop future opportunities for healthy activity, transportation, economic development, and neighborhood engagement. Plan proposals for the first of our four parks and Medlar Conservation Area have been completed using your input and we hope that you will attend public meetings to see them or provide us feedback on-line.

Next, the Dayton Riverfront Plan is an integral part of the overall Greater Downtown Dayton 20-year Plan. The planning efforts are led by MetroParks and its various community partners including the Downtown Dayton Partnership, the City of Dayton, the Miami Conservancy District, Montgomery County, the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority, and the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. The plan will focus on the river corridors along a 12-mile stretch in greater downtown Dayton, including the Great Miami, Stillwater, Mad River and Wolf Creek.

Sasaki, an internationally recognized planning firm, whose expertise in urban riverfront projects include such vibrant designs as Cincinnati and Indianapolis, is completing the design work to harness the potential of the river corridors. Using community input collected in August, Sasaki also will present proposed plans that used your feedback at public meetings in October.

This work is part of Five Rivers MetroParks' commitment to create great parks where everyone in our community can experience the outdoors and nature. We value your opinions and invite you to participate in the next phase of the planning processes for our parks and rivers, so that we can hear all you have to say. We also hope to see you outdoors enjoying the beauty and serenity that currently abound in your MetroParks during the fall and winter seasons!

Best Regards,

Becky Benná

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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.



PARK SITE PLAN OPEN HOUSES

Five Rivers MetroParks is inviting the community to review and comment on the draft site plans for Carriage Hill, Twin Creek, Germantown, and Possum Creek MetroPark, and Medlar Conservation Area during open houses this October.

“We collected important feedback from the public during the initial phase of site plan open houses, and that information has shaped our plans for these MetroParks destinations,” said Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroParks chief of planning and projects. “These plans are based on community input, much like the comprehensive master plan. Site plans consider existing habitats and uses, along with many other factors, to propose improvements for each location. From these site plans, we’ll develop capital and operating budgets for those improvements.”

Each open house will start with a presentation about the site’s draft plan to be followed by an opportunity for the public to have conversations with the designers and MetroParks staff about the draft plans. Additionally, all the site draft plans will be available to view at each open house. People are welcome to stop in at any time during the scheduled open houses.

MONDAY, OCT. 2:

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE
FOR CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

6 to 8 p.m. at the Carriage Hill Visitor Center, 7800 E. Shull Rd.

MONDAY, OCT. 9:

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE
FOR TWIN CREEK AND GERMANTOWN
METROPARKS

6 to 8 p.m. at the Germantown MetroPark office, 6675 Conservancy Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18:

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE
FOR POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

6 to 8 p.m. at Possum Creek MetroPark’s Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

MONDAY, OCT. 23:

PUBLIC PRESENTATION AND OPEN HOUSE
FOR MEDLAR CONSERVATION AREA

6 to 8 p.m. at the Miami Township Library, 2718 Lyons Rd.

Visit metroparks.org/plan to provide your feedback online.



CYCLE TO THE BIG CITY

Grab your gear and get ready to ride from the Windy City to the Big Apple! Unveiled this past May, the Adventure Cycling Association’s Chicago-to-New

York route (CNYC) is 1160 miles of adventure with local appeal, adding to the 46,000 plus miles of mapped routes. See cities, small towns, farmland, forests, roads and trails as you bike through cities such as Indianapolis, Dayton, Columbus and Pittsburgh.

East of Richmond, Indiana, the route follows country roads to Brookville, Ohio and then joins the Wolf Creek Recreation Trail to Trotwood. Cyclists will ride rural residential roads and paved trails to the Great Miami River Trail through downtown Dayton, as well as the Mad River Bikeway, the Creekside Trail and the Ohio to Erie Trail. The ride from Xenia to seven miles east of London is also on Adventure Cycling’s Underground Railroad Bicycle Route (UGRR).

Two routes feature different terrain and allow cyclists to create their own adventures on the trails. Learn more by visiting adventurecycling.org.

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS JOINS SAFE ROUTES TO PARKS PILOT PROGRAM

Last spring, Five Rivers MetroParks joined the national Safe Routes to Parks pilot program, which was developed by the National Recreation and Park Association in collaboration with the Safe Routes to Schools National Partnership. This program helps demonstrate how local parks and recreation agencies across the country are using Safe Routes to Parks Action Framework to increase safe access to parks and improve health outcomes.

The implemented framework provides evidence-and practice-based guidelines to help local parks and agencies create safe and equitable access to parks for all. Initially, MetroParks is focused on Wesleyan MetroPark as a “Safe Routes” park destination, with the goal to roll out the developed guidelines to all parks.



GREAT MIAMI RIVERWAY

Connecting the Great Miami River and bike trails to vibrant riverfront communities, the

Great Miami Riverway is the new brand designed for a 99-mile stretch of the river corridor from Sidney to Hamilton. Eighteen agencies, including Five Rivers MetroParks, Miami County Park District, MetroParks of Butler County, Miami Conservancy District, the City of Dayton and more, have partnered to build this strong, unified identity.

Additionally, the Great Miami Riverway Coalition has hired Elizabeth Connor to coordinate efforts with regard to the Great Miami Riverway project. Learn more about the Great Miami Riverway effort at greatmiamiriverway.com.



DAYTON RIVERFRONT PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

Community partners, including Five Rivers MetroParks, the city of Dayton, the Miami Conservancy District and more, invite the public to review draft plans for 12 miles of river corridor for greater downtown Dayton. Project consultant, Sasaki, a Boston-based internationally recognized planning firm specializing in urban riverfront designs, will host public meetings in October to review plans based on community input. Other project partners include Montgomery County, the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Downtown Dayton Partnership.

“This master plan will harness the river corridors as a catalyst for vibrant outdoor spaces and community economic development, and so input from the community during this process is invaluable,” said Five Rivers MetroParks chief of planning and projects, Carrie Scarff. “Sasaki is uniquely suited to collect the public’s feedback and propose a plan that reflects our community’s uniqueness.”

During these public meetings, Sasaki will present a master plan and park site plan alternatives to obtain feedback from the community.

THURSDAY OCT. 26:

DAYTON RIVERFRONT PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

Noon to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Dayton Metro Library Community Room, 215 E. 3rd St.

Visit daytonriverfrontplan.org for more information.



CONSERVE, PROTECT AND DEFEND

WE'RE TAKING CARE OF OUR
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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YOU CAN HELP

PRESERVING THE PLANET IS A GROUP PROJECT

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Whether it's with your time, your dollars or even just your environmental consciousness, you can contribute to MetroParks' wide-ranging effort to keep our natural and historical treasures healthy and accessible to the whole community.

From its ambling rivers to its ancient ruins, from its backpack trails to its bikeways, our corner of the world has something for each of us to see and do. Let's keep it that way for generations to come.



RIVER LIFE

Downtown Dayton's riverbanks are teeming with people and promise. Over the last two decades, MetroParks and its public and private partners have transformed the banks of the Great Miami River into one of the region's most popular recreational and entertainment destinations—RiverScape MetroPark. You have embraced outdoor living, giving us reason to give you more reasons to be outside.

This summer, we announced the Dayton Riverfront Plan, an initiative to expand on the work we've done with RiverScape MetroPark and connect to even more parks and open spaces along the Great Miami, as well as along the Stillwater River, Wolf Creek and Mad River.

Working with the city of Dayton, the Miami Conservancy District, MetroParks' officials expect to complete the 20-year plan for 12 miles of river corridor by summer 2018. In early June, the Boston-based planning firm Sasaki met with the planning team to begin fleshing out the details of the project, which will focus on four waterways:

- **GREAT MIAMI RIVER SOUTH TO CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK**
This corridor can be a connection between the riverfront and downtown residents and employees, new and existing businesses and anchors such as Sinclair Community College, Miami Valley Hospital and the University of Dayton.
- **STILLWATER RIVER NORTH TO WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK**
This waterway can link multiple parks and open spaces, such as Island MetroPark and DeWeese Park, for more comprehensive recreation and urban nature experiences.
- **WOLF CREEK WEST TO WESLEYAN METROPARK**
This waterway can be a great open space corridor where people can walk, run, bike and just connect with nature.
- **MAD RIVER EAST TO EASTWOOD METROPARK**
This corridor has become a back-door recreation spot for employees at Tech Town and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as well as for the growing neighborhood of downtown residents.

This master plan is contributing to an even larger regional effort to capitalize on and preserve our waterways. The Great Miami Riverway Coalition is a group of 18 cities and agencies

that have partnered to enhance community connections to a 99-mile stretch of riverway from Sidney to Hamilton. The goal of the Coalition's "Placemaking Initiative" is to develop and implement marketing, planning and programming to provide greater vibrancy along the river. The Placemaking Initiative will also:

- Increase use of recreational, historical and cultural assets
- Attract more visitors
- Support economic development and
- Strengthen river corridor neighborhoods

The river can be a powerful force for community engagement, and we are excited about helping it become an even stronger regional magnet.



PAST LIFE

Maintaining connections to our history is just as important as preserving today's cultural and natural assets. Artifacts from ancient civilizations, early farm buildings and customs and remnants of some of our parks' first recreational venues are like exhibits in a MetroParks' cultural museum.

At the living history farm at Carriage Hill MetroPark, you can watch re-enactments of late 1800s agricultural methods and see heirloom plants and animals. Our area also is rich in Native American history, and our team has worked with other local preservationists to mark and interpret local earthworks and the remains of native villages.

Even recent history is history we want to preserve. So as you bike through Island MetroPark, pause at the well-maintained 1940s band shell or take a trip through

Taylorsville MetroPark and read about the ghost town of Tadmor Village, an important early Ohio transportation center.

“When you are at these historical places and you realize earlier cultures left this, you think about today and what we are going to leave people in the future,” says MetroParks educational coordinator Doug Horvath. “Hopefully, we will leave them beautiful valleys, nature and earth. But we have to take care of it.”



SUPPORT LIFE

Many hands make light work. MetroParks depends on and appreciates the countless hours its dedicated volunteers donate to help achieve its mission. All of you recyclers, bird watchers, seed planters and tree pruners are part of the reason our parks are such a vibrant part of our community.

This work takes money, though, and we also are fortunate to have many generous park lovers who help. There are many ways to do so. Here are a few:

- Planned Giving—leave a lasting legacy with a gift that provides long-term financial stability
- Tribute Program—honor a loved one with a bench, by planting a tree or other memorial
- Corporate Sponsorships—increase your company’s visibility in the community with unique opportunities tailored to bring brand awareness to your business



TRAIL LIFE

We’ve been on the map for our trails for a while, but this year our 300-plus miles of connected, paved trails got a huge boost as Dayton hosted the 23rd Annual International Trail Symposium.

Bringing in internationally renowned trail experts and outdoor adventurers to lecture, lead workshops and give demonstrations, the symposium elevated our region’s reputation as one of the best places to go for hiking and biking. In addition to the bragging rights, the symposium gave us \$40,000 in in-kind resources and expertise for construction of “legacy trails.” The projects, which will ensure many of our trails are stronger and more user-friendly, included the following:

- Redesign and construction of a half-mile of trail connecting a local neighborhood to Hills & Dales MetroPark
- Completion of a pump track installation as part of a new bike park in Welcome Park
- Redesign and repair of a section of Buckeye Trail and North Country National Scenic Trail in Taylorsville MetroPark, creating a more sustainable trail, including stone work construction and preparation for a boardwalk through a wet environment
- Trail design workshop for Caesars Ford Park, which included multi-use natural surface trails and a bike park concept to deliver accurate cost estimates and design suggestions for trail construction

MASTER RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS

MASTERING THE ART OF WASTE REDUCTION

Master Recycler
Volunteers (from left)
Michele Butcher, Cindi
Remm, Masha Kisel,
Nancy Bain and
Ann Wallace.

A GROUP OF MASTER RECYCLING VOLUNTEERS HAS KEPT THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF TRASH OUT OF THE LANDFILL OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS

Volunteers make the difference when it comes to supporting Five Rivers MetroParks' 2015-2019 Sustainability Plan, which includes strategies for better waste management and resource conservation measures.

"Sustainability at MetroParks is about aligning our operations, facility management and programming with the agency's conservation mission," explains Sustainability Coordinator Tim Pritchard. "It involves effort by all staff and patrons, and volunteers play a key role in accomplishing our goals. The Master Recycling volunteers are absolutely critical to helping us improve waste management practices and their outreach efforts are an important part of how we reach the community with this message."

Stationed at such major events such as the Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience and the Bike to Work Day Pancake Breakfast, these dedicated volunteers direct visitors to separate recyclable and compostable materials from landfill-bound waste.

Volunteering for Master Recycling gets me out into the community, and provides ways to meet others on many different levels. Here, talking trash is serious business, but also a lot of fun.

- Nancy Bain

Compostable service ware, including cups, plates and utensils, becomes fertilizer and mulch for MetroParks' garden beds. Rumpke is contracted to collect recyclables. Master Recycling volunteers also provide information on

recycling, composting and waste reduction strategies at the Master Recycling Ambassador Booth at the 2nd Street Market and during community events at RiverScape MetroPark and other MetroPark locations.

"As Five Rivers MetroParks strives to be a leader in sustainability in Dayton and surrounding communities, we rely on the support of like-minded individuals like our Master Recyclers and other volunteers who have a passion to uphold our conservation principles," says volunteer coordinator Candy Holloway.

BECOME A MASTER RECYCLER

To become a Master Recycler, each volunteer completes an intensive five-part service learning class, a collaboration between Five Rivers MetroParks and Montgomery County Environmental Services. Staff from both organizations provides a curriculum that covers best practices in waste reduction, recycling and litter prevention. A core group then takes an active role in supporting Five Rivers MetroParks' sustainability initiatives which include:

- Composting and recycling at all Five Rivers MetroParks staffed facilities as well as at meetings, programs and events that aim to achieve a zero-waste designation of 90 percent or better diversion
- A Green Team of facility liaisons who work directly with the Sustainability Team
- Working with Heapy Engineering to conduct a agency-wide energy audit to demonstrate how efficiency and savings can be maximized at each location
- Creating policies for energy, solid waste management and water conservation and
- Public recycling in all parks, funded in part by the 2016 Recycling Incentive Grant from Montgomery County Environmental Services.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MASTER RECYCLING VOLUNTEER

or being an advocate for sustainability and conservation, visit metroparks.org/volunteer to complete an application and register for the next orientation. You can also check out the Earth-Friendly Living page at metroparks.org to find out more about household sustainability practices and find out about upcoming related programs.



SOMETIMES CONSERVATION REQUIRES A SERIOUS DOSE OF ERADICATION

IT'S AN ONGOING EFFORT TO PROTECT OUR REGION'S NATIVE PLANT SPECIES

Five Rivers MetroParks is gearing up to deliver its annual honeysuckle prescription. Left to grow wild, this invasive plant chokes local ecosystems. MetroParks conservation staff are getting to the bottom of the problem, with a solution that hitches a ride with the nutrients that honeysuckle take from leaves to roots every fall to survive winter.

Aside from putting honeysuckle out of our misery, MetroParks staff will be busy this autumn with such activities as seed collection, tree planting and wetland rapid assessments—all key parts of the agency's comprehensive conservation strategy.

After harvesting seeds from select species of oak and hickory and from several varieties of grass and flowering plants, conservation staff and volunteers clean and either plant the seed in greenhouses or put them in cold storage. We use seedlings and stored seeds to restore biodiversity in a particular area, jump-start prairie plantings, create native landscaping and generally preserve the genetic viability of important plants.

This fall, with the help of volunteers, we will plant approximately 4,000 oaks and hickories on:

- October 14, Great Miami Mitigation Bank
- October 21, Germantown MetroPark
- October 28, DeWeese Parkway

A rapid wetland assessment also is on the autumn to-do list. Rapid assessments—short expeditions to quickly determine the health of key ecosystems—are one of the newest tools in Five Rivers MetroParks' conservation



Conservation Technicians John Walker and Meredith Cobb treat honeysuckle along Dewesse Parkway.

toolbox. In 2016, we completed a rapid assessment of all 130 of MetroParks' grasslands, evaluating their condition based on percentages of grasses, flowering plants and woody species. In the wetlands assessment, technicians will look for the presence (or absence) of wildlife, invasive plants and aquatic plant species and will determine the condition of neighboring habitats.

Rapid assessments give us hard data to make targeted recommendations, such as removing invasive plants, restoring native shrubs or trees and performing levee maintenance. These assessments not only are important health checks but they improve MetroParks' stewardship.

"From this data, we can better allocate resources such as time and money for the management of our grasslands and wetlands," says Meredith Cobb, a MetroParks conservation technician.

PARTNERSHIP WORKS

Collaboration with local high school students, university researchers and the general public is fundamental to the success of MetroParks' conservation efforts, allowing us to explore certain ecosystems and targeted bio topics in more depth.

In partnership with the University of Dayton, for example, we are studying the biodiversity of 15 local tall-grass prairies, measuring everything from the density of grasshoppers to the characteristics of soil to the diversity of arthropods (spiders, centipedes, ticks, etc.). This project covers eight MetroPark areas: Huffman, Germantown, Englewood, Sugarcreek, Carriage Hill, Possum Creek, Broadwing Prairies (Germantown) and Sand Ridge Prairie.

Gathering this data helps us restore biodiversity to protect our share of North America's remaining tall-grass prairies, which used to cover 170 million acres but have diminished by 96 percent.

OTHER COLLABORATIONS

- Wright State University is helping us examine how honeysuckle affects insect diversity and how noise pollution affects birds.
- Along with Miami University Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, we are monitoring water quality in Wolf Creek
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and Bellbrook High School's environmental science class are working with us to examine the importance of temporary spring pools to amphibians and macroinvertebrates (e.g. flatworms, snails, dragonflies) at Sugarcreek MetroPark



GO NUTS!

Help restore Dayton's forests during **Make a Difference Day**. Saturday, October 28 from 9 AM to noon along DeWeese Parkway.

Join Five Rivers MetroParks during the nation's largest day of community service! Help with reforestation efforts that beautify local landscapes and contribute to MetroParks' conservation efforts. Register at metroparks.org/volunteer before Oct. 24.



WHAT'S THE SECRET
TO A GREEN PLANET?

GREEN KIDS



POWER DOWN AND PLAY OUTSIDE

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SEE NEXT PAGE FOR

8 EASY WAYS TO SPEND TIME OUTDOORS



Whether you're in your own backyard or the collective MetroParks backyard, you and your family can learn so many lessons in the great outdoors.

Observe what grows and grazes naturally right outside your door, or check out the many preserved cultural artifacts throughout the park system.

The sooner a child starts exploring and taking care of nature, the better. Research proves that children who regularly spend time outside develop a stronger connection to nature and a stronger environmental ethic than those who stare at electronic screens all day.



Photo by Amy Forsthoefel

2016 Adopt-A-Park Volunteers
at Wesleyan MetroPark

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..... HERE ARE **EASY WAYS** TO MAKE BEING OUTDOORS FUN AND EDUCATIONAL FOR CHILDREN AND THE WHOLE FAMILY

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1

LET YOUR YARD GO WILD

Give your child a patch of lawn and then don't mow or tend it – just watch what comes up.



5

RECYCLE

Put a recycle bin for paper in your child's bedroom.



2

HANG A BIRD FEEDER

Let your child help you choose what kind of birds to attract and pick the spot for the feeder.



6

COOK

Teach your child to cook fresh food. Talk about where food comes from and plant vegetables or visit a farm or shop at a farmer's market.



3

PLANT NATIVE TREES AND FLOWERS

Type Natural Landscape Handbook in the search field of metroparks.org and get ideas for creating a wildlife-friendly habitat.



7

CREATE A NATURE CALENDAR

Record one nature observation each day – anything from the color of the sunset to the year's first butterfly.



4

VOLUNTEER AT METROPARKS PLANTING EVENTS

Have your child bring a friend.



8

SUPPORT OUTDOOR EXPLORATION

Don't ditch screens completely. Apps such as Plum's Photo Hunt, Leaf Snap and Night Sky support outdoor exploration.



- Argonne Forest at Possum Creek and Island MetroPark were leisure-time hotspots back in the day. At Argonne, see parts of and read about the 1930s dance pavilion, swimming hole and race car track.
- At Island MetroPark, stand in front of the 1940s band shell, close your eyes and listen for the echoes of thousands of concertgoers.



SET THE CLOCK BACK

Our parks are filled with historic features—such as the Native American Fort Carlisle earthwork at Twin Creek MetroPark, the ancient agriculture village (though currently unmarked) at Wegerzyn MetroPark and skeletons of an early 20th century amusement park in Possum Creek MetroPark's Argonne Forest.

Preserving biodiversity and natural elements in our parks is a key focus for our agency—and so is making sure we don't lose our region's cultural heritage. MetroParks' history experts work with historical and cultural preservation teams from the Dayton Society of Natural History, Wright State University and Ohio Valley Archaeology to protect and interpret the wealth of artifacts and structures in our park systems.

As you relax in the parks, appreciate and learn a little something about our past:

- Fort Carlisle at Twin Creek MetroPark is an earthwork built by the Native American Hopewell people 1,500 to 2,000 years ago. Earthworks likely served as social, political and religious centers. Archeologists are still learning about our site which is also a great place to reflect what earlier peoples have left behind and what we will leave behind after we are gone.
- Arnold Farm at Carriage Hill MetroPark preserves the features and customs of farm life in the 1880s. See heirloom crops and livestock and visit several buildings original to the farm.

BARN RAISING

Next time you take in early farm life at Carriage Hill MetroPark, you might want to take in the seriously sturdy wooden beams in the barns. Aside from being the main support for the structure, the wood holds key information about the age of the barn. Using a technique called dendro-dating, scientists take a core sample of a beam and count the rings in the wood. They then compare the sample rings to local tree rings of known age to estimate when a barn was built.



After visiting the Allen Barn in the fall of 2016, Dan Troth, vice president of Friends of Ohio Barns, and Nick Wiesenber, a geologist from the College of Wooster, did a bit of barn detective work to help us learn about its construction. Core

samples were taken from the beams and examined in a lab. Information from the samples indicated that the barn was likely constructed in 1872. In addition, some "newer" beams indicated that the barn had been majorly renovated and turned into the existing double bank barn in 1893. This unique structure showcases the 19th century barn building skills of the Allen family.



GET OUT & LIVE:

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Photo by Jan Underwood

As you're planning your fall activities, consider putting one or more of these

TOP FIVE ADVENTURES

on your list:



1

GEAR UP, CHILL OUT AND GET ON BOARD

October 7 and 8 at

the Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience, the region's premier outdoor experience festival. Buy, sell and trade equipment. Camp and enjoy local food and drink with friends. Learn a new skill like kayaking or tying a fishing fly.



2

GET YOUR HIKE ON

Grab a backpack and a best friend and hit the Twin Valley Trail

for a beginner's backpacking trip. In two nights and three days, you'll hike 11.2 miles, from Germantown MetroPark Spillway to beautiful waterside and wooded campsites at Oak Ridge and Cedar Ridge and then back to Germantown. Get a camping permit and trail map at metroparks.org.

Canoeing at the Wagner Subaru
Outdoor Experience 2016



A man wearing a blue and white baseball cap, sunglasses, and a red life vest is paddling a red and yellow canoe. Two young children, also wearing life vests, are in the canoe with him. They are on a river with green foliage in the background.

AUTUMN IN OHIO IS WHY WE LIVE IN OHIO. Crisp mornings, comfortable days, cool nights and color-washed tree lines are nature's gift to all of us—especially the outdoor enthusiasts. So get ready to bask in the autumn glow and take advantage of our region's awesome recreational opportunities, from festivals to fishing to finding history.



3

PADDLE. PEDAL.

Strap the bike and kayak to the car and drop the bike

at RiverScape MetroPark. Leave the car at Eastwood MetroPark, and paddle from the Harshman Road access along the Mad River and through the RiverScape River Run to your bike. Pedal back to your car. Download a river trail map at metroparks.org.



4

STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Been to Possum

Creek MetroPark? What about Aullwood Garden MetroPark, Dull Woods or Woodman Fen? Pick one you've never explored and expand your park horizons.



5

CAST AWAY

Fish for small-mouth bass at Twin Creek

MetroPark. Drop your line from a picturesque spot just south of Germantown Dam or access the creek from the Orange Trail.

Jordan Hart on the Underground Railroad Bicycle Route, 2016



**UNDERGROUND
RAILROAD
BICYCLE ROUTE**

A LINK TO THE PAST

MAKE YOUR NEXT CYCLING TRIP MORE THAN JUST A BIKE RIDE

Make your next cycling adventure about honoring the courage of former slaves by traveling part of the path they took to freedom more than 200 years ago.

Fifty miles of off-road trail along the Great Miami River recently became a spur of the Adventure Cycling Association's Underground Railroad Bicycle Route (UGRR), which runs from Mobile, Alabama, to Owen Sound, Ontario. The UGRR follows the waterways the slaves used to guide their journey north.

Called the Great Miami Riverway Alternate, our link was added to the UGRR map this year thanks to funding from the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation and the

cities of Miamisburg and Springboro. With easy access to such sites as the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce and the house of Springboro founder Jonathan Wright, who hid slaves in his home, the link helps cyclists understand our region's role in the dangerous rescue missions led by abolitionist and humanitarian Harriet Tubman.

Our region's hiking, biking and water trail system is already one of the finest in the country. Connecting a local bikeway to this nationally known, historic route not only enhances that system and brings new visitors to our doorstep, it does so in a way that preserves awareness of our part in a crucial chapter of our nation's story.

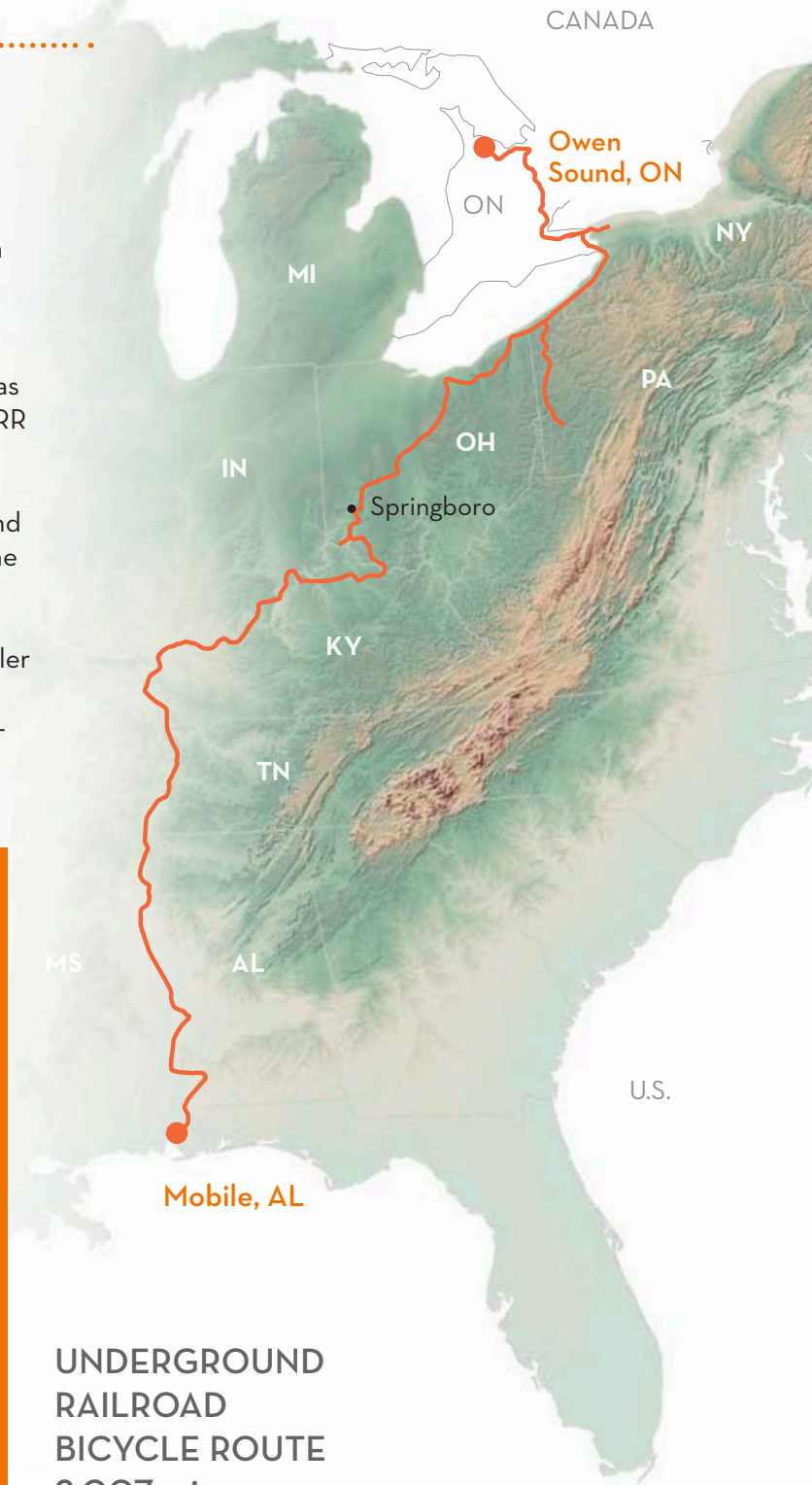
MAP QUEST

Charting the Underground Railroad Bicycle Route wasn't easy, says Ginny Sullivan, director of travel initiatives for Adventure Cycling because freedom seekers didn't follow just one path.

The song "Follow the Drinking Gourd," which describes how slaves traveled circuitous routes, has given mappers some guidance. In general, the UGRR chooses links such as the Great Miami Riverway Alternate based on how direct the routes are, the quality of and traffic patterns of roads and trails and the cultural significance of the area surrounding the new trail.

The addition of Dayton's link was bolstered by cyclist accommodations such as the Wright House Bed & Breakfast and the fact that Springboro is a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community.

JORDAN HART, Troy-based photographer and Five Rivers MetroParks outdoor recreation specialist, embarked on a 30-day cycling adventure from Owen Sound, Ontario to Mobile, AL. The Adventure Cycling Association's Underground Railroad Route follows a 2,007-mile corridor from the Deep South to Canada, and was famously traveled by thousands of enslaved African Americans seeking freedom in the north. Stopping at various points of interest along the way, Hart found his journey inspiring and a great way to experience history.



**UNDERGROUND
RAILROAD
BICYCLE ROUTE**
2,007 mi.

Financial support from generous organizations and members of the public helps us create lifelines in our natural areas.

BUILDING A NEST EGG

SUPPORT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

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

ONCE BLACK CROWNED NIGHT HERONS FIND A SPOT TO NEST, THEY STAY PUT—SOMETIMES FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE.

But these herons are rare in the Dayton region and have been a focus of MetroParks' preservation efforts since 2015 because they are having trouble finding places to call home.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Four Seasons Garden Club, the southern portion of Island MetroPark near the dam is being preserved for future heron habitats. Five Rivers will use the grant to buy the native plants the birds need as they scavenge and lay eggs.

Four Seasons Garden Club members (from left) Kelly Pleiman, President 2017-8, Linda Giffen, Michele Chumlea, Terri Hemmelgarn, President 2016-7, and Kathy Pascoe.



BECOME A FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS CHAMPION

It's the newest way to support our work to protect the region's natural heritage and offer outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature.

Through the Champions Program, you can make an ongoing monthly donation, with a \$10 minimum, and your membership will automatically renew unless you cancel it. We will thank you with a cool Champions t-shirt and window decal, but even better than that, you're rewarded every time you enjoy a thriving MetroPark.

Email champions@metroparks.org for more information or log on to metroparks.org/champions to become the next MetroParks hero.



FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS PARK SYSTEM MAP

METROPARKS.ORG/MAP

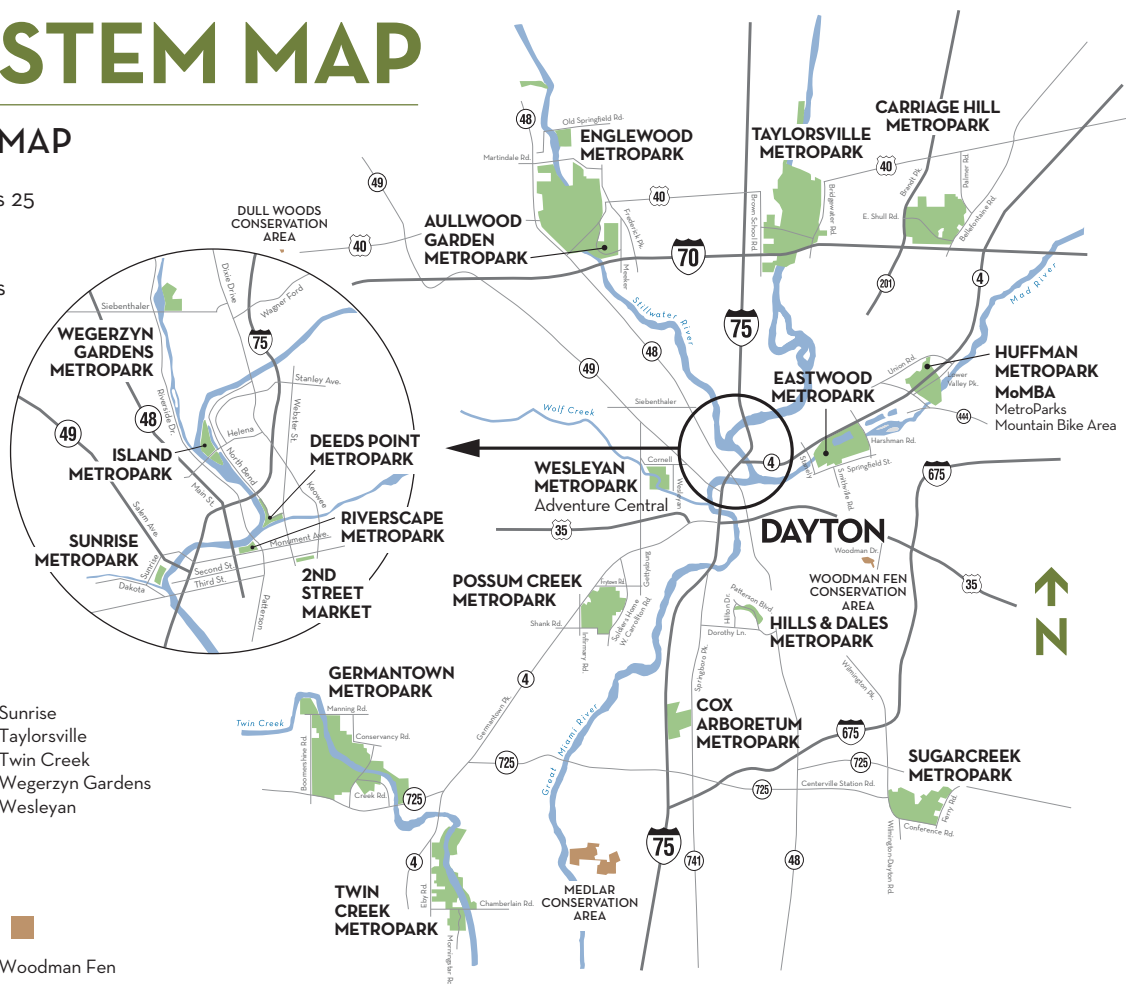
Five Rivers MetroParks operates 25 outstanding public facilities. Founded in 1963 to serve the greater Dayton area, MetroParks protects nearly 16,000 acres of open space and provides year-round recreation, education and conservation opportunities. Facilities are available to the public free of charge – made possible by Montgomery County citizen support of a property tax levy.

METROPARKS

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

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) COUNTRY FAIR

SAT. SEP. 30, 10:00 AM -5:00 PM U118

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

(FREE) WAGNER SUBARU OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

SAT. OCT 7, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM V124

SUN. OCT 8, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

EASTWOOD METROPARK, Eastwood Park, 1385 Harshman Rd.

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

(FREE) SPOOKY AFTERNOON IN THE GARDEN

FRI. OCT 27, 3:00-5:30 PM V110

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

A great afternoon of fun on the Garden Green. Younger kids will enjoy games, crafts and music as well as a not-so-spooky trick-or-treats trail on the swamp forest board walk. We'll have refreshments, face painting, animal ambassadors and fun

for all. Sponsored in part by Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗝️ ⚙️

(FREE) SPOOKY EVENING IN THE GARDEN

FRI. OCT 27, 5:30-7:30 PM V111

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

As the sun sets, begin an evening of fun in the Children's Garden, including games, crafts, story time, refreshments and marshmallow roast by the fire. Enjoy photo opportunities with a spooky pirate ship, pumpkins and fun cutouts. There will be an animal ambassador so you can meet a live animal. Sponsored in part by The Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗝️



(FREE) VOLUNTEER: METROPARKS' MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

SAT. OCT 28, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM V16

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

Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of community service. It is a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors and the power of people coming together to make a difference. Help MetroParks with a variety of Earth-friendly activities. Registration closes October 24. Register at metroparks.org/volunteer. Registration required. Contact yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages



ICE RINK OPENING WEEKEND

FRI. NOV 24, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM V106

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

Spend the holiday weekend creating lasting memories with friends and family at MetroParks Ice Rink! Warm up with hot chocolate from our food concession and enjoy our outdoor fireplaces. No registration required. Contact (937) 278-2607 for details. Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙️



(FREE) CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

SUN. DEC 3, 12:00-4:00 PM W36

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

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



(FREE) AULLWOOD WINTER LUMINARY

SUN. DEC 3, 6:00-8:00 PM W43

AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.

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

(FREE) A HOLIDAY EVENING AT CARRIAGE HILL

SAT. DEC 9, 6:00-8:30 PM W37

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

Come join us for a candlelit stroll through the farm and experience what it was like at night in the 1880s. Listen to holiday music, play some parlor games or watch some historic crafts. Experience an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas come to life. Concessions will be available. No registration required. Age: All ages

CHRISTMAS EVE SKATE

SUN. DEC 24, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM W57

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

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

CHRISTMAS DAY SKATE

MON. DEC 25, 1:00-8:00 PM W56

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

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE SKATE

SUN. DEC 31, 11:00 AM-10:00 PM W55

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

Looking for something fun to do before the ball drops? Start your New Year's Eve party at the

MetroParks Ice Rink! No registration required.

Age: All ages Fee: \$7 ⚙

NEW YEAR'S DAY SKATE

MON. JAN 1, 1:00-8:00 PM W54

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

Start the New Year right and be the first to skate in 2018! No registration required. Age: All ages

Fee: \$7 ⚙

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY SKATE

MON. JAN 15, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM W52

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

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

YOU'RE INVITED TO GLIMPSE THE FUTURE OF GREATER DAYTON'S RIVERFRONTS!

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Noon to 2 p.m. and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

at the Dayton Metro Library Community Room, 215 E. 3rd St.

Review Sasaki's proposed plans.

Visit daytonriverfrontplan.org to learn more.



600 E. SECOND ST., DOWNTOWN DAYTON



SHOP FRESH & LOCAL

AT THE 2ND STREET MARKET

The Market features more than 40 vendors – all locally owned – offering:

- Fresh produce
- Locally produced meat and dairy
- Kitchen staples • Artisan goods

Grab lunch from one of the many prepared food vendors while you shop!

Pick up last-minute ingredients and goodies for Thanksgiving during
STOCK UP WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Nov. 22: 11 AM to 3 PM

2ND STREET MARKET HOURS:

Thursday & Friday: 11 AM to 3 PM

Saturday: 8 AM to 3 PM

METROPARKS.ORG/LOCALFOOD



FOR EVERYONE

Connect with and learn about nature
with friends and family.



CONSERVATION & CITIZEN SCIENCE

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: INTRODUCTION TO CONSERVATION

THU. OCT 12, 6:30-8:30 PM V11

TUE. NOV 7, 1:00-3:00 PM V12

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

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

(FREE) VOLUNTEERS: HIKE WITH THE COORDINATORS

TUE. OCT 31, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM V13

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

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 (937) 275-7275 or yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org for details. Age: All ages 📞

GARDENING

(FREE) SEED AND PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP

SAT. OCT 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM V98

OFFSITE, Huber Branch Library, 6160 Chambersburg Rd
The Dayton Metro Library Seed Lending Library and Five Rivers MetroParks celebrate the fifth annual swap! Dig up perennials, and bring your extra houseplants and heirloom or open-pollinated seeds, labeled and ready to swap. Learn about local community gardens and our seed library. No registration required. Age: All ages

HERITAGE & HISTORY

(FREE) A NEW COUNTRY: GERMAN FARM LIFE

SUN. OCT 22, 12:00-5:00 PM V84

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

German farmers helped shape the Miami Valley, including the Arnold Family at Carriage Hill. Join us for a day where we explore their various ethnic contributions, including making sauerkraut, homemade sausage and beer. Throughout the day, informal demonstrations will be given, including smoking meats and making buckshot. No registration required. Age: All ages

(FREE) REMEMBERING WORLD WAR 1

SAT. NOV 11, 1:00-2:30 PM V74

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

In honor of Veteran's Day we will take a walk along the Argonne Trail and talk about the Argonne Amusement Park remnants and how it was built to honor the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Argonne. The easy-to-moderate trail is 1.4 miles. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 📞

(FREE) BIRDS OF A FEATHER

SUN. NOV 19, 12:00-4:00 PM V83

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

Various informal talks and demonstrations will be given throughout the day focusing on poultry and its place on the farm. Watch as we prepare different types of poultry using historic recipes and techniques. Afterwards, there will be a talk on chickens, various breeds, and how to raise your own backyard flock. No registration required. Age: All ages

19TH CENTURY FARMING DEMONSTRATIONS

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

(FREE) WINTER CHORES

SAT. JAN 13, 12:00-4:00 PM W39

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

Winter is the time of year to catch up on chores around the farm. If the weather is right, we will be harvesting ice from our lake. If not, we will be grinding corn for feed for the animals. No registration required. Age: All ages

SKATING

TOP 40 HITS SKATE

FRI. JAN 12, 7:00-10:00 PM W59

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

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

MICHAEL JACKSON SKATE

FRI. JAN 19, 7:00-10:00 PM W60

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

Do you love the King of Pop? Then come to MetroParks Ice Rink and moonwalk in ice skates as a DJ plays a variety of Michael Jackson's biggest hits. Groove to Thriller, Black or White, I'll Be There, and even some hits from the Jackson 5. No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: Admission & Skate Rental: \$7 📞

FROZEN ON ICE

FRI. JAN 26, 7:00-10:00 PM W58

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

Bring the family out for a magical evening of ice skating! Glide the night away as the DJ plays your favorite Disney songs! No registration required. Age: All ages Fee: Admission & Skate rental: \$7 📞

THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER OUTDOOR ADVENTURE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 11 AM to 10 PM

OCTOBER 7 & 8

SUNDAY 11 AM to 4 PM

FREE
outdoor fun
for all ages

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ACTIVITIES – FOR ALL AGES, AND THE DOG!
Canoe, kayak, climb, backpack, slackline, bike, yoga, snow tube, pumptrack and disc golf are some of more than 20 activities to try. Visit the Youth Adventure Zone, and Backpacker Magazine Outdoor School!



EXHIBITORS – FIND, TRY, BUY AND JOIN!
Check out the latest gear from leading retailers and manufacturers including Osprey, Princeton Tec and more. Meet representatives from local clubs and organizations. Buy or sell in the used gear area



DEMONSTRATIONS – WATCH THE PROS!
Watch the pros take on the whitewater, tackle the slackline and ride the rails. Featuring pro trails rider Jeff Lenosky and BMX-inspired stunt shows. Demos all day Saturday and Sunday!



COMPETITIONS – BE A SPECTATOR OR A COMPETITOR!
Tackle a whitewater paddling challenge or 12-hour endurance run. Team up with your pup for the Ruff Run 5K, Up Dog Flying Disc Challenge or Subaru Buckeye Dock Dog Competition.

Delicious food, live music and great brews

FREE CAMPING FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE



Wright State University's Student Union
Friday, Feb. 9 from 5 to 10 PM
Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 to 5 PM

A Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University event

ACTIVE OUTDOORS

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



BACKPACKING

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: BACKPACKING TRAIL WORK DAYS

SAT. OCT 14, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM V15
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 🗝️ ⚙️

BACKCOUNTRY WATER TREATMENT

WED. NOV 8, 6:30-8:00 PM V95
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.
Searching for the best option to get clean water on your backcountry adventures? Learn about the ins and outs of treatment options, including filters, chemicals and UV light, in this classroom-based program. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$5 🗝️

LIGHTWEIGHT BACKPACKING & ALCOHOL STOVES

TUE. NOV 14, 6:00-8:30 PM V94
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.
Looking to lighten your load so you can backpack more easily, hike longer, or get more miles in? Join us for this evening, classroom-based program where we will discuss a variety of ways to reduce pack weight, in addition to making an alcohol stove for you to take on your next adventure. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🗝️

BACKCOUNTRY COOKING

WED. DEC 6, 6:00-8:30 PM W25
WED. DEC 13, 6:00-8:30 PM W26
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.
Spice up your backcountry meals. Experiment with a variety of cooking methods from fast and light freezer bag meals to more elaborate gourmet

entrées and desserts using different types of backpacking stoves. Ingredients and utensils provided. Come hungry! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🗝️

CYCLING

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

(FREE) RIDE TO ISLAND METROPARK

SAT. OCT 7, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM V4
GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 25
Meet in the parking lot at Rip Rap Park, at the intersections of Little York, Rip Rap and Taylorsville roads. (15 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗝️ ⚙️

(FREE) RIDE TO WRIGHT BROTHERS MEMORIAL PARK

SAT. OCT 14, 9:00-11:00 AM V5
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 🗝️ ⚙️

(FREE) RIDE TO TROTWOOD

SAT. OCT 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM V6
WOLF CREEK TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 38
Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. (14 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗝️ ⚙️

(FREE) RIDE TO VERONA

SAT. OCT 28, 9:00-11:00 AM V7
WOLF CREEK TRAIL, Ohio Bike Route 38

Meet in the parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant, 705 Arlington Rd. in Brookville. (11 miles) Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🗝️ ⚙️

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE 1

THU. NOV 2, 6:00-8:30 PM R149
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
This classroom session will help you diagnose and perform common bike repairs. Topics will include inspections, fixing a flat tire and chain replacement. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$10 🗝️

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE 2

THU. NOV 9, 6:00-8:30 PM R150
THU. NOV 16, 6:00-8:30 PM R151
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
This hands-on class will offer instruction and guided practice with brake and drive-train maintenance. Prerequisites: Bicycle Maintenance 1. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up Fee: \$15

FISHING

ADULT FLY TYING COURSE

TUE. NOV. 28-DEC. 19, 6:00-8:30 PM V125
FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS MAIN OFFICE, 409 E. Monument Ave., 3rd Floor
Learn the basic steps to all fly tying, how to tie one bug pattern through all its stages, spin deer hair, and making popper flies. Fee includes use of vice, tools, materials and take-home handouts. Dates: Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12, and Dec 19. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$75 🗝️

FITNESS

SHINE YOUR LIGHT 5K

SAT. OCT 14, 6:00-9:00 PM V107
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, RiverScape Pavilion, 237 E. Monument Ave.
Artemis Center & YWCA Dayton will host their 2nd annual collaborative Shine Your Light 5K: A

Glow Run & Vigil to Bring Domestic Violence Out of the Dark to promote awareness of and raise funds for domestic violence. Enjoy a community vigil followed by evening glow 5K run/walk/stroll. Register online at itsyourrace.com. See contact info to register. Contact (937) 531-5723 for details. <http://www.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=9589>. Age: All ages Fee: Students through Oct. 12: \$20, Early Bird through Sept. 1: \$30, Regular: \$35, Walk Up: \$40 🌟

2017 BRUNNER 5K

SAT. OCT 28, 10:00 AM-1:30 PM V126

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

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is presented by: The Brunner Literacy Center will have their 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk at The Englewood Metropark Lawwill Shelter on Saturday, October 28th at 10am. Register at www.speedyfeet.com. Zumba, music, food, balloon animals, prizes! See contact info to register. Contact (937) 567-9600 for details. <https://www.brunnerliteracy.org/5k-2017.html>. Age: All ages Fee: \$25

(FREE) CHRISTMAS WALK IN DAYTON

SAT. DEC 2, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM W73

2ND STREET MARKET, Pavilion, 600 E. Second St.

This outdoor community recreation opportunity is presented by Ohio Wander Freunde Volkswalk Club. Start between 9 AM and noon, finish by 3 PM. Contact Carol Yegerlehner. No registration required. Contact (937) 878-8381 or klockhaus@aol.com for details. Age: All ages

(FREE) GET OUT & DISCOVER! RESOLUTION STYLE

TUE. DEC 5, 6:00-7:30 PM W48

SAT. JAN 6, 9:00-10:30 AM W49
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Turn your resolution into reality! Learn about local destinations, opportunities to build skills, and community resources for backpacking, paddling, biking and fishing. This class is designed to get the juices flowing as you make plans to turn 2018 into the year that you Get Out & Live! Hot drinks and snacks provided. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: All ages 🌟

NATURE APPRECIATION

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

TUE. OCT 10, 1:00-3:00 PM V8

WED. OCT 25, 6:30-8:30 PM V9

WED. NOV 15, 9:00-11:00 AM V10

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 🌟

OUTDOOR SKILLS AND SAFETY

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: JOIN METROPARKS VOLUNTEER PATROLS

SAT. OCT 21, 9:00-11:00 AM R101

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

MVP (MetroParks Volunteer Patrol) volunteers help others to enjoy our trails by providing information about our trail system and assistance to users, as well as reporting trail damage, obstruction, or safety issues. Volunteers assist on MetroParks' bike, hike, mountain bike and horse trails. Come to this training to learn more about this opportunity and how you can get involved. Contact Jenny Hymans at jenny.hymans@metroparks.org for more information. Prerequisites: Interview and background check will be required. MVPs are required to serve 50 hours per year for the MVP Program, a minimum of 25 of those hours must be active patrol hours on MetroPark trails. We do not have open recruitment for Horse Patrol at this time.. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 or jenny.hymans@metroparks.org for details. www.metroparks.org . Age: 18Y and up

LAND NAVIGATION

SAT. NOV 4, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM V3

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

Would you like to learn how to use a map and compass in the backcountry or maybe dust off some little-used skills? Then this is the program for you. We will spend the morning in the classroom learning the basic parts and ways to use maps and compasses. Then, we'll get out and learn how to use them together in the field. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25 🌟

PADDLING

KAYAK CAMPING

THU. DEC 14, 6:30-8:30 PM W27

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

Have you ever wanted to go camping from a kayak or a canoe? Join Five Rivers MetroParks as we explore the equipment and some tips for camping out of a boat. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$15 🌟

SKATING

LEARN TO ICE SKATE: ADULT COURSE

SUN NOV. 26-DEC. 10, 12:00-12:30 PM V101

SUN JAN. 7-21, 12:00-12:30 PM W61

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

Skills include skating forward and backward edges on a circle, three-turns, backward stops, bunny hop, lunges, and front and back crossovers. Register for this program and receive two free skating admissions! Fee includes use of skates and lessons on Nov. 26, Dec. 3, and Dec. 10. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$50 🌟

TRY BROOMBALL

SUN. NOV 26, 6:00-8:00 PM V103

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

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

LEARN TO CURL

THU. NOV. 30-DEC. 21, 6:00-8:00 PM S61

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

Choose between a Learn to Curl session by Curl Troy or a recreational pickup game against other local curlers. Register as a team of four players or as an individual by visiting curltroy.org/learn-curl See contact info to register. curltroy.org/venues/riverscape. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25 🌟

OUTDOOR BROOMBALL LEAGUE MON., WED. JAN. 8-FEB. 28, 6:00-8:00 PM

W53

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

Sign up for the Dayton Broomball Association's co-ed league at MetroParks Ice Rink! Visit dayton-broomball.org/riverscape to learn more about this fast-paced sport and register your team for either the competitive or recreational league. The DBA will take the first 18 teams. See contact info to register. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$310 🌟

CURLING LEAGUE

TUE. JAN. 9-FEB. 13, 6:00-9:00 PM S54

THU. JAN. 11-FEB. 15, 6:00-8:00 PM W66

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

Sign up with friends for Curl Troy's co-ed league at the MetroParks Ice Rink! Curling is accessible to all skill levels and no experience is required. Visit curltroy.org to learn more and to register your team. Curl Troy will accept the first 18 teams; 4 players per team. See contact info to register. www.curltroy.org/venues/riverscape. Age: 18Y and up Fee: Fee per person: \$120, Fee per team: \$480 🌟

EARTH FRIENDLY LIVING

Learn how to live more sustainably and make better choices for the environment.

FOOD: EARTH TO TABLE

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.

BEYOND THE BASICS: SAUER-KRAUT AND POTATO FRITTERS

SAT. OCT 7, 9:30 AM-2:00 PM V81
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

Learn to prepare and safely preserve Sauerkraut, using the boiling water bath method on a wood-fired cook stove. Kraut will be fermented prior to class (for canning), but students will also learn to prepare kraut for fermenting. Potato fritters will also be prepared along with the kraut. Students take home recipes and a jar of canned kraut. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$35

19TH CENTURY COOKERY CLASS FOR COUPLES

SAT. OCT 14, 5:00-7:30 PM V79
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Daniel Arnold House, 7850 E. Shull Rd.

Couples are invited to join us for an evening of historic cooking lessons and parlor entertainments. Participants will learn how to prepare fresh, local vegetables and do some simple baking. Afterwards, participants will join us in the candlelit parlor for some historic games and entertainment. Fee will cover one couple. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$50

MEAL IN A JAR

SAT. OCT 21, 10:00-11:30 AM V72
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

Prep for the cold days to come by using leftover mason jars and some dried ingredients from the garden. Learn how to make quick and easy

instant soup mixes and cookie mixes in a jar. You will make one soup mix and one cookie mix to take home for a cold winter meal. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15

MUSHROOM GROWING WORKSHOP

TUE. NOV 14, 6:00-7:30 PM V99
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Do you love mushrooms but never considered growing your own? Learn how to get started and then get hands-on experience making your own colony to take home. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: Lecture Only: \$10, Mushroom Kit and Lecture: \$25

HYDROPONICS AND AQUAPONICS

TUE. JAN 16, 6:00-7:30 PM W51
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Learn what hydroponics and aquaponics are and why they are an effective indoor growing method. We will look into the science behind how they work and talk about how to make systems that you can keep in your own home. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$10

BEES 101

SAT. JAN 20, 10:00-11:30 AM W32
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
If you are interested in getting started with your own backyard hives, then join Mike Osborne, 4th generation beekeeper, as he discusses what you need to get started with bees. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$5

GARDENING

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: GREENHOUSE GARDENING

TUE. OCT 3, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM V17
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to take your gardening to the next level with the benefits of a home greenhouse. It may be simpler and more affordable than you think. Take a tour of the greenhouse at Wegerzyn Gardens to see how it is utilized and get some greenhouse gardening instruction while you're there! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: PULLING FOR BATS

TUE. OCT 24, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM V18
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.

During Bat Week 2017, help improve habitat and food diversity for bats and other wildlife. We will discuss bats and their impact to the garden, then identify and remove harmful invasive plants. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up

BUS TRIP: DISCOVER DAYTON – VA, WOODLAND CEMETERY, K12 GALLERY

WED. OCT 18, 8:15 AM-4:30 PM V19
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Soak up hometown history! Today we'll learn all about the VA and their recently beautified Grotto Gardens, followed by a box lunch. Then it's on to Woodland Cemetery to enjoy fall beauty in one of the nation's oldest garden parks. Our day ends at K12 Gallery where we make an art project. This is a fund-raiser for the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$55

FESTIVE FALL WREATH

SAT. NOV 4, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM V86
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult

Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Bring your own artificial or twig wreath and we'll help you decorate it for beautiful welcome to the season! We'll supply dried, fresh, and some artificial materials as well as lots of motivation, inspiration, and fun. Bring your neighbors and friends for a fantastic morning. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🗑️

COME INSIDE! STAGING INDOOR PLANTS AND FORCING HOLIDAY BULBS

SAT. NOV 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM V89
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.

Learn how to arrange your indoor plants for the greatest decorating impact and healthiest winter environment. It's time to get amaryllis and paperwhites going, and we'll show you how. Each attendee receives three narcissus bulbs and gravel to get started. Bring your own small container. Come with questions and go home with answers and bulbs! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$10 🗑️

DECORATING WITH GREAT HOLIDAY GREENS!

SAT. DEC 2, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM W41
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 6733 Springboro Pk.
We'll show you how to combine natural and artificial greens for dynamite holiday décor: wreaths, centerpieces, and pocket arrangements. You'll take home a beautiful small arrangement for your own home. There will also be a drawing after the class for the demo wreath! Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🗑️

HERITAGE & HISTORY

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORIC FARM AT CARRIAGE HILL

SAT. OCT 21, 12:00-2:00 PM V93
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Meeting Room, 7800 E. Shull Rd.
Engage visitors in 1880's farm life, including cooking, sewing, farm chores and other trades of the time period. This meeting provides a history of the farm, and an overview of how volunteers can make a difference. Period clothing and onsite training provided. Come discover an opportunity that is right for you! Registration required. Contact cholloway@metroparks.org for details. Age: 21Y and up 🗑️

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: COUNTRY STORE AT CARRIAGE HILL
WED. NOV 1, 12:00-2:00 PM V92

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Visitor Center Meeting Room, 7800 E. Shull Rd.
Volunteers with excellent customer service skills are needed to assist visitors at the Country Store located inside the Carriage Hill MetroPark Visitors Center. Penny candy and unique, hard-to-find gifts are our specialty! Onsite training is provided. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up 🗑️

(FREE) HISTORY IN METROPARKS: DAYTON GARDEN CLUBS

SAT. JAN 20, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM W47
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.
MetroParks and the garden clubs of Dayton have a long and fascinating history. Join us as representatives talk about their clubs' involvement in the beginnings of MetroParks, how their members have shaped and guided the development of our park system, and how they continue to help and support today. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🗑️

NATURE APPRECIATION

BUS TRIP: FRANKLIN CONSERVATORY AND WINTERFAIR

SAT. DEC 2, 8:00 AM-6:30 PM W78
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Join us for a trip to Franklin Conservatory in Columbus as it's decked out for the holidays. We'll have a guided tour and lunch there. Next, it's on to the Ohio Expo Center for Winterfair, with more than 400 vendors featuring unique art gifts for shopping and a gourmet market. This is a fundraiser program of the Wegerzyn Gardens Foundation. See contact info to register. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$87

SUSTAINABLE HOME

(FREE) COMPOST KITCHEN

WED. OCT 4, 6:00-8:00 PM U89
WED. OCT 11, 6:00-8:00 PM
WED. OCT 18, 6:00-8:00 PM
OFFSITE, Montgomery County Solid Waste, 2550 Sandridge Dr.
This three-part program covers everything you need to know to compost effectively and is offered free of charge thanks to a partnership with Montgomery County Environmental Services. Talks and activities explore soil ecology, chemical-free gardening and household waste management. Participants completing all three programs receive a free composter. Registration required. Age: 16Y and up 🗑️

(FREE) VOLUNTEER: SMALL LIVESTOCK ANIMAL AMBASSADORS

WED. OCT 11, 9:00-11:00 AM V91
TUE. JAN 23, 9:00-11:00 AM W46
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Discover a variety of volunteering opportunities in caring for and socializing several breeds of small livestock, including chickens, rabbits, sheep and goats. Volunteers assist Possum Creek Farm staff in MetroParks programming and school tours. Registration Required. Age: 21Y and up 🗑️

SOAP 101

SAT. DEC 2, 10:00-11:30 AM W30
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Learn the basics of making real soap through demonstration. Try your hand at re-batching soap, which gives you a chance to experiment with scent, color and essential oils that you can take home and use. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$15 🗑️



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Help MetroParks protect the region's natural heritage by assisting with a variety of earth-friendly tasks during the 2017 Make a Difference Day!

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ADULT NATURE EXPLORATION

Enjoy and learn about the splendor of the natural world.



CONSERVATION & CITIZEN SCIENCE

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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. OCT 4, 6:30-8:30 PM V100
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. She 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) OUR CHALLENGE: A BEST IN OHIO CONNECTION TO NATURE COMMUNITY

WED. NOV 1, 6:30-8:30 PM V51
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Naturalist Doug Horvath will present benefits for children to be connected to nature and how to empower the Ohio Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

(FREE) STINK BUGS: INSECT INVADERS

WED. DEC 6, 6:30-8:30 PM W77
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Meet Matt Duncan, a recent graduate of WSU, and explore his work of investigating the ecological impacts of an invasive stink bug species (*Halyomorpha halys*) on native parasitoid flies. We will discuss how a non-native species can disrupt the natural balance of an

ecosystem by introducing novel ecological interactions. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

(FREE) LEAVE NO TRACE: RESEARCH ON RECREATION-RELATED IMPACTS ON THE NATURAL WORLD

WED. JAN 3, 6:30-8:30 PM W79
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Fifth Third Conference Room, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Leave No Trace master educator, Angie Sheldon, will present on how The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics' data-driven approach is teaching people how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, through educational programs, high-quality training, and sound best practices. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

(FREE) PROJECT FEEDERWATCH

FRI. NOV 17, 12:00-2:00 PM V69
SAT. NOV 18, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM V70
FRI. DEC 1, 12:00-2:00 PM W19
SAT. DEC 2, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM W20
FRI. DEC 15, 12:00-2:00 PM W21
SAT. DEC 16, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM W22
FRI. DEC 29, 12:00-2:00 PM W23
SAT. DEC 30, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM W24
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 14Y and up 🍷

FLORA & FAUNA

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWLS AND RED CEDARS

FRI. NOV 10, 8:00-10:00 PM V71
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.
Join Master Bander, Dr. Dave Russell as his team searches for and bands the elusive Northern Saw-whet Owl. Discover why these amazing owls are perceived as "tame" while learning about their

life history and the importance of the Red Cedar habitat to their wintering grounds. This program is best for ages 9 and above. Registration required. Contact (937) 275-7275 for details.

<http://www.avianinstitute.com>. Age: All ages

Fee: \$5 🍷

WINTER TREE ID WORKSHOP

SAT. JAN 13, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM W68
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Learn how to identify more than 20 native trees by their twig, bark, and other winter characteristics. Discover pioneer, wildlife and commercial uses for each tree while sharing stories of folklore. Each participant will receive a winter tree identification notebook with everything needed to get started identifying trees. Registration required. Age: 14Y and up Fee: \$10 🍷

HERITAGE & HISTORY

(FREE) HISTORY IN METROPARKS: THE OLDEST OF EVERYTHING TOUR

SAT. JAN 6, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM W44
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Adult Classroom, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Now that the holidays are done, come and learn about the oldest of everything in MetroParks: trees, soil, structures, and more. Be amazed by the history of our area and how our parks have preserved it for future fun for all. A great way to map out your park visits for the year! Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 🍷

NATURE APPRECIATION

(FREE) FALL TOUR OF AULLWOOD

SUN. OCT 15, 2:00-3:00 PM V88
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, 955 Aullwood Rd.
Aullwood is beautiful any time, but it's especially enchanting in fall. Join us for an informative and beautiful tour of the property and the house. Don't forget your camera! We'll meet in the

parking lot and go over to the garden together. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

ADULT NATURE WALKS

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

(FREE) ADULT NATURE WALK

TUE. OCT 17, 9:00-11:00 AM V61
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

TUE. DEC 5, 9:00-11:00 AM W3
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.
Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

(FREE) DISCOVERY STROLL

WED. NOV 1, 10:00-11:30 AM V56
WED. JAN 10, 10:00-11:30 AM W2
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Program Parking, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.
Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

"GOOD ENOUGH" ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

SAT. DEC 2, 10:00-11:30 AM W42
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Learn how to critically evaluate your photos, recognize their weaknesses, and how to analyze the source of problems so you can improve the quality of your pictures. In anticipation of the holidays, participants will practice taking pictures in settings that simulate typical family gatherings. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📅

GETTING STARTED WITH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

SAT. JAN 6, 10:00-11:30 AM W45
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Before you can take breathtaking outdoor photos, you need to understand the basics of digital photography. Concepts such as megapixels, magnification, memory cards, quality settings and aspect ratio will be explained and illustrated with sample photos. Bring your camera and your questions. Photographer Adam Alonzo will be your guide. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📅

SUPPORT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS WITH A YEAR-END GIFT

You can help kids connect to nature, provide green spaces for families to explore and protect the region's natural heritage with a year-end gift to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible and supports the mission of Five Rivers MetroParks.

Learn more at
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PHOTOGRAPHY & ART

(FREE) FALL PHOTOGRAPHY OPEN CLASS

SAT. OCT 21, 10:00-11:30 AM V87
AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK, Aullwood Gardens, 955 Aullwood Rd.
Fall is the perfect time of year to capture colorful outdoor pictures. Join Adam Alonzo for an informal photography session in the park. Participants can take pictures, ask questions and try new techniques. We'll meet in the parking lot and go over to the park together. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 18Y and up 📅 ⚙️

NATURE PHOTO CRITIQUE SESSION

SAT. NOV 18, 10:00-11:30 AM V90
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Auditorium, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Photographer Adam Alonzo will critique your nature photos and use them as the basis for brief lessons about camera technique and composition. Send digital photos by e-mail in advance to critique@adamalonzo.com. Only outdoor photos will be considered and not all photos submitted will be discussed in the session. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$20 📅

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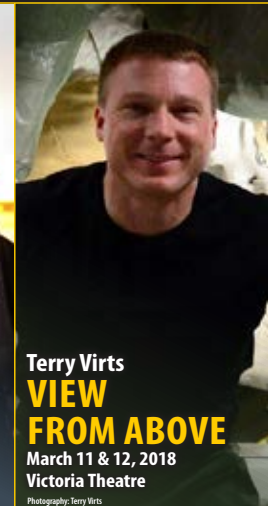
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REBUILDING OUR FORESTS

SAT. OCT 14, 10:00-11:30 AM V112
TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK, Shelter: CCC/East Park Parking Lot, 2101 U.S. 40

Learn how trees play an important part in the way we and other animals live. We will be collecting nuts and test their viability as part of reforestation efforts. Registration required. Age: 3Y-13Y Fee: \$5 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

BECOME AN ARACHNOLOGIST

SAT. OCT 14, 1:00-3:00 PM V108
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Come explore spider conservation power and learn how to guide other kids on a spider search at your home or in a park. Participants will receive supplies to help find and identify spiders. Registration required. Age: 3Y-13Y Fee: \$10 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) FALL BIRD WALK

SAT. OCT 21, 10:00-11:30 AM V116
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East Park, 4361 National Rd.

Discover which birds call Ohio their warm refuge while searching for them in the park. Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-13Y 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) WHO HIBERNATES?

SAT. OCT 28, 1:00-2:30 PM V117
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Parking Lot, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Animals deal with winter in many different ways. Let's explore these different ways as well hike through the forest. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-13Y 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) NOCTURNAL ADVENTURE

SAT. NOV 4, 7:00-8:00 PM V114
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Paw Paw Program Parking, 100 Deep Hollow Rd.

Join us on a family-friendly night hike. We'll discuss our fears of the night, explore nocturnal animals and search for screech owls. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-13Y 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

FEEDERWATCH

SAT. NOV 11, 10:00-11:30 AM V113
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Explore bird diversity while learning how to identify feeder birds, and participate in this global Citizen Science effort. Registration required. Age: 3Y-13Y Fee: \$5 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) WOODPECKER SAFARI

SAT. NOV 11, 1:00-2:30 PM V115
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

Come discover more about these incredible insect hunters as we search for them and their friends. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-13Y 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

BECOME AN ECOLOGIST

SAT. NOV 18, 1:00-3:00 PM V109
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk.

Speak for forests through learning its plants and wildlife, and how to nurture relationships between your friends and nature. Participants will get resources to help them become forest naturalists. Registration required. Age: 3Y-13Y Fee: \$10 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

ANIMAL KEEPER

SAT. DEC 9, 1:00-2:30 PM W69
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Welcome Center, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Be a wild animal keeper for a day, learn what animals need to survive, and how MetroParks care for our captive animals. Registration required. Age: 3Y-13Y Fee: \$5 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) NIGHT LAKE WATCH

SAT. DEC 9, 6:00-7:30 PM W74
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Shelter: Hickory/Parking Lot/Argonne Lake, 4790 Frytown Rd. Possum Creek has a beautiful lake, complete with beavers and other nightlife. Join a naturalist for a leisurely walk around the Argonne Lake to look for creatures while learning about winter ecology. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-13Y 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) ANIMAL TRACKING EXCURSION

SAT. JAN 6, 1:00-2:00 PM W75
HILLS & DALES METROPARK, Shelter: Paw Paw/Parking Lot, 100 Deep Hollow Rd. Have you ever wanted to become an animal tracker? Discover the art and science of tracking on this hands-on excursion. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-13Y 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

BECOME A TRACKER

SAT. JAN 13, 1:00-3:00 PM W67
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Wintertime is great for exploring animal tracks. Learn how to spot animal signs, and get others excited about exploring winter! Participants will receive knowledge and tools to help them lead their own tracking adventure for friends. Registration required. Age: 3Y-13Y Fee: \$10 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

GREENHOUSE HELPERS

SAT. JAN 20, 1:00-2:30 PM W70
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Mead Westvaco Theatre, 6733 Springboro Pk. Be part of conservation efforts while discovering what a horticulturist must do to care for seeds and plants in the winter. The plants we start will be planted in the park by Conservation Kids later this spring. Registration required. Age: 3Y-13Y Fee: \$5 🗝️ ⚙️ ▲

(FREE) WINTER HABITAT HIKE

SAT. JAN 20, 4:00-5:30 PM W76
CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK, Shelter: Cedar Lake/Parking Lot, 7891 E. Shull Rd.

Explore your inner naturalist as you engage in the variety of habitats and ponder some of life's greatest questions. We'll explore plant-animal relationships, and find a newfound respect for our local biodiversity. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-13Y 🌱🌿

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY: MAKE A SCARECROW AND PLANT A JACK-O-LANTERN

SAT. OCT 14, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM V85
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK, Parking Lot, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave.
Bring the family to make a scarecrow. We'll provide instructions, straw and posts, you provide the clothes. We'll also plant carved pumpkins, filling their smiles, tops, and eyes with cool plants - all provided by us as well! Each family will take home one scarecrow and one planted jack-o-lantern. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: Fee per family: \$25 🌱🌿

(FREE) PUMPKIN DECORATING

SAT. OCT 21, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM V122
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.
The great pumpkin harvest has arrived! Bring your creative spirit to 2nd Street Market for a fun-filled family day decorating this fall favorite. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

BREAD DOUGH CLAY FUN

SAT. NOV 18, 10:00-11:30 AM V77
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Here is a new twist to bread dough! Use that old flour and turn it into great family fun. Each family will make package tags and ornaments for the holidays to take home. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per Family: \$15 🌱🌿

(FREE) NATURE AT NIGHT

SAT. NOV 18, 6:00-9:00 PM V20
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Education Center, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Celebrate our nocturnal wildlife through activities throughout the park: Stargazing through telescopes, owl walks, storytelling campfire, crafts, and much more! Bring flashlights if you desire. No registration required. Age: All ages 🌱🌿

SOAPY FAMILY FUN

SAT. DEC 9, 10:00-11:30 AM W29
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Come have some clean fun making re-batched soap. You will pour soap into molds and add coloring and scent to personalize your soap. Each family will make at least three bars of soap to take home. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per Family: \$15 🌱🌿

(FREE) SANTA VISITS THE MARKET

FRI. DEC 15, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM W71
SAT. DEC 16, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM W72
2ND STREET MARKET, 600 E. Second St.
Bring a camera and snap a photo of Santa with your friends and family. It won't be too late to tell Santa what is on your wish list, including Market goodies. Santa will have a treat for everyone who stops by. No registration required. Contact (937) 228-2088 for details. Age: All ages

HOMEMADE FAMILY FUN

SAT. JAN 13, 10:00-11:30 AM W33
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.
Need some good, clean fun for a wintry day? By using items found at home, we will create cool sensory play dough and goop from corn and wheat products that are safe for the whole family. This will include "frozen slime", super dough balls, milk paints and pumpkin moon sand! Each family will take home several completed toys. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: per Family: \$15 🌱🌿



PROTECTORS OF NATURE

Congratulations to our most recent Conservation Kids!

Dani Price
Charlotte Caraway

Paige Caraway
Kelsey Bisignani

FROM TODDLERS TO TEENS, CONSERVATION KIDS PROGRAMS ARE NOW ALL-AGES

It's easier than ever for your entire family to participate in Conservation Kids programs. These conservation-focused programs now include multiple ages in each class, making it easier for siblings and friends to participate together. Conservation Kids programs help you and your child discover nature, take conservation action with others, and ultimately help protect and promote wildlife.

Visit metroparks.org/kids for more information. Look for color triangles in the program listings of Conservation Kids to see what level each program is designated for within the series. Participants should begin by taking the Discovery Level (▲ green) programs and build onto their knowledge with ▲ blue and ▲ orange programs after completing the green level.

[METROPARKS.ORG/KIDS](https://metroparks.org/kids)



PRESCHOOL

*Help young children discover
the wonders of nature.*

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 www.metro parks.org/bookclub.

(FREE) NATURE PLAY

MON. OCT 2, 10:00-11:00 AM V119
ENGLEWOOD METROPARK, Shelter: Patty/East
Park, 4361 National Rd.

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

(FREE) SPACE TRAVELER

WED. OCT 11, 10:00-11:00 AM V118
SUGARCREEK METROPARK, Trailhead Parking
Lot, 4178 Conference Rd.

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

(FREE) BIRD LIFE

MON. OCT 16, 10:00-11:00 AM V120
GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Twin Valley Wel-
come Center, 6910 Boomershire Rd.

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

(FREE) FOREST OF LEAVES

FRI. OCT 27, 10:00-11:00 AM V121
COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Edible Land-
scape Garden/Pavilion, 6733 Springboro Pk.
Explore the colors, sizes, and shapes of
leaves through stories, songs, and puppets
as Dayton Metro Library and MetroParks
naturalists guide your little one on a journey
through forests. Registration requested, walk-
ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y 📖 ⚙️

(FREE) STORYTIME: FALL PLANTS

THU. OCT 5, 10:00-11:00 AM V76
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek
Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

October is pumpkin time! Come to the farm for a story about this wonder-fruit that makes fall fun for all. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-6Y 📖

(FREE) STORYTIME: TURKEYS

THU. NOV 2, 10:00-11:00 AM V75
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek
Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

November is turkey time! Enjoy learning about this amazing bird through stories, and then visit the Possum Creek turkeys. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 2Y-6Y 📖

LEARN TO ICE SKATE: CHILDREN'S COURSE

SUN NOV. 26-DEC. 10, 11:00-11:30 AM
V105

SUN JAN. 7-21, 11:00-11:30 AM W65
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E.
Monument Ave.

Learn the basics of skating so that you can get out there and skate on your own. This three-week session will cover how to get on and off the ice, how to fall safely and get up on your own. Fee includes use of skates and lessons on Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Register for this class and receive two free skate admissions! Registration required. Age: 3Y-5Y Fee: \$50 📖 ⚙️

(FREE) STORYTIME: WINTER ON THE FARM

THU. DEC 7, 10:00-11:00 AM W35
POSSUM CREEK METROPARK, Possum Creek
Education Building, 4790 Frytown Rd.

What happens on the farm when snow is on the ground and the wind blows cold? Through stories, we will learn what winter looks like on the farm. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Age: 3Y-6Y 📖



SPOOKY EVENING IN THE GARDEN

*Seasonal fun for
the entire family*

Friday, October 27,
3 to 5:30 PM and 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

Enjoy free tricks, treats and nature-based activities with a seasonal twist. Little ones enjoy an afternoon of fun traditional fall activities, while slightly older kids can participate in spookier activities during the evening.

*Sponsored by the Wegerzyn Gardens
Foundation. A Dayton Parent Magazine
Playdate event.*

YOUTH AND TEEN

Explore the outdoors while learning and growing.

MORNING CHORES

SAT. OCT 21, 8:30-10:00 AM V80

SAT. NOV 18, 8:30-10:00 AM V82

SAT. DEC 16, 8:30-10:00 AM W38

SAT. JAN 20, 8:30-10:00 AM W40

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

Join a farmer to experience a typical work day for a 1880s farm hand. Participants will help with a variety of historic chores. Meet at the front gate of the farm. Registration required. Age: 8Y-12Y Fee: \$5 🗓️

LEARN TO ICE SKATE YOUTH/TEEN COURSE

SUN NOV. 26-DEC. 17, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM V104

SUN JAN. 7-21, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM W64
RIVERSCAPE METROPARK, MetroParks Ice Rink, 111 E. Monument Ave.

Each student will learn how to fall and get up as well as get safely across the ice, and skate forward and backward. Register for this program and receive two free admissions to skate! Fee includes use of skates and lessons on Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Registration required. Age: 6Y-17Y Fee: \$50 🗓️ ⚙️

BECOME A CHAMPION

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AS A CHAMPION OF FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

The Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation's new Champions program makes supporting MetroParks easy with a monthly gift. The Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is a organization that exists to support Five Rivers MetroParks in its work to protect the region's natural heritage and offer outdoor experiences that inspire a connection with nature.

Your secure online donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

HOW TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT:

1. Visit metroparks.org/champions
2. Sign up for a monthly gift
3. Get your official membership card, display your sticker and sport your exclusive MetroParks Champions T-shirt

Contact 937-277-4839 or email champions@metroparks.org for more information.



HELP RESTORE OUR FORESTS

FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS NEEDS YOUR HELP RESTORING DAYTON'S BEAUTIFUL FORESTS. Learn more at a reforestation orientation, and then join MetroParks during nut gathering and tree planting events.

GO NUTS ORIENTATIONS

at Five Rivers MetroParks Headquarters

Saturday, Sept. 9: 9 AM

Monday, Sept. 11: 6 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 3: 9 AM

NUT GATHERING EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 1: 1:30 PM

at Waldruhe Park

Wednesday, Oct. 11: 5:30 PM

at Sinclair Park

TREE PLANTING WEEKENDS

Saturday, Oct. 14: 9 AM to noon
at the Great Miami Mitigation Bank

Saturday, Oct. 21: 9 AM to noon
at Germantown MetroPark

Saturday, Oct. 28: 9 AM to noon
Make a Difference Day (DeWeese Parkway)

Visit metroparks.org/reforestation to learn more about MetroParks' reforestation efforts.



COMMUNITY GROUPS & TRAINING

Share the benefits of an active, nature-based lifestyle with your community and future generations.

CONSERVATION & CITIZEN SCIENCE

NAI CERTIFIED INTERPRETIVE GUIDE TRAINING

SAT. NOV 4, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM V2

SUN. NOV 5, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

SAT. NOV 18, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

SUN. NOV 19, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

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

Five Rivers MetroParks and National Association for Interpretation are offering a 32-hour certification course for anyone who delivers programs. It combines both the theoretical foundations of the profession with practical skills in delivering quality interpretive programming to visitors. For more information, see our website description. See contact info to register. Age: 18Y and up Fee: Registration with certification: \$390, Registration without certification: \$230

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!

PROJECT WILD & INQUIRY ADVENTURES WORKSHOP

SUN. JAN 28, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM W63

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK, Kettering Learning Lab, 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 Ohio Approved credit is available. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up Fee: \$25

FOOD: EARTH TO TABLE

COMMUNITY GARDENER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

SAT. DEC 16, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM W50

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

Multiple speakers make up the day with topics of interest for you to take back to your community gardens. Learn more about specific gardening methods, group dynamics, best plant selection, and an overview of good agricultural practices. Light refreshments provided. Registration required. Age: All ages Fee: \$15

GARDENING

(FREE) START A NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

THU. OCT 19, 6:00-7:30 PM V97

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

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

(FREE) CREATE A GREEN SCHOOLYARD

SAT. NOV 4, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM V96

OFFSITE, Southdale Elementary, 1200 W Dorothy Ln
Learn the steps to establishing a successful green schoolyard, draw up preliminary sketches, and practice using curriculum in a habitat or garden. This training is designed for teachers, who will receive a certificate of participation. Please bring lunch. Southdale Elementary; please use the front entrance. Registration required. Age: 18Y and up

CELEBRATE TEACHERS WHO INSPIRE YOU TO GET OUTDOORS!

Do you know an educator who uses nature as a classroom?

Nominate them for an OUTstanding Teacher Award.

Winners receive prizes, classroom materials and more.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD




Nominations should be submitted by January 31, 2018.

Visit
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to learn more.



Save the Date

Miami Valley Leave No Child Inside Summit
Saturday, March 10, 9:30 AM to 5 PM



Dayton Metro Library, 215 E. Third St.
Registration available in January 2018.
For More Information visit: bit.ly/MVLNCL

JOIN THE FUN THIS SEASON AT RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

OPEN NOV. 24
THROUGH FEB. 28

METROPARKS ICE RINK

\$5 ADMISSION
\$2 SKATE RENTAL



2017 - 2018 HOURS

OPEN NOVEMBER 24 TO FEBRUARY 28

OPENING DAY HOURS (NOV. 24) Friday 11 AM - 10 PM

NOVEMBER 25 to DECEMBER 21

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

DECEMBER 22 to JANUARY 6

Sunday	See Holiday Hours
Monday	See Holiday Hours
Tuesday	11 AM - 8 PM
Wednesday	11 AM - 8 PM
Thursday	11 AM - 8 PM
Friday	11 AM - 10 PM
Saturday	11 AM - 10 PM

JANUARY 7 to FEBRUARY 28

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

HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)	11 AM - 5 PM
Christmas Day (Dec. 25)	1 - 8 PM
New Year's Eve (Dec. 31)	11 AM - 10 PM
New Year's Day (Jan. 1)	1 - 8 PM
Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 15)	11 AM - 5 PM
Presidents Day (Feb. 19)	11 AM - 5 PM

SEASON PASSES

Give the gift of outdoor fun! Ice rink season passes make great stocking stuffers.

PRIVATE RINK RENTALS

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

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



937-275-PARK (7275)

After 5 PM and on weekends and holidays, call 278-2607 for rink information.

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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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