



MIAMI VALLEY OUTDOOR CLUB

July 2007

Annual Picnic at Indian Riffle Park July 3

The annual July picnic and membership meeting will be at a NEW LOCATION! The location is a skate park called "Indian Riffle" even though the road nearby is "Indian Ripple." The city of Kettering will be busy July 3 preparing for their Independence Day celebrations at Delco Park, so our traditional picnic spot at Delco Park will not be available.

Please bring a dish to share and table service. The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, ice, and drinks (your membership dues dollars at work!). We will start grilling around 7:00 PM, but come anytime after 6:00 to start nibbling on the food. We will have a brief meeting after dinner. (Directions to Indian Riffle Park on page 2)

Memberships now half price!

Starting July 1, the yearly memberships are reduced to half price. For the remainder of the year, dues are:
Singles \$8, Families \$12.
All memberships end December 31.

Dave Wood (right) helps Barbara McCray get started on her first-ever attempt at windsurfing at Eastwood Lake MetroPark June 13. (photo by Lindy McDonough) story on page 3



July Activities

Little Miami River Group Campout, Oregonia, Sat. - Sun., June 30 - July 1

Group Campout at Morgan's Canoe Campground on the Scenic Little Miami River, Saturday, June 30.

There will be hiking, cycling, canoeing, and a pot luck picnic on Saturday night. There are options in the area for in-line skating, and visiting a restored ancient summer solstice marker.

This is the first of three group camp-outs this summer. The second will be on July 21 at Hueston Woods, and the Third at Kiser Lake, August 18. Contact person: Donna Gehring at 836-8515 or dgehring@worldnet.att.net.

Annual Picnic, Tuesday, July 3 at Indian Riffle Park in Kettering

DIRECTIONS: Donna Gehring checked it out thoroughly and, yes, the skatepark, Indian Riffle Park, is spelled RIFFLE even though the road nearby is RIPPLE. Traveling south on Stroop from the intersection of Indian Ripple, Dorothy Lane and Stroop Roads reset your tripometer to 0.0. This is a divided highway. At about 0.8 miles just this side of Bethany Church of Christ on the right there is an entrance. There are signs, but they are not helpful at all from the southbound side of the street. If you pass the church, you have gone too far. Turn around and go north. The signs are more visible.

If you are traveling north on Stroop from the intersection of Stroop and Woodman reset your tripometer. It is 0.8 miles from this intersection to your entrance on the left side of the road. It is the next street just north of Bethany Church of Christ on the left. We are in picnic shelter #3.

Board Meeting, Thursday, July 12

This month's board meeting will be at Marion's Pizza Restaurant, 3443 N. Dixie Dr., 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

Wisconsin Timeshare Planning Meeting, Sunday, July 8

Fox Hill timeshare week planning meeting will be held Sunday, 8 July 2007 at Marion's Pizza on Shroyer and Patterson Rd. at 6:00 p.m. Any questions contact Emma Pleasant at 433-5545.

Mad River Inner Tube Float Saturday, July 14

This year's annual inner tube float trip will last about two hours. It will take place on the Mad River north of Springfield and slightly north of Tremont city. We hope to be floating on the River by 12:00 noon. So, we will meet in Springfield at 11:30 a.m. at the Speedway station on Upper Valley Pike. The Mad River is spring fed and consequently, very cold. We won't be dragging a cooler with us this time. We can have lunch at the end if we place a cooler in the shuttle vehicle waiting for us at the take-out. We should be out of the river, dried off, and packed up by 2:30 for those of you scheduling multiple activities. Afterwards we have been known to take a short hike at Buck Creek State Park. If you have questions or need an inner tube, contact Donna Gehring 836-8515 or dgehring@worldnet.att.net

Sailboarding at Eastwood Lake Tuesday, July 17

Want to try sailboarding? Virginia and David Wood will have their boards out at Eastwood Lake (south of SR4 off of Woodman Dr.) 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Kayaks and canoes are welcome too. Someone usually goes for food toward 6 p.m. Call 426-9875 if you are unsure about the weather.

Hueston Woods Group Campout, Saturday & Sunday, July 21 - 22

In keeping with everyone's concern about gas prices, 3 camp-outs have been planned this summer within a short distance of Dayton. The second one is at Hueston Woods State Park on July 21 & 22 in group campsite #2. The campsite, which is along Acton Lake, is surrounded by trees and has a huge campfire ring. There will be more info at the next meeting. There is a lovely road circling within the park property that will be great for cycling. There is a mountain bike trail, a beautifully clean beach and lake to swim, canoe or sail, and trails to hike. There are also fossils to hunt in a nearby streambed. There is the opportunity to see native wildlife up close in a protected environment. This one is easy - you can pack up and leave home on Saturday morning and be there in time for a picnic lunch. Bring a contribution to Saturday night dinner and we can sit around the campfire and tell tall tales of adventure. Contact person: Donna Gehring 937-836-8515 or dgehring@worldnet.att.net

Evening Bicycle Rides

Anyone interested in riding Monday evenings in July, please call Jeanne Boeke (299-4102) at least the day before to find out the location. We ride for about an hour or so on one of the local bikepaths. Dinner afterwards is a possibility if there is interest.

Trip Reports

“The Alps” at Omnimax, May 27

Five MVOCer’s enjoyed the movie in Cincy about an exciting climb up the Eiger. The group saw spectacular vistas of the mountains, valleys, villages, bridges and dams of the Swiss country-side - views we could never see, even in person.

Englewood Family Picnic, June 10

by Lindy McDonough

About thirteen MVOCer’s showed up at Patty Shelter for this casual get-together on a glorious Sunday afternoon. After a meal of hot dogs, potato salad, fresh fruit, deviled-eggs, chips, beans, and assorted desserts, a party of five took a 70 minute hike through the woods, passing two waterfalls and finishing with a stroll along the Stillwater River and Englewood Lake.

Zaleski Backpack & Champion Tree Trip, June 16 - 17

by Connie Steele

Despite forecasts of hot temperatures, 10 hardy souls ventured out for a weekend of backpacking and hiking at Zaleski State Forest. The plan was to do the northern loop, stopping along the way to see the state champion White Pine. Four members of the group decided to go via the longer route from the south parking lot: new members Jenny and Max McConnell and Walt Fenstermacher (welcome!), as well as Andy Niecamp, who started his backpack Friday night in order to do the entire trail system over the weekend. The rest of us: Dwight and Donna Gehring, Barbara McCray, Dave and Sandy Todd, and Connie Steele started out as planned on the shorter northern loop, which required some complicated car shuttle logistics (thanks Dwight and Donna!). The plan was to meet up with the rest of the hikers at the group camp site. On the hike in, the “upper loopers” found the impressive 152 foot White Pine (Donna has the GPS coordinates in case you want to see it for

yourself), where we stopped for lunch. And, thanks to Andy, who arrived at the group area earlier in the day and staked out a claim for a nicely shaded and spacious site, we all spent a very pleasant evening at camp, the day cooling down which made the campfire and roasted marshmallows a nice treat. The next day, we decided to forego completing the upper loop due to reports that the last leg was very overgrown. So, in true Fugari tribe style, we took the five mile trail back to the main parking lot instead. The day was much more humid and by the time we arrived at the parking lot, we were ready for a dip in Lake Hope, which proved to be a refreshing end to a great weekend with a great group of folks.

Sailboarding at Eastwood June 13

The sailboarding at Eastwood Lake was a real success. The weather cooperated with enough wind to fill the sails but not enough to knock us down. We had two old-timers, three new-timers and one in-between. In addition, one new-timer dropped over from the kyak group using the same lake. The two boards provided enough time for everyone to practice raising the sail, turning and running - and to get a good physical workout. The only unpleasant moments were when jet boats went by at high speed. A cellural phone call seemed to indicate that they were allowed anywhere on the lake every day - NOT what the sign said. Anyway, no near collisions.

Coming Up

- July 15Deadline for August newsletter**
Aug. 7..... Membership Meeting, Betty Ross of Glen Helen outdoor education raptor center.
Aug. 11..... Mad River Inner Tube Float
Aug. 18..... Kiser Lake Campout
Sept.. 4..... Membership Meeting, Allen Johnson on Biking to the Arctic Circle or Canoeing the Wabash or Walking Hadrian’s Wall or Kayaking Around Iceland.
Sept. 7-9..... Junction Trail Festival, Milford, OH
Oct. 2..... Membership Meeting, Rubin Battino on Tramping and Touring in New Zealand.
Oct. 6..... Outdoor GearFest at 2nd St. Market
Nov. 6..... Membership Meeting, Andy Niekamp on Backpacking
Dec. 4..... Annual Holiday Feast & Auction

Membership Response Form

Annual dues are \$16 for singles or \$24 for families. New members joining after July 1 may pay half a year's dues.

Name _____ I'd like to join _____ I'd like to renew _____

Address _____ I'd like more information _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email address _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please circle one: (Include) (Do not include) my name and information on the annual roster sent to all MVOC members.

I hereby declare that I am at least 18 years of age and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club. I do hereby relieve the Miami Valley Outdoor Club and/or its officers and members from all responsibility and liability regarding any loss, injury, or accidents incurred at, or related to, any club activity or function.

Signature _____ Date _____

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