



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

December, 2008

December 2 Meeting:

## December Meeting: Annual Christmas Feast and Charity Auction

Join us Tuesday night, December 2, at the Carriage Trace Clubhouse for dinner and an auction. The club will provide meat and drinks, you bring a dish to share, dinner service and gently-used outdoor gear to auction. Proceeds will go to Glen Helen's Raptor Center and the Brukner Nature Center.

Directions to Carriage Trace.

From the South: go North on Bigger, cross over 675 and turn left into Carriage Trace.

From the North: Wilmington Ave. south to Bigger Rd., south to Carriage Trace. Turn right at Carriage Trace.

If you cross over 675 you have gone too far.

Proceed straight into Carriage Trace to the Community Center. There is some parking in front of the building.

For extra parking turn right then left to lot on left. More further directions call Rees at 434-0456.

### Upcoming MVOC Activities

Saturday December 13

## Christmas Light hike

John Bryan State Park through Clifton Gorge to Clifton Mill

This will be a 3 mile hike that will bring us to Clifton Mill just in time to see the daily grand illumination of the property. Hike begins at 4PM. The grand illumination is at 6PM. Cars will need to be shuttled to Clifton Mill in order to return to the cars in John Bryan State Park.

Contact Persons: Dwight and Donna Gehring 836-8515 or [dgehring@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dgehring@worldnet.att.net)

Favorite spots are the metro and county park systems around Detroit and Cleveland. Motel accommodations. Ski and snowshoe rentals available.

Midweek trip: Sunday-Saturday February (7) 8-13 (14)(15).

We are leaving the location open this year. We will go within a 10-12 hour driving time to where ever the snow is. Use motel accommodations. Cabin/home accommodations if available. Possibilities are Somerset area (Laural Highlands) in PA or Grayling and points north in MI. Ski and snowshoe rental dependent upon location.

## Cross Country Ski Trips for 2009

The winter season is fast approaching. We are saving the dates of Jan 9-11(12) and Jan (16)17-19 as possible weekend trips. Our long trip is scheduled for February. Hope you can join us. David and Virginia Wood

Weekend trips:

On Wednesday/Thursday we decide where to go within a 6 hour drive of Dayton if there is snow.

If interested in any of these trips contact David or Virginia Wood 937-426-9875 or e-mail [dvwood@donet.com](mailto:dvwood@donet.com).

## Members@MVOC.net

Find an interesting website? A great new outfitter?

Something else to share with members that won't wait for the next newsletter? Just send an email to [members@mvoc.net](mailto:members@mvoc.net) and your message will go to all MVOC'ers using email.

# Friends of the Little Miami Trail

Little Miami Scenic Trail is suffering. Some bridges are dangerous or closed, sections of the trail are breaking down, and the budget is shrinking. So Simeon Copple, owner of the Corwin Peddler, has begun a move to form "Friends of the Little Miami Trail."

Check out his webpage [www.thecorwinpeddler.com](http://www.thecorwinpeddler.com). If you are interested please call and speak to Simeon Copple (513)897-3536, or e-mail them at [Friends@TheCorwinPeddler.com](mailto:Friends@TheCorwinPeddler.com) or [TheCorwinPeddler.com](http://TheCorwinPeddler.com).

## Carter Caves 28th Annual Crawlathon

January 23-25, 2009

Ready for some caving in Kentucky? Crawl out of the cold and into the warmth of a cave in Kentucky. The Crawlathon, sponsored by Carter Caves State Resort Park, is a popular caving event with wild cave trips and programs for all skill levels. Registration begins mid-December. Register early as trips fill up fast!

For more info visit [www.crawlathon.com](http://www.crawlathon.com). Contact Andy Niekamp at [andyniekamp@gmail.com](mailto:andyniekamp@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the event or what to bring. The view photos of last year's event visit <http://www.niekamp.org/cthon2008/>

## Historical Topographical maps

### From Andy Niekamp via the MVOC mailing list

If you like maps, especially topo maps, you might find this web site interesting. You can view/download (free) historical topographical maps from MyTopo.com here: <http://historical.mytopo.com/>

Not all states and all areas are online. But the Dayton, Ohio is. You can view color topo maps of Dayton created in the early 1900's. You can view the locations of Fairfield and Osborn which merged to become Fairborn here: <http://historical.mytopo.com/getImage.asp?fname=Dayton06se.jpg&state=OH>  
Or the former canal town of Tadmor along the Great Miami River near Vandalia: <http://historical.mytopo.com/getImage.asp?fname=Dayton06sw.jpg&state=OH>

Or see areas such as Oakwood and Kettering (Van Buren Township) when they were rural areas: <http://historical.mytopo.com/getImage>.

[asp?fname=Waynesville15nw.jpg&state=OH](http://www.usgs.gov/images/waynesville15nw.jpg)

Enjoy,  
Andy Niekamp

## Current Topo Maps

You can also download free copies of current topographical maps from the USGS store at [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov). These are downloadable and printable, although it takes an unusual printer to handle the 7.5 minute quadrangle.

In addition, you can map your route and discover which quads you'll need to order, if you prefer to give the government more of your post-tax dollars.

These are just a few of the places to discover useable topographical maps. No longer do adventurers need to order (and wait), although the stores which stock the hard copy maps are becoming rare.

## Publications Available

On the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website ([www.dnr.state.ohio.us](http://www.dnr.state.ohio.us)) there are a number of publications you can view on line or ORDER. Just two are *Ohio State Parks Magazine* and *Wild Ohio Magazine*.

*Ohio State Parks Magazine*, which comes out twice a year, highlights activities and special features in parks around the state. To get on the mailing list, go to the website and click on the "Publications" link on the lower left side of the page.

*Wild Ohio Magazine* comes out four times a year and features aspects of outdoor Ohio, from places to visit to animals to see to conservation efforts. To get on the mailing list, call 1-800-WILDLIFE.

## Annual Chili Cook-off Superbowl Sunday

**Adventure Summit - February 20-21, 2009**

## Other Activities: What do do when there's nothing to do

### State Park events

December 6

**Caesar Creek** Santa's Elves Workshop  
10am to Noon at the Nature Center Children  
6-12 can create their own ornaments and  
gifts. Preregistration and a \$5 fee for materials  
required by Dec. 1 513-897-3055 or 513-897-  
2437.

Dec 13

**Caesar Creek** Holiday Fun. 10am to 2PM at  
the nature center. Create your own decorations  
and ornaments from natural materials gathered  
at the park. Pre-registration \$5 fee for materials  
required. 513-897-2437.

You can check the State Parks website yourself.  
[Http://www.dnr.state.oh.us](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us)

### Other Outdoor Action

#### MetroParks Activities

Intro to Rock Climbing \$30.00 fee

Dec. 6 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Earn your belay certification while receiving an  
introduction to rock climbing. Class will cover the  
basics of belaying, harness fitting, knot tying,  
rope handling, climbing safety and communica-  
tion. For more information or to register, please  
call Five Rivers Outdoors at (937) 277-4374. You  
must be registered by the Monday prior to the  
class scheduled.

Intro to Rapelling \$30.00 fee

Sat. Dec. 6 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Learn to rappel! This class will cover the basics

### Elections

Elections are coming in February so it's time to  
think about club leadership. Would you like to  
take a turn? Know someone who would? Several  
officers are stepping down and won't be available  
next year. In reality, all offices are open. Even if  
the incumbent for a given office is running, don't  
let that stop you from offering your services or  
convincing someone else to run.

#### Board Meeting, Thursday, December 11

This month's board meeting will be at Marion's  
Piazza, 3434 N. Dixie Dr., at 6:00 p.m. All club  
members are welcome.

of rappelling, rope handling, communication and  
safety. Also learn how to belay a rappel. Prerequi-  
site: Participants must be belay certified at Urban  
Krag within the last 2 years or have completed 1  
or more of the introductory courses. To register  
call (937) 277-4374. Register by the Monday prior  
to program.

Sat Dec. 6 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Ohio Wander Freunde Christmas Walk

5/10 KM Christmas walk in downtown Dayton  
starting at the National City 2nd Street Market.  
Event is free and everyone is welcome. Spon-  
sored by Ohio Wander Freunde.

WDTN Channel 2 Food For Friends

From 3:00 to 5:30 and 7:00 to 10:00 every Friday  
in December, bring three non-perishable food  
items to the Riverscape Skating Rink in exchange  
for one free ice skate rental and admission. All  
food will be donated to The Foodbank. Call (937)  
278-2607 for more information. Weather permit-  
ting.

Autumn Trail Trekkers

Every Saturday in December, 2:00-3:30.

12-06 Argonne Forest Parking Lot Possum Creek  
MetroPark

12-13 Cedar Lake Shelter/Parking Lot Carriage  
Hill MetroPark

12-20 Parking Lot Sugarcreek MetroPark

12-27 Patty Shelter/East Park Englewood Me-  
troPark

### Sunday Dec. 28 Newsletter Deadline

#### Membership Renewal Time Coming Up

This word from Dale Bockhorst, Secretary/  
Treasurer: February 1 is the start of the new mem-  
bership year. Don't risk missing any of the 2009  
newsletters; email notices about impromptu outings  
and last minute changes; lots of fun activities; guest  
speakers; our annual July picnic, December feast and  
auction and mid-winter chili cook-off; announcements  
of other outdoor activities in the Miami Valley like  
GearFest and the Outdoor Summit; and the comrade-  
rie of people who love the outdoors! Renew today! You'll  
find a membership form on the back of this newsletter.

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## 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. **When renewing, please be sure to include your email address, even if it hasn't changed from last year.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### MVOC Officers

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