



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

May 4 Meeting:

May, 2009

## Meeting day changed to Monday, May 4 Location: Gander Mountain

Using VCR tapes of Grand Canyon, Boundary Waters, Paria Canyon, and ACE Whitewater trips Dwight Gehring will demonstrate how to use a multi-media projector to project VCR and other media tapes. Then we will shop at Gander Mt. with a 10% off most things except large items like boats.

Join us at 6:00 P.M. for socializing and trip planning, followed by the business meeting at 6:30 P.M. and the talk at 7:00. The meeting will be at **Gander Mountain**, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Dayton, OH 45424

Meeting time and place was changed because Wegerzyn is unavailable on May 5 and May 4 was the only day available at Gander Mountain.

### Upcoming MVOC Activities

#### Fort Hill Hike Rescheduled

Fort Hill State Memorial

Saturday, May 16, 1:00 - 5:00

The Fort Hill hike and picnic dinner originally scheduled for April 18, 2009 has been moved so that it will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2009. So, we will have our wild flower hike in mid May. The flowers should be much more dramatic by then. For more information about Fort Hill check out these websites. <http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/sw06> or <http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/entry.php?rec=2405>

The hike will take place in the afternoon followed by a potluck picnic. The club will furnish hot dogs, hamburgers, paper plates and plastic ware and charcoal.

Bring a dish to share. Please let me know by Wednesday, May 13 if you plan to attend so that I can shop for the food.

Contact person: Donna Gehring [ddgehring60@verizon.net](mailto:ddgehring60@verizon.net) 937-836-8515

Saturday and Sunday May 23 and 24

#### Lake Vesuvius Recreational Area.

This is the Memorial Day weekend. The plan is to camp at the regular campground. If we could be sure of getting 10 people to sign up and not bail out at the last minute, we would reserve one of the group campsites away from the crowds. Then campers could split the cost.

The options for activities at Lake Vesuvius Recreational Area are cycling on paved roads through the park. For instance: from the campground to the beach and back. Hiking around the lake (8 miles). Hiking the shorter trails. Canoeing, swimming at the beach, fishing, rock climbing and rappelling.

If there are some members who would like to rappell or climb let us know. Dwight and I can bring our climbing and rappelling gear. You don't need to be experienced to do this.

Contact person: Donna and Dwight Gehring [ddgehring60@verizon.net](mailto:ddgehring60@verizon.net) or 937-836-8515. This will be a great way to begin the summer.

## Trip Reports

The May 1-3 car camping trip to Red River Gorge was cancelled. If there's interest, it will be re-scheduled.

April 18

### Wildcat Hollow Trail Maintenance

Four of us camped at Burr Oak Cove camp Friday night. We were met by 2 others and the Forest Service Tec's. complete with back hoes and off-road dump truck. After a quick safety meeting and a sign up, we were off to Monroe High Point to work on the scenic overlook, located on Irish Ridge Road near Corning Ohio. The back hoe carved the path, and the volunteers, followed up and dressed the edges, to prep for the gravel base. Several hundred feet of GEO ground cloth was cut, to control weeds in the gravel foot path. Several large rocks caused one volunteer to work endlessly to remove the rock. This rock will forever more, remain a marker at the top of the hill. Benches are already in place, at the top of the hill, with information sign to follow shortly. A four place parking pull off is already finished. Other volunteer groups, including the local high school seniors worked Thursday and Friday.

The weather was very nice for our day of work outdoors, we finished our work about 4 in the afternoon. Most went home, but I stayed for 2 more days to hunt mushrooms, found 80 to 100

A special Thanks To Bill Scripp and Stan Carte, for putting up us, and we loved the donuts.  
Ralph Weiss STMA

### Cedar Bog Nature Preserve

Sunday, April 26

by Lindy McDonough

On this unseasonably warm, breezy, sunny day a half dozen MVOCers were treated to a guided tour through the first nature preserve in Ohio purchased with state money. In 1802 surveyors considered the area an impenetrable swamp. The first president of Urbana college was the first scientist to investigate the wetland. In 1942 the state purchased the first one hundred acres of this Natural National Landmark. Dave and Virginia Wood, Bonnie Spitzkeit, Jeanne Boeke, Mike Nelson and Lindy McDonough followed the park naturalist through the springtime landscape along a boardwalk that mean-

dered through woods, swamp, open wetland, savannah and prairie habitats. We were warned that by stepping off the boardwalk we might sink into four feet of muck. The huge leaves of maturing skunk cabbage covered the forest floor in places for as far as the eye could see. Blooming wildflowers were everywhere and while crossing an expanse of open wetland we spotted a striped water snake about as big around as a pencil near the boardwalk. Later a few of us saw a skink (yes, scaly not furry) scurry around the trunk of a large tree. Some of us plan to return to see the changing flora throughout the year. Visiting this unique natural treasure was well worth the trip.

### Wright Patt Outdoor Open House

On March 27 the MVOC was invited to set up a display for the W.P.A.F.B. Outdoor Open House. The event was set up to familiarize base personnel- military and contract- of the equipment available to them as well as the local outdoor clubs that are in the area. It was an all day event which attracted approximately 100 people. Thanks to Lindy McDonough, Kathy Hemmerick, and Julie Webb for helping to make this happen. Gary Mount

### What else we've been up to

In April, in ones or twos, Donna Gehring, Lindy McDonough, Mike Nelson and Jim Nies hiked the orange trail at Taylorsville Reserve on three separate occasions.

April 4 Lindy McDonough braved the wilds of the MomBa to try her hand at mountain biking. She said it was exciting and she'll try it again. Keep an eye out for the Metroparks to offer the free sampler again.

April 8 four MVOCers, Andy Niekamp, Scott Barger, Lindy McDonough, Yvonne Entigh and Jim Nies, joined several others from Team Green on a Scott Barger Birthday Bike Ride/Ice Cream run from Wegerzyn Garden Center to the Airway Road Dairy Queen and back.

April 18, Lindy McDonough spent the morning picking up trash in Englewood Reserve for the Metro Parks system-wide Earth Day clean up.

*Editor's note: Been outside lately? Find a trip worth braggin' about. MVOC would like to hear about it/put it in the newsletter even if it wasn't a formally organized "club" activity. Perhaps you'll inspire other club members to get off what they sit on. Just email Jim Nies at [jnies@aol.com](mailto:jnies@aol.com) with the particulars.*

## In the works

Trips in the coming month of June and beyond

### The Wilds & Blue Rock State Park Animal Safari & Car Camping

Fri. - Sun., June 12, 13 & 14

See live rhinos, giraffes, camels and more on this fun family adventure to Muskingum County. We'll camp at Blue Rock State Park and take advantage of its hiking trails, swimming beach, and boating. Saturday we'll drive over to the Wilds, a 10,000 acre wildlife conservation facility and take a safari tour to see lots of exotic animals up close. Nearby we'll take a walk on their Butterfly trail and anyone interested can try out some nearby mountain biking trails or watch birds from a special bird observation deck. Safari prices are Adults: \$18, Seniors \$17, Ages 4-12 \$13 and children under three free. For more information check these websites: [www.thewilds.org](http://www.thewilds.org) and <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/bluerock/tabid/715/Default.aspx> Contact person: Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or [lindymcd46@aol.com](mailto:lindymcd46@aol.com). **Advance registration required by May 13.** MVOC waiver required for non club members.

Sat., June 20

History of the Great Miami River Canoe Trip at Troy,  
Ohio.

Fri-Sun, June 26-28

### Tar Hollow Car Camping

Sometime this summer

### Camp Kern Zip Line

So far, Donna Gehring has response from three adults who are interested in doing the Camp Kern Zip Line this summer. She is investigating further and asks that anyone interested contact her and let her know what weekends you will be available.

### Board Meeting, Thursday, May 14

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.

**A reminder to trip leaders:** If your trip includes non-members, they need to sign a trip waiver form. Contact Lindy McDonough (937-278-1493 or [lindymcd46@aol.com](mailto:lindymcd46@aol.com)) for more details.

## Website Features New Calendar

By Andy Niekamp

The MVOC web site has a new online calendar. The new calendar has many improvements over the old one including having the look and feel of the main MVOC web site. One improvement is you can hover your mouse pointer over an entry to get the event details. The new calendar also has a search feature where, for example, you can search for all backpacking trips. The new calendar can be viewed at: <http://www.mvoc.net/calendar/>

The new calendar supports the iCalendar export format. You can export an item from the MVOC calendar to your Outlook calendar or other calendar.

The new calendar has an RSS feed which can be added to any RSS reader. For example I added the MVOC calendar feed to my MyYahoo page. You can view the RSS feed here: <http://www.mvoc.net/calendar/rss.php> (Newer browsers will display a neatly formatted page. Older browsers will not.) You can view a list of the next 10 calendar events here: <http://www.mvoc.net/calendar/upcoming.php> This list is now displayed on the MVOC home page.

## For Sale - Wanted to Buy, Borrow, or Rent

Roto-Tiller. Mike Nelson is interested in renting, borrowing or buying a used roto-tiller for his new garden patch at Wegerzyn Garden Center. Call 278-1493 or [MRnelson@aol.com](mailto:MRnelson@aol.com).

For Sale: Grumman 17" aluminum canoe with paddles and trolling motor mount. Hardly ever used. \$425. Contact Jim Nies, 275-9614 or [jnies@aol.com](mailto:jnies@aol.com).

More Outdoor Resources:

Five Rivers MetroParks website: [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)

MVOC website: [www.miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org](http://www.miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org)

The Ohio state parks website: [www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks)

A local website formed by local outdoor equipment retailers has an extensive calendar of activities and lists of groups [www.go4theoutdoors.com](http://www.go4theoutdoors.com)

# Activity Calendar May 2009

| Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                | Friday | Saturday                        | Sunday                          |
|--|---------|-----------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Miami Valley Outdoor Club<br>P.O. Box 292571<br>Dayton, OH 45429<br>www.miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org |         |           |                         | 1      | 2                               | 3                               |
| 4 May Mtg<br>Gander Mtn  | 5       | 6         | 7                       | 8      | 9                               | 10                              |
| 11 Mother's<br>Day   | 12      | 13        | 14 Board Mtg<br>Marions | 15     | 16 Fort Hill<br>Picnic          | 17                              |
| 18   | 19      | 20        | 21                      | 22     | 23 Lake<br>Vesuvius Car<br>Camp | 24 Lake<br>Vesuvius Car<br>Camp |
| 25 Memorial<br>Day   | 26      | 27        | 28                      | 29     | 30                              | 31                              |

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### MVOC Officers

|                       |                 |          |                         |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|
| President:            | Lindy McDonough | 278-1493 | lindymcd46@aol.com      |
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