



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

October, 2011

October 4 meeting

By Foot & Canoe: Isle Royale

On Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Englewood residents Dwight & Donna Gehring, long-time members of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club, will be the featured speakers at the club's monthly meeting at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. Their program will follow a short meeting and announcements at 6:30.

The Gehrings will give a slide presentation of their past four trips with other MVOC members to Isle Royale National Park. Their talk will also include tips on how to plan a trip to this first established island national park in the U.S.



Isle Royale is a classic national park in that it is a completely self-contained eco-system buffered and protected from most outside influences by the clear, deep, cold waters of Lake Superior. The park expresses exquisite beauty and natural integrity all in one place. And it provides an excellent opportunity for day hiking, back packing, canoeing, canoe camping, power boating, sailing, berry picking, photography, and fishing.

Park programs include trips to two lighthouses, a fish hatchery and presentations about the human and natural history of the island, and studies regarding the relationship between the wolf and moose population on the island. The presence of many berry studded plants are evidence that no bears inhabit the island. The animal population includes moose, wolves, beaver, fox, loons, turtles, fish, squirrel, chipmunks and much more.

October Family Hayride & Bar BQ

Keep an eye on your email for news about a possible family-friendly hayride and bar-b-q in October. Details aren't complete yet.

September MVOC Board Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 6:00 p.m. at Marion's Pizza on North Dixie. All members are welcome to come and help plan activities.

Taylorville Tuesday Hikes

October 4, 11, 18, 25 all at 5:30

Join Sharon M and members of the Dayton Hikers.org Meetup Group for a Tuesday hike at Taylorville MetroPark. Sharon will lead a fast-paced hike through hilly wooded terrain and along the Great Miami River, beginning promptly at 5:30pm. We will be completing a modified orange loop with steep hills and a pace around 4 miles an hour. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40. This is

a conditioning hike. They will be extending the hike for those who can stay.

Wednesday Climbing at Urban Krag

Urban Krag, Wednesdays 6:30, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, 28

Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street, Dayton, www.urbankrag.org.

Meet at the viewing platform at 6:30 pm. After 6:30 the person at the desk can point us out in the climbing area. Your first time in to the gym you will need to complete a belay certification which takes about 30 to 45 minutes and is a one-time charge of \$15.00. Everyone 14 or older must complete a belay certification. If you are under the age of 14 you will need someone who is belay certified to belay for you. If you are a minor (under the age of 18) you will need to have a parent or guardian sign a waiver for you.

Cost: The total charges for a first time visit will be: Belay certification \$15.00, Daily pass \$12.00, Shoes \$4.00, Harness \$3.00. For more information or to sign up, contact Hank Trimble at hank.trimble@yahoo.com

Easy Hikes in October

Different times & places. Join Lindy McDonough for these moderately paced, 1.5 hour hikes in several locations.

9 a.m. Friday, October 7 **Possum Creek MetroPark** 4790

Frytown Rd; meet at the Argonne Forest parking lot

4:00 p.m., October 12 **Englewood MetroPark**

South, 9331 Meeker Rd; meet in the parking lot

9:00 a.m., October 21..... **Carriage Hill MetroPark**
Carriage Hill Farm - 7821 E. Shull Rd; meet at the Red Wing Shelter.

4:00 p.m., October 26..... **Taylorville MetroPark** -
Tadmor Loop Parking lot, 2005 U.S. 40



Tom Schommer (left) and John Nichols among the prairie flowers at Carriage Hill MetroPark.



Hikers at Englewood MetroPark South, at the group campsite.

October Membership Special

Tell your friends, co-workers, relatives and neighbors about this special membership offer. Or think about giving an MVOC membership as a gift. Any new member who joins during the month of October will receive the remainder of this membership year and the entire following year through January 2013 at the price of \$16 for singles and \$24 for families

And here's further incentive to join, from Andy Niekamp at Dayton Hikers and Metroparks Gearfest:

GearFest is sponsoring a Club Membership Drive! Over 15 local clubs and organizations will be offering special membership incentives if you join or renew your membership at GearFest. Everyone who joins a club will get a goodie bag of items donated by GearFest sponsors. The goodie bags contain some great items! For every club you join you will be given a raffle ticket to win a chance at a the grand prize of a \$500 KEEN Footwear gift certificate. Since Dayton Hikers doesn't charge dues, if you make a donation to Dayton hikers, you'll also receive the Gearfest goodies.

Time for an MVOC Change?

Recently there has been some discussion among board members of making some changes to the way the organization operates. When MVOC began back in the 1970's it may have been the only outdoor club available to the public. Today there are countless clubs for every kind of outdoor activity imaginable - hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, backpacking, sailing, windsurfing - you name it. And the Five Rivers MetroParks has greatly expanded their calendar of outdoor events and activities as well. Subsequently many people, including our own MVOCers, are doing a LOT more outdoors and they are finding they have a lot

less free time, especially the elected officers. It has been suggested that MVOC do some streamlining to their organization without diminishing the quality or quantity of activities. The MVOC board is considering making the following changes:

1. Reduce the number of board meetings and newsletters from 12 to six per year. This would require a bit more advance planning, but it's believed that the use of email would make planning and decision making easier and faster. The Hosta Society that meets at Cox Arboretum is an example of a group that has operated very successfully with just four board meetings and 4 newsletters per year.

2. The Chili Cook-Off has become something of a tradition, held on Super Bowl Sunday. It was suggested that because it occurs so close to the February Tuesday meeting, that we eliminate the meeting at Wegerzyn and consider the cook-off our February meeting.

3. Change elections from February to December. Typically the elections only take 5-10 minutes and it has been many years since we've had more than one person run for an office. Because the December Dinner & Auction draws the most attendance, it's thought that would be a good time to vote. We could have a quick election and the new officers would begin their term January 1. Another option would be to vote online, however we don't have the capability to make the voting anonymous.

4. Develop a calendar for the whole year ahead, as much as possible, for speakers, activities, and events. The board would like to encourage more input from members on ideas for speakers and activities and recruit more members to participate in committees to plan events and contact speakers.

We will continue to mail paper copies of the newsletter to our members without computers and make every effort to keep them in the loop.

Nothing definite has yet been decided regarding the above proposals and the board would like your feedback on them. Please email or call any one of the board members listed online or in the newsletter with your opinions and suggestions. Let us know what you want out of MVOC, what you think is lacking, how you think we can do better.



A windsurfing lesson for new member John Nichols. That's Jeanne B. steadying the board.

November Newsletter Deadline. October 23, 2011

Metroparks Gearfest 2011

Don't forget **Gearfest** Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1. Outdoor demos--whitewater kayaking, snowboarding, tree climbing and more--together with "Try It" sessions on such action as fly-fishing, canoeing, slack-line, and others, all combine to make for a fun, informative day and a half.

In addition to the action, there will be free camping, a beer garden, live music, a gear-swap area, bonus give-aways and more. Many outdoor clubs, including MVOC, will have booths.

All the action takes place at Eastwood Metropark off Harshman Road, Friday 6-10 pm and Saturday, 11-8. Stop by for an hour or a day. You will be entertained and informed.

Drive a Subaru? Since Subaru is one of the sponsors, Subaru drivers are invited to park in the special "reserved" parking close to the action.

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Membership/Waiver 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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