



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

September, 2012



Tuesday, September 4, 2012,

## Wilderness Trails of California

Hear Miami Valley Outdoor Club member Scott Barger share his adventures backpacking on a scenic loop in the High Sierras, 7:00 p.m., September 4 at the Miami Valley Outdoor Club meeting at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. in Dayton. Scott will share trail stories, hiking tips and beautiful photos of scenery taken in September 2011 along The Pacific Crest Trail, the John Muir and River Trails in the Ansel Adams Wilderness, the John Muir Wilderness, and the Minaret Mountains in the Inyo National Forest in California.

Come as early as 6:00 p.m. for socializing and trip planning, followed at 6:30 by a short meeting with announcements and trip reports. The speaker will begin at 7:00 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments.

*Scott Barger, September's speaker*

## Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays 6:30, September 5, 12, 19, 26  
Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street,  
Dayton, [www.urbankrag.org](http://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](mailto:hank.trimble@yahoo.com)

## Tuesdays at Taylorsville

September 4, 11, 18, 25 at 4:30

Join members of MVOC for a Tuesday hike at Taylorsville MetroPark. Various members will take turns

leading a FAST-paced hike through hilly wooded terrain and along the Great Miami River, beginning promptly at 4:30 at a pace around 4 miles an hour. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40. This is a conditioning hike. Time, energy and attitude willing, some hikers often take another, somewhat slower, trip around the park at 5:30 or so.

### **Early Bird Tuesday Hikes in September**

Get some fresh air and exercise early in the day. Join Lindy McDonough for these moderately paced, 1.5 hour hikes at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. Locations vary. Dogs are welcome but must be on leash. Bring bug repellent.

Tues., Sept. 4 ..... Taylorsville MetroPark Tadmor Trail, 2005 U.S. 40, parking lot northwest end of the dam. Fairly flat terrain.

Tues., Sept. 11..... Wegerzyn MetroPark - 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave, meet at south end of parking lot away from buildings. You may want to wear long pants. We will be going in some overgrown areas. Fairly flat terrain.

Tues., Sept. 18..... Taylorsville MetroPark - East - 2101 U.S. 40, parking lot northeast of the dam. Hilly terrain.

Tues., Sept. 25.....Possum Creek MetroPark - 4790 Frytown Rd., Argonne Forest Parking lot, first lot to the right, after you enter the park. There are 3 entrances off Frytown. Be sure to take the middle one at 4790. Fairly flat terrain.

### **MVOC Volunteers Needed for Midwest Outdoor Experience Friday & Saturday, October 5 & 6**

Midwest Outdoor Experience has grown beyond just gear and exploded into a multi-day event, featuring camping, competitions, regional music acts, exciting demos, a Friday and Saturday night beer garden and much more! Midwest Outdoor Experience offers something for the budding weekend warrior to the hardcore outdoor enthusiast. With over 12,000 visitors during the 2011 event, Midwest Outdoor Experience is one of the largest festivals celebrating the outdoor lifestyle in the Midwest. Demos, competitions, music, camping, food and beverages, exhibitors village, used gear to buy, all ages, dogs on leash welcome. For event details check out their website at <http://www.metroparks.org/outdoorx/>

Again the Miami Valley Outdoor Club will have a booth at the event. It a great way to get to know your fellow members better as well as meet many festival visitors and outdoor enthusiasts. Before and after you volunteer at the booth, you can enjoy all the

festival activities, food, music, and other exhibitors.

**RAFFLE BASKET:** We would like to put together another membership gift basket this year to encourage new people to join and old members to renew for 2013. If you have any new outdoor-related items that will fit in a gift basket and would like to donate them, bring them to the Sept. 4 MVOC meeting or let Lindy know and she will pick them up. The raffle was very successful last year in growing our membership.

**BOOTH VOLUNTEERS.** We will also need two people for each of the following time slots.

Friday Oct. 5 ..... 6 - 8 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 6 ..... 10 - Noon; Noon - 2; 2 - 4 p.m.; 4 - 6 p.m.; 6 - 8 p.m.

Contact Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or [lindymcd46@aol.com](mailto:lindymcd46@aol.com) to sign up.

### **Welcome New Members**

Ken Kessler  
Marcia Wendeln

### **Buckeye Trail Assn. Intro to Backpacking**

**September 22, 2012, 11:00AM**

Miami Rivers Chapter of the Buckeye Trail Assn. is sponsoring this Intro Backpacking event at Caesar Creek State Park. It is an ideal trip for folks wanting to get into backpacking, for those who haven't backpacked for years and want to get back out on the trail, or for those who want to test new gear. This low mileage, slow paced trip will be ideal for all the above. About seven miles of this trip uses the Buckeye Trail.

Hikers will meet at the Wellman Meadows trailhead, and hike at a leisurely pace seven miles to the Day Lodge Group Camp. Along the way participants will enjoy the Pioneer Village, Crawdad Falls, and an old cemetery. The next day we will complete five miles and end back at Wellman Meadows, passing a great view of the lake, the Corps of Engineer Visitor's Center, where they will enjoy a long stop, and views of Horseshoe Falls.

At the very minimum, you should have a lightweight tent, sleeping bag, and backpack, along with clothes and food. You should also consider having a lightweight stove and a water filter. Event organizer Darryl Smith will be happy to share use of his stove and filter and show folks how to use them as well. As the Day Lodge Group Camp does not have any nearby sources of water, he will also cache a few gallons there for folks to use our night at camp.

Because this is a backpacking trip, The size to twelve folks.

Post trip festivities can be at a variety of locations, including 73 Grill (COLD beer), The Corwin Peddler, or places in Waynesville.

Contact: Darryl Smith [preds81@yahoo.com](mailto:preds81@yahoo.com) or 513.321.1539 (evenings)

### **Great Miami Outfitters Saturday Morning Kayak Fishing Saturdays, Sept.22 & 29, 7:30 am - 12 noon**

This is your chance to try fishing from one of Great Miami Outfitters kayaks and search for smallmouth bass on the Great Miami River. Join GMA and fish on the Great Miami River on Saturday morning from several of our popular fishing kayaks. We'll meet at the store by 7:30 am (shuttle leaves no later than 7:45 am) and return to the store about noon. Actual fishing will be about 3 hours (8:15 am to 11:15 am). We'll put in at the location, then paddle upstream for about 30 to 45 minutes, then drift and paddle downstream, fishing along the way, until we return to the take-out location. You bring your own fishing gear – spin/cast or fly-fishing. This is a non-guided trip, meaning you'll need to find the fish. Participants will have the opportunity to experience fishing from a kayak. Check the GMA website for more details on how to prepare for the outing at <http://www.greatmiamioutfitters.com>

**COST:** \$20 per person, must be 18 or older. Includes kayak, paddle, vest and shuttle (or carpool) to/from location. Reservation and payment is required in advance. GMA requires that a waiver be read and signed prior to participating. Limited space (3 participants)

## **Elections Coming Up**

Election of MVOC officers is not that far off and we are always looking for fresh ideas and new blood. Our current officers have done a great this past year - some of them two or more years in more than one office - and they may be running out of steam and would probably welcome someone else taking over. Please consider running for office - president, vice president, activities director, program director, treasurer, newsletter editor and webmaster. It won't hurt any of the board members' feelings if you want to try your hand at leading the group in some capacity. We would like to have a slate of candidates by the November 1. Elections will take place December 4 at our annual dinner and auction. We will also consider co-officers for some of the positions, so the duties can be shared by two or more people. The new board will take over on January 1, 2013. If you have questions about the various responsibilities, contact any of the board members.



MVOC member John Nichols at GearFest 2011

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Next Month

## **Biking the Fairy Tale Trail**

Miami Valley Outdoor Meeting  
Tuesday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.

**Guest Speaker: Allen Johnson, 7 p.m.**

## **Next MVOC Board Meeting**

**M**onday, September 10, 6:00 p.m., Marion's Pizza on North Dixie. All members are welcome to come and help plan future events.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

**September 23, 2012**

## **Great Ohio River Paddle (GORP) 2012 National Wildlife Refuge Experience, October 13-14**

There's still time to sign up. Final Registration period is September 1 until October 6 and is \$120

REGISTRATION CLOSES October 6

The Great Ohio River Paddle 2012 (GORP 2012) is a 2-day event to raise money to protect and improve the water quality in the watershed. Paddlers will stop each day at different sites. Along the way, naturalists, biologists, scientists, and local historians will share their knowledge and experiences. Many have intimate knowledge and up-to-date information about their areas of expertise. Come explore, learn, and have fun!

This year, on Saturday, there will be an optional visit to Manchester Island #2, as we help one of our restoration partners, US Fish & Wildlife Service, kick-off National Wildlife Refuge Recognition Week.

Manchester Island #2 is the easternmost of the 22 islands of the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge, which are scattered along 362 miles of the Ohio River. The ORINWR protects the habitat for several mammals, birds, mussels, and other wildlife. We will learn about the history, wildlife, and vegetation of the island from ORINWR personnel and do a service project on the island.

Participation is limited. For details on the event check out their website at:

[www.ohioriverfdn.org/news\\_events/great\\_ohio\\_river\\_paddle/weekend\\_trip\\_details/index.html](http://www.ohioriverfdn.org/news_events/great_ohio_river_paddle/weekend_trip_details/index.html)

Dwight & Donna Gehring and Julie Spinner have already registered for this event. If anyone is interested in joining them - they would love it! It would really be great to have a group from MVOC participate. If anyone has any questions they can contact Julie via email [jspinner@hotmail.com](mailto:jspinner@hotmail.com) or phone 937-361-2383. Great Ohio River Paddle (GORP) 2012

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Miami Valley Outdoor Club Membership/Waiver Form

New members please mark time-frame you are joining: \_\_\_\_\_Jan. thru Mar. - singles \$16 / families \$24  
\_\_\_\_\_April thru June - singles \$12 / families \$18 \_\_\_\_\_July thru Sept. - singles \$8 / families \$12  
\_\_\_\_\_Oct. and after - full-year membership dues (\$16 or \$24) will include the remainder of the year and the entire following year. Renewing dues are singles \$16 / families \$24. Renewing members must fill out membership/waiver form every year. Both spouses/partners in a family must sign. Membership year is Jan.1 to Dec.31

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Print out and Mail to: Miami Valley Outdoor Club, P.O. Box 292571, Dayton, OH 45429

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