



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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June 2013

"The Great Miami River- Our Greatest Natural Resource"



Guest Speakers:
Students from the
University of Dayton
[Rivers Institute](#)

7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 4,
Wegerzyn Garden
Center
1301 Siebenthaler Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45414

Join members of the Miami
Valley Outdoor to learn about
the University of Dayton's
Rivers Institute and what it's
doing to protect Dayton's great
natural resource.

Free with light refreshments.

In August of 2004, a group of UD honors students embarked on a 17-mile paddling trip on the Great Miami River through Dayton and ending near UD, with the purpose of learning about the importance of the river, and environmental justice and service. Months later, when these students responded to a challenge to engage with the community, the Rivers Institute was born, with the vision of reuniting Dayton and its rivers by building opportunities to see our rivers as the strategic natural resource central to the communal, economic, aesthetic and ecological vitality of the region.

The Rivers Institute administered by the Fitz Center for Leadership in Community at the University of Dayton is an initiative to bring key partners in Dayton and surrounding communities together to promote our watershed while preserving and protecting its resources. Students, faculty and staff from the university are working with community members, stakeholders, and local organizations to build community around our rivers. With the invaluable support and innovation of its partnerships, both within and beyond the university, the institute's work focuses on promoting learning and undergraduate research. Outreach to the community includes presentations to groups, school programs, the River Mobile, special events and the annual River Summit.

The MVOC Calendar is Back!

Our new Miami Valley Outdoor Club Calendar is up and running and better than ever. In early April, just as we were trying to nudge members into checking the online calendar rather than depending on the weekly updates, our calendar disappeared and even our website service couldn't figure out why. But maybe it was for the best, because our club webmaster, Hank Trimble, found a new calendar that we have decided to use instead. It interfaces very well with our existing website and has a lot of features the old calendar didn't have, like the ability to add photos and graphics, and vary type size, color and fonts, providing a more attractive and user friendly source of outdoor activities. We will continue to send out brief weekly reminders with a link to the website and calendar, but you are encouraged to check the calendar regularly because activities are added continuously.

Climbing at Urban Krag

Wednesdays at 6:30, June 5, 12, 19 & 26

[Urban Krag Climbing Center](#), 126 Clay St., 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

Fast Hikes at Taylorsville,

Tuesdays at 4:30, June 4, 11, 18 & 25

Join members of MVOC for a Tuesday hike at

[Taylorsville MetroPark](#), 2101 U.S. 40, Vandalia.

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. With the change to Daylight Savings Time and a later sunset, there may be an occasional second loop.



New! MVOC Thurs. Evening Bike Rides



June 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:00 p.m.

Join MVOC each Thursday evening for a ride that will begin at the [Taylorsville MetroPark](#) parking lot on the north side of US 40 (2005 US 40) just beside the railroad tracks. The bike path runs right beside the parking lot. Each ride will go 15 - 25 miles, or 1 - 2 hours, depending on the preference of the group that night. Rides can be longer, shorter, faster, slower, go north or south or even start at different places. We will just see who shows up and play it by ear. If you are running a few minutes late you can call or text David S. at 937-546-9787.

CANCELLATIONS: There may be cancellations from time to time due to weather or schedule conflicts for the leader. Please check the [MVOC website](#) calendar prior to each ride to be sure it is still scheduled.

MVOC Board Meeting. Thurs., June 13, 6 pm at Marion's Pizza on North Dixie. All MVOC members are welcome

Lake Alma & Sciota Trail Pick-A-Park Weekends Coming Up Next.

June 14 & 15

[Lake Alma State Park](#), Wellston, OH

Location change because of renovations at East Fork. 2 non-electric sites #'s 82 & 83 reserved for tents 71 electric and 10 non electric in campground

July 12 & 13

[Sciota Trail State Park](#), Chillicothe, OH

Plans are to leave Dayton on Fridays around 3:00 p.m. and return home on Sundays. If people want to stay over 1-2 nights, reservations are recommended ahead of time. Camping reservations for both parks: 866-644-6727 or online.

The weekend format will be much the same as the Lake Loramie event. Outdoor activities, during the day, a potluck feast on Saturday night. RV's, pop-ups and tents welcome. Bring fishing gear, bikes, kayaks, and canoes. Family, friends, co-workers are also welcome. Don't forget Golden Buckeye discounts when making your reservations or at check-ins. Questions? Contact Patty W. at pattywheel@yahoo.com or 937-684-0884

Pick-A-Park locations later this year.

Delaware State Park, August 9, 10, 11

Harrison Lake State Park, September 20, 21, 22

Kelley's Island State Park, October 18, 19, 20

Lake Hope State Park, November 15, 16, 17

Shawnee State Park, December 13, 14, 15

MVOC Germantown Overnight Campout, June 22-23

Old Mill Road Group Campsite

Germantown MetroPark

Limited parking for cars, 3 of 6 spots already reserved. We have a limit of 25 people for the site. MVOC members and guests on a first come first reserve basis. People can park at the sledding hill and hike to the site. Tent/hammock camping only. Day hikes will be scheduled or you can plan your own hike. Evening activities include campfire and s'mores. Please contact Sharon at 620-0887 to confirm your attendance.

NO MVOC Meeting August 6

Because attendance at the August meeting at Wegerzyn is traditionally low there will be no August meeting this year. Watch your calendar for MVOC activities and other outdoor events around the Miami Valley. Enjoy your month of and see you at Wegerzyn in September.

**Kayaking
Season
is
Here!**



Whitewater Warehouse

Wed. Nite Paddles All Summer

104 Valley St. Dayton

Join in on what has become a tradition for Dayton's paddlesports community, the Wednesday Nite Paddle down our local waterway, the Mad River. Enjoy the transition from an urban wilderness to the downtown Dayton skyline, approximately three miles from Eastwood MetroPark to the Keowee St. Bridge. This river trip generally takes 1 ¼ to 1 ½ hours. Equipment and shuttle slots are available on a first come first serve basis. Dress to get wet, and be ready to have some Fun!

Time: Shuttles leave at approximately 5:30 & 6:15

Cost: \$20.00 Equipment and Shuttle

\$5.00 Shuttle Only \$2.00 Shuttle w/Patron Pass

Check Whitewater Warehouse website for details, event status and updates. Dates subject to change.

Great Miami Outfitters'

Saturday Morning Paddle Float

June 29, 25 E. Linden Ave., Miamisburg

Shuttle Times: 8:30, 9:00 and 9:30 am

Enjoy a Saturday Morning Paddle Float down the Great Miami River. Paddle down our local waterway from West Carrollton to downtown Miamisburg. It's a relaxing 5.5 mile "moving water" trail through the urban wilderness. This trip usually takes about 2 hours. If you've never seen the river from this perspective, you're in for a treat. You'll have a good chance to spot various wildlife including great blue herons, beavers, red-tailed hawks and more. Afterwards, stop in at one of the local downtown Miamisburg restaurants for lunch. For details visit Great Miami Outfitters.

MVOC Annual Picnic,

Tuesday, July 2,

Paw Paw Shelter, Hills & Dales MetroPark.

Mark your calendars for the Annual MVOC July Picnic. Pot luck, with hamburgers, hot dogs and pop provided. It will again be held at the Hills & Dales MetroPark Paw Paw Shelter. Same place as last year. It's a beautiful new shelter with parking close by and excellent restrooms. And of course, beautiful hiking trails. Come early for a hike before we eat. Details in next newsletter and on website: www.mvoc.net.

Try Slacklining

Free MetroParks Program

Tuesday, June 25, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Eastwood MetroPark, First Parking lot
1385 Harshman Rd.

Many of you have watched the Gibbon Slackline team entertain the crowds at Midwest Outdoor Experience. Now is your chance to give it a try. Slacklining is a balance sport that improves core strength, balance and coordination. Play around in the temporary slackline park and see if you can make it across the line. Flat shoes are recommended. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374 for details. All ages.

Try Mountain Biking - Free

Wednesdays, 4-7 pm, June 5, Aug., 7 & Sept. 11

Come out to the MetroParks Mountain Bike Area and borrow a bike to ride a lap or two. Bikes are available for a first-come first-served basis. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Helmets are mandatory and provided with bike. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome. Contact (937) 277-4374. All ages.



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Membership Form

Miami Valley Outdoor Club Membership/Waiver Form

Renewing dues are the full year's amount: singles \$16 / families \$24 regardless of date of renewal.

Renewing members must fill out membership/waiver form every year. Both spouses/partners in a family must sign. Write additional family members on back of 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 current year and the entire following year.

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

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 _____

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