



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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Tuesday April 1, 2014



Jeff "Blazer" Smith successfully thru-hiked the Appalachian Trail, March 19 - August 23, 2013. His presentation will cover the basic steps he took to prepare for his hike, along with the joys and hardships of trekking across the Appalachian Mountain Range, on his way to Mt. Katahdin, Maine.

"It was an awesome journey. If anyone has the slightest desire to thru-hike the A.T., they should definitely go for it. It was the most rewarding adventure I've ever been on. The people I met, and the experiences I had, were amazing." This program is free and open to the public with light refreshments.

WEGERZYN Garden Center  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave  
Dayton, Ohio 45414

Guest Speakers begin their presentations 7:00 p.m.

The MVOC meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at [Wegerzyn Garden MetroPark](#), located at 1301 E. Siebenthaler Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45414. Come early and enjoy catching up with other members before the business meeting! Look for us in the basement meeting room of the Wegerzyn Center building. [Google Map Link](#)

Meetings normally consist of a short introduction where we discuss past activities and upcoming events. This is followed by a program which might feature a guest speaker, or a slide presentation of past activities. Meetings are open to the public and guests are encouraged to attend.

**Are You Interested In Giving A Presentation At An MVOC Meeting?** MVOC encourages you to volunteer to give a presentation at an MVOC meeting on the topic of your choice. Any relevant outdoor related presentation is welcome. If you are interested please contact [Tom Schommer](mailto:tschommer@sbcglobal.net).

## Fast Hikes at Taylorsville,

**Tuesdays at 4:30, April 1, 8, 15 & 22, 29**

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, fast moving and not suitable for inexperienced hikers looking for a stroll in the park.

*Note: Once Daylight Savings Time begins, regular hikers often take another loop, beginning about 5:40(ish), at a slightly slower pace.*

The next MVOC board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10 @ 6:15 at Marion's on North Dixie. Come on out and help plan the summer activities.

## Easy Hikes in April

Join Lindy McDonough as she explores various metroparks. Times & locations vary. Each lasts about 1.5 hours. Fairly flat terrain. Good for beginning or out of shape hikers, retirees or anyone who just enjoys a nice walk in the woods. Dogs welcome, but must be on leash.

Fri., April 4, 10 a.m. - **Wegerzn MetroPark**,  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. Meet in the parking spaces nearest to park entrance.

Sun., April 13, 3:00p.m. - **Possum Creek MetroPark**,  
4790 Frytown Road, borders Dayton/Jefferson Twp. Meet in the Argonne Forest parking lot, first right after entering the park.

Fri., April 18, 3:00 p.m. - **Taylorville MetroPark**,  
Tadmor Trail  
2005 U.S. 40 (west end of Taylorville Dam),  
Vandalia. Meet in the parking lot.

Sun., April 27, 3:00 p.m. - **Englewood East MetroPark**,  
4361 National Rd (U.S. 40), Englewood. Meet at the Patty Shelter parking lot.



The Massie Paddlers (a group out of Cedarville) have teamed up with Tom Helbig to bring the **Reel Paddling Film Festival** to **Dayton!**

**What:** The BEST paddling films of the year

**Where:** The **NEON** 130 E 5th St Dayton

**When:** Wednesday April 16 7:30 – 10:00 pm

**How much:** Cost **\$10 in advance** \$15 at the door

**Who:** All the cool people

Online Tickets are available at **<http://goo.gl/m4ScHp>**

## Reminders:

**All MVOC members are eligible for a 10-15% Great Miami Outfitters discount on many items. Stop by the store at 25 E. Linden Ave, Miamisburg to pick up your 2014 discount card.**

**You can send email to all members** of the MVOC easily. Just address your email to **[members@miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org](mailto:members@miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org)** and all club members will see your message. You could use this to schedule a pop-up activity like a short notice cycling trip or to look for interest in something that takes a bit more planning (like a trip to Italy?)

## Kayaking with GMO

August 1-3, 2014

MVOC is teaming with Great Miami Outfitters for a weekend of camping, kayaking and classes at Caesar's Creek State Park for MVOC members only Friday August 1 thru Sunday August 3.

GMO will provide the 2 hour kayaking quick start lessons on Friday evening, followed by 8 hours of basic kayaking instructions and deep water rescue techniques on Saturday. The cost for the Kayaking classes will be \$100 including equipment. (Normally, the cost is \$150 plus equipment rental.)

\*Please note that we will have shared camp site cost that will be added to the total cost of the weekend.

You are welcome to come for the kayaking, the camping or the entire adventure. If you're interested, please contact Sharon Mullins at 937-620-0887 **[dmullinsvanoh@aol.com](mailto:dmullinsvanoh@aol.com)**. You are asked to commit with a 50% deposit (\$50 per person) by May 15.

## DaytonHikers TVT Challenge

2nd Annual Twin Valley Trail Challenge

Saturday, June 14, 2014

6:00 AM

**Twin Creek MetroPark**

8539 Morningstar Rd.

Group Campsites and Camp Hook Amphitheater

Franklin, OH

40 miles, or whatever part of that you feel you can do; water and refreshments along the trail; shuttle pickup for those who over/under estimate their stamina.

Check out DaytonHikers.org for more info.

## Buckeye Trailfest

April 24-27, 2014

Camp Akita, Northwest Hocking County

Organizers are gearing up for the third annual Buckeye TrailFest, held this year in the Hocking Hills area of southeastern Ohio. As in the past there will be hikes, presentations, slide shows, music, camping, comraderie and more. For more information (w-a-a-a-y more information)

see the website [www.buckeytrailfest.org](http://www.buckeytrailfest.org) or email the trailfest committee chairman John Knouse at [knousejohn@gmail.com](mailto:knousejohn@gmail.com) with questions. For registration info, contact Rose Ann Kay at [Trailfest@buckeytrailfest.org](mailto:Trailfest@buckeytrailfest.org) or 216-849-7895

## Metro Parks Action:

### **JODI COBB: PHOTOGRAPHER**

#### ***Uncovering Hidden Worlds***

April 21, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Victoria Theatre

\$20-\$35

National Geographic Live, co-presented with Five Rivers Metroparks, will present Jodi Cobb, a National Geographic photographer. During a slide show with Q & A afterward, she will present a retrospective of her most important work involving looks into many aspects of societies closed to most journalists.

### Hiking/Backpacking

#### Backpacking Basics

**Sat Apr 5 12:00 PM –Sun Apr. 12:00 PM** or

At Shimp's Hollow, Germantown Metropark

Part of the MetroParks' backpacking series, a one night overnight under the stars Prerequisite: Intro to Backpacking.

Contact (937)277-4374 for details. \$15 fee.

### Twin Creek Hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers

**Sun Apr 6 1:30-4:30**

Highview Shelter 9688 Eby Road

7 Miles, some "rugged"

### Eastwood Hike with the Metro Dayton Hikers

**Sun Apr 27 1:30-3:30**

Eastwood Metropark last parking lot

5 Miles, easy, no hills

### Wildflower Walk

**Sun Apr 13 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Aullwood Garden MetroPark, 900 Aullwood Rd

Call 277-6545 for details

## Cycling

### Bike for the Health of it

Every Saturday, starting at 9:00 riders will ride the bikeway.

**Sat Apr. 5**, meet in parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant in Brookville and ride toward Verona. 11 miles

**Sat Apr. 12**, meet in parking lot behind Rob's Restaurant in Brookville and ride toward Trotwood. 14 miles

**Sat Apr. 19**, meet in the last parking lot at Eastwood Park and ride to the Fifth Third Gateway Park (toward Xenia). 12 miles

**Sat Apr. 26**, meet in the last parking lot at Eastwood Park and ride to the Wegerzyn Gardens Metropark. 12 miles

Bike for the Health of It rides continue through October.

## Intro to Smart Cycling

**Thu. Apr. 17**, 6:00-8:30 pm at [Wegerzyn](#) Step one in the Smart Cycling Series is a classroom session, taught by League-Certified Instructors and designed to provide cyclists of all levels better knowledge and understanding of how safely operate their bicycles in various situations.

Fee: \$10, Age: All ages

## Smart Cycling Basics

**Sat. Apr. 26**, 9:00 am-2:30 pm at Wegerzyn Step two of the cycling series, takes the knowledge gained in Intro and puts it to use on the bike. This hands-on class will teach riders maneuvering, signaling and riding skills to make them more competent and comfortable on the streets and trails.

Fee: \$20, Age: All ages



## Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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