



# Miami Valley Outdoor Club

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Tuesday July 1, 2014

## MVOC Annual Picnic

at the Paw Paw Shelter in Hills & Dales MetroPark!

**Hike, Food, Games, Conversation,  
Relaxation!**

Tuesday, July 1, 6:00 p.m. 'til dark



Don't miss one of our most popular events of the year! The Outdoor Club's annual summer feast at the Paw Paw Shelter at Hills & Dales MetroPark, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

MVOC will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, buns, condiments, and pop. Bring your own table service and a side item to share - salad, casserole, fruit, dessert, etc. Come a little early and walk off a few calories before the feast by taking a hike through beautiful Hills & Dales MetroPark. The hike will leave promptly at 6:00 and return about 6:45. If you don't want to hike, come any time after 6:00 to start nibbling on appetizers. We will begin grilling about 7:00 p.m. Children and dogs welcome.

As in the past, we'll liven up the event with a t-shirt exchange, including sweat shirts and ball caps. Bring your old or new imprinted items to the picnic. Outdoor, political,

whimsical, any themes - any size. Bring as many as you want. Take as many as you want. No even exchange necessary.

Directions: From Dorothy Lane between Rt. 48 and Dixie Dr., turn north on South Patterson Drive. Turn Right on Oak Knoll Road, then left on Deep Hollow Road to the entrance for Paw Paw Camp/Shelter.

For more precise directions, check out the [Hills & Dales map](#)

**Are You Interested In Giving A Presentation At An MVOC Meeting** Any relevant outdoor related presentation is welcome. If you are interested please contact [Tom Schommer](mailto:tschommer@sbcglobal.net). [tschommer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tschommer@sbcglobal.net)

June Pick-a-Park trip to Seneca Lake  
By Patty Wheelbarger

David Snell, Sharon Mullins and myself left Dayton about 5:30 and except for a bit of traffic around Columbus, the 2 ½ hour ride went well. The park office "Welcome to Visitors Center" was a most different and very nice building to get your info from. We had to tag the car and the boats.

We drove to campsites 340 and 341, past a nice beach area with a floating obstacle course for the kids.

This park is one of ten lakes that are part of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. Tappan Lake, the one close to the Buckeye Trail, is also in this district. At this park there were many people who have had their site for as long as 14 years, so their sites are spruced up with patios, decks and lighting.

Interestingly, the park had both pit and flush toilets, so year-round camping is feasible.

Sharon, David and I set up camp first. We ate dinner at the Dockside Marina. Excellent pie.

Danny, Arbor and Jeannie Boecke came a little later.

Saturday morning we made our way to the Buckeye Trail. A bit difficult to follow, this section was close to Seneca Lake. We followed it for about two and a half miles. We ate lunch at the Country Comfort, where they had very good pulled pork sandwiches.

Back at the campsite, Danny and Arbor were already in the water. We put our kayaks in and stayed close to the shore. Jeanne was able to use one from the park. My parents and friend Bruce made it to camp about 5:30.

We had a nice campfire both Friday and Saturday nights. A country band played on the beach on Saturday night.

This was a well-maintained and secure park. I saw patrol boats on the water as well as patrol cars throughout the camp area. My first

guess this place was a clean and safe environment was when I downloaded a 14 page campground guidelines booklet. We give this two thumbs up.

## July 11-12 Pick a Park at Harrison Lake.

Harrison Lake will be the place on July 11 and 12. Says Patti, "This my friends will be a trip. It is located in the north west corner of Ohio, west of Toledo. I have campsite #116 rented. It is right by the lake. Web site says boat and bike rentals but ..... I have found in the past this info may differ from what we find."

## Fast Hikes at Taylorsville, Tuesdays at 4:30, July 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: Regular hikers often take another loop, beginning about 5:40(ish), at a slightly slower pace.*

## Weekly Bike Rides

Every Thursday in June at 6:00 PM: MVOC bike ride at Taylorsville. Trip begins on the south side of the dam from the parking lot just before the Blue Heron picnic shelter. We will usually head north on the bike path for 20-30 miles depending on daylight and weather conditions. Plan on a pace of 15-17 mph with some going faster. The trip won't happen if there's rain.

Thursdays July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Contact David Snell if you have questions.

## Water Safety Training To Be Offered

Weather caused the cancellation of the June 19 water safety class. If you are still interested, contact Sharon at 937-620-0887 or [dmullinsvanoh@aol.com](mailto:dmullinsvanoh@aol.com) and she will try to set something up during late July or early August. This "field" training will focus on real life practices that could save your life or the lives of others as they work and recreate around bodies of water .

Please contact Sharon M. to confirm you wish to attend. The event won't be scheduled if there isn't enough interest....at least 8-10 people.

**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.

# Kayaking with GMO

*Note: this trip is filling fast but will take a waiting list. Bring your deposit to the next meeting.*

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).

Group campsite details:

There is no water or electric hookups at the group campsite but there is a boat ramp as well as miles of hiking trails. The campsite is located a short drive from the Little Miami Scenic Trail. The cost of the campsite will be shared by MVOC members camping at the group site. If you are interested in a site with electric, those are available.

## Saturday Morning paddle down the Great Miami River - Saturday June 28th at 9:15 am.

Cost is \$25.00 - all equipment is provided by Great Miami Outfitters

Cost is \$5.00 - if you have your own equipment (this is a trip done in conjunction with Great Miami Outfitters and they charge a fee)

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. 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 bald eagles, great blue herons, beavers, red-tailed hawks and more.

The plan is to meet at 9:15 a.m., do the 2 hour paddle, and then enjoy lunch in the area, possibly hit an amazing cupcake shop in the area!

If anyone is interested please contact Julie Spinner by email [jaspinner@hotmail.com](mailto:jaspinner@hotmail.com).

Advance registration and payment required, by 5:00 PM the day before the float. No refunds for no shows.



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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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