



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

July, 2008

July 1 Meeting:

Picnic at Indian Riffle Park.

The annual July picnic and membership meeting will be at Indian Riffle Park, same as last year, in Kettering on Stroop Road. Please bring a dish to share and table service. The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, ice, and drinks (your membership dues dollars at work!). We will start grilling around 7:00 PM, but come anytime after 6:00 to start nibbling on the food. We will have a brief meeting after dinner.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK:

From the intersection of Woodman and Stroop, head east (toward The Greene.) Just after Bethany Church of Christ on the left, there will be an entrance to the park. Last year we were in shelter #3. From the intersection of Dorothy Lane/Indian Ripple and Stroop, travel south on Stroop. After coming around the turn on Stroop (now heading west) you'll find the entrance on the right just before Bethany Church of Christ.

For those with GPS technology: The address is listed as 2801 E Stroop Rd in Kettering. Coordinates 39.690809 North, 84.113474 West. (Let me know if this works. I tried to extract coordinates from Google Maps--jim)

Upcoming MVOC Activities

July 12, Saturday

Mad River Innertube Float Trip

It is so simple, yet so pleasant. Bring your innertube. You just drop your innertube into the river, sit down on it and float through a river paradise. Listen to the birds, talk to friends or just perfect your floating technique. If you don't have an innertube maybe we can loan you one, or tell you where to find one. Dress to get wet. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet. Don't bring anything onto the river that you won't mind losing. Sunglasses, (not prescription) sunscreen, a change of clothes. We meet in Springfield and travel north. We position cars at the take-out to shuttle drivers back to their cars. Contact

persons: Dwight and Donna Gehring dgehring@worldnet.att.net or 937-836-8515.

July 15

Memberships now half price!

Starting July 1, the yearly memberships are reduced to half price. For the remainder of the year, dues are:
Singles \$8, Families \$12.

Eastwood Lake Sailboarding

This is our first outing of the summer since weather cancelled the outing in June. We will have our 2 boards at Eastwood Lake from 5PM to 8PM weather permitting. Someone usually goes for fried chicken around 6PM. Call for reservations and directions. Life jackets provided. You will need a suit, water shoes and a towel. Some people like to use bicycle gloves. Contact persons: David and Virginia Wood dvwood@donet.com or 937-426-9875.

June 13-16 Tar Hollow Campout Report

By Dave and Virginia Wood

Eight adults, two children and three dogs participated in this trip. The Woods arrived Friday before a long and heavy rainstorm which continued through the night (it was nice to have a dry shelter in which to prepare meals). Others arrived on Saturday, to better weather. In addition to the shelterhouse, there was a large level grassy area for tents, and sporting equipment such as volleyball and horseshoes. The two seven year olds played ping pong, and collected bugs.

The beach, a short walk away, was used extensively, and the Tahiti (a blowup kayak) got some good use in the lake.

The trail around the lake has fallen into disuse, but some of us hiked it anyway. The Ross Hollow trail, a longer trail starting and ending at the campground, turned out to take longer and be more arduous than we had expected. Perhaps we will return another time to check out other trails.

Lake Superior Provincial Park Planning

By Donna Gehring

Mackinac Island and Canada camping trip Sept 2 - 9, 2008

Six PM Sunday evening at Marion's Pizza we gathered to make plans for our September outing Northward to Canada. We plan to leave Dayton Tuesday September 2 and spend the night at Mackinac Mill Creek Campground south of Mackinac City in cabins at the campground rather than set up and take down camp. After spending the day at Mackinac Island accessible by Ferry we will leave Mackinac Mill Creek Campground on Thursday morning and head Northwards to Sault Saint Marie Canada. At this point we will exchange US money for Canadian Money, purchase groceries, eat lunch and proceed northwards. There is a possible side trip to Stokely Creek. That is up in the air. There will be a stop at Ye Old Canadian Liquor Store run by the government. And then on to Lake Superior Provincial Park.

We hope to spend five nights at campsites that are right on the Lake. We will have orchestra seats to whatever drama Lake Superior presents.

There will be much hiking of easy trails. The devils chair at the end of Gargantua Trail was mentioned. There may, or may not be canoeing on Lake Superior or the nearby Crescent Lake.

Meals will be simple and everyone will be assigned one evening meal to plan for, buy for, prepare and clean up afterwards. We will be on our own for breakfasts and lunches.

Restaurant dinners will be Sept 2 around Mackinac City, Mackinac Island on the 3rd and lunch in Sault Saint Marie, Canada on the 4th.

Status of the reservations at this point is this: Lake Superior Provincial Park does not accept reservations after Labor Day. It will be 1st come, 1st served. However, since we will be arriving on a Thursday we will probably get really good campsites.

The people attending this trip are: Dwight and Donna Gehring, Dan and Nancy Haas, Jeanne Bocke, Linda Hahn, Joan Tomme, Emma Pleasant, Ed Doczy, and David and Virginia Wood. **There is room for more.** Contact Jeanne Bocke at 299-4102 or jmbocke@yahoo.com

Lake Superior Provincial Park is located along Highway 17 on the Eastern shore of Lake Superior between the Montreal River on the south and the Michipicoten River on the north. It covers over 900 square miles. Some of the rocks are over 2 billion years old. The land has been shaped by volcanoes, earthquakes and glaciers. The diversity of the area supports 250 species of birds. Woodland Caribou live on the offshore islands. Wolf, Moose, and Bear live in the Park. So, campsites must be left clean and free of Bear temptations.

Agawa Rock is a big attraction at this Park. A short, rugged hike leads to 65 recorded pictographs applied to the cliff face in red ochre mixed with animal fat by Objibwa indigenous people (First Nation People). Only the sure-footed may walk out onto the precarious ledge in front of the cliff face to see them.

There are at least 70 miles of hiking trails and an overwhelming number of canoe camping routes through the park.

Other Activities: What do do when there's nothing to do

State Parks

Kiser Lake State Park July 5 Kids Festival and Survival Weekend. A weekend of fun and games on the beach 1-937-363-3822.

Hueston Woods State Park July 6 Fireworks Extravaganza. Independence Day weekend features food, activities, entertainment and Fireworks on Acton Lake 1-513-523-6347.

Kiser Lake State Park July 12 The Youth Fishing Derby. Youngsters accompanied by an adult are welcome to fish and enjoy a day of fun and prizes. 1-937-362-3822.

Hueston Woods State Park July 18 - 19 Christmas in July 1-513-523-1060

Lake Loramie State Park July 18 - 20 Christmas in July 1-937-295-2011

MVOC Activities Coming Up

Innertube Float trip August (no date yet) Watch Website calendar.

Saturday August 16. Camp-out
Meteorite Shower Camp-out on private property between Bellbrook and Springboro. Bonfire and potluck on Saturday night and team initiatives games on Sunday Morning.

Board Meeting, Thursday, July 10

This month's board meeting will be at Marion's Piazza, 3434 N. Dixie Dr., at 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

Sunday July 20 Newsletter Deadline

Other Outdoor Action

Five Rivers MetroParks continues to schedule a variety of activities.

Kayaking

Kayaking Basics 7/12 \$50 fee Register at 277-4374 or City of West Carrollton Parks and Rec Wednesday night paddles 7/2-7/30 \$5 fee Contact Whitewater Kayak for more info (222-7020) Ohio State Canoe and Kayak Championships 7/19 9:45-5:00. Contact Bill Corrigan at 513-530-7249

Touring Kayak Basics 7/22 5:30-8:00 Eastwood Metropark Fees Contact 5 Rivers Metroparks (937-277-4374 or Whitewater Kayaks 222-7020

Cycling

Bike for the Health of It
Saturdays in July and August,
Check out www.metroparks.org for times and locations

Hiking

Summer Trail Trekker series
Saturdays in July and August
Check out www.metroparks.org for times and locations

REMINDER: Check out the calendar on the club website:

www.miamivalleyoutdoorclub.org

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Membership Response 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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