



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

October, 2008

October 7 Meeting:

The program for October will feature Hunt Brown, speaking on hiking the Southern Cascades. Join us at 6:00 for socializing and trip planning, followed at 6:30 by the business meeting and at 7:00 for the featured presentation. The meeting will be held at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton. **Note: the November and December meeting locations are changed. November will be held at Gander Mountain; December will be held at Carriage Trace.**

Upcoming MVOC Activities

October 4

Gearfest 2008

Five Rivers Metroparks Gearfest begins Friday evening October 3, with Gearfest Eve. While the main events take place Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, things start off on Friday afternoon with exhibitor and camper setup (by pre-registration only.)

Saturday will feature Exhibitor Village, bike, snowboard, and kayak demonstrations, a gear consignment area and several performance areas. Promoters claim this will be one of the largest exhibits of outdoor gear in the Midwest.

For more info, check out the Metroparks website at www.metroparks.org/GearFest.

(Editor's note: Strictly speaking, not an MVOC event, but many club members will be there, several as volunteers.)

October 10-11-12

Backpacking near Marietta, Ohio

We hope to spend Friday night October 10 at a campsite near a covered bridge close to the trailhead. On the weekend of October 11 and 12 Dwight and I will be backpacking Archers Trail. It is a 9 mile loop spread out over Saturday and Sunday. We hope to hike it clockwise beginning early on Saturday and end up camping in an area where the Wayne National Forest trail and the North Country Trail are together located

somewhere between Jackson run and Irish run. I have been told there is water and potential camp space. There will be an opportunity to do some side hiking without packs to either the Ohio River or to a covered bridge.

The Wayne National Forest Trails and the North Country trails co-exist in the same area. I had maps of North Country Trail and was able to find separate maps of Wayne National Forest trails. I also found a reference in an Archers Fork hiking trip report written by a group in Columbus regarding a connector trail between Archer's Fork Trail and the Ohio View Trail.

I contacted the WNF office and spoke to a very helpful ranger. She sent me a map of the area with all trails on the same map. And . . . she drew in the connector trail to the Ohio View Trail. So, for you long haul hikers who want to hike many more miles carrying your pack, there are options that may appeal to you. And we might be able to spend the night in the same campsite. Call me if you are interested. Donna Gehring 836-8515 or

October 18

Trail maintenance at Wildcat Hollow. Contact Ralph Weiss for details.

September 2008 Trip Reports

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Camping at Lake Superior Provencial Park

By Donna Gehring

Virginia and David Wood, along with Kelsy Jounikot traveled from Beaver Creek together. Dan and Nancy Haas and Jeanne Boeke, traveled from Vandalia together. Dwight and I plus Linda Hahn, and Emma Pleasant traveled from Englewood together. Our destination the first day was Mackinac Mill Creek Campground. Dwight, Emma, Linda and I arrived at 5:26 PM. Followed shortly after by the Beaver Creek bunch and the Vandalia bunch. The Englewood bunch left at 8:00am. We stopped for a picnic lunch at a rest area for half an hour. That makes a travel time of 9.5 hours.

We had dinner together at Darrow's in Mackinac City. The next morning we met the ferry to Mackinac Island. The day started out cloudy but soon cleared up in time for our group to spread out and scour the island in search of fun. Dan and Nancy cycled the island. Dwight and I walked to the two different Butterfly Houses and toured Fort Mackinac. The others purchased a day ticket to the horse drawn carriages to see most of the Island. We met at 5:00PM, chose a restaurant on the dock and had dinner. We barely made it onto the 6:30 ferry back to the mainland.

The next morning We left Mackinac City at 9:15 and arrived in Sault St Marie, Ontario Canada

at 11:00am. We finished grocery shopping, had lunch and left Sault St Marie headed northwards by 1:35. We stopped at the LCBO shortly after 2PM and arrived at Agawa Campground, Lake Superior Provencial Park at 3:40. We spent 5 nights at this location.

We visited Agawa Rock, hiked Orphan Lake Trail, Gargantua Trail to Devil's Chair and the trail that runs along Sand River. This was the most beautiful trail of all. It was a wonderful trail to end our hiking adventures. We also spent one afternoon canoeing a beautiful inland lake

Our campsite on Lake Superior was as beautiful and perfect as we had remembered. The Lake was at first somewhat calm, but, as the days went by became rather tumultuous. The wind became much stronger. The pounding waves on the shore and the wind blowing through the trees did not keep us from sleeping soundly.

Our visit to Devil's chair, a round trip hike of 9 miles was anti-climactic. This is unfinished business. Maybe a backpack trip combined with a boat ride will get us closer to the Devil's Chair.

We left on Tuesday am for home. I believe all of us spent two days traveling home. We stopped at Stokely Creek, our favorite XC ski resort. It has been purchased by a friend of the sport. The new owner is putting money into improvements. I was happy to hear that there will be more snow-shoeing trails. It was interesting to see it without the heavy snow. I believe everyone had a good time.

Other

Board Meeting, Thursday, October 16

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.

REMINDER: Dayton Backpacker campfire usually meets the second Friday of each month, starting Oct. 10, at St. Charles School in Kettering. See www.DonKlosterman.com/backpacker for the full schedule and last minute updates.

Email Etiquette

This request comes from some of our members who receive email but are connecting using a dial-up connection. When posting to the MVOC members list (members@mvoc.net) please keep attachments small. Photo files can become quite large and take hours to download over a connection that's not broadband.

If you're sending email to several re-

ipients, please use the blind carbon copy (bcc) feature on your email program. That way, the message doesn't appear with a list of five, ten, or twenty-five (or more) email addresses in the header. Some of our members would prefer their email address not be distributed that way to people they don't know.

Just a friendly reminder....

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

State Park events

The following state parks are having Halloween celebrations on the weekends listed:

Paint Creek Lake SP Oct 10-11 1-937-365-1401

Kiser Lake SP Oct 10-11 1-937-362-2822

Hueston Woods SP Oct 10-11 1-513-523-6347

Lake Loramie SP Oct 10-11 and Oct 17-19 1-937-215-2011

Shawnee SP Oct 11-12 1-740-858-6652

Cowan Lake SP Oct 17-18 1-937-382-1096

Rocky Fork SP Oct 17-18 1-937-393-4284

In addition, these parks have events unrelated to Halloween:

Hocking Hills SP Grandma Gatewood Fall Colors Hike Oct 18 1-740-385-6841

Sycamore SP Fall Hike Oct 19 1-513-523-6347

Caesars Creek Indian Summer Camp-out Oct 3-4 1-513-897-3055

Shawnee SP Smokey Bear Awareness Weekend Oct. 4 1-740-858-6652

You can check the State Parks website yourself.

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/explore/calendar/10octevents/tabid/18843/default.aspx> (I hope I got that right!)

MVOC Activities Coming Up

Nov. 4 Club meeting will be held at Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights. Traditionally

this meeting night brings with it a 10% on Gander Mountain purchases. Check next month's newsletter for confirmation on the discount idea.

The December meeting will be the Christmas Dinner to be held at Carriage Trace Community Center. Directions to come next month.

Other Outdoor Action

MetroParks Activities

Backpacking Trail Workdays Twin Valley Trail

Wed, Oct 15, 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm

Sat, Oct 18, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

GERMANTOWN METROPARK, Main Park Office, 6910 Boomershine Rd.

Come out and help maintain the Twin Valley Backpacking Trail. No experience is necessary. Bring your energy and work gloves; tools and instruction provided. Reservations requested and walk-ins welcome; call 277-4374 to register.

WOMEN'S INTRO TO CLIMBING

Sat, Oct 18, 10:00 am-12:00 pm 1901 URBAN KRAG 125 Clay Street, Dayton

A course for women, taught by women.

Earn your belay certification while getting an introduction to rock climbing. Class will cover the basics of belaying, harness fitting, knot tying, rope handling, communication and climbing safety. Reservations required and limited. Call 277-4374. Age: 14Y and up. Fees: \$30

Sunday Oct. 26 Newsletter Deadline

Call for Articles

For an upcoming article (Feb. or March) I'd like to feature trips members took in 2008. These trips wouldn't be the ones taken as MVOC club members, but ones we took on our own. For example, several of us went to Galcier National Park this past summer.

The idea is to provide hints and suggestions from our members about where to go in the NEXT travel season.

Length: 150 to 200 words -ish

Photos: sure

Content: where you went, basic travel arrangements, what not to miss

Deadline: When you get around to it, no later than Feb. 28.

Contact: Jim Nies....jnies@aol.com

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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. **When renewing, please be sure to include your email address, even if it hasn't changed from last year.**

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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