



Miami Valley Outdoor Club

July, 2010

July 6 Meeting

Annual Summer Picnic

Do not miss one of our most popular events of the year, the annual summer picnic and membership meeting on July 6.

SOME CHANGES THIS YEAR

-New location, Paw Paw Shelter at Hills & Dales Metro Park, 2740 S. Patterson Blvd.

-The club will not be providing meat this year, so bring your own hot dogs or burgers and we will provide a hot grill. Also, please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

-Silent Auction. Bring your used, no-longer-needed outdoor gear for a silent auction. Throughout the event members may bid on items and the highest bidder will get the item at the close of the picnic.

We will start grilling about 7:00 p.m., but come anytime after 6:00 p.m. to start nibbling on appetizers and catch up on news.

SECOND ANNUAL T-SHIRT EXCHANGE

Again we will liven up the event with the fun t-shirt exchange. Bring your old or new imprinted, but washed T-shirts to the picnic. Anything is fair game - outdoor, political, whimsical - any size. We will display them on one of the picnic tables for browsing and taking. Bring as many as you want. Take as many as you want. No even exchange necessary. You may contribute one or more, but go home empty handed! Or go home with an armload of new (to you) shirts.

DIRECTIONS

From Dorothy Lane between Rt. 48 and Dixie Drive, 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.

Check out the map at <http://www.metroparks.org/Parks/HillDales/Maps.aspx> for more precise directions.

Next board meeting:

The next MVOC board meeting will be at Marion's on North Dixie, TUESDAY, July 13 at 6:00. All members are welcome. Stop by and help determine club activities..

A Note About Dues

Any person who joins after July 1 may pay half year dues. See the membership sign-up form on the last page of this newsletter.

Upcoming MVOOC Activities

“Get Out and Go Hike”

Tuesday Evening at Taylorsville Metro Park
2101 U.S. 40 - East of Taylorsville Dam

July 6, 13, 20, 27

Join Sharon M and MVOOC members for a brisk Tuesday hike at Taylorsville MetroPark. This fast-paced 4+ mile hike through hilly wooded terrain lasts about an hour. Hike begins promptly at 4:20 so that everyone can finish before dark. Meet at the parking lot near the CCC shelter off Route 40.

There will still be a second, slower, hike at approximately 5:30 that is a DaytonHikers.Org hike, but MVOOC members are welcome also.

Sharon Mullins, 620-0887 dmullinsvanoh@aol.com

Twin Creek Nature Walk (different parking lot, different directions from last month)

Saturday, July 3, 11:00 a.m.

Join MVOOCer Allan Rettberg for a leisurely 1.5 hour hike. Allan is very interested in identifying wildflowers, trees and birds, so bring along your binoculars and/or cameras if you like. Twin Creek MetroPark is an outstanding natural area containing steep, wooded ravines with mature forest and a diverse understory of plant life, extensive areas of second growth forest, floodplain forest, several large managed grasslands, a large scenic pond, and the beautiful Twin Creek. In addition, the MetroPark contains a winding prehistoric Indian mound and a scenic hilltop vista.

Directions: Follow Rte. 4 south of Germantown, turn on left (east) onto Eby Rd, then left onto Chamberlain Rd. Turn left into park entrance at 8502 Chamberlain Rd. Meet in the parking lot.

For more information or to sign up contact contact Allan at 937-478-2812.

Windsurfing & More at Eastwood

Friday, July 23, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Test your windsurfing, sailing, kayaking and canoeing skills at clear, warm and beautiful Eastwood Lake. A kayak, sailboard and a mini sailboat will be available for sure. Anyone with their own boards and boats (no motors) are welcome to bring them too. We usually send someone out for Colonel Sanders around 6:00. If you don't want to get in the water, join us anyway for the good company. Bring a bicycle and/or lawn chair to explore the park or enjoy the view while the others surf, sail and paddle. For more information or to sign up contact Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or lindymcd46@aol.com. or Jeanne Boeke, 299-4102.

Indoor Rock Climbing at Urban Krag

Thursdays at 6:30, July 8, 15, 22, and 29
Urban Krag Climbing Center, 126 Clay Street,
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

Wednesday Nite Kayaking

Whitewater Warehouse, 104 Valley St, Dayton, OH

Every Wednesday in July, 5:00 to 8:00 PM
Join MVOC members and other kayaking enthusiasts for an evening paddle down the Mad River. You might see great blue herons, kingfishers, deer, and turtles. Enjoy the easy ride with a few small rapids to get your adrenalin going. Whitewater Warehouse waiver required. Shuttles leave at approximately 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. Come about a half hour to 45 minutes early to sign up and gear up if you plan to rent your equipment
\$15 for all gear, kayak and shuttle.
\$5 for shuttle if you bring your own kayak
\$1 for shuttle if you bought your kayak at Whitewater Warehouse.

Check the Whitewater Warehouse website -- www.kayakdayton.com -- for more details.

Contact Name: Lindy McDonough, 278-1493, lindymcd46@aol.com

Activity Report

Eastwood Watersports

June 11

The afternoon started out with clouds and sun and enough breeze to sail around the lake. When MVOC members first arrived, two people from the Dayton Area Windsurfing Group (DAWGS) were getting ready for an evening of surfing. It was great to see a real windsurfing expert zip back and forth across the lake. His partner was just learning to surf, and was in the water more than on his board, but he was determined to keep trying.

Activity leader Jeanne Boeke and new MVOC member Bruce Howorth took turns on Jeanne's sailboard and Lindy McDonough alternated between her sailboat and kayak. As usual everyone was glad to have kayakers Dwight and Donna Gehring paddling around nearby, always ready to tow in stranded sailors and surfers. Mike Nelson arrived around 6:00 p.m. when black clouds and lightening ended our evening activities. After packing up earlier than expected, four soggy MVOCers had dinner together at Palermo's Italian restaurant on S. Dixie Dr. Bruce H. was so inspired by the day's surfing experience that, last I heard, he was shopping around to buy a sailboard of his own.

Canoes & Kayaks at Springfield Rd fishing lakes

July 15

If you have a canoe or kayak bring them along. If you don't have any, come out and share in the fun. We will be meeting near at fishing lakes in the northern Englewood MetroPark on Springfield Rd. in Butler Township. Sign up at the MVOC meeting or email or call activity coordinator, Sharon Mullins Start time is 6:00pm and we will continue until around 8:00pm.

We have extra canoes if you do not have one to use, but you need to let Sharon know if you are coming so she can plan for it.

Englewood North Park. Location: Springfield Rd, East of Route 48 in Union.

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Mad River Innertube Float Trip

July 31, 2010

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 do not have an innertube maybe we can loan you one, or tell you where to find one. Dress to get wet. Wear shoes that you do not mind getting wet. Do not bring anything onto the river that you will not mind losing. Sunglasses, (not prescription) sunscreen, a change of clothes. We meet in Springfield and travel north. We position cars at the takeout to shuttle drivers back to their cars at the put-in.

The river is spring fed and very clean and cold. It is also shallow for the most part. This event is weather dependent. Thunderstorms or high river levels make this dangerous. So explicit contact information is needed in case of cancellation. Reservations required and waivers for non-members required.

Dwight & Donna G., 937-836-8515 dgehring@verizon.net

Free Canoe Trips

Trips originate at Treasure Island in Troy. FREE, with canoes, pfd's and instruction provided. Registration began May 10. The phone # is 335-9730, ext. 115. Registration is required on first come first served basis. Space is limited.

If anyone is interested it is recommended that you sign up early for the trips are limited. These are nice trips for all ages. There might be one or two tricky parts, especially if the water is low. Overall, they are pretty smooth and easy and there are guides on the water with everyone. <http://www.troy-ohio-usa.com/TreasureIslandRiverAdventure2010.html>

Morning Canoe Trip

Saturday, July 10, 2010 9:00am-12:00pm EDT

A Great Miami River Canoe Trip and Story Time by the Fire

Thursday, July 22, 2010 7:00pm-11:00pm EDT
The guides will take you on an evening tour of the Great Miami River followed by some great story telling by Mr. Terry Purke around the fire at Treasure Island.

Contact Name: Gary Mount, 937-367-6702 glmount@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

Twin Creek - Sat., July 3 -
Taylorsville - Tuesdays, July 6, 13 & 20 -
Urban Crag - Thurs., July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 -
Wednesday Paddle - July 7, 14, 21 & 28 -
Board Meeting - Tuesday, July 13 - note date change
Englewood North - Canoe/Kayaking - Thurs., July 15 -
Eastwood Water Sports - Friday, July 23
Tubing - Gehrigs - Sat., July 31 -
FREE Night Fishing at Eastwood or Possum Creek MetroParks - Sat., July 17 & 24
FREE Nature Canoe Trip - Treasure Island in Troy - Sat., July 10 - on MVOC calendar

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of member Bob Kelly. Many of us fondly remember his helpfulness and his ability to just "fly" over a hiking trail.

The following obituary appears on Baker-Hazel and Snider Funeral Home's website:

Robert "Bob" E. Kelley
April 20th, 1935 - June 21st, 2010
Robert Kelley

KELLEY, Robert E., "Bob" age 75 of Dayton, passed away suddenly on Monday, June 21, 2010. He was a member of the Miami Valley Outdoor Club. Bob was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the American Legion, Lewisburg Post. Preceded in death by his parents Ellis and Eleanor Kelley of Lewisburg, OH and his wife Peggy R. Kelley in 2004. Survived by son Michael Kelley of Xenia, 3 sisters Marilyn Clemens, Ruth Schlofner and Martha Kelley, 1 brother David Kelley, Peggy's grandchildren Brittany and Kyle Stumpff. Memorial Services and a Tribute of Bob's Life were held 2:00 p.m. Friday at Baker-Hazel & Snider Funeral Home 5555 Philadelphia Dr. at N. Main St. by Rev. Thomas R. Stroeh.

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In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Heifer Project in Bob's memory. On-line condolences for the family may be sent to www.bakerhazelsnider.com.

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Membership/Waiver 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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