



MillCreekMetroParks.org



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Mill Creek MetroParks

APRIL 2015

Programs & Events



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APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

Take a look inside the MetroParks Calendar for a wide variety of programs.



FARM ANIMAL BABY SHOWER

MetroParks Farm
April 12, 10 am - 4 pm

We've been "expecting" for months!
Meet our new spring arrivals at the
kick-off to our MetroParks Farm season.
From calves to piglets, lambs to kids,
and chicks to ducklings, there will be
plenty of animal babies to see and pet.
Bring your camera for photo
opportunities. Cake and punch served
while supplies last.

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calendar by email, sign up for our mailing list at
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STARRY NIGHT

April 17
7:30 - 9:30 pm
at MetroParks Farm

View the beauty of the night sky through
high powered telescopes with the Mahoning
Valley Astronomical Society. Sky viewing is
weather dependent. Call FNC for details.
Rain date: 4/24

DAFFODIL WEEKEND

AT FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

APRIL 25 & 26
9 AM - 5 PM

Discover the delights of daffodils!
See over 200 different species
and cultivars on display during a
special guided walk each day.
Take a stroll through Daffodil
Meadow. Participate in the
Daffodil Show that highlights the
diversity and beauty of daffodils.
Visit millcreekmetroparks.org for
Daffodil Show details.





Bunny Day at the MetroParks Farm

FAMILY FUN

BREAKFAST AND PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm - McMahon Hall
4/4 | 9 – 10:30 am
Hosted by The Mahoning County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee. Adults \$7.50; children 3-12 \$5 (includes a craft & face painting); 2 & under free. Call MPF to register by 4/1.

BUNNY DAY AT THE FARM

MetroParks Farm
4/4 | 10 am – 1 pm
Hosted by the Mahoning County Junior Fair Rabbit Committee. See a variety of rabbit breeds and learn about keeping a rabbit as a family pet.

STARRY NIGHT

MetroParks Farm
4/17 | 7:30-9:30 pm
See “Special Events” section for details.

PLANT THE SEED TO READ BOOK FESTIVAL

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/18 | 10 am – 3 pm
All ages. “Soar into Reading” during the ninth annual Children’s Book Festival. Featuring authors, illustrators, book characters, storytellers, and hands-on activities for children. Join the fun to promote literacy in the Mahoning Valley.

FARM TOURS

MetroParks Farm
4/19, 4/26 | 1 – 4 pm
Guided tractor wagon tour of the Farm. Tours every half hour. Barns will be open to visit with the animals. Donations accepted. Craft fee \$1

THIS & THAT

CHA-CHA DANCE CLASS \$

Pioneer Pavilion
4/7, 4/14 | 6 – 7 pm
Enjoy learning this fun and versatile Latin dance. Beginners and encouraged. Call FNC for details. \$5/class

SWING DANCE CLASS \$

Pioneer Pavilion
4/7, 4/14 | 7 – 8 pm
Learn this easy to follow popular dance. Beginners and encouraged. Call FNC for details. \$5/class

METROMUTTS: Hike into Spring

East Newport Boat Launch
4/12 | 11 am
Search for daffodils on this hike up East Newport Drive past Daffodil Meadow. Local shelters will bring some of their adoptable dogs. Easy, 2 mi. Call FNC for details.

ODNR BOATING SAFETY CLASS \$ ♦

Pioneer Pavilion
4/18 | 8 am – 4 pm
Full training will be offered with a proficiency exam at the end of class. Bring lunch. Call 330.740.7100 for details and to register. \$10

CONTRA DANCE AT PIONEER PAVILION \$

Pioneer Pavilion
4/18 | 7 – 10 pm
Join in the fun of Contra Dance, a British Isles folk dance form. Beginners and veterans welcome & instructed for each dance. Call FNC for details. \$7

LET’S DANCE! \$

MetroParks Farm – McMahon Hall
4/21 | 6 – 9 pm
Dance the Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango, and more. ½ hour dance lesson at 6 pm. Singles and couples welcome. Call FNC for details. \$5/person

CUISINE

EASTER BUFFET \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/5 | Various times
Friends Specialty at the Garden Café will be hosting an Easter buffet. Make a reservation at 330.740.7116.

ADVANCED BREAD MAKING \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/11 | Noon – 4 pm
It’s time to grab an apron and learn how pre-fermenting some of the flour in your bread formula makes it even better. Create a loaf using pate ferment and you can decide if it tastes better. We will bake it using a modified hearth method. Space limited, register/pay by 4/9. \$24; FFRG \$20

PROGRAM KEY

- \$ Fee charged for this program
- ♦ Registration Required
- G Guardian/adult must accompany child
- R = Mahoning County Resident
- NR = Non-Resident
- FFRG = Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

KIDS & TEENS

SPRING FLING \$ ♦

Ford Nature Center
4/8 | 10 am – 3 pm
Ages 8 – 12. Spring Break is here! Join us for a day of adventure, exploring and discovering nature. Hike, look for signs of spring, make seed bombs and more. Bring lunch. Dress for the weather. Register/pay at FNC by 4/4. \$20 R, \$25 NR

IF YOU PLANT THEM, THEY WILL GROW \$ ♦ G

Ford Nature Center
4/9 | 10 – 11 am or 4/11 | 12 – 1 pm
Ages 2 – 3. Your little sprouts will learn how plants get started through a story, activity, and craft. Register/pay 2 days in advance. \$5 R; \$7 NR

WIGGLY WORMS \$ ♦ G

Ford Nature Center
4/10, 4/11 | 10 – 11 am
Ages 3 – 6. Earthworms are important! Learn what worms eat, how they breathe and how they help your garden through this fun and interactive program. Register/pay 2 days in advance. \$5 R; \$7 NR. Add'l fee after deadline.

SPROUT CLUB: Animals & Plants \$ ♦ G

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/23 | 1 – 2 pm
Ages 3 – 5. We will explore the way that animals need plants. Includes a craft and snack. Space limited, register/pay by 4/21. \$7

FOR THE BIRDS

LET’S GO TIMBERDOODLIN’

MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at MetroParks Farm
4/10 | 7:30 – 9 pm
Join our attempt to witness the sky-high & back flight of male Woodcocks, aka Timberdoodles, trying to impress the females. Boots required. Moderate, 1.5 mi. Call FNC for details.

EAGLE WATCH ♦

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
4/12 | 8 – 9 am, 9 – 10 am, or 10 – 11 am
Search for and observe eagles with Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited. Choose one hour-long session. Register at FNC by 4/11. No walk-ins.

BIRDING THE SANCTUARY ♦

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
4/18 | 8 – 9:30 am
Search for birds with Jeff Harvey of Wild Birds Unlimited. Boots required. Register at FNC by 4/17.

AUDUBON SOCIETY/MAHONING VALLEY

MetroParks Farm
4/28 | 7 – 8 pm
Eric Barrett of the OSU Extension will present “Knowing, Identifying and Controlling Invasive Plants.” Become a first detector to help control the invasive plants and encourage others to stop planting and cultivating these plants.

HORTICULTURE

GARDEN GUIDE TRAINING PROGRAM ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/10 | 9 am – 3 pm
Volunteer Garden Guides share the history and the magic of our plant collections. Call Lynn at 330.740.7116 x 211 for details.

GARDENING BASICS: Pruning \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/11 | 10 – 11:30 am
Learn about basic pruning for the home landscape with Ellen Speicher. Register/pay by 4/9. \$8

OPEN STUDIO – GARDEN DESIGN

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/11 | 2 – 4 pm
Bring any garden design problems or questions you have and a staff member can offer suggestions.

MASTER GARDENER GATHERING ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/22 | 6 – 8 pm
Master Gardeners from any program are welcome at this spring gathering of plants, food, and fun.

BOTANICAL MORNINGS \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/24 | 9 – 10 am
Explore the budding Spring in the Gardens with Lynn Zocolo. Register/pay by 4/22. \$5

GUIDED DAFFODIL WALK

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/25 or 4/26 | 2 pm
Delight in the beauty, diversity, and fragrance of daffodils on this guided walk.

HEALTHY LIVING

T’AI CHI STEP ONE IN THE GARDENS \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 | Noon – 1 pm
Warm-ups, breathing and movements ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. \$10/class

YOGA IN THE GARDENS \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/2, 4/7, 4/9, 4/14, 4/16, 4/21, 4/23, 4/28, 4/30
9:30 - 11 am or 5:30 - 7 pm
Enjoy yoga that will help you keep a healthy outlook. Bring a mat and small blanket. \$15/class

RESTORATIVE YOGA \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/11 | 9 – 10:30 am
Begin the morning in quiet time restoring the body and nourishing the mind with restorative yoga and journaling. Register/pay by 4/9. \$20; \$22 drop-in

LAUGHTER YOGA \$

Ford Nature Center
4/15 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Enhance your well-being with laughter through this fun class led by certified instructor Teresa Lisum. No experience required – just an open mind! \$5

MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/19 | 10:30 am – Noon
Explore mindfulness methods with Karres Cvetkovich. Register/pay by 4/17. \$15; \$18 drop-in

HERBAL INFUSED OILS FOR SKIN CARE \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/28 | 6 – 7 pm
Create your own oil for luxurious skin in this class led by Mandy Smith. Register/pay by 4/26. \$8

TROLLEY TOURS

STANDARD TROLLEY TOURS \$ ♦

Boards at Ford Nature Center
4/7, 4/14, 4/19, 4/23, 4/28 | 2 – 3:30 pm, 4:30 – 6 pm
Explore, experience & enjoy a grand, guided 1 ½ hour tour of the MetroParks. Limited seating. Register/pay in advance at FNC. Adults: \$6 R, \$9 NR; 12 & under/60 & over: \$4 R, \$7 NR

BLUEBELL TROLLEY \$ ♦

Boards at Ford Nature Center
4/26, 5/1 | Noon – 2 pm, 3 – 5 pm
After we see Mill Creek Park’s small patches of Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), we’ll head to the ocean of blue at Poland Municipal Forest. Register/pay at FNC. Adults \$7 R, \$10 NR; 12 & under/60 & over \$5 R, \$8 NR

PARK FALLS TROLLEY \$ ♦

Boards at Ford Nature Center
4/30 | 5 – 7:30 pm
Enjoy a tour of many of the beautiful waterfalls located in the MetroParks. Some trail walking. Register/pay in advance at FNC. Adults: \$7 R, \$10 NR; 12 & under/60 & over: \$5 R, \$8 NR



SPRING WALK WITH WILLIAM CULLINA

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/30 | 5:30 pm
Join the evening’s speaker William Cullina in the Gardens to take a look at some of our lesser-known blooming beauties. Weather permitting.

WILLIAM CULLINA & WOODLAND FLOWERS – Jewels of the Forest Lecture \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/30 | 7 pm
Sponsored in part by the John S. and Doris M. Andrews Memorial Lecture Series. Enjoy a dessert after the lecture. Register/pay by 4/27. \$15; FFRG \$12

EXPRESS YOURSELF

THINK SPRING GLASS MOSAIC \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/15 | 6 – 8 pm
Create a glass mosaic for spring. Participants can choose either a daffodil, tulip, butterfly or rosebud. Please select when registering. \$26; FFRG \$22

GREEN MAN MASK \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/21 | 5:30 – 8 pm
Get creative as Lynn Cardwell leads you in the construction of a “green man” mask. Register/pay by 4/19. \$34; FFRG \$28



PLANT SALE

MAHONING VALLEY DAHLIA SOCIETY TUBER SALE

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/12 | 10 am – 5 pm
The Mahoning Valley Dahlia Society will hold a sale with unique varieties that will add to the diversity of your dahlia collection.

HIKES & WALKS

Interpretive Hikes – Slower paced with stops
Call FNC for details.

SEARCH FOR SPRING WILDFLOWERS

4/19, 4/25, 5/3 | 2 – 4 pm
You’ll become acquainted with a few vernal bloomers on this series of walks.
4/19 – Meet at Scholl Recreation Area. Moderate, 2 mi.
4/25 – Meet at YCP. Wear boots. Moderate, 2 mi.
5/3 – Meet at Poland Woods, located off Route 170 in Poland. Easy, 2 mi.

JEEPERS PEEPERS

Vickers Nature Preserve
4/24 | 8 – 9:30 pm
Join us for a frog serenade. We will also catch, observe, then release frogs. Flashlights permitted and boots required. Easy, 1 mi.

Recreational Hikes – Faster paced
Call FNC for details.

VOLUNTEER-LED RECREATIONAL HIKES

4/8 | 9 am – Meet at the MetroParks Bikeway Kirk Road Trailhead. Easy-moderate, 2 to 4 mi.
4/12 | 2 pm – Meet at ODOT (401 West Main Street, Canfield). Easy, 2 to 3 mi.
4/14 | 6 pm – Meet at the overflow parking lot on West Golf Drive. Easy, 1 or 3 mi.
4/22 | 9 am – Meet at FNC. Easy-moderate, 2 or 4 mi.
4/28 | 6 pm – Meet at MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at MPF. Easy, 2 or 4 mi.

EXHIBITS

BITS AND PIECES OF OUR HISTORY

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Melnick Museum
Through December 2015 | 9 am – 5 pm
This exhibit takes a look at the very early years of Mill Creek Park.

ONE WITH NATURE

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery
3/6 – 4/12 | 9 am – 5 pm
Local artist Noreen Yazvac welcomes spring with the vibrant colors of her floral works.

OFFERINGS: Posies for Emily and Other Dreamers

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery
4/24 – 6/14 | 9 am – 5 pm
New York fine art photographer Patricia Christakos pays homage to writers such as Emily Dickinson in an exhibition of large-scale still-life images.

NATURE IN IRON

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Outdoor Gallery
April – October
Works on display are wrought in iron by local artist Charles Hughes. Hughes “hammers out” nature as seen through the eye of a blacksmith.