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MILL CREEK METROPARKS

April

2018 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

April Special Events

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

Earth Day Weekend

Join us as we celebrate the Earth and all the opportunities available to connect with Nature here at Mill Creek MetroParks. Enjoy various programs to be held throughout the park all weekend long.

Sounds of Spring - 4/20
Daffodil Show - 4/21 - 4/22
Daffodil Walk - 4/21
Hike with a Naturalist - 4/21
Boy Scout Earth Day Clean-up - 4/21

Trot with your Tot - 4/21
Birding the Sanctuary - 4/21
Tractor Wagon Rides - 4/22
Turkey Trot - 4/22

Easter Brunch

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/1 | Noon or 3 pm

Fellows Riverside Gardens will be hosting an Easter Brunch by Inspired Catering. Reservations are required. Please contact Kravitz's Garden Café at 330.779.8201 for more information.

Plant the Seed to Read BOOK FESTIVAL

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/14 | 10 am - 3 pm

"Reading Rocks" during the 12th annual book festival with authors, illustrators, book characters, storytellers, and hands-on activities for children. Free.

Contributing Sponsor
FRIENDS
of Fellows Riverside Gardens



FARM ANIMAL BABY SHOWER

MetroParks Farm
4/8 | 10 am - 4 pm

Welcome new arrivals to the barns and see who might still be expecting this season. Enjoy cake and punch while supplies last. Free. Additional concessions available for purchase; cash only.

Sponsored by:



Spring Skies at the Farm Kite Fest

MetroParks Farm
4/28 | 11 am - 4 pm

Join the celebration of kites and all things that float, soar and fly through the skies! Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites will brighten the skies with expert kite flying and ingenious designs. Bring your own kite to fly and enter in free games. Enjoy free bubble, glider, and pinwheel activities. Create-a-kite and sky crafts offered for small fee. Call FNC for details.

For the Birds

EAGLE WATCH

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
4/8 | 8 – 10 am

Bald eagles represent strength and freedom. Drop by to search for and observe these magnificent birds with Jeff Harvey. Limited parking. Call FNC for details.

BIRDING THE SANCTUARY ♦

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
4/21 | 8 – 9:30 am

Enjoy spring with an early morning bird walk at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary led by Jeff Harvey. Space is limited. Boots required. Moderate, 1.25 mi. Register at FNC by 4/19.

TURKEY TROT

Meet at Pioneer Pavilion
4/22 | 1 - 2 pm

Take a trot down to the creek bed looking for wild turkeys! As mating season kicks off, we will look for not only Mr. Tom Turkey & Mrs. Tina Turkey themselves, but also signs of bedding for eggs. Easy, 1.5 mi.

LET’S GO TIMBERDOODLIN’

McGuffey Wildlife Preserve
4/26 | 8 - 9 pm

An odd-looking bird named the Woodcock, a.k.a. Timberdoodle, is known to reside here at McGuffey Wildlife Preserve. Easy, 0.5 mi.



Beginner Cookie Decorating

Cuisine

BEGINNER COOKIE DECORATING:

Baby & Wedding Showers ♦ ♦

MetroParks Farm
4/17 | 6 - 8 pm

Hands-on. Adults & ages 10+ with paid adult. Learn decorating techniques to create a set of colorful cookies to take home with Cindy Velt. Register/pay at FRG by 4/14. \$36 R; \$40 NR

LAID BACK COOKING:

Eggstravaganza ♦ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/17 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Hands-on. Get cooking in the kitchen with Jack Kravitz with eggstravagant recipes. Register/pay by 4/14. \$19; FFRG \$17

Trolley Tours

MILL CREEK TROLLEY TOURS ♦ ♦ ■

Boards at Ford Nature Center
4/5, 4/10, 4/24, | 2 - 3 pm or 3:15 - 4:15 pm

4/15, 4/22| 12:45 - 1:45 pm, 2 - 3 pm or 3:15 - 4:15 pm
Enjoy views of historic Mill Creek Park while riding the trolley. Limited seating. Register/pay at least 2 days ahead at FNC. Adults: \$7 R, \$10 NR; Seniors/youth: \$5 R, \$8 NR. Add'l fee after deadline.

DAFFODIL TROLLEY ♦ ♦ ■

Boards at Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/18 | 10:30 - 11:30 am or 1 - 2 pm

Take the trolley from FRG to Daffodil Meadow in celebration of daffodils. Register/pay at FNC by 4/16. Adults: \$7 R, \$10 NR; 12 & under/60 & over: \$5 R, \$8 NR. Additional fee after deadline.

BLUEBELL TROLLEY ♦ ♦

Boards at Ford Nature Center
4/29 | Noon - 2 pm or 2:30 - 4:30 pm

We'll view Mill Creek Park's Bluebells, then head out to see the carpet of them in Poland Municipal Forest. Register/ pay at least 2 days in advance at FNC. Adults: \$8 R, \$11 NR; 12 & under/60 & over: \$6 R, \$9 NR. .

Volunteers

GARDEN GUIDE TRAINING ♦ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
4/6 | 9 am – 3 pm

If you like to be outdoors, if you love plants, and would be willing to share your enthusiasm for both, then you should volunteer as a Garden Guide. Call FRG for details.

Program Key

♦ Fee charged for this program

♦ Registration Required

■ Add'l fee after deadline

G Guardian/adult must accompany child

R = Mahoning County Resident

NR = Non-Resident

FFRG = Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens

Healthy Living

YOGA IN THE GARDENS ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/3, 4/5, 4/10, 4/12, 4/17, 4/19, 4/24, 4/26 | 9:30 – 11 am

Enjoy yoga with Marina Perdos that will help you keep a healthy outlook. Bring a mat and small blanket. Drop-in. \$12/class

T'AI CHI STEP ONE IN THE GARDENS ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25 | Noon – 1 pm

Warm-ups, breathing exercises and movements with Marie Lew will ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Drop-in. \$10/class

FRAGRANT FRIDAYS: Blending for Babies & Children ♦ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/6 | 1 - 2:30 pm

Learn about the power and safety of using essential oils and hydrosols for little ones with Marina Perdos. Bring pen and paper. Register/pay by 4/3. \$20 R; \$22 NR

WOMEN'S WELL-BEING RETREAT: A Morning at the Gardens ♦ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/7 | 9:30 am - Noon

Celebrate the return of spring and enjoy a morning dedicated to the wellness and well-being of women. Join Michelle O'Brien and guest speakers, Dr. Kathy Padgitt, Ginny Lee Taylor and Karen Schaffert. Bring a notebook and writing tool. Register/pay by 4/4. \$32 R; \$34 NR

SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE ♦ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/10 | 6 – 7 pm

Ages 13+. Enjoy a meditative experience with vibrations of gongs and crystal singing bowls led by Maria and Calvin Wagner. Register/pay by 4 pm on on 4/10. Space is limited. \$25

Horticulture

MEN'S GARDEN CLUB TALK

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/4 | 7 - 8 pm

The Men's Garden Club of Youngstown invites you to attend their general meeting. Drop-in.

GUIDED DAFFODIL WALK

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/21 | 1- 2 pm

Delight in the beauty, diversity, and fragrance of daffodils on this guided walk with Gordon Vujevic, daffodil expert. Meet in the Davis Center Lobby. Drop-in.

BOTANICAL MORNINGS TROLLEY ♦ ♦

Boards at Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/27 | 9 - 10 am

Take a trolley ride through the Park and look for signs of spring. Limited seating. Register/pay at FRG by 4/25. \$7

Exhibits

FLORALS FROM THE BUTLER

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery

4/10 - 6/17 | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm

An amazing array of floral paintings from the Butler Institute of Art will be on display that are part of the Butler permanent collection.

MILL CREEK METROPARKS HISTORY

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Melnick Museum

Ongoing | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm

The Melnick Museum offers the visitor a peek into the unique history of Mill Creek MetroParks.

Flower Show

DAFFODIL SHOW

Fellows Riverside Gardens

4/20 | 3 – 5 pm or 4/21 | 8 – 10 am - Entries accepted

4/21 & 4/22 | 10 am - 5 pm - Show

Discover the delights of daffodils! Enter your prize bloom in the daffodil show, delight in the historic Daffodil Meadow, and stroll through the Gardens' Narcissus collection.

Golf

EASTER GOLF SHOP SALE

Mill Creek Golf Course Pro Shop

4/1 | 9 am - 5 pm

Special deals, sales and discounts on the newly arrived spring merchandise. Player club card members to receive additional discounts.

FAMILY FUN SATURDAY GOLF ♦ ♦

Mill Creek Golf Course

4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28 | Tee time start – 5 pm

Mill Creek Golf Course will be offering families the opportunity to play a round of golf to groom their skills in a fun setting. \$25/ family of 4. Call the GC for tee times or book online.

Hikes & Walks

Call FNC for details.

MIDWEEK RELAX HIKE

Yellow Creek Park

4/4 | 5:30 - 7 pm

Stroll along the trails of Yellow Creek Park to unwind while being surrounded in nature. Water level permitting, we plan to pass through the creek. Moderate, 2.5 miles.

RECREATIONAL HIKES

4/4 | 9 - 10 am

Meet at Golf Course overflow parking lot on West Golf Drive. Easy, 1 or 3mi.

4/18 | 9 – 10 am

Meet at MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at Kirk Road. Easy, 2 or 4 mi.

SPRING WILDFLOWER WALK

Vickers Nature Preserve

4/15 | 2 - 4 pm

Come out and look for the beauty of spring at Vickers Nature Preserve in Canfield. Moderate, 2 mi.

SOUNDS OF SPRING

Mill Creek Preserve

4/20 | 8 - 9:30 pm

Join us for a frog serenade! Wander through wetland and pond habitats to enjoy the sounds, and hopefully sights of spring. Flashlights suggested. Boots required. Moderate, 1.5 mi.

HIKE WITH A NATURALIST

West & East Cohasset Trails - Meet at Pioneer Pavilion

4/21 | 9 - 11 am

Enjoy the beauty and diversity of spring, as you wander along Lake Cohasset and through the forest. Moderate, 3 mi.

FROG HOPPIN' HIKE

Vickers Nature Preserve

4/27 | 8 - 9:30 pm

We will listen, look, catch, and release in one of the "froggiest" places in the MetroParks – Vickers Nature Preserve. Flashlights suggested. Boots required. Easy, 1 mi.

WILDFLOWERS GALORE

Poland Woods - Meet at the Forest's College Street parking area

4/28 | 2 - 3:30 pm

Spring wildflowers bloom before trees leaf out and stop the sunshine. Poland Municipal Forest, a.k.a. Poland Woods, is a premier wildflower spot. Easy, 2 mi.

Kids & Teens

CHILDREN'S NATURE HOUR:

When Spring Comes ♦ ♦ G

Ford Nature Center

4/12 | 10 – 11 am

Ages 3-5, plus adult. Spring is here! "You will feel it. You will smell it. You will hear it." Come discover Spring with us. Register/pay by 4/10. \$4 R; \$6 NR.

TALES FOR TOTS: Baby Farm Animals ♦ ♦ G

MetroParks Farm

4/13 | 10 - 11 am

Ages 2-3, plus adult. It's Spring! Baby animals are at the farm! Join us as we learn about and meet the new arrivals. Story time is part of the fun! Register/pay at FNC by 4/11. \$4 R; \$6 NR

I SPY HIKING CLUB: Extreme! ♦ ♦

Artists' Trail - Meet at Pioneer Pavilion

4/15 | 2 - 3 pm

Ages 6+. I spy with my little eye someone looking for adventure and tons of fun - and that's you! Explore the trails of Mill Creek MetroParks with a Naturalist, in our newest children's hiking series inspired by the I Spy books. Register/pay at FNC by 4/13. \$4/class

FARM HANDS ♦

MetroParks Farm

4/18 | 4 - 6 pm

Ages 8-15. Daily chores are part of the Farmer's job and today we invite you to help with feeding and cleaning. Come dressed for the weather and to work. We will provide the food for the animals and animal cracker snacks for our helpers in recognition of National Animal Cracker Day. Reservations suggested by calling MPF.



Farm Hands

This & That

POLKA DANCE CLASS ♦

Pioneer Pavilion

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 | 6 - 7 pm

Learn this Y-Town favorite! No partner? No Problem! Everyone learns this paired dance together. Beginners encouraged and welcome. Led by dance expert Lynda McPhail. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door.

CHA-CHA DANCE CLASS ♦

Pioneer Pavilion

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 | 7 - 8 pm

Learn this Latin dance. No partner? No Problem! Everyone learns this paired dance together. Beginners encouraged and welcome. Led by dance expert Lynda McPhail. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door.

MILL CREEK PHOTO CLIQUE: Astro Photography

Pioneer Pavilion

4/7 | 7 pm

Join Michael Heim, Astro Photographer and member of the Mahoning Valley Astrological Society for a presentation on taking photographs through a telescope. This informative workshop will be in conjunction with the night sky viewing with the Mahoning Valley Astrological Society.

WHAT TO DO WITH BABY ANIMALS

Ford Nature Center

4/7 | 2 - 4 pm

Join a Naturalist in this informative presentation on what to do when finding a baby animal. Call FNC for details.

NATURALIST SERIES: Ice Age Ohio

MetroParks Farm

4/14 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join Dale Gnidovec from OSU Orton Geological Museum to discover Ice Age Ohio. Explore the effects glaciers have on the landscape and more. Registration requested, not required. Register at FRG by 4/13.

TRAVELING NATURALIST: Geology

Lanterman's Mill

4/15 | 1 - 3 pm

Come visit with Mill Creek's Geologist to learn about the rocks, fossils, and minerals of Mahoning County. Bring your samples to be identified! Call FNC for details.

METROMUTTS: Easter Pups ♦ ♦

Ford Nature Center

4/8 | 11 am

Enjoy beautiful spring colors on a hike, plus a photo with your MetroMutt and the Easter Bunny. Afterwards, enjoy treats and refreshments. Special Easter gift for members. Moderate, 1 mi. Hike free for all. Refreshments afterward: MetroMutts Members free, not-yet-members \$2. Call FNC to register by 4/5.

MILL CREEK PHOTO CLIQUE: Spring Bloom Photography

Fellows Riverside Gardens - Gazebo

4/14 | Noon – 1:30 pm

Lily Martuccio, Mill Creek MetroParks photographer, will take you on a stroll through the gardens and give pointers on getting the best Spring Bloom shots!

METROMUTTS: Grooming and Handling Sensitivity ♦ ♦

MetroParks Farm

4/19 | 6 – 7 pm

The Canine Campus Training and Wellness Center presents a unique approach in building up a level of comfort to allow handling your dog with less stress. MetroMutts Members free, not-yet-members \$6. Register/ pay at FNC by 4/15.

OHIO BOATING EDUCATION COURSE ♦ ♦

Yellow Creek Park Lodge

4/21 | 8 am – 4 pm

Basics of safe boating presented by ODNR Division of Watercraft. Includes exam & satisfies OH Boater Education Requirement. Register in advance at FNC. \$10 fee.

BOY SCOUT EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP ♦

Ford Nature Center

4/21 | 9 am – Noon

Local Scout Units and other organizations will spend the morning helping to clean winter's accumulation of litter across the MetroParks. Call FNC by 4/9 to reserve a work area.

Family Fun

STAR PARTY

MetroParks Farm

4/7 | 8 pm

Save the date for a stellar evening at the MetroParks Farm. View the beauty of the night sky through high powered telescopes with the Mahoning Valley Astronomical Society. Call FNC for details.

TRACTOR-WAGON RIDES ♦

MetroParks Farm

4/15, 4/22, 4/29 | 1 - 4 pm

Bring the family for a guided tractor wagon tour of the farm leaving approximately every ½ hour. Barns are open to visit the animals. Donations accepted. Craft fee \$1; cash only.

TROT WITH YOUR TOT!

Wick Recreation Area

4/17, 4/21 | 10 - 11 am

Bring the family for a guided short hike. There will be loads of chances to explore the wonderful outdoors and watch your little ones learn. Parents with babies and toddlers are welcome! No strollers. Easy, 1 mi.