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2019 Programs & Events



MARCH

Mill Creek MetroParks



March Special Events

JEWELS of Winter

Through 3/3 | Tuesday - Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm
Fellows Riverside Gardens

Find the spirit of the tropics within the comfort of the Davis Center as you observe orchids, the jewels of the plant world, on display.

LUNCH WITH THE LEPRECHAUN

3/9 | 11 am - 1:30 pm
Fellows Riverside Gardens - Rossi Auditorium

Enjoy a traditional Irish buffet, Irish Music by County Mayo, Irish inspired activity/craft, magic time with Seamus O'Foole the magical leprechaun, and Burke Irish Dancers. Space is limited. Register/pay by calling 330.779.8201 by 3/6. \$19.95 adults, \$10.95 kids 4-12, under 4 free with adult.

SPORTS CAMPS & CLINICS

REGISTRATION OPENS 3/1

Sports clinics and camps at Mill Creek MetroParks will give your youngster the opportunity to try out a new recreational activity or to hone skills in one they already enjoy. Camps vary in length. Fees start at \$30 for two day sessions. Full description, schedule, fees and registration information available March 1 at millcreekmetroparks.org.

SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMP

REGISTRATION OPENS 3/1

Give your child, ages 5-14, the gift of exploration and excitement with a week of Summer Discovery Camp at Mill Creek MetroParks. Fees start at \$80 per week. Visit millcreekmetroparks.org for more information.

Receive notices of MetroParks events by email! Sign up for our mailing list at millcreekmetroparks.org

CUISINE

My, Oh My, I Like Pie \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm
3/19 | 6 - 8 pm
Hands-on and tasting. Adults & ages 12+ with paid adult. Join Cindy Velt and Hollie Baker in the making of pie from flaky pie crust to cherry pie filling to a rustic apple cheddar tart. Bring an apron and a rolling pin. Register/pay, starting 2/19, at FRG by 3/14. \$30 R; \$34 NR

Kolache: Two Ways \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm
3/30 | 11 am - 2 pm
Hands-on and tasting. Join Cindy Velt and Alec Ring for the making and demonstrating of Kolache - two ways. Bring an apron, everything else will be provided. Register/ pay, starting 2/19, at FRG by 3/25. \$44 R; \$50 NR

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Photo Clique Members Photo Opp: Mill Creek Maple Project ♦

Wick Recreation Area- Morley Parking Area
3/1 | 1 - 3 pm
Photo Clique members will be guided behind the scenes to photograph the Mill Creek Maple process. Members: Call FNC to register by 2/27; Not-yet-members: Call FNC to learn about becoming a member to participate!

Hypertufa Cast Basket Planter \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm
3/4 | 6 - 8 pm
Sculptor Dan Dinsio will walk you through the process of mixing the components of hypertufa and making a cast with an old basket. Register/pay at FRG by 3/1. \$36 R; \$40 NR

Nature-Inspired Stoneware Mugs \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/12 | 6 - 8:30 pm
Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Join Lynn Cardwell to construct two nature-inspired stoneware mugs. Register/ pay by 3/10. \$28 R; \$30 NR

Spring Wreath \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/16 | 10 - 11:30 am
Celebrate the change of seasons by crafting a wreath with Judy Stanislaw. Register/pay by 3/14. \$24; FFRG \$22

Photo Clique: A Big Small World ♦

Pioneer Pavilion
3/23 | 2 - 4 pm
Join us for a creative adventure where we take your photo skills to another level. You will be challenged to photograph a small toy animal in a large natural setting. Call FNC to register by 3/20.

Hypertufa Cast Bag Planter \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm
4/1 | 6 - 8 pm
Learn to use hypertufa as a sculptural medium with sculptor Dan Dinsio. Register/pay at FRG by 3/29. \$36 R; \$40 NR

HORTICULTURE

Spring Clinic & Trade Show

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/6 | 8 am - 3 pm
The Mahoning Valley Landscape & Nursery Association, Mill Creek MetroParks, and OSU Extension – Mahoning County will sponsor this spring horticulture clinic. Call 330.398.7710 for details or visit www.mvlna.org for more information.

Men’s Garden Club Talk

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/16 | 7 - 8 pm
The Men’s Garden Club of Youngstown invites you to attend their general meeting. Drop-in.

Garden Design 101 \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/16 | 9 am - Noon
Join Debra Knapke to explore the tools and rules of design, delve into garden issues, and engage in a design studio involving your garden areas that need attention. Register/ pay by 3/10. \$52 R; \$60 NR

Botanical Mornings \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/22 | 9 - 10 am
Discover the progress of seasons here at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Register/pay by 3/20. \$5

The Fundamentals of Green Gardening Course \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/26, 4/9, 4/16 & 4/30 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm
The Fundamentals of Green Gardening course covers ways to take your home landscape to the next level of stewardship. Register/pay by 3/12. \$45 R; \$55 NR

TROLLEY TOURS

Bundle Up Trolley Tours \$ ♦

Boards at Ford Nature Center
3/17, 3/24, 3/31 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm, 2 - 3 pm, or 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Enjoy late winter/early spring views of historic Mill Creek Park aboard the trolley. Trolley is unheated – plan to bundle up! Limited seating. Register/pay in advance at FNC. Adults: \$7 R, \$10 NR; seniors/youth: \$5 R, \$8 NR.

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 Basics Course \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/3 - 4/21 | Sundays, 9 - 10 am or (no class 4/7)
3/5 - 4/23 | Tuesdays, 6 - 7 pm (no class 4/9)
Choose Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings for this relaxing seven-week yoga course with Karres Cvetkovich. \$70; 10% discount (\$63) if registered by 2/26.

Barks, Buds, Twigs & Sap \$ ♦

Birch Hill Cabin
3/3 | Noon - 2 pm
Herbalist Leah Wolfe will demonstrate how to identify winter twigs and buds, provide lessons learned in collecting sap, and provide a tea made from barks. If weather permits we'll take a walk. Register/pay at FRG by 3/1. \$22 R; \$24 NR

Yoga in the Gardens \$

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/5, 3/7, 3/12, 3/14, 3/19, 3/21, 3/26, 3/28 | 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
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 | Noon - 1 pm
Warm-ups, breathing exercises and movements with Marie Lew will ease stress, improve health, and increase vitality. Drop-in. \$10/class

T'ai Chi Basics for Beginners Course \$ ♦

Various MCMP Locations
3/14 - 5/16 | Thursdays, Noon - 1 pm or
3/20 - 5/22 | Wednesdays, 7 - 8 pm
Learn this classic art of energy balancing while developing coordination, flexibility and leg strength with Marie Lew during this ten-week course held on Thursdays at FRG or Wednesdays at MPF. \$100; 10% discount (\$90) if registered/paid at FRG by 3/7(Thursdays) or 3/13 (Wednesdays).

Fragrant Fridays: A Year of Prevention \$ ♦

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/22, 7/12, 9/27 | 10 - 11:30 am
Join Marina Perdos to look through the lens of Ayurveda: A Seasonal Formulary. Learn how to integrate Ayurvedic philosophy to balance yourself. Register/pay one week prior to each class date, call 330.740.7116. \$26 R; \$28 NR per class.

LECTURE

Naturalist Series: Teeth, Jaws & Claws

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/23 | 6 - 7 pm
Dale Gnidovec, OSU Orton Geological Museum, gives us a look at the tremendous diversity of theropods, the carnivorous dinosaurs, and why scientists say birds are living dinosaurs. Registration requested, not required.

Beyond Beauty: Magnolias Around the World

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/28 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Magnolias are among the most recognizable, ornamental flowering trees in the world. Join Peter Zale as he discusses these factors in a photographically rich exploration of magnolias around the world. Registration requested, not required.

EXHIBITS

Nature Photography Exhibit

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery
Through 3/24 | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm
The skills of amateur photographers will be readily apparent as you stroll through the Weller Gallery.

As Did Monet, Artists Paint the Landscape

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery
3/30 - 6/2 | Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm
See the artwork of local Plein Air Artists of Eastern Ohio who paint in natural outdoor settings.

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.

GOLF

St. Patrick’s Day Golf Shop Holiday Sale

Mill Creek Golf Course Pro Shop
3/17 | 10 am - 4:30 pm
Special deals, sales and discounts on the newly arrived spring merchandise.

Now accepting golf leagues, golf outings and tournaments for the 2019 season

Mill Creek Golf Course
Month of March

FAMILY FUN

Pig Day ♦ G

MetroParks Farm
3/2 | 10 am - Noon
Ages 5 & up with adult. The year of the Pig began in February and National Pig Day is celebrated each year on March 1st. We will do our own special celebration of the Pig with games, crafts, and a visit to the barn to see Penelope our resident Pot-belly Pig. Register by 2/28.

Sugar Shack Shindig

Sugar Shack near Morley Pavilion
3/2 | 1 - 3 pm
Come out to the Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Association's Sugar Shack to see what it takes to make our favorite sugary breakfast treat.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover \$ ♦ G

MetroParks Farm
3/15 | 6:30 - 7:30 pm & **3/16** | 9:30 - 10:30 am
Ages 5-10, plus adult. Bring your special stuffed animal for an evening snack, “movie”, and bedtime story. Children and adults will return home leaving your special friend for a sleepover at the Farm. On Saturday morning, return with the whole family for breakfast. Pick up your stuffed animal friend along with special photo book of what your animal did during their overnight stay. Space is limited. Reservations required. Call FRG, to make a reservation by 3/8. Breakfast fee: \$11 ages 11 and older; \$7 ages 10 and under, under 2 free

Trot with Your Tot: Bring in Spring! ♦

Meet at Golf Course Overflow Parking Lot on West Golf Drive
3/16 | Noon - 1 pm or **3/28** | 11 am - Noon
Join a naturalist on a hike to shake off the winter blues and bring in the spring season! Strollers welcome. Register at FNC by 3/15 or 3/27. Easy, 2 mi.

Introducing the Dinosaurs

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/23 | 4 - 5 pm
For all ages. Dale Gnidovec of the OSU Orton Geological Museum will describe how we find, excavate and reconstruct these marvelous beasts. Registration requested, not required.

Crafty Critters

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/28 | 1 - 4 pm
Come enjoy some fun, simple crafts, stories, and a scavenger hunt. Drop-in.

HIKES & WALKS

Call FNC for details.

Maple Syrup Saunter

Wick Recreation Area - Meet at Par 3 Parking Lot
3/2 | 1 - 2:30 pm
Join us on a hike that will include a stop at the maple syrup making demonstration put on by the Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Association. Moderate, 2 mi.

Mudilicious!

Hitchcock Woods
3/10 | 2 - 4 pm
As spring draws near and the earth begins to thaw, patches of gooey mud appear. We'll hike Hitchcock Woods in celebration of mud, and the warmer weather it foretells. Moderate, 1.4 mi.

Recreational Hikes

3/13 | 9 - 10 am
Meet at Golf Course overflow parking lot on West Golf Drive. Easy, 1 or 3 mi.

3/27 | 9 - 10 am
Meet at MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead at Kirk Road. Easy, 2 or 4 mi.

Eve of Spring Hike

McGuffey Wildlife Preserve
3/16 | 10 - 11:30 am
Come hike with us and welcome the upcoming season by searching for vernal pools, wildflowers and other signs of spring! Moderate, 1 mi.

Wild Women of Mill Creek: Looking for Luck at the Lily Pond

Lily Pond
3/17 | 2 - 4 pm
Join us as we explore around the Lily Pond in this series of programs designed for women of all ages. Moderate, 2 mi.

The Awakening Moon

Meet at Lower Bear’s Den Parking Lot
3/21 | 8 - 9:30 pm
Today is the Vernal Equinox, the first day of astronomical spring. We'll welcome the new season with a walk in the Bears Den area. Wear sturdy shoes. Moderate, 2 mi.

Hike with a Volunteer Naturalist

Meet at Ford Nature Center
3/24 | 2 - 3:30 pm
Enjoy this afternoon hike with a Volunteer Naturalist to the Lily Pond. Moderate, 2 mi.

Refreshing Wonders of Wetlands

Meet at Newport Wetlands Parking Lot on West Newport Drive
3/30 | Noon - 2 pm
Release the stress of the week and reconnect to yourself through nature and reflection on this unique hike. Wear shoes that can handle some mud. Moderate, 3 mi.

THIS & THAT

Chat with a Naturalist

Ford Nature Center
3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 | 1 - 3 pm
Stop by the Nature Center to chat with a Naturalist and learn about seasonal and phenological happenings here at Mill Creek MetroParks. Feel free to bring questions!

MetroMutts: Mardi Paws Hike

Ford Nature Center
3/3 | 11 am
Don't let your pup miss out on all of the fun this year! Come enjoy a Mardi Paws celebration hike. MetroMutts Member dogs receive beads! Moderate, 2 mi.

Polka Dance Class \$

Pioneer Pavilion
3/5, 3/12 | 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.

Rumba Dance Class \$

Pioneer Pavilion
3/5, 3/12 | 7 - 8 pm
Come out and enjoy learning this easy to follow slow dance. No partner? No problem! Everyone learns this paired dance together. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door

MetroMutts: Lucky Dog Hike \$

Pioneer Pavilion
3/16 | 11 am
Join us for a St. Patrick’s Day hike around Lake Cohasset. Moderate, 2 mi. Hike is free for all. Refreshments: MetroMutts Members free; not-yet-members \$2.

Cha-Cha Dance Class \$

Pioneer Pavilion
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16 | 6 - 7 pm
Learn this Latin dance with Lynda McPhail. No partner? No Problem! Everyone learns this paired dance together. Beginners encouraged and welcome. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door.

Waltz Dance Class \$

Pioneer Pavilion
3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16 | 7 - 8 pm
Lynda McPhail instructs this timeless dance. No partner? No problem! Everyone learns this paired dance together. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Call FNC for details. \$6/class at the door.

Wild Women of Mill Creek: Fire Building 101 \$ ♦

MetroParks Farm
3/23 | 11 - 1 pm
Discover a wild skill! Build a fire starter kit to take home, learn how to engineer the perfect fire, and then get to roast a hotdog over it in this series of programs designed for women of all ages. Register/pay at FNC by 3/21. \$3 R; \$5 NR

Traveling Naturalist

Lily Pond
3/24 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm
Enjoy the changing of the seasons at the Lily Pond and chat with a naturalist about the signs of spring and remnants of winter you may find. Call FNC for details.

Book Discussion: Winter Creek: One Writer’s Natural History

Ford Nature Center
3/30 | 10:30 am
Read and enjoy John Daniel’s memoir reflecting on the changing seasons of his life, intertwined with the changing seasons of a creek nearby his home in Western Oregon. Then join our discussion to share your thoughts about the book. Call FNC for details.

KIDS & TEENS

Little Explorers Club: Woodpecker Wham! \$ ♦ G

Ford Nature Center
3/7 | 10 - 11 am
Ages 3-6, plus adult. Join the club as we explore and enjoy the wonders of winter! In March, learn all about woodpeckers. Story, craft and outdoor adventure included Register/pay by 3/5. \$5/class

Tales for Tots: Mud! \$ ♦ G

Ford Nature Center
3/15 | 10 - 11 am
Ages 2-3, plus adult. Spring is around the corner, let’s celebrate mud! Join us for a muddy story, craft and outdoor play. Dress to get dirty! Register/pay by 3/13. \$4 R; \$6 NR

Sprout Club \$ ♦ G

Fellows Riverside Gardens
3/21, 4/18, 5/16 | 1 - 2 pm
Ages 3-5, plus adult. Join the Sprout Club this spring for learning and fun with hands-on activities with maple syrup, worms, and fairies! Deadline for series is 3/19. \$15/series; \$7/class

FOR THE BIRDS

Birding the Sanctuary ♦

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
3/16 | 8 - 9:30 am
Celebrate Spring with an early morning bird walk at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary led by Jeff Harvey. Space is limited. Boots required. Register at FNC by 3/14. Moderate, 1.25 mi.