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2019 Programs & Events



# MAY

Mill Creek MetroParks



## May Special Events



### National PUBLIC GARDENS DAY

Fellows Riverside Gardens  
5/11 | 10 am - 5 pm

Celebrate your local public garden, Fellows Riverside Gardens, with opportunities that include: the spring plant sale from 10 am – 3 pm, guided garden tours at 11 am and 2 pm, and a 10% discount in the Shop in the Gardens.



## BRUNCH

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*Fellows Riverside Gardens*  
5/12 | 11 am or 2 pm

Fellows Riverside Gardens will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch by Inspired Catering. Reservations are required. Contact Kravitz's Garden Cafe at 330.779.8201 for more information.

*Inspired  
Catering*  
BY KRAVITZ



## HIKES & WALKS

Call FRG for details.

### Take-A-Hike Hiking Challenge

Various MCMP Locations

5/1 - 9/30

Take a hike and participate in this fun new hiking challenge right here in Mill Creek MetroParks! Enjoy fun healthy recreation while exploring all the wonderful places the park is working hard to preserve. Call FRG or visit [millcreekmetroparks.org](http://millcreekmetroparks.org) to find out how to get started today!

### Recreational Hikes

Call Wick Recreation Area for details

5/8 | 9 - 10 am | Meet at Ford Nature Center. Moderate, 2 or 4 mi.

5/22 | 9 - 10 am | Meet at Golf Course overflow parking lot on West Golf Drive. Easy, 1 or 3 mi.

### Hike with a Volunteer Naturalist

Meet at Ford Nature Center

5/18 | 1 - 2:30 pm

Enjoy this afternoon hike with a Volunteer Naturalist to the Lily Pond. Moderate, 2 mi.

### Wild Women of Mill Creek: Wildflower Workout

Vickers Nature Preserve

5/19 | 2 - 4 pm

Take a walk on the wild side! Join us as we explore Vickers Nature Preserve in search of seasonal beauties in this series of programs designed for women of all ages. Don't forget your boots, may be muddy! Moderate/Difficult, 3 mi.

### Voices of the Night II

Vickers Nature Preserve

5/24 | 9 - 10:30 pm

Listen, search, catch, and release in the "froggiest place" in Mill Creek MetroParks. Flashlights recommended and boots required. Easy, 1 mi.

### Lake Cohasset in the Evening

Ford Nature Center

5/31 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Enjoy the sights and sounds of nature in the evening as we hike around beautiful Lake Cohasset. Moderate, 3 mi.

## CUISINE

### Beginner Cookie Decorating: Spring

MetroParks Farm

5/14 | 6 - 8 pm

Hands-on. Adults & ages 10+ with paid adult. Learn decorating techniques with Cindy Velt to create a set of colorful cookies to take home. Register/pay by 5/11 at FRG. \$36 R; \$40 NR

### Laid Back Cooking: Everything But The Steak

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/28 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Demonstration and tasting. Enjoy a spring evening by the grill with Jack Kravitz. Register/pay by 5/25. \$30 R; \$34 NR

### Italian Peach Cookies

MetroParks Farm

6/4 | 6 - 8 pm

Hands-on. Join Cindy Velt in the making of these delectable peach baked goods. Register/pay by 6/1 at FRG. \$27 R; \$29 NR

## FOR THE BIRDS

### Warbler Walk

Meet at Suspension Bridge Parking Lot

5/4 | 8 - 10 am

The warblers are coming! Come search high and low for these beautiful birds as they return to their nesting grounds. Register at FRG by 5/2. Moderate, 1.25 mi.

### Kingfisher Courtship

Yellow Creek Park

5/5 | 2 - 4 pm

These beautiful birds will be getting ready for the mating season which makes it the perfect time to watch and listen to their unique rattling calls and find out what makes them the "King of the Fishes". Moderate, 1.5 mi.

### Birding the Sanctuary

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

5/18 | 8 - 9:30 am

Join Jeff Harvey to look and listen for the birds of spring at Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. Space is limited. Boots required. Register at FRG by 5/16. Moderate, 1.25 mi.

## LECTURE

### Naturalist Series: Tree Communication & Natural Defenses

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/7 | 6:30 - 8 pm

Ever wondered how trees handle their enemies? And if they talk to each other? Join us as Dr. Enrico Bonello tells us about these fascinating aspects of the natural world. Registration requested, not required.

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

## KIDS & FAMILIES

### Tractor-Wagon Rides

MetroParks Farm

5/5, 5/19 | 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. Craft fee \$1; cash only.

### Little Explorers Club: Noisy Frogs

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Birch Hill Cabin

5/9 | 10 - 11 am

Ages 3-6, plus adult. Join the club as we explore and enjoy the wonders of spring! This month we'll learn about and sing like frogs. Register/pay at FRG by 5/7. \$5/class

### Family Nature Club: Celebrating the Birds of Spring!

Mill Creek Preserve

5/11 | 10 am - Noon

Bring the whole family and join the club! This month we will celebrate the birds of spring! Bird watching, hiking, and nest building are part of the fun. For more information call FRG.

### Tales for Tots: Noisy Birds

Birch Hill Cabin

5/17 | 10 - 11 am

Ages 2-3, plus adult. It's Spring and birds are singing! Join us as we listen to the birds, learn their songs and sing-along. Register/pay at FRG by 5/15. \$4 R; \$6 NR

### Family Outdoor Day Scavenger Hunt

Metro Parks Farm

5/18 | 10 am - 1 pm

Explore your MetroParks on this Nationally recognized day of getting kids outside to explore. Begin your day at the MetroParks Farm with a scavenger hunt (paper or camera option) for a special prize. Drop in.

### Family Outdoor Day

Various MCMP Locations

5/18 | 10 am - 6:30 pm

Celebrate Kids to Parks Day by enjoying the wide variety of family activities available at MCMP. Check out our website, or call WRA for full schedule and description. Nominal fees may apply for some activities.

### Family Nature Challenge

Various MCMP Locations

Through 10/31

Is your family ready for a fun new challenge? Enjoy quality time together while exploring nature and discovering Mill Creek MetroParks and all it has to offer. Call FRG or visit [millcreekmetroparks.org](http://millcreekmetroparks.org) to find out how to get started!

## EXPRESS YOURSELF

### Photo Clique: Spring Photo Hike

Suspension Bridge Parking Lot

5/11 | 10 am - Noon

Vindicator reporter and photographer, Joe Gorman will lead a hike through one of his favorite areas of Mill Creek. Call WRA to register by 5/9. Free.

### Spring Leaf Bowl

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/14 | 6 - 8:30 pm

Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Join Lynn Cardwell to learn how to construct a clay bowl embossed with leaf patterns. Register/pay by 5/12. \$28 R; \$30 NR

### Photo Clique: Spring Migrant Walk and Photo OP

Mill Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

5/19 | 9 - 10 am

Join naturalist Nick Parish as he guides a members only walk through the much-loved bird sanctuary. Members: Call WRA to register by 5/17; Not-yet-members: Call WRA to learn about becoming a member to participate!

### Summer Wreath

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/21 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Judy Stanislaw will guide you in the artistry of crafting a summer wreath. Register/pay by 5/19. \$24; FFRG \$22

### Acrylic Pour Painting

Fellows Riverside Gardens

6/4 | 6 - 8 pm

Adults & ages 14+ with paid adult. Lynn Cardwell will demonstrate how to pour paint onto canvas to create a nature inspired masterpiece. Register/pay by 6/2. \$28 R; \$30 NR

## EXHIBITS

### As Did Monet, Artists Paint the Landscape

Fellows Riverside Gardens – Weller Gallery

Through 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.

Meet the Artists - 5/4 | 1 - 3 pm

### 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

### Ladies Golf School

Mill Creek Golf Course Practice Facility & Putting Green

5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/30 | 5:30 - 7 pm

A four week instructional program specifically designed for ladies of all abilities. This program is part of the Let's Play Golf Youngstown Initiative. Space limited. Sign-ups are available in the Mill Creek Fieldhouse or by calling the GC. \$99/lady.

### 2019 PGA Junior League (Team Mill Creek)

Mill Creek Golf Course & Practice Facility

5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31 | 5 pm

PGA Junior League Practices & Scrimmages. This program is part of the Let's Play Golf Youngstown Initiative. Sign-up online at [www.pgajrleague.com](http://www.pgajrleague.com) or contact Andy Santor at GC. \$200/junior.

### Family Fun Golf Night

Mill Creek Golf Course

5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25 | 5 pm

Bring the family to the course and experience the game of golf at a great family rate. This program is part of the Let's Play Golf Youngstown Initiative. Tee Times are available in the Mill Creek Fieldhouse or by calling the GC. \$25/ family of 4.

### Get Ready Golf Clinic Junior Series

Mill Creek Golf Course Practice Facility, Main Golf Course

and Wick Par-3 Course

5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2, 6/9 | 1 - 2:30 pm

Series open to ages 6 to 16 of any ability. This program is part of the Let's Play Golf Youngstown Initiative. Sign-ups are available in the Mill Creek Fieldhouse or by calling the GC. \$20/session or \$80/all 5 sessions.

### Mother's Day Weekend Golf Shop Sale

Mill Creek Golf Shop

5/10, 5/11, 5/12 | 8 am - 7 pm

Take advantage of all the great deals in the golf shop for Mom.

### Get Ready Golf Adult Clinic

Mill Creek Golf Course Practice Facility

5/14, 5/21 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Adult golf lesson series for players over the age of 18 and open for all ability levels. This program is part of the Let's Play Golf Youngstown Initiative. Sign-ups are available in the Mill Creek Fieldhouse or by calling the GC. \$20/adult.

### Wick Par-3 Course Senior Clinic Series

Wick Par-3 Golf Course

5/15, 5/22, 5/29 | 9 - 10 am

A get-golf-ready series specifically designed for seniors 50 and above. This program is part of the Let's Play Golf Youngstown Initiative. Call WRA to register. \$30/senior.

### Wick Par-3 Course Junior Clinic

Wick Par-3 Golf Course

5/18 | Boys 7:15 - 8 am; Girls 9:15 – 10 am

A golf instruction clinic series open to all juniors and junior golf league members who participate at the Wick Recreation Par-3 Course. This program is part of the Let's Play Golf Youngstown Initiative. Free.

### Memorial Day Weekend Golf Shop Sale

Mill Creek Golf Course Pro Shop

5/24, 5/25, 5/26, 5/27 | 9 am - 7 pm

Annual Pro Shop Sale with special savings on select items.

## HEALTHY LIVING

### T'ai Chi Step One in the Gardens

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22, 5/29 | Noon – 1 pm

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

### Yoga in the Gardens

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/2, 5/7, 5/9, 5/14, 5/16, 5/21, 5/23, 5/28, 5/30 | 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

## TROLLEY TOURS

### Mill Creek Trolley Tours

Boards at Wick Recreation Area

5/2, 5/9, 5/14, 5/23, 5/28 | 2 - 3 pm or 3:30 - 4:30 pm

5/5, 5/19 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm, 2 - 3 pm or 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Enjoy views of historic Mill Creek Park while riding the trolley. Limited seating. Register/pay in advance by calling WRA. Adults: \$7 R, \$10 NR; seniors/youth: \$5 R, \$8 NR.

## KAYAK

East Newport Boat Launch

### First Kayak of the Year

5/25 | 10 am - Noon

### Happy June Kayak

6/1 | 1 - 3 pm

## HORTICULTURE

### Men's Garden Club Talk

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/1 | 7 - 8 pm

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

### National Public Gardens Day Tours

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/11 | 11 am or 2 pm

Learn about the importance of public gardens and Fellows Riverside Gardens with one of our knowledgeable Garden Guides. Drop-in. Free.

### Summer Flower Gardening in Ohio & Western PA Course

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/14, 6/4, 6/11 & 7/16 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm

This course digs deep into building a palette of flowers that will enhance and create definition for your home landscape. Register/pay by 4/30. \$45 R; \$55 NR

### Botanical Mornings

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/24 | 9 - 10 am

Discover the progress of seasons here at Fellows Riverside Gardens. Register/pay by 5/22. \$5

## THIS & THAT

### MetroMutts: String Art Silhouette

MetroParks Farm - McMahon Hall

5/2 | 6 - 9 pm

Make a string art silhouette of your perfect pup!

MetroMutts Members \$5, not-yet-members \$10. Call WRA to register by 4/30. Be sure to specify what breed of dog you would like your silhouette. Please, bring a hammer & leave your pup at home.

### Ohio Boating Education Course

Pioneer Pavilion

5/4 | 8 am - 4 pm

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

### Book Discussion: Bushmaster: Raymond Ditmars and the Hunt for the World's Largest Viper

Old Log Cabin

5/11 | 10:30 am

Read Dan Eatherley's account of herpetologist Raymond Ditmar's obsession with collecting one particularly venomous and elusive snake. Then join our discussion to share your thoughts about the book. Call WRA for details.

### Adaptive Tennis

Volney Rogers Tennis Courts

5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Learn wheelchair tennis basics; hosted by ASPO. Equipment provided. All ages with a permanent disability welcome. Call WRA to register or more details.

### Traveling Naturalist

Lily Pond

5/18 | 1 - 3 pm

Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Lily Pond while learning about the importance of biodiversity and what it means to the ecosystem.

### Wild Women of Mill Creek: Plant ID 101

Ford Nature Center

5/25 | 2 - 4 pm

Discover a wild skill! Learn the tips and tricks of plant ID. We will discuss how to use field guides and go on a hike to get some hands on experience in this series of programs designed for women of all ages. Register at FRG by 5/23.

### MetroMutts: Gorge-ous Hike

Lanterman's Mill

5/31 | 6 - 7:30 pm

Join us as we hike the Gorge loop. Please be prepared for steps, inclines and narrow areas. Moderate, 2mi. We'll also have a special guest from the Mahoning County Dog Pound: their adoptable dog of the month!

## PLANT SALE

### Spring Plant Sale

Fellows Riverside Gardens

5/10 | 10 am - 6 pm

5/11 | 10 am - 3 pm

Unique, high quality plants for the home garden will be available at this Friends of Fellows Riverside Gardens Plant Sale, along with advice and gardening tips.

## SUMMER DISCOVERY CAMPS

### Park Pals: Where The Critters Are

Various MCMP Locations

6/10 - 6/14 | 9 am - 1 pm

Ages 5-6. Do you wonder where critters live and what they do all day? Then this camp is for you! Register/pay at FRG by 6/4. \$80 R; \$92 NR