



MIAMI VALLEY OUTDOOR CLUB

November 2006

Scenes from the Southwest, Part II *Tuesday, November 7th Meeting*

For the November program Jim Glidewell will continue his presentation of travels in the southwest begun at the August meeting. This will include slot canyons, Arches National Park, Canyon de Chelly, Monument Valley, Antelope Canyon and The Wave.

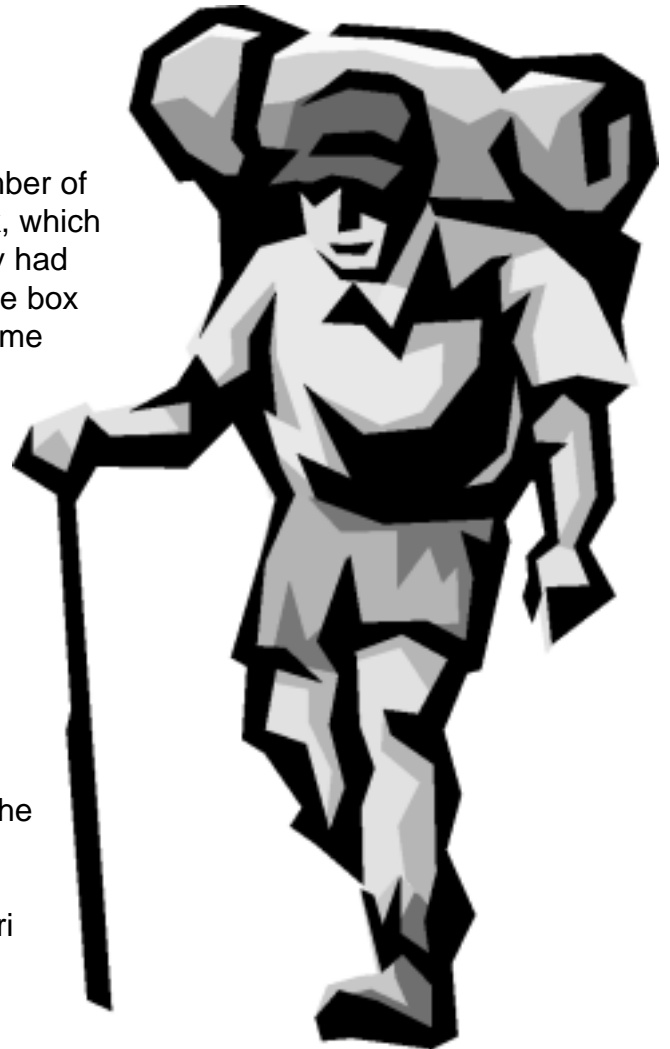
As usual we'll meet at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. The talk will start about 7:45 pm, preceded by our business meeting at 7:00 pm. Come anytime after 6:30 for socializing and to help plan upcoming trips.

Come Explore Hocking Hills State Park Saturday-Sunday, November 11-12

A couple of summers ago, Jim and Connie Steele led a camping and hiking trip at Old Man's Cave when a number of MVOCers explored the side drainages of Queer Creek, which is part of the Cedar Falls/Old Man's Cave system. They had such a wonderful time scrambling and exploring the little box canyons and rock formations that they decided it was time to explore the opposite side of Queer Creek. Plans are to get down to Old Man's Cave State Park early on Saturday, and camp at the family walk-in camp site, which is available on a first-come, first-served basis. (If there are those who would like to go down on Friday night, that's an option too.) If interested, contact the Steeles at 698-5397 or connsteele@msn.com.

Carter Caves Crawl-A-Thon January 26-28, 2007.

Reserve these dates! A great way to stay warm in January! The website, www.crawlathon.com, only has the date posted for the upcoming event, but still has lots of info about last year's activities. By mid-December new info will be posted. Is anyone interested? Contact Shari Christy at 937-879-7241 or jc65000@worldnet.att.net if you want to help plan an outing.



This Month's Activities

Rock Climbing at Urban Krag Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Some MVOCers climb on Wednesdays at the Urban Krag, 125 Clay St. in Dayton, meeting there about 5:45 pm. Anyone who wants to try is welcome to join us. Contact Geoff Frank at 937-224-1016 or Geoffrey.Frank@udri.udayton.edu if you are interested or to find out if there are changes to the schedule.

Sugarcreek Reserve Morning Walk, Saturday, Nov. 4 at 10:00 a.m.

This 3.1 mile walk will start at the park entrance on the north side of Conference Rd. Directions: South on Wilmington Pike. When it turns east, it becomes Wilmington-Dayton Rd. Continue straight ahead on Conference Rd. as Wilmington-Dayton Rd. turns south again. Contact Mike Nelson 278-1493 or MRnelson740@aol.com.

Charleston Falls Day Hike Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2:00 p.m.

We will meet at the parking lot at Charleston Falls Park at 2:00 p.m. It is a Miami County Park located just a few miles northeast of Vandalia. Contact person: Donna Gehring 836-8515 or dgehring@worldnet.att.net

Board Meeting, Thursday, Nov. 16

This month's Board meeting will be at Marion's Pizza Restaurant, on 3443 N. Dixie Dr., at 6:00 p.m. All club members are welcome.

Battelle Darby Creek Hike, followed by Feast at Schmidt's Sausage Haus, Columbus, Sat., Nov. 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Battelle Darby Creek is the largest Metro Park in the Columbus area with more than 6,500 acres of prairies, fields and forests. Stretches along more than 14 miles of the Big and Little Darby creeks, designated as state and national scenic rivers. We'll meet at the park (about 1 1/2 hours from Dayton) at 2:00 p.m. for a 3.1 mile hike. After we work up a healthy appetite we'll head for Schmidt's restaurant in German Village in

Columbus for Bahama Mama's, sauerkraut, cream puffs and more.

Directions: From Dayton go east on I-70, take exit #85 near W. Jefferson south on Rt. 142, then east on Rt 40, then south on Rt. 140 (Darby Creek Dr.) The park entrance is on the west side of Darby Creek Dr. Directions to Schmidt's will be provided after the hike. Contact person: Mike Nelson 278-1493 or MRnelson740@aol.com.

The Narrows Reserve Day Hike Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2:00 p.m.

We will meet at the parking lot at The Narrows Reserve a 2:00 p.m. It is a Greene County Park located just outside of the Southeastern edge of Beavercreek. Contact Person: Donna Gehring dgehring@worldnet.att.net or 836-8515.

Thanksgiving Walk at Englewood MetroPark, Thurs., Nov. 23, 9:00 a.m.

Enter the park off Rte. 40 adjacent to Englewood Dam and meet at the parking area near Patty Shelter and the second restroom building. The walk will last about 1.5 hours. Contact person: Lindy McDonough 278-1493 or Lindymcd46@aol.com. Reservations not needed but appreciated.

Englewood Horseback Ride Saturday, Nov. 25 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a brisk autumn horseback ride through the woodlands of Englewood MetroPark, 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25. The one hour ride is \$18 and riders must be over 8 years old. Reservations by Nov. 21.

Directions: Follow I-75 to Route 40 (exit 63). Go west 2 miles past Dayton International Airport to Fredrick Pike. North on Fredrick Pike. approximately 1/2 mile, to entrance of Englewood Metro Park. Contact person: Lindy McDonough, 278-1493 or Lindymcd46@aol.com.

No Calendar This Month

In an effort to save money and conserve space, the calendar was intentionally omitted. Comments are welcome.

Don't Forget Impromptu Outings!

Taking a hike or bike ride on the spur of the moment? Have your last minute plans emailed to all MVOC members instantly. Just send your plans to Lindymcd46@aol.com a day or two ahead and they will be forwarded to the group. Please include, date, activity, place, time, contact person, your phone number and email address.

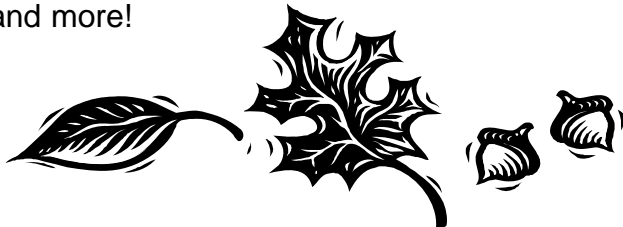
Activity Reports

Germantown Morning Walk, Saturday, Sept. 30

After rain early in the morning, the skies cleared up just in time for this hour and a half morning hike. MVOCers Barbara McCray and Lindy McDonough walked up and down some steep hills, through some very muddy stretches and crossed paths with a number of rugged joggers out for a 50K (yes, 50K) run. As the two MVOCers were nearing the end of their trek, they passed about a dozen backpackers, apparently on a practice run for a future FiveRivers Outdoors backpacking trip.

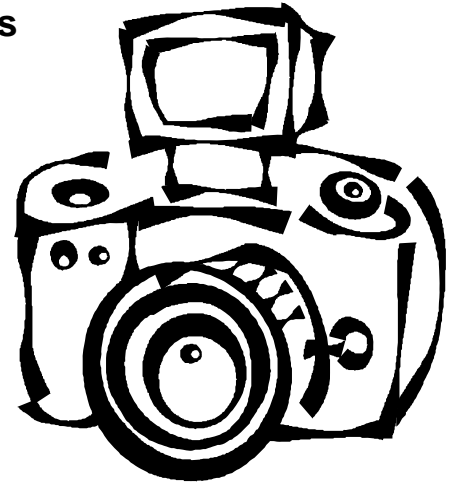
Gear Fest 2007, Saturday, Oct. 7

This 2nd annual event at the 2nd Street Market in downtown Dayton was an overwhelming success. MVOCers Connie and Jim Steele, Dave Wood, Bob Kelley, Shari Christy, Mike Nelson & Lindy McDonough took turns attending the club's information table and greeting interested passers-by. Three newcomers joined MVOC on the spot and many more took our handouts and promised to check out our website. The event, which has grown by leaps and bounds since last year, filled the entire street in front of the market. It was great fun with lots to see and do - rock climbing, kayaking, demonstrations, apparel, info about many area outdoor organizations, food, equipment, music, a great selection of used gear, and more!



Other Items of Interest

MVOC Photos Wanted for Jan. - Mar. Library Exhibit



MVOC has been invited to have an exhibit of members' photographs at the Dayton Metro Library in downtown Dayton, January 17 through March 15 next year.

The library would like at least ten people to participate in the exhibit, but more would be even better.

Submit color photographs of scenic vistas or outdoor club activities on gloss or semi-gloss photo paper, unmounted, approximately 8.5"x11" or 11"x 14". The library art department will mount them all on a uniform size white mount board.

We're hoping for shots of many different locations - local, state, national and international - and activities, showing the club's wide-ranging interests. Plans are to collect most of the photos at the MVOC December Christmas party but other delivery arrangements can be made. For more info call Lindy McDonough at 463- 8583.

Attach this form to your photos:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Photo Title _____

Photo Location and/or activity _____

3 Year _____ Digital or 35MM (circle one)

Membership Response 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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