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**PROPOSED BLUEWAY AND SHARED-USE TRAIL SYSTEM  
TO CONNECT PARKS, RIVERS AND COMMUNITIES IN  
WESTERN HAMILTON COUNTY**

Open House Events Scheduled to Gather Public Input

**CINCINNATI, OH (June 26, 2023)** – As part of the implementation of its 2019 Comprehensive Master Plan, Great Parks is leading the development of a new initiative: the West Region Blueway & Trail System. The system will include both land and water-based trails along the Great Miami and Whitewater rivers and will link communities and parks extending from the Butler/Hamilton county line to the Ohio River. In-person and virtual open house events have been scheduled to gather public input that will be used to aid planning.

**Virtual Open House & Survey**

Open now through August 7, 2023

[www.GreatParks.org/westregiontrails](http://www.GreatParks.org/westregiontrails)

**In-Person Open House**

July 13, 2023 | 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Whitewater Crossing Christian Church

5771 OH-128 | Cleves, OH 45002

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### **A Regional Partnership**

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### **Public Input is Needed**

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Sean Creighton, West Region Blueway & Trail System Project Manager  
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### **About the Great Miami Riverway**

The Great Miami Riverway is the nation's largest paved trail network and Ohio's first National Water Trail. It stretches across 99 miles, from Sidney to Middletown to the Hamilton-Fairfield area and has made the Great Miami River a regional and national destination for walkers, hikers, bikers, and paddlers. It travels through a variety of landscapes, from urban skylines and river vistas to parklands and gently rolling hills. For more information, visit the [Great Miami Riverway](#) website.

### **About the Ohio River Way**

The Ohio River Way connects people and communities to opportunities for adventure on and along the Ohio River from Portsmouth, Ohio, to West Point, Kentucky. For more information, visit [OhioRiverWay.org](http://OhioRiverWay.org).

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SPORTS & RECREATION

# Great Parks' New Proposed Trail System Would Link Hamilton County's Western Parks and Communities

The public's invited to share their input on the new trail system through an online survey or at an in-person open house July 13.

By [Katherine Barrier](#) on Tue, Jun 27, 2023 at 12:34 pm

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Miami Whitewater Forest

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Great Parks is planning big things for its western parks, and it's inviting the public to give their input.

Hamilton County's park system is planning the development of the West Region Blueway & Trail System, a proposed series of blueways, or water trails, and shared-use trails along the Great Miami and Whitewater rivers that would connect parks and communities from the Buter-Hamilton county line to the Ohio River.

"The West Region Blueway & Trail System is about connections," Sean Creighton, landscape architect and project manager for Great Parks, said in a press release. "Our goal for the project is to enhance our blueway trails and establish a new shared-use trail to better connect people with the outstanding natural spaces of western Hamilton County, nearby communities and local points of interest."

## TRENDING



**TikTok Influencer Gabbie Egan's New Store, Dacey Dyes, Brings Tie-Dye Lover's Paradise to Covington**

By Megan Finke Aug 9, 2023



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DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN IS COMING TO GREATER CINCINNATI



Blueways are networks of connected waterways with managed access points, clear signage and recreational amenities for canoeists, kayakers and other paddlers to enjoy. Great Parks says part of the initial stage of development is to identify strategies to strengthen and expand western Hamilton County's blueway system, as well as figure out four or five locations to implement canoe and kayak access points along the Great Miami and Whitewater rivers.

Other goals for the initial development stage include developing plans for a shared-use trail along the Great Miami corridor, as well as expanding its nature education programming and paddling, water safety and other outdoor recreational classes.

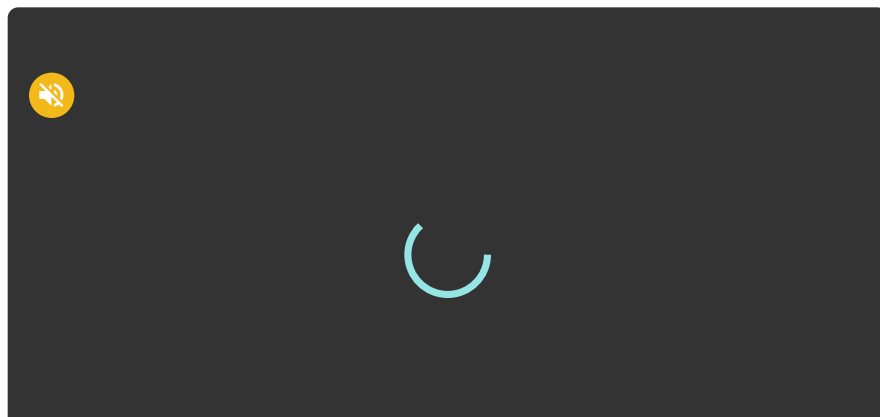
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### Share your input

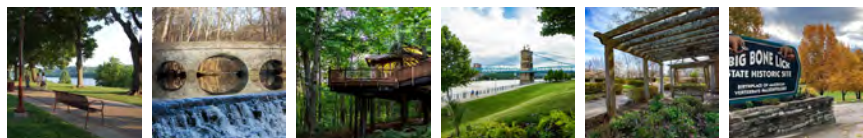
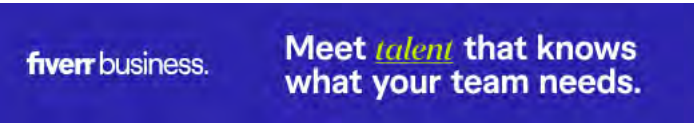
The project will expand beyond Great Parks, so it says it will be working closely with local communities and jurisdictions, stakeholders and interest groups to develop plans. But Great Parks is also asking for the public's input on what connections and features the community wants included in the trail system.

In-person and open-house events have been scheduled to collect that input. From now through Aug. 7, you can attend a virtual open house and fill out a survey [here](#). You can also attend an in-person open house at Whitewater Crossing Christian Church (5771 OH-128, Whitewater Township) on Thursday, July 13 from 4-7 p.m.

More info: [mygreatparks.com](http://mygreatparks.com)

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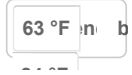
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## Proposed blueway and shared-use trail system to connect parks, rivers and communities

By Information Submitted - newsroom@registerpublications.com on Wednesday, June 28, 2023



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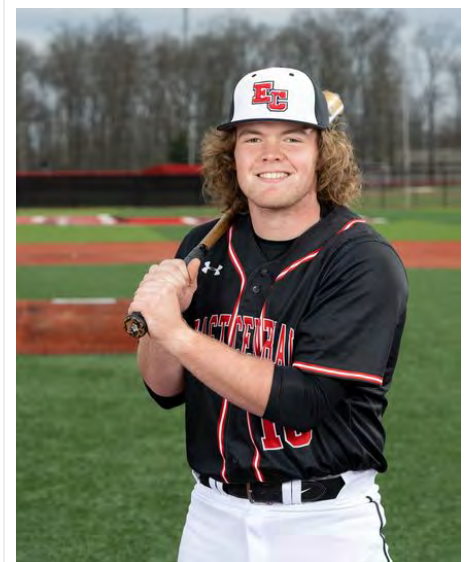
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**Pinta's captain likes docking in small towns**

By Steve Haines  
Pinta's captain, a 10-year-old male dog, is the star of a new story in the Register. The dog, who is a mix of several breeds, is known for his friendly nature and his love of small towns. The story is part of a series of articles about the dog's adventures and the people who love him.

**Hamons leaving Harrison after 7 years**

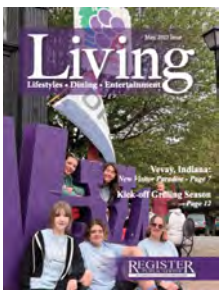
By [Name]  
A local business leader is leaving Harrison after seven years. The departure is expected to have a significant impact on the local economy. The business has been a major employer in the area, and its departure is a loss for the community.

**Deadlines for July Fourth**

By [Name]  
The July 4th holiday is approaching, and many businesses and organizations are preparing for the day. The Register has a list of deadlines for the holiday, including when to close schools and businesses.



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## NORWOOD

### Cincinnati Re-Assist founder recognized for Healthcare Innovation Solve at MIT in Boston

RE-Assist founder Ashley Barrow was honored this week at Solve at MIT 2023. She presented at the 2023 Care Economy Brain Trust in Boston.

This annual event brings together the most innovative minds in the world to showcase and solve some of the world’s most pressing challenges.

Solve at MIT is an initiative of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that seeks to solve some of the world’s biggest challenges by creating a platform for innovators and experts to collaborate and address critical issues in areas such as education, health care, sustainability

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Learn more about this project and how we are committed to expanding opportunities for water and land-based adventure for all: <https://www.mygreatparks.org/>



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July 9 · 🌐

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Have you ever thought how fun it would be to go from hiking and biking to paddling a canoe or kayak - all in a single day or two of adventure, right near you?

We did too!

And now, we're leading the development of a new blueway and trail system in western Hamilton County that will allow you to do just that.

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*IN-PERSON*

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Visit any time between now and August 7 to learn more about this new water and land-based trail system that will encompass two rivers, four Great Parks with many communities in between!

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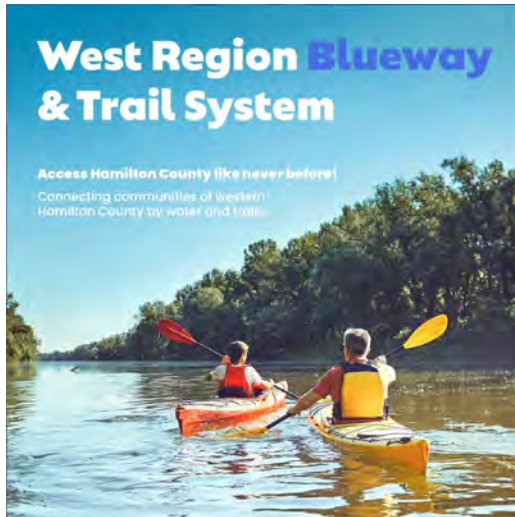
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Let us know your thoughts by tapping the link in our bio!

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# WEST REGION BLUEWAY & TRAIL SYSTEM



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is leading the development of a master plan for the West Region Blueway & Trail System – a new initiative to bring people closer to nature by expanding opportunities for water and land-based adventure in western Hamilton County.

This system will create new connections for paddlers to explore the region by water and establish a new shared-use trail from Fairfield to the Ohio River for walkers, runners, bicyclists, and more!

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July 13 | 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Whitewater Crossing

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# OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

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4	MWF	1. Visitor Center 2. Dog Park 3. Timberlakes trailhead parking lot 4. Shaker Trace Trail trailhead parking lot	Sean	Complete Complete Complete Complete
2	SL	1. Blue Jacket trailhead parking lot 2. Boat launch (will need to be moved if floods)	Sean	Complete Complete
1	LI	Canoe/Kayak Launch parking lot	Monica R / GE staff	Complete
1	Avoca	Trailhead parking lot	Becky	Complete
1	Bass Island	Trailhead parking lot	Becky	Complete
1	LMST	Columbia Connector behind 50 West	Becky	Complete
1	LMGC	Trailhead	Becky	Complete
1	Rt 32 parking lot	Trailhead	Becky	Complete
3	OA	1. Canoe/Kayak launch 2. Trailhead 3. Dog Park	Becky	Complete Complete Complete
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### **Email Notifications**

**Dedicated E-Blast (June 26, 2023)**

***Find Your Wild E-Newsletter (July 5, 2023)***

***Find Your Wild E-Newsletter (July 18, 2023)***

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## GREAT PARKS BEGINS PLANNING FOR THE WEST REGION BLUEWAY & SHARED-USE TRAIL SYSTEM

Open House Event Scheduled to Gather Public Input



Great Parks is excited to introduce the West Region Blueway & Trail System!

The **West Region Blueway & Trail System** will span western Hamilton County from north to south and offer new opportunities for land and water-based exploration along the Great Miami River and Whitewater River. It will also encompass four of Great Parks' most spectacular destinations – Miami Whitewater Forest, Campbell Lakes, Mitchell Memorial Forest and Shawnee Lookout – and connect with many communities and points of interest in between. Residents and visitors will be able to *find their wild* by creating new adventures that can include countless combinations of walking, hiking, biking and paddling activities that last from just a few hours to multiple days.

Over the next year, Great Parks will be working with local communities, stakeholders, interest groups and residents to prepare a master plan to guide our efforts to bring this system from concept to reality. Goals for this phase of development include:

- Identify strategies to strengthen and expand western Hamilton County’s blueway system
- Identify locations and develop design concepts for four to five new canoe/kayak access points
- Develop plans for a new shared-use trail that will travel along the Great Miami River corridor connecting existing trails and local points of interest

We’ll also be looking for opportunities to use this new system to expand our nature programming and paddling school offerings.

**Public Input is Needed**

As planning begins, Great Parks is seeking input about the connections and features that community members would like included in the West Region Blueway & Trail System. To start these discussions, open house events have been scheduled in the following formats:

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**What is a blueway?**



**The West Region Blueway & Trail**

Custom offers a unique opportunity

A blueway, or water trail, is a network of connected waterways that feature managed access points, clear signage and recreational amenities for canoeists, kayakers, and other paddlers to enjoy.

System offers a unique opportunity to extend the reach of the popular 99-mile long **Great Miami Riverway** through Hamilton County to connect with land and water trails along the **Ohio River Trail** and 250-mile long **Ohio River Way**.

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July is Park and Recreation Month - a time to recognize and celebrate the vital role that park professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services, and fostering the growth of our communities. From protecting our open spaces and natural resources to facilitating extraordinary educational experiences, Great Parks takes pride in our contributions to building a strong, vibrant, and resilient region.

Our team of *How-To-Be-Outside Guides* is ready to lead you on your next great adventure. Go **fishing** at one of our stocked locations throughout Hamilton County, stop by one of our visitor centers before hitting a **trail**, or **paddle** one of our scenic lakes. Each week, our environmental interpreters lead several free **programs** for children and adults alike. Try something new and ***Find Your Wild*** with us today!

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**Upcoming free programs at Great Parks:**

### Vulture Stories

July 7 | 10:30 a.m.  
Farbach-Werner | Ellenwood Nature Barn

### Trail "Scavenger" Hunt

July 7 & 8 | 11 a.m.  
Farbach-Werner | Pin Oak Trail

### Farm Babies

July 7 & 14 | Noon  
July 8 & 15 | 11 a.m.  
Winton Woods | Parky's Farm

### Burgers & Brews

July 7 | 6 - 9 p.m.  
Lake Isabella | Boathouse

### NABA Butterfly Count

July 8 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Miami Whitewater Forest | Visitor Center

### Meadow Links Free Junior Clinic

July 8 | 1 - 2 p.m.  
Meadow Links & Golf Academy

### An Island of Snakes

July 9 | 1 p.m.  
Bass Island

### Flower Crowns & Other Natural Art

July 9 | 2 p.m.  
Sharon Woods | Sharon Centre

### Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo

July 14 | 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Winton Woods Harbor

### School's In for Summer (Historic Schoolhouse Tour)

July 16 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Shawnee Lookout | Cabin View Area

### My Great Park in Pictures Photo Walk

July 16 | 3 p.m.  
Sharon Woods | Gorge Trail Parking Lot

[See Full Details on Website Calendar](#)

## Open house scheduled to discuss the development of the new West Region Blueway & Trail System

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**When:** July 7 (and select Fridays all summer long) | 6 - 9 p.m.

**Where:** [Lake Isabella Boathouse](#)

**Cost:** Free entry! (food & beverage available for purchase)

**Musical Guest:** Ed Sax

[Learn More](#)

## Great Parks surpasses 18,000 acres of protected land





Great Parks has acquired an additional 240 acres of land near Miami Whitewater Forest to expand its total land holdings beyond 18,000 acres, or more than 28 square miles, building on its position as the largest landowner in Hamilton County. Great Parks purchased this property from the James L. Lake and Carolyn H. Lake Trust.

The wooded property is adjacent to Miami Whitewater Forest to the north, east, and west, and lies across state Route 128 from the Miami Whitewater Forest soccer complex and Simmonds Family Dog Park.

Great Parks will focus on restoring the land to its natural state, including reforestation and removing invasive species such as honeysuckle. Great Parks will also evaluate the property for the potential addition of walking or biking trails.

The numbers show just how significant the Big Lands are within Great Parks:

- Great Parks land accounts for one-third of Hamilton County's total open space
- 84 percent of Great Parks land is preserved as natural areas
- 10,000 acres under Great Parks management exists as forests and wetlands

The agency adheres to an 80/20 policy through which 80 percent of total land holdings are maintained in a natural state and managed for ecological benefits.

Great Parks secured all funding for the acquisition, including a \$3 million grant from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, funds from a private donor, and Great Parks levy funds.

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## Fairy Tale Festival returns this month

Calling all knights, dragons, elves, unicorns, wizards, and fairies!







Enjoy an afternoon frolicking in the garden as your favorite fairy tales come to life! Create your own magical crafts, strike a bargain at the fairy trading post, enjoy a Madcap Puppets show, and more.

As you wind through Highfield Discovery Garden, stop by vendor booths to purchase your own fairy adornments or grab a bite to eat at a local food truck.

Want to join in on the fun and have your booth at the Fairy Tale Festival? Contact us at 513-521-7275 to apply.

**When:** July 29 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Where:** [Glenwood Gardens/Highfield Discovery Garden](#)

**Cost:** \$12/person

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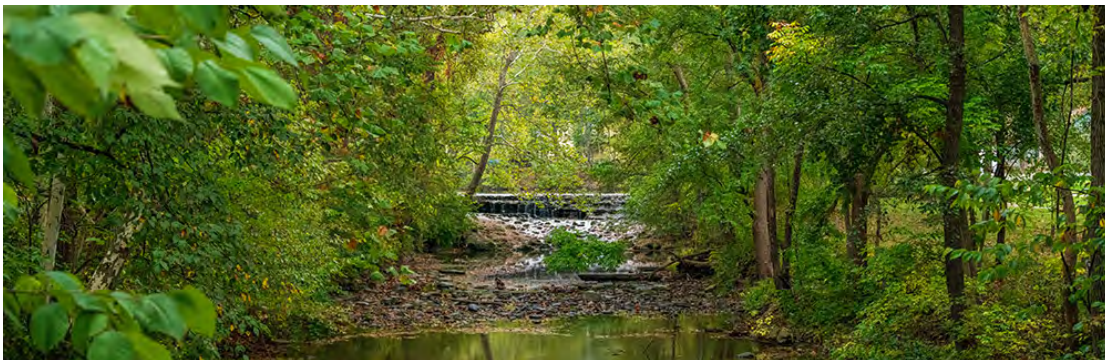
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## Great Parks celebrates its 93rd birthday



On Monday, July 17, Great Parks celebrated 93 years as Southwest Ohio's leader in conservation and nature-based experiences. From our humble beginnings at Sharon Woods in 1930, to where we stand today - with over 18,000 acres, 25 miles of river frontage, and 22 parks and conservation areas - Great Parks has continuously removed barriers to the natural world. Today, tomorrow, and well into the future, we invite you to join us on our Big Lands and experience the power of *wild* with the promise of *well*.

## Come see us at the 2023 Outdoors for All Expo!

Celebrate the return of the Ohio River Paddlefest





Get in on the adventure at Adventure Crew's Outdoors for All Expo on Friday, August 4 at Schmidt Recreation Complex! Serving as the pre-party for **Ohio River Paddlefest** on Saturday, August 5, this celebration of all things outdoors will feature 50 exhibits from local parks, outdoor outfitters, adventure experts, and environmentally-minded organizations; as well as live music from Jack Speed & the Freddies, Honey & Houston and Ma Crow & Company; local craft beer; and food trucks.

Whether you're into paddling, hiking, biking, or green living, you'll find lots of exhibitors (including Great Parks) and hands-on activities to enjoy. The event is FREE and open to the public from 4 - 9:30 p.m.

### Outdoors for All Expo

When: August 4 | 4 - 9:30 p.m.

Where: [Schmidt Recreation Complex | 2944 Humbert Avenue, Cincinnati, OH](#)

### What is Paddlefest?

The Ohio River Paddlefest is recognized as the nation's largest paddling celebration, with 2,000 participants traveling up to nine miles through downtown Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky in canoes, kayaks, and other human-powered craft. Established in 2001, the event, which is held the first Saturday in August each year, is a project of Adventure Crew. For more information, visit [www.ohioriverpaddlefest.org](http://www.ohioriverpaddlefest.org).

### Ohio River Paddlefest

When: August 5 (register by August 4)

Where: [Schmidt Recreation Complex | 2944 Humbert Avenue, Cincinnati, OH](#)

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## Upcoming free programs at Great Parks:

### Storytime in the Park: Exploration Time!

July 19 | 10 a.m.

Miami Whitewater Forest | Timberlakes Program Shelter

### Urban Farming Series: DIY Mushrooms

July 20 | 7 p.m.

Great Parks Nature Center at the Summit

### Burgers & Brews

July 21 | 6 - 9 p.m.

Lake Isabella | Boathouse

### Crazy Creekin'

July 22 & 23 | 1 p.m.

Sharon Woods | Sharon Centre

### Caterpillars, Moths & Butterflies, Oh My!

July 23 | 3 p.m.

Woodland Mound | Seasongood Nature Center

### Go Bug! Hike: Katydid

July 25 | 7 p.m.

Withrow Nature Preserve | Trout Lily Trail

**Out in the Outdoors: American Beavers**

July 22 | 9 a.m. (register online by July 20)  
Winton Woods | Parky's Farm

**Off-Trail Exploration: Mitchell Memorial Forest**

July 22 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Mitchell Memorial Forest | Stone Memorial Shelter

**Colors of the Earth Scavenger Hunt**

July 22 | 11 a.m.  
Woodland Mound | Seasongood Nature Center

**Farm Babies**

July 22 & 29 | 11 a.m.  
Winton Woods | Parky's Farm

**Fantastic Fossils**

July 29 | 11 a.m.  
Sharon Woods | Sharon Centre

**Not So Scary Spiders**

July 29 | 2 p.m.  
Woodland Mound | Seasongood Nature Center

**Flower Crowns & Natural Art**

July 30 | 2 p.m.  
Woodland Mound | Seasongood Nature Center

[See Full Details on Website Calendar](#)

**Adventure Running Team gears up for East Fork 5.6-Mile Race**  
Fall series registration now open!



Since early June, members of Great Parks' Adventure Running Team have trained together twice per week in preparation for the East Fork State Park Trail Race on July 30. In that span of time, runners have logged 30 miles across 6 of Great Parks' east-side locations.

As the summer series comes to a close, registration has opened for more interested trail runners to join this team in the fall! The fall session will follow a similar structure of 16 training sessions over the course of 8 weeks, beginning on August 22. However, this series will now feature some of Hamilton County's best *west-side* locations - including Mitchell Memorial Forest, Fernbank Park, Embshoff Woods, Winton Woods, Shawnee Lookout, and Miami Whitewater Forest - and will culminate in running the West Side Best Side 5K as a team.

Fall series registration closes on August 18 and spots are limited, so secure yours today!

[Learn More & Register](#)

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**Musical Guest:** Charlie Millikin

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# In-Person Open House – West Region Blueway & Trail System

Thursday, July 13, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

## What to Know:

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# Upcoming Opportunities

Information about current and upcoming public input opportunities is posted below. Be sure to check back often as new opportunities will be posted as they are scheduled.

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