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Welcome Center

Monday-Saturday
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Welcome Center
is your destination
for maps, gift items,
program reservations,
camping reservations,
permits and
Forest Information.

Directions

From I-65 south, take the
Gene Snyder Freeway (I-265)
west and exit at New Cut Road.
Turn left, go about one mile,
and turn right onto
Mitchell Hill Road.
Follow the signs to the Forest.

Mission Statement

The mission of
Louisville Metro Parks
is to create
a City of Parks
and enhance the
quality of life for
citizens of Louisville Metro
by maintaining and acquiring
attractive, vibrant parks
and offering safe, diverse
recreation programs, and
protecting these lands
and resources for
future generations.

In Honor of Volunteers

Anyone who has heard our staff speak on behalf of Forest and Natural Areas Division activities knows that the #1 refrain is that volunteers make the difference. We say it so often that it perhaps loses some of its power. So at the risk of leaving anyone out, it is a good time to pause and fully acknowledge the many ways that volunteers have contributed to and are continuing to contribute to the community through activities at Jefferson Memorial Forest and within other natural areas across Metro Parks. You know who you are and we cannot thank you enough!

The essential fiscal reality of the past decade has been that we must do our part to do more with less. And if necessity is the mother of invention then a desire to not cut park services, amenities, and programming in the face of tighter budgets, but to rather expand them, has led us to increasingly rely upon the willingness of individuals to give of their time. In return, we are happy to at least be able to provide a venue where the generous and good-natured among us can receive spiritual compensation for their contributions.

Looking back just over the past two years, one can see the results of volunteer efforts. For instance, since 2006, Natural Areas programs have increased from providing 20,620 participant hours to 37,318 participant hours. That means more kids and their families engaging in nature.

This would not have been possible absent the 2,517 hours volunteers contributed in 2011 assisting with nature-based programming. Similarly, habitat at Caperton Swamp, Beargrass Creek and Clifton Heights Greenways, and the landscaping at the Welcome Center, the Horine Conference Center, and the Environmental Education Area garden area would not be nearly as vibrant without the 597 hours logged last year by volunteers assisting with land management activities.

Finally, if you hiked a trail and enjoyed your visit, you can partially thank a natural areas volunteer,

one of the many who logged 1,460 hours last year keeping the trails clear and making other trail improvements. And lest we forget, without the help of volunteers, large events such as the Forest Fest, Canoe Days at Tom Wallace, and the Mayor's Fall Hike would not be possible.

But that is not all! Through the work of numerous scout groups led by enterprising youth in search of eagle scout rank we are thrilled to have new park amenities including kiosks at the Welcome Center and Waverly Park, engaging new nature play areas at Horine and the Welcome Center, a wonderful new floating dock at Shannon's Pond, and many other projects. And we'd be remiss not to mention organizations and corporate groups such as Mercy Academy, GE, Baptist East, and Humana who've all helped improve upon some aspect of the parks for benefit of park patrons.

Clearly we have reason to be grateful. Look inside this newsletter and you'll see more examples. And so, we hope that all visitors to the Forest and other natural areas will join us in thanking those who have given back and paid it forward. Next time you visit a park and see a volunteer, please take a moment to voice your appreciation and consider becoming one yourself. That would be powerful indeed!

Bennett Knox, Parks Administrator



*Participants in one of many
free volunteer-led hikes.*



Volunteer News

Volunteer Spotlight: Dann Higgins

We visited with Dann Higgins, a Natural Areas volunteer since 2008, and asked a few questions about his volunteer experiences. Dann has logged over 300 service hours in our Naturalist and Land Steward programs, taught programs, led school groups, served on Boards and committees and continues to provide a wealth of plant knowledge and entertainment to staff and fellow volunteers. He is a true outdoorsman and we consider ourselves lucky to know him.

Is this your first volunteer experience? How long have you been volunteering overall?

I've been volunteering since I was a Boy Scout, which led to random acts of kindness in my later years. I began my organized volunteering at the Falls of the Ohio around 2005.

You've been volunteering with the Jefferson Memorial Forest since 2008. What brought you to us?

My interests led me to search out a place with an emphasis on physical health and its connection with the natural world. Coupled with a desire for personal growth and association with like-minded people, JMF seemed like the perfect fit.

What recommendations would you make to

those hesitant to explore volunteering?

You don't know what you don't know. If you don't take the opportunity to volunteer in some way, however small, you are denying yourself the "Scrooge or Grinch effect." There's so much to learn. Take your interest and go for it!

We know you're a plant enthusiast, particularly wild edibles. What spawned that interest?

It seems I've always had a fascination with the magic of seed germination. I had houseplants and gardens, then raised cacti and mushrooms. I remember living near a field and wondering which of the plants out there had names. It turned out they all do!

What recommendations would you make to encourage others to explore plant study and/or wild edibles?

The importance of learning about organisms that can wreak havoc on an ecosystem is certainly a worthy end in itself, and with invasive plants, you have the secondary benefit of there being a ready supply. Feel free to cut it down, cut it up, and explore the color, structure, root system order and texture. You'll benefit from being outdoors, expand your mind and do the ecosystem a small but vital service.

What legacy does Dann Higgins hope to leave; how would you like to be remembered by your friends and fellow volunteers?

That I provided an "I get it!" moment.

Kentucky Farm Bureau employees mulch Tom Wallace Lake's shore



Kentucky Farm Bureau

Kentucky Farm Bureau employee Brian Alvey recently called to offer us a volunteer coordinator's dream come true: The chance to dust off the wish list and pick a priority project for his staff to complete for us.

The shores at Tom Wallace Lake are literally loved-to-death, and the impacted soils no longer support plant life, which in turn promotes erosion. Mulch goes a long way to hold moisture and soil in place, reducing runoff and silt in the lake. The need to mulch the lake shore had been on the wish list for some time, and was proving to be a "hard sell". So imagine my delight when KFB employees said "wonderful!" and set a project date.

Kentucky Farm Bureau generously allowed their staff a Friday morning away from work and sent us 24 of the most amazing, hard-working, big-smiling folks with whom I've ever had the pleasure of spending a morning. Moving mulch around a 5.5 acre lake via wheelbarrow and spreading it with shovels and rakes is a hot, backache-inducing job, but their smiles and enthusiasm never wavered. No small feat! They mulched the walking paths, shoreline and fishing spots and removed several bags of trash along the way. They even had energy reserves enough to stay in the park for a picnic lunch after volunteering.

Thank you, Kentucky Farm Bureau, for your support, enthusiasm, and 84 man hours of service.

If you would like to see your corporate group highlighted, please contact volunteer coordinator Sherry Wright at 502/380-1753.



Dann Higgins, Natural Areas Volunteer



Volunteer News

We Love Eagle Scouts!

Congratulations to the following scouts for attaining Eagle Scout rank, and thanks for the hard work and dedication to the Forest. Job well done, Gentlemen!

Liam Falvey earned Eagle Scout rank leading Troop 56 in removing old, weather-damaged duck and bat boxes in Caperton Swamp and installing new ones. This group spent 159 hours in enhancing habitat for some of the Swamp's winged inhabitants.

Bryan Spinella earned his Eagle Scout rank with the help of Troop 366. He and his troop mates invested 109 hours to build a new informational kiosk for Caperton Swamp. The kiosk will facilitate communication about the Swamp's ecosystem and upcoming events.

Joseph Mann organized Troop 477 to build a floating pier on the education pond to earn his Eagle Scout ranking. Planning, raising funds and materials donations, construction and installation amounted to an amazing 248 hours of service! The pier will facilitate educational programming at the pond. It will also allow the collection of water samples both at water's edge and several feet out without getting stuck in mud or damaging delicate shoreline flora.

Joshua Dye earned Eagle Scout rank by building tent platforms in the education area. Josh led fellow Troop 207 scouts in the removal of warped and weathered platforms and replaced them with new ones, assuring the safety of visiting schoolchildren for several years to come. The project required 190 hours of manpower to complete.



Joe Mann & Naturalist Christa Weidner admire the new pier

Tyler Termini earned his Eagle Scout ranking by building a multi-level play platform. The platform is a focal point in our new Nature Play Area at the Welcome Center. Tyler and Troop 380 donated 143 hours to this effort.



U/L School of Medicine volunteers on the Louisville Loop

Adult Groups Are Rockin' Volunteer Efforts!

Twenty-six students of **The University of Louisville School of Medicine** donated a total of 78 hours on the Louisville Loop. This group removed three mini-dump truck loads of debris in three short hours! Thanks to Benadin Varajic for organizing the group.

Louisville Metro Fire Recruit Class 181 performed 75 man hours helping to clean up debris on the Louisville Loop. Twenty-five recruits worked alongside Natural Areas staff to remove several dump truck loads of large debris from the riparian area between the Loop and the Ohio River. Our thanks for a difficult job made easier by many hands and the can-do attitude of our Fire Recruits!

Nine individuals from the **Humana Appeals Department** came out on the hottest day of the year - July 25, 107° - to paint the walkway at the Forest Welcome Center. The walkway looks great! Thanks to Kristy Elswick for her help in organizing this event.

Thirteen young men from the **US Air Force** based in Ft. Knox came up to join our Natural Areas Land Stewards for a weekly project day. They donated 39 hours of cutting back overhanging brush from the Louisville Loop, assuring safe passage for walkers and bikers. Land Stewards treated the cut stumps with herbicide to prevent regrowth.

Think your group has what it takes to make a difference in a Natural Areas park? Give me a call! I'd love to coordinate a volunteer

event especially for you. Sherry Wright, Volunteer Coordinator, 502/380-1753, sherry.wright@louisvilleky.gov

Expressions Of Gratitude

Heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation goes out to the many folks who support our volunteer efforts (see below). Whether you're an ongoing supporter or offer a one-time gift, Thank You for the difference you've made!

Recent donations include Wallitsch Nursery & Garden Center, who offered kneeling pads for garden volunteers. The volunteers, and their sore knees, are very grateful!

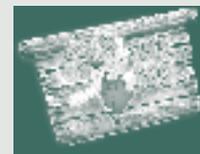
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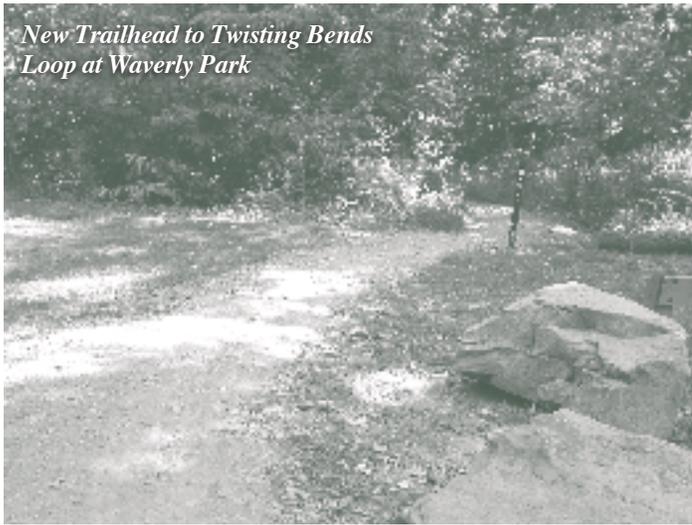


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Land Management Notes



New Trailhead to Twisting Bends Loop at Waverly Park

Waverly Park Trails

Finishing touches are being placed on two major trail projects within the Natural Areas Division. The Volunteer Trail Team and Kentucky Mountain Bike Association can be thanked for much of the work involved in constructing a first class trail system within

Waverly Park. Trails have been designed to be interesting and sustainable for mountain bikers and hikers. The new system conforms better to the topography yet incorporates changes in grade direction and curviness to add fun to the experience. Although much new trail has been built over the last several years in Waverly, much of the work on the project is largely unseen and involves closing older unsustainable sections of trail that were plagued with erosion issues due to improper design. Some of the old 'fall-line' trails were restored by scarifying the compacted soil, adding leaf litter, and placing logs and tree limbs to allow new plants and seeds a place to grow while creating a more natural setting. In all, Waverly has 8.4 miles of trail, with nearly eight miles available for mountain biking. But our work is never done and there are still some areas of the older system, particularly in the front of the park, that will require additional work and potentially rerouting in the future. We'll keep you posted.

Paul Yost Trails

Likewise, the finishing touches are being placed on the new equestrian/hiking trail system in the Paul Yost Recreation Area of the Forest. As with the Waverly trail project, Paul Yost trails have been built to be sustainable and conform to the contours of the hillsides yet incorporate curves and dips to provide interest. The majority of the trail construction was carried out by Third Rock Trail Consultants who built just under ten miles of new trail. Forest staff and Trail Team

volunteers have been at work reclaiming old trails and placing new trail markers. Work will continue during the next few months to finish an extension of the Yost Ridge Trail to connect into the newly constructed Paul Yost trail system (currently hikers must travel along the paved entry road in Paul Yost). This connection will finally allow hikers to travel to all areas of Jefferson Memorial Forest by a soft surface trail.

Caperton Swamp Forest Restoration

What a season of progress we made at Caperton Swamp! With the rental of a skid steer and forestry mower attachment, Land Management staff removed acres of Bush Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) quickly and efficiently. The forestry mower attachment has a turning drum head with carbide teeth which grinds out these invasive shrubs, turning them into wood chip mulch which quickly decomposes, enriching the soil in the process. We give special recognition to Natural Areas Horticultural Workers Matt Blankenship and Josh Wysor for their enthusiasm and hard work in obliterating about twenty-five acres of bush honeysuckle



Smooth Rose-mallow, a new find this summer at Caperton Swamp



Wintercreeper withering at Caperton Swamp woodlands

Land Management Update

Land Management staff and volunteers have had a very busy season taking care of the daily maintenance needs and special projects throughout the Natural Areas Division. With the extreme heat and dry conditions we have spent many hours watering new landscaping and woodland restoration trees and shrubs. We give thanks to the volunteer Land Stewards who have kept our garden areas looking very nice with ongoing weeding, without a complaint I might add! It is no small accomplishment keeping up with the landscaped beds at the Horine Conference Center, Environmental Education Center, and Welcome Center plus weeding out mulch rings around many of the newly planted trees. Much effort goes into getting newly planted trees and shrubs established. We regularly water new trees, especially in the dry months for the first three years of establishment and possibly longer if droughts occur. Mulch is maintained around the base of new trees keeping competing weeds in check while maintaining water balance in the soil. With over 500 new trees and shrubs planted over this last year alone in our division, we have been very busy. Likewise, our volunteer Trail Team have been busy keeping up with trail construction projects, trimming back vegetation overgrowth and branches in the Forest, Waverly Park and other Natural Area parks.



Land Management Notes

thickets in four weeks' time! Additionally, with funding from District 7 Metro Councilman Ken Fleming, we were able to hire two seasonal staff to aid in removal of invasive plants, principally Wintercreeper (*Euonomus fortunei*). Seasonal employees James Kincaid and David Wunsch worked diligently removing Wintercreeper vines from trees and applying herbicide to the carpet of Wintercreeper infesting the forest floor throughout Caperton. You may recall that we carried out a similar Wintercreeper removal project at Clifton Heights Greenway last year. This spring at Clifton Heights, we saw many wildflowers emerging through the dead tangles of Wintercreeper stems. We are expecting the same transformation for Caperton next spring. Additional improvements at Caperton include new Wood Duck nesting boxes and a kiosk to display maps and other informational signage. Both were installed to fulfill Eagle Scout projects.



American Chestnut Grove, Moremans Hill

trees are: two are over eight foot tall already! That is just about eighteen month's growth! Thanks again to the efforts of the Land Stewards for maintaining the grove with regular watering and weeding.

Louisville Loop Maintenance

Great strides were made this summer cleaning up a section of wooded river bank near Portland Canal along the Louisville Loop. The Natural Areas division coordinated the cleanup of about three acres of Bush Honeysuckle infested woodland. With the aid of the rented forestry mower, Land Management staff were able to quickly clear three acres of infested thickets. Louisville Fire Department recruits and University of Louisville medical school students participated in separate cleanup days and both were very productive clearing the area of 60 cubic yards of trash and miscellaneous junk.

From these updates you can see how our volunteer Trail Team and Land Stewards are a key component of keeping the Natural Areas Division moving forward. We encourage you to become involved too. I often tell our volunteers that volunteering here is better than a gym membership: It is free, you get exercise, fresh air, sunshine, a sense of accomplishment, and meet some really interesting people. If you would like to join us, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Sherry Wright. We can always use help weeding, watering, and trail reporting.

Wild Pig Update

Jason Nally, Private Lands Biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, reports removal of twenty pigs by means of trapping this year on property adjacent to the Forest. Wild pigs were first reported in Jefferson Memorial Forest in 2010 and we are very concerned about their existence in this area. Aside from carrying several diseases that can be spread to humans, wild pigs are extremely

destructive to natural communities. They destroy plant life by rooting up large areas of land in search of roots. Wild pigs are known to destroy local populations of ground dwelling animals including ground nesting birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians. A letter has gone out to residents adjacent to the Forest identifying how they can help us solve this problem. If you observe wild pigs in the area, please contact Jason at: 502/477-9288.

Bryan Lewis, Land Manager



Unchecked, Wild Pigs can quickly achieve large numbers and destroy natural communities

Clifton Heights Greenway Forest Restoration

The Clifton Heights Greenway woodland restoration project is moving forward with 100 native shrubs planted in the woodland this spring. An additional 80 shrubs will be added this fall with the help of local fourth grade students working with Jefferson Memorial Forest's Louisville ECHO program. The Land Stewards also re-introduced bunches of wildflower seed to Clifton Heights this year. The seed had been harvested from surrounding Natural Areas Division parks the previous season.

American Chestnut Grove

The American Chestnut Grove planted in Moremans Hill in 2011 is coming along very well. Eight additional advanced hybrid trees have been added to the eighteen trees from last year. It's amazing how tall last year's



Public Program Calendar: September to February

The Forest offers programs for all ages. For more information visit our website at memorialforest.com or call the Welcome Center at 502/368-5404. Our staff will be happy to help make reservations, give directions to the program location, or provide a complete schedule of programs throughout the year. For all programs, please wear close-toed walking shoes and dress for the weather.

Reservations are required in advance. The Forest reserves the right to cancel, change or postpone program dates and venues, due to insufficient registration, conditions or weather. In such cases rain checks will be provided.

SENSE OF PLACE: THE NATURAL AREAS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

MOSES AND LICHENS LECTURE Wednesday, September 12, 7-8 p.m.

What do pioneers and underdogs have in common? Can a carpet really be alive? Find out the answers to these questions at a presentation by Dr. Rosanne Hoffmann about the natural history, biology, and ecology of mosses and lichens, at the Louisville Free Public Library's Fairdale Branch. Program is Free; To register call 502/368-5404

MOSES AND LICHENS EXPLORATION Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.-Noon

Walk the trails of Jefferson Memorial Forest to discover the lichens and mosses. Examine where they are, and how they work within this forest ecosystem. Guide books will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. Fee: \$10; To register call 502/368-5404

GUIDED HIKE: HORINE ORANGE TRAIL (3.0 MILES)

Saturday, September 29, 9 am

Enjoy the company of others and the natural interpretations of our trained volunteers on a guided hike! Meet in the Horine parking lot. Dogs must be on leashes. Each dog will receive a free sample of Milkbone Trail Mix for Dogs, while quantities last. FREE

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Saturday, September 29, 9 am

Join fellow citizens, Parks staff and Louisville Science Center staff to clean up a section of Louisville Loop directly behind the Science Center. Volunteers will weed gravel areas, remove shrubs in preparation for spring plantings and remove litter. Park in the Science Center lot at Eighth and

Washington Street. Suitable for ages 14 and up; under 17 requires adult supervision. Closed-toe shoes required. Tools, gloves, instruction and water supplied. For info or to register, contact Sherry Wright, Volunteer Coordinator, at sherry.wright@louisvilleky.gov or 502/380-1753.

OUTDOOR SKILLS: ORIENTEERING II Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m. -Noon

So you know the basics, but want to learn more about orienteering? This program delves into the finer points of orienteering and includes a challenge course to practice your skills. This in-field set of exercises is truly a hands-on learning experience. Attending Orienteering I is not required, but you must have some experience using a compass. Ages 12 and up. Program meets in the Horine Reservation. Fee: \$10/person

WILD AND WOOLLY IN THE WOODS SECOND ANNUAL ZOMBIE HIKE

Saturday, October 13, 7-11 p.m.

The dead have risen to hike the Forest's Trails and celebrate Wild and Woolly Video's 15th Anniversary. Dress in your zombie best to hike through the woods while completing a Horror Movie trivia game. Participate in a costume contest. There will be prizes provided by Wild and Woolly Video and a showing of the Zombie cult classic *Let Sleeping Corpses Lie*, rated R. A craft beer tent and Taco Punk will be there to provide refreshments for purchase. Parking: \$5; s ímore kits: \$3

HOWL AT THE MOON

Friday, October 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

Come out to the Forest for an evening romp through the woods with your dog! Forest staff will lead owners and their pooches on a hike through the woods. Keep in mind that your dog will be around other dogs and people. Non-retractable leashes and good behavior are required. As a courtesy to

other dogs, please make sure your pet is up to date on their vaccinations. Meets in the Horine Reservation. Fee: \$6/dog

MAYOR'S HEALTHY HOMETOWN FALL HIKE

Saturday, October 20th , 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Join Mayor Greg Fischer for a family-friendly fall exploration of Jefferson Memorial Forest. Plenty of community groups will be there to provide information on ways you can explore the Natural Areas of Louisville Metro. The event is held near the Forest's Environmental Education Center and offers a wide variety of activities showcasing all the Forest has to offer. Forest staff, and volunteers, will be on hand to introduce visitors to our native plant gardens, and animal exhibits. There will also be children's activities in our Nature Explore area. Take a hayride, decorate a pumpkin to take home, climb the 52-ft Alpine Tower or take a canoe out on Mitchell Hill Lake. Shack in the Back BBQ provides breakfast and lunch items available for purchase. Meets at Horine Reservation. FREE.

GUIDED HIKES

NIGHT HIKE ON THE SILTSTONE AND PURPLE HEART TRAILS (3.8 MILES)

Saturday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

This night hike will take you down the Siltstone Trail to the Purple Heart loop, then back to the Welcome Center. Enjoy the dusk and the sounds of the Forest at night while our trained volunteer Naturalists guide you and interpret the natural setting along the way. Wrap up the evening with s'mores around a campfire. Dogs must be on leashes. Each dog will receive a free sample of Milkbone Trail Mix for Dogs, while quantities last. FREE



Nature Play Area Now Open at the Welcome Center

PAUL YOST HIKE (10.0 MILES)

Saturday, November 17, 9 a.m.

Explore the newly renovated trail in the Paul Yost section of the Forest with the guidance of our experienced volunteer Naturalists! Meet in the Paul Yost section on Holsclaw Hill Road. Dogs must be on leashes. Each dog will receive a free sample of Milkbone Trail Mix for Dogs, while quantities last. Fee: FREE

HIKE: TRAIL DETERMINED BY WEATHER AND GROUP CHOICE

Saturday, December 15, 9 a.m.

Meet your friends at the Welcome Center before heading out for a winter's hike. The trail will be determined by the weather and popular vote. Our trained volunteer Naturalists will be with you every step of the way to assure you don't miss a bit of winter wonder! Afterward, warm up with a cup of cocoa by the fire. Meet in the Welcome Center. Dogs must be on leashes. Each dog will receive a free sample of Milkbone Trail Mix for Dogs, while quantities last. FREE

WELCOME CENTER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Get ahead on your Christmas shopping and find something for the outdoor enthusiasts on your list! Enjoy refreshments, and holiday music while shopping by a cozy fire as you browse our gift shop and check off your holiday list. Please bring your kids along, as there will be animal guests and crafts for them to make and take. FREE

VALENTINE'S DAY ROMANTIC RETREAT

Thursday, February 14, 7:30-10 p.m.

Friday, February 15, 7:30-10 p.m.

Give your sweetie the moon, the stars, and all of Louisville. Bring them to the Forest for a romantic candlelit hike ending with a beautiful view of the lights of Louisville. The hike's destination is the Forest's charming Manor House, where you'll be greeted by warm fires in the fireplaces, hot beverages and rich desserts. Hike is on flat terrain, but close-toed shoes with tread are recommended. Meets in the Horine Reservation. Reservations must be made by Monday, February 11, 2013. Fee: \$30/ couple

In the spring of 2011, the Forest received certification for our Nature Explore Area in the Horine Reservation. Everybody loved it so much that we decided to bring something similar to the Welcome Center. Forest staff and several boy scouts built the structures and created our new nature play area. Children will be able to:

- dig for fossils and bugs in the digging area
- build with tree blocks of various sizes in the building area
- create art with natural materials such as acorns, pine needles, bark and other items in our nature art area
- create and explore music
- create forts, castles, or wherever their imagination takes them at the tree house platform with large colorful fabrics

This is an area where children can play, be creative, imagine, discover, explore... the possibilities are endless. This is an opportunity for children and their families to play outdoors and reconnect to nature.



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Mayor's Fall Hike and Outdoor Adventure

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