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Jefferson Memorial Forest

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Welcome Center

Mon-Sat 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Sun 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.

HAPPENINGS AT THE FOREST!

The initial Forest Master Plan Public Meeting will be May 21. Details on page 10.

Over the winter, Natural Areas staff has worked hard to lay the groundwork for a successful 2008. To respond to challenges posed by recent economic difficulties, we are seeking creative ways to improve our service to the community and enhance the experiences of visitors to the Forest and other natural areas. As a result we are making a greater effort to seek out new partnerships and grant opportunities to help us meet our mission.



Natural Areas staff have recently submitted a Recreational Trails Program grant application with the Governor's Office for Local Development that – if approved – will be used to fund trail improvements at Waverly Park for the benefit of hikers, mountain bikers and those with disabilities.

This grant opportunity will also fund significant improvements to the equestrian trail system in the Paul Yost Section of the Jefferson Memorial Forest.

We have also submitted a "More Kids in the Woods" grant application in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and other local partners that would allow our staff to offer environmental education outreach to the Shawnee and Portland neighborhoods, with field trip experiences in the Jefferson Memorial Forest and the Red River Gorge Geologic Area. Additionally, Natural Areas staff has helped draft an application through the

Conservation Fund. Metro Parks is partnering with JCPS, U of L, and other key organizations in this wonderful opportunity to expand Metro Parks environmental education offerings into the Shawnee and Portland neighborhoods, with a focus on creating multiple nature experiences for pre-school children within their neighborhood parks and natural areas. Regardless of whether these applications are successful (and we certainly have our fingers crossed) we are dedicated to seeing these efforts move forward over the longer term as they are important parts of the Metro Parks mission in service to the community.

The Natural Areas volunteer program has recently taken significant steps forward. Supervisor of Public Education Tonya Swan and her staff have created a wonderful new Naturalist in Training Program. Participants will receive the training to help expand and improve nature education offerings. Also, in 2008 we look forward to welcoming a new group of volunteers at the Forest – members of the Kentucky Trail Riders Association (KRTA). The KRTA has expressed a strong desire to help Metro Parks improve equestrian trails in the Forest.

Larry Hilton, our Naturalist responsible for trail activities, will nurture this relationship

with KTRA as he has previously with members of the Kentucky Mountain Bike Association in Waverly Park. We are excited to have this support as it will allow us to move towards creating a sustainable trail system in the Paul Yost area, a goal for quite some time.

2008 also brings a promising new partnership: YouthBuild/E-Corp. YouthBuild/E-corp is a local non-profit dedicated to providing job skills to at-risk youth in the community. The E-Corp portion of this program works to provide youth opportunities in the environmental field. Our initial project, beginning this spring, will be to focus on trail-related activities as well as vegetation management.

So as you can see, Natural Areas staff continues to look for ways to move us forward. We look forward to your continued support.

Bennett Knox, Park Manager



Bluegrass Music
featuring

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STANLEY**

and the
Clinch Mountain Boys



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SASSAFRAS**



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**DOZENS of
DOLLARS**



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Bluegrass music, crafters,
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SATURDAY, MAY 17th

10:30AM - 6PM

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NATURE NOTES: SPRING 2008

PAW-PAW AIN'T JUST YOUR GRANDDADDY!

The paw-paw (*Asimina triloba*) is a small tree with some very unique flowers that will be blooming in April. The species grows in bottomlands and in moist areas on hillsides and stream banks of forested areas. The trees are short, usually less than 25 feet tall, and tend to grow in small,

looking like a short, plump banana. This fruit will ripen from green to bright yellow in September. Inside the peel is a yellow flesh that has a sweet taste like a blend of banana and mango. Deer, raccoons, opossums, squirrels, and about any other animals that eat fruit devour the paw-paw fruits as soon as they ripen, if not before. That means that a person who wants to eat

tree native to the United States, the paw-paw currently receives little recognition as an edible fruit. This hasn't always been the case. European explorers of the New World recorded that Native Americans cultivated the trees as crops. There is a group now that wants to give the humble paw-paw more recognition again. The Paw-Paw Foundation (www.pawpaw.



clustered groves. The very dark, reddish-purple, one-inch flowers have a leathery look and hang down from the tree's long, slender branches just as the tree is beginning to leaf out.

The long, droopy leaves provide food for the caterpillar stage of zebra swallowtail butterflies. But caterpillars aren't the only animals that like to feed on paw-paws. The fruit of the paw-paw tree is a 3- to 5-inch-long berry that can best be described as

some can't dally for too long!

The tree is a member of the Annonaceae or custard-apple family of plants. This group contains many important species in tropical Central and South America that produce human-consumed crops of fruits collectively called annonas. The paw-paw is about the only species in Annonaceae native to temperate North America.

Though it produces the largest fruit of any

kysu.edu/ppf) collects paw-paw cultivars and promotes the species as a commercial fruit tree for orchards. This research is done right here in Kentucky through Kentucky State University.

So while you are out enjoying the nice spring weather, keep an eye open for those unusual flowers. When you find them remember where you saw them. In September, a treat may await you there.



NATURAL AREAS VIPs + VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

TRAIL RANGER/TRAIL CREW EVENT OUTING

Saturday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Dudley Saunders will lead our group to hike the Knob State Forest near Bernheim. Participants should meet at the supermarket located at the intersection of highway 245 and Preston at 10:30 a.m. Wear sturdy boots; carry a snack or energy bar and drink. Dress appropriate for the weather. Dudley likes to bushwhack to allow visits to the top of knobs and old cemeteries.

Rated: Moderate to Strenuous

Visit: www.forestry.ky.gov/programs/stateforest/Knobs+State+Forest.htm for information or map.

KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY HIKE/DRIVE

Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Larry Hilton will meet the group at 4002 S Pope Lick Road in Floyds Fork Park at 10 a.m. to hike/drive and visit the canoe launch, Tyler-Schooling Property and the King Property/House. Early arrivals are encouraged to bring their binoculars to look for birds and other wild critters.

Rated: Easy

Visit: www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/parks/floydsfork for information and map.

TRAIL RANGERS AND TRAIL CREW PROJECT DAY

Saturday, April 12, 9a.m.–2 p.m.

Meet at the Welcome Center ready to patrol/document/work trails.

KYMBA CREW AND VOLUNTEERS AT WAVERLY PARK

Saturday, April 19, 9a.m.–2 p.m.

Meet at the parking area near the lake. Our focus will be to work in the dirt to reroute new and restore old trails. We will provide gloves, bottled water, tools and energy bars. Wear sturdy shoes and dress appropriate for the weather. Bring your

bike to ride or fishing pole to catch your supper afterwards.

TRAIL RANGER AND TRAIL CREW EVENT OUTING

Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Bring a dry set of clothes, drink, and snack to meet Larry Hilton at the Miles Park canoe launch located at 15712 Shelbyville Road on the Floyds Fork. We will canoe 6.1 miles to the take-out off Taylorsville Road.

Rated: Easy to moderate.

Visit: www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/parks/miles/ for information and map.

TRAIL RANGERS AND TRAIL CREW PROJECT DAY

Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

KYMBA CREW AND VOLUNTEERS AT WAVERLY PARK

Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

TRAIL RANGERS AND TRAIL CREW PROJECT DAY

Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

KYMBA CREW AND VOLUNTEERS AT WAVERLY PARK

Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

TRAIL RANGER AND TRAIL CREW EVENT OUTING

Saturday, June 28 TBA

Contact: Larry Hilton–cell (502) 797-5768; office (502) 361-0119; or email larry.hilton@louisvilleky.gov.

VOLUNTEER DATABASE Now ONLINE

Great news, Volunteers! We have unveiled our new volunteer database, Volgistics! Despite some bumps along the road, the first few active volunteers have been able to sign up for assignments and log their own hours. We are still working with volunteers who do not have internet and email access, but we encourage all new volunteers to obtain an email account so that the Forest can efficiently communicate with you. Soon, volunteers will receive emails from their coordinators through the system. Volunteers will also be given updates on Forest news and will be able to sign up for specific volunteer events and programs.

If you are an active volunteer and still need to create a profile in Volgistics, please start at www.memorialforest.com. Go to the “Get Involved” tab and click “Sign up online.” You will be redirected to the Volgistics site and can then enter your profile information. You will be contacted after your information is received if you are approved to volunteer for the positions you requested. If you have any questions or concerns about this or other volunteer issues, please contact Sam Davis at Samantha.Davis@louisvilleky.gov or 502/361-2918.

As a reminder to all current volunteers in the Volgistics database, the link you need to use is: <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/?FROM=5415>. You can also get there via the Forest’s web site. Your password was sent to you in a separate email and can be changed in the “Account” tab in Volgistics.

Thanks for all your patience! I cannot wait till we are able to iron out all the kinks!

Sam Davis





VOLUNTEER NATURALISTS IN ACTION

Jefferson Memorial Forest's first volunteer naturalist class continues making progress toward their late April graduation day.

The response to our call for volunteers was tremendous, and we have two classes full of learning-oriented, service-minded individuals united by a keen interest in nature. Supervisor of Public Education Tonya Swan, and Naturalists Shawn Nevins, Christa Weidner and James Crockett have been busy preparing each week's sessions, which range from the hands-on lessons of Project Wild, to animal handling, teaching methods, and forest ecology.

For our staff, one of the most interesting days so far was watching the volunteers do their "biofact" presentations. Beavers, ruffed grouse, hornets, vultures, and bats were a few of the presentation topics. Under a tight five minute time limit, they nevertheless gave fun, fact-filled sessions laced with personal anecdotes.

Naturalist Shawn Nevins took a few minutes to talk with one of our volunteers, Beth:

Why did you sign up for our volunteer naturalist class?

I always wanted to learn more about nature; not just names, though. I want to



learn the natural history – the roles and relationships. Also, I hope to teach others, so they will help to preserve forests.

What's been your favorite session so far?

The session on Project Wild activities

has been the best so far. I really like the experiential teaching methods. This was the first time I'd seen activities like that. I even got my own book!

What are you looking forward to?

Being a volunteer will be a good excuse to get outside more and visit the Forest. I'm excited about the night hikes and camping programs and all the new experiences being a volunteer will afford.

We want to thank Beth and the other 27 volunteers taking part in this new program. If you'd like to learn about future training opportunities for volunteer naturalists, please contact the Welcome Center at 502/368-5404 for more information on future volunteer training opportunities.

ELIMINATE WASTE AND GET THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL!

Do your part to save trees and keep our costs down, by emailing forest@louisvilleky.gov with the request "subscribe to newsletter." Include your name and the mailing address where you received this issue, and you will then only receive electronic copies of future newsletters.





NATURAL AREAS VIPs • VOLUNTEER INTERVIEW

DUDLEY SAUNDERS

Dudley Saunders has been volunteering in nature since the late 1980s. A well-respected former writer for The Courier-Journal, he has a long history community involvement in environmental issues, including participation on a key Jefferson Memorial Forest planning committee in the early 1990s, the Beargrass Creek Task Force, and the Jefferson County Environmental Trust. An avid hiker, he is very excited about current efforts to reroute areas of the Siltstone Trail. He continues to participate in many volunteer events with the Forest and Metro Parks, including the recent Beargrass Creek Greenway project days.

“Dudley has boundless energy, enthusiasm and a love for the Forest that is contagious. His hands and heart have helped to build trails well beyond Forest boundaries” says Naturalist and Trails Supervisor Larry Hilton.

We caught up with Dudley on the trails recently to ask him some questions:

How long have you been a trail ranger?

I took early retirement from The Courier-Journal in 1987 and joined Wilderness Jefferson County. It became the trail rangers group several years later.



Dudley Saunders patrolling Moorman Hill

Why do you like to volunteer?

I have always enjoyed being outdoors. In 1962, I moved from Florida to Louisville. With trail building there is an element of creativity and I have always enjoyed that type of work.

What's your favorite thing about being a trail ranger?

Building new trails and helping with design. I enjoy working in new country and new territory.

What is your favorite part of the Forest?

The Dodge Hill/Moorman Hill area which is not open to the public yet. I also like parts of Paul Yost. I enjoy all the vistas and ridge trails with huge drop-offs. The Forest has many dramatic scenes and places. It is a nifty Forest and very unique.

What's your favorite activity at the Forest?

I take pictures occasionally and like to hike. I also enjoy just getting out and digging. It is exciting seeing new areas where trail does not exist yet.

FOREST FEST 2008

FOREST FEST

Saturday May 17th, 2008, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Come out for a great day filled with bluegrass music, wood crafters and fun activities for the entire family. This free family-oriented festival is set to become the premier bluegrass festival in Louisville. The fourth annual Forest Fest will be bigger and better than ever, with the addition of bluegrass music legend Dr. Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys. 2008 continues the tried and true formula of honoring Fairdale's rich bluegrass tradition, highlighting new up-and-coming bands and introducing them to new audiences, while bringing in the best bluegrass musicians from around the region. This year's line up also includes Stone Hollow, Dozens of Dollars, Bluegrass 101, and Kentucky Sassafras.





NATURAL AREAS NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Carl Suk is the new Landscape Supervisor at Jefferson Memorial Forest. Carl is no stranger to Metro Parks, having worked as a landscape manager in 1997 and 1998.

A native of New Jersey, his love for the outdoors began as a young boy, growing up on the estate of Doris Duke. Carl received his degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, Doylestown, Pennsylvania in 1969. After tours in the Air Force, he returned to his love of plants serving as horticulturist for the Somerset County Park Commission. He then became the director of The Tyler Arboretum in Lima, Pennsylvania. When Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest advertised for a Director of Operations, Carl applied and was hired.

Carl has extensive experience in parks and public horticulture, and his passion is holly. He served on the board of directors of the Holly Society of America, and he designed and maintains the holly database of species and cultivars growing in gardens and collections throughout the world.

He and his wife Hawk, along with their three dogs, live in Crandall, Indiana and Nolin Lake. Together they work with a Border Collie rescue unit. Working with wood is one of his hobbies, along with boating and fishing, street rods and vintage stock cars, plus almost anything to do with the outdoors.

Carl has three children, three grandchildren with a fourth on the way.

CHILDREN IN NATURE + AH... SPRING IS FINALLY HERE

I love those familiar sounds of spring – the calls of frogs and toads, the songs of birds and the insects letting us know they are back. The forest is coming alive! One of my favorite sounds comes from the spring peeper. I am amazed how these little frogs, only about an inch long, are able to create a sound that can carry for half a mile! As I begin to hear these sounds, I know there is hope for warmer weather and spending more time exploring the outdoors with my son.

Yes – this is the time to get outside with your children and play! Remember the wonderful times you had when you were a child? As Jeff Foxworthy said about his childhood, “You know you had a great day when you came home with leaves in your hair, dirt on your shirt and mud on your shoes.”

Here is an activity to help you create wonderful spring memories with your children as they learn about their natural world.

ACTIVITY: FROGS AND TOADS

Frogs and toads are very busy this spring calling to their mates. This is a great time, day or night, to go in search of these amphibians. Who doesn't love catching frogs and toads? However, some frogs are hard to find because they are very small. Therefore, you need to listen to where they are. When you start to learn their call, you can figure out what type of frog is there and then go find it. There is a great website to visit that has all of the frogs and toads of Kentucky and their calls: <http://bioweb.wku.edu/froglogger/>. Another great website

for information and calls is www.kentuckyawake.org.

If you touch the frogs and toads you find, please remember that your hands need to be wet and clean. When I say clean, that means no bug spray or other chemicals. This can harm the animal. Amphibians are very sensitive to pollution. Well, that is a whole article in itself. You can find out more about this at: <http://www.ekpc.com/NewGreenweb/frogloggers.html>. This website also has a frog and toad poster to download.

Where do you start looking? Water, water, water. Just about anywhere water gathers. We have found frogs in the forest in holes and ruts in the ground that held water for most of the spring season. Take pictures of what you find and help your child create their own field guide. Please remember to leave the frogs and toads where you found them and think about becoming a frog logger.

Christa Weidner, Naturalist

Suggested books:

Frogs and Toads and Tadpoles, Too! by Allan Fowler

Slippery Babies: Young Frogs, Toads, and Salamanders by Ginny Johnston

Possum and the Peeper by Anne Hunter

Friend Frog by Alma Flor Ada (author), Lori Lohstoeter (illustrator)



Image: Rob Rold



PUBLIC PROGRAM CALENDAR: APRIL THROUGH JUNE

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

Reservations and payment are required in advance. The Forest reserves the right to cancel programs with insufficient registration. Rain checks will be provided.

OUTDOOR SKILLS

SCOTT'S GAP HIKE – 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Visit one of the lesser known areas of the Forest for a 3.5 mile hike. Depending on interest, we may take a side trip to visit the big trees in Headley Hollow. Bring a water bottle and a snack for this moderately strenuous hike. Meet at Welcome Center. Fee: \$5

CANOEING

This series is great for beginners who want to learn how to canoe, and those with experience who want to fine tune their skills and learn some advanced techniques.

All equipment will be provided. Bring a sack lunch. For ages 12 and up; all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Meet at the Welcome Center. There is space for 18 participants total with a maximum of 12 adults. No space will be available for individuals showing up on the day of the program. Canoe programs are subject to change of dates or venues due to water conditions and weather. Fee: \$10 per session

ACA INTRO TO CANOEING COURSE

Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A valuable class at an amazing price! Learn the basics of equipment, paddling strokes, and rescues for canoeing, using a curriculum from the American Canoeing Association. We will practice rescues, so plan on getting wet. Space is limited to 12 participants.

CANOEING SKILLS II– FLOYDS FORK

Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

See the beauty of nature as you paddle down Floyds Fork. This trip requires basic

paddling skills to navigate the sometimes tight channels in Floyds Fork. There is space for 18 participants total with a maximum of 12 adults.

CANOEING AT HARRODS CREEK

Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Harrods Creek is an easy flat water paddle with the opportunity for lots of wildlife viewing. There is space for 18 participants total with a maximum of 12 adults.

PRE-SCHOOL NATURE ADVENTURES

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This program is for parents and children ages 3-5. There will be a story-time with crafts and snacks. This program provides experiences in nature for parents and little ones to share. Meet in the Horine Environmental Education Center. Fee: \$8 per child

WOODLAND WONDERS

Tuesday, April 8

Saturday, April 12

Let's hike through the forest in search of a rainbow of colors from spring wildflowers. We'll learn about how seeds turn into beautiful wildflowers and how some animals help the plants grow and survive.

A SMALL POND

Saturday, May 10

Tuesday, May 13

Discover with your child the amazing creatures that live in a pond, from tadpoles to dragonfly nymphs. Using a net and a bucket, collect a variety of animals from the pond and view them under a magnifying glass. Dress to get messy!

WHAT'S BUZZIN'?

Tuesday, June 10

Saturday, June 14

Grab a net and a bug viewer and let's go! Parents and children will catch a variety of bugs and identify them with the help of a Metro Parks naturalist. With pictures and activities, children learn the parts of an insect and a spider.

EVENING PROGRAMS

7-9:30 p.m.

Families welcome; an adult must accompany all children. Meet in the Horine Reservation. Fee: \$5 per session, unless otherwise indicated.

OWLS OF THE FOREST

Friday, April 11

Learn about the silent nighttime hunters that call the Forest home. See some of Kentucky's owls up close, and go on a short hike to listen for these majestic birds while learning some of their calls. Fee: \$10

FROG CALLS AND TOAD SONGS

Friday, May 9

The night is the best time to hear the calls and songs of the amphibian world. Metro Parks staff will introduce you to some of the more common species of frogs and toads found in this area, and show you how to identify them by their calls. Learn why their existence is so crucial to that of our own. You will even learn how to make some calls of your own to communicate with these incredible creatures.

INSECTS OF THE NIGHT

Friday, June 13

The night is the best time to hear the symphony of sound created by insects. Metro Parks staff will introduce you to



some of the creatures responsible for the variety of sounds you hear through your window on a warm summer night.

HOWL AT THE MOON

Friday, April 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16

Friday, June 20

Come out to the Forest for an evening romp through the woods with your dog! Metro Parks 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. Meet in the Horine Reservation. Fee: \$5 per dog

FOREST EXPLORERS

9 a.m.-Noon

Children ages 5 and 6 can experience the life of a naturalist by discovering the wonders of the forest through field studies, crafts and more. Snack is provided. Parents are encouraged to join their child on their nature adventure. Meet in the Horine Environmental Education Center. Fee: \$10 per child

ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Saturday, April 19

Young naturalists will learn what animals live in the forest and how to find them. Following clues such as feathers, tracks, scat and more, they will then see critters from the forest up close in the Environmental Education Center. Young naturalists will get to make their very own tracking guide.

DRAGONFLIES, DAMSELFLIES AND CYCLOPS!

A LAKE ADVENTURE

Saturday, May 17

Join a Metro Parks Naturalist on an adventure into the wet and wild world of a lake ecosystem. Be amazed at the strange and incredible critters that live in the waters of a lake. There will be scientific studies, activities, and a snack. All equipment will be provided. Wear clothes and shoes that can get messy.

FOREST FAMILY FUN CAMP-OUTS

6 p.m. Friday until 8:30 a.m. Saturday

Friday, May 23–24 (Must register by Monday, May 19)

Friday, June 27–28 (Must register by Monday June 23)

Would you like to go on a family camping trip without all the packing and preparation?

Let Jefferson Memorial Forest do everything for you and provide an evening of activities and entertainment. We provide your family with tents, dinner and breakfast, and take your family on a night hike full of facts and fun. We'll even provide a S'more bedtime treat. All you need to bring is your toothbrush, a sleeping bag, good walking shoes, and weather appropriate clothes. This program is for ages 7 to adult.

Fee: \$20 per person per session. Please ask about our next-day Alpine Tower Climb discount.

ALPINE TOWER PUBLIC PROGRAM

Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 28

Come challenge yourself on our 52-foot Alpine climbing tower. Learn basic climbing and belaying techniques while experiencing increased self-esteem, confidence, and problem-solving skills from tackling this "high altitude" obstacle course. This program is for ages 10 and up. A parent or guardian must accompany all participants under the age of 18. Please wear: tennis shoes, long pants, or shorts with an inseam greater than 5 inches. Sign-up early, as space is limited to 18 participants. Meet in the Horine Reservation. Fee: \$10 per person per session

NATIVE GARDENING – DROUGHT-TOLERANT GARDENS

Monday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Presented by Margaret Shea from Dropseed Native Plant Nursery. Last year's drought made life difficult for many gardeners. Wouldn't it be nice to

have a garden that requires less water and maintenance? Discover how you can create your own drought-tolerant garden using native plants. We will travel to Dropseed Native Plant Nursery in Goshen, so there will be an opportunity to purchase plants. We will also stop for lunch after the program, so be sure to bring lunch money. Fee: \$5

SENIOR BIRD WATCHING PROGRAM

Monday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Our senior birding program is free and full of fun. This month, we'll visit the King Property near Floyds Fork, where we hope to see a number of warblers. Participants will learn how to identify birds by how they look and how they sound. Each program is guided by a Metro Parks naturalist and consists of transportation to the various sites, and some short easy hikes. After you work up an appetite, participants are taken to lunch at local eateries. Although this program is free, you will need to bring money to purchase your lunch. Meet at the Welcome Center or the King Property. When making your reservation, please let us know where you'll meet us, so that you will receive directions to the right location. Fee: Free





FOREST MASTER PLAN INFORMATION

Below are three ways to become involved in the master planning process for Jefferson Memorial Forest. We need your input, so please participate!

**INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
6-8 P.M.**

**Fairdale High School
1001 Fairdale Road
Fairdale, KY 40118**

Join Metro Parks for the initial public meeting regarding the Forest Master Plan. Initial information will be presented and discussed by the consultant team. This is a great opportunity for to share your ideas with Metro Parks and our team. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and tell your friends!

FOREST USER SURVEY

Take this brief survey so that we may better understand the community's view of the forest and possible planned improvements. The survey site will be accessible from April 16 through April 22, and can be accessed at: www.louisvilleky.gov/metroparks/iwantto/publicinputsurvey.htm.

MASTER PLAN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Metro Parks has created a website where you can view relevant Master Plan documents, including the 1995 Forest Resource Management Plan, notes from meetings conducted as part of the process, and other useful documents. To access the site go to www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/default.htm. Using the left menu select "Park Finder" and then under the Regional and Specialty park section, select "Jefferson Memorial Forest." There is a tab on the left menu for "Master Plan Public Documents." Check back periodically as the site will be updated regularly.

SUMMER ADVENTURES 2008

Jefferson Memorial Forest offers fun and exciting camps for ages 5 to 15. By combining scientific study and experiments, with traditional summer camp fun, your child will have an educational adventure they will remember for a lifetime. Sign up early as space is limited. These camps team two highly trained staff with each group of 10 campers for safety and personal attention.

SUMMER ADVENTURES ♦ AGES 7-12

Forest camps provide children an immersion experience in the natural world. They will take on the roles of naturalist, scientist and explorer as they discover new things about the forest, and the creatures that inhabit it. By combining educational activities and learning experiences with traditional summer camp fun, your child will have an educational adventure they will remember for a lifetime.

Each session runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Camp costs \$105 per week, per child, and includes water bottle, t-shirt, and all field trip fees.

FOREST ADVENTURES

Just plain fun! Young adventurers will learn survival skills, archery and rappelling out of a tree.

June 2-6 and July 7-11

CREATURE TREKKING

Does your child dream of being the next Jeff Corwin? Learn how to track animals and how they adapt and survive in the forest eco-system.

June 9-13 and July 14-18

AQUATIC HABITATS

Splash, scoop, paddle! Explore streams, lakes, and the Ohio River as you wade, catch frogs and fish, and paddle a canoe.

June 16-20 and July 21-25

FOREST QUEST ♦ AGES 13-15

Canoeing, rock climbing, rappelling, caving, and camping --Forest Quest offers intense adventure in a safe environment. Teens learn about the forest environment, and outdoor skills that boost self-confidence and develop leadership skills.

This session runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the exception of an overnight camping trip to Mammoth Cave on Thursday, with return Friday afternoon. Camp costs \$175 per teen and includes water bottle, t-shirt, materials and all field trip fees.

June 23-27

FOREST EXPLORERS ♦ AGES 5-6

Forest Explorers leads young ones on a journey of discovery. Explorers look for animal tracks, discover insects, and find life in a scoop of pond water. Through stories, crafts, and hands-on activities and games, children will make discoveries about the creatures that call the forest home.

This session runs Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Camp costs \$75 per child and includes water bottle, t-shirt, materials and all field trip fees.

June 23-27





SUMMER CAMPS COST AND REGISTRATION

COST PER CHILD PER WEEK

Forest Adventures (ages 7-12): \$105

Forest Quest (ages 13-15): \$175

Forest Explorers (ages 5-6): \$75

Sessions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Full payment is required at registration; payment and the registration form are required prior to the first day of camp. You will be notified if a session is full or has been cancelled; confirmation will be mailed or emailed prior to the beginning of camp.

If you would like your child to be grouped with a sibling or friend, please indicate this on the registration form; this can't be guaranteed if the children are in different age groups or if space isn't available. Note that Summer Adventure sessions have various themes and repeat each month, and that Summer Adventure campers will be grouped ages 7 to 9, and ages 10 to 12.

PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

Register with check by mail or by credit card over the phone. Price includes all supplies, water bottle, and small snack. Make checks payable to Jefferson Memorial Forest. Include the session dates that your child is attending on the check. Refunds, less a \$25 processing fee, are given only if cancellation is made in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the first day of camp. If a camp is filled or cancelled, full refund will be made to you. Camps are subject to maximum and minimum enrollment requirements.

DROP OFF

Drop-off is located in the main parking lot, where camp leaders will greet campers. Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m.; for children age 5 to 6, drop-off begins at 9:30 a.m. No camper may be dropped off prior to 8:30.

PICK UP

Staff members dismiss children age 5 to 6 at 2:00 p.m. All others will be at the main parking lot at 4 p.m. Staff will stay with campers for 30 minutes. If a camper has not been picked up, staff will take them to the program office, located at the front of the Horine Reservation to the left of the road.

For more information, call the Forest Welcome Center at 502/368-5404, ext. 0, or go to our website at www.memorialforest.com.

2008 JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FOREST SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration fee must accompany this registration form. Make checks payable to Jefferson Memorial Forest. When registering more than one child, send the information for each child on a separate form. Mail check and registration to:

Jefferson Memorial Forest • Summer Camp • PO Box 467 • Fairdale, KY 40118

FOREST ADVENTURES	CREATURE TREKKING	AQUATIC HABITATS	FOREST EXPLORERS	ECO- CHALLENGE
<input type="checkbox"/> June 2-6*	<input type="checkbox"/> June 9-13*	<input type="checkbox"/> June 16-20*	<input type="checkbox"/> June 23-27	<input type="checkbox"/> June 23-27
<input type="checkbox"/> July 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> July 14-18	<input type="checkbox"/> July 21-25	[ages 13-15]	[ages 5-6]
\$105	\$105	\$105	\$175	\$75

*The sessions in June repeat in July. Price is per week.

Child's last name: _____

Child's first name: _____

Sex: M / F Age: _____ Birthday: _____ / _____ / _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____

Emergency phone: _____

Email address: _____

Please check your child's T-shirt size: XS S M L XL

Is there a friend/sibling you would like placed with your child? (This cannot be guaranteed if children are in different age groups or if space is not available.)

Does your child have any health concerns, special needs or allergies?

I hereby authorize Jefferson Memorial Forest/Metro Parks to take any steps necessary to ensure my child's health in case of an emergency, including seeking medical treatment. My child has permission to go on all camp-sponsored field trips. I understand that transportation will be by van with a staff driver for all field trips.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby authorize Jefferson Memorial Forest/Metro Parks to use my child's name and/or image for educational and public relations purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check Amount paid: _____

Check number: _____

Credit Card Master Card Visa

Name on the card: _____

Card number: _____ Exp date: _____

Signature: _____

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FOREST NEIGHBORS:

**DO YOU HAVE AN OLD DUMPSITE BEHIND YOUR PROPERTY?
IF SO, PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FREE JUNK DROP-OFF OPPORTUNITY!**

SPRING JUNK DROP-OFF AND RECYCLING

When: April 20, 2008

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: 2673 Outer Loop Landfill

Items accepted:

Appliances, household junk and other large items not accepted by the waste haulers.

Items NOT accepted:

Yard waste (grass, limbs, leaves, etc.), hazardous liquids, paints, tires, and commercial trash.

Note: Metal items, including appliances, should be kept separated as they will be recycled. Materials such as paint, etc., that are not accepted at the drop-off can be taken to Metro's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center - HazBin.

Call 574-5000 or 311 for more information.