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INNINGS

Monday May 1, 2017 at 7:00 - 8:55 p.m.

FRIENDS CARING FOR COWAN

Presentation by Dave Rosekrans and Sarah Blair

Cowan Lake is a delightful hidden gem of biodiversity nestled away within southwest Ohio. Join Friends Caring for Cowan Lake President David Rosekrans and ODNR Naturalist Sarah Blair to learn more about the beauty of this area, the exciting partnerships and growth happening on the park, and the fun new activities you can be a part of this year.



Dave Rosekrans has sailed at Cowan Lake for over 50 years and (Continued on page 2)

Monday June 5, 2017 at 7:00 - 8:55 p.m.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ZOO

Presentation by Jim O'Shea

Jim O'Shea will be presenting "What's New at the Zoo". This is a "continuation" or "update" of "The History of the Zoo", which focuses on the happenings at the Zoo since 2000. This is a zoo outreach program, "ZOO TO YOU" in which volunteers go to various schools and organizations, and present zoo topics.

Cincinnati Zoo is the second oldest zoo in the United States, and has a remarkable history and is continually expanding, while offering numerous (Continued on page 2)

People's Climate Rally April 29
*** See page 3 for details ***

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About Innings

Innings is our general membership meeting, held on the first Monday of the month (Except Monday holiday)

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has been Commodore of the Sailing Club. Dave is past President of US Sailing, current President of the US Sailing Foundation, past director of the Ski Patrol at Perfect North Slopes, and is a master gardener. Dave was a member of the Cincinnati Sierra Club back in 1963 when Dick Emerson and Barry Bishop climbed Mt Everest and came to the meeting to talk about their climb.

Sarah Blair is a Naturalist with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Watercraft. She is based out of Cowan Lake, Caesar Creek, and Little Miami State Parks.

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educational programs to its visitors. In addition to the increase in animal exhibits and births, there is a lot going on in the plant division, and environmental greening projects.

Jim has been volunteering at the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden for about 4 years. One of his responsibilities

is to dive and clean the manatee tank, since he is a certified SCUBA diver. His day job is with the city of Cincinnati, Engineering Division of the water works. Jim has been with the city for over 28 years and is planning to officially retire on February 1, 2019 so he can spend more time traveling and volunteering. Also, he is the current president of ServeNCH, a volunteer service organization in the city of North College Hill.

Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO)

ICO's Last Outing of the School Year

Saturday, May 13

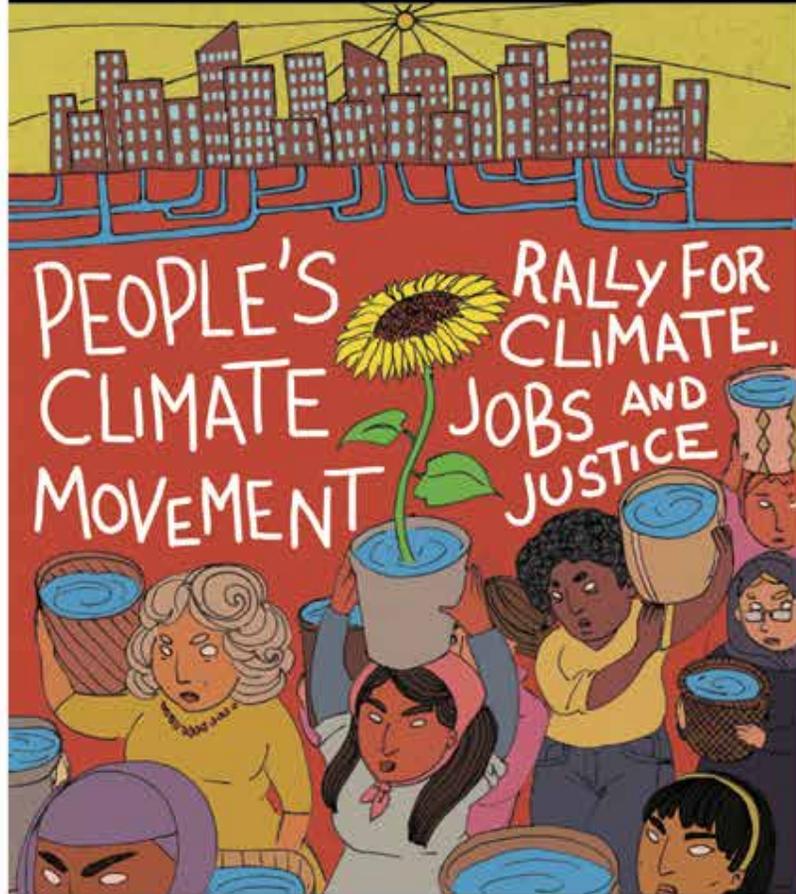
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ADD YOUR VOICE

Get Involved By Marilyn Wall

Miami Group Sierra Club is very involved in many environmental actions locally. We're also working to make our voices heard nationally, along many others, to prevent the loss of environmental protections which we have all worked for.

In today's environment of rapidly changing environmental news, it is hard to prepare a traditional newsletter that is timely by the time it is edited and reaches people. So we are focusing more on getting news and actions you can take online. **These websites will help you connect!**

Also, you can get in touch to volunteer by emailing miamigroupsierraclub@gmail.com or filling out our volunteer form at <http://miamigroup.org/category/volunteers-needed/>

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Some Highlights of recent and ongoing activity:

Climate Change

As expected Trump is doing all he can to defund and deregulate climate work at the national and international level. Our Climate Rally on April 29 is intended to begin to build a bigger and bigger movement to act locally to stop climate change and turn back the misguided national policy. Signup to help out at on our volunteer form for the rally.

<https://goo.gl/forms/klCiDITdRFFQnQZ03>

Past Plastic

We're working to reduce plastic pollution by raising awareness and working for a single-user disposable plastic bag fee. Contact Josh Clyde to get involved.

clydejm4@gmail.com

You can also email Josh to help out with clean ups.

Clean Water

We're working to stop sewer overflows and clean up local rivers. Join our email list by emailing

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Next steps on stopping overflows includes reviewing the Phase II projects (starting after 2018). This list has to be submitted to USEPA by June 2017.

Green Transportation

We're working on a Transportation Toolkit and promoting green transportation choices, like improving transit access to jobs and reducing the need for cars. Email us at sierraclubwildscenic@gmail.com

Good Food

We've begun working with the Good Food Procurement Program. "Why do we spend millions of public dollars on food that is bad for our families, bad for the environment, bad for the local economy, bad for food workers and animals? We all want food that is Local, Sustainable, Fair, Humane, and Healthy. Shouldn't public food dollars should reflect public values?" Join up with Bob Park by emailing him at rhpark9@gmail.com

Backpacking in the Cranberry Wilderness April 1-5, 2017

By Jay Freeman, Trip Leader

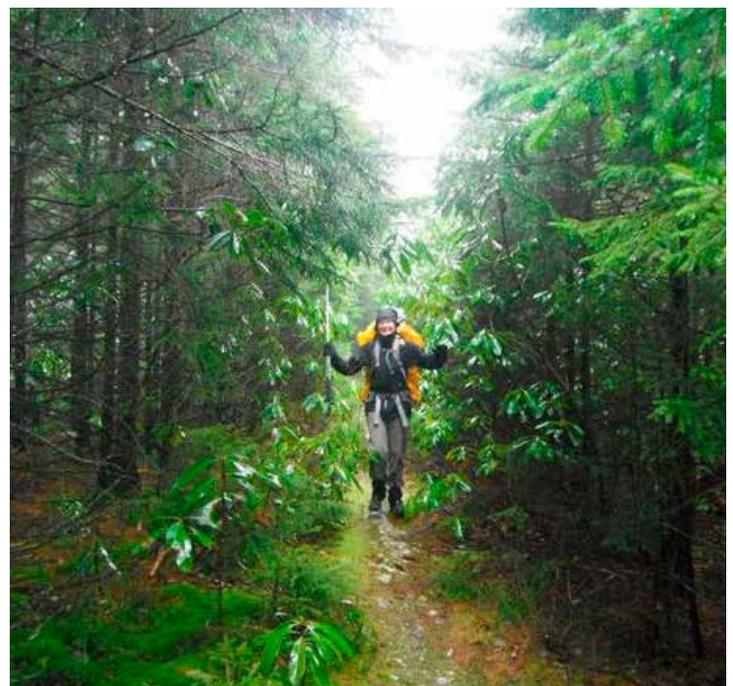
The Cranberry Wilderness is a unique area in the Monongahela National Forest in southeast West Virginia. The area is known for its unusual flora. Many of the plants should not be there but belong in Canada and the Tioga forests there. They are remnants of the plants inhabiting the area when the glaciers were here. Thick beds of moss, Red Spruce, Golden Birch, pitcher plants, etc inhabit this wonderful area.

Eight of us backpacked for 5 days in the rain soaked wilderness area, encountering numerous stream crossings and one river crossing. Each crossing was done in water shoes in 40 degree water above our knees. Luckily for us we had a mix of sun and rain, so we were able to dry out.

The trip covered about 32 miles. We started at about 4500 ft. and descended to about 2500 ft. and back up. The trails followed old railroad grades in many places which made for some very pleasant hiking. Our problems came because of the major flooding in the area last year. This washed out some of the trails and we found ourselves scrambling around in the woods trying to find our way.

We had a great trip.

Photos by Jay Freeman



April 3 Innings Review- Gorman Heritage Farm Presentation and Tour

By Alvin Denenberg, Chair, Innings committee,
Miami Group-Sierra Club

The Miami Group would like to thank Gorman Heritage Farm for the excellent presentation and tour for our April Innings. It was educational and invigorating. We learned a lot. Thanks also to presenters Sandra Murphy, Volunteer, and Claire Long, Volunteer Manager.



Above: Sandra Murphy, volunteer gives the presentation, with Claire Long, volunteer coordinator, answering any additional questions.



Left: A group of 48 attendees, including the Miami Group, and AmeriCorps Group, listening to a talk on Gorman Heritage Farm, Trosset Wildflower Sanctuary.

Below Left: Claire Long opening the gate to the Trosset Wildflower Sanctuary, on Gorman Farm property

Below Right: Miami Group members visiting the Trosset Wildflower Sanctuary and admiring the plants.

Photos: Alvin Denenberg



May 2017 Outings

Outings Information

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Who may join us:

Outings are for Sierra Club members, and interested others on a space-available basis, subject to acceptance by the outing leader. Please be considerate of the leaders and call before 9:30 p.m. except in a dire emergency. If you make a reservation, you are obligated to arrive promptly or to advise the leader in advance if you are unable to attend. Don't leave others waiting for you!

Ratings:

Each outing has a difficulty rating of 1-4 from easiest to hardest. This is an estimate and it is up to the participant to choose an outing appropriate to the person's ability.

Last Minute Outings Information:

Following is the outing list at the time the Happenings was put together. Please check the Miami Group website at <http://www.MiamiGroup.org> for any additions since this was published.

INCLEMENT WEATHER may cancel an Outing. Be sure to check with a leader before heading out to an Outing if you question the weather.

Outings Calendar:

The Outing Committee has worked to find better ways to reach out to interested people regarding scheduled Outings or last-minute ones. We have a Meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>. Join now to learn the latest in Outings and other events. The Miami Group website will also have up-to-date activities but the Meetup Group will let you know on a weekly or even daily basis.

Sierra Club Important Announcement

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Fri.-Sun. May 5-7; Backpack to Princess and Yahoo Falls 1-2.

This is a beginner trip in the Big South Fork Recreation Area. We will hike a total of 13 miles. I have equipment to lend on a first come first served basis. We meet at Walmart in Florence, Ky. on Friday at 8 a.m. and will return by about 4 p.m. Sunday. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

Thurs. May 11; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 2.

We will meet at the Avoca trailhead at 4:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. I have tools, but bring your own if you like. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

Miami Group Outings

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Sat. May 13; Glenwood Gardens Get Up N' Go Hike 2. Put some Spring in your step with a hike in this beautiful park. We leave the gatehouse promptly at 9 a.m. Located at the end of Glendale-Milford Rd. at Rt. 4 (next to McDonalds). We'll hike about 3 miles through a variety of restored ecosystems. Maria Eckhoff 513-769-5413 before 8 p.m. if you need directions.

Sat. May 20; Sharon Woods Early Explorers Hike 2. Join us for a peppy 5 mile journey through the not-quite-summer woods. We'll set out from the Sharon Centre parking lot promptly at 9 a.m. Enter on the Route 42 side of the park. Maria Eckhoff 513-769-5413 before 8 p.m. if you need directions.

Mon. May 22; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 2. We will meet at the Avoca trailhead at 4:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. I have tools, but bring your own if you like. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

Thurs. May 25; Day Hike 1-2. Meet at a Frisch's at 9 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a nearby park or hiking area at 10 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. NOTE: Participants will need to RSVP and leave a contact number and email in case of cancellation due to sudden weather change. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at alvingden@gmail.com.

Wed. May 24; Paddle the Little Miami 2. We will meet at Kelly's Nature Preserve at 5 p.m. and paddle to Milford. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

Sun. May 28; Bike the Roads of N. Ky. 2-3. We will meet at Pendery Park on route 8 at 9 a.m. and bike for about 30 miles. The route includes some big hills. Bring a lunch and helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

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June 2017 Outings

Sat. June 3; Bike from Miami Whitewater State Forest 2-3.

We will meet at 9 a.m. at the bike path near the boat house. The route will take us on the roads into Indiana for a total of about 35-40 miles. Bring a lunch and helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

Wed. June 7; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 2.

We will meet at the Avoca trailhead at 4:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. I have tools, but bring your own if you like. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

Thurs. Jun 8; Day Hike 1-2. Meet at a Frisch's at 9 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. NOTE: Participants will need to RSVP and leave a contact number and email in case of cancellation due to sudden weather change. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at alvingden@gmail.com.

**Sun. June 11; Bike the Roads from
Ceaser Creek State Park 2-3.** We meet at the dam at 9 a.m. and will bike near the park for about 35-40 miles. Bring a lunch and helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

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