

RIVER DAY 2017

May 20

So much to see and do. So little time.

You can start the day at a cleanup, then paddle the afternoon away.

Or make it a day of hikes and tours.

Or spend the whole day on the water.

Whatever you do, have fun, and learn something.

FESTIVAL - 7

BIRDING - 20

BIKING - 29

SEE FISH - 2

LEARNING LUNCH - 18

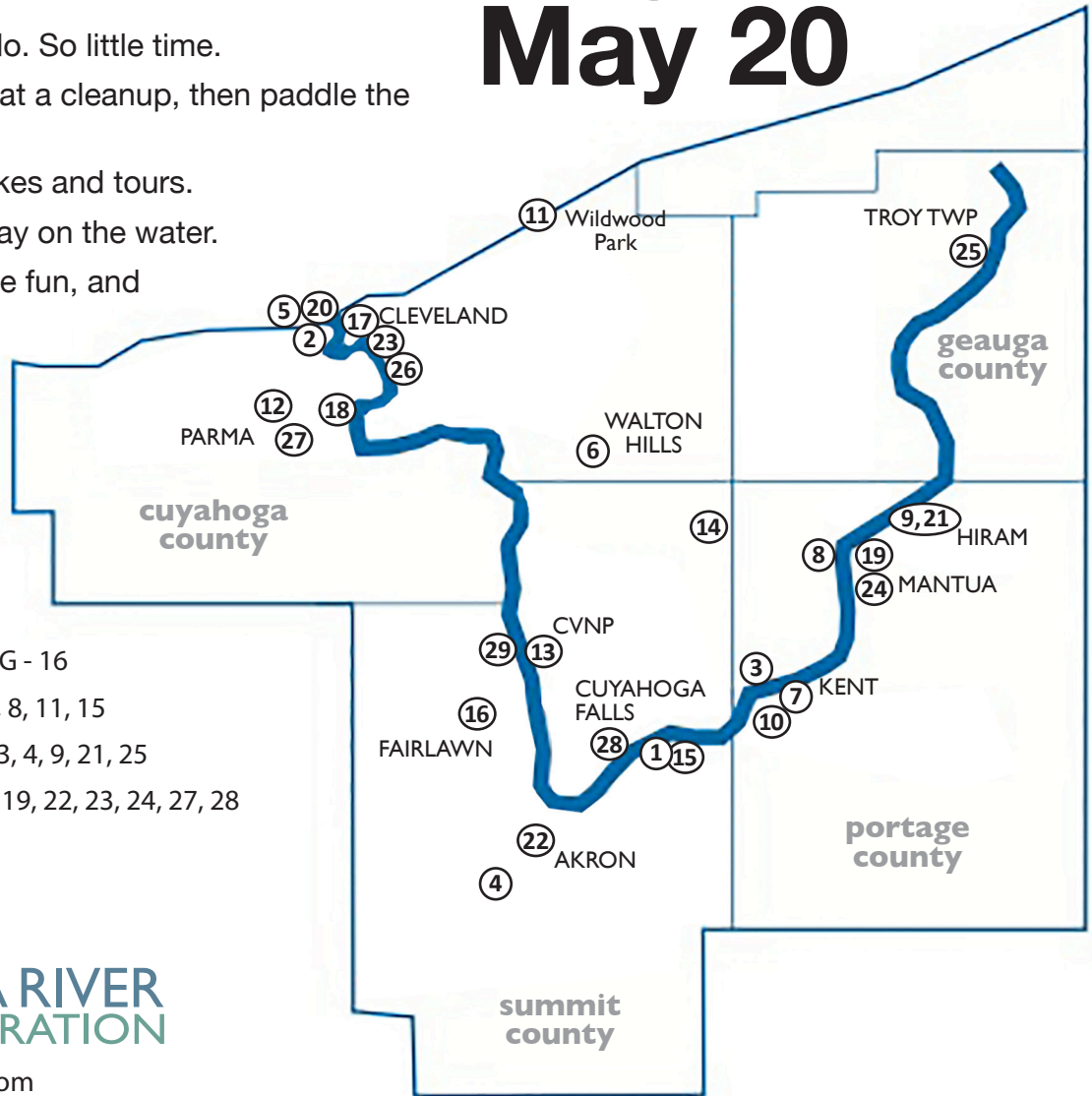
SEE ELECTROFISHING - 10

HISTORICAL INTERPRETING - 16

CLEANUP, VOLUNTEER - 6, 8, 11, 15

PADDLE, ROW, FLOAT - 1, 3, 4, 9, 21, 25

TOUR, HIKE - 5, 12, 14, 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28



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and in appreciation of the people and organizations that present, sponsor, and host the events and activities that make River Day possible. They are all listed with their events, on the following pages. We hope you'll visit them and take part in their activities throughout the year, because every day should be River Day.



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1. KAYAK, CANOE & TUBE RENTALS WITH BURNING RIVER ADVENTURES / CUYAHOGA FALLS

ALL DAY - 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Enjoy a relaxing self-guided tour down the Cuyahoga River on River Day! Rent a kayak, canoe or tube (weather and water-level permitting). Reservations are required. Call: 330-969-BOAT to reserve, and receive a River Day discount! Meet: Waterworks Park, 2025 Munroe Falls Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, 44221 Contact: PaddleTheRiver.com or 330-969-BOAT
Sponsored by Burning River Adventures LLC

2. VISIT THE GREATER CLEVELAND AQUARIUM Say "River Day" and save!

ALL DAY 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Visit the Aquarium and see fish and turtles native to our region in the Ohio Lakes and Rivers exhibit. Located along the Cuyahoga River on the West Bank of the Flats, the Aquarium's other exhibits include Rivers of the World, Indo-Pacific and Tropical Reef galleries and a 230,000 gallon shark SeaTube. Plan approximately 1.5 hours to explore. \$5 off admission when you mention "River Day." Valid only on May 20, 2017. Cannot be combined with any other offer or used for special events. Meet: Greater Cleveland Aquarium, 2000 Sycamore S, Cleveland, 44113 Contact: Greater Cleveland Aquarium, 216-862-8803
Sponsored by Greater Cleveland Aquarium

3. KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CROOKED RIVER ADVENTURES: KAYAK, CANOE, TUBE & BIKE RENTALS

ALL DAY - Rent a kayak, canoe, tube or bike and have a River Day adventure along the Cuyahoga (weather and water-level permitting). Guided stand up paddle boarding trips available on Fridays
FEE - Reservations strongly advised.
Meet: KSU Canoe Livery, Tannery Park, 100 Stow St, Kent.
Contact and Reservations: 330-541-7467
www.kent.edu/recservices/crooked-river-adventures
Sponsored by Kent State University Crooked River Adventures

4. AKRON PORTAGE 'N PADDLE CANOE RACE

8:00 AM - 9:45 AM Registration check in and packet pick up.
10:00 AM Race Begins. Canoe and carry fun race through Akron's lakes, canals, downtown streets and towpath trails in celebration of Akron's unique and historic Portage Path. Race will start at Summit Lake and end at Lock 3. Afterparty at the Mustill Store in Cascade Valley Metroparks. Pre-race packet pick up at Perkins Mansion, Copley Rd
Registration required. <http://www.active.com/akron-oh/water-sports/water-sports-races/akron-portage-n-paddle-2017>
Contact: Tom Crain 330-634-6489 tecrain@goingreenguy.com
Sponsored by West Hill Neighborhood CDC

5. HISTORY WALK ON WHISKEY ISLAND / CLEVELAND

9:00 AM-11:00 AM: Enjoy the beauty of that special place where the Cuyahoga meets Lake Erie. Experience the calm of a spring morning and learn about the fascinating history of this place. See historic photos and hear about the struggle led by Ed Hauser to save this green space from becoming a gravel dock.
Meet: Wendy Park sign, far side of parking lot, 2800 Whiskey Island, Cleveland 44102
Contact: John Kaminski at 440-666-1674 or riverkeeper@wideopenwest.com or www.cuyahogariver.net
Sponsored by Friends of the Crooked River

6. WALTON HILLS TINKER'S CREEK SPRING CLEANUP

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Help clean up in and next to Tinkers Creek. Trash bags will be provided. Volunteers should dress for the weather and wear work boots or old shoes. Long sleeves, slacks and work gloves are recommended. Children under 18 must have adult supervision. Lunch will be provided to volunteers after the cleanup. Groups should pre-register at <http://www.cuyahogawcd.org/events/2017/05/20/tinkers-creek-stream-cleanup>
Meet: Walton Hills Lake Club, 7157 Rotary Dr, Walton Hills 44146.
Contact: Jacki Zevenbergen, Stormwater Educator at 216-524-6580 x1006 or jzevenbergen@cuyahogawcd.org
Sponsored by Village of Walton Hills and Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District

7. KENT ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL & KENT PARKS AND RECREATION'S 27TH ANNUAL RIVER DAY FESTIVAL

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Join us at Haymaker Farmer's Market, Portage County's oldest producer's only farmers market. Explore family friendly activities, children's art, environmental & historical displays, drip irrigation bucket information, aquatic animals, recreation information and stewardship opportunities. Live music and free tree seedlings & milkweed seeds. US Coast Guard Auxiliary safe boating "hands on" demonstrations and KEC bike safety awareness. Learn about the watershed, restoration and ways to explore Kent's hike, bike, historical and water trails.
Meet: Haymaker Farmers Market by the municipal parking lot at the corner of Franklin Ave. and College St. in Kent.
Contact: 330-673-8897 www.kentparksandrec.com or www.kentenvironment.org.
Groups participating: Kent Parks, KEC, Portage County Soil and Water, KSU Crooked River Adventures, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, City of Kent: Service, Health and Water Reclamation Departments
Sponsored by Kent Parks and Recreation & Kent Environmental Council

8. SCENIC UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER DAY CLEANUP AND BEAUTIFICATION / MANTUA

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Together we will make a difference. Join us for some fun as we clean, beautify & celebrate our wonderful Crooked River, Headwaters Trail & the surrounding area with this annual event. Latex gloves & garbage bags provided for all. Some shovels, rakes and picks will be provided for ground crew. Those with kayaks or canoes can join in our mission to clean this 8.5 mile section of scenic river. Kayak Rentals available on a limited basis.
MEET: Buchert Memorial Park, Village of Mantua, OH 44255 at 9am for check-in. Clean-up 10a-12p. Celebration following - Music, Food & Beverages provided for registered volunteers with a wristband.
REGISTER: online at <http://www.breakawayexcursions.com/river-day> or call Pam Holliday at (440) 773-2465 or Pam@breakawayexcursions.com
Hosted by: Breakaway Excursions, Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp. & Mantaline Corp. In cooperation with: Portage Parks Foundation, The Village of Mantua, LL Bean, Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel, Jake's, Mantua Station Drug Co., Chilling Station, Frost Glass & Stamm Contracting.

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9. TRY SOMETHING NEW WITH CAMP HI CANOE AND KAYAK / HIRAM

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Meet: 12274 Abbott R. Hiram 44234

Contact: Kendra Hazlett-Becker, 330-569-7621 or kendrab@camphicanoe.com

Sponsored by Camp Hi

10. ELECTROFISHING DEMONSTRATION AT PLUM CREEK PARK / KENT

10:00 AM – Noon

Who says water and electricity don't mix? Observe an electrofishing (efishing) demonstration in the portion of Plum Creek flowing through Plum Creek Park. The creek's fish population has recovered successfully since the major restoration project that took place in 2010.

This demonstration will let you see how fish are captured with efishing equipment by experienced aquatic life biologists who have fished this stream before and are familiar with many of our local water bodies.

Captured fish will be grouped, identified, photographed, recorded, and released. There will be opportunities for you to get up close and personal with local fish species in a safe and secure setting in the park so be sure to bring the kids, our budding biologists of tomorrow!

Please understand that any successful efishing operation is inherently dependent on “normal” water conditions, meaning regular flow and turbidity (cloudiness of water). If the creek is flowing fast and/or looks like coffee and cream, the efishing demonstration cannot occur per standard efishing methodology.

Plenty of parking is available near the staging area.

Meet: Staging area due east of main playground area, Plum Creek Park, 590 Plum Street, Kent, Ohio

Davey Contact: Shawn Bruzda, shawn.bruzda@davey.com P: 330.673.5685 ext. 8026 | C: 330.671.3385

Sponsored by Davey Resource Group

11. EUCLID CREEK CLEANUP AT WILDWOOD PARK / CLEVELAND

10:00 AM – Noon: Help with tree maintenance and cleanup activities at the recently restored wetland along Euclid Creek. Please bring gloves, sturdy boots and dress for the weather. Light refreshments at event.

Meet: Cleveland Metroparks Euclid Creek Reservation – Wildwood Park Pavilion, E. 174th St and Lakeshore Blvd, Cleveland, 44101. Registration required by May 18 at www.EuclidCreekWatershed.org, or 216-524-6580 x16. Waivers must be completed for those volunteering under the age of 18.

Sponsored by City of Cleveland, Cleveland Metroparks, Cuyahoga SWCD, Friends of Euclid Creek, and NEORS.

12. BIG CREEK WETLAND TOUR / PARMA

10:00 AM - Noon: Join us for a tour of the new Fern Hill Stormwater Treatment Wetland then join us on an extended tour upstream or make watershed themed crafts, fun for all ages. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Meet: Cleveland Metroparks Lower Fern Hill Picnic Area, along Big Creek Parkway - just south of Brookpark Road.

Contact: Bob Gardin at bgardin@bigcreekconnects.org or 216-269-6472 . Visit www.bigcreekconnects.org

Sponsored by Big Creek Connects

13. CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK RIVER DAY SERVICE DAY

10:00 AM-1:00 PM: Individuals and groups are invited to lend a hand in restoring habitat along the Cuyahoga. Minimum ages vary by project. Advance registration is required.

Contact: For details and sign up, call the volunteer office at 330-657-2299 or visit nps.gov/cuva and follow Get Involved > Volunteer > Volunteer Opportunities.

14. TOUR OF THE POND BROOK CONSERVATION AREA AT LIBERTY METRO PARK / TWINSBURG

10:00 AM–11:30 AM Enjoy a guided tour of the Pond Brook restoration project in Liberty Metro Park. Over the past eight years, over 8,000 feet of Pond Brook and 80 acres of wetlands have been restored at this site. The hike will take you on a journey through wet woods and riparian corridors, accessing portions of the Pond Brook Conservation Area that is not generally open to the public. Tour will be guided by aquatic biologists and restoration ecologists that have been a part of the restoration project since the early planning stages.

Terrain is mostly flat with some small hills. Total length of the hike is approximately 3 miles.

Meet: Pond Brook Conservation Area Trailhead Parking Lot at Liberty Park on E. Aurora Road, Twinsburg

Contact: Babette Gowda, babette@tinkerscreekwatershed.org or 216-789-6479

Sponsored by Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, Summit Metro Parks, and Davey Resource Group

15. CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS GREAT AMERICAN RIVERDAY CLEANUP & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT / CUYAHOGA FALLS

10 AM - 2 PM: Volunteers of all ages will be cleaning up litter, pulling garlic mustard plants, and planting flowers at designated community park locations. Planting tools, litter cleanup supplies and lunch will be provided for project volunteers.

Meet: Little Stone Shelter in Water Works Park, 2025 Munroe Falls Avenue

To volunteer, please register via email at mcclaryrm@cityofcf.com by Wednesday, May 18th.

Sponsored by the City of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio EPA, Cuyahoga River Restoration, State Road Donato's Pizza, and the Summit Soil & Water Conservation District.

16. RIVERDAY AT FAIRLAWN NATURE CENTER / FAIRLAWN

10:00 AM-2:00 PM: Stop out at Fort Island Park sometime between 10am and 2pm to participate in River Day events (in conjunction with other similar events throughout Northeast Ohio sponsored by Cuyahoga River Restoration). Go on a led hike to learn about the ecology and glacial history of our park (morning and afternoon hikes), learn some tree and wildflower identification, participate in a bird-watching workshop at 11am, and learn about our own stream, Schocolog Run, with a macroinvertebrate program at 12pm.

Meet: Fort Island Park, 413 Trunko Rd, Fairlawn, OH 44333

Contact: Troy Dunn, 330-668-9518 or dunnt@ci.fairlawn.oh.us

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17. ART ON THE RIVER / CLEVELAND FLATS EAST BANK

11 AM: Press Event - Join us as we unveil new River Mile signs designed by local artists, to be installed along the Cuyahoga River Ship Channel this summer. Meet the artists, and learn about safe paddling and boating from the Coast Guard and members of the Cuyahoga River Safety Task Force. Flats East Bank Riverfront Promenade (near Alley Cat) Contact: Jane Goodman, 216.241.2414 x 610

Sponsored by Cuyahoga River Restoration, with support from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture and ArcelorMittal, and thanks to Flats East Bank.

18. LOCKKEEPER'S LUNCH ON THE RIVER

11:00AM: Have lunch with a National Park Service Ranger! This 45-minute program will tell the history of the Cuyahoga River and share future plans, with stories along the way. Enjoy fresh, flavorful Italian cuisine and views of the Cuyahoga River on LockKeepers award-winning patio. Reservations required, space is limited.

Meet: LockKeepers, 8001 Rockside Rd, Cleveland, OH 44125
Three-course lunch by Chef Alberto begins promptly at 11:30am
Contact: Brian Woehrman at (216) 524-9404

For more info on this event please visit LockKeeper's Facebook page
Sponsored by LockKeepers

19. MANTUA BOG STATE NATURE PRESERVE GUIDED TOUR / MANTUA

11:00 AM: Enjoy a guided tour in the National Natural Landmark preserve, that is normally open by permit only.

Meet: Headwaters Trail, Peck Rd. and E. High St., Mantua
Contact: Adam Wohlever 330-527-5118 naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov.
Sponsored by ODNR, Division of Natural Areas

20. BIRDING LAKE ERIE / CLEVELAND, WENDY PARK

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Join naturalist and photographer Chuck Slusarczyk Jr. at Wendy Park for a birding expedition at this amazing little migrant trap on the shores of Lake Erie.

Meet: at the woodlot parking lot.

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Contact: Kendra Hazlett-Becker, 330-569-7621
kendrab@camphicanoe.com

22. CASCADE LOCKS GUIDED WALK

1:00 PM: Join us for a scenic guided walk. We will be starting at the restored Mustill Store and butcher shop Museum for a fun-filled day of adventure suited for all ages.

Meet: The Mustill Store Museum, 57 West North St. Akron Ohio 44304
Contact: Beth Leipold (330)374-5625
Sponsored by Cascade Locks Park Association

23. CANAL BASIN PARK TOUR /CLEVELAND

1:00 PM-2:30 PM: Take a hike through Cleveland's history on a free guided walking tour. Learn about the settlement and growth of the city as fueled by the building of the Ohio Canal. Discover the ongoing activities that celebrate this history and enjoy scenic views of Cleveland's bridges and the Cuyahoga River.

Meet: The Flat Iron Cafe, 1114 Center St., Cleveland, OH 44113.
Contact: Joe Duffy or jduffy@historicgateway.org or www.cleveland-gatewaydistrict.com.

Sponsored by the Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation and Canalway Partners

24. TUMMONDS STATE NATURE PRESERVE GUIDED TOUR / MANTUA

1:30 PM: Visit Ohio's first scenic river preserve, designated in 1986, normally open by permit only.

Meet: Tummonds SNP, Glacial Esker Trail, 4466 Mats Rd, Mantua
Contact: Adam Wohlever, 330-527-5118 naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov.
Sponsored by ODNR, Division of Natural Areas.

25. CUYAHOGA FAMILY CANOE AT ELDON RUSSELL PARK / TROY TWP

1:30 - 3:00 PM: An easy-paced, short-distance float on the wildlife-rich Upper Cuyahoga River for families. Ages 5+ with adult.

Canoes provided.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED by telephone: 440-279-0880; registration period is May 13-19. Registration priority given to adults bringing children.

See www.geaugaparkdistrict.org for other upcoming canoeing and kayaking outings.

Sponsored by Geauga Park District

26. LORENZO CARTER CABIN OPEN HOUSE / CLEVELAND

2:00PM-4:00 PM: After your "Take a Hike" tour, enjoy a unique opportunity to meet with a historical interpreter in the Lorenzo Carter Cabin, a replica of a pioneer log cabin.

Meet: The Cabin is at the corner of Center Street and Merwin Ave.
Contact: Karen Lakus at 216-206-1000.

Sponsored by the Cleveland Metroparks.

27. RIVER DAY STREAM AND MODEL HIKE / PARMA

2:00 PM-4:00 PM Celebrate the 26th Annual RiverDay by taking a tip or two from a stream. We'll look at some sedimentary action on our stream table, indoors. Then we'll take a hike along West Creek to experience some of the lessons we learned in action. Terrain: varied, 1 mile

Meet: Watershed Stewardship Center at West Creek Reservation 2277 W Ridgewood Drive, Parma, OH 44134

Contact: 440-887-1968 or wsc@clevelandmetroparks.com
Sponsored by Cleveland Metroparks @ Watershed Stewardship Center

28. A RIVERDAY WALK THROUGH TIME / CUYAHOGA FALLS

2:00 PM-3:00 PM Enjoy an easy hike in the Upper Gorge. We will meet at the restored site of a 19th Century park that was once Northeast Ohio's most-visited attraction, and see the results of dam removal elsewhere on the Cuyahoga River.

Meet: High Bridge Glens Park: 1817 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls.
Contact: 330-328-3909 or emarsh@summitmetroparks.org

Sponsored by Summit Metro Parks

29. PENINSULA: RIVERDAY'S KICKOFF NIGHT BIKE RIDE

8:00 PM—Finish River Day and improve your night vision, join Century Cycles with a night bike ride on the Towpath Trail along the River. All skill levels are welcome for this 14-mile, 2-hour tour. Bring your bike and helmet and headlight. Weather dependent.

Meet: Century Cycles, 1621 Main St, Peninsula; Parking at the Lock 29 Trailhead, 1650 Mill St. West, Peninsula 44264

Contact: 330-657-2209 or info@centurycycles.com or www.centurycycles.com/for/NightRides.

Sponsored by Century Cycles