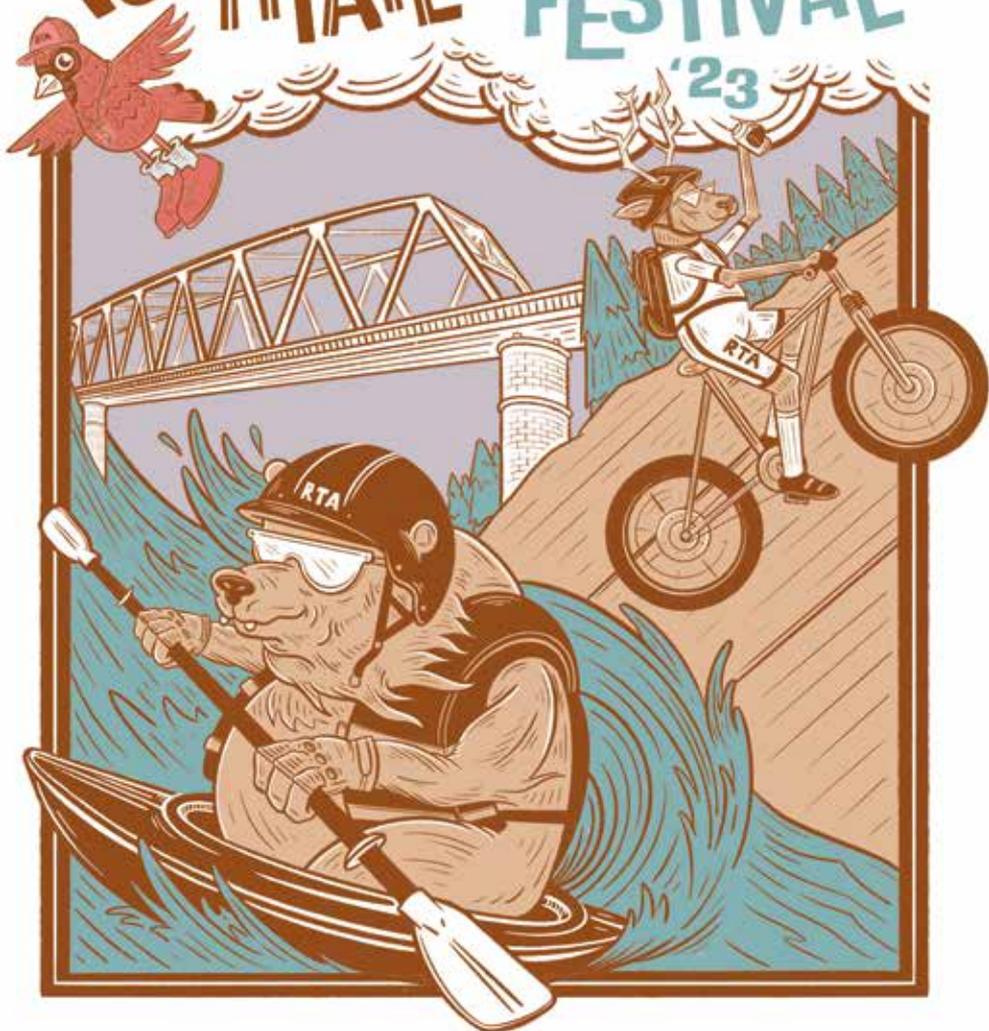


# RIVERS & ALES TRAILS FESTIVAL '23



**AUGUST 10—13TH • MARIETTA, OHIO**

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# WELCOME FROM ADVISORY TEAM

Welcome to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Rivers, Trails, and Ales Festival! The festival theme for 2023 is "trying new things", so we hope you take as many chances over the weekend to do just that! You will have new event opportunities this year to hike, bike, and/or kayak the many trails offered in our beautiful, historic town of Marietta, Ohio (and the surrounding area).

The RTA festival has been growing over the past couple of years in participation and collaboration, and we believe this is going to be one of the best yet!

To showcase just how many amazing things are happening this year, we have:

- Over 65+ FREE events
- 10 full time team members that work basically year-round to make this event happen
- 30+ additional volunteers that work on sub-committees, as well as take shifts the weekend of the festival
- A predicted 2,500+ attendees
- 11 Beer Fest Breweries
- 35 sponsors

This festival is truly a celebration of Marietta's easily-accessible outdoor activities and charming downtown commercial district. The RTA festival is our team's way of investing in Marietta's vibrant local economy and quality of life. Whether you are a returning attendee or a new friend of RTA – we are glad you are here with us this year!



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Festival Director



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**A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA) IS AN EXCEPTION TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE'S OPEN CONTAINER LAW**

And, in downtown Marietta, locals and tourists can **enjoy a stroll and a drink on Wednesday– Saturday evenings from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.** Beer, wine, & cocktails can be consumed inside DORA boundaries by **purchasing drinks from participating DORA establishments.**

Consumers should expect to pay a \$1 DORA fee and all DORA drinks must be consumed from approved DORA cups, distributed by participating DORA establishments.

See **ALES** Section for Restaurant Information

### ADDITIONAL DORA ESTABLISHMENTS

- Austyn's Restaurant & Lounge
- Donatos
- Levee House Bistro
- LOOM Lodge 1823 Marietta
- Over The Moon Pizza

# EVENT SCHEDULE



## THURSDAY 8/10:

- **6-7PM:** **RTA Jam Session** @ Gunlock Park located behind Lowe's off SR7 (842 Pike Street) See "Trails" for more info.
- **7:30-9PM:** **Kick-off Party** @ 740 Social (181 Front St.)

## FRIDAY 8/11:

### ANYTIME FRIDAY:

- ● **Historic Bicycle Scavenger Hunt** (see "Trails" for more info)  
\*Turn in scorecards to win prizes
- ● **Mighty Musky River Riddler** (Anytime after 10am)  
See "Rivers" for more info.

**8AM:** **Yoga** with Natalie Ball @ Headquarters (HQ)

- Please bring your own mat and beach towel (for morning dew)

**9AM:** **Festival HQ Opens** located @ East Muskingum Park (310 Front St.) Stop by 9-10:00am to register for the free group rides and pick up information for the day's events.

- ● **9AM:** **Gnome Adventure Hike** @ Ohio River Islands Wildlife Refuge (3982 Waverly Rd, Williamstown, WV).  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.

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## FRIDAY 8/11:

- **10AM:** **GROUP RIDES** Depart from Festival HQ  
**Mountain Bike:**
  - Kick-off ride for intermediate to advanced (13-30 miles) skills.  
**New riders should consider the Saturday 9am Skills Clinic.****Road Bike:**
  - **16mi** Caywood Loop: 1200 feet of climbing. Tough start, but moderates after Stanleyville. B
  - **26mi** Stanleyville/Pleasant Ridge Loop: 1929 feet of climbing. If the climbing has been difficult for you, you can switch to the 16 mile route at Stanleyville. Both Friday rides are the same to Stanleyville at about 6 miles.  
*\*Both Friday Road Bike Rides rides are the same to Stanleyville at about 6 miles.***Around Town:**
  - Historic **5+ mile** tour on city streets with many stops
- **11AM-CLOSE:** **Saucy Brew Works Tap Takeover** at the Harmar Tavern
- **12PM:** **Veto Lake Lunch Paddle** See "Rivers" for more info.
- ● **12PM:** **Tots and Trikes Mini Trail Ride** See "Kid's Guide" for more info.
- **12PM-CLOSE:** **Barbells and Mommas Prenatal and Postpartum Care Tent**  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.
- ● **2PM:** **Family Fun Ride** departs from RTA Festival HQ  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.
- **5-9PM:** **Beer Pairing Prix Fixe Menu** @ House of Wines  
See "Ales & Music" for more info.
- ● **5PM:** **Kids Group Trail Run** @ Mill Creek trail head (off of Colegate Drive). See "Kid's Guide" for more info.
- ● **5:30PM:** **Gnome Adventure Hike** @ Ohio River Islands Wildlife Refuge (3982 Waverly Rd, Williamstown, WV)  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.
- **6-7:40PM:** **Live on Putnam:** Jake Binegar  
See "Ales & Music" for more info.
- **8PM:** **Mountain Bike (MTB)-Night Ride:** Meet-up at the gravel lot at 100 Mill Creek Rd in Marietta. See "Trails" for more info.
- **8-11PM:** **Adam Parker & The Bourbon Cowboys @ Town House**  
See "Ales & Music" for more info.
- **9PM:** **Paul Thorn** @ The Adelphia Music Hall. Doors open at 7.

# EVENT SCHEDULE



## SATURDAY 8/12:

### ANYTIME SATURDAY:

**Historic Bicycle Scavenger Hunt** (see "Trails" for more info)

\*Turn in scorecards to win prizes

**Mighty Musky River Riddler**

See "Rivers" for more info.

**8AM: Yoga** with Lauren Kager @ Festival HQ

- Please bring your own mat and beach towel (for morning dew)

**8:30AM: Hiking @ Broughton's**

Explore Broughton's Nature & Wildlife Education Area with a hike leader on a 3 to 4.5 mile hike. See "Trails" for more info.

**9AM: Festival HQ Opens** @ East Muskingum Park (310 Front St) Stop by 9-10:00am to register for the free group rides and pick up information for the day's events.

**9AM-12PM: Youth & Adult MTB Skills Clinic:** See "Trails" for more info.

**9AM-1PM: roll: Bicycle Company Presents: Design Your Ride! Bike Demo**  
See "Trails" for more info.

**9AM-7PM: Barbells and Mommas Prenatal and Postpartum Care Tent**  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.

**9AM: Tai Chi** @ HQ presented by Memorial Health System  
See "More Activities" for more info.

**9AM: Historic Lock-thru Paddle:** See "Rivers" for more info.

**9:30AM-7PM: Marietta HS Rowing Challenge**  
See "More Activities" for more info.

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## SATURDAY 8/12:

**10AM: GROUP RIDES** Depart from Festival HQ

### Mountain Bike:

- Beginner (~6mi), Intermediate (~13mi), or Advanced (~18mi) (with plenty of bailout options) + GRAVEL

**New Riders should consider the 9am Skills Clinic**

### Road Bike:

- **15mi** River Road to Rainbow Out n Back: 616 feet of climbing. Pleasant, easy ride.
- **24mi** Huck Road/River Road West Side Loop: 1217 feet of climbing. Huck road is the main set of hills on this route. Other than that it is rolling.
- **34mi** 676 Churchtown/Lowell Hill/River Road Loop: 1865 feet of climbing. For a less strenuous start, Pearl street is a possible route change. Talk to ride leader before doing this.

### Around Town:

- Historic **5+ mile** tour on city streets with many stops

**12-3PM: Kids Bike Rodeo and Strider Adventure Zone @ HQ**  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.

**12-3PM: Tortoise and the Hare Training Camp**  
See "Trails" or "Kids Guide" for more info.

**1-2PM: Specialized Bikes Presents: Intro to Bikepacking**  
See "Trails" for more info.

**2PM: Family Fun Ride** departs from Festival HQ  
See "Trails" or "Kids Guide" for more info.

**2-6PM: FREE Foam Party** @ HQ by the Foam Garage!  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.

**3-4PM: RTA Beer Fest VIP Hour** @ the Festival HQ

**3-7PM: RTA Adventure Expo** @ the Festival HQ  
See "More Activities" for additional info.

**4-7PM: RTA Beer Fest General Admissions** @ the Festival HQ  
See "Ales & Music" for more info.

**5-9PM: Beer Pairing Prix Fixe Menu** @ House of Wines.  
See "Ales & Music" for more info.

# EVENT SCHEDULE



## SATURDAY 8/12:

- **7:30PM:** **The Tortoise & Hare World Championship!** @ Festival HQ  
See "Trails" for more info.
- 8PM:** (After The Tortoise & Hare): **Prize Drawings** @ Festival HQ.  
See "Raffle Drawing" for some of the sweet prizes available.

## SUNDAY 8/13:

- ● **7AM-11AM:** **Mighty Musky River Riddler**  
See "Rivers" for more info.
- **8:30AM:** **Hiking @ Broughton's:** See "Trails" for more info.
- **8:30AM:** **Buckley Island Exploration Paddle + Hike**  
See "Rivers" for more info.
- 9AM:** **Festival HQ Opens** @ East Muskingum Park (310 Front St) Stop by 9-10:00am to register for the free group rides and pick up information for the day's events.
- 9AM:** **Tai Chi** @ HQ presented by Memorial Health System.  
See "More Activities" for more info.

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- **10AM:** **GROUP RIDES** Depart from Festival HQ  
**Mountain Bike:**
  - Recovery ride (1-25 miles - ride until you are "recovered")**Road Bike:**
  - 45mi SR821 to Germantown to Dalzell to Stanleyville and back on SR26: 2800 feet of climbing. A beautiful tour of the Wayne National Forest.
- **10AM:** **Appalachian Understories Presents: Beginners Botany by Bike** See "Trails" for more info.
- **10AM:** **Marietta City Group Trail Run:** 3-5 miles and departs from Festival HQ. See "Trails" for more info.
- **1PM:** **MOV'n Dragons' Dragon Boat Exhibition**  
See "Rivers" for more info.
- ● **1:30PM:** **Gnome Adventure Hike** @ Kroger Wetlands (80 Acme St)  
See "Kid's Guide" for more info.

## FESTIVAL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

**The Marietta Trail Maintenance Fund** is a fund of the Marietta Community Foundation dedicated solely to maintenance and future development of the Marietta City Trail Network. Donations may be made through the Marietta Community Foundation.

**Friends of Lower Muskingum (Lower Muskingum Conservancy)** is a land trust committed to conserving and protecting natural areas in the lower Muskingum River Watershed for all to enjoy. They acquire land with conservation value which contains headwaters and water filtering plants and trees to protect water quality.

**Marietta Main Street** is a local nonprofit charitable organization focused on community & economic development on a foundation of historic preservation in the heart of our beautiful river town in southeast Ohio. With a staff of two employees, the invaluable contributions and leadership of a strong Board of Directors, the volunteer efforts of many, and the support of our community, together we revitalize historic downtown Marietta.

The city of Marietta is a historic river town which lies at the confluence of the Ohio and the Muskingum Rivers. Paddlers and rowers bring your kayaks & other hand-powered vessels, or contact Marietta Adventure Company for kayak rentals.

## MIGHTY MUSKY RIVER RIDDLER

**Friday 10am–Sunday 11am**

Want something to do with the kids or an extra challenge at the end of the Historic Lock Paddle? Do you think you have brains and braun? Give the River Riddler a try. Solve all 6 riddles to reach your destination!

- Stop by HQ to register!
- \$5 or free with the RTA Town Pass.
- Don't forget to snap a selfie when you reach your destination... A prize awaits when you return to HQ!

## VETO LAKE LUNCH PADDLE

**Friday—Meet-up @ 12pm at Veto Lake Boat Ramp.**

A leisure paddle on one of our areas calmest waters. Enjoy paddling with the group or on your own. You're sure to encounter some of natures finest on this paddle as we paddle into tributaries, among the Giant Lilly Pads and beneath the wings of Cranes, Hawks, Osprey and (if we are lucky) Eagles.

**Paddlers meet at the Veto Lake wilderness area boat ramp** (can be found on Google Maps with this name).



## HISTORIC LOCK-THRU PADDLE

**Saturday 8:30 am arrival, 9am departure**

**ATTENTION: NEW LAUNCH LOCATION**

The Muskingum may be mighty, but her water is not particularly quick. Be ready for a steady paddle throughout the trip. Beer Fest awaits at the end of your journey! Paddle one of Ohio's largest rivers and experience the thrill of locking thru the only hand operated lock system left in the world.

- Bring plenty of water, snacks, and sunscreen.
- This paddle is unsupported.
- No transportation is provided.

Volunteers will be out paddling on the river, but this paddle is at your own pace. You may paddle in groups or on your own.

This event is a great chance to see the historic Muskingum Lock and Dam System which is the only remaining hand-operated lock system in our country! The Muskingum River Parkway and its 160-year-old navigation system were designated a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

**NEW Starting Location:** Boat ramp and shelter house on a property with a large mowed field on Muskingum River Road approximately 18 minutes from Festival Headquarters and halfway between the Lowell and Devol's Dam Locks (5010 Muskingum River Rd. Lowell, OH 45744)

**Thirsty?** Check out the new dock at the House of Wines where refreshments will be available for purchase! Located river left, about a mile past Devol's Dam!

**Bathrooms** located at Devol's Dam (mile 5) and Indian Acres Boat ramp (mile 9).

## RIVERS

**BUCKLEY ISLAND EXPLORATION PADDLE + HIKE****Sunday 8:30am arrival, 9am Departure**

Paddling, Hiking, and Island living right here in the MOV! Join us for our first ever joint Rivers and Trails event as we explore Buckley Island! What was once a crossing on the Underground Railroad, a farm and even an amusement park is now home to one of the newest events of the RTA Fest.

Learn about the history and wildlife of the Island while exploring one of the most mysterious sites in the the Mid-Ohio Valley and becoming a part of it's rich history.

**MOV'N DRAGONS' DRAGON BOAT EXHIBITION****Sunday, 1pm @ Broughton Boathouse (814 Gilman Avenue, Marietta)**

The MOV'n Dragons of the Mid-Ohio Valley, Marietta's dragon boat team, will be offering an opportunity for the public to view the dragon boat during the RTA Festival. Enjoy an exhibition of one of the world's oldest sports at the Broughton Boathouse, 814 Gilman Avenue, Marietta. Witness the MOV'n Dragons as they display their boat and demonstrate the ancient art of Dragon Boating. Those interested in learning about Dragon boating can watch from the shoreline or from their own canoe or kayak.

A dragon boat is 40 feet long and can hold 20 paddlers sitting in pairs. A drummer sits in front, and a steersperson is in the back keeping the boat on course.

Dragon Boating originated in China more than 2000 years ago and today is a popular sport worldwide. The MOV'n Dragons have been boating on the Muskingum River for the past 16 years and honor the memory of their founder, Gretchen Feldmaier. We welcome all women over the age of 18 to join us in "Awakening the Dragon within us".



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### FRIENDS OF THE OHIO RIVER ISLANDS

The Friends of the Ohio River Islands is a volunteer organization that promotes conservation activities, education and outreach to the larger community in support of the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge. Currently we are focusing our energy on conservation and restoration work on Buckley Island (Marietta OH/Williamstown WV) and Middle Island (St. Marys WV/Newport OH), and educational programs at the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge at the Visitor's Center in Williamstown, WV. *For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/friendsoftheohioriverislands/>*

### OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge protects, conserves and restores 22 Ohio River islands and the surrounding underwater habitat for native wildlife, with an emphasis on freshwater mussels and migratory birds. All the islands are open to the public for day use and most islands are only accessible by boat, which helps to preserve their increasingly wild character. A visitor center near Williamstown, WV includes aquariums, a pollinator meadow, and forest trails. *For more information, visit <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/ohio-river-islands>*

### BROUGHTON NATURE AND WILDLIFE EDUCATION AREA

The Broughton Foundation is a private, not-for-profit, organization established in 1991 by Carl and Elizabeth Broughton. The primary focuses of the Foundation are to manage the Broughton Nature and Wildlife Education Area, Rudolph Family Park and the Elizabeth S. Broughton Community Building. The Broughton Nature and Wildlife Education Area, features 540 acres of forested lands with 14-miles of hiking and mountain biking trails, a paved 1.5-mile Devola Multi-Use Trail, two 18-hole disc golf courses, two fishing ponds, streams and waterfalls, and several areas of undisturbed natural habitat for wildlife education, environmental study, and other public uses. In 2022, the Rudolph family donated approximately 160-acres of adjoining property to the Foundation. Identified separately as Rudolph Family Park, this generous gift added more than 7-miles of woodland trails to the network and serves as a vital link to connect the Broughton complex with the Marietta Trail System. The resulting 700-acre complex of trails and natural areas is reserved for all non-motorized use by the public. *For more information, visit <https://thebroughtonfoundation.org/>*



Bring your bicycles to town! FREE organized road and mountain bike rides will be happening during the daytime on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Other bike-friendly events this year will include Family Fun rides, The Tortoise & Hare Race, and a town Scavenger Hunt (by bike!)

For the longer road and trail rides, stop in to get directions & maps to head out on your own, or join the group rides Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. You set your own pace. Group rides have ride leaders, but are unsupported. Don't forget all necessary gear, helmet, snacks, and water!

**Mountain bike rentals are available from Marietta Adventure Company.**

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

All group rides will take place on the Marietta City Trail System, 30+ miles of quality single-track trails ready for action! The trail system is accessible from downtown, making it easy to head back for a burger and brew after your ride!

Also nearby, the Wayne National Forest boasts 40 miles of slightly more technical riding and Mountwood Park has an incredible trail system as well. If you head that direction (on your own), come back to town for evening fun!

## ROAD BIKING

Washington County boasts some of the most scenic road riding in the state! Cruise out for the morning or afternoon and enjoy scenic farms, hilly wooded landscapes, and nicely paved roads.

All group rides leave from East Muskingum Park. Check the schedule for route options. If you prefer to head out on your own, stop by to pick up a free map and route directions.

## RTA JAM SESSION

**Thursday 6–7pm @ Gunlock Park**

Start the weekend off right at Gunlock Park hitting the pump track, dirt jumps, and beginner trails. Then head over to the RTA Festival kick-off party at the Marietta Brewing Company. The park is spectator friendly so feel free to just come and hang out. Gunlock Park is located directly behind Lowe's in Marietta on SR 7 (842 Pike St). Don't forget your helmet!

## BIKE SCAVENGER HUNT

**Friday & Saturday: Register @ RTA Headquarters and head out on your own, anytime! \$5, or free w/RTA Town Pass.**

Stop by HQ to register for the Historic Bike Scavenger Hunt. Complete it anytime! Pedal your way around historic Marietta and Harmar Village. Provided by Hidden Marietta Tour Co., follow the info to track down historic trivia throughout Marietta. Return your answer sheet by Saturday at 6pm to be entered for prizes!

- The bike hunt can be completed in an hour or two by bicycle.
- \$5 to enter or free with RTA Town Pass. Prize winners announced at HQ during the Saturday evening prize ceremony following the Tortoise & Hare Competition!

## RTA FEST MOUNTAIN BIKE NIGHT RIDE

**Friday @ 8pm**

This ride will take place on the Marietta City Trail System, accessible from downtown, making it easy to head back to town after your ride. This is a night ride, meaning BRING LIGHTS! Helmets also required for all rides. Meet up at the gravel lot at 100 Mill Creek Rd in Marietta.



**GROUP RIDES** are free to participate in. All rides are unsupported. Bring your own water, gear, flat repair kit, etc.



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### ROLL: BICYCLE COMPANY PRESENTS—DESIGN YOUR RIDE! BIKE DEMO

Saturday, 9am–1pm @ RTA Headquarters

Come hit the bike path on a custom roll: Adventure or City Bike! Roll: Bicycle Company, based in Columbus Ohio, is one of Marietta Adventure Company's latest additions.

### YOUTH & ADULT MTB SKILLS CLINIC

Saturday, 9am–12pm @ RTA Headquarters

Local National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) team, River Cities Singletrack Serpents, coaches will conduct a skills clinic based on the NICA "On The Bike 101" training program. Event will also include helmet adjustment guidelines, bike safety check, and a short ride on the Marietta River Trail.  
AGES 10 - 110!

### TORTOISE AND THE HARE TRAINING CAMP

Saturday, 12pm–3pm @ RTA Headquarters

New for 2023... If you've ever wanted to test your skills as an agile hare or slow and steady tortoise, now is your chance!

Kids and adults alike can try their hand at the Tortoise and Hare World Championship course before watching the event unfold live on Saturday night!

### THE TORTOISE & HARE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday (+/- 7:30pm) @ RTA Headquarters

Two-person teams on bicycles face off! One team member travels as fast as possible while the other travels as slow as possible. The "turtle" on each team is restricted to a small area and once started, cannot put their feet on the ground. The "hare" will simultaneously race around a short circle track with obstacles, all on a children's bike!

Stop by the Festival Headquarters to sign up. Space is limited! Trophy goes to the World Champions.

# TRAILS—BIKING

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**APPALACHIAN UNDERSTORIES PRESENTS:  
BEGINNERS BOTANY BY BIKE**  
Sunday, 10am @ RTA Headquarters

Join Appalachian Understories for a casual guided bike tour down the Marietta River Trail. Participants will ride with a naturalist who will share stories of the flora and fauna that we see along our ride. We will be making frequent stops to take a closer look at some of the plants that we see along the way to learn more about them. This bike tour is perfect for any level of cyclist. The ride will begin and end at RTA HQ (East Muskingum Park, 310 Front St) we will ride up to 8 miles.

**Adaptive bikes are available for participants with limited mobility; please reach out to Madison by August 9th to request an adaptive bike:**  
Madison@ruralaction.org, 330-546-3059

Helmets are required for all participants. Minor children are permitted on this tour but must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

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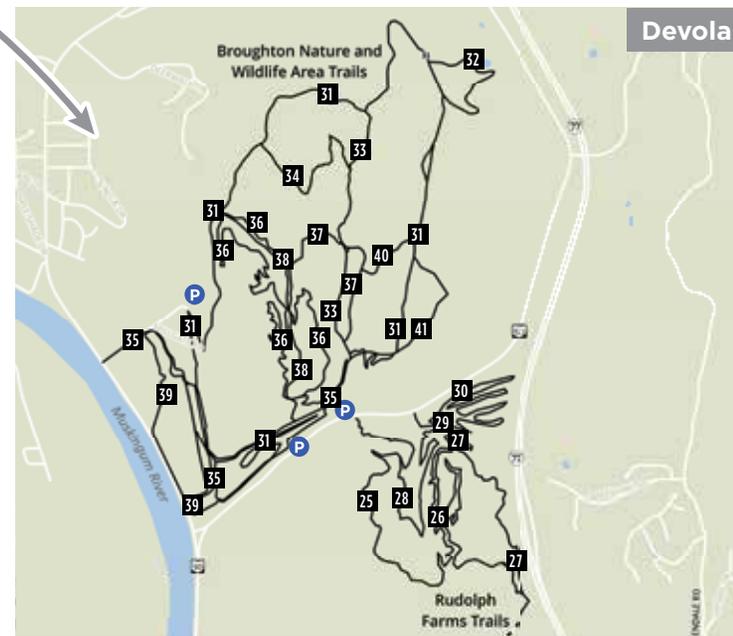


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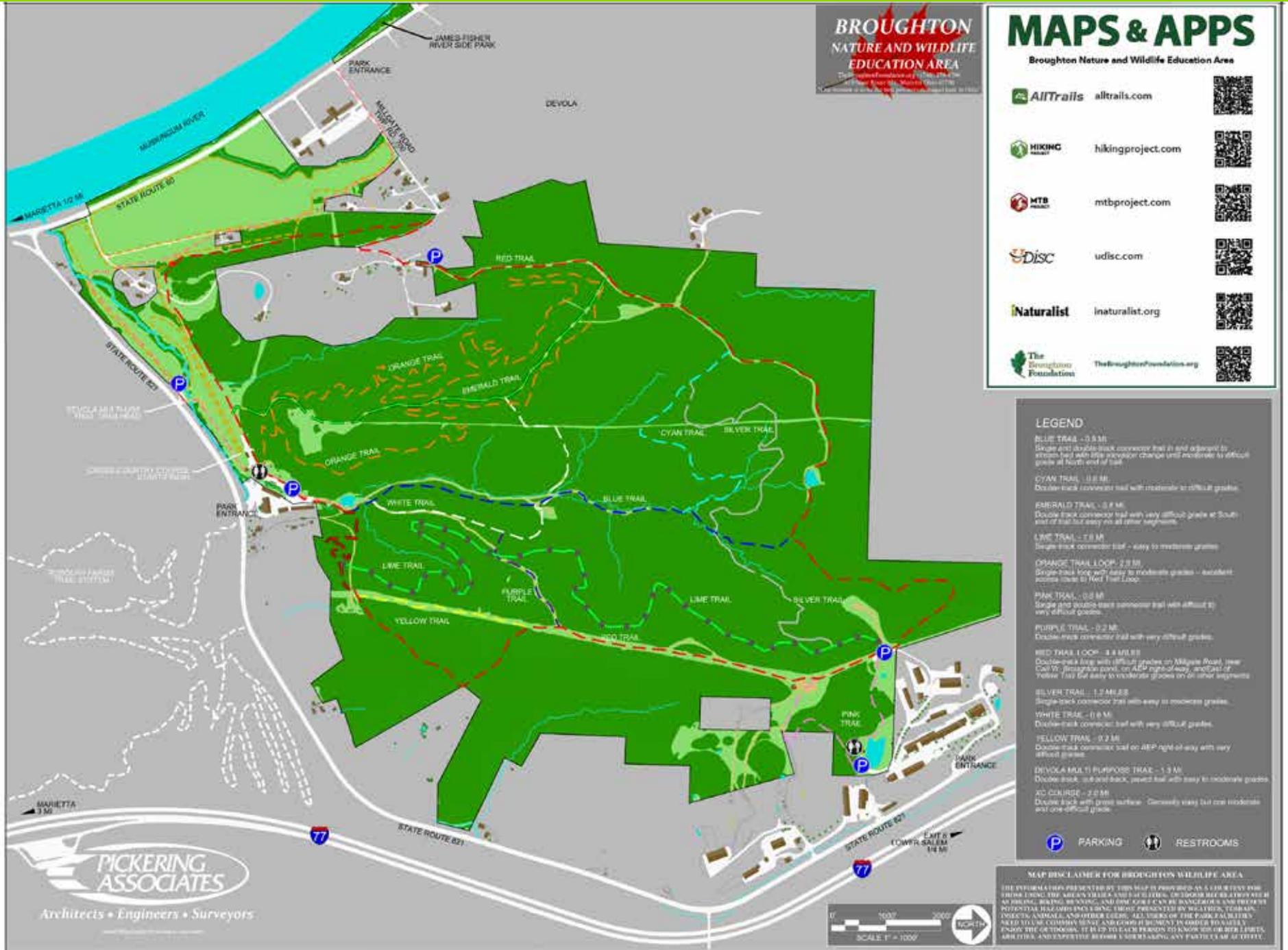
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- Hospital
- Trail
- Road Connector



## TRAIL NAMES

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Marietta River Trail | 11 Upper Frontier Trail     | 25 Pioneer Trail      | 35 Devola Multi-Use Trail |
| 2 Old Walnut Trail     | 12 Boresma Trail            | 26 Rudolph Farm Trail | 36 Orange Trail           |
| 3 Plum Trail           | 13 Cisler Trail             | 27 Mill Creek Trail   | 37 White Trail            |
| 4 Ray Lang Trail       | 14 Licensed to Ill          | 28 Dark Hollow Trail  | 38 Green Trail            |
| 5 Moon Trail           | 15 Prospect Hill Loop Trail | 29 Lost Valley Trail  | 39 Cross Country Trail    |
| 6 Glendale Trail       | 16 Tiger Trail              | 30 Second Creek Trail | 40 Purple Trail           |
| 7 Lookout Loop Trail   | 17 North Hills Trail        | 31 Red Trail          | 41 Yellow Trail           |
| 8 North Hills Trail    | 18 Ewing Trail              | 32 Pink Trail         |                           |
| 9 Chimney Trail        | 19 Kroger Wetlands Trail    | 33 Blue Trail         |                           |
| 10 Frontier Loop Trail | 20 Drayer Spur Trail        | 34 Cyan Trail         |                           |



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## TRAILS—HIKING & RUNNING

### BROUGHTON'S NATURE AND WILDLIFE EDUCATION AREA HIKE

Saturday and Sunday, 8:30am @ GWB Complex #1 picnic shelter  
(639 SR 821, Marietta)

Explore Broughton's Nature & Wildlife Education Area with a hike leader on a 3 to 4.5 mile hike. Hikers will have the option of exploring the Broughton Nature & Wildlife Education Area or the new Rudolph Family Park trails on each day as well as learn about other uses and recreation opportunities on these properties.

Depending on the length, hikes will last 1.5 to 2.5 hours. Participants are urged to wear comfortable footwear or hiking shoes/boots, carry drinking water, and be prepared for the physical challenges posed by hiking on uneven trails and elevation changes.

As an added bonus, hikers may bring their own leashed well-behaved dogs as well to enjoy this beautiful hike.

**Note:** Please arrive a few minutes early to check in with hike leaders. Meet up at the GWB Complex #1 picnic shelter (639 SR 821).

### BUCKLEY ISLAND EXPLORATION PADDLE + HIKE

Sunday @ 8:30am (9am Departure)

Paddling, Hiking, and Island living right here in the MOV! Join us for our first ever joint Rivers and Trails event as we explore Buckley Island! What was once a crossing on the Underground Railroad, a farm and even an amusement park is now home to one of the newest events of the RTA Fest.

Learn about the history and wildlife of the Island while exploring one of the most mysterious sites in the the Mid-Ohio Valley and becoming a part of it's rich history.

### GROUP TRAIL RUN

Sunday @ 10am

Head out for a trail run on the Marietta City Trails! Meet at HQ to sign up and then head out for a 10am departure. This will be ~ 3-5 mile run supported by our local Marietta trails runners.

### GNOME HIKE

See "Kids Guide" for more information.

# ALES & MUSIC



## THURSDAY 8/10:

**7:30–9PM:** **Kick-off Party** @ 740 Social (181 Front St)  
**Nobleman Brewery (Caldwell)** will be coming to town to help kick off the weekend in style. 740 Social offers lots of indoor and outdoor options so stop by for some great beers, pick up some sweet RTA merch and your Ale Trail Passport, and visit with friends to make plans for the weekend.  
 See "Ale Trail Passport" for more info.

## FRIDAY 8/11:

**11AM–2AM:** **Saucy Brew Works (Cleveland) Tap Takeover**  
 @ the Harmar Tavern

**5–9PM:** **Beer Pairing Prix Fixe Menu** @ The House of Wines

**6–7:40PM:** **LIVE ON PUTNAM: Jake Binegar**  
 Enjoy a FREE outdoor show on Putnam Street beginning at 6:00pm. Lawn chairs are welcome and the event is DORA-friendly. Ales will be available for purchase inside The Stage Door.

**8–11PM:** **Adam Parker & The Bourbon Cowboys** @ The Town House  
 Stop by the Town House to enjoy a selection of Rhinegeist ales while listening to Adam Parker & The Bourbon Cowboys.

**9PM:** **Paul Thorn** @ the Adelpia Music Hall. Doors open at 7.

## SATURDAY 8/12:

**3–4PM:** **\*RTA Beer Fest VIP Hour** @ the Festival HQ  
 See "Beer Festival" for more info.

**4–7PM:** **\*RTA Beer Fest General Admission** @ the Festival HQ  
 See "Beer Festival" for more info.

**5–9PM:** **Beer Pairing Prix Fixe Menu** @ The House of Wines

\* If the Beer Fest is not sold out, purchase your ticket online at RTAFest.com/ales.



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And, in downtown Marietta, locals and tourists can **enjoy a stroll and a drink on Wednesday– Saturday evenings from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.** Beer, wine, & cocktails can be consumed inside DORA boundaries by **purchasing drinks from participating DORA establishments.**

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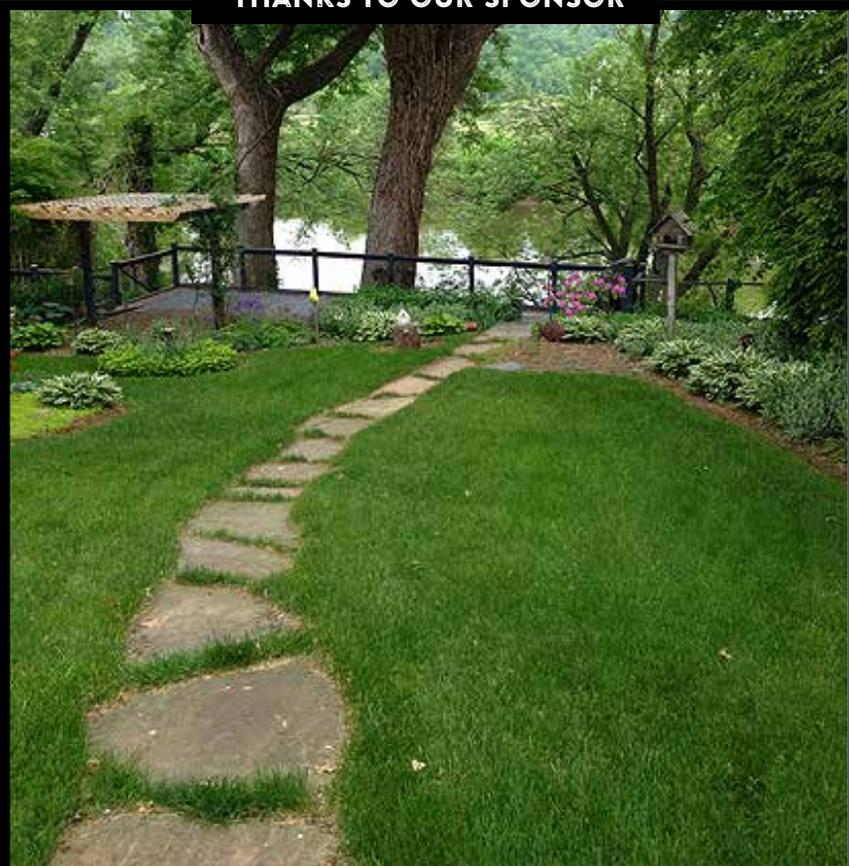
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### ADDITIONAL DORA ESTABLISHMENTS

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### 740 Social

740 Social has yet again upped their game to host the official RTA kick-off party! **Nobleman Brewery (Caldwell)** will be in town to party so be sure to stop by starting at 7:30pm Thursday, August 10. 740 Social offers multiple indoor and outdoor seating options including a family-friendly beer garden.

*181 Front Street*

*Mon-Thur 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 11am-11pm*

### Boathouse BBQ

Boathouse BBQ will be pouring **Rhinegeist's Truth (Cincinnati)** all weekend. Dock your kayak at the restaurant and enjoy some good brews, views, and barbecue!

*218 Virginia St*

*Sun-Thur 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10pm*

### The Galley & Adelpia Music Hall

The Galley will feature **Jackie O's (Athens)** during RTA. Be sure to stop by Friday to catch Paul Thorn live at the Adelpia Music Hall.

*205 Second Street*

*Monday-Thursday 11am-9pm, Friday-Saturday 11am-10pm, Closed Sunday*

### Harmar Tavern

Harmar Tavern will kick off the weekend with a **Saucy Brew Works (Cleveland)** tap takeover on Friday August 11. This popular brewery's beer will pair nicely with your favorite pub cuisine.

*205 Maple St.*

*Tues-Fri 11am-2am, Sat-Sun 8am-2am*



**PICK UP YOUR "ALE TRAIL PASSPORT"** at the Festival HQ to be your beer guide around town and earn unique prizes for drinking featured ales! See "Ale Trail Passport" for more details.

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### Marietta Brewing Company

MBC will have their own locally brewed beers on tap including **RTA Rock Drop Single Hop IPA**.

167 Front St.

Tues-Sat 11am-9pm

### Tiber Way Grille

Stop by the Tiber Way Grille for a delicious burger that'll pair excellently with their featured beers **Land Grant's Oh, Sure IPA (Columbus)** and **Wolf's Ridge Brewing's IPA (Columbus)**.

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Mon-Sun 10am-10pm

### The Town House

The Town House welcomes **Rhinegeist (Cincinnati)** back to Marietta for RTA. Stop by and enjoy the beautiful outdoor patio while treating yourself to your favorite Rhinegeist brew.

230 Front Street

Monday-Saturday 10:30am-2:30AM

# ALES—BEER FESTIVAL

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The Rivers Trails & Ales Beer Festival celebrates the delicious craft beer of Ohio. Located in the beautiful East Muskingum Park in Marietta, Ohio, participants can enjoy a beer while listening to live music.

Participants can look forward to beer from the following breweries from around our part of the state (breweries subject to change without notice):

- **77 Brew House** (Navarre, Ohio)
- **Brewery 33** (Logan, Ohio)
- **Devil's Kettle Brewing** (Athens, Ohio)
- **Double Edge Brewing** (Lancaster, Ohio)
- **Dutch Creek Winery** (Athens, Ohio)
- **Guernsey Brewhouse** (Cambridge, Ohio)
- **Happy Hollow** (Nelsonville, Ohio)
- **Little Fish Brewing Company** (Athens, Ohio)
- **Nobleman Brewing** (Caldwell, Ohio)
- **Old Bridge** (McConnelsville, Ohio)
- **Wooly Pig Farm Brewery** (Fresno, Ohio)

**FOOD & MUSIC:** In addition to the beer festival, all participants will have access to delicious cuisine from on-site food trucks and be treated to the fine music of local bands OYO and Hominid!

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH 3PM\*–7PM**

East Muskingum Park near Festival HQ (310 Front St)

**\*VIP Hour: Saturday 3–4pm**

**General Admission: Saturday 4–7pm**

- **Tickets may also be purchased on-site the day of the festival**, but due to the limited number of tickets and growing interest in the event we strongly recommend purchasing your ticket(s) ahead of time to secure your spot!
- **Tickets will be priced as follows, with Presale prices applying to tickets purchased by July 31st:**

### GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET\*

**\$35 Presale**

**\$45 starting August 1st**

\*Only 400 General Admission tickets will be sold!

- The General Admission ticket will come with a **5oz glass**.
- All General Admission ticket holders will receive **7 drink tokens** redeemable for any beer in the beer festival.
- **Additional beer tokens** will be available for \$3 each.



### VIP SESSION TICKET\* (1 HOUR EARLY ENTRY)

**SOLD OUT**

**\$65 Presale**

**\$75 starting August 1st**

\*Only 100 VIP tickets will be sold, so get them while they last!

- The VIP ticket will come with a **5oz glass and a surprise beery gift** to show just how much of a VIP you really are!
- All VIP ticket holders will be **granted early access** to the beer festival at 3:00pm, a whole hour ahead of General Admission, which means shorter lines and full access to all beer with little to no crowd.
- **Light refreshments will also be provided at no cost** to VIP ticket holders.
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ALE TRAIL PASSPORT



Grab a pint and a meal/snack at designated locations and get a stamp for your passport. Stop by the RTA kick-off party at 740 Social on Thursday August 10 at 7:30pm to pick up your ale trail passport and get an early start! The RTA Ale Trail is only active during the weekend of RTA. You have through Sunday August 13 to complete the trail.

- Pick up your passport at the kick-off party or at RTA HQ during the weekend!
- **Completed passports** can be turned in for a prize at HQ until 12pm on Sunday August 13 OR you can mail it to RTA Fest, 241 Front St., Suite 9, Marietta, OH 45750. Must be post-dated by August 19th to be valid.

PRIZES:

- Complete all stops and **receive a 2024 General Admission Beer Fest Ticket!**
- **Cost?** There is no cost to participate but to be eligible for passport stamps you must purchase at each location.



PICK UP A COPY OF THE PASSPORT @ FESTIVAL HQ

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## MORE ACTIVITIES



### RTA YOGA ON THE LAWN

8am Friday & Saturday @ Festival HQ

**Friday:** Natalie Ball

**Saturday:** Lauren Kager

There is no cost, so bring a mat and enjoy yoga by the river. Please bring a beach towel for the morning dew.

### TAI CHI Presented by Memorial Health System

Saturday & Sunday 9am @ Festival HQ

The Memorial Health System presents two offerings of Tai Chi Qi Gong (Tai Chi Easy) for this year's RTA Fest. Instructor Debbie will lead FREE classes that uses simplified Tai Chi based on the four recognized styles of Tai Chi.

Tai Chi can improve quality of life for all individuals, whether well or unwell, including those dealing with:

- Chronic pain and health conditions
- Limited mobility
- Anxiety or depression
- Deficient immune systems

### MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL ROWING CHALLENGE

Saturday 9:30am-7pm @ Festival HQ

Stop by HQ to learn about local high school rowing and see how far you can row in a 30 second challenge. Awards will be provided across different age brackets.

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### RTA ADVENTURE EXPO

Saturday 3-7pm @ Festival HQ

Check out the RTA Adventure Expo to find out more about local bike clubs, recreation areas, national forests, community activities, and much more!

#### Participating groups will include:

- Appalachian Understories
- Cannondale
- Friends of the Ohio River Islands
- Humane Society of the Ohio Valley
- Memorial Health System
- Marietta Main Street
- Marietta Rowing and Cycling Club
- Marietta Trail Sisters
- Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge
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## KID'S GUIDE



**RTA IS A FESTIVAL FOR ALL AGES!** We have highlighted activities your little adventurers might enjoy—See “Rivers” and “Bike” sections for additional details and the main schedule.

### GNOME ADVENTURE HIKE

**Friday at 9am & 5:30pm @ Ohio River Islands Wildlife Refuge**  
(3982 Waverly Road, Williamstown, WV)

The gnomes have found another location to also hide this year: The Ohio River Islands Wildlife Refuge in Williamstown, WV:

There are multiple family friendly trail options from .1 miles to 2 miles. A small paved trail that is handicap accessible and is also perfect for small children or those just looking for a quick leisure stroll. An upland trail taking you through some elevation and winding trails through the woods. And a trail near the river that snakes through different local flora. Or combine all the trails for close to 2 miles of fun. Along these trails you're bound to see all kinds of local wildlife flora. Be sure to keep an eye out for gnomes as well!

**The hike is self guided** but leaders will be on-site to provide information and trail maps are on-site and trails are marked. Also at this location is the headquarters for the Ohio River Islands Wildlife Refuge. Multiple exhibits are located inside including mussels, local fish, birdlife, and flora.

**HQ hours are M-Sat 8:00am - 4:30pm.**

**Note:** Please arrive a few minutes early to check in with hike leaders.

### TOTS AND TRIKES MINI TRAIL RIDE

**Friday, 12pm @ Festival HQ**

Grab your toddlers for a loop or two around Muskingum Park and HQ - this is the perfect distance for kiddos still on 3-4 wheels (tricycle or bike w/ training wheels), or those perfecting their strider technique. Full loop is .57 miles; take the tots around as many times as they want while staying close to HQ (and snacks and benches!).

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## KID'S GUIDE



### BARBELLS AND MOMMAS PRENATAL & POSTPARTUM CARE TENT

**Friday 12pm–Saturday Night** (after the beer fest and adventure expo)

A comfortable space for moms and babies to nurse/feed, change and chill during the festival. The tent will be set up Friday at noon and will be available through the end of beer fest/Adventure expo on Saturday night.

Other activities during the expo include prenatal prehabbing movements, post-partum rehab movements, diastasis assessments, and general prenatal/post-partum information.

**For the kiddos during the Adventure Expo:** pint-sized workout equipment for the little ones! They can try pull ups, a mini treadmill, bike, and more!

### HISTORIC BICYCLE SCAVENGER HUNT

**Anytime Friday & Saturday:** Stop by HQ to register for the Historic Bike Scavenger Hunt. Complete it anytime! Pedal your way around historic Marietta and Harmar Village. Provided by Hidden Marietta Tour Co., follow the info to track down historic trivia throughout Marietta. Return your answer sheet by Saturday at 6pm to be entered for prizes!

- The hunt can be completed in an hour or two by bicycle.
- \$5 to enter or free with RTA Town Pass. Prize winners announced at HQ during the Saturday evening prize ceremony following the Tortoise & Hare Competition.

### FAMILY FUN RIDE

**Friday & Saturday 2pm @ Festival HQ**

The Family Fun Ride departs from Festival HQ. The ride will take a loop on the river trail, a 4-mile paved double-lane bike path (full loop is 8 miles, or stop after half loop).

This ride is suitable for kids on two wheels who can navigate a few small hills along the way. Less experienced riders (toddlers with training wheels, tricycles, or Striders) may prefer the Tots and Trikes Mini Trail Ride (Friday at noon).

Meet at HQ at 2 p.m. with your bikes and helmets!



## **KIDS GROUP TRAIL RUN**

**Friday, 5pm @ Mill Creek trail head (off Colegate Drive).**

1.5 miles of single-track trail starting at Mill Creek trail head and led by our local youth running club coach and volunteers. Appropriate for kids ages 5-8 with a parent/guardian to run with them. Kids ages 9 and up may attend on their own and will stay with the group.

## **YOUTH & ADULT MTB SKILLS CLINIC**

**Saturday, 9–12pm @ Festival HQ**

Local National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA) team, River Cities Singletrack Serpents, coaches will conduct a skills clinic based on the NICA "On The Bike 101" training program. Event will also include helmet adjustment guidelines, bike safety check, and a short ride on the Marietta River Trail. AGES 10 - 110!

## **BIKE RODEO & STRIDER ADVENTURE ZONE**

**Saturday 12-3pm @ Festival HQ**

Bring the kiddos and their bikes to HQ for a bike safety check, an obstacle course, and other awesome activities!

**Ages:** 18mo. to 4 years for Strider Zone and other bike activities for older kids

## **TORTOISE AND THE HARE TRAINING CAMP**

**Saturday, 12–3pm @ Festival HQ**

New for 2023... If you've ever wanted to test your skills as an agile hare or slow and steady tortoise, now is your chance!

Kids and adults alike can try their hand at the Tortoise and Hare World Championship course before watching the event unfold live on Saturday night!

## **THE FOAM GARAGE**

**Saturday 2–6pm @ Festival HQ**

The Foam Garage will host a FREE foam party during the afternoon kiddo activities AND during the beer fest. If you're interested in having a party of your own, check them out at [thefoamgarage.com](http://thefoamgarage.com).

## **GNOME ADVENTURE HIKE**

**Sunday at 1:30pm @ Kroger Wetlands (80 Acme St. Marietta, OH)**

The gnomes are making an appearance on their home trails of the Kroger Wetlands. Family friendly, this hike has options for a .6 mile or 1 mile. While on the trail be on the lookout for different types of local wildlife and flora (along with some Gnomes!).

The hike is self guided but leaders will be on-site to provide information and trail maps.

**Note:** Please arrive a few minutes early for check in with hike leaders.



## PRICING

### RTA Town Pass \$20

Buy the RTA Town Pass and Get:

- **Discounts** at over 20 downtown businesses & restaurants all weekend long
- **Free entry** to the RTA Bicycle Scavenger Hunt
- **Free entry** to the Mighty Muskingum River Riddler
- **10 entries** into the raffle drawing
- That glorious feeling of supporting this year's RTA Festival!

**Spend \$40** on any combination of RTA goods and get a FREE koozie and sticker!

**RTA Town Passes, t-shirts, and other merch are available at the festival HQ** or at the Marietta Adventure Company the week before the festival.



## GRAND PRIZES

- roll: **Bicycle Custom Bike of Winner's Choice** (Max retail of \$899)
- **Jackson staxx kayak, paddle, lifejacket, and additional accessories** from the Marietta Adventure Company (Total value over \$1,000)

## ADDITIONAL PRIZES

- Cannondale Bike Accessory Package from Marietta Adventure Co.
- Fairfield Marriott One-Night Stay (Standard Room, Marietta, OH)
- NRS Paddler Prize Package from Marietta Adventure Co.
- Osprey Hydration Pack from Marietta Adventure Co.
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