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News Release

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Easter Events in the Parks

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board offers a variety of opportunities to spend Easter in its parks through upcoming special events.

Easter at the Farm

10 a.m.—4 p.m., Saturday, April 16, at Rutledge-Wilson Farm Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146

Two traditionally separate Park Board events have now combined for one event this year. The free Easter Egg Hunt (traditionally held at Doling Park) will take place at 1 p.m. for children 3–9 years of age.

The Easter Bunny will visit from 1 – 3 p.m. Other family-oriented activities run throughout the event including arts and crafts, inflatables, pony rides, photos, face painting and yard games. Some activities have a small fee.

Call the Farm Park at 417-837-5949 for more information.

NEW—Easter Egg Roll

10 – 11 a.m., Saturday, April 23 at Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic Ave.

The Botanical Center will host its inaugural Easter Egg Roll, which will mimic the Easter Egg Roll held on the White House lawn each year. Different age groups of children will race as they roll their plastic egg down the Great Lawn. Peter Rabbit and friends will visit the garden throughout the day as well. The event is free to all participants and is part of a larger weekend of activities.

Call the Botanical Center at 417-891-1515 for more information.

Enrichment EGGstravaganza

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, April 23 at Dickerson Park Zoo, 1401 W. Norton Road

Watch the Zoo's animals go on their own Easter egg hunt during this year's Enrichment EGGstravaganza, as the zookeepers hide papier-mâché eggs filled with treats for the animals. Zoo admission is \$8 for adults and teens and \$5 for children 3-12 years of age. The Zoo's hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Call the Zoo's information hotline at 417-864-1800 for more information.

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