

## **METROPARKS CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT**

The Cleveland Metroparks turns 100 this year and the centennial celebration will kick off at this year's Progressive Mid-America Boat Show with a large interactive exhibit featuring something for everyone.

More than just a display, it will offer a variety of "experiences" for show visitors. For example, the Metropark's "elCee2" Water Taxi will be center stage and open for boarding. Kids will be invited to "fish" for magnetic fish off the "elCee2" and win small Metroparks trinkets and prizes. But there's a lot more.

The exhibit will include a sailboat and related information to introduce a new Metroparks Sailing Program. And, the Metroparks Argo Amphibious Off-road Vehicle used by the aquatic biologists will be on display, too.

Special presentations by Michael Durkalec, M.S., Metroparks Aquatic Biologist, will feature two discussions for show visitors: "Steelhead Fishing Opportunities in Cleveland Metroparks" and an "Overview of the Cleveland Metroparks Fisheries Program."

Cooking will also be included in the display for the first time. Metroparks will be offering 2 cooking demos titled: "Lakefront Eats with Cleveland Metroparks". These cooking demonstrations will highlight dishes from the various lakefront restaurants in the Metroparks. The cooking demonstrations will be Saturday and Sunday only at 2 and 4 pm.

Complete information on marinas and all aquatics programs offered, as well as information about where and how to come out a play in the Metroparks System, will be available. Moreover, interested visitors who would like to work in the Metroparks will have a chance to receive information and discuss open positions like Water Taxi First Mates and Seasonal Marina employees.

Overall, the boat show will feature more than 450 boats from kayaks to 45-foot motor yachts. The show will be held at Cleveland's I-X Center, January 12-16.

For the latest show information go to: [www.clevelandboatshow.com](http://www.clevelandboatshow.com)