



## **New Zip Line Experience at Columbus, Ohio's Only Zip Lining Tour Being Offered to Nature, Adventure Seekers**

*ZipZone Canopy Tours' partnership with Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District has naturalists offering zip line guests educational insights on local environment from the tree tops*

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Aug. 12, 2013)—[ZipZone Canopy Tours](#) located at Camp Mary Orton has announced a partnership with Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District to offer a new zip lining tour that provides visitors an opportunity to experience the local environment from a new point of view.

The new Forest Discover Tour expands upon the expert-guided and hands-free zip line experience offered by ZipZone by having naturalists from [Metro Parks](#) accompany the tour and offer educational insights and discussion on what visitors see from the treetops.

"We get a lot of questions from our guests about the local environment from trees to wildlife to the geology of the area," said Lori Pingle, owner of ZipZone Canopy Tours. "Having an expert naturalist from Metro Parks lead a tour for the adventure and nature seeker is another way our guests can enjoy zip lining with us."

Space is limited as the Forest Discovery Tour is only being offered once a month through the end of the season (Aug. 18 at 4:30 p.m., Sept. 29 at 10 a.m., and Oct. 13 at 4:30 p.m.). The cost for the two-hour tour is \$69 per person. Guests must register either online at [www.zipzonetours.com](http://www.zipzonetours.com), or by calling (614) 847-9477.

"We're treating it like a regular hike except from the tree tops," said Jill Snyder, naturalist at Highbanks Metro Park who will lead one of the tours. "We'll talk about the things you see and find in the forest such as yellow-bellied sapsucker woodpeckers, turkey vultures and all kinds of insects."

### **About ZipZone, LLC**

Located just north of Interstate 270 off of U.S. Route 23 in scenic Camp Mary Orton near Worthington, Ohio, ZipZone provides an outdoor experience uncommon in a large metropolitan setting, giving its guests the adventure destination without the adventure of just getting there.

No special skills, training or equipment are needed to enjoy ZipZone as the highest-quality gear and expert-trained guides to navigate and facilitate every zip are provided. The ZipZone experience doesn't take the entire day as each two-hour tour is designed to fit into the schedules of today's active families and professionals.

ZipZone provides a greater value than other zip line tours and a highly affordable experience compared to other adventure opportunities (skydiving, rafting). Groups of eight or more can receive \$10 off per person, and seasonal special offers as well as military [discounts](#) make it even more affordable. Guests must be at least 7 years old and weigh a minimum of 50 lbs (maximum weight 260 lbs.).

For more information, visit [www.zipzonetours.com](http://www.zipzonetours.com).

**About Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District**

Established in 1945, Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District, "Metro Parks," features 17 natural area parks with more than 200 miles of trails, and protects more than 27,000 acres of land and water in seven Central Ohio counties. Metro Parks offers free educational and recreational opportunities every day of the year. The Mission of Metro Parks is to conserve open spaces, while providing places and opportunities for people to discover and experience nature.

To learn more, visit <http://www.metroparks.net>.

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