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More Reasons Than Most to Support National Public Lands Day

Ohio family on tour of America marks 100 days on the road volunteering in Lilydale Park

Saint Paul, Minnesota — Some families can't get enough of America the Beautiful. On September 26, National Public Lands Day, one Ohio family will visit their 10th National Park this summer. This time they're headed to the park to lend a hand.

The Hirn family is living the life many Americans only dream about. Dan and Becky Hirn left Ohio with their two young children on June 15 to spend a year in their RV, seeing America. This week, they will not only mark 100 days on the road, but they will be celebrating something very American, National Public Lands Day.

"This is just so perfect that National Public Lands Day falls the same week as our 100th day," Becky said. "We support National Parks, state parks and county parks wherever we go. We are inspired by them all the time and grateful for the opportunity to use them."

National Public Lands Day, September 26, is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands that Americans enjoy. Nationwide nearly 2,000 service projects have been registered, offering volunteers a range of activities to participate in.

"This really gives us a chance to stress the importance of the National Parks and volunteering to our children," Dan said.

This weekend the Hirn family will get that chance to at one of our national treasures, the Mississippi River. They will participate in National Public Lands Day at Lilydale Regional Park for the river restoration event and clean up, an effort organized by Friends of Lilydale Park, REI, Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation and the National Park Service. The event will be held 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To contact the Hirn family for an interview, contact Becky or Dan at 419-204-7266.

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For more information about the Hirn family or National Public Lands Day see:

www.ourtriptakesus.com - The Hirn family site documenting their trip.

www.nps.gov - The National Parks Service website.

www.publiclandsday.org - The National Public Lands Day site.