



GET OUT & EXPLORE YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

For more than 50 years, Five Rivers MetroParks has been protecting the region's natural heritage and providing outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. Your Five Rivers MetroParks is a nationally accredited park system that protects, preserves and maintains local green space and waterways.

Regardless your age or ability, MetroParks provides an abundance of outdoor experiences that allow you to enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle. Five Rivers MetroParks manages 30 locations:

- 18 clean, safe parks
- the 2nd Street Market
- 11 conservation areas

Your Five Rivers MetroParks also provides year-round recreation, education and conservation events, programs and activities. It serves as the Dayton area's conservation leader, making it easy for you to Get Out & Explore nature — and making Montgomery County a better place to live, work and play.



CONSERVATION

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Five Rivers MetroParks protects more than 16,000 acres of land — 90 percent of it maintained in its natural state, protected from development. Conservation efforts focus on river corridors and areas surrounding parks, as well as connecting significant tracts of forest. This strategy preserves habitat on the largest scale possible so flora and fauna have great places to thrive.



EDUCATION

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Five Rivers MetroParks offers educational programs about nature, history, gardening and sustainable living, many of which are designed for families to enjoy together. Learn about Earth-friendly gardening practices, native plants and ways you can produce your own food, including meat. Discover local farming, heritage and history or how to live more sustainably at home. MetroParks offers resources for educators and parents to help children appreciate nature.



RECREATION

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Whether you enjoy horseback riding or hiking, Five Rivers MetroParks offers numerous outdoor recreation opportunities. Programs develop your knowledge, skills and abilities in core areas: backpacking, mountain biking, fishing and kayaking. Attend special events to try various activities and learn about Dayton, the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest. Enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle at your own pace at MetroParks' outdoor recreation park features.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Every year, more than 300,000 people attend programs and events held at a MetroPark. Some of those events are presented by community partners, but your Five Rivers MetroParks presents many events as well, including those below. Don't miss these fun, engaging ways to experience the outdoors, help protect our region's natural heritage and more.



WAGNER SUBARU OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

EASTWOOD METROPARK
FIRST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER
Experience the Midwest's premier outdoor adventure festival. Try more than 25 activities, participate in competitions, camp, watch the pros, connect with national and local outdoor adventure exhibitors, take a class, shop, relax with music and a beverage, and more.
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BIKE TO WORK DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK
THIRD FRIDAY IN MAY
Join hundreds of cycling enthusiasts at RiverScape MetroPark for the region's largest celebration of biking as a means of transportation in May, which is National Bike Month. Enjoy flying pancakes, local exhibitors, live music and more.
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COUNTRY FAIR

CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK
LAST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER
In late September, the historical farm at Carriage Hill MetroPark comes to life with the festivities of an 1880s country fair. Enjoy agricultural demonstrations, a pie-baking competition, living history talks and other demos that present a vibrant picture of our region's past.
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ADOPT-A-PARK

THE METROPARK OF YOUR CHOICE
THIRD SATURDAY IN APRIL
Thousands of volunteers join forces in April to celebrate Earth Day and do some spring cleaning in their MetroParks and along our riverways. Nature lovers spend a few hours on a Saturday morning beautifying green spaces. Includes a T-shirt and lunch at RiverScape MetroPark.
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2ND STREET MARKET

METROPARKS.ORG/LOCALFOOD
600 E. SECOND ST



IN ADDITION TO THE LAND IT PROTECTS AND MAINTAINS, an important element of conservation at your Five Rivers MetroParks is helping our community live more sustainably — and the 2nd Street Market is the centerpiece of that aim because it provides access to fresh, locally produced food items that are less taxing on the environment and often healthier.

Shop more than 40 vendors offering fresh fruits and veggies, bakery items, kitchen staples, flowers, meat and dairy, and gift items. Grab a meal at one of the many food vendors in this charming historical freight house. And nearly 30 Market vendors accept SNAP/EBT tokens and Produce Perks.



RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

237 E. MONUMENT AVE. • METROPARKS.ORG/RIVERSCAPE

YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS PROTECTS GREEN SPACE AND WATERWAYS THROUGHOUT MONTGOMERY COUNTY — including those in our region's urban core. This helps everyone — especially those who live, work, play and learn in our center city — connect with nature and experience the outdoors.

RiverScape MetroPark, located in the heart of downtown Dayton along the Great Miami River, is a central gathering place for our community and its diverse celebrations. Amid the beautifully landscaped gardens, reflecting pools, fountains and benches, this lively park offers an urban retreat that's open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The park hosts a range of year-round activities from summer concerts to ice skating, recreation programs to large festivals.

GET OUT & EXPLORE

PARK FEATURES

Many of your Five Rivers MetroParks are home to park features that provide additional opportunities for you to experience the outdoors, connect to nature, and learn about Montgomery County's heritage and history.



RECREATION PARK FEATURES



METROPARKS MOUNTAIN BIKING AREA (MOMBA) AT HUFFMAN METROPARK

This facility includes a fully sustainable trail system, featuring great terrain and hardwoods, a rock-bottom creek and hills. Recent upgrades include a tot track, bike cleaning and repair stations, restrooms, and more.



RIVERSCAPE RIVER RUN AND MAD RIVER RUN AT RIVERSCAPE AND EASTWOOD METROPARKS

Paddle whitewater features in two MetroParks: Mad River Run at Eastwood MetroPark and RiverScape River Run in the Great Miami River downtown at RiverScape MetroPark. The river run features are structures that span the rivers, each with two chutes: one easier chute for novice paddlers and one whitewater play feature for more experienced paddlers. The river run features also improve aquatic habitat.



TWIN VALLEY BACKPACKING TRAIL (TVT) AT GERMANTOWN AND TWIN CREEK METROPARKS

This 22-mile trail, set in the rolling hills of the pristine Twin Valley, provides a backpacking experience reminiscent of more remote wilderness trails. The TVT combines the network of trails in Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks. Secluded backcountry camping is available with a permit along the TVT.



BLUE HERON DISC GOLF COURSE AT ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

People of all ages can enjoy this 18-hole course, located under mature trees next to the lake with mowed fairways on rolling hills.



RIDING CENTER AT CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

Horseback riding enthusiasts can enjoy more than six miles of trails. Weekend trail rides and children's pony rides are offered June through October. Your metropark also are home to more than 30 miles of horseback riding trails in six parks.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY PARK FEATURES



CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN AT WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

This garden contains habitat areas and whimsical activities for children and adults to explore together. Highlights include a limestone grotto and waterfall, music maze, wetland, pond and sensory garden.



HISTORICAL FARM AT CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

Experience life on the Arnold family farm, which was active during the 1880s, through demonstrations and tours. Buildings include a blacksmith shop, woodshop, historical house and bank barn. Heritage breeds of farm animals also bring the past to life. Stop by the Visitor Center for exhibits highlighting lifestyles of a century ago and the Country Store (hours vary).



EDIBLE FARM AT POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

Visit the barnyard animals and learn about small-scale farming and how you can produce your own food in your yard, from raising livestock to growing fruits and veggies.



BUTTERFLY HOUSE AND TREE TOWER AT COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

View native butterflies and moths in all stages of metamorphosis. The Tree Tower rises 46 feet for breathtaking views of the Arboretum and distant panoramas.



NATURE PLAY AREAS

Children can explore the natural world and get creative outdoors at nature play areas through such activities as digging in creek beds, building with sticks and looking for critters. Nature play areas are located at Englewood, Hills & Dales, Possum Creek, Wegerzyn, and Wesleyan MetroParks.



SUPPORT YOUR METROPARKS VOLUNTEER

Learn new skills, care for the environment and meet new friends by volunteering for Five Rivers MetroParks. You can volunteer for an annual event or apply to become an ongoing volunteer, helping protect and maintain the natural and cultural heritage of Montgomery County while sharing your passion for nature with future generations.

To volunteer, contact volunteerservices@metroparks.org or call 937-275-PARK.

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10-YEAR MASTER PLAN

Five Rivers MetroParks has a 10-year master plan based on community feedback to ensure it's following the community's priorities. MetroParks is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.



PHILANTHROPY

Help Five Rivers MetroParks or your favorite park or program by offering financial or in-kind support. From tribute benches to sponsorships that help market businesses, there are a variety of ways to support Five Rivers MetroParks that fit any need and budget.

Visit metroparks.org/donate or contact the philanthropy department at 937-275-PARK to learn more.



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FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Every year, 3.6 million people visit a location managed by your Five Rivers MetroParks. Wherever you live in Montgomery County, you're only minutes away from being able to Get Out & Explore one of your MetroParks!

PARK HOURS OF OPERATION

April 1-Oct. 31: 8 AM to 10 PM

Nov. 1-March 31: 8 AM to 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

RiverScape MetroPark never closes.

SAFETY

Ensuring your MetroParks are clean and safe is a priority. MetroParks Rangers patrol the parks 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

Emergency Contact: 911

Non-Emergency Contact: 937-535-2580

Lost Items: 937-567-4265

BE IN THE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

SHELTERS: Five Rivers MetroParks is home to 44 open-air shelters that can be reserved for your private event. Reservations must be made a minimum of four days in advance; fees vary. If a reservation notice isn't posted in a shelter, it's available at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Picnic areas also are available at most MetroParks.

CAMPING: Five Rivers MetroParks offers 23 tent camping sites at four parks. Frontcountry campsites are easily accessible by car, and hike-in backcountry sites are for the more adventurous camper. Permits are required for both frontcountry (with four business days advance notice) and backcountry camping; fees vary.

To make reservations visit metroparks.org/easy or call 937-275-PARK

PERMITS: For certain activities – such as taking commercial photography, holding a wedding or special event, or conducting research – you must first apply for a permit. Photography permits can be paid for and obtained immediately online, while other permits may take at least a month for the approval process. Visit metroparks.org/permits to get started.

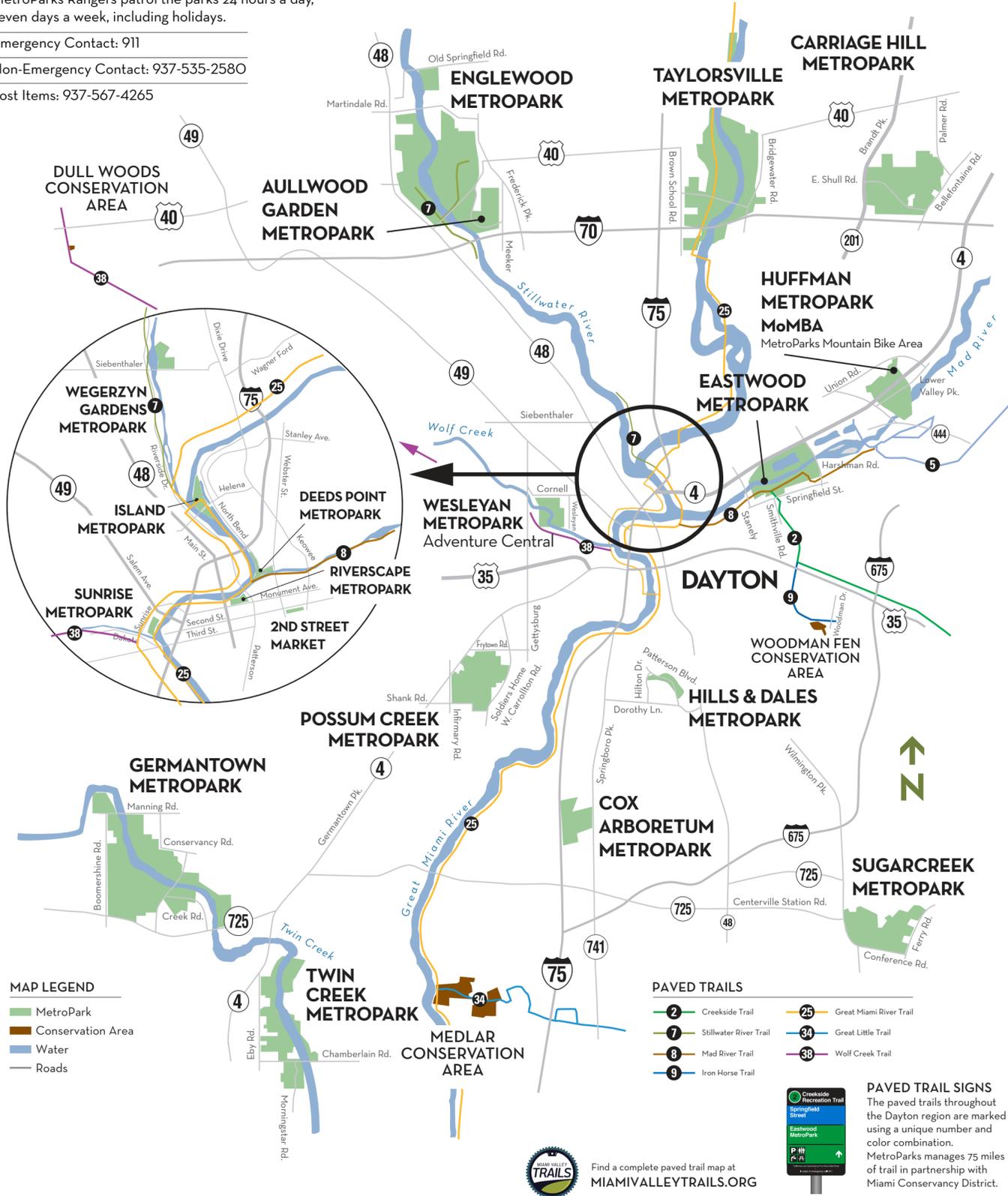
ALERTS & CLOSURES: All construction information, including detours, and any weather-related notices are posted online at metroparks.org/alerts.

ACTIVITIES & AMENITIES BY PARK

	Aullwood Garden	Carriage Hill	Cox Arboretum	Deeds Point	Eastwood	Englewood	Germantown Hills & Dales	Huffman	Possum Creek	Island	RiverScape	Sugarcreek	Sunrise	Taylorville	Twin Creek	Wegerzyn Gardens	Wesleyan
Hiking	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Playground																	
Camping	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Boating																	
Teaching Center	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fossil Hunting	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ice Rink																	
Historic Farm	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Community Garden Plots																	
Shelters	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Picnic Areas	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

PARKS & CONSERVATION AREAS

- 2ND STREET MARKET FEAST ON FRESH LOCAL FOODS.** Local growers, bakers, culinary specialists and artisans fill this charming historical freight house. Reminiscent of European markets, it's alive with vendors, people and activity during market hours. 600 E. SECOND ST., DAYTON
- AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK FIND TRANQUILITY IN MARIE'S GARDEN** To many, Marie Aull was the godmother of the environmental movement in southwestern Ohio. Visitors to her former country garden retreat can enjoy the collection of wildflowers, beautiful gardens and natural areas she and her husband, John, worked for years to curate. 955 AULLWOOD ROAD, DAYTON
- CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK SHARE SIMPLER TIMES** Once farmland and woodlots, more than 50 years of natural succession have created rich areas of forests, thickets, meadows and prairies to explore at Carriage Hill MetroPark. Farm life in the 1800s comes alive at the historical farm, complete with period farm animals. 7800 E. SHULL ROAD, DAYTON
- COX ARBORETUM METROPARK CULTIVATE WONDER** Cox Arboretum MetroPark is a very special place for visitors to approach, enter and connect with nature. Come look at, discover and rest in the serenity and majesty of trees and shrubs and gardens thoughtfully arranged to capture the imagination. 6733 SPRINGBORO PIKE, DAYTON
- DEEDS POINT METROPARK PAUSE FOR A MONUMENTAL VIEW** This small MetroPark provides an unobstructed and picturesque view of the downtown Dayton skyline, embraced by the beauty of nature. 510 WEBSTER ST., DAYTON
- EASTWOOD METROPARK GET OUT AND PLAY!** Eastwood MetroPark is a hub of outdoor recreation. With a variety of water-based recreational activities as well as land-based recreational and leisurely activities, the park offers visitors many opportunities to actively experience nature without leaving the city. 1385 HARSHMAN ROAD, DAYTON
- ENGLEWOOD METROPARK DISCOVER NEXT-DOOR NATURE** The city of Englewood serves as the western boundary for a large portion of Englewood MetroPark. This nature-filled park, one of the largest in the region, has been part of the Englewood community for more than 50 years. 4361 W. NATIONAL ROAD, VANDALIA
- GERMANTOWN METROPARK EXPLORE A WORLD OF WILD!** Discover the largest areas of old-growth forest within Montgomery County, creating some of the best habitats for wildlife. From tall trees to water-carved ravines, colorful prairies and meadows to the scenic Twin Creek corridor, this park traverses some of the region's most beautiful landscape. 7101 CONSERVANCY ROAD, GERMANTOWN
- HILLS & DALES METROPARK RAMBLE THROUGH AN URBAN FOREST** Urban woodlands like those at Hills & Dales MetroPark are critical to the health and quality of life within our cities. They are dynamic ecosystems that provide clean air and water. This historical urban forest has been a natural refuge for Daytonians since 1907. 2740 S. PATTERSON BLVD., KETTERING
- HUFFMAN METROPARK TWO-WHEELED FUN FOR EVERYONE!** Huffman MetroPark, by its very name, draws connections to bicycles for local residents. The park and earthen dam within it are named after the Huffman family, founders of the Huffly Bike Corporation back in 1892. 4095 LOWER VALLEY PIKE, DAYTON
- ISLAND METROPARK COME TOGETHER AT THE RIVER** Just a few miles north of RiverScape MetroPark, where the Stillwater River flows into the Great Miami, is an urban oasis with a long Dayton history. 101 E. HELENA ST., DAYTON
- POSSUM CREEK METROPARK MAKE LASTING FAMILY MEMORIES** Adults and children alike will love exploring the blend of nature, history and community at Possum Creek MetroPark. Hike together in one of Ohio's best examples of a tall grass prairie. 4790 FRYTOWN ROAD, DAYTON
- RIVERSCAPE METROPARK DAYTON'S FRONT PORCH** Amid the beautifully landscaped gardens, flowering pots, hanging baskets and reflecting pools, this lively park on the banks of the Great Miami River offers a place for those who live, work and play downtown to connect to nature. 237 E. MONUMENT AVE., DAYTON
- SUGARCREEK METROPARK ESCAPE INTO DIVERSE, NATURAL BEAUTY** Oak trees estimated to be 550 years old, a tallgrass prairie, woodlands and the scenic Sugar Creek beckon visitors. 4178 CONFERENCE ROAD, BELLBROOK
- SUNRISE METROPARK WATCH BIRDS BENEATH THE DOWNTOWN SKYLINE** This small urban park is situated on a high bank above the Great Miami River. 50 N. EDWIN C. MOSES BLVD., DAYTON
- TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK REDISCOVER THE CROSSROADS OF ADVENTURE!** Today, the area serves as the crossroads of bike trails, hiking trails and river recreation. The park is a gateway to new outdoor experiences. 2101 U.S. 40, VANDALIA
- TWIN CREEK METROPARK CLIMB THE REGION'S MOST RUGGED RIDGES!** Enjoy the best wilderness experience in the region. Part of the Twin Valley Conservation Corridor, Twin Creek MetroPark offers mature forests within the breathtaking ravines – an ideal spot for hiking, backpacking and camping. 9688 EBV ROAD, GERMANTOWN
- WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK INSPIRE YOUR INNER GARDENER** At Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark, we actively promote landscaping with native plants in balance with traditional garden selections. 1301 E. SIEBENTHALER AVE., DAYTON
- WESLEYAN METROPARK KICK BACK ON THE BANKS OF THE WOLF CREEK** Situated on Wolf Creek, it's hard to believe this picturesque natural area is located within the city. Wesleyan provides a gathering spot for friends and family to meet and experience the outdoors just down the street. 1441 WESLEYAN ROAD, DAYTON
- DULL WOODS CONSERVATION AREA PRISTINE SWAMP FOREST** This unique 8-acre woodlot is in Clay Township and adjacent to the Wolf Creek Trail. ACCESSIBLE FROM THE WOLF CREEK TRAIL.
- MEDLAR CONSERVATION AREA CONSERVATION IN ACTION** Medlar Conservation Area protects 416 acres containing mature woods, fields, shrub-scrub habitat, a pond and a number of created wetlands, preserving some of the last quality open space in this part of Montgomery County. 4558 MEDLAR ROAD, MIAMISBURG, OH
- WOODMAN FEN CONSERVATION AREA DAYTON'S ONLY FEN** This 33-acre natural area contains a rare groundwater-fed wetland known as a fen. Fens contain thick deposits of peat and support many rare and unusual plants. 2409 NEWCASTLE DR., DAYTON, OH



TRAILS

Enjoy a healthy, active outdoor lifestyle in your Five Rivers MetroParks, which includes exploring:

- 78 miles of hiking trails
- 25 miles of equestrian trails
- 9-plus miles of mountain biking trails
- The nation's largest paved trail network, where you can experience more than 340 miles of connected trails.
- a 22-mile backpacking trail
- 270 miles of water trails

ADA SUPPORT

Five Rivers MetroParks Supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations in serving individuals with disabilities. Programs and facilities are offered on non-discriminatory basis. If accommodations are needed please call 937-275-PARK (7275) at least one week in advance.



Five Rivers MetroParks is a proud partner of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. We practice and support Leave No Trace skills and ethics and believe in the stewardship of America's public lands. Join us in our work to Leave No Trace.

TRAIL MARKERS

All park trails marked by colors are loops. Parking lots, trail heads and trail intersections contain maps showing your current location. Hiking trails are marked using solid colors. Horse trails are marked using dashed colors. There are no mixed use trails in the park system. Please stay on marked trails.

TRAIL DESIGNATIONS

- Solid line, any color: Hiking
- Dashed line, any color: Horse
- Color trail with number ID: Paved Network

SPECIALTY TRAILS

- Backcountry Trail
- North Country Trail
- Twin Valley Trail

Emergency access point signs are located at some trailheads and parking lots. Refer to these signs in case of an emergency to help MetroParks' ranger division and local response agencies identify your location and more effectively assist you.

TRAIL MARKERS MetroParks trails are identified by colors. Any trail not identified by a color is an access trail to a feature or connector to another color trail.



SHRINE MAPS Many MetroParks use shrine maps at trail intersections. These are identified by numbers that correspond to those on all park maps.

Find a complete paved trail map at MIAMIVALLEYTRAILS.ORG