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METROPARKS ICE RINK TO OPEN NOVEMBER 25

SKATE UNDER THE COVERED PAVILION DAILY—INCLUDING HOLIDAYS

DAYTON – The region’s largest outdoor ice skating rink was a hit when it debuted in 2010, and this year, [MetroParks Ice Rink](#) at [RiverScape MetroPark](#) (229 E. Monument Ave., Dayton) will open Friday, November 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Admission is only \$5, which includes the cost of skate rentals.

MetroParks Ice Rink will be open every day of the week—even special holiday hours—through Sunday, March 11, 2012. Patrons can take advantage of concessions at [Café Vélo](#), which will be open during skating hours, serving snacks, such as hot pretzels and also featuring healthy options, such as chicken snack wraps. Visitors can warm up with seasonal favorites like hot chocolate and cappuccino.

Work off Thanksgiving indulgence calories on the ice and enjoy holiday music during the [grand-opening weekend](#):

- Friday, Nov. 25, 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 26, 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 27, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Patrons who bring their own skates can skate for free Mondays through Thursdays when there is no admission to the rink. Rentals are available for \$3 on these days. Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays cost a \$5 admission fee, which includes the cost of skate rentals.

MetroParks Ice Rink will be open during the [Christmas](#) and [New Year’s](#) holidays as well as several more holidays and special events throughout the season. Visit [metroparks.org/IceRink](#) to find the complete schedule. Lessons and other skating programs also will be hosted at the rink throughout the season. Visit [metroparks.org/Skating](#) or read the [winter issue of ParkWays](#) to learn more.

Season passes are available for purchase: \$60 family passes cover admission and rentals for up to five people, and \$25 individual passes cover the same costs. Visit the [RiverScape MetroPark Facebook page](#) for a chance to [win a family pass](#)!

Slots are still available for businesses, church groups, youth clubs and anyone else interested in renting the rink for a private function. Private rentals include 50 pairs of ice skates and 50 cups of hot chocolate for \$200. Call (937) 274-0126 for more information and a list of available dates.

To learn more, [visit the website](#) or call the skating office at (937) 278-2607.

ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Established in 1963 through the efforts of forward-thinking citizens concerned about preserving green space and natural areas, Five Rivers MetroParks has grown to a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, high-quality river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as a steward of greater Dayton’s public lands. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages, and diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to ensure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto [www.metroarks.org](#) or call (937) 275-PARK.

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