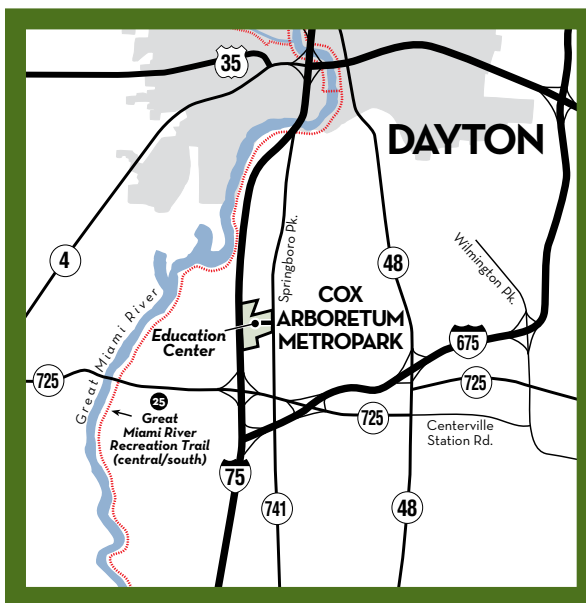


# Volunteer Opportunities

Cox Arboretum MetroPark offers hundreds of volunteers the chance to use their time and talents in a wide variety of activities. Become involved as a gardener, instructor, receptionist, or tour guide leading school or adult groups. For more information, contact the volunteer coordinator at (937) 434-9005 or visit [www.metroparks.org/volunteer](http://www.metroparks.org/volunteer).



## It's our nature.

This park is one of 25 outstanding public facilities operated by your Five Rivers MetroParks system. Founded in 1963 to serve the greater Dayton area, MetroParks protects over 15,000 acres of open space and provides year-round recreation, education and conservation opportunities. Facilities are available to the public free of charge – made possible by Montgomery County citizen support of a property tax levy.

## For More Information

Administrative Offices..... (937) 275-PARK (7275)  
 Website ..... [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)  
 Cox Arboretum..... (937) 434-9005

## Ranger Assistance

Contact the Sheriff's Office dispatcher at:  
**(937) 535-2580**

**Cox Arboretum MetroPark**  
 6733 Springboro Pike  
 Dayton, Ohio 45449  
**Cox Arboretum MetroPark** is located on State Route 741/Springboro Pike approximately one mile north of the Dayton Mall in Miami Township.



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# COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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# Escape. Discover. Grow. At Cox Arboretum MetroPark

## Cox Arboretum MetroPark



Visit this beautiful 189-acre facility where a wide variety of plants are cultivated for education and aesthetics. Every season has something special to offer, from spring's splashes of bright color to winter's textures. Stroll among specimen trees, shrubs and other plants suitable to our climate. The Arboretum features nine specialty gardens. In addition to exploring the gardens, hike trails through mature forests and colorful meadows. There's something for everyone at Cox Arboretum MetroPark!

Join the James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation. Your membership will help support this world-class landscape arboretum and its educational programs. Pick up your membership brochure and information inside the Zorniger Education Center or call (937) 434-9005.

## Things to Do

**ZORNIGER EDUCATION CAMPUS** - Designed as a gateway to the beauty and wonder of the gardens and natural areas, this series of buildings sets the stage for a wide variety of educational activities. Increase your knowledge of horticulture and natural history by participating in classes, programs and workshops held year-round for all ages. Program schedules and park information are available in the Zorniger Education Center or at [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org).

**VISIT THE GARDENS** - Stroll the grounds and discover a variety of beautiful thematic gardens highlighting plants that grow well in southwestern Ohio. These include extensive perennial gardens and an Edible Landscape Garden.



**WALKING** - The grounds of the Arboretum are easy to walk. The natural area and Conservation Corner offer about 2.5 miles of trails through woodlands and meadows. An overlook (see map) provides a scenic view over native woodlands and a beautiful ravine. Birds and other wildlife can be watched from a blind in Conservation Corner.

**GUIDED TOURS** - Schools and other groups may schedule guided tours of the Arboretum. Guided tram tours are available with a reservation. Call (937) 434-9005 to schedule.

**SPECIAL EVENTS & EXHIBITS** - Wildflower & Native Plant Sale takes place every fourth Saturday in April. The native Butterfly House opens last weekend in June, and it highlights the life cycle of the native butterflies and moths.

## Information & Regulations

Protect Cox Arboretum MetroPark as a natural area and site for cultivated plants. Do not pick, collect or disturb plant or animal materials of any kind. Hunting, frog gigging and swimming are not permitted. In gardens and natural areas, please remain on the paths and trails. Bicycling, rollerblading, fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating are not permitted, but may be enjoyed at other MetroParks facilities. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



**WILDLIFE FEEDING** - Please do not feed fish, ducks or geese. Feeding these animals creates unhealthy conditions for them and the public.

**PETS** - Not permitted.

**ALCOHOL** - Prohibited except by permit.

### HOURS

#### Arboretum Grounds:

April 1 - October 31: 8AM-10PM  
November 1 - March 31: 8AM-8PM  
Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

#### Zorniger Education Center:

8AM-5PM, Monday - Friday  
11AM-4PM, Saturday & Sunday

#### Native Butterfly House

Opens last weekend in June and closes for the season Labor Day  
10AM-4PM, Monday - Saturday  
noon -4PM, Sunday

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RECREATION  
EDUCATION



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

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Scale: 1 inch = .06 miles

**TRAIL KEY**

**Color Coded Trails**

- red trail (0.6 miles)
- blue trail (1.1 miles)
- yellow trail (1.8 miles)
- (A)** trail intersection



**ZORNIGER EDUCATION CAMPUS**

- a. Zorniger Education Center including Huffman Gallery, Fifth Third Conference Center, MeadWestvaco Theatre, National City Outdoor Classroom, Cox Arboretum Garden Store
- b. Kettering Learning Lab
- c. Fred and Alice Wallace Botanical Library
- d. Volunteer Center

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|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ① Water Garden Terrace       | ⑦ Crab Apple Allée     | ⑬ Rose Garden                | ⑰ Meadow              |
| ② Water Garden               | ⑧ Copse                | ⑭ Edible Landscape Garden    | ⑱ Conservation Corner |
| ③ Stonewall Perennial Garden | ⑨ Shrub Garden         | ⑮ Ornamental Grasses         | ⑲ Conifer Collection  |
| ④ Rock Garden                | ⑩ Meditation Garden    | ⑯ Woodland Wildflower Garden |                       |
| ⑤ Clematis Arbor             | ⑪ Bell Children's Maze |                              |                       |
| ⑥ Butterfly House            | ⑫ Magnolia Collection  |                              |                       |

**LEGEND:**

- E** entrance
- P** parking
- ♿** restrooms
- V** visitor center
- 🛍** gift shop
- 🍴** picnic area
- ♿** wheelchair accessible
- W** drinking fountain
- 🌲 woods
- 🌊 stream
- 🌊 pond
- pathways
- paved pathways
- park boundary
- park road
- public road

## PARK FEATURES

### ② WATER GARDEN

Enjoy the serenity of a water garden landscaped with a mix of water-loving plants, perennial and shrub borders, and seasonal displays.

### ③ STONEWALL PERENNIAL GARDEN

This mixed border features perennials chosen for year-round interest, including reliable garden favorites and promising new introductions.

### ④ ROCK GARDEN

Alpine plants, low growing vegetation and dwarf conifers all thrive in this sloping garden of rocks and gravel. Peak blooming period is April and May.

### ⑤ CLEMATIS ARBOR

Clematis, known as the queen of flowering vines, provides a continuous display of unusual blossoms throughout the growing season. The arbor is surrounded by more than 40 varieties of crab apples.

### ⑥ BUTTERFLY HOUSE

View many species of native butterflies close-up and the landscaped habitat gardens that surround the house. The Butterfly House opens at the end of June and remains open through August. Call for open days and hours.

### ⑦ CRAB APPLE ALLÉE

The award-winning crab apple tree, Sugar Tyme, lines an avenue known as the Crab Apple Allée, which runs from the Shrub Garden to a clematis-covered arbor.

### ⑨ SHRUB GARDEN

This garden allows home gardeners to evaluate growth and flowering habit, fall color and winter character of hundreds of different trees and shrubs.

### ⑪ BELL CHILDREN'S MAZE

Parents are invited to watch from the overlook or join in the fun as children discover a path through 1,175 boxwoods to the center of the maze.

### ⑭ EDIBLE LANDSCAPE GARDEN

The Maimon Memorial Garden features edible plants as ornamental components of the landscape. This garden combines beauty and utility through a unique display of fruits, vegetables and herbs. The pavilion serves as an outdoor classroom.

### ⑯ WOODLAND WILDFLOWER GARDEN

This young, successional woodland features a collection of native woodland wildflowers and non-native species that can grow well with natives in a residential shade garden. During the spring, the wildflowers are at their peak. At the west end of the garden is a connection to the red trail and Conservation Corner.

### ⑱ CONSERVATION CORNER

Land stewardship practices are demonstrated in this area that includes two wetlands and 13 acres of re-introduced prairie vegetation, creating ideal wildlife habitat. A bird blind provides opportunities for wildlife viewing.

### ⑲ CONIFER COLLECTION

A variety of evergreens that can be grown in the Dayton area are displayed here, exhibiting the wide range of textures and colors available for the home landscape.