

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer groups are welcome to help maintain Eastwood MetroPark throughout the year. Volunteers assist with gathering litter and removing honeysuckle. Many businesses and organizations have made it a tradition to serve together at Eastwood MetroPark. To schedule your group, call (937) 275 PARK.



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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.metro parks.org

Ranger Assistance

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

Eastwood MetroPark is located near the Air Force Museum and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with entrances on Harshman Road just south of State Route 4 and Springfield Street.



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EASTWOOD METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Eastwood MetroPark

Eastwood MetroPark



Located within the city limits of Dayton, this 437-acre park with a 185-acre lake, ponds and scenic Mad River offers a variety of water-based recreational opportunities. Spend the day boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking or bird watching. In addition, events like boat races and festivals, including Paddle in the Park and Mountain Days Festival are held each year.

Eastwood is also a popular picnic place, and children are sure to enjoy the playgrounds near the picnic area.

Things to Do

BOATING - Powerboats, fishing boats and water skiers are permitted on Eastwood Lake on even days of the month; sailboats, personal watercraft and fishing boats at idle speed are permitted on odd days. There is a 35-mile-per-hour speed limit and a 40 powerboat capacity. Personal watercraft must use the designated area marked by buoys at the west end of the lake. Eastwood Lake is occasionally closed for special events. See www.metroparks.org or call (937) 275-PARK for more information.

PICNICKING -

Four picnic shelters are available on a first-come basis. In addition, a variety of scenic spots with tables are available. Most locations have grills.



FISHING - Try your luck catching a variety of fish in this park's water systems. An Ohio

fishing license is required to fish in Eastwood Lake or the Mad River, but you can fish for free and without a license at Blue Lake. The Mad River's cold, clear water makes it the only river in the area where you can catch trout.

WALKING & HIKING - A 3-mile loop trail on mostly level terrain passes through a variety of habitats and provides beautiful views of the river.

BIRD WATCHING - Eastwood is excellent for bird watching. Look for great blue herons, belted kingfishers, waterfowl, cedar wax wings and Baltimore orioles.

Information & Regulations

Protect Eastwood MetroPark as a natural area; do not pick, collect or disturb plant or animal materials of any kind. Hunting, frog gigging and swimming are not permitted. Hikers must remain on marked trails. Motor vehicles must stay on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



FIRES - Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal to use in grills. Do NOT bring firewood.

PETS - Dogs allowed on leash only. Leashes may be no longer than 8 feet.

ALCOHOL - Not permitted.

SWIMMING - Not permitted.

HOURS

April 1 - October 31: 8AM-10PM

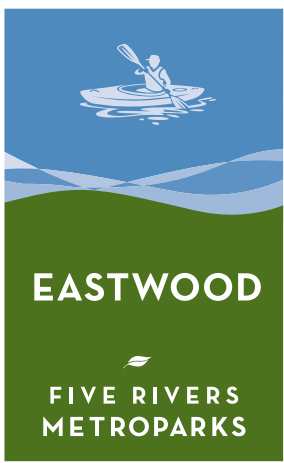
November 1 - March 31: 8AM-8PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

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PARK FEATURES

BUCKEYE & NORTH COUNTRY TRAILS

The Buckeye and North Country Trails pass through Eastwood MetroPark, forming a 3-mile loop. This section of the Buckeye Trail is part of a 1,440-mile continuous loop that completely encircles Ohio. The North Country Trail stretches across seven states and will be 4,600 miles long when completed. These trails link and make accessible historic and scenic features and provide long-distance hiking.

EASTWOOD LAKE

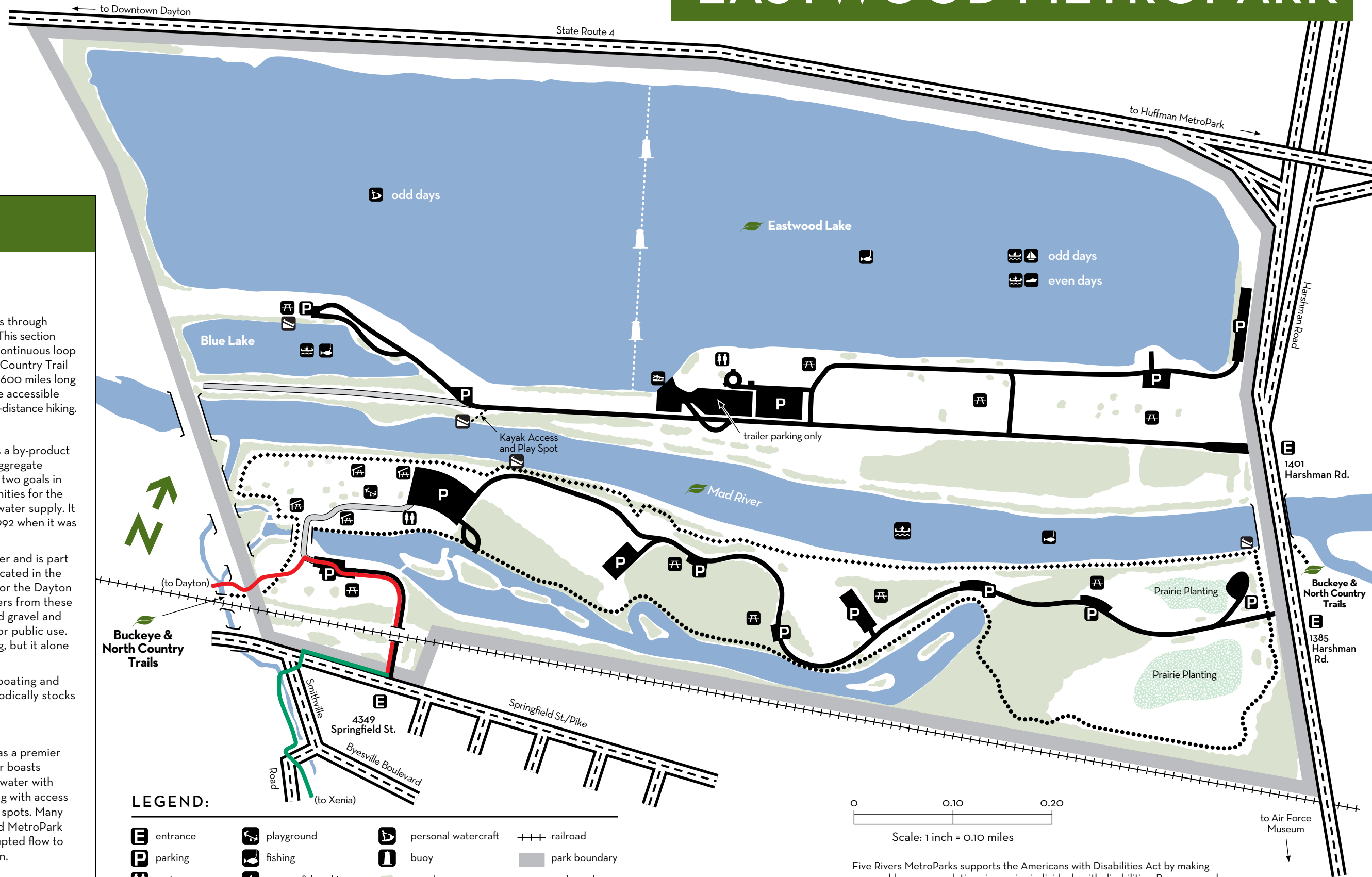
This mile-long, 185-acre lake was created as a by-product of gravel mining operations by American Aggregate Corporation. It was completed in 1972 with two goals in mind: to provide water recreation opportunities for the community and to help protect the public water supply. It was operated by the City of Dayton until 1992 when it was leased to MetroParks.

The lake is fed by water from the Mad River and is part of a system of ponds, lakes and lagoons located in the area that serve as artificial charge basins for the Dayton well fields found nearby. Water slowly filters from these bodies of water through layers of sand and gravel and helps restore ground water pumped out for public use. The Mad River provides natural recharging, but it alone cannot meet demands.

In addition, the lake is a popular site for boating and fishing. The Ohio Division of Wildlife periodically stocks the lake.

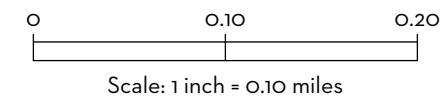
Mad River

This free-flowing spring-fed river is known as a premier paddling spot for the region. The Mad River boasts Class II river features (contain fast-moving water with easily avoided rocks, holes and waves) along with access to some of the region's best recreation spots. Many paddlers access the Mad River at Eastwood MetroPark and are able to travel 4.5 miles of uninterrupted flow to RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton.



LEGEND:

E entrance	playground	personal watercraft	railroad
P parking	fishing	buoy	park boundary
restrooms	canoes & kayaking	woods	park road
telephone	boat launch	Mad River Recreation Trail	public road
picnic area	sailing	Creekside Recreation Trail	service road
picnic shelter	powerboats	Buckeye & North Country Trails	other hiking trail
	canoe & kayak takeout		park feature



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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