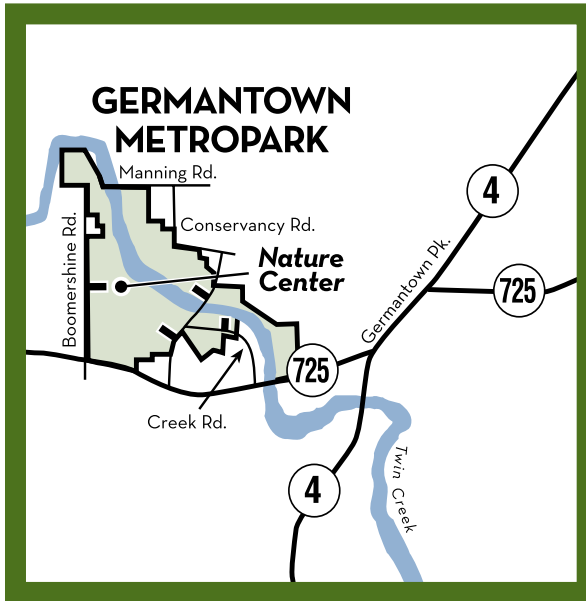


# Volunteer Opportunities

Share your interest in nature, learn new skills and meet people by becoming a Germantown MetroPark volunteer. At the Nature Center, activities include greeting and assisting visitors, planning and conducting natural history programs and helping with school programs. Other opportunities include working with Habitat Healers, a land stewardship group and assisting with special projects. It's fun, rewarding and a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors. Call (937) 855-7717 for details.



Photo courtesy of Robert Makley



## 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)
- Germantown MetroPark
  - Nature Center ..... (937) 855-7717
  - Park Office ..... (937) 275-PARK

## Ranger Assistance

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

**Germantown MetroPark  
Nature Center**  
6910 Boomershine Road  
Germantown, Ohio 45327

**Germantown MetroPark** is located west of the town of Germantown and north of State Route 725.



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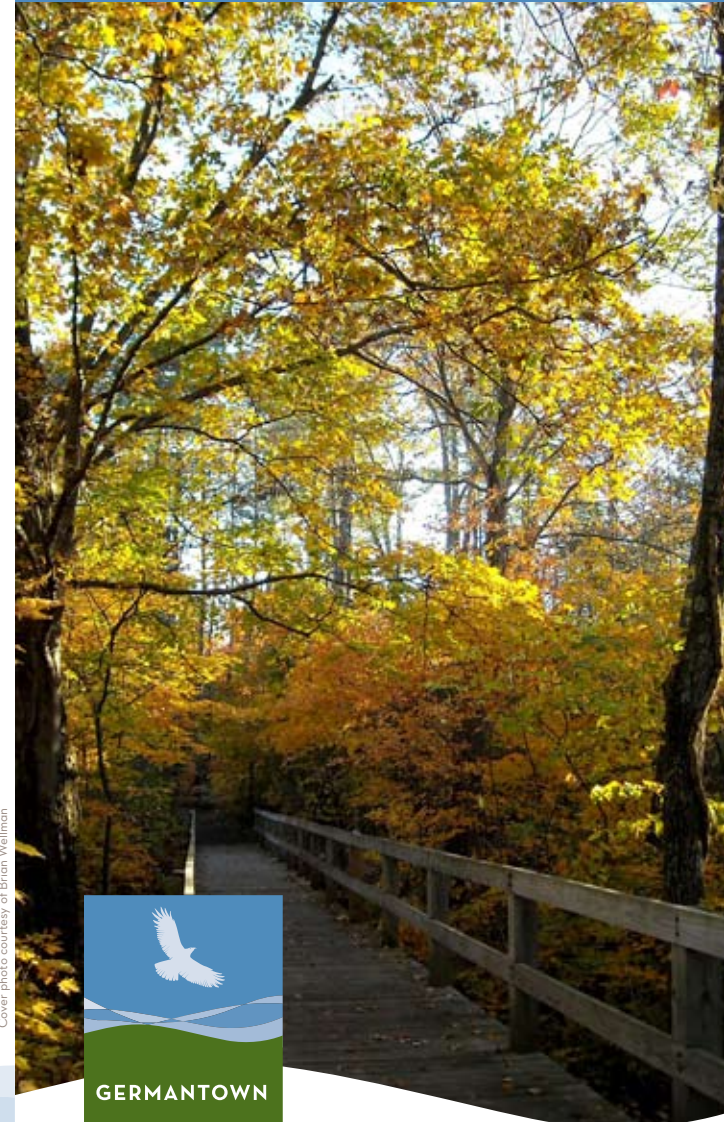


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# GERMANTOWN METROPARK

## USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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# For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Germantown MetroPark

## Germantown MetroPark



A world of wilderness awaits at Germantown MetroPark – just 20 minutes from the Dayton Mall. Spectacular ravines, towering trees, wildflowers and excellent opportunities to observe wildlife add to the appeal of this 1,655-acre MetroPark. It has been designated as a Watchable Wildlife viewing site by Ohio Department of Natural Resources and an Important Bird Area by National Audubon Society.

Visit the underground Nature Center with exhibits, wildlife viewing window, scenic overlook and 500-foot boardwalk. Also enjoy hiking trails (some quite rugged), fishing, fossil collecting and scenic picnicking. Some picnic shelters are reservable, making them a great resource for family reunions or group picnics.



## Things to Do

**WALKING & HIKING** - Nearly 14 miles of trails through spectacular scenery are open year-round. Loop trails are color-coded, with intersections marked by a number corresponding to numbers on the inside map. Follow the same color to arrive back at your starting point.

**PICNICKING** - Use the entrance at 7101 Conservancy Road to reach picnic shelters and scenic spots available on a first-come basis. Three reservable shelters are located at 6910 Boomershine Road. A \$50 refundable deposit is required to reserve a shelter; call (937) 275-PARK.

**FISHING** - Fish in Twin Creek for a variety of fish including bass, crappie and bluegill. An Ohio fishing license is required. Catch and release in Sunfish Pond without a license.

**FOSSIL COLLECTING** - Search for fossils south of the Germantown Dam. Collecting fossils is only permitted in the marked area. Follow the rules posted at the site.

**RECREATION (CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, WINTER & SUMMER SLEDDING)** - Cross-country skiers are welcome to use the park, but caution should be used on trails due to rugged terrain. Kids will love the sledding hill at the corner of Boomershine and Manning roads. The hill is available for winter sledding with snow.

**CAMPING** - Overnight tent camping available in designated areas. Camping reservations can be made by calling the Outdoor Recreation Department at (937) 277-4374 M-F 9AM-4PM, walking in 224 N. St. Clair St. across from RiverScape MetroPark, or e-mailing outdoors@metroparks.org.

**TOURS & GROUP PROGRAMS** - Guided tours and special programs are available for school, youth and adult groups. Call (937) 855-7717.

**CANOEING & KAYAKING** - Twin Creek is a popular canoeing and kayaking location, although water conditions vary considerably. All watercraft should be launched from the river access site downstream of the dam. An access site to pull out is 7 miles to Carmody Park.

## Information & Regulations

Protect Germantown 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 should stay on trails. Motor vehicles must remain on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



Photo courtesy of ODNR

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

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

**ALCOHOL** - Prohibited except by permit in reservable shelters.

**BICYCLES** - Not permitted on trails.

### HOURS

#### Park Grounds:

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

#### Nature Center:

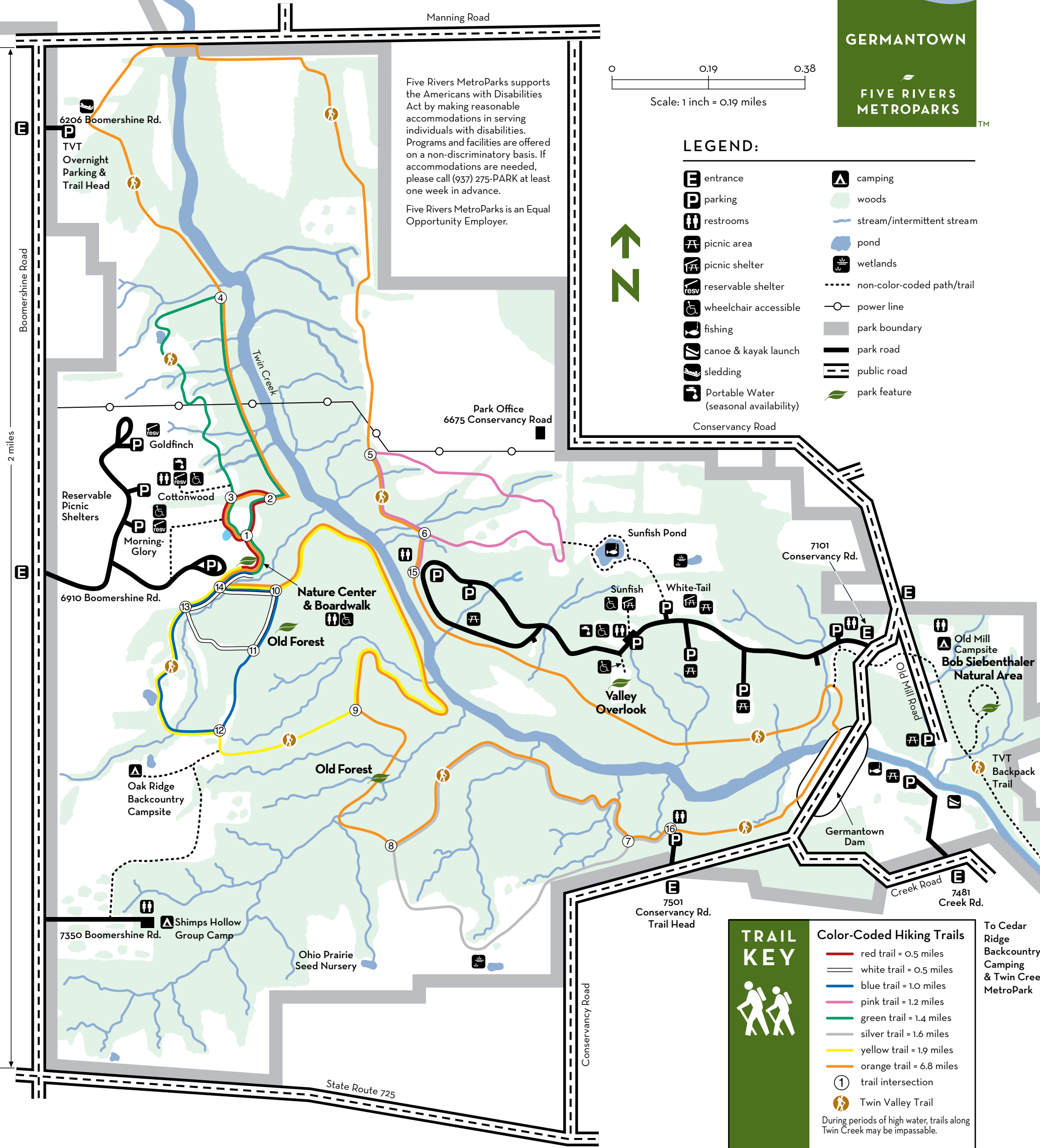
Friday and Sunday: noon 5PM  
Saturday: 10AM- 5PM  
Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

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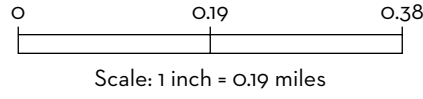
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# GERMANTOWN METROPARK



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 non-discriminatory basis. If accommodations are needed, please call (937) 275-PARK at least one week in advance. Five Rivers MetroParks is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



## LEGEND:

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>E</b> entrance                               | <b>A</b> camping               |
| <b>P</b> parking                                | woods                          |
| <b>♿</b> restrooms                              | stream/intermittent stream     |
| <b>☼</b> picnic area                            | pond                           |
| <b>☼</b> picnic shelter                         | wetlands                       |
| <b>resv</b> reservable shelter                  | --- non-color-coded path/trail |
| <b>♿</b> wheelchair accessible                  | — power line                   |
| <b>🎣</b> fishing                                | ▬ park boundary                |
| <b>🚣</b> canoe & kayak launch                   | ▬ park road                    |
| <b>🛷</b> sledding                               | ▬ public road                  |
| <b>🚰</b> Portable Water (seasonal availability) | 🌿 park feature                 |



## TRAIL KEY



- ### Color-Coded Hiking Trails
- red trail = 0.5 miles
  - white trail = 0.5 miles
  - blue trail = 1.0 miles
  - pink trail = 1.2 miles
  - green trail = 1.4 miles
  - silver trail = 1.6 miles
  - yellow trail = 1.9 miles
  - orange trail = 6.8 miles
  - ① trail intersection
  - 🚰 Twin Valley Trail
- During periods of high water, trails along Twin Creek may be impassable.

To Cedar Ridge Backcountry Camping & Twin Creek MetroPark

## PARK FEATURES

**BOB SIEBENTHALER NATURAL AREA**  
This beautiful woodland offers a rich display of spring wildflowers and scenic hiking year-round. The area honors the many contributions of former MetroParks Commissioner Bob Siebenthaler made to land stewardship and conservation in the Miami Valley.

**OLD FOREST**  
One of the most exciting features of this park is the mature and old-growth woodland preserved here. It is the largest tract of old woods in Montgomery County. This magnificent forested area is filled with large, old trees hinting at what

Ohio's forests were like before European settlement. Due to its size, it provides crucial habitat for species not found in other areas. A variety of small orchids have been found, and wildflowers carpet the Old Forest in the spring. Wild turkeys have also been spotted. Breeding bird surveys indicate brown creepers and summer tanagers nest here, both rare occurrences for Montgomery County.

**VALLEY OVERLOOK**  
For a spectacular view, especially during the peak of fall color, stop at the Valley Overlook. Year-round, this site provides a scenic view into and across Twin Creek Valley. Park at the restroom

parking lot and follow the path to the wooden overlook platform.  
**NATURE CENTER**  
Visit the underground Nature Center to learn more about land stewardship and the outstanding natural features of Germantown MetroPark through colorful, interactive exhibits. Visit the Window on Wildlife – a great place for birdwatching year-round. There's also a 500-foot, wheelchair – accessible boardwalk offering scenic woodland views. The park's trail system begins from the boardwalk.