

Volunteer Opportunities

Huffman MetroPark
 Volunteer groups are welcome to help maintain Huffman 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 the park. To schedule your group, call (937) 275-PARK.



MoMBA
 Join volunteers from the Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association to help maintain the trails. Bring your energy and work gloves; tools and instructions provided. Volunteers can work independently after completing training or participate in scheduled work days. For more information, e-mail Greg at gbrumitt@metroparks.org or contact the Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association through www.mtboho.org.



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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.metroparks.org
 MoMBA Trail Conditions (937) 277-4374

Ranger Assistance

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

Huffman MetroPark is located west of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base off State Route 4 at the Lower Valley Pike exit.



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HUFFMAN METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Huffman MetroPark

Huffman MetroPark



Enjoy fishing, bird watching, hiking and picnicking surrounded by beautiful scenery. Huffman MetroPark is being managed for natural diversity, making it an ideal spot for wildlife viewing. The lake and Mad River highlight this 283-acre MetroPark. Bring your bat and ball, Frisbee, or volleyball net and enjoy a game while your picnic meal cooks on the grill in the shelter. Stroll hiking trails that wind through the park.

Five Rivers MetroParks recently opened its first mountain bike facility at Huffman MetroPark. MoMBA features the area's first fully sustainable trail system designed to International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) standards, specifically for mountain bike use. The area features challenging terrain and natural elements, including beautiful hardwoods, a rock-bottom creek, steep hills and a rock-filled ridge.

Things to Do

MoMBA - MOUNTAIN BIKING - MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA) contains over 8 miles of sustainable trails designed to IMBA standards. Trails are available for all levels of biker: beginner, intermediate and advanced. For more information, go to metroparks.org/momba or call (937) 277-4374 for trail conditions.

FISHING - Both the Mad River and Huffman Lake provide good fishing. Bass, bluegill, catfish and crappie can be caught. In addition, trout and smallmouth bass are sought in the Mad River. An Ohio fishing license is required.

PICNICKING - A variety of sites with picnic tables and charcoal grills are available. In addition, a picnic shelter is available for use on a first-come, non-reservable basis.

BIRD WATCHING - The lake, river and natural vegetation provide habitat for a variety of birds. In the spring and fall, the area draws migrating birds including ducks, gulls, herons and warblers. Large birds of prey, like the red-tailed hawk and great horned owl, are year-round residents. Rare birds have also been sighted in the Huffman MetroPark vicinity. These include the western grebe, osprey, bald eagle and white-winged scoter.

HIKING - Enjoy approximately 3 miles of trails through meadows, woods and along the lake. Get an overview of the park by hiking a section of trail on the dam, about three-quarters of the way up.

BOATING - Boats without motors (canoes, rowboats and sailboats) are permitted on the lake. Electric motors under 42 pounds of thrust are also permitted. Craft may be launched from the north end of the lake, which also serves as a canoe take-out point before reaching the dam (canoes and kayaks are not permitted through the dam).

WINTER SPORTS (CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SLEDDING) - With sufficient snowfall, the level - to gently rolling terrain provides scenic cross-country skiing around the lake and through the picnic areas. Sledding, especially for young children, is available on the small hills at the north end of the lake. Sledding is not permitted on the dam.

Information & Regulations

Protect Huffman 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 remain on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

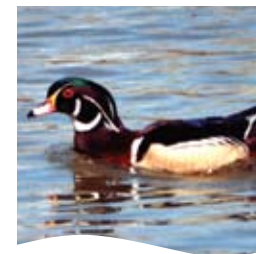


Photo courtesy of ODNR

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 - Not permitted.

BICYCLES - Not permitted on hiking trails.

HOURS

Park Grounds:

April 1 - October 31: 8AM-10PM

November 1 - March 31: 8AM-8PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

MoMBA:

April 1 - September 28: 8AM-10PM.

September 29 - October 31: 10AM-10PM

November 1 - February 3: 10AM-8PM

February 4 - March 31: 8AM-8PM

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PARK FEATURES

HUFFMAN DAM

Huffman Dam is part of a system of five earthen flood control dams managed by the Miami Conservancy District. They were built after the flood of 1913 to protect the Miami Valley. All five dams (Huffman, Englewood, Germantown, Taylorsville and Lockington) were completed between 1919 and 1922. The system is a unique design developed by Arthur Morgan to allow normal water flow to pass, while flood waters are held back. Excess water is retained only long enough to drain safely away.

The construction of Huffman Dam required moving the entire village of Osborn from what was to become a flood basin. It was joined with the village of Fairfield and is now known as Fairborn. Huffman Lake was created when soil was removed to build the dam.

Hikers can glimpse remnants of our past. The construction of Huffman Dam required moving the Ohio Electric Railroad, and the New York Central and Erie Railroad lines. Remains of the Erie Railroad bridge abutments can still be seen along the Mad River at the north end of the park and from the hiking trail at the bottom of the hill at the south end.

MoMBA

The MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA) facility features a stacked loop system of bike trails offering a variety of difficulties so the beginner can learn the ropes, but the expert can be challenged by the rock drops, creek crossings and terrain changes.

HUFFMAN DAM TRILOBITE

In the summer of 1919, workers digging the outlet tunnel for Huffman Dam unearthed a giant trilobite fossil of the genus *Isotelus*. This 14.5 by 10.5 inch fossil became known as the Huffman Dam Trilobite and is one of the largest complete trilobites ever found. It was donated to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and has been on display there since 1919. The *Isotelus* trilobite is Ohio's state fossil.



Photo courtesy of Miami Conservancy District

MAD RIVER

This scenic stream flows cool, swift and clear during most of the year due to the numerous springs from glacial deposits in west-central Ohio that feed it. Lush forests and abundant wildlife can be found along its banks.

LEGEND:

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| E entrance | fishing | stream/intermittent stream | railroad bridge abutments |
| P parking | canoeing | lake | park boundary |
| restrooms | row boating | woods | park road |
| picnic area | sail boating | hiking trail | public road |
| picnic shelter | boat launch/canoe take-out | Buckeye & North Country Trails | service road |
| | | Wright Brothers/Huffman Prairie Bikeway | 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 non-discriminatory basis. If accommodations are needed, please call (937) 275-PARK at least one week in advance.

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