

# Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a fun way to contribute to your MetroParks and enhance the quality of experience for future park patrons? There are a number of ways to volunteer in your MetroParks. From conducting tours to interacting with children and adults to greeting guests or even attend the gardens at RiverScape, there's a volunteer opportunity to suit any age, physical limitation, gender or skill level. Training is provided. To learn more, visit [www.metroparks.org/volunteer](http://www.metroparks.org/volunteer) or call (937) 275-PARK (7275).



# Parking near RiverScape MetroPark

**Downtown Dayton has roughly 15,000 public parking spaces**

- 11,200 spaces in garages
- 2,600 spaces in surface lots
- 1,200 spaces at parking meters

Metered parking is free weekdays after 6PM and all day on the weekends.

## Want more information about parking downtown?

Visit [EasyParkDowntown.org](http://EasyParkDowntown.org) to find:

- A fully interactive parking map that shows you parking near downtown office buildings, attractions, and housing, as well as rates, points of entry and methods of payment
- Frequently Asked Questions

## 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 .....	<a href="http://www.metroparks.org">www.metroparks.org</a>
RiverScape MetroPark .....	(937) 274-0126
Pedal Boat, Bicycle Rentals .....	(937) 278-2607
Ice Rink.....	(937) 278-2607

## Ranger Assistance

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

**RiverScape MetroPark** is located along the Great Miami River in Downtown Dayton on Monument Ave. between N. Main St. and Patterson Blvd.



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# RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



# RiverScape MetroPark



Known for breathtaking landscapes, RiverScape MetroPark has become a favorite outdoor gathering place in downtown Dayton. This downtown hotspot has offered a cool getaway right in the middle of the city with free concerts, educational programming and the community's favorite cultural festivals amid the scene of floral landscapes, hanging baskets and relaxing swings.

New in 2010: Visitors to RiverScape MetroPark will enjoy a new covered pavilion perfect for intimate concerts, enjoying festivals, community events, or just a relaxing lunch with friends. In the winter, this pavilion will house an expanded ice skating rink. Amenities for recreational and commuter cyclists are now a feature of RiverScape and provide a welcome rest stop or starting point for active individuals and families enjoying our region's extensive recreational trail system.

RiverScape MetroPark is a vibrant and active location, yet a relaxing gathering spot for families and friends. For more information visit [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org).

## Things to Do

**DAYTON INVENTOR'S RIVER WALK & INVENTION STATIONS** - The Dayton Inventor's River Walk includes seven invention stations that celebrate Dayton inventions, sometimes in surprising ways. The brick medallions lead the way along the walk, telling stories of other Dayton inventors. A medallion at the northeast corner of Main Street and Monument Avenue claims Dayton to be the Innovation Capital of the World, by virtue of the fact that Dayton has had more inventions per capita than any city in the United States. See our Dayton Inventor's River Walk brochure for a detailed guide.



**RIDE THE RIVER RENTALS** - Whether you want to be on the river or riding alongside it, pedal boats, HydroBikes, bicycles and roller blades are available for rental Saturdays and Sundays and Holidays, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

**BIKING, WALKING & RUNNING** - Positioned at the center of over 230 miles of connected paved recreation trails in the Dayton region, RiverScape MetroPark offers something for every walker, runner and cyclist. RiverScape is the perfect stop whether you are passing through our just starting out: restrooms, water and places to rest as well as bike air pump and places to lock your bike. Commuters can join the new bike hub for indoor bike parking, lockers, and showers.

**RIVER LEVEE & WILDLIFE OBSERVATION** - Site of the Great 1913 Flood. Visit the historical markers on the fountain towers and plaques describing the effects of the Flood. Pick a favorite spot to fish. View the river from a swing on a beautiful summer evening. Observe wildlife. It is an excellent place to watch migratory and resident birds such as Great Blue Herons, waterfowl, gulls and even animals such as beavers and snapping turtles.

**ICE SKATING** - Bring your own ice skates or rent them here for the whole family! RiverScape offers regular open skating hours Thanksgiving weekend through mid-March.

## Information & Regulations

Protect RiverScape 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.



**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**PETS** - Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed and under control at all times. We ask that guests please leave their pets at home during events. Pets are not permitted in the interactive fountain or reflecting pools.

**ALCOHOL** - Not permitted, unless served by vendors at a special event in the park.

**INTERACTIVE FOUNTAINS** - Water Play is restricted to the interactive fountains in Festival Plaza. Please no wading in the reflecting pools.

**BICYCLES** - Bicycles are permitted on the paved recreation trails and in designated areas near the bike hub. Remember to yield to slower moving users and to walk your bike inside the park. Bicycle stands are available in the park but remember to bring your own lock.

**PARKING** - Metered parking is free weekdays after 6PM and all day on the weekends. There are over thirty parking garages/lots in the downtown area.

**FISHING** - A State of Ohio Fishing License is required to fish in the Great Miami or Mad Rivers.

**HOURS** - Open year-round including Christmas and New Years Day.

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CONSERVATION  
RECREATION  
EDUCATION

# YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

No matter where you live in Montgomery County, you are just minutes away from a MetroPark facility made possible by your levy investment.

**ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS** Educational and recreational programs are offered year-round. For a list of upcoming activities or informational brochures, call (937) 275-PARK and visit [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org).

**HOURS** MetroParks grounds are open 8AM-10PM, April 1 - October 31 and 8AM-8PM, November 1 - March 31. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Hours may vary at Island and RiverScape MetroParks.

**RESERVABLE SHELTERS** Picnic shelters can be reserved at the following locations: Englewood, Germantown, Hills & Dales, Island, Possum Creek, Taylorsville and Wesleyan MetroParks. A \$50 refundable deposit is required. Call (937) 275-PARK.

**SPEAKER'S BUREAU** A variety of programs are available to groups. Call (937) 275-PARK for topics and scheduling information.

### VISITOR CENTERS

#### Adventure Central at Wesleyan MetroPark

2222 James H. McGee Boulevard, Dayton • (937) 278-2601  
The Ohio State University Extension 4-H Youth Development and MetroParks partnership youth programming

#### All About Five Rivers MetroParks Booth at 2nd Street Market

600 E. 2nd Street, Dayton • (937) 228-2088

#### Carriage Hill MetroPark Visitor Center

East Shull Road, Huber Heights • (937) 278-2609  
Country Store, Exhibits, Interactive Room, Rotating Art Gallery

#### Cox Arboretum MetroPark Education Center

6733 Springboro Pike, Miami Township • (937) 434-9005  
Gift Shop, Rotating Art Gallery

#### Germantown MetroPark Nature Center

6910 Boomershine Road, Germantown • (937) 855-7717  
Exhibits, Wildlife Viewing Window

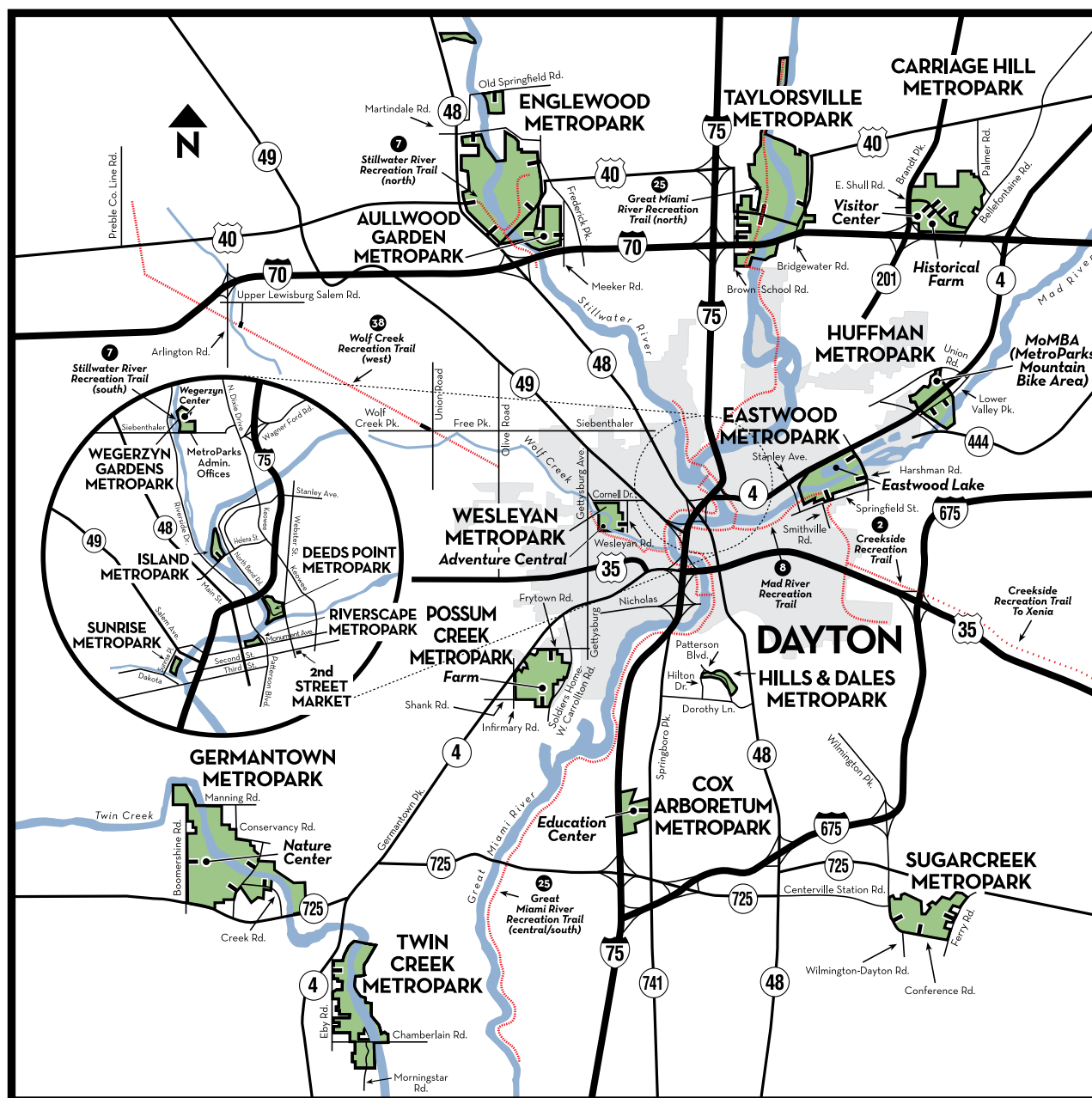
#### Wegerzyn Center at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton • (937) 277-6545

### RECREATION TRAILS

(bike, hike, rollerblade - asphalt surface)

- 7 Stillwater River (north) - 8 miles
- 25 Great Miami River (north) - 6.7 miles
- 25 Great Miami River (central & south) - 23.1 miles
- 8 Mad River - 2.8 miles
- 2 Creekside (to county line) - 4.6 miles
- 33 Wolfcreek (west) - 16.4 miles



# RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

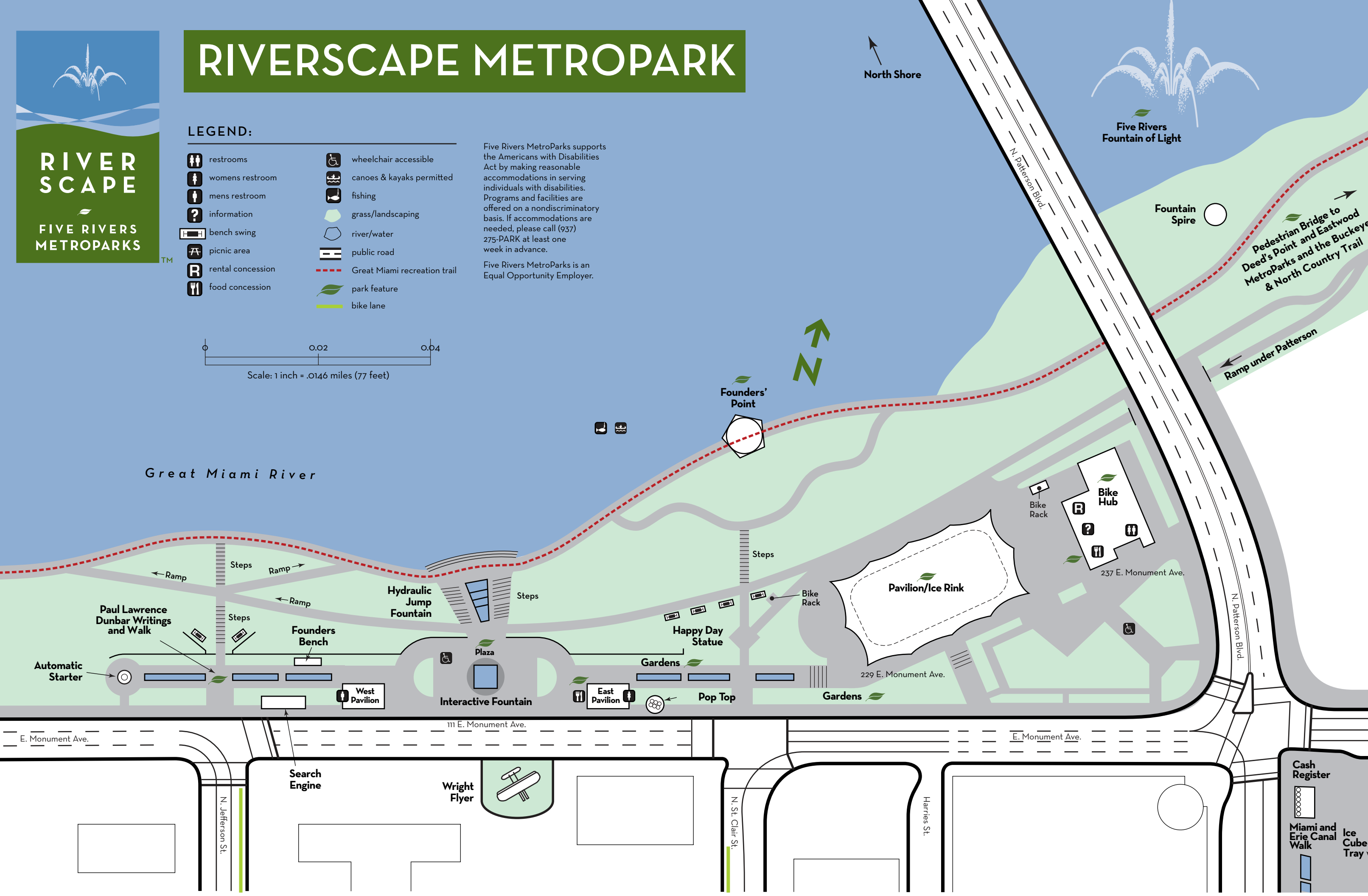
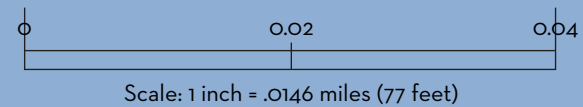
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## LEGEND:

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|  | restrooms         |  | wheelchair accessible        |
|  | womens restroom   |  | canoes & kayaks permitted    |
|  | mens restroom     |  | fishing                      |
|  | information       |  | grass/landscaping            |
|  | bench swing       |  | river/water                  |
|  | picnic area       |  | public road                  |
|  | rental concession |  | Great Miami recreation trail |
|  | food concession   |  | park feature                 |
|  |                   |  | bike lane                    |

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.

Five Rivers MetroParks is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



## PARK FEATURES

### THE PAVILION

This new covered pavilion is perfect for enjoying festivals, community events, free entertainment or just a relaxing lunch with friends. In the winter, the pavilion houses a large ice skating rink.

### FOOD CONCESSIONS

RiverScape has two concessions to satisfy your hunger: Festival Plaza offers 10 flavors of ice cream, lunch and other tasty treats throughout the summer. Open for special events and concerts in the summer and ice skating in the winter, the Bike Hub food concession has a full menu including delicious deserts, coffee and hot chocolate.

### FIVE RIVERS FOUNTAIN OF LIGHTS

The Five Rivers Fountain of Lights is created by five water jets housed in concrete towers and a powerful center geyser. The towers straddle the confluence of the Great Miami and Mad Rivers just east of the Riverside Bridge and shoot 2,500 gallons of water per minute toward the center of the river. The central geyser rises from the jets to a majestic 200' in the air. Covering 395,000 square feet across an 800' diameter, the Five Rivers Fountain of Lights is one of the largest fountains in the world.

### FESTIVAL PLAZA

Tables and chairs are scattered throughout. Enjoy the breeze off the river and be surrounded by our stunning gardens. In summer, bring the kids in swimsuits to enjoy the interactive fountain.

### PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR WALK

RiverScape pays tribute to the works of native Daytonian poet Paul Laurence Dunbar - several of his poems are etched in stone at the top of the staircase at the west end of the park.

### GARDENS

RiverScape MetroPark is a beautiful garden that includes hanging baskets, life size flower pots and beds overflowing with annuals, perennials and tropical plants. Many of the plants are labeled with botanical and common names so that you can be inspired for your own home garden. Our garden creates an oasis along the river in downtown Dayton. We invite you to pull up a chair and enjoy the beauty.

### BIKE HUB

This new facility offers bicycling enthusiasts and commuters a welcoming place to park their bikes. In addition to safe, secure bicycle parking, commuter hub members have access to private lockers, showers and changing areas. Water, refreshments, air pumps and places to rest are available to all cyclists, as well as rental bicycles on weekend and holidays.

### FOUNDERS' POINT

Can you name the five rivers of Five Rivers MetroParks? Confirm your best guess by wandering down to the five-sided pavilion at the edge of the Great Miami River, which features each of the names around its cap. This pavilion marks the location of where the first settlers of Dayton arrived by boat on April 1, 1796.

### DEED'S POINT

Take a short walk over the pedestrian bridge to Deed's Point to see a bronze statue of Wilbur and Orville Wright as well as an aviation timeline exhibit that serves as an ongoing reminder of the importance of the Wright Brothers and Dayton to aviation history. The park also has a monument- Dayton Peace Accord- that symbolizes the agreement for peace between Bosnia and Herzegovina struck in Dayton Ohio on November 21, 1995.