

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you like being outdoors and sharing your natural history knowledge with others? Become a MetroParks volunteer at Sugarcreek MetroPark. Volunteers meet periodically for training sessions and provide public programs as well as walks for groups upon request. Call (937) 277-4178 for details.



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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
 Sugarcreek MetroPark.....(937) 433-0004

Ranger Assistance

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

Sugarcreek MetroPark is located between Wilmington-Dayton Road and Ferry Road just south of Bellbrook.



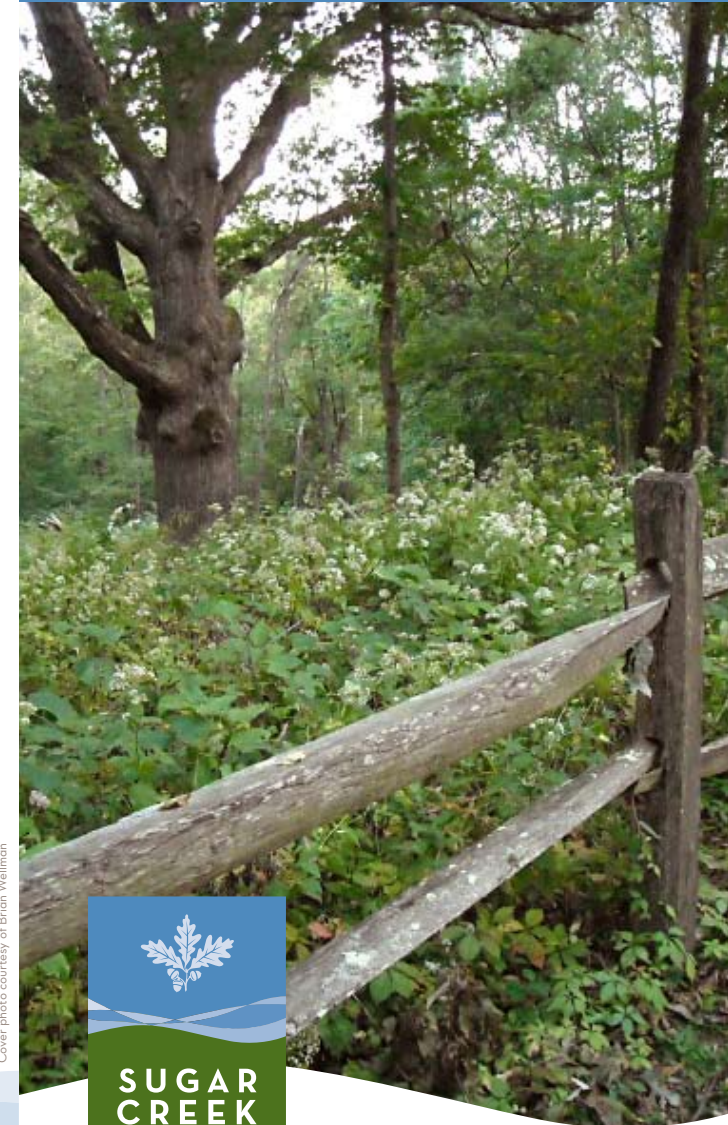
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USER'S GUIDE & MAP



For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Sugarcreek MetroPark

Sugarcreek MetroPark



Oak trees estimated at 550 years old, a tallgrass prairie, woodlands and scenic Sugar Creek beckon visitors. Although much of Sugarcreek's 618 acres were once farmland, MetroParks land management practices and natural processes have resulted in a variety of habitats. These habitats support diverse wildlife that can be discovered as you hike, horseback ride, run the trails, exercise your pets, or enjoy a leisurely picnic.

Things to Do

WALKING & HIKING - Five miles of scenic trails, ranging from easy to strenuous, are open year-round. Steep hills are indicated on the map inside. Most trails are color-coded and marked by color-coded posts. All colored trails are loops; follow the same color to arrive back at your starting point. Intersections of trails are marked by a number corresponding to the numbers on the map.

PICNICKING - Choose from several sites in the mowed grass area. Some tables and grills are provided.

HORSEBACK RIDING - Bring your own horse and enjoy 8 miles of scenic bridle trails. Horse trailers may be unloaded in the horse trailer parking area, south of the park office.



CAMPING - Overnight tent camping is 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.

WINTER RECREATION (CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, HIKING) - With sufficient snowfall, cross-country skiing is permitted in open areas and on hiking trails. Trails near and through the planted prairie provide the most suitable terrain. Trails are open year-round for hiking.

TRAIL RUNNING - The wide trails and meandering hills along with the green trail loop's perfect 5K (3.1 mile) make Sugarcreek a hotspot for the local trail running community.

Information & Regulations

Protect Sugarcreek 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 and horseback riders must remain on their designated trails. Motor vehicles must remain on roads; parking is permitted in designated parking areas only. Please be courteous of all patrons using Sugarcreek MetroPark's trail system.



Thank you for your cooperation.

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. **Dog droppings must be removed from walking trails.**

ALCOHOL - Not permitted.

BICYCLES - Not permitted on trails.

HOURS

Park Grounds:

April 1 - October 31: 8AM-10PM

November 1 - March 31: 8AM-8PM

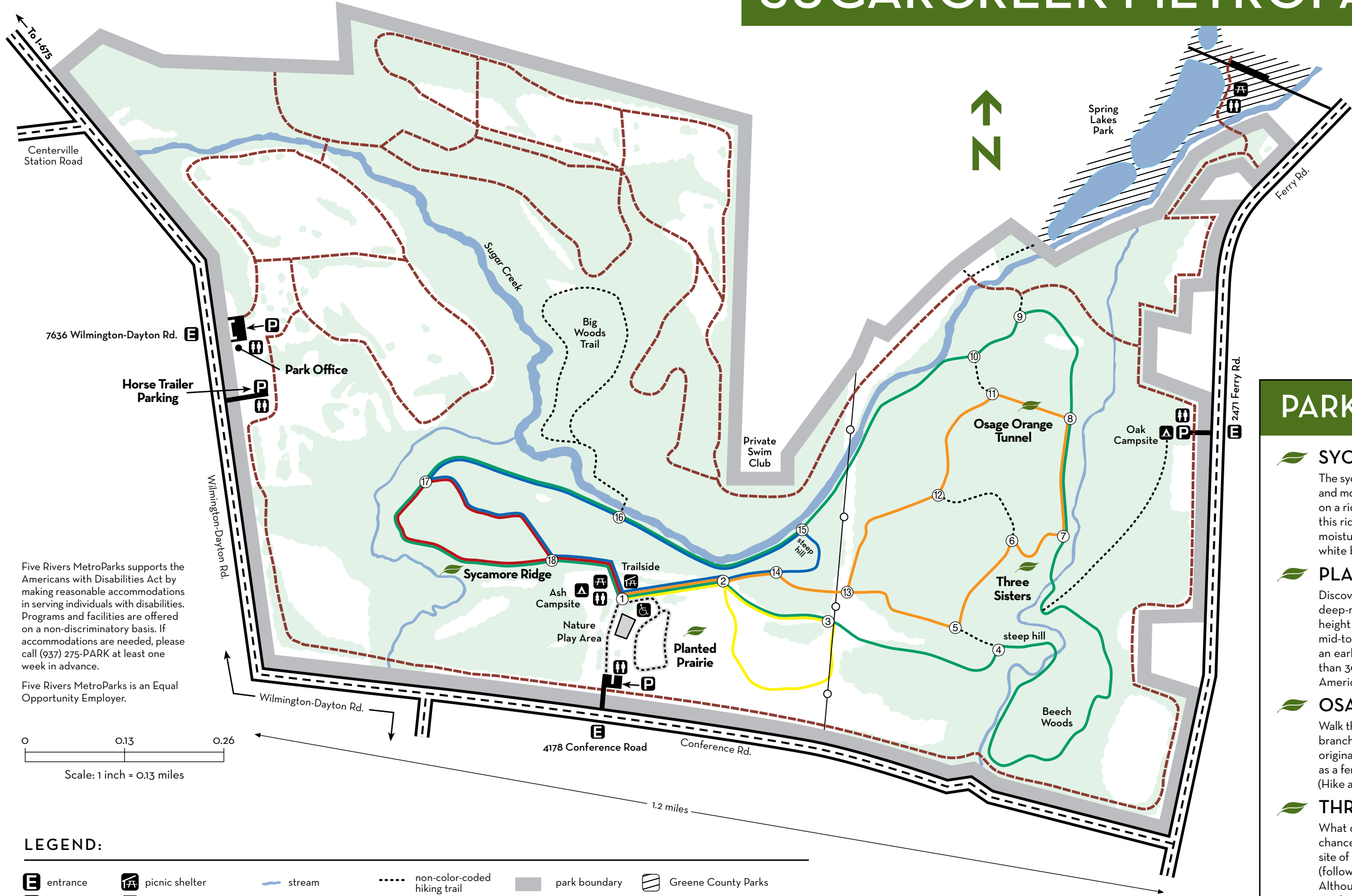
Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

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RECREATION
EDUCATION



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TRAIL KEY

Color-Coded Hiking Trails

- yellow trail = 0.7 miles
- red trail = 0.8 miles
- blue trail = 1.2 miles
- orange trail = 1.3 miles
- green trail = 3.1 miles

① trail intersection

PARK FEATURES

- ### SYCAMORE RIDGE

The sycamore is usually a tree of floodplains, streambanks and moist banks. Here, however, sycamores are growing on a ridge. This suggests a water source seeps beneath this ridge and provides the sycamore with adequate moisture. To recognize a sycamore, look for trees with white bark on the upper portions.
- ### PLANTED PRAIRIE

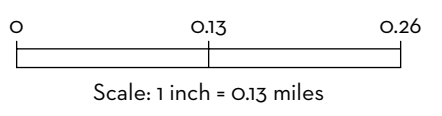
Discover the special plants of a tallgrass prairie. These deep-rooted, sun-loving flowers and grasses range in height up to 10 feet and reach their flowering peak in mid-to-late summer. This planted prairie whispers of an earlier time, before Ohio was settled, when more than 300 natural prairie openings existed and Native Americans and buffalo roamed the land.
- ### OSAGE ORANGE TUNNEL

Walk through a living tunnel created by the large arching branches of old osage orange trees. These trees were originally planted in this row in the late 1800s to serve as a fence in the days before barbed wire was available. (Hike about 0.7 mile to tunnel on orange trail.)
- ### THREE SISTERS OAK TREES

What do 550-year old trees look like? Here's your chance to find out when you venture 0.7 mile to the site of the "Three Sisters," three ancient white oak trees (follow the orange trail and take the loop to the right). Although in decline, two still survive. Borings from the trunk, done in the late 1960s on the largest of the three, indicate they began growing around 1440.

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:

E entrance	PA picnic shelter	stream	--- non-color-coded hiking trail	▭ park boundary	▨ Greene County Parks
P parking	♿ wheelchair accessible	lake	- - - bridle trail	▬ park road	○ powerline
♿ restrooms	⛺ camping	woods	--- asphalt-surfaced hiking trail	▬ public road	🌿 park feature
PA picnic area					