

CHILDREN'S  
Discovery  
Garden

Major Areas to Discover

**WOODS**  
A giant tree marks the north end of this woodland inhabited by native wildflowers, shrubs, trees and hidden pixies. Search for signs of life and creatures that will turn the tree into soil or look for leaves that match the prints in the paths.

**GEOLOGY**  
Discover the many secrets hidden in our limestone bedrock. Crawl through a cave, find fossils in the stream and grotto walls, climb on glacial grooves, and play in a waterfall guarded by some of Ohio's animals.

**PRAIRIE**  
Wander into a world full of tall grasses, wildflowers and a giant topiary bison!

**WETLANDS**  
Follow the stream as it flows into a wetland full of fascinating plants. Get a better view of our resident fish and water-loving creatures by lying down on the observation decks or sitting on a comfortable bench.

**BACKYARD FUN**  
This playful area features whimsical garden spaces and art. Get lost in a music maze, water plants using an old-fashioned water pump, design a garden in the sand, watch for wildlife and immerse your senses in an abundance of plants.

**SKEETER'S GARDEN**  
This area is the heart of the Children's Discovery Garden. School groups, families, Youth Garden Club members and volunteers learn about plants and use their creativity to design and care for these plots.

Hi, my name is Skeeter!

Please:  
- Stay on the paths  
- Touch, but don't pick the flowers  
- Have fun!



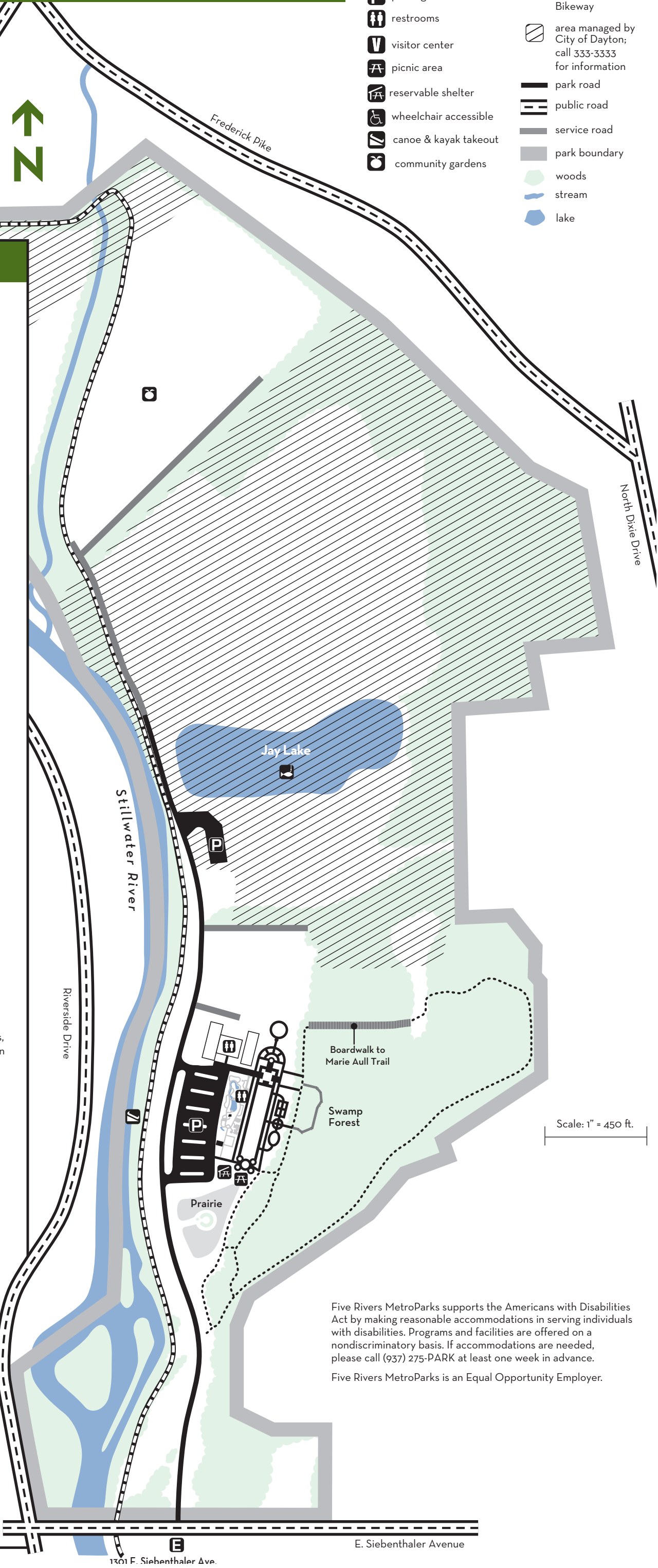
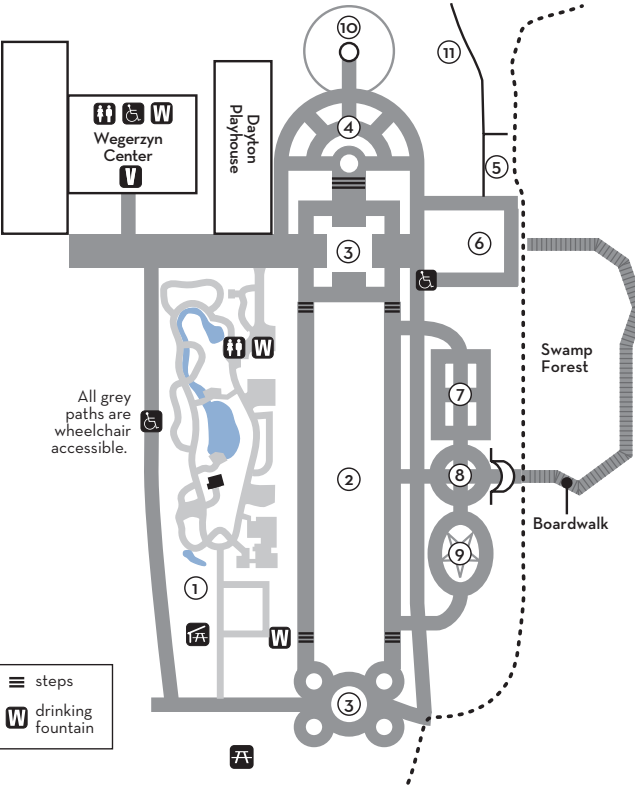
WEGERZYN GARDENS

LEGEND:

- entrance
- parking
- restrooms
- visitor center
- picnic area
- reservable shelter
- wheelchair accessible
- canoe & kayak takeout
- community gardens
- The Marie Aull Trail
- Stillwater River Bikeway
- area managed by City of Dayton; call 333-3333 for information
- park road
- public road
- service road
- park boundary
- woods
- stream
- lake

GARDEN AREAS

- CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN**  
Designed as a child-friendly place to discover, experience and love our world through gardening, the Children's Discovery Garden contains habitat areas and whimsically themed gardens for children and their adult companions to explore together. Visitors are encouraged to visit often to see the gardens grow and change. Highlights include a limestone grotto and waterfall, music maze, wetland, pond, and sensory garden. Be sure to visit Skeeter's Garden, designed and cared for by local children and families during public programs.
- GARDEN GREEN**  
This lush expanse of lawn with an allée of Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress trees is bordered by tall Yew (taxus) hedges. Flower beds and planted limestone walls provide seasonal color.
- NORTH & SOUTH PLAZAS**  
These elevated plazas offer excellent vistas of the garden complex and its stimulating seasonal color.
- ARBOR GARDEN**  
An assortment of hardy, disease-resistant roses is the backbone of beds with a mixture of annuals, perennials, shrubs and vines, all embraced by a traditional arbor of limestone and timber.
- VICTOR RIES MEMORIAL GARDEN**  
Located along the woodland edge, this perennial garden is dedicated to the founder of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.
- MEMORY GARDEN**  
Many interesting and beautiful species can be found in this perennial, woodland shade garden, built in recognition of members of the Garden Club Federation - Dayton & Vicinity, who have supported the development of Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark.
- FEDERAL GARDEN**  
This garden features brick paths and parterres (beds that form a pattern) in a style reminiscent of the 18th and early 19th century American gardens. The garden is planted with historical and modern plants to evoke the period. Of special interest are the arches of European beech trained over the walks at both ends.
- ENGLISH GARDEN**  
The design and plantings in this space are suggestive of English gardening style, and they vary from year to year. The lovely wooden arch is the garden's focal point and is typical of classic English garden architecture.
- VICTORIAN GARDEN**  
This garden echoes the gardening style popular at the end of the 19th century when carpet gardens featured masses of plants set out in elaborate patterns. The focal point is a raised, pebble-walled bed in the shape of a star, modeled after one at the Dayton Soldier's Home in the late 1800s.
- RECEPTION LAWN**  
This garden showcases foxtail lilies and a large, magnificent yellow-blooming magnolia in the spring; hardy mums in the fall; and a lush, serene landscape all summer long. Many unique specimen plants are featured in the view of this garden.
- WOODLAND GARDEN**  
This shade garden is comprised of spring bulbs, dozens of witch hazels, hostas, ferns and other shade-loving plants. Be sure to visit this garden as you stroll down the Marie Aull Trail.



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