

# 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 and administrative duties, there's



a volunteer opportunity to suit any age, physical limitation, gender or skill level. Training is provided. To learn more, visit [metroparks.org/volunteer](http://metroparks.org/volunteer) or call (937) 275-PARK (7275).



## 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)

## Ranger Assistance

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

**Island MetroPark**  
 101 E. Helena Street  
 Dayton, Ohio 45405  
 (937) 275-PARK

**Island MetroPark** From I-75 take Stanley Ave. west until it dead ends at Helena St. Turn right and continue to Island MetroPark.



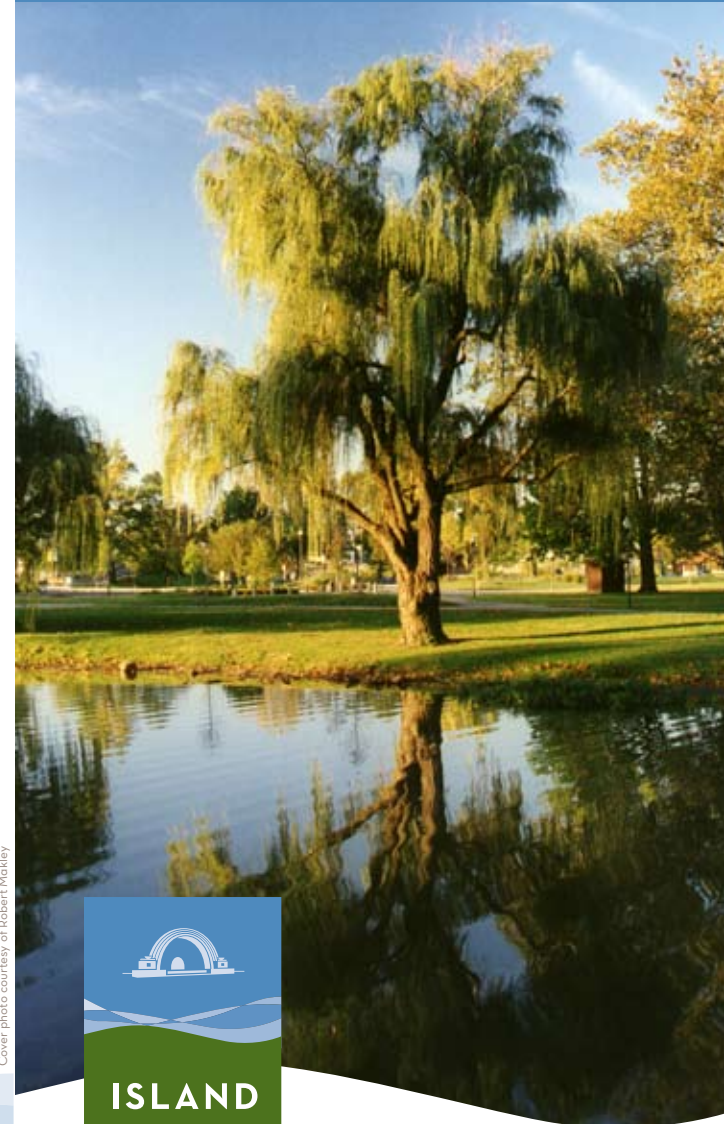
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# ISLAND METROPARK

## USER'S GUIDE & MAP



# Beauty & Serenity



## Island MetroPark

The 33-acre Island MetroPark is an urban oasis conveniently located in downtown Dayton filled with picturesque landscape and mature tree growth; a rich cultural heritage; recreation amenities and opportunities abound; and a waterway that borders both sides of the park. The park was originally a part of the "Report on Proposed Park Systems" done for the city of Dayton. The report was submitted by the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm, world-renowned for enhancing the natural beauty of urban sites with their designs. It's noteworthy that the whole report stems from the urging of John Patterson (co-founder of the National Cash Register Company). In 1995, Five Rivers MetroParks started a rehabilitation of the park to protect the character set forth by Patterson and the Olmsteds, and now offers amenities needed for today's active and healthy lifestyles.

### Things to Do

**HISTORICAL ASPECTS** - When it opened as the White City Amusement Park in the late 19th century, Island MetroPark had a dance pavilion, amusement rides, canoe lockers, refreshment stand and other recreation features.

On July 13, 1913, the Dayton Canoe Club held its first regatta here. On June 20, 1914, the park formally opened as Island Park. The bandshell was erected in 1940 and opened under the name of the Leslie L. Diehl Bandshell.

**WALKING & HIKING** - Enjoy more than 2 miles of paved recreation trails perfect for walking, skating, running or cycling. The Buckeye and North Country long distance hiking trails also come through the park. The bridge offers scenic views of downtown Dayton.

**PADDLE SPORTS** - With access to the Stillwater and Great Miami rivers, this park is perfect for a leisurely afternoon trip in a kayak or canoe.



**GREEN SPACE AND PLAYGROUNDS** - Landscaped beds, sycamore, maple and willow trees throughout the park make a lush backdrop for any occasion. Children will enjoy the playground and its interactive waterplay system, providing an active recreation opportunity that supports healthy lifestyles for kids.

**CONCERTS** - Families can take in a concert just as Dayton residents did years ago. Each summer, the Island Concert Series, in conjunction with a local affiliated radio station, hosts a bluegrass, contemporary Christian, and R&B concert. Click on the "events" tab on Island MetroPark's web page or grab the summer issue of ParkWays to find out more.

**PICNICKING** - There are four reservable picnic shelters at Island MetroPark: Stillwater, Willow Wood, Red Bud and Bald Cypress. Chestnut Shelter is non-reservable, available on a first-come basis. Pack a picnic basket to create a great weekend get-away that's practically in your own backyard! A \$50 deposit is required to reserve a shelter; call (937) 275-PARK.

### Information & Regulations

Protect Island 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. Motor vehicles are only permitted in designated parking areas. When loading or unloading a vehicle at a reservable shelter, please keep your vehicle in the parking area; do not drive in the park. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



**PETS** - Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash no longer than 8 feet and under control at all times.

**ALCOHOL** - Not permitted.

**BICYCLES** - Bicycles are permitted on the paved recreation trails.

**PARKING** - Free parking is available at the park.

**FIRES** - Fires are only permitted in the grills of those shelters that have grills.

**FACILITY RENTAL** - There are four reservable shelters. Accommodations will be provided per approved shelter agreement. Patrons need to be reminded that vehicles are not allowed inside the park. Loading/unloading must occur in the parking lot. No shelters are equipped with interior lighting. Call (937) 275-PARK for more information.

#### HOURS

April - Oct., 10:00AM-10:00PM  
 Nov. - March 31, 10:00AM-8:00PM  
 Closed Christmas and New Year's Day

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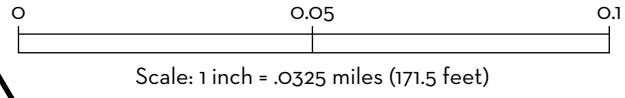


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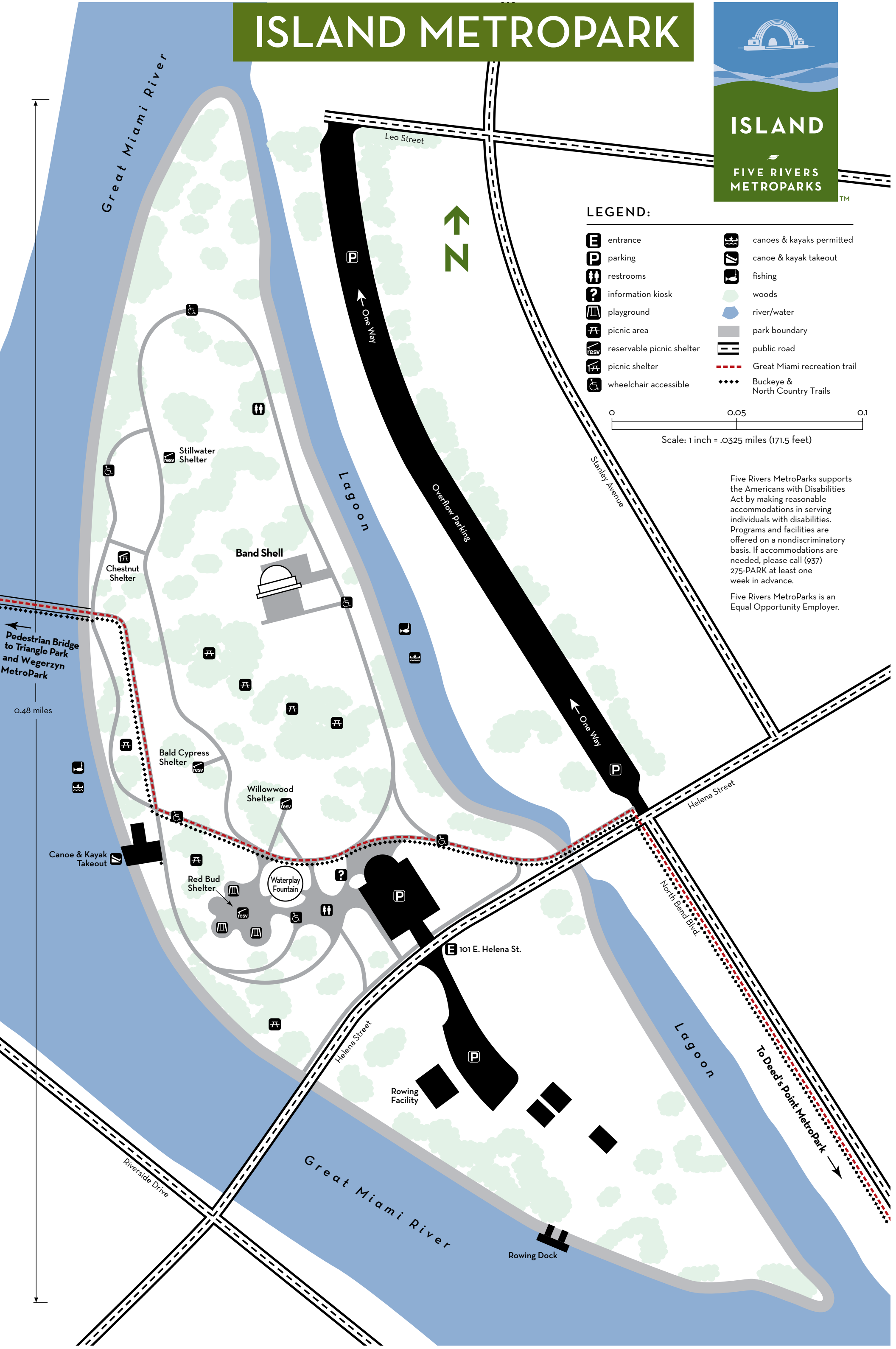
## LEGEND:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| entrance                  | canoes & kayaks permitted      |
| parking                   | canoe & kayak takeout          |
| restrooms                 | fishing                        |
| information kiosk         | woods                          |
| playground                | river/water                    |
| picnic area               | park boundary                  |
| reservable picnic shelter | public road                    |
| picnic shelter            | Great Miami recreation trail   |
| wheelchair accessible     | Buckeye & North Country Trails |



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.



Pedestrian Bridge to Triangle Park and Wegerzyn MetroPark

0.48 miles

Canoe & Kayak Takeout

Stillwater Shelter

Chestnut Shelter

Band Shell

Bald Cypress Shelter

Willowwood Shelter

Red Bud Shelter

Waterplay Fountain

Rowing Facility

Rowing Dock

Great Miami River

Lagoon

Lagoon

Great Miami River

Leo Street

Stanley Avenue

Helena Street

North Bend Blvd.

Riverside Drive

To Deed's Point MetroPark



One Way

Overflow Parking

One Way

101 E. Helena St.

Helena Street