Volunteer Opportunities

Share your interest in nature, learn new skills and meet people by becoming a Germantown MetroPark volunteer. At the Twin Valley Welcome Center, activities include greeting and assisting visitors, and planning and conducting natural history programs. Other opportunities include working with conservation and park service departments. Call (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit **metroparks.org/volunteer** for more information.

Support Your MetroParks

By making a donation to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation, you support Five Rivers MetroParks' mission to protect the region's natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. Donations are tax deductible and used to support programs and special projects. Sponsorships, tribute benches and trees, and planned giving options also are available. Visit **metroparks.org/donate** or call (937) 275-PARK for more information.

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Germantown MetroPark is located west of the town of Germantown and north of State Route 725

Germantown MetroPark Welcome Center
6910 Boomershine Road Germantown, Ohio 45327

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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 nearly 16,000 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

Twin Valley Welcome Center.....(937) 855-7717
Administrative Offices.....(937) 275-PARK (7275)
Website.....metroparks.org

Ranger Assistance

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

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Germantown MetroPark

A world of wilderness awaits at Germantown MetroPark — just 20 minutes from Dayton. Spectacular ravines, towering trees, wildflowers and excellent opportunities to observe wildlife add to the appeal of this 1,655-acre MetroPark. It has been designated as a Watchable Wildlife viewing site by Ohio Department of Natural Resources and an Important Bird Area by National Audubon Society.

Visit the Twin Valley Welcome Center, scenic overlook and 500-foot boardwalk. Also enjoy hiking trails (some quite rugged), fishing, fossil collecting and scenic picnicking. Picnic shelters are reservable, making them a great resource for family reunions or group picnics.

The Twin Valley Trail connects Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks, offering more than 22 miles of trail complete with secluded backpacking camping. Choose to spend a night or a long weekend traversing this beautiful part of Montgomery County.

THINGS TO DO

WALKING & HIKING – Nearly 14 miles of trails through spectacular scenery are open year-round. Loop trails are color-coded, with intersections marked by a number corresponding to numbers on the inside map. Follow the same color to arrive back at your starting point.

PICNICKING – Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use by visiting **metroparks.org/reservations** or calling (937) 275-PARK (7275) during weekday business hours. Amenities and fees vary by shelter. Shelters that haven't been reserved are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A variety of sites with picnic tables are also available.

FISHING – Fish in Twin Creek for a variety of fish including bass, crappie and bluegill. An Ohio fishing license is required. Catch and release in Sunfish Pond without a license.

FOSSIL COLLECTING – Search for fossils south of the Germantown Dam. Collecting fossils is only permitted in the marked area. Follow the rules posted at the site.

WINTER RECREATION – Cross-country skiers are welcome to use the park, but caution should be used on trails due to rugged terrain. A sledding hill is available at the entrance at 6206 Boomershine Rd.

CAMPING – Overnight camping is available with a permit. Call Five Rivers MetroParks at (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit **metroparks.org/reservations**.

TOURS & GROUP PROGRAMS – Guided tours and special programs are available for school, youth and adult groups. Call (937) 275-PARK (7275).

CANOEING & KAYAKING – Twin Creek is a popular canoeing and kayaking location, although water conditions vary considerably. All watercraft should be launched from the river access site downstream of the dam. An access site to pull out is 7 miles to Carmody Park.

INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Protect Germantown 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 should stay on trails. Motor vehicles must remain on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only.

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	Prohibited except by permit in reservable shelters.
BICYCLES	Not permitted on trails.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

HOURS OF OPERATION

PARK GROUNDS:

April 1 - October 31: 8 AM - 10 PM
November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

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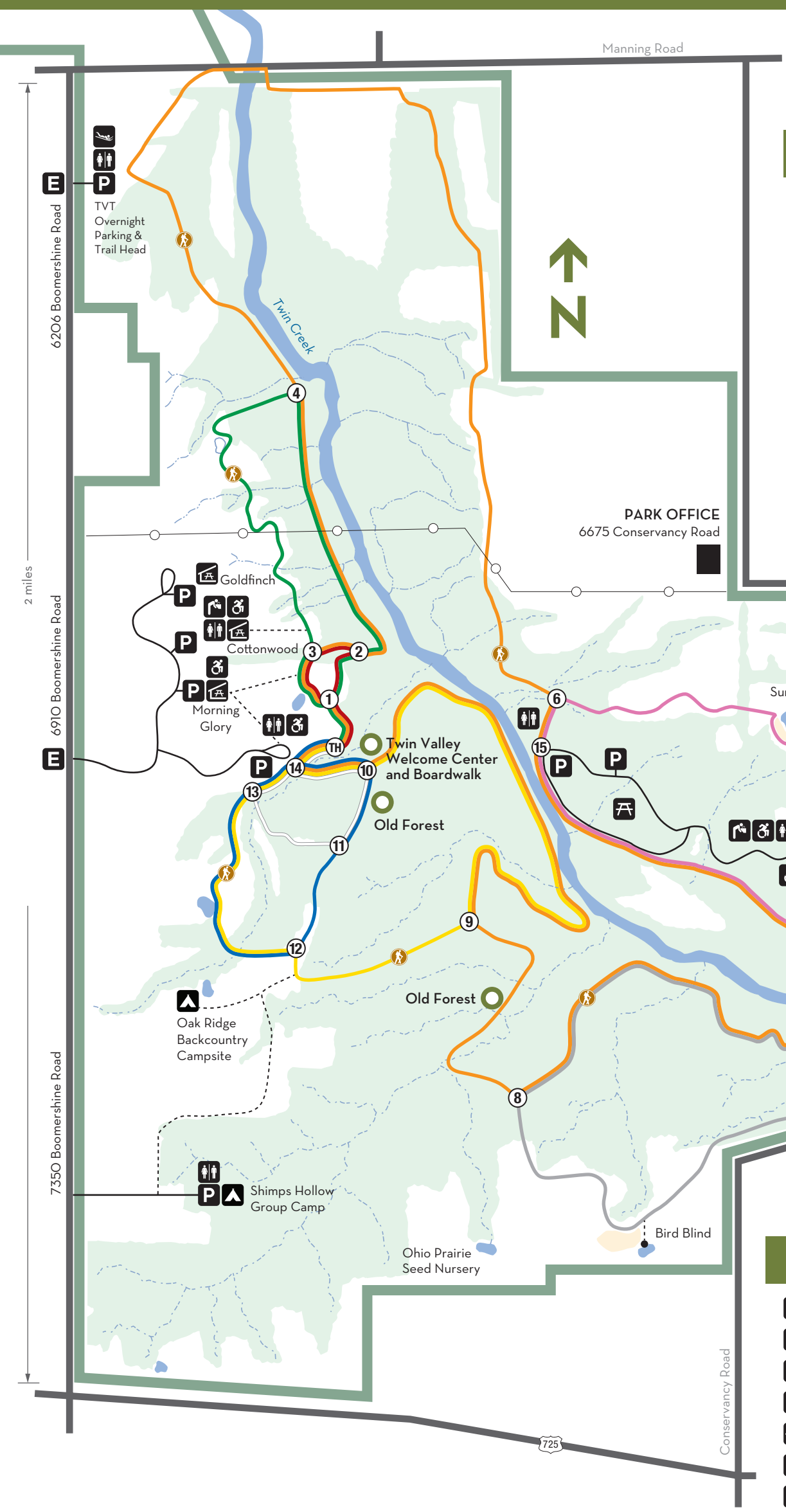

HIKING TRAIL KEY

- Red Trail = 0.5 miles
- White Trail = 0.5 miles
- Blue Trail = 1.0 miles
- Pink Trail = 2.6 miles
- Green Trail = 1.4 miles
- Silver Trail = 1.6 miles
- Yellow Trail = 1.9 miles
- Orange Trail = 7.5 miles

- (1) Trail Intersections
- Twin Valley Trail

Trails marked with symbol are part of the Twin Valley Trail

During periods of high water, trails along Twin Creek may be impassable.

0 — 0.19 — 0.38

Scale: 1 inch = 0.19 miles

LEGEND

- Park Entrance
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Reservable Shelter
- Fishing
- Wheelchair Accessable
- Camp Site
- Paddling Launch
- Sledding
- Drinking Water (Seasonal availability)
- Park Feature
- Woods
- Wetland
- Water
- Stream
- Power Line
- Park Road
- Park Boundary
- Public Road
- Access Trail

PARK FEATURES

BOB SIEBENTHALER NATURAL AREA

This beautiful woodland offers a rich display of spring wildflowers and scenic hiking year-round. The area honors the many contributions former MetroParks Commissioner Bob Siebenthaler made to land stewardship and conservation in the Miami Valley.

OLD FOREST

One of the most exciting features of this park is the mature and old-growth woodland preserved here. It is the largest tract of old woods in Montgomery County. This magnificent forested area is filled with large, old trees hinting at what Ohio's forests were like before European settlement. Due to its size, it provides crucial habitat for species not found in other areas. A variety of small orchids have been found, and wildflowers carpet the Old Forest in the spring. Wild turkeys have also been spotted. Breeding bird surveys indicate brown creepers and summer tanagers nest here, both rare occurrences for Montgomery County.

VALLEY OVERLOOK

For a spectacular view, especially during the peak of fall color, stop at the Valley Overlook. Year-round, this site provides a scenic view into and across Twin Creek Valley. Park at the restroom parking lot and follow the path to the wooden overlook platform.

TWIN VALLEY WELCOME CENTER

This welcome center provides a gateway to the Twin Valley, an area of rich natural habitats comprising Twin Creek and Germantown MetroParks, as well as the Upper Twin Conservation Area. Guests will find restrooms, bird viewing and a hiking center for hikers to meet up, get water, use facilities. Visit **metroparks.org/tvwelcomecenter** for more info.

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