



Become a MetroParks VOLUNTEER



Volunteers learn skills, care for the environment and make friends while supporting parks, programs and special events. MetroParks offers a variety of high-quality volunteer opportunities year-round that engage adults, youth, families and groups in meaningful service. Get outside and give back for a single day, or make a commitment to ongoing service as a short-term or long-term volunteer.

Learn more by visiting metroparks.org/volunteer, calling (937) 275-PARK or scanning the code.



SUPPORT Your MetroParks

This park is one of 35 outstanding public locations operated by your Five Rivers MetroParks. Founded in 1963 to serve the greater Dayton area, MetroParks protects more than 16,500 acres of open space and provides year-round recreation, education and conservation opportunities.

By donating to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation, you support MetroParks' mission to protect the region's natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. The easiest way to give is by becoming a MetroParks Champion with a monthly recurring gift in any amount. Learn more about the many ways to support your MetroParks by visiting metroparks.org/donate or calling (937) 275-PARK.



Scan to learn more and donate



METROPARKS.ORG/MAP

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

Twin Valley Welcome Center
6910 Boomershine Road Germantown, Ohio 45327





! EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- For all emergencies, dial 911
- To contact a Ranger, call (937) 225-HELP (4357)

CONNECT WITH US

Programs and events in your MetroParks are being added all the time! Scan the code or visit metroparks.org/parkways to access program and event info, learn updates as they're announced, discover resources that help you connect with nature and much more.



- Sign up for Five Rivers MetroParks' email newsletters: metroparks.org/newsletter
- Follow MetroParks on social media    
- Call (937) 275-PARK (7275)

PARK HOURS

April 1 - October 31: 8 AM - 10 PM

November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.



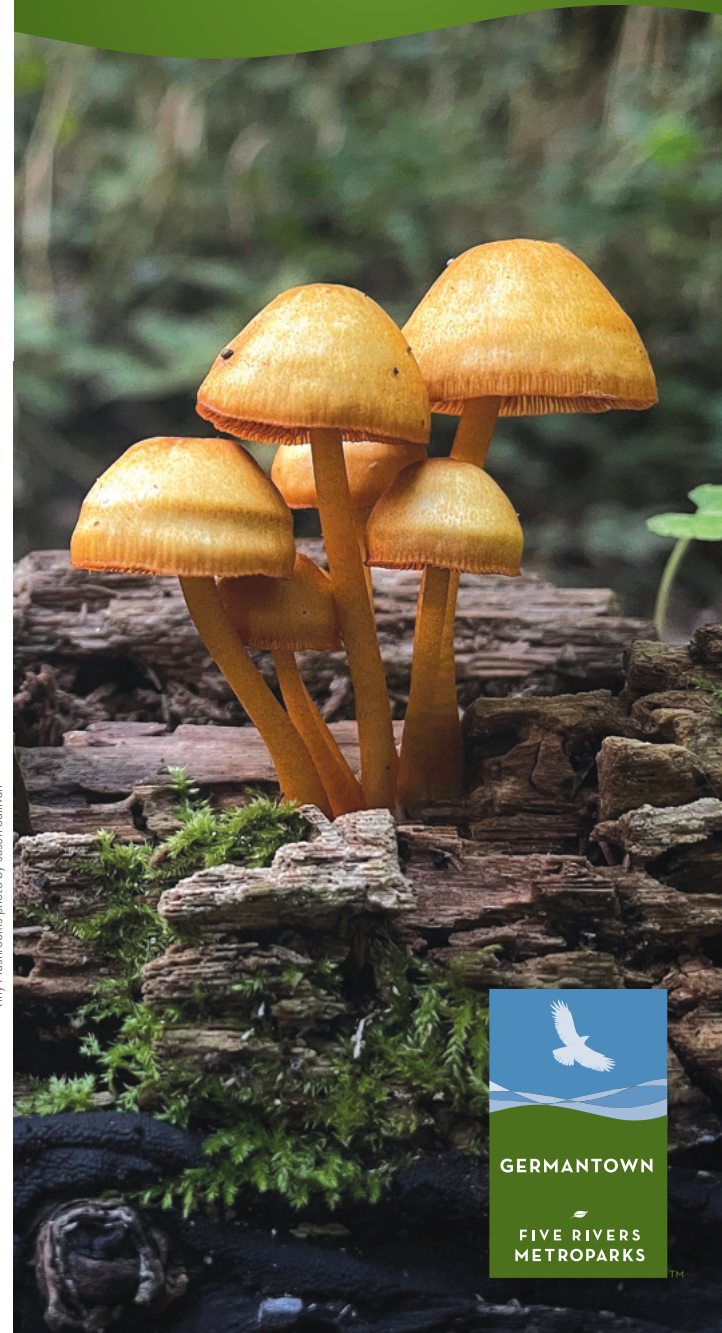
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GERMANTOWN METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP

Tiny Mushrooms photo by Jason Sullivan



WELCOME TO 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 the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and an Important Bird Area by the 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 27.9 miles of trail complete with secluded backpacking campsites. Choose to spend a night or a long weekend traversing this beautiful part of Montgomery County.

METROPARKS.ORG/GERMANTOWN



NAVIGATE WITH OUR APP

Download OuterSpatial to access Five Rivers MetroParks' mobile app. This free app includes maps and is free and available for iPhone and Android devices. It includes maps and navigation – and access continues without a cell phone signal. The app is a one-stop tool for accurate, up-to-date information. **METROPARKS.ORG/MOBILE**



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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. 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 Boomershire Rd.



CAMPING – Overnight camping is available with a permit.



TOURS & GROUP PROGRAMS – Guided tours and special programs are available for school, youth and adult groups.



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. Places to take out include Cherry Street, Eckhart Street, Chamerlain Road in Twin Creek MetroPark and Carmody Park of Warren County Parks. Visit **mcdwater.org** for water trail maps.

PARK RULES

To ensure safety and enjoyment for yourself and other park visitors, as well as the wildlife who call this park home, follow these rules:

FIRES: Do not bring firewood to any MetroPark facility as there is threat of invasive species. Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal. Do not scavenge for wood.

PETS: (where permitted) Pets must be on a leash no longer than 8 feet. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet.

ALCOHOL: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited without a permit.

SWIMMING: Not permitted.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Commercial photographers are required to have a permit.

LEAVE NO TRACE: Do not approach or disturb any wildlife you may encounter. Hunting is not permitted. Do not pick or collect plants or natural items. Do not litter. Hikers keep on designated trails. Keep the sound of music and other noise at a courteous level. Please do not release animals. Motorized vehicles and bicycles are allowed on roads and parking lots only – not on paved trails.

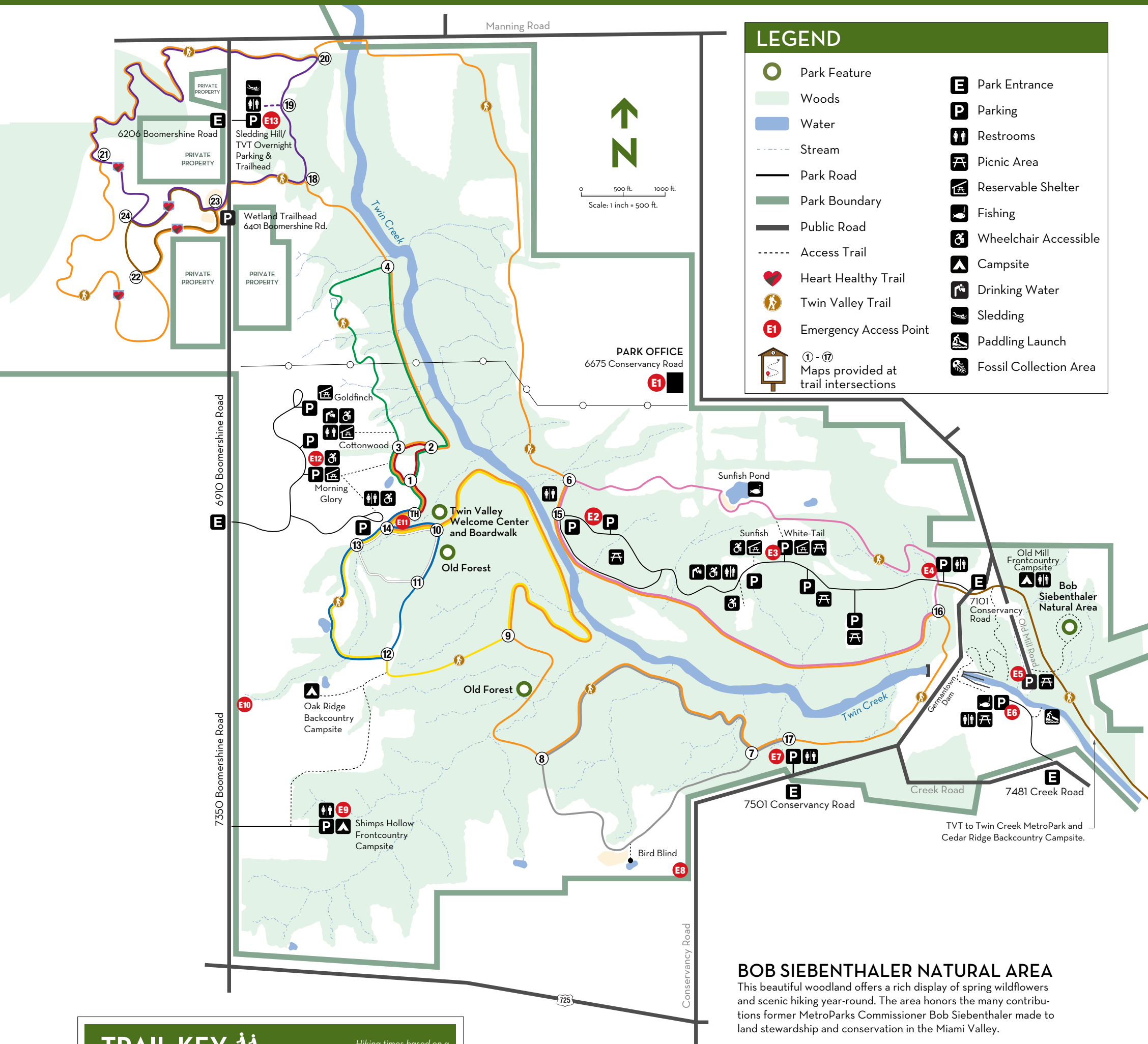
PLAN YOUR VISIT: Be sure to plan your hike, dress for the weather, bring vehicle keys, and stay hydrated. If not with others, tell someone about your plans. Lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight. For up-to-date park alerts and closings, visit **metroparks.org/alerts**.

To reserve a shelter or campsite, visit **metroparks.org/reservations**.

To rent items for camping, backpacking and cycling, visit **metroparks.org/equipment**.

To request a photo or other type of permit, visit **metroparks.org/permits**.

GERMANTOWN METROPARK • PARK MAP



LEGEND

- Park Feature
- Woods
- Water
- Stream
- Park Road
- Park Boundary
- Public Road
- Access Trail
- Heart Healthy Trail
- Twin Valley Trail
- Emergency Access Point
- ① - ⑰ Maps provided at trail intersections
- Park Entrance
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Reservable Shelter
- Fishing
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Campsite
- Drinking Water
- Sledging
- Paddling Launch
- Fossil Collection Area

TRAIL KEY

Hiking times based on a 3 MPH pace with no break time.

TRAIL NAME	LENGTH	ESTIMATED HIKE TIME
Red Trail	0.4 mile	15 minutes
White Trail	0.5 mile	15 minutes
Blue Trail	1 mile	30 minutes
Green Trail	1.4 mile	45 minutes
Yellow Trail	1.8 miles	55 minutes
Purple Trail	2 miles	1 hour
Brown Trail	0.7 miles	20 minutes
Orange Trail	9.2 miles	4 hours 30 minutes
Twin Valley Backpacking Trail	27.9 miles	2-3 days
Pink Trail	2.2 mile	1 hour 15 minutes
Silver Trail	1.6 miles	50 minutes

Trails are open year-round, but during periods of high water, trails along river may be muddy or impassable. Visit metroparks.org/alerts for park closure information.

Easy Medium Hard

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 in Montgomery County.

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 flush restrooms and water. Visit metroparks.org/tvwelcomecenter for more info.



HEART HEALTHY TRAILS

To make it easy for you to exercise outdoors, Five Rivers MetroParks has designated several Heart Healthy Trails. These easy, entry-level trails on paved or flat surfaces are marked every quarter mile to help you track your pace. The American Heart Association recommends walking at a brisk pace of 24 minutes per mile and work toward walking at least 2.5 miles per hour. [METROPARKS.ORG/HEART-HEALTHY](https://metroparks.org/heart-healthy)

