

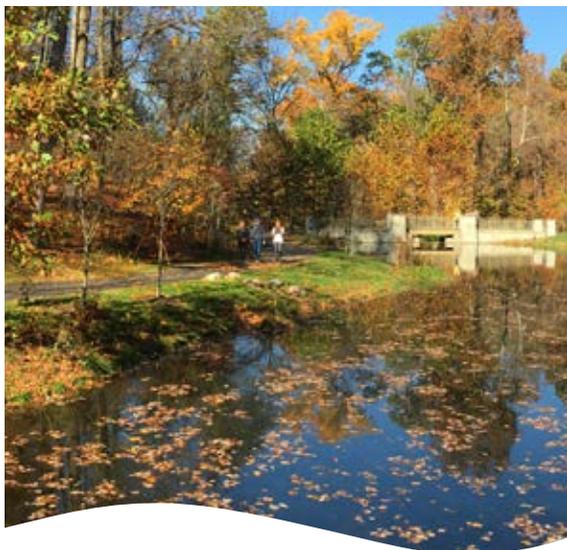
Volunteer Opportunities



Many opportunities await both individual and group volunteers. Help maintain Hills & Dales MetroPark by assisting with gardening, gathering litter, removing honeysuckle and other non-native invasive species, and working on conservation projects. 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.



HILLS & DALES METROPARK

Hills & Dales MetroPark is located east of St. Rt. 741 between S. Dixie Hwy. and Far Hills Ave. in Kettering. Entrances are located off Patterson Blvd.

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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 more than 15,800 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..... metroparks.org

Ranger Assistance

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



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USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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Hills & Dales MetroPark

Filled with picturesque creeks, rolling hills, dense woods, wildflowers and wetlands, Hills & Dales MetroPark is one of Dayton's most historical parks. Originally a gift to the city from John Patterson (co-founder of the National Cash Register Company) in 1918, Hills & Dales was designed by renowned landscape architects the Olmsted Brothers.

Now beautifully restored to its original glory by Five Rivers MetroParks, Hills & Dales offers many unique features for today's active lifestyles, including miles of trails and walkways, Adirondack-style shelters, a scenic pond, preserved wetlands and remnants of historical architecture.

THINGS TO DO



WALKING & HIKING - More than 2 miles of trails for walking, hiking, jogging or cross-country skiing through scenic woodlands are open year round, including the 1.4-mile Adirondack Trail that includes a loop around beautiful Dogwood Pond and a boardwalk through a high-quality forested wetland.



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.

HISTORICAL FEATURES - Visit the monument honoring the park's founder, John Patterson, or view the architectural remnants of the Old Barn Club, where hundreds of Daytonians came to socialize in the early 20th century. Also visit the looming Stone Tower and "Staged Gates," a piece of landscape sculpture by Mary Miss that was added in 1979.



GREEN SPACE & PLAYGROUNDS - The landscape of Hills & Dales makes it a great place for impromptu outdoor activities. The park features both a standard playground and Nature Play Area where kids can discover the natural world through free play. The wealth of wildlife in the park also makes Hills & Dales a great place for nature study, birding and nature photography.



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INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Protect Hills & Dales MetroPark as a natural area: Do not pick, collect or disturb plant or animal materials of any kind. Hunting, fishing, frog gigging, swimming and ice skating are not permitted. Hikers must remain on marked trails. Motor vehicles must stay 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

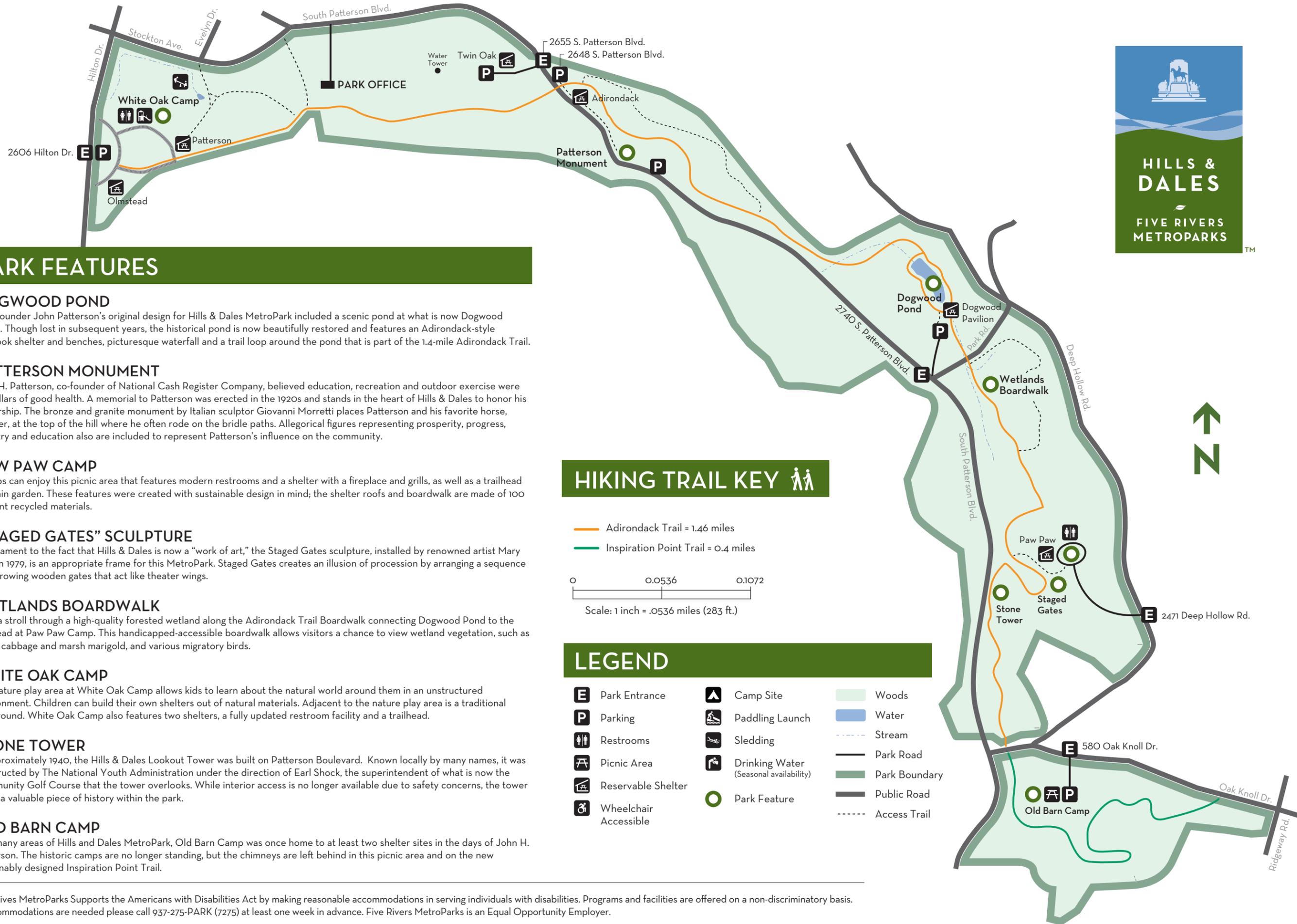
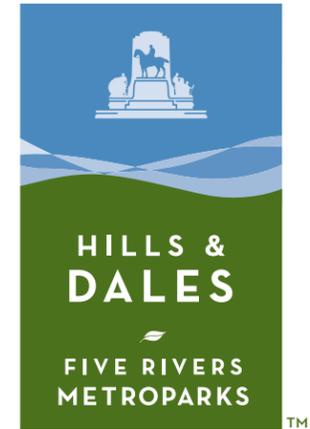
November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

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EDUCATION





PARK FEATURES

DOGWOOD POND

Park founder John Patterson's original design for Hills & Dales MetroPark included a scenic pond at what is now Dogwood Camp. Though lost in subsequent years, the historical pond is now beautifully restored and features an Adirondack-style overlook shelter and benches, picturesque waterfall and a trail loop around the pond that is part of the 1.4-mile Adirondack Trail.

PATTERSON MONUMENT

John H. Patterson, co-founder of National Cash Register Company, believed education, recreation and outdoor exercise were the pillars of good health. A memorial to Patterson was erected in the 1920s and stands in the heart of Hills & Dales to honor his leadership. The bronze and granite monument by Italian sculptor Giovanni Morretti places Patterson and his favorite horse, Spinner, at the top of the hill where he often rode on the bridle paths. Allegorical figures representing prosperity, progress, industry and education also are included to represent Patterson's influence on the community.

PAW PAW CAMP

Groups can enjoy this picnic area that features modern restrooms and a shelter with a fireplace and grills, as well as a trailhead and rain garden. These features were created with sustainable design in mind; the shelter roofs and boardwalk are made of 100 percent recycled materials.

"STAGED GATES" SCULPTURE

A testament to the fact that Hills & Dales is now a "work of art," the Staged Gates sculpture, installed by renowned artist Mary Miss in 1979, is an appropriate frame for this MetroPark. Staged Gates creates an illusion of procession by arranging a sequence of narrowing wooden gates that act like theater wings.

WETLANDS BOARDWALK

Take a stroll through a high-quality forested wetland along the Adirondack Trail Boardwalk connecting Dogwood Pond to the trailhead at Paw Paw Camp. This handicapped-accessible boardwalk allows visitors a chance to view wetland vegetation, such as skunk cabbage and marsh marigold, and various migratory birds.

WHITE OAK CAMP

The nature play area at White Oak Camp allows kids to learn about the natural world around them in an unstructured environment. Children can build their own shelters out of natural materials. Adjacent to the nature play area is a traditional playground. White Oak Camp also features two shelters, a fully updated restroom facility and a trailhead.

STONE TOWER

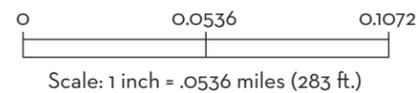
In approximately 1940, the Hills & Dales Lookout Tower was built on Patterson Boulevard. Known locally by many names, it was constructed by The National Youth Administration under the direction of Earl Shock, the superintendent of what is now the Community Golf Course that the tower overlooks. While interior access is no longer available due to safety concerns, the tower is still a valuable piece of history within the park.

OLD BARN CAMP

Like many areas of Hills and Dales MetroPark, Old Barn Camp was once home to at least two shelter sites in the days of John H. Patterson. The historic camps are no longer standing, but the chimneys are left behind in this picnic area and on the new sustainably designed Inspiration Point Trail.

HIKING TRAIL KEY

- Adirondack Trail = 1.46 miles
- Inspiration Point Trail = 0.4 miles



LEGEND

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|------------------------|--|---------------|
| E Park Entrance | Camp Site | Woods |
| P Parking | Paddling Launch | Water |
| Restrooms | Sledding | Stream |
| Picnic Area | Drinking Water (Seasonal availability) | Park Road |
| Reservable Shelter | Park Feature | Park Boundary |
| Wheelchair Accessible | | Public Road |
| | | Access Trail |