

# 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 ability or skill level. Training is provided. To learn more, visit [metroparks.org/volunteer](http://metroparks.org/volunteer) or call 937-275-PARK (7275).



# 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](http://metroparks.org/donate) or call 937-275-PARK for more information.



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**Island MetroPark** is located at 101 E. Helena Street, Dayton, Ohio 45405

## 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 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 ..... [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)

## Ranger Assistance

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



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# ISLAND METROPARK



## USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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# For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Island MetroPark

## Island MetroPark



The 33-acre Island MetroPark is an urban oasis conveniently located in downtown Dayton and filled with picturesque landscape and mature tree growth, a rich cultural heritage, recreation amenities and opportunities, 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 in 1911 by the Olmsted Brothers landscape architecture firm, world-renowned for enhancing the natural beauty of urban sites with their designs. 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 bikeways 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.

**PADDLESPORTS** – 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.



**PICNICKING** – Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use by visiting [metroparks.org/reservations](http://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. Some tables and grills are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. A variety of sites with picnic tables are also available.

## 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 for shelter use, 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. **Dog droppings must be removed from walking trails.**

**ALCOHOL** – Not permitted.

**BICYCLES** – Bicycles are permitted on the paved bikeways.

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

**FIRES** – Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal for grills. Do NOT bring firewood.

### HOURS

April - October, 10 AM - 10 PM

November - March 31, 10 AM - 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year’s Day



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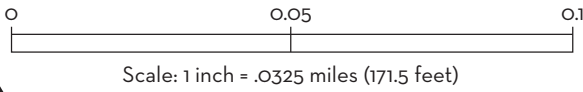


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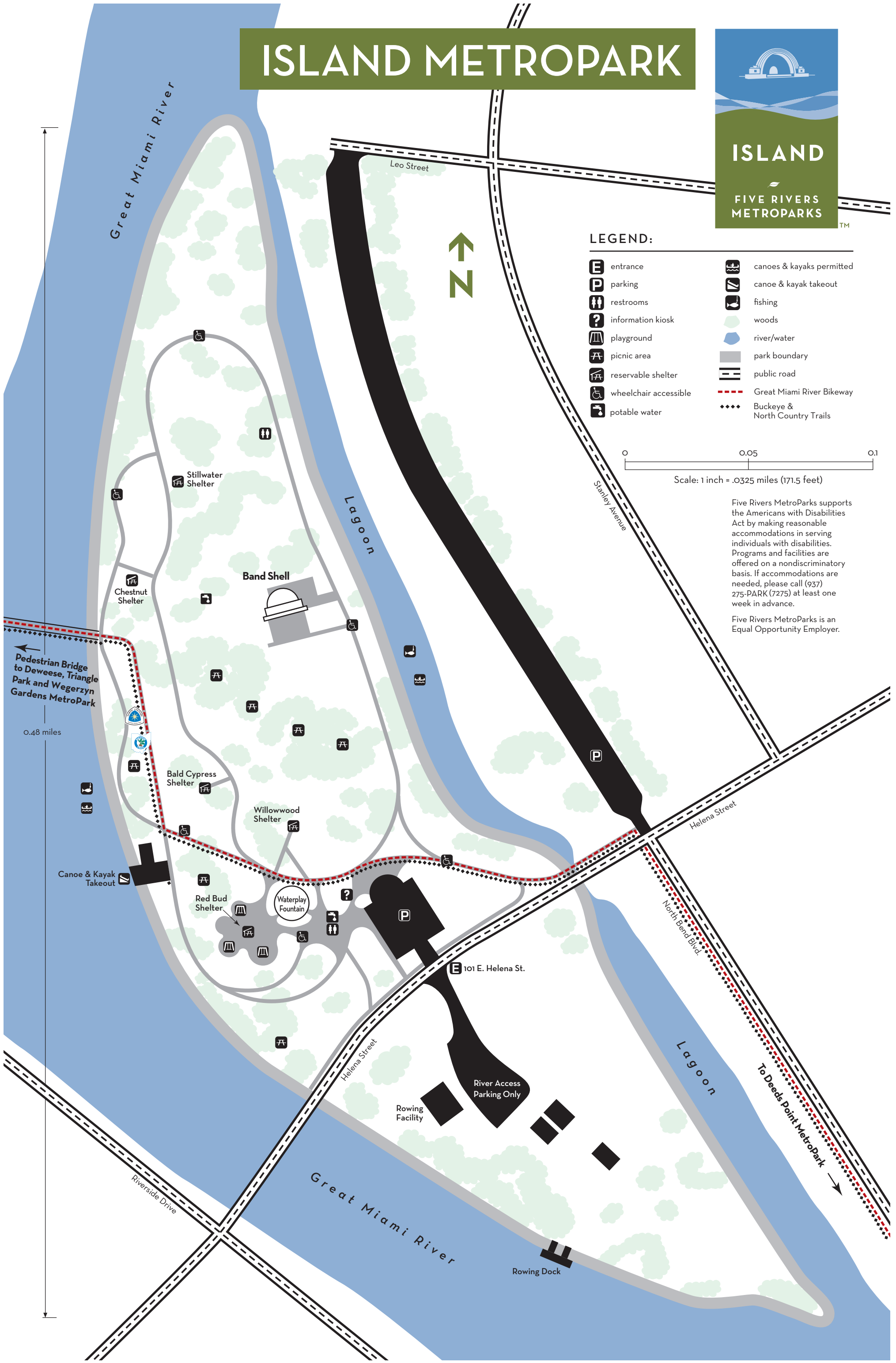


**LEGEND:**

- entrance
- parking
- restrooms
- information kiosk
- playground
- picnic area
- reservable shelter
- wheelchair accessible
- potable water
- canoes & kayaks permitted
- canoe & kayak takeout
- fishing
- woods
- river/water
- park boundary
- public road
- Great Miami River Bikeway
- 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 (7275) at least one week in advance. Five Rivers MetroParks is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



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To Deeds Point MetroPark