For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Possum Creek MetroPark

Volunteer Opportunities

If you enjoy the outdoors, farm animals and gardening, Possum Creek Metropark is the place for you. Special programs, events and learning experiences are made possible through volunteer participation. In addition, volunteers plant and maintain the farm’s flower beds and assist with the community gardens. Training sessions are offered throughout the year to increase your skills and knowledge. Call 937-535-2580 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 are also available. Visit metroparks.org/donate or call 937-535-2580 for more information.

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, Five Rivers MetroParks protects and preserve 17,000 acres of open space and provides year-round recreation, education and conservation opportunities. Facilities are available to the public for free of charge – made possible by Montgomery County’s strong support of a property tax levy.

For More Information

Administrative Offices — 937-535-2580
Website — www.metroparks.org

Ranger Assistance
Contact the Ranger District at 937-535-2580.

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Possum Creek MetroPark

Possum Creek MetroPark consists of largely of former farmland that is going through the process of natural succession. Significant natural features include bottomland hardwood forests along Possum Creek, two mature beach woodlots, and numerous created ponds and wetlands. More than 100 acres of degraded farmland and dunes have been cleared and planted into native Ohio prairie. The prairie took years to establish, but now thrives on the poor ground. It is currently one of the largest and most diverse planted prairies in Ohio.

Fishing ponds, open vistas painted with colorful flowers, woodlands and wildlife provide the setting for a variety of activities. The 55-acre Possum Creek MetroPark is the perfect place for a family outing. Fish, picnic, hike, walk or horseback ride your way through scenic woods and prairies.

Information & Regulations

Protect Possum Creek MetroPark as a natural area. Do not pick, collect or disturb plant or animal materials of any kind. Hunting, hog, hoggling and swimming are not permitted. Motor vehicles must stay on roads; parking is permitted in designated parking areas only. Thank you for your cooperation.

Alcohol - Except by permit in reservable facilities. 

Pets - Dogs allowed on leash only. Leashes may be no longer than 8 feet. Dog droppings must be removed. No longer than 8 feet. Dog droppings must be removed. No pets are permitted on the farm.

Volunteer - Ask about volunteer opportunities. 

Conservation Recreation Education

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Things to Do

Visit the Farm - You'll find small animals that can be raised on an acre or less, a short trail through the woods and across the creek, and demonstration gardens and a nature play area. Donkeys can be seen in the barn or paddocks hours (9 to 5). The farm store is located at the south end of the park. Use the entrance at 4790 Frytown Road and follow the signs to the barn. For group tours, call (937) 275-PARK (7275).

Fishing - Fish from the shore or from a canoe in ponds and a 20-acre lake. The ponds are stocked monthly with trout or catfish. Every Saturday, night fishing hours are offered. Call (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit metroparks.org/fishing for details. Non-resident licenses are permitted on Forge Lake.

Picking Berries - Berries are available for a small stated fee in designated parking areas only. For more information, call (937) 275-PARK (7275) during weekday business hours. Amethyst and boys 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 available.

Walking & Hiking - Enjoy 5.5 miles of scenic, mostly level trails. Trails are color-coded and trail intersections are marked with a number corresponding to the numbers on the map.

Horse Trail - Enjoy a 4.5-mile equestrian trail. Horses can be unloaded at the horse trailer parking lot off Frytown Road. Boarding is not available.

Community Gardens - Approximately 50 community garden plots are available near the Picnic Shelter. Plot reservations must be made in person at the barn starting the first Monday in April. Visit metroparks.org/communitygardening or call (937) 275-PARK (7275) for more information.

Winter Recreation - Cross-country skiing & snowshoeing is available on open fields when conditions are favorable. Trail intersections are marked with a number corresponding to the numbers on the map.

Camping - Overnight camping is available with a permit. Call (937) 498-3615 or visit the main office between 9 am to 4 pm weekdays at 4790 Frytown Road.

Contact the Montgomery County Ranger Assistance Center at 937-535-2580

Directions - From I-675 exit 1 and north on E. Monument Ave. at 4th St., 1/4 mile. Right on Argonne Lake Rd. 1/4 mile. Right on Frytown Rd. 1/2 mile. Right into parking lot.
**PARK FEATURES**

**TALL GRASS PRAIRIES**
These open areas consist of grasses that reach heights of 3 to 6 feet in the late summer and are filled with a variety of wildflowers that add color to the sea of grass. Prairie wildflowers reach their blooming peak in midsummer and early fall. Five Rivers MetroParks' prairie areas were planted starting in 1980 to serve as a haven for the now rare plants and animals that once inhabited natural prairie openings in southeastern Ohio's woodlands.

**THE JEAN V. WOODHULL PRAIRE**
This planted prairie is named in honor of Jean V. Woodhull for her outstanding contributions to Five Rivers MetroParks. In 1983, she was instrumental in the formation of MetroParks. In addition, Ms. Woodhull serves on the MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners from January 1983 to November 1992.

**ARGONNE FOREST**
Walk through the Argonne Forest following the purple trail and discover colorful woodlands dominated by different trees. In the 1930s and 1940s, this area was used as an Army training center for the 322nd Field Artillery Unit that fought in the Argonne Forest in France during World War I. This park included a swimming pool, shooting range, ball diamond, dance hall, auto race track, cabins and street cars. Stop at the marked signs along the way to discover remnants of the amusement park.

**COMMUNITY GARDENS**
MetroParks is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Five Rivers MetroParks is supported by the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations in serving individuals with disabilities. Programs and facilities are offered in an anti-discriminatory 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.

**EDUCATION CENTER**
The Education Center at Possum Creek Metropark is home to public educational programs year-round. These programs focus mainly on local nature and history. The Education Center at Possum Creek Metropark is an environmental education center that teaches community groups develop neighborhood gardens throughout Montgomery County. For more information and the list of community gardens, visit metroparks.org/communitygardening.