Advocate Central is a dynamic, youth education center operated by the University of Dayton and Five Rivers MetroParks. It offers exciting programs during after-school hours and the summer with an emphasis on nature and science. Youth are engaged in hands-on learning and receive assistance with homework as they interact with staff and volunteers.

Programs, clubs and camps. Developed to build through after-school and summer programs, clubs and camps, youth learn about the environment and develop life skills through after-school 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you enjoy working with school-aged youth, a wide variety of opportunities are available at Adventure Central. Whether your interest is leading a hike, working with youth on computers, helping with homework or assisting with reading, there is something for everyone. Building relationships with caring adults is an important part of the youth experience at Adventure Central and volunteers play a crucial role. Both long-term and episodic volunteers are needed. Call 937-278-2601 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.
Wesleyan MetroPark

Situated on Wolf Creek, this 62-acre natural area is located within Dayton city limits. Beautiful woods, scenic Wolf Creek and wildlife make this park especially appealing. Walking and hiking trails through woodlands and near the creek provide ample room to stretch your legs and enjoy nature. In addition, Wesleyan is the site of Adventure Central, an innovative partnership between The Ohio State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development and Five Rivers MetroParks. Here, urban youth learn about the environment and develop life skills through after-school programs, clubs and camps.

For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Wesleyan MetroPark

Things to Do

WALKING & HIKING - Enjoy more than 1.5 miles of hiking and walking trails through natural areas on both sides of Wolf Creek.

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. Also available on a first-come, first-served basis are some freestanding tables and grills. A variety of sites with picnic tables are also available.

PLAYGROUND - Children will enjoy the play area with a grass play hill, climbing, spinning and swinging features and nature exploration area nearby. It is handicap accessible.

FISHING - Fishing is permitted in Wolf Creek. An Ohio fishing license is required.

ADVENTURE CENTRAL AT WESLEYAN METROPARK - Adventure Central is a dynamic, youth education center made possible through a collaboration of the Ohio State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development, University of Dayton and Five Rivers MetroParks. It offers exciting programs during after-school hours and the summer with an emphasis on nature and science. Youth are engaged in hands-on learning and receive assistance with homework as they interact with staff and volunteers.

Information & Regulations

Protect Wesleyan 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. Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 6 feet. Dog droppings must be removed from walking trails.

ALCOHOL - Not permitted.

BICYCLES - Permitted on bikeway; not permitted on hiking trails.

HOURS

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

It’s our nature.
Wolf Creek supports a variety of wildlife and offers scenic views as it flows through Wesleyan MetroPark. Both great blue herons and green herons have been spotted foraging in the creek, and trees show recent signs of beaver activity. The creek also supports a variety of fish, including spotfin shiners, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, and rainbow, green, fantail, and Johnny darters. Popular scenic viewing spots include the pedestrian bridge over Wolf Creek, the paved pathway beneath the railroad crossing, and the gravel bar along with creek reached from the hiking trail on the west side of the creek.