

SUGARCREEK METROPARK • PARK MAP

SUGARCREEK METROPARK'S IMPROVED TRAILS

Five Rivers MetroParks upgraded this park's existing hiking trails to make them more sustainable. Sustainable trails work with the land and use natural contours, which reduces erosion and creates large swaths of undisturbed habitat. Please use caution when using the trails during winter because colder temps prevent the soil from drying. The best time to use the trails is when they are frozen solid.



PARK FEATURES

SYCAMORE RIDGE

The sycamore is usually a tree of floodplains, streambanks and moist banks. Here, however, sycamores are growing on a ridge. This suggests a water source seeps beneath this ridge and provides the sycamore with adequate moisture. To recognize a sycamore, look for trees with white bark on the upper portions.

PLANTED PRAIRIE

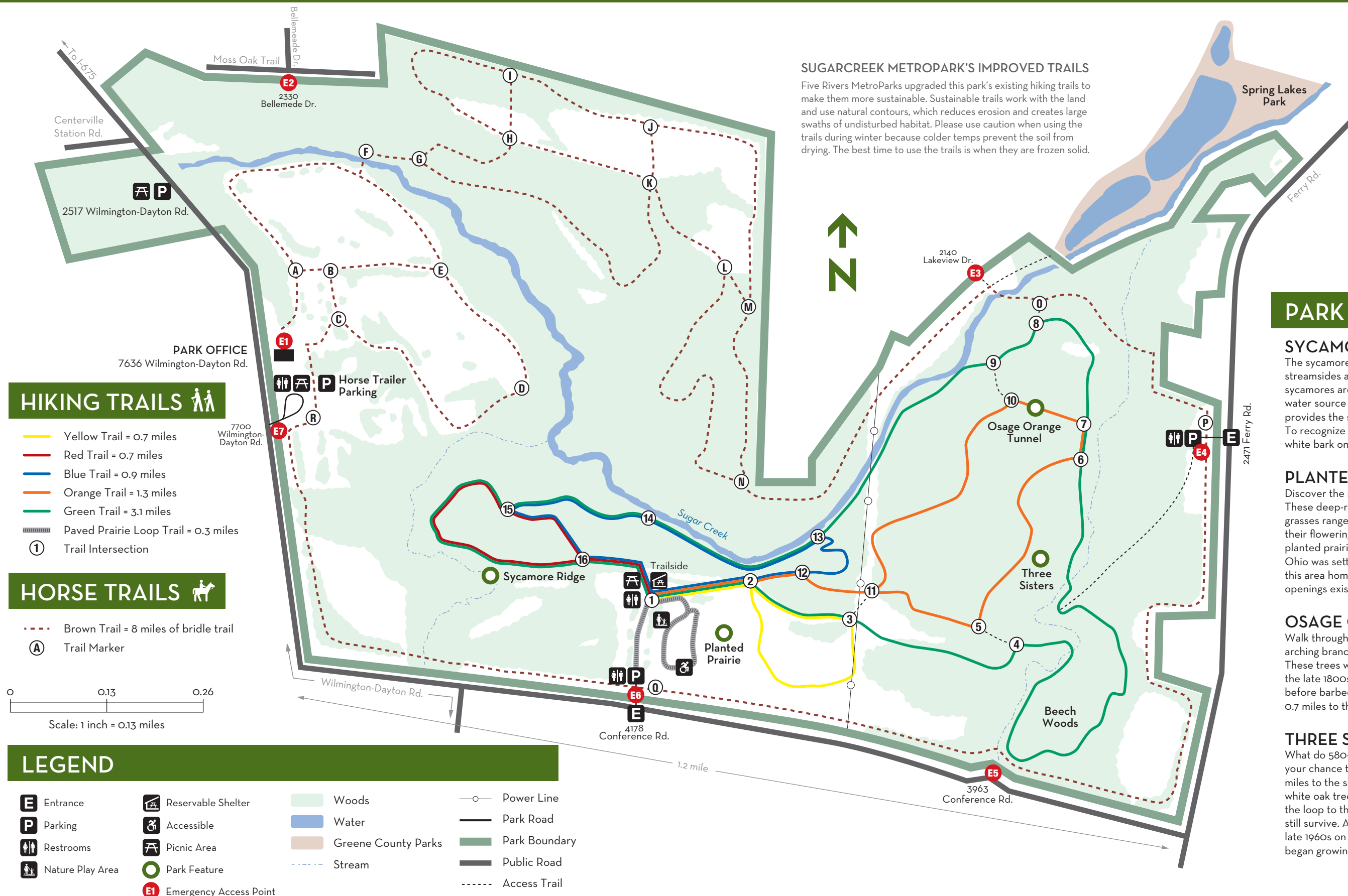
Discover the special plants of a tallgrass prairie. These deep-rooted, sun-loving flowers and grasses range in height up to 10 feet and reach their flowering peak in mid-to-late summer. This planted prairie reflects an earlier time, before Ohio was settled, when indigenous people called this area home, more than 300 natural prairie openings existed and buffalo roamed the land.

OSAGE ORANGE TUNNEL

Walk through a living tunnel created by the large arching branches of old osage orange trees. These trees were originally planted in this row in the late 1800s to serve as a fence in the days before barbed wire was available. (Hike about 0.7 miles to the tunnel on the orange trail.)

THREE SISTERS OAK TREES

What do 580-year old trees look like? Here's your chance to find out when you venture 0.7 miles to the site of the "Three Sisters," ancient white oak trees. (Follow the orange trail and take the loop to the right.) Although in decline, two still survive. A boring from the trunk, done in the late 1960s on the largest tree, indicated they began growing around 1440.



HIKING TRAILS

- Yellow Trail = 0.7 miles
- Red Trail = 0.7 miles
- Blue Trail = 0.9 miles
- Orange Trail = 1.3 miles
- Green Trail = 3.1 miles
- Paved Prairie Loop Trail = 0.3 miles
- ① Trail Intersection

HORSE TRAILS

- Brown Trail = 8 miles of bridle trail
- Ⓐ Trail Marker

LEGEND

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| E Entrance | Reservable Shelter | Woods | Power Line |
| P Parking | Accessible | Water | Park Road |
| Restrooms | Picnic Area | Greene County Parks | Park Boundary |
| Nature Play Area | Park Feature | Stream | Public Road |
| E1 Emergency Access Point | | Access Trail | |