

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.



TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK

Taylorsville MetroPark is located one mile east of Vandalia on U.S. 40.

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 nearly 16,000 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

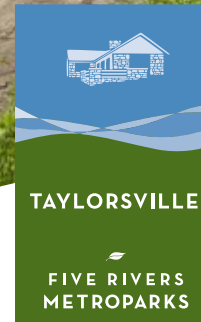


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BIKEWAY ACCESSIBLE

TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK • PARK MAP

PARK FEATURES

MIAMI-ERIE CANAL

Running parallel to the Great Miami River through Taylorsville was the Miami-Erie Canal. This hand dug "big ditch," completed in 1845, took 20 years to construct. A great achievement for its day, it opened the state for commerce by connecting the Ohio River at Cincinnati to Lake Erie at Toledo with a navigable channel. Remnants of the canal can still be found on the north and south sides of the dam. Five hundred feet north of the dam stands the foundation of an aqueduct. These impressive structures were large, water-filled bridges over rivers that allowed canal boats to cross.

TADMOR

Follow the Great Miami River trail north of the dam about 1.25 miles to the site of Tadmor. In the 1800s, this small village was Montgomery County's busiest crossroad, standing at the intersection of the Miami-Erie Canal, National Road, Dayton-Michigan Railroad and the Great Miami River. Today, remnants of this once bustling community have been identified with a historic marker as a significant site along the original route of the National Road.

ROCK OUTCROP

A short walk from the CCC reservable shelter north of the dam leads to a huge pile of Brass fir underlying Massey shale, leaving the stone above unsupported. This process repeated itself in 1996, when an additional 100 tons fell, and continues today. Walk up the stone stairs and examine the small caverns created by water traveling through the stone.

GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL

The Great Miami River trail bisects the park from north to south. Stroll, run, bike or skate along more than seven miles of paved trail. Travel to the north end and discover where the village of Tadmor once stood. Go south from the dam and stand on an observation deck far above a tall grass prairie.

BUCKEYE & NORTH COUNTRY TRAILS

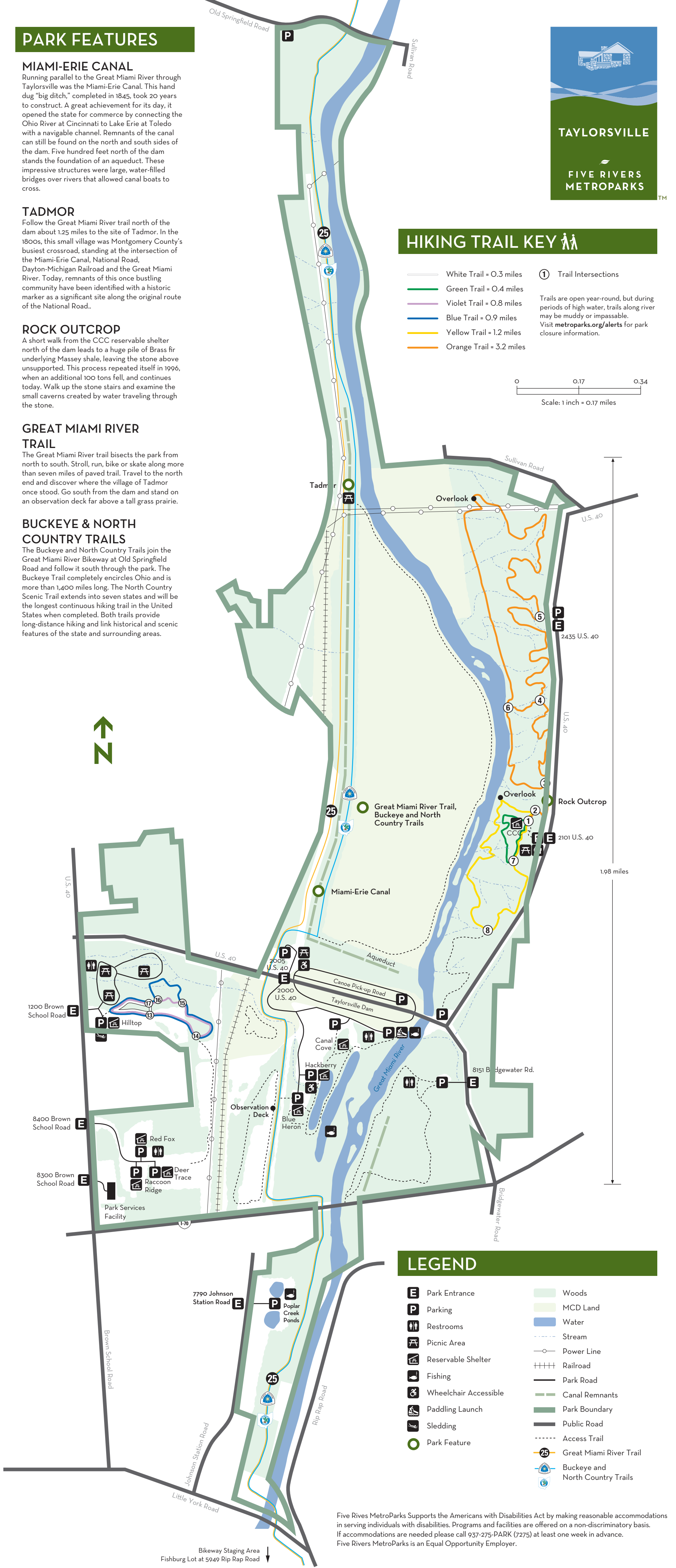
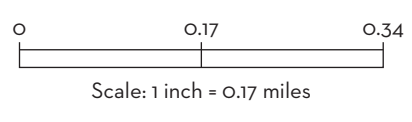
The Buckeye and North Country Trails join the Great Miami River Bikeway at Old Springfield Road and follow it south through the park. The Buckeye Trail completely encircles Ohio and is more than 1,400 miles long. The North Country Scenic Trail extends into seven states and will be the longest continuous hiking trail in the United States when completed. Both trails provide long-distance hiking and link historical and scenic features of the state and surrounding areas.



HIKING TRAIL KEY

- White Trail = 0.3 miles
- Green Trail = 0.4 miles
- Violet Trail = 0.8 miles
- Blue Trail = 0.9 miles
- Yellow Trail = 1.2 miles
- Orange Trail = 3.2 miles

Trail Intersections
Trails are open year-round, but during periods of high water, trails along river may be muddy or impassable. Visit metroparks.org/alerts for park closure information.



LEGEND

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| E Park Entrance | Woods |
| P Parking | MCD Land |
| Restrooms | Water |
| Picnic Area | Stream |
| Reservable Shelter | Power Line |
| Fishing | Railroad |
| Wheelchair Accessible | Park Road |
| Paddling Launch | Canal Remnants |
| Sledding | Park Boundary |
| Green Circle Park Feature | Public Road |
| | Access Trail |
| | Great Miami River Trail |
| | Buckeye and North Country Trails |

Five Rives MetroParks Supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations in serving individuals with disabilities. Programs and facilities are offered on a non-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.

Bikeway Staging Area
Fishburg Lot at 5949 Rip Rap Road