**TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK • PARK MAP**

**PARK FEATURES**

**MIAMI-ERIE CANAL**
Running parallel to the Great Miami River through Taylorsville is the Miami-Erie Canal. This hand-dug “big ditch,” completed in 1845, took 20 years to dig, opened the state for commerce by connecting the Ohio River at Cincinnati to Lake Erie at Cleveland with a navigable channel. Elements of the canal are still visible along the north and south sides of the river, highlighted by historic stone aqueducts that still carry the Miami-Erie Canal to connect to the Miami-Erie Canal. These aqueducts were constructed over shallow, wide rivers, with sturdy stone bridges over rivers that allowed canal boats to cross.

**TADJORD**
Follow the Great Miami Trail south of the dam about 1.25 miles to the site of Tadmor, an abandoned town founded in 1850. The Great Miami Trail passes a stone covered bridge that once stood. Go south from the dam and stand on an observation deck to look down at the foundation of an aqueduct. These impressive structures were once large, stone-built bridges over rivers that allowed canal boats to cross.

**ROCK OUTCROP**
A short walk from the CCC reservable shelter leads to a large pile of solid rock. This large collection of stone was once part of a limestone outcrop. This process repeated itself in 1996, when an additional 100 tons fell, and continues today. Walk up the stone stairs and examine the underlying Massey shale, leaving the stone above unsupported. This process repeated itself in 1996, when an additional 100 tons fell, and continues today.

**GREAT MIAMI RIVER TRAIL**
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**BUCKEYE & NORTH COUNTRY TRAILS**
The Buckeye and North Country Trails join the Miami-Erie Canal, National 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 more than 8,000 miles long when completed. Both trails provide the longest continuous hiking trail in the United States when completed. Both trails provide a great achievement for its day, it took 20 years to dig, opened the state for commerce by connecting the Ohio River at Cincinnati to Lake Erie at Cleveland with a navigable channel. Elements of the canal are still visible along the north and south sides of the river, highlighted by historic stone aqueducts that still carry the Miami-Erie Canal to connect to the Miami-Erie Canal. These aqueducts were constructed over shallow, wide rivers, with sturdy stone bridges over rivers that allowed canal boats to cross.

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