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Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

Wegerzyn Gardens, located in the scenic Stillwater River Corridor, offers much to the visitor. It contains formal gardens, woodland walks, sun and shade gardens, and a Children’s Garden like no other. Visitors will find a wealth of information presented and many places to sit and enjoy the beauty, as well as educational and inspiring programming for both children and adults.

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ENJOY THE SCENIC TRAILS — The beautiful 2-mile paved trail leads you through the Swamp Forest and natural area beyond the gardens. It’s a great place to stretch your legs while enjoying nature. The spring, look for native woodland wildflowers blooming along the trail. The trail is ready or accessible during most wet periods. Note: The trail is prone to mosquitoes, take appropriate precautions to prevent bites.

THINGS TO DO

WALKING & WIKIING — Discover the Marie Aull Nature Trail, which runs approximately one mile through the Swamp Forest and natural area beyond the gardens. It’s a great place to stretch your legs while enjoying nature. In the spring, look for native woodland wildflowers blooming along the trail. The trail is ready or accessible during most wet periods. Note: The trail is prone to mosquitoes, take appropriate precautions to prevent bites.

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2 GARDEN GREEN

Located along the meandering edge, this perennial garden is dedicated to the founder of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs.

3 MEMORIAL GARDEN

A garden that contains a variety of ferns, hostas, and other moisture-loving plants. Visitors are encouraged to walk along to view the gardens grow and change. Highlights include a limestone grotto and waterfall; music maze; wetland; pond and sensory garden. Be sure to visit Skeeter’s Garden, for a fun experience.

4 FEDERAL GARDEN

This garden features brick paths and parterres (beds that form a pattern) in a style reminiscent of the 18th and early 19th century American gardens. The garden is planted with historical and modern plants to evoke the period. Of special interest are the arches of European beech trees trained over the walks at both ends.

5 VICTORIAN GARDEN

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7 WOODLAND GARDEN

This shade garden is comprised of spring bulbs, clones of witch hazels, beech trees, and other shade-loving plants. Be sure to visit this garden as you stroll down the Marie Aull Trail.

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WOODS
Follow the Nature Trail through a world full of tall trees and blooming plants. The prairie, with its wildflowers, is a wonderful place to see birds and butterflies.

WETLANDS
Stop by the swamp to get a close-up view of the unique ecosystem. You’ll see standing water, emergent swamp plants, and a variety of wildlife.

BACKYARD FUN
The playful area features whimsical garden spaces and play structures, including swings, a slide, and a sandbox for kids.

SKEETER’S GARDEN
Discover the Marie Aull Discovery Garden. It’s our nature.

Possum Creek MetroParks house the only two community gardens in Montgomery County. Each garden is 1 acre in size and is planted with vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Each has its own theme, such as a butterfly garden or a garden for children. The formal gardens are a pleasure to walk through, and the native woodlands offer a relaxing place to sit and enjoy the beauty, as well as educational and inspiring programming for both children and adults.

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