

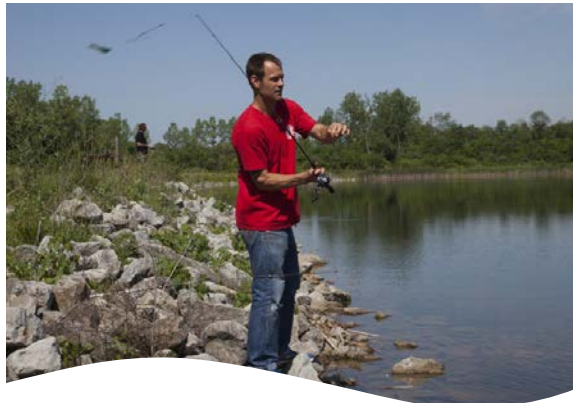
## Volunteer Opportunities

If you enjoy the outdoors, farm animals and gardening, Possum Creek MetroPark is the place for you. Special programs, events and learning experiences are made possible through volunteer participation. In addition, volunteers plant and maintain the farm's flower beds and assist with the community gardens. Training sessions are offered throughout the year to increase your skills and knowledge. Call 937-275-PARK (7275) or visit [metroparks.org/volunteer](http://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 trails, benches and trees, and planned giving options also are available. Visit [metroparks.org/donate](http://metroparks.org/donate) or call 937-275-PARK (7275) for more information.

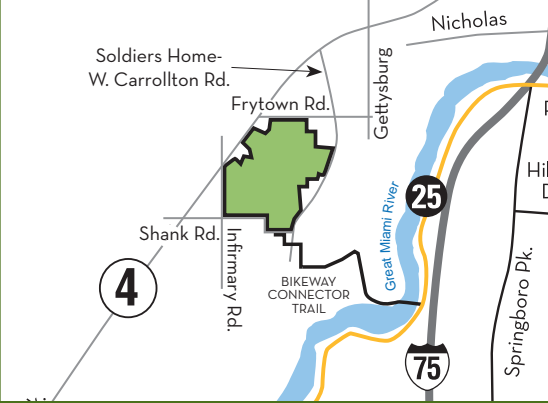


## Possum Creek MetroPark

Possum Creek MetroPark consists largely of former farmland that is going through the process of natural succession. Significant natural features include bottomland hardwood forests along Possum Creek, two mature beech woodlots, and numerous created ponds and wetlands. More than 100 acres of degraded farmland and dumps have been cleared and planted into native Ohio prairie. The prairie took years to establish, but now thrives on the poor ground. It is currently one of the largest and most diverse planted prairies in Ohio.

Fishing ponds, open vistas painted with colorful flowers, woodlands and wildlife provide the setting for a variety of activities. This 556-acre park is the perfect place for a family outing. Fish, picnic, hike, walk, paddle or horseback ride your way through scenic woods and prairies.

## POSSUM CREEK METROPARK



Possum Creek MetroPark 4790 Frytown Road  
Dayton, Ohio 45417

### It's our nature.

This park is one of 30 outstanding public locations operated by your Five Rivers MetroParks. Founded in 1963 to serve the greater Dayton area, MetroParks protects more than 16,000 acres of open space and provides year-round recreation, education and conservation opportunities. Entry to MetroParks' locations is free thanks to Montgomery County citizen support of a property tax levy.

### For More Information

Administrative Offices ..... 937-275-PARK (7275)  
Website..... [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org)

### Ranger Assistance

Contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office dispatcher at 937-225-HELP (4357).



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## POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

### USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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## THINGS TO DO

**VISIT THE FARM** - You'll find small animals that can be raised on an acre or less, a short nature trail through the meadow and across the creek, and demonstration gardens and a nature play area. Animals can be seen in the barn or pastures from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. This 100-acre farm is located at the south end of the park. Use the entrance at 4790 Frytown Road and follow the signs to the farm. For group tours, call 937-275-PARK (7275).

**FISHING** - Fish free of charge and without a license in ponds and Argonne Lake. Every summer, night fishing hours are offered; call 937-275-PARK (7275) or visit [metroparks.org/fishing](http://metroparks.org/fishing) for details. Only non-motorized boats are permitted on Argonne Lake, which has a boat ramp.

**PICNICKING** - Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use by visiting [metroparks.org/reservations](http://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. Picnic table sites also are available.

**HIKING** - Enjoy 5.5 miles of scenic, mostly level trails. Trails are color-coded and trail intersections are marked with a number corresponding to the numbers on the inside map.

**HORSE TRAIL** - Enjoy a 4.5-mile equestrian trail. Horses can be unloaded at the horse trailer parking lot off Frytown Road. Rentals are not available.

**COMMUNITY GARDENS** - Approximately 90 community garden plots are available near the farm. Plot reservations must be made in person at the park office starting the first Monday in April. Visit [metroparks.org/communitygardening](http://metroparks.org/communitygardening) or call 937-275-PARK(7275) to learn more.

**PADDLING** - Canoe, kayak or stand up paddleboard on Argonne Lake, which has a boat ramp for easy water access.

**CAMPING** - Overnight camping is available with a permit, which must be reserved at least four days prior to your stay. Call Five Rivers MetroParks at 937-275-PARK (7275) or visit the main office between 9 AM to 4 PM, weekdays at 409 E. Monument Ave., third floor, in downtown Dayton.

## INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Protect Possum Creek 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. Hikers should stay on trails. Motor vehicles must remain on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only.

**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 8 feet.

Dogs are not permitted at the farm.

**ALCOHOL** Prohibited except by permit in reservable shelters.

**BICYCLES** Not permitted on hiking or horse trails.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### PARK GROUNDS:

April 1 - October 31: 8 AM - 10 PM

November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

### FARM:

Year-round: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

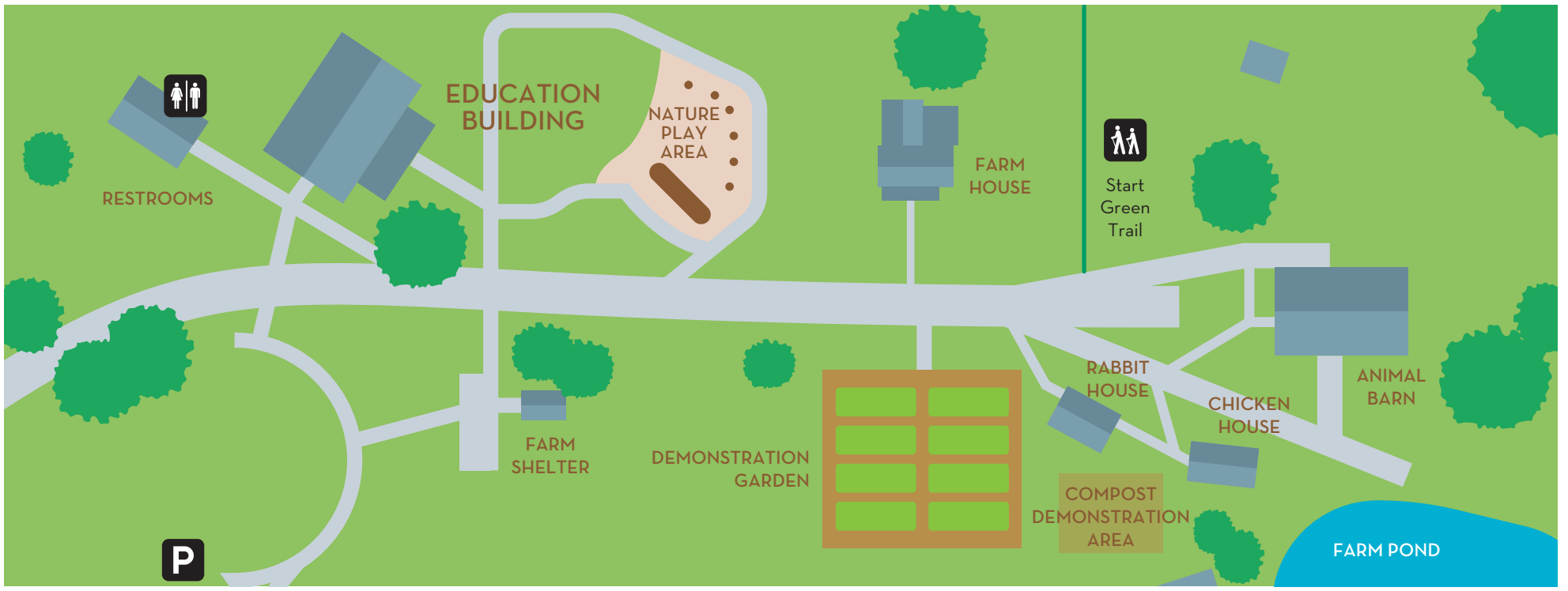
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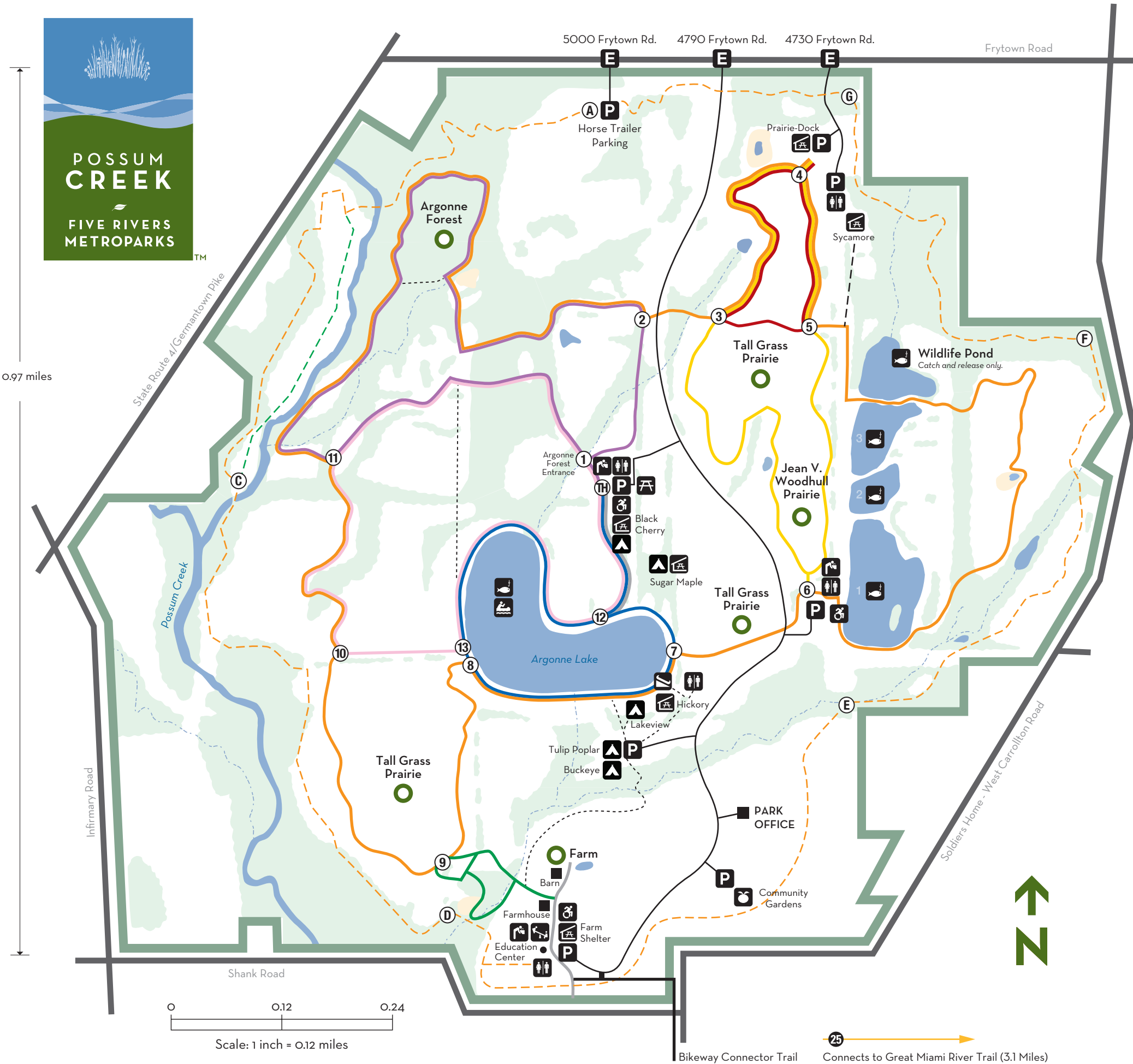
A ramp allows easy access for paddling in Argonne Lake with non-motorized boats.



# POSSUM CREEK FARM



# POSSUM CREEK METROPARK • PARK MAP



## LEGEND

- |                        |                         |               |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>E</b> Park Entrance | Drinking Water          | Paved Trail   |
| <b>P</b> Parking       | Nature Play Area        | Woods         |
| Restrooms              | Fishing                 | Wetlands      |
| Picnic Area            | Canoe & Kayak Boat Ramp | Water         |
| Reservable Shelter     | Community Garden        | Stream        |
| Camping Area           | Park Feature            | Park Road     |
| Wheelchair Accessible  | Connector Trail         | Park Boundary |
|                        |                         | Public Road   |

## HIKING TRAILS

- Green Trail = 0.3 miles
- Red Trail = 0.5 miles
- Blue Trail = 1.0 miles
- Pink Trail = 1.2 miles
- Yellow Trail = 1.3 miles
- Purple Trail = 1.4 miles
- Orange Trail = 3.5 miles
- Trail Intersections

## HORSE TRAILS

- Orange Trail = 4 miles
- Green Trail = 0.4 miles
- A** Location Marker

Trails are open year-round, but may be closed due to muddy or hazardous trail conditions. Visit [metroparks.org/alerts](http://metroparks.org/alerts) for park closure information.

## PARK FEATURES

### TALL GRASS PRAIRIES

These open areas consist of grasses that reach heights of 6 to 10 feet by late summer and are filled with a variety of wildflowers (forbs) that add color to the sea of grass. Prairie wildflowers reach their blooming peak in mid summer and early fall. Possum Creek MetroPark's prairie areas were planted in 1980 to serve as a haven for the now rare plants and animals that once inhabited natural prairie opening in southwestern Ohio's woodlands.

### ARGONNE FOREST

Walk through the Argonne Forest following the purple loop trail and discover a beautiful woodland dominated by old beech trees. In the 1930s and early 1940s, these woods were part of an amusement park known as the Argonne Forest Park. It was created by Null Hodapp and named in honor of the 322nd Field Artillery Unit that fought in the Argonne Forest in France during World War I. The park included a swimming pool, shooting range, ball diamond, dance hall, auto race track, cabins and street cars. Stop at the marked sites along the way to discover remnants of the amusement park.

### ARGONNE LAKE

Spend a family day outdoors at Argonne Lake, located near numerous park amenities. Visit the farm animals, and then spend some time fishing at the lake or nearby ponds, free-of-charge and without a fishing license. Canoe, kayak or stand up paddleboard on Argonne Lake, which has a boat ramp for easy water access. Reservable shelters and overnight tent camping also are nearby. Call 937-275-PARK (7275) for reservations and to secure a required camping permit, which must be reserved at least four days prior to your stay.

### POSSUM CREEK FARM

Learn about local food and food systems, which includes demonstration areas, community gardens and a variety of animals, including chickens, rabbits and sheep. Programs are held throughout the year to teach people about growing fruits and vegetables, raising small livestock, beekeeping, and preparing and preserving the harvest. Visitors can gain hands-on experience while exploring their connection to food and the land.