

# Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer groups and individuals help maintain Eastwood MetroPark throughout the year. Volunteers assist with such tasks as gathering litter and removing honeysuckle. 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 benches and trees, and planned giving options also are available. Visit [metroparks.org/donate](http://metroparks.org/donate) or call (937) 275-PARK for more information.



Eastwood MetroPark is located near the Air Force Museum and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base with entrances on Harshman Road just south of State Route 4 and Springfield Street.

## It’s our nature.

This park is one of 30 outstanding locations operated by your Five Rivers MetroParks system. 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. 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 ..... [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)

## Ranger Assistance

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

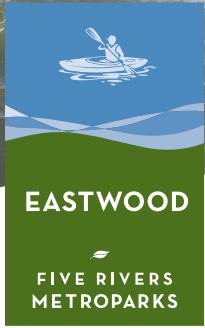


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# EASTWOOD METROPARK

## USER’S GUIDE & MAP



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BIKEWAY ACCESSIBLE

# Eastwood MetroPark



Located within the city limits of Dayton, this 437-acre park with a 185-acre lake, ponds and scenic Mad River offers a variety of water-based recreational opportunities. Spend the day boating, fishing, canoeing, kayaking or bird watching. The Mad River Run, a project that was part conservation and part recreation, created a whitewater feature and kayak play spot on the river, as well as new fishing areas. The project also stabilized the river bank and restored habitat areas.

Join Five Rivers MetroParks at Eastwood MetroPark during the first weekend in October for the Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience, the biggest outdoor recreation festival in the region! Learn more at [outdoorx.org](http://outdoorx.org).

Eastwood is also a popular picnic place, and children are sure to enjoy the playgrounds near the picnic area.



## THINGS TO DO

**BOATING** – Eastwood MetroPark has amenities for nearly any type of boating on Eastwood Lake. Powerboats, water skiers and fishing boats are permitted on even-numbered days of the month. Unlimited horsepower motors are permitted, with a speed limit of 35 mph for all watercraft. Sailboats, personal watercraft (such as jet skis) and fishing boats at idle speed are permitted on odd-numbered days. Personal watercraft must use the designated area marked with buoys at the west end of the lake. Rowers, canoers, kayakers and other nonmotorized boaters can use the lake any day of the month. 40 parking spaces for vehicles and boat trailers are available. Eastwood Lake is occasionally closed for special events. Swimming or wading is not permitted.

**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. A variety of sites with picnic tables are also available.



**FISHING** – Try your luck catching a variety of fish in this park’s water systems. An Ohio fishing license is required to fish in Eastwood Lake or the Mad River, but you can fish without a license at Blue Lake or in the lagoon. The Mad River’s cold, clear water makes it the only river in the area where you can catch trout.

**WALKING & HIKING** – A 3-mile loop trail on mostly level terrain passes through a variety of habitats and provides beautiful views of the river.

**BIRD WATCHING** – Eastwood is excellent for bird watching. Look for great blue herons, belted kingfishers, waterfowl, cedar wax wings, Baltimore orioles, or if you’re lucky, Eastwood’s resident bald eagles!

## INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Protect Eastwood 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 must remain on marked trails. Motor vehicles must stay on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



<b>FIRES</b>	Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal to use in grills. Do NOT bring firewood.
<b>PETS</b>	Dogs allowed on leash only. Leashes may be no longer than 8 feet.
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	Prohibited except by permit in reservable shelters.
<b>SWIMMING</b>	Not permitted

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### PARK GROUNDS:

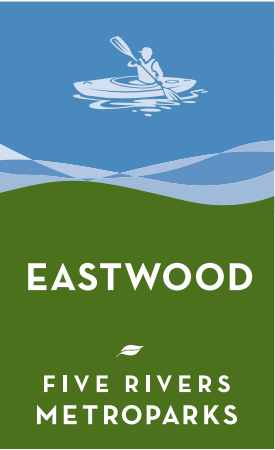
April 1 - October 31: 8 AM - 10 PM

November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

*Closed Christmas and New Year’s Day.*

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## PARK FEATURES

### BUCKEYE & NORTH COUNTRY TRAILS

The Buckeye and North Country Trails pass through Eastwood MetroPark. This section of the Buckeye Trail is part of a 1,440-mile continuous loop that completely encircles Ohio. The North Country National Scenic Trail stretches across seven states and will be 4,600 miles long when completed. These trails link and make accessible historic and scenic features and provide long-distance hiking.

### EASTWOOD LAKE

This mile-long, 185-acre lake was created as a by-product of gravel mining operations by American Aggregate Corporation. It was completed in 1972 with two goals in mind: to provide water recreation opportunities for the community and to help protect the public water supply. It was operated by the City of Dayton until 1992, when it was leased to Five Rivers MetroParks.

The lake is fed by water from the Mad River and is part of a system of ponds, lakes and lagoons located in the area that serve as artificial charge basins for the Dayton wellfields found nearby. Water slowly filters from these bodies of water through layers of sand and gravel and helps restore groundwater pumped out for public use. The Mad River provides natural recharging, but it alone cannot meet demands.

In addition, the lake is a popular site for boating and fishing. The Ohio Division of Wildlife periodically stocks the lake.

### MAD RIVER RUN

This free-flowing spring-fed river is known as a premier paddling spot for the region. The Mad River boasts Class II river features (containing fast-moving water with easily avoided rocks, holes and waves), along with access to some of the region's best recreation spots. Many paddlers access the Mad River at Eastwood MetroPark and are able to travel 4 miles of uninterrupted flow to RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton.

