

# Volunteer Opportunities

Help maintain the unique gardens and historical home at Aullwood Garden MetroPark by becoming a volunteer. Opportunities include gardening, garden tour guides, photography, plant identification, history research and invasive plant removal. 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.



**Aullwood Garden MetroPark** is located adjacent to Englewood MetroPark, south of U.S. 40 on Aullwood Road. 955 Aullwood Road Dayton, Ohio 45414  
*Visiting address only. For a mailing address, call (937) 275-PARK.*

## 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 more than 15,800 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) 535-2580**



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# AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK

## USER'S GUIDE & MAP



# Beauty & Serenity

## Aullwood Garden MetroPark



Garden displays that reflect a natural look and harmonize with the surrounding woodlands fill this 31-acre estate garden donated by Marie Aull, who was a local inspiration and advocate for conservation. She also assisted with the founding of Five Rivers MetroParks. The Aull house and surrounding gardens are examples of Arts and Crafts architecture and gardening popularized in 1900-1930 America. This living work of art has been a peaceful retreat for visitors since 1977, when Mrs. Aull donated her garden and home to Five Rivers MetroParks. The unique home and beautiful gardens are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Stroll the grounds of these woodland gardens. Visit often and discover the beauty of color, texture and form in all seasons.

## Things to Do

**VISIT THE GARDENS** - The garden acquired its present configuration in the two decades following John and Marie's marriage in 1923. From the beginning, Wiles Creek served as a landscape focus and the forest shade determined the selection of plants. Tens of thousands of Virginia bluebells that now cover the hillsides in late April are the progeny of 250 plants they purchased. The profusion of blue-eyed Marys multiplied from a colony rescued from a local farmer who would have plowed the plants. Through the years, the Aulls interlaced these native spring wildflowers and celandine poppies with daffodils and other favorites.

Mrs. Aull traveled throughout the world and was inspired by plantings abroad, which she mimicked in her gardens. Stroll the garden paths and enjoy seasonal displays, including hillsides of wildflowers and daffodils in spring, magic lilies among ostrich ferns in summer, and witch hazels and lenten roses in winter.

**WALKING** - Enjoy a path through a woodland and a prairie.

**BIRDWATCHING**- Aullwood Garden MetroPark is a popular birding location. Look for songbirds, hummingbirds and birds of prey.

**PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES** - Educational programs are offered throughout the year. These include spring walks highlighting the changing floral displays and other various events. Visit [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK (7275) for more information.



Photo courtesy of Robert Makley

## Information & Regulations

Protect Aullwood Garden 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. In gardens and natural areas, remain on paths, trails and turf. Motor vehicles must stay on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

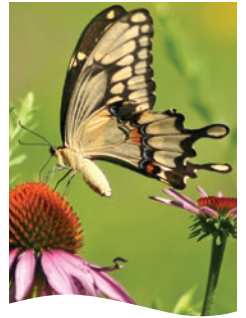
**PETS** - Not permitted.

**ALCOHOL** - Not permitted.

**BICYCLES** - Not permitted.

### HOURS

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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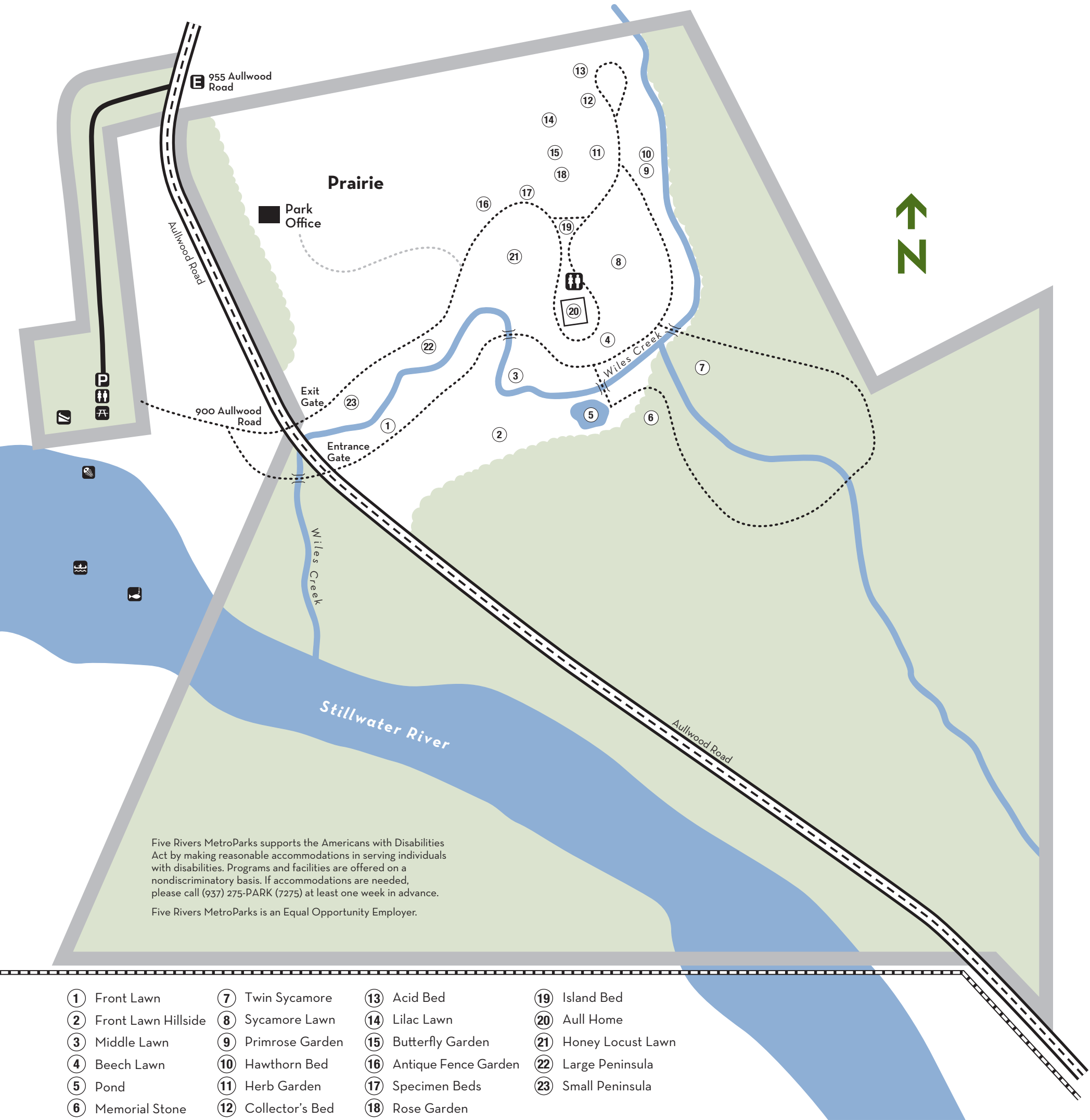


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|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| ① Front Lawn          | ⑦ Twin Sycamore   | ⑬ Acid Bed             | ⑰ Island Bed        |
| ② Front Lawn Hillside | ⑧ Sycamore Lawn   | ⑭ Lilac Lawn           | ⑱ Aull Home         |
| ③ Middle Lawn         | ⑨ Primrose Garden | ⑮ Butterfly Garden     | ⑳ Honey Locust Lawn |
| ④ Beech Lawn          | ⑩ Hawthorn Bed    | ⑯ Antique Fence Garden | ㉑ Large Peninsula   |
| ⑤ Pond                | ⑪ Herb Garden     | ⑰ Specimen Beds        | ㉒ Small Peninsula   |
| ⑥ Memorial Stone      | ⑫ Collector's Bed | ⑱ Rose Garden          |                     |

## GARDEN FEATURES

### ESTATE GARDEN

Enjoy the majestic sycamore lawn and twin sycamore trees (some more than 600 years old). An outstanding succession of blooms await you at this estate garden.

### SEASONAL BLOOMS

View colorful displays of herbaceous plantings, including woodland wildflowers and daffodils in the spring, magic lilies and ferns during summer, and winter lenten roses and witch hazels during winter.

### HISTORICAL HOME

The Aull Home, built in a rustic 1920 arts-and-crafts style.

### LEGEND:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>E</b> entrance         | woods                      |
| <b>P</b> parking          | stream/intermittent stream |
| restrooms                 | pond                       |
| picnic area               | garden or nature path      |
| fishing                   | Stillwater River Bikeway   |
| canoe & kayak launch      | park boundary              |
| canoes & kayaks permitted | park road                  |
| fossil collection area    | public road                |
|                           | park feature               |