

State Route 741/Springboro Pike

PARK FEATURES

1 VISITOR CENTER

Start your Cox Arboretum MetroPark experience here. Learn from staff about all the park features in detail and make the most of your visit.

2 THE LOOP PATH

The 1/2-mile loop path is designed to orient visitors to the Cox Arboretum MetroPark experience by leading them on a loop that links many aspects of the Arboretum. The specially colored permeable clay paver path is a simple reminder that visitors are on the right track and will return to the point at which they started. The path meets ADA standards.

(3) BARBARA COX CENTER

The Barbara Cox Center for Sustainable Horticulture provides visitors experiential education opportunities with an emphasis on conservation and sustainability. The Center is home to two of Five Rivers MetroParks' native tree and wildflower propagation programs, where native plants are grown for use in habitat restoration projects throughout MetroParks.

4 WATER GARDEN

Enjoy the serenity of a water garden landscaped with a mix of water-loving plants, perennial and shrub borders, and seasonal displays.

(5) STONEWALL PERENNIAL GARDEN

This mixed border features perennials chosen for year-round interest, including reliable garden favorites and promising new introductions.

(6) ROCK GARDEN

Alpine plants, low growing vegetation and dwarf conifers all thrive in this sloping garden of rocks and gravel. Peak blooming period is April and May.

(7) ARBOR

This beautiful arbor is part of a new and improved allée planted with kousa dogwood trees. It also is a popular wedding venue.

8 BUTTERFLY HOUSE

View many species of native butterflies close-up and the pollinator gardens that surround the house. The Butterfly House opens in early July and remains open through August. Call for open days and hours.

(9) ALLÉE

This popular spot has been replanted with 100 dogwood trees. The new trees retain and extend the beauty of the allée, providing four seasons of interest. Watch for beautiful blooms, showy fall foliage, ornamental bark and a bird-attracting fruit display late in the season.

(10) SHRUB GARDEN

This garden allows home gardeners to evaluate growth and flowering habit, fall color and winter character of hundreds of different trees and shrubs.

11 BELL CHILDREN'S MAZE

Parents are invited to watch from the overlook or join in the fun as children discover a path through 1,175 boxwoods to the center of the maze.

(12) EDIBLE LANDSCAPE GARDEN

The Maimon Memorial Garden features edible plants as ornamental components of the landscape. This garden combines beauty and utility through a unique display of fruits, vegetables and herbs. The pavilion serves as an outdoor classroom and wedding venue.

(3) WOODLAND WILDFLOWER AREA

This young, successional woodland features a collection of native woodland wildflowers and non-native species

that can grow well with natives in a residential shade garden. During spring, the wildflowers are at their peak. At the west end of the garden is a connection to the red trail and Conservation Corner.

(14) CONSERVATION CORNER

Land stewardship practices are demonstrated in this area that includes two wetlands and 13 acres of re-introduced prairie, creating ideal wildlife habitat. A bird blind provides opportunities for wildlife viewing.

(15) CONIFER COLLECTION

View a variety of evergreens that can be grown in the Dayton area. The collection exhibits the wide range of textures and colors available for the home landscape.

16) TREE TOWER

Three Douglas Fir tree trunks rise 45 feet above the tree tops, supporting an observation deck that provides visitors with a breathtaking panoramic view of Cox Arboretum MetroPark and the surrounding region.

(17) IRIS GARDEN

This garden features species of irises native to Eastern North America, as well as a few selected horticultural varieties. Additional plant species added to the stream bank planting help extend the flowering season.