Playgrounds near the picnic area.

And children are sure to enjoy the Eastwood is also a popular picnic place, the biggest outdoor recreation festival in the Midwest Outdoor Experience, the Eastwood MetroPark in the fall for project also stabilized the river bank feature and kayak play spot on the recreation, created a whitewater watching. The Mad River Run, a project fishing, canoeing, kayaking or bird opportunities. Spend the day boating, variety of water-based recreational ponds and scenic Mad River offers a this 437-acre park with a 185-acre lake, Eastwood's resident bald eagles! cedar wax wings. Baltimore orioles, or if you're lucky, Look for great blue herons, belted kingfishers, waterfowl, Eastwood is excellent for bird watching. The Mad River's cold, clear water makes it the only river in the free and without a license at Blue Lake or in the lagoon. The fish in Eastwood Lake or the Mad River, but you can fish for park's water systems. An Ohio fishing license is required to Try your luck catching a variety of fish in this available.

Things to Do

Informations

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer groups are welcome to help maintain Eastwood MetroPark throughout the year. Volunteers assist with gathering litter and removing honeysuckle. Call (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit metroparks.org/volunteer for more information.

Support Your MetroParks

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Its 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 properly tax levy.

For More Information

Administrative Offices (937) 275-PARK (7275) Website www.metroparks.org

Ranger Assistance

Contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office dispatcher at: (937) 535-2580

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PICNICING — Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use. Visit metroparks.org/reservations for more information. Amenity use 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 for free and 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!

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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 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 recharge basins for the Dayton well fields found nearby. Water slowly filters through these bodies of water through layers of sand and gravel and helps restore ground water 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 a miles of uninterrupted flow to RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton.

LEGEND:
- entrance
- parking
- restrooms
- reservable area
- playground
- fishing
- boat launch
- canoe & kayak launch
- sailing
- powerboats
- personal watercraft
- woods
- Mad River Bikeway
- Creekside Bikeway
- Buckeye & North Country Trails
- other hiking trail
- railroad
- park boundary
- park road
- public road
- service road
- park feature

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