

Volunteer Opportunities

Many opportunities await both individual and group volunteers. Help maintain Hills & Dales MetroPark by assisting with gardening, gathering litter, removing honeysuckle and other non-native invasive species, and working on conservation projects. Call (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit www.metro parks.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 metro parks.org/donate or call (937) 275-PARK for more information.



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 15,500 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.metro parks.org

Ranger Assistance

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



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HILLS & DALES METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Hills & Dales MetroPark

Hills & Dales MetroPark



Filled with picturesque creeks, rolling hills, dense woods, wildflowers and wetlands, Hills & Dales MetroPark is one of Dayton's most historical parks. Originally a gift to the city from John Patterson (co-founder of the National Cash Register Company) in 1918, Hills & Dales was designed by renowned landscape architects the Olmsted Brothers.

Now beautifully restored to its original glory by Five Rivers MetroParks, Hills & Dales offers many unique features for today's active lifestyles, including miles of trails and walkways, Adirondack-style shelters, a scenic pond, preserved wetlands and remnants of historical architecture.

Things to Do

WALKING & HIKING - More than 2 miles of trails for walking, hiking, jogging or cross-country skiing through scenic woodlands are open year round, including the 1.4-mile Adirondack Trail that includes a loop around beautiful Dogwood Pond and a boardwalk through a high-quality forested wetland.

PICNICKING - Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use by visiting 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.

HISTORICAL FEATURES - Hills & Dales is one of the area's most historical parks. Visit the monument honoring the park's founder, John Patterson, or view the architectural remnants of the Old Barn Club, where hundreds of Daytonians came to socialize in the early 20th century. Also visit the looming Stone Tower and "Staged Gates," a piece of landscape sculpture by Mary Miss that was added in 1979.

GREEN SPACE & PLAYGROUNDS - The landscape of Hills & Dales makes it a great place for impromptu outdoor activities. The park features both a standard playground and Nature Play Area where kids can discover the natural world through free play. The wealth of wildlife in the park also makes Hills & Dales a great place for nature study, birding and nature photography.



Information & Regulations

Protect Hills & Dales MetroPark as a natural area: Do not pick, collect or disturb plant or animal materials of any kind. Hunting, frog gigging, swimming and ice skating 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.**



FIRES - Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal to use in grills. Do NOT bring firewood.

PETS - Dogs allowed on leash only. Leashes may be no longer than 8 feet. Please clean up after your pet.

BICYCLES - Not permitted on trails.

ALCOHOL - Not permitted.

HOURS

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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YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

No matter where you live in Montgomery County, you are just minutes away from a MetroPark facility made possible by your levy investment.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS Educational and recreational programs are offered year-round. For a list of upcoming activities or informational brochures, call (937) 275-PARK (7275) and visit www.metroparks.org.

HOURS MetroParks grounds are open 8 AM - 10 PM, April 1 - October 31 and 8 AM - 8 PM, November 1 - March 31. Closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Hours may vary at Island and RiverScape MetroParks.

RESERVABLE SHELTERS Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use by visiting 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.

SPEAKER'S BUREAU A variety of programs are available to groups. Call (937) 275-PARK for topics and scheduling information.

VISITOR CENTERS

Carriage Hill MetroPark Visitor Center

East Shull Road, Huber Heights • (937) 278-2609
Country Store, Exhibits, Interactive Room, Rotating Art Gallery

Cox Arboretum MetroPark Zorniger Education Center

6733 Springboro Pike, Miami Township • (937) 434-9005
Rotating Art Gallery

Twin Valley Welcome Center

6910 Boomershine Road, Germantown • (937) 855-7717
Exhibits, Wildlife Viewing

Wegerzyn Center at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark

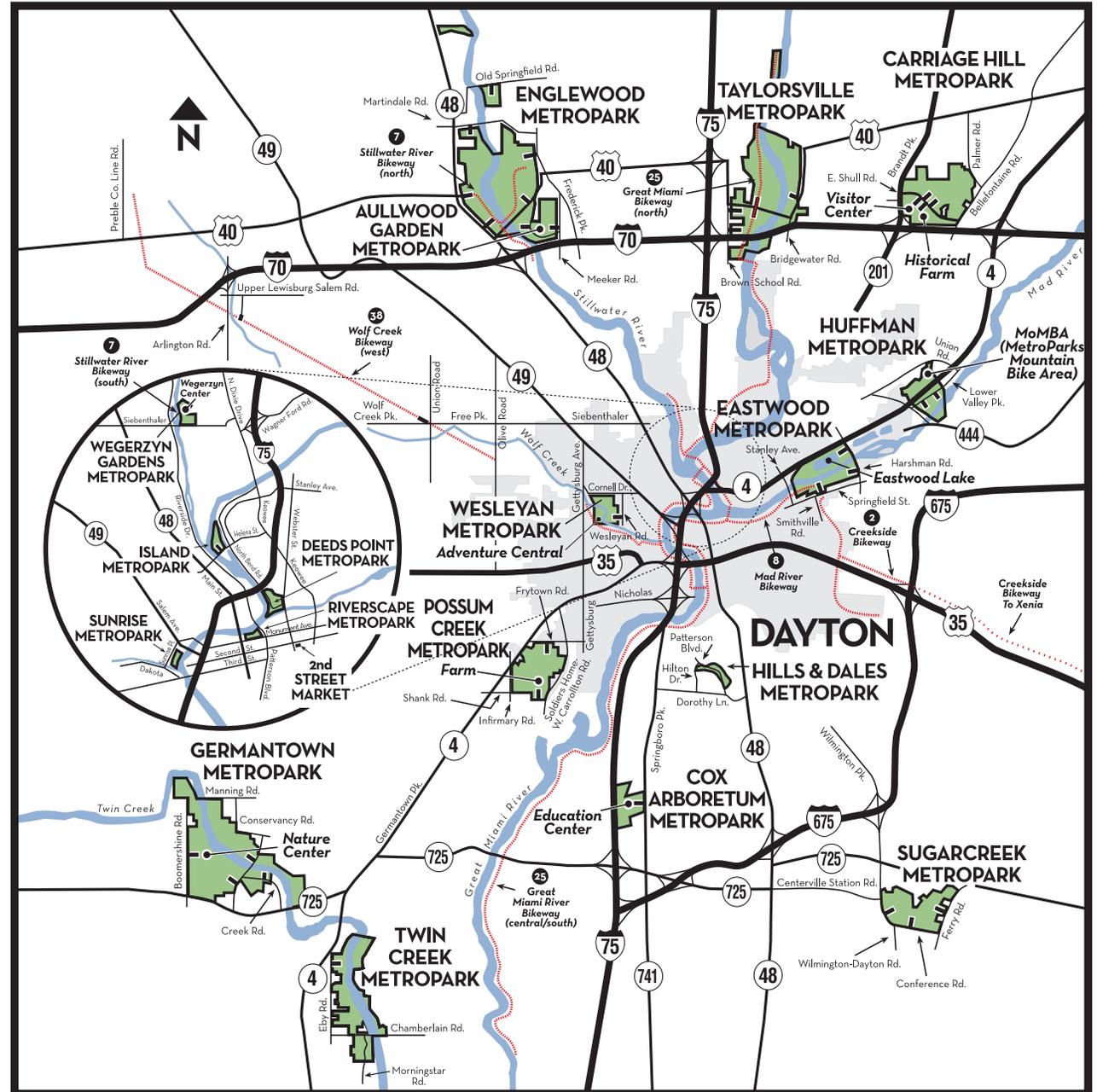
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton • (937) 277-6545

BIKEWAYS IN YOUR METROPARKS

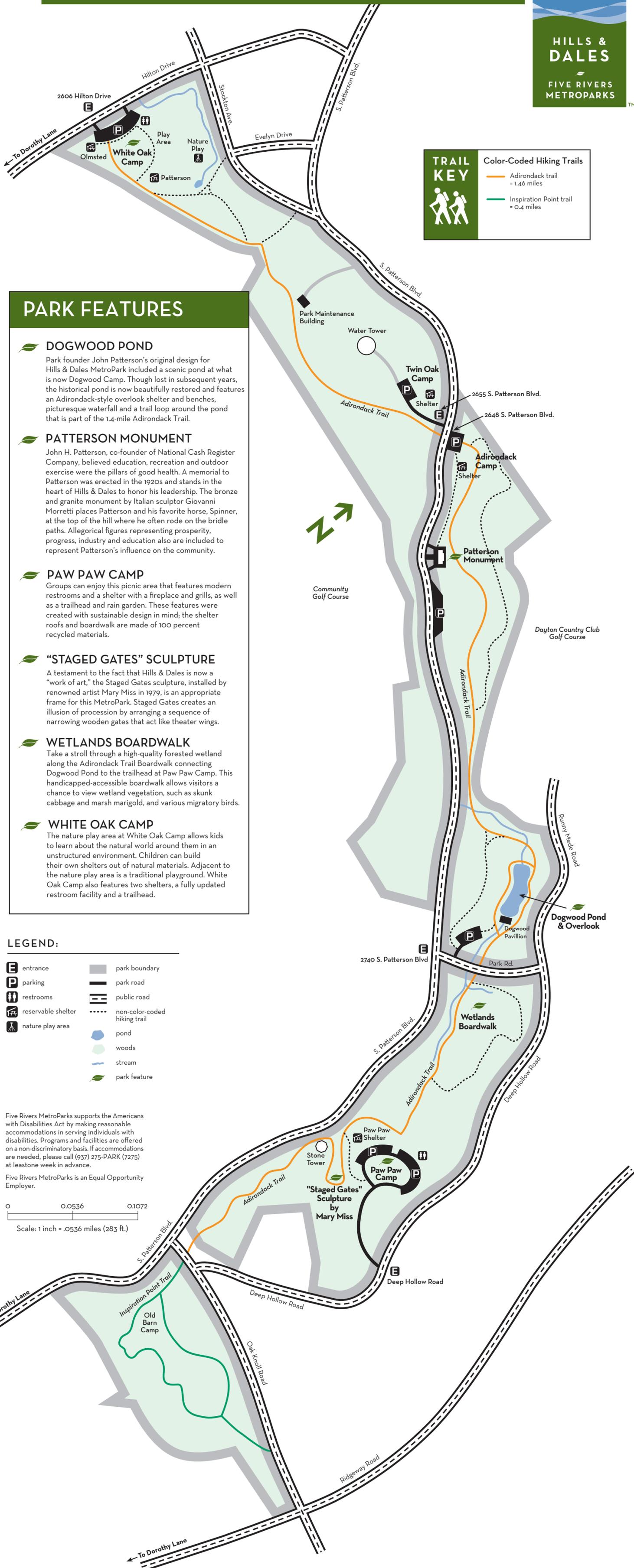
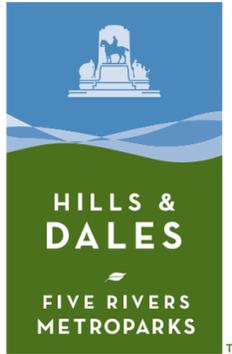
Dayton is home to more than 330 miles of paved bikeways - the nation's largest paved trail network. Portions of five bikeways run through your Five Rivers MetroParks:

- 7 Stillwater River
- 25 Great Miami River
- 8 Mad River
- 2 Creekside
- 38 Wolfcreek

For more information, visit metroparks.org/cycling. For a complete map of regional bikeways, visit www.miamivalleytrails.org.



HILLS & DALES METROPARK



TRAIL KEY

Color-Coded Hiking Trails

- Adirondack trail = 1.46 miles
- Inspiration Point trail = 0.4 miles

PARK FEATURES

- DOGWOOD POND**

Park founder John Patterson's original design for Hills & Dales MetroPark included a scenic pond at what is now Dogwood Camp. Though lost in subsequent years, the historical pond is now beautifully restored and features an Adirondack-style overlook shelter and benches, picturesque waterfall and a trail loop around the pond that is part of the 1.4-mile Adirondack Trail.
- PATTERSON MONUMENT**

John H. Patterson, co-founder of National Cash Register Company, believed education, recreation and outdoor exercise were the pillars of good health. A memorial to Patterson was erected in the 1920s and stands in the heart of Hills & Dales to honor his leadership. The bronze and granite monument by Italian sculptor Giovanni Morretti places Patterson and his favorite horse, Spinner, at the top of the hill where he often rode on the bridle paths. Allegorical figures representing prosperity, progress, industry and education also are included to represent Patterson's influence on the community.
- PAW PAW CAMP**

Groups can enjoy this picnic area that features modern restrooms and a shelter with a fireplace and grills, as well as a trailhead and rain garden. These features were created with sustainable design in mind; the shelter roofs and boardwalk are made of 100 percent recycled materials.
- "STAGED GATES" SCULPTURE**

A testament to the fact that Hills & Dales is now a "work of art," the Staged Gates sculpture, installed by renowned artist Mary Miss in 1979, is an appropriate frame for this MetroPark. Staged Gates creates an illusion of procession by arranging a sequence of narrowing wooden gates that act like theater wings.
- WETLANDS BOARDWALK**

Take a stroll through a high-quality forested wetland along the Adirondack Trail Boardwalk connecting Dogwood Pond to the trailhead at Paw Paw Camp. This handicapped-accessible boardwalk allows visitors a chance to view wetland vegetation, such as skunk cabbage and marsh marigold, and various migratory birds.
- WHITE OAK CAMP**

The nature play area at White Oak Camp allows kids to learn about the natural world around them in an unstructured environment. Children can build their own shelters out of natural materials. Adjacent to the nature play area is a traditional playground. White Oak Camp also features two shelters, a fully updated restroom facility and a trailhead.

LEGEND:

E entrance	park boundary
P parking	park road
restrooms	public road
reservable shelter	non-color-coded hiking trail
nature play area	pond
	woods
	stream
	park feature

Five Rivers MetroParks supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations in serving individuals with disabilities. Programs and facilities are offered on a non-discriminatory basis. If accommodations are needed, please call (937) 275-PARK (7275) at least one week in advance.

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