

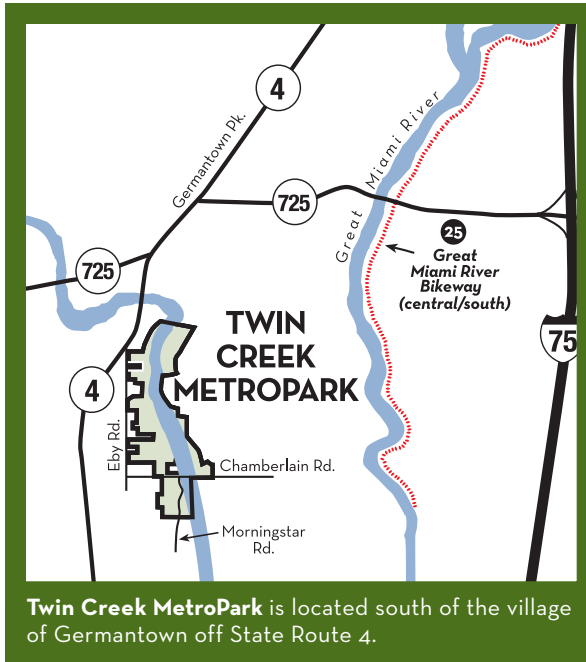
# Volunteer Opportunities

Many opportunities await volunteers. Help with a variety of activities, such as leading nature walks, working on conservation projects and trail work. 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.



## 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.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)

## Ranger Assistance

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



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# TWIN CREEK METROPARK

## USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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# For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Twin Creek MetroPark

## Twin Creek MetroPark



Wild, beautiful scenery and historical features beckon the visitor to this 1,000-acre MetroPark. You'll find hiking and bridle trails and a picnic area that offers a splendid panoramic vista of the Twin Creek Valley. The park is centered on Twin Creek, one of the cleanest and most biodiverse waterways in the state. Natural attractions include a pond, woodlands, meadows and abundant wildlife. More than 500 species of plants and 70 species of nesting birds have been found here. In addition, 2,000-year-old earthworks constructed by the Hopewell Culture are protected here.

The Twin Valley Trail connects Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks, offering more than 22 miles of trail complete with secluded backpacking camping. Choose to spend a night or a long weekend traversing this beautiful part of Montgomery County.

## Things to Do

**WALKING & HIKING** – Twenty miles of marked trails (some rugged) through scenic areas are open year-round. Loop trails are color-coded, with intersections marked by numbers that correspond to numbers on the inside map. Follow the same color to arrive back at your starting point. Trails can be accessed from the parking lots at 9688 Eby Road and 8502 Chamberlain Road.

**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 also are available.

**HORSEBACK RIDING** – Bring your horse and enjoy 6.6 miles of bridle trails, which run along Twin Creek. A horse trailer parking lot is available on Morningstar Road (see map).

**FISHING** – Fish in Twin Creek for a variety of fish, including bass, crappie and bluegill. An Ohio fishing license is required. Also fish in Dogwood Pond and Lake George. No license is required; catch-and-release only. Reach Dogwood Pond by following the access trail (see map).

**CANOEING & KAYAKING** – This section of Twin Creek is a scenic canoeing and kayaking location, but water conditions vary significantly. Use the launch south of the Germantown Dam off Creek Road. The take-out is at Carmody Park off of Martz Paulin Road.

**CAMPING** – Overnight camping is available with a permit. Call Five Rivers MetroParks at (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit the main office between 9 AM and 4 PM weekdays at 409 E. Monument Ave., Third Floor, in downtown Dayton.



Photo courtesy of Robert Makley

## Information & Regulations

Protect Twin Creek 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 and horseback riders 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. A limited supply of firewood is available at the camp site.

**PETS** – Dogs allowed on leash only. Leashes may be no longer than 8 feet. **Dog droppings must be removed from walking trails.**

**ALCOHOL** – Not permitted.

**BICYCLES** – Not permitted on trails.

### 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.

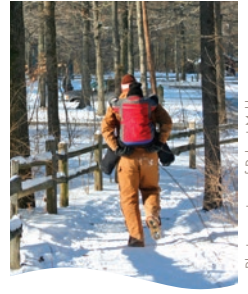


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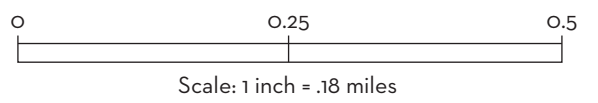


# TWIN CREEK



## LEGEND:

- entrance
- parking
- restrooms
- picnic area
- reservable shelter
- wheelchair accessible
- canoes & kayaks permitted
- fishing
- camping
- Potable Water (seasonal availability)
- amphitheater
- woods
- stream/intermittent stream
- lake or pond
- non-color coded hiking trails
- park boundary
- park road
- public road
- park feature

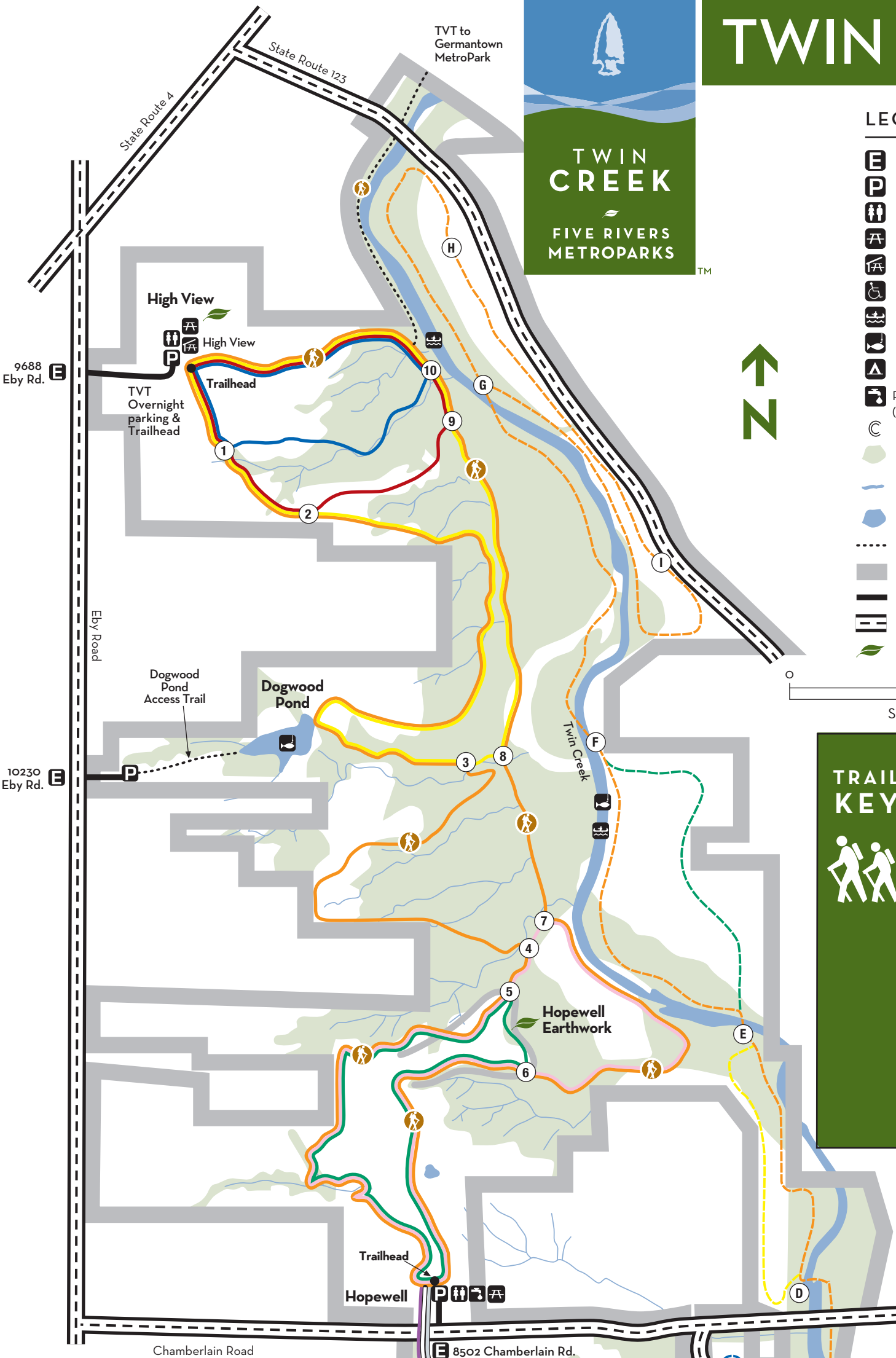


### TRAIL KEY

Color-Coded Hiking Trails	
	silver trail = 0.8 miles
	blue trail = 1.1 miles
	red trail = 1.3 miles
	green trail = 1.6 miles
	white trail = 2.0 miles
	purple trail = 2.1 miles
	pink trail = 2.2 miles
	yellow trail = 2.9 miles
	orange trail = 6.0 miles
	trail intersection

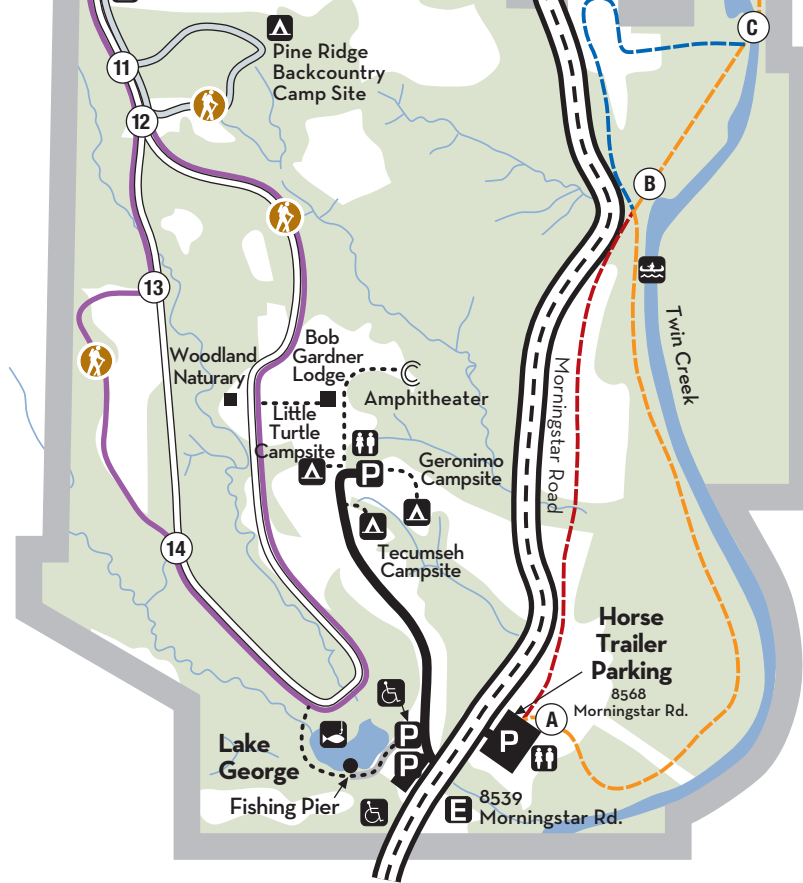
Color-Coded Horse Trails	
	orange trail
	red trail
	blue trail
	yellow trail
	green trail
	location marker
	Twin Valley Trail

2.75 miles



## PARK FEATURES

- HOPEWELL EARTHWORK**  
 This earthwork is actually a hilltop enclosure constructed nearly 2,000 years ago by the Hopewell Culture. It is a long, winding mound of raised earth about 3 to 4 feet high. Now covered in deep forest, it is easy to miss, but fascinating to those interested in history. This enclosure is known locally as Carlisle Fort.
- HIGH VIEW**  
 Park at the Eby Road parking lot and venture a short distance east across the picnic area to discover a spectacular view of the Twin Creek Valley, including Germantown, Carlisle and Miamisburg. Rare grassland birds such as northern harriers, bobolinks and grasshopper sparrows make this hilltop their home.
- TWIN CREEK**  
 The Twin is a beautiful and critical habitat. The Twin Creek watershed is 46.2 miles long with drainage of 316 square miles. Twin Creek is special because the quality of its fish, macro-invertebrate and physical habitat are among the highest of any Ohio stream. To learn more about the efforts to protect the Twin Creek, watch our video at [metroparks.org/twincreek](http://metroparks.org/twincreek).



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