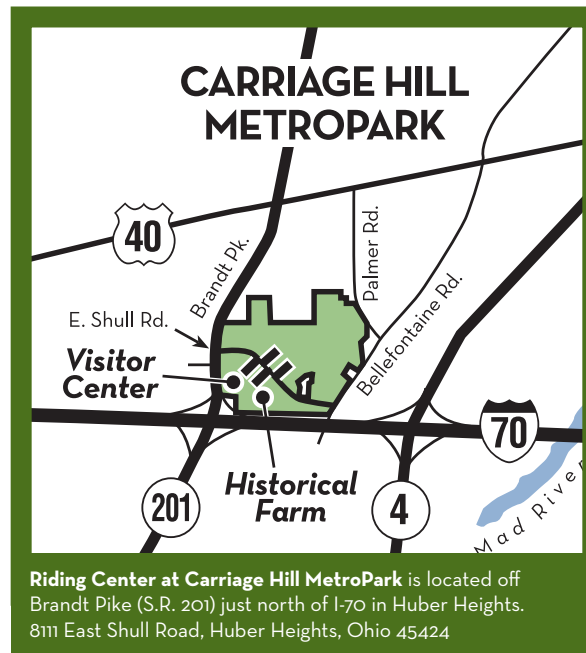




CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

Once farmland and woodlots, this 900-acre park is rich in cultural and natural history. Explore forests, meadows, prairies, ponds and wetlands, and a 14-acre lake. Carriage Hill offers hiking and horseback riding trails, as well as scenic places to fish, picnic and paddle.

Learn about 1880s farm life at the Visitor Center. Photographs, maps, art and displays tell the history of the Carriage Hill Historical Farm, Dayton and the surrounding community. Journey to the 1880s at the Historical Farm, complete with period farm animals. Volunteers demonstrate household chores, farming, cooking, blacksmithing and more as they were done 125 years ago.



Riding Center at Carriage Hill MetroPark is located off Brandt Pike (S.R. 201) just north of I-70 in Huber Heights. 8111 East Shull Road, Huber Heights, Ohio 45424

This park is one of 30 outstanding locations operated by your Five Rivers MetroParks system. Founded in 1963 to serve the greater Dayton area, MetroParks protects more than 16,000 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.

Hours

Barns are open 8 AM to 4 PM every day except Christmas and New Year's Day, when they are closed. Check the activities page at metroparks.org/ridingcenter for programming hours, which vary by season.

For More Information

Carriage Hill MetroPark
Riding Center and Visitor Center (937) 275-PARK (7275)
Website www.metroparks.org

Ranger Assistance

Contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office dispatcher and a MetroParks law enforcement Ranger will be dispatched.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: **9-1-1**

NON-EMERGENCY: **(937) 225-HELP (4357)**



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ABOUT THE RIDING CENTER

Carriage Hill MetroPark Riding Center is a public horseback riding facility that offers horseback riding activities for beginner through intermediate riders that focus on safety, balanced position and proper horsemanship skills. We offer English riding lessons, youth camps, trail rides, pony rides and vaulting lessons. The Riding Center has more than 20 horses representing a variety of breeds, one outdoor arena, one indoor arena with an observation area and access to 7.8 miles of horse trails.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you love horses and the barn atmosphere, Carriage Hill Riding Center may be the place for you. Volunteers assist the Riding Center staff in conducting various equine programs, educating the public and, of course, taking care of the horses. To learn more, visit metroparks.org/volunteer or call (937) 275-PARK (7275).

For information about our current activities, please call the Riding Center at (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit metroparks.org/ridingcenter.

RIDING ACTIVITIES



LESSONS

Learn how to ride a horse or brush up on your riding skills by taking lessons. Participants will attend a weekly lesson during the session and learn basic horsemanship skills, safety around horses and foundations in riding. Participants must be at least 8 years old. Adult-only classes are offered as well.

PONY RIDES

Do you have a little wrangler who is too young for horse camp but can't wait to ride? For those 2 to 8 years old, hand-led pony rides are offered in summer and fall. Bring your camera to capture the moment. Reservations are not required. Check our website for dates and hours.



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HORSE CAMPS

Experience riding in a fun group setting during our camps. Campers ride English and Western styles, learn safety while handling horses, and develop proper horsemanship skills. Youth summer camps are available June through August. Riders must be between the ages of 8 and 17.

WEEKEND TRAIL RIDES

Offered in summer and fall, these rides are one-hour, walk-only, guided rides on trails through the woods at Carriage Hill MetroPark. Reservations for the trail rides are required and can be made online or by calling the Riding Center office at (937) 275-PARK (7275).

VAULTING

Vaulting is a sport of gymnastics/dance on horseback in harmony with the horse's movement. This sport is open to everyone ages eight and above, whether it's your first time riding or you have years of experience. Vaulting will help riders become more flexible, enhance their riding ability, and improve their balance and relationship with their horse through trust and respect.



THE RIDING CENTER

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