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YOUR GUIDE TO FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS



OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

For more than 60 years, Five Rivers MetroParks has provided abundant opportunities to relax outdoors and enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle – regardless of age, interest or ability.

MISSION




PROTECT THE REGION'S NATURAL HERITAGE AND PROVIDE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES THAT INSPIRE A PERSONAL CONNECTION WITH NATURE

16,676 ACRES OF PROTECTED LAND



90% MAINTAINED IN ITS NATURAL STATE

 **35 LOCATIONS**, including 18 MetroParks, the 2nd Street Market, 8 conservation areas, and 8 portions of the region's paved trail network

98% Montgomery County residents live within a 10-minute drive or bike ride from a MetroPark.



CONSERVATION

METROPARKS.ORG/CONSERVATION
Five Rivers MetroParks is the region's conservation leader by protecting, preserving and maintaining local green space and waterways. Conservation efforts focus on river corridors, areas surrounding parks, and connecting significant tracts of land to preserve habitat on the largest scale possible for plants and wildlife.



EDUCATION

METROPARKS.ORG/EDUCATION
Year round, MetroParks offers nature-based programs and events to teach adults, families and children about wildlife, history, gardening, sustainable living and more. MetroParks is a leader in helping children spend more time outdoors. It offers resources for educators and parents to help kids appreciate and learn to protect nature.



RECREATION

— DAYTON, OHIO —
OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE | CAPITAL OF THE
MIDWEST

METROPARKS.ORG/RECREATION

Discover why Dayton is the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest while visiting your MetroParks, which offer year-round recreation programs focused on backpacking, mountain biking, fishing, paddling and more. Try various activities at special events and by using MetroParks' outdoor recreation park features.



SUPPORT YOUR METROPARKS

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers learn skills, care for the environment and make friends while supporting parks, programs and special events. MetroParks offers a variety of high-quality volunteer opportunities year-round that engage adults, youth, families and groups in meaningful service. Get outside and give back for a single day, or make a commitment to ongoing service as a short-term or long-term volunteer.



LEARN MORE

To volunteer, contact volunteerservices@metroparks.org or call 937-275-PARK.

DONATE

Five Rivers MetroParks is grateful for the support of Montgomery County voters, whose levy support provides 87% of MetroParks' funding. You can help fill that 13% funding gap through financial or in-kind support or by becoming a MetroParks Champion. From tribute benches to sponsorships, philanthropy staff work with businesses and individuals to find ways to support MetroParks that fit any need and budget.



LEARN MORE

To donate, contact champions@metroparks.org or call 937-275-PARK.

METROPARKS ANNUAL EVENTS

Discover more events and programs in your MetroParks year round at [metroparks.org/programs](https://www.metroparks.org/programs).



ADOPT-A-PARK

Various MetroParks
Third Saturday in April

Join thousands of volunteers on a Saturday morning to beautify green spaces in celebration of Earth Day. Support MetroParks' conservation mission by doing some spring cleaning and other projects in the region's parks and along its waterways.

[METROPARKS.ORG/ADOPT](https://www.metroparks.org/adopt)



PASSPORT TO METROPARKS

RiverScape MetroPark
Friday evening of Memorial Day weekend

Kick-off summer at this free festival and enjoy live music, food trucks, family activities and a sneak peak of some of Dayton's largest cultural festivals. Participants earn stamps in their event passport for completing activities and are entered to win prizes.

[METROPARKS.ORG/PASSPORT](https://www.metroparks.org/passport)



SMALL FARM AND FOOD FEST

Carriage Hill MetroPark
First weekend in August

Enjoy activities, demonstrations, speakers and a pop-up farmers market at this free festival focused on healthy eating and sustainable living. Learn about modern-day and historical farming, gardening, food preparation and homesteading.

[METROPARKS.ORG/FARMFEST](https://www.metroparks.org/farmfest)



WAGNER SUBARU OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Eastwood MetroPark
First full weekend in October

Experience the Midwest's premier outdoor adventure festival. Try outdoor activities, participate in competitions, camp, watch pro demos, connect with outdoor adventure clubs, take a class, shop, relax with music and a beverage, and more at this family and dog-friendly event.

[METROPARKS.ORG/OUTDOORX](https://www.metroparks.org/outdoorx)

YOUR METROPARKS IN DOWNTOWN DAYTON

Protecting green space and waterways throughout Montgomery County includes those in our region's urban core. Doing so improves access for everyone to connect with nature and experience the outdoors. Your MetroParks also manages two of downtown's regional destinations.



HOURS OF OPERATION

OPEN YEAR ROUND

Friday and Sunday: 11 AM to 3 PM

Saturday: 8 AM to 3 PM

[FACEBOOK.COM/2NDSTREETMARKET](https://www.facebook.com/2ndstreetmarket)

2ND STREET MARKET

600 E. Second St.

[METROPARKS.ORG/LOCALFOOD](https://www.metro-parks.org/localfood)

The 2nd Street Market is part of Five Rivers MetroParks' conservation mission because it provides access to fresh, locally produced food items – which are less taxing on the environment and often healthier.

Shop more than 40 vendors offering fresh fruits and veggies, bakery items, kitchen staples, flowers, meat and dairy, gift items, and more. Grab a meal at one of the many food vendors in this charming historical freight house.

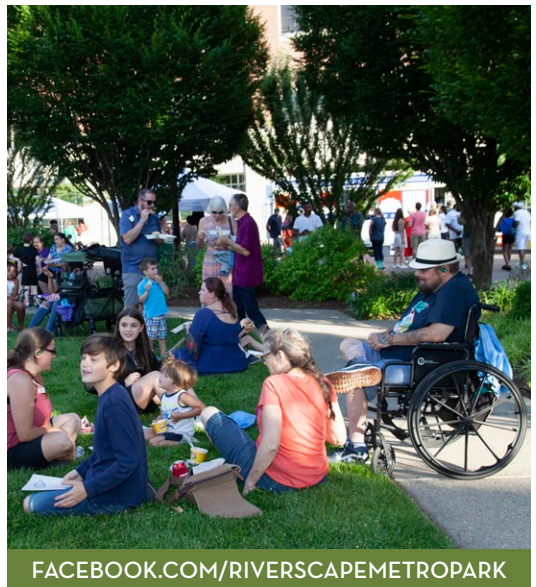


RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

237 E. Monument Ave.

[METROPARKS.ORG/RIVERSCAPE](https://www.metro-parks.org/riverscape)

Located along the scenic Great Miami River, this MetroPark is a community gathering place that is active year-round and is the hub of the region's more than 350 miles of paved trails. In summer, enjoy beautifully landscaped gardens, an interactive play fountain, concerts, fitness programs and more. Grab ice cream and experience the Five Rivers Fountain of Lights, one of the world's largest fountains. In winter, RiverScape MetroPark is home to a covered outdoor ice skating rink.



[FACEBOOK.COM/RIVERSCAPEMETROPARK](https://www.facebook.com/riverscapemetropark)

METROPARKS' FEATURES

Get out and explore the nature-based features in many of your MetroParks. They provide additional opportunities for you to experience the outdoors, connect with nature, and learn about Montgomery County's historical and natural heritage.



BLUE HERON DISC GOLF COURSE

AT ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

18-hole course under mature trees with mowed fairways



CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN

AT WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

Nature play; sensory activities; wetland and pond



FARM AND DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

AT POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

Barnyard animals; small-scale farm; flower and vegetable gardens



HISTORICAL FARM

AT CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

Blacksmith shop, woodshop, house and barn from 1880s farm; animals; Visitor Center



METROPARKS MOUNTAIN BIKING AREA (MOMBA) AT HUFFMAN METROPARK
9-plus miles of various terrain; tot track; bike station; pump track



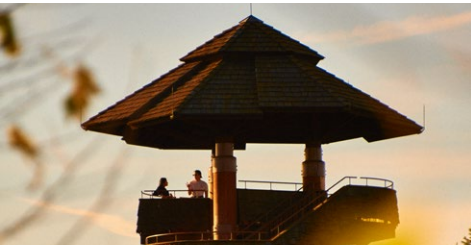
NATURE PLAY AREAS AT MULTIPLE METROPARKS
Creek beds; fort-building areas; sand pits; climbing structures



RIDING CENTER AT CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK
Six-plus miles of trails; weekend trail and pony rides; horse camps and lessons



RIVER RUNS AT RIVERSCAPE AND SUNRISE METROPARKS
Two features span Great Miami River; chute for novice paddlers; whitewater play feature



TREE TOWER AT COX ARBORETUM METROPARK
65-foot-tall tower; breathtaking views of the Miami Valley



TWIN VALLEY BACKPACKING TRAIL (TVT) AT GERMANTOWN AND TWIN CREEK METROPARKS
29-mile trail in remote, pristine area; backcountry camping with permit

METROPARKS SYSTEM MAP

METROPARKS HOURS OF OPERATION

April 1 - Oct. 31: 8 AM to 10 PM

Nov. 1 - March 31: 8 AM to 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day

METROPARKS.ORG | 937-275-PARK (7275)

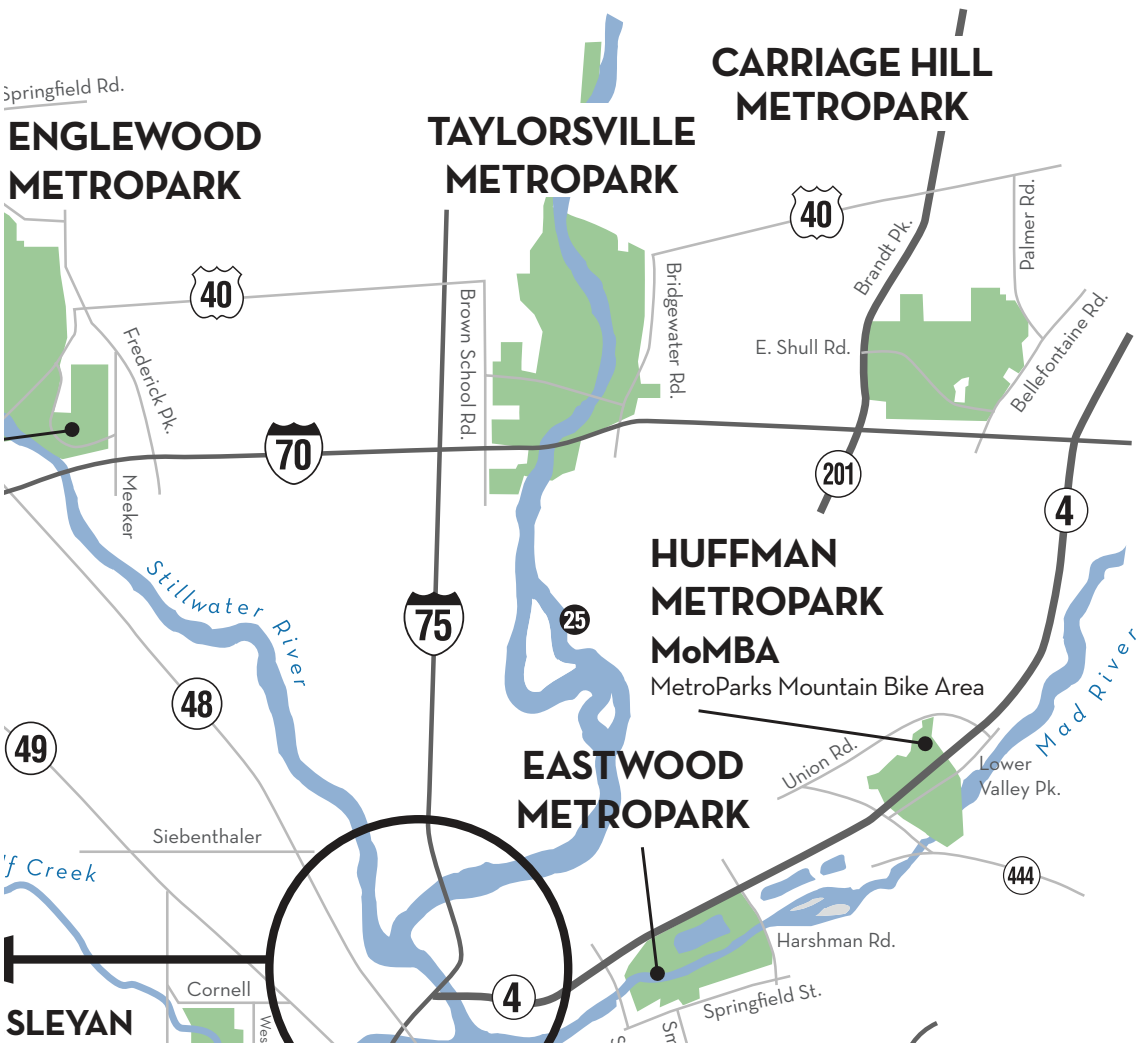


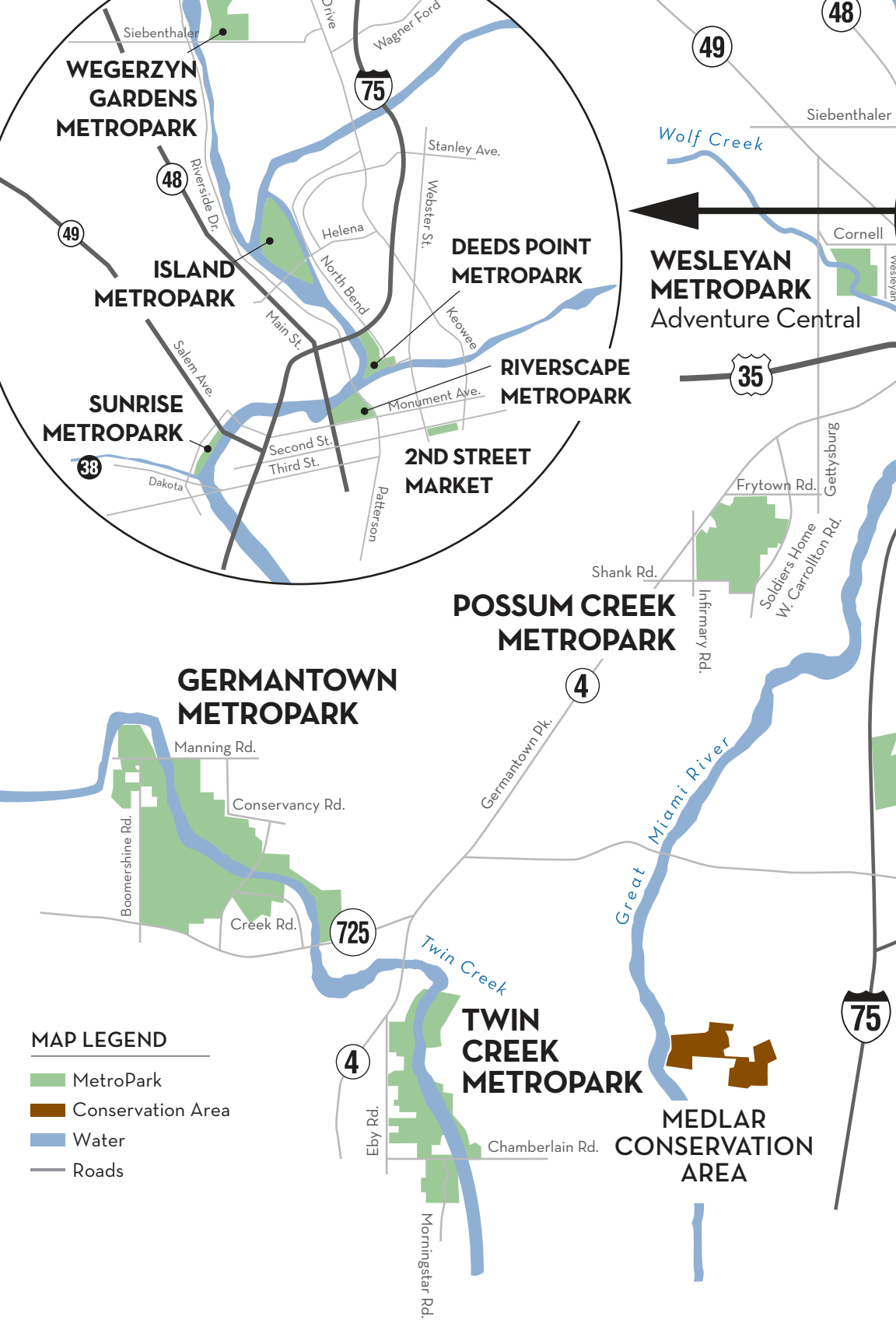
TRAILS FOR A VARIETY OF USERS

- 25 miles of equestrian trails
- 9-plus miles of mountain biking trails
- Trails accessible to those who use mobility devices
- 78 miles of hiking trails and a 29-mile backpacking trail
- 270 miles of water trails
- The nation's largest paved trail network with more than 350 miles to explore

All MetroParks trails are loops marked by colors. You'll find maps showing your current location at parking lots, trailheads and many trail intersections. MetroParks does not have any mixed-use trails. Always stay on marked trails.

Maps and information about each of MetroParks' trails can be found at metroparks.org and by downloading OuterSpatial to access Five Rivers MetroParks' free mobile app.





WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

ISLAND METROPARK

SUNRISE METROPARK

DEEDS POINT METROPARK

RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

2ND STREET MARKET

GERMANTOWN METROPARK

POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

TWIN CREEK METROPARK

WESLEYAN METROPARK
Adventure Central

MEDLAR CONSERVATION AREA

MAP LEGEND

- MetroPark
- Conservation Area
- Water
- Roads



EASTWOOD METROPARK

MoMBA
MetroParks Mountain Bike Area

WESLEYAN METROPARK
Adventure Central

DAYTON

WOODMAN FEN CONSERVATION AREA

HILLS & DALES METROPARK

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

SUGARCREEK METROPARK

MEDLAR CONSERVATION AREA



Find a complete paved trail map at
MIAMIVALLEYTRAILS.ORG

ACTIVITIES & AMENITIES BY PARK

		Aullwood Garden	Carriage Hill	Cox Arboretum	Deeds Point	Eastwood	Englewood	Germantown	Hills & Dales	Huffman	Possum Creek	Island	RiverScape	Sugarcreek	Sunrise	Taylorville	Twin Creek	Wegerzyn Gardens	Wesleyan
Hiking/Walking		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cycling					•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•
Mountain Biking									•										
Paddling		•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•		
Whitewater												•							
Horseback Riding			•			•				•			•				•		
Disc Golf						•													
Fishing ⁺		•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
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Sledding						•	•								•				
Boating [∞]					•	•													
Fossil Hunting		•	•			•	•		•				•		•	•	•		•
Ice Rink												•							
Community Garden Plots										•								•	
Shelters			•			•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•
Picnic Areas		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•

⁺ Visit metroparks.org/fishing to learn where you can fish without an Ohio license.

[∞] Visit metroparks.org/boating for details on rules for boating locations.

RESERVATIONS AND PERMITS

SHELTERS: MetroParks has 44 reservable shelters; fees vary. Shelters without a reservation are available at no charge; first-come, first-served.

CAMPING: MetroParks has 23 tent campsites and three trailside campsites. Permits are required; fees vary; reserve in advance.

PERMITS: For activities such as taking commercial photography, holding a wedding or special event, or conducting research you must first apply for a permit.

SAFETY

MetroParks Rangers patrol the parks 24/7, including holidays.

METROPARKS.ORG/SAFETY

Emergency Contact: 911

Non-Emergency Contact: 937-225-HELP (4357)

Lost Items: 937-567-4265



Emergency access points are in each MetroPark. Refer to these signs in case of an emergency to help MetroParks' rangers and local response agencies find and assist you.

ALERTS & CLOSURES: VISIT **METROPARKS.ORG/ALERTS** OR CALL 937-275-PARK

ADA SUPPORT

Five Rivers MetroParks makes reasonable accommodations to serve individuals who need assistance. Please call 937-275-PARK (7275) at least one week in advance of your visit.



Your Five Rivers MetroParks is a nationally accredited park system by the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.



Five Rivers MetroParks is a proud partner of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

PARKS & CONSERVATION AREAS



2ND STREET MARKET

Shop dozens of local small businesses in a quaint environment.



AULLWOOD GARDEN METROPARK

Year-round, view beautiful plants on display in this tranquil area.



CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK

Experience life in the 1880s at the farm and Visitor Center. Explore on horseback at the Riding Center.



COX ARBORETUM METROPARK

Stroll landscaped gardens; hike woodlands and meadows.



DEEDS POINT METROPARK

Enjoy a picturesque view of the downtown skyline and learn about the city's aviation heritage.



EASTWOOD METROPARK

Recreate on Eastwood Lake and in the Mad River at this hub of water-based activities.



ENGLEWOOD METROPARK

Located along the Scenic Stillwater River, this park is a popular destination to spot wildlife.



GERMANTOWN METROPARK

Explore some of the region's most beautiful, remote landscapes.



HILLS & DALES METROPARK

This urban forest has been a refuge for Daytonians since 1907.



HUFFMAN METROPARK

Named after the founders of the Huffy Bike Corporation and home to MoMBA.



ISLAND METROPARK

Enjoy this long-time urban oasis just north of downtown.



POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

Get active outdoors while exploring farming and diverse habitats at this hidden gem.



RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

This park on the banks of the Great Miami River is lively year-round.



SUGARCREEK METROPARK

Popular for trail running with views of the scenic creek.



SUNRISE METROPARK

Enjoy downtown skyline views along the Great Miami River.



TAYLORSVILLE METROPARK

Located where the crossroads of America once stood.



TWIN CREEK METROPARK

Experience the wilderness in this remote park.



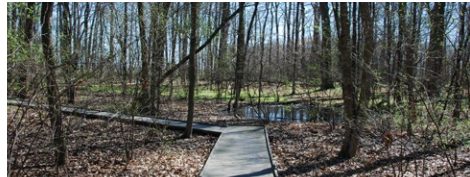
WEGERZYN GARDENS METROPARK

Explore gardens and a rare remnant of a swamp forest.



WESLEYAN METROPARK

Relax at this neighborhood park situated along Wolf Creek.



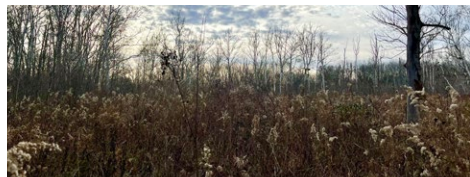
DULL WOODS CONSERVATION AREA

This 8-acre woodlot features an unusual remnant of a swamp forest.



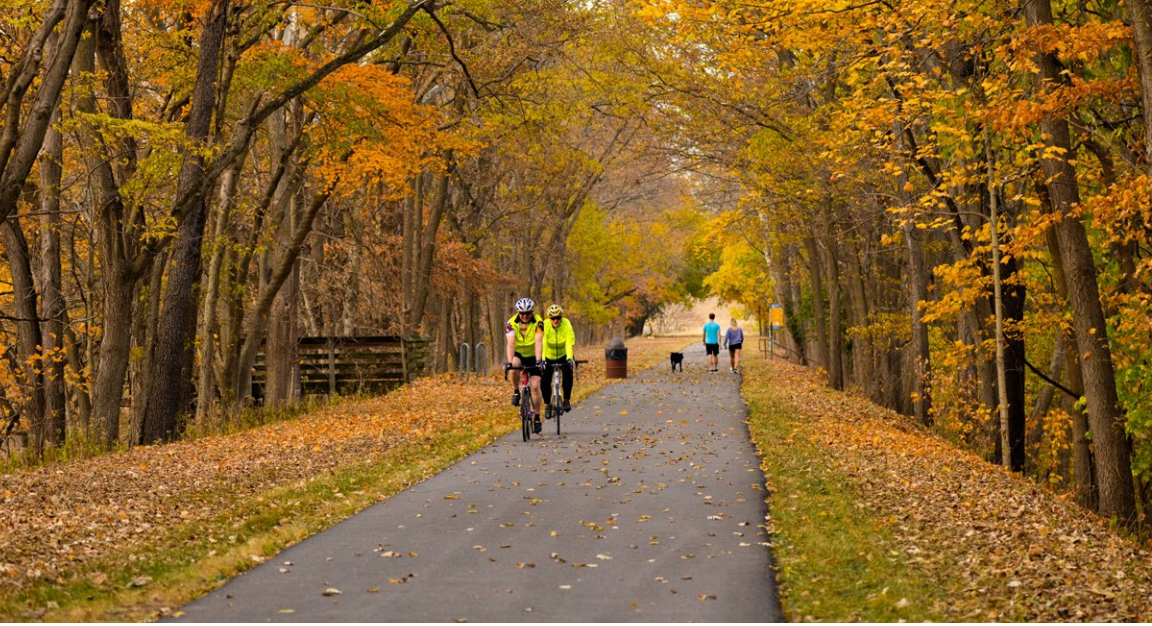
MEDLAR CONSERVATION AREA

The Great-Little paved trail runs through this restored natural area.



WOODMAN FEN CONSERVATION AREA

Hike around Dayton's only fen, a rare groundwater-fed wetland.




BE IN THE KNOW ABOUT YOUR FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Learn updates as they're announced, access program and event info, discover resources that help you connect with nature, and so much more.

- Visit MetroParks' blog: metroparks.org/parkwaysonline
- Sign up for MetroParks' email newsletters: metroparks.org/newsletter

 facebook.com/fiveriversmetroparks

 youtube.com/FiveRiversMetroParks

 [@metroparks](https://instagram.com/@metroparks)

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