

Become a MetroParks **VOLUNTEER**



Volunteers learn skills, care for the environment and make friends while supporting parks, programs and special events. MetroParks offers a variety of highquality 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 by visiting metroparks.org/volunteer, calling (937) 275-PARK or scanning the code above.

SUPPORT Your MetroParks







By donating to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation, you support MetroParks' mission to protect the region's natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. The easiest way to give is by becoming a MetroParks Champion with a monthly recurring gift in any amount. Learn more about the many ways to support your MetroParks by visiting metroparks.org/donate or calling (937) 275-PARK.



A EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- For all emergencies, dial 911
- To contact a Ranger, call (937) 225-HELP (4357)

CONNECT WITH US

Programs and events in your MetroParks are being added all the time! Scan the code or visit metroparks.org/parkways to access program and event info, learn updates as they're announced, discover resources that help you connect with nature and much more.



- · Sign up for Five Rivers MetroParks' email newsletters: metroparks.org/newsletter
- Follow MetroParks on social media 👩 📵 🖸







FIVE RIVERS

METROPARKS

· Call (937) 275-PARK (7275)

PARK HOURS

April 1 - October 31: 8 AM - 10 PM

November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.





WELCOME TO

COX ARBORETUM METROPARK



Visit this beautiful 174-acre facility where a wide variety of plants are cultivated for education and aesthetics. Every season has something special to offer, from spring's splashes of bright color to winter's textures. Stroll among specimen trees, shrubs and other plants suitable to our climate. The Arboretum features nine specialty gardens. In addition to exploring the gardens, hike trails through mature forests and colorful meadows. There's something for everyone at Cox Arboretum MetroPark!

In the early 1960s, development surrounded the rolling pastures of Spring Running Farm. Plans called for the farm to become a housing tract. However, the Save Open Space Committee had another vision for the land. The group convinced James M. Cox Jr. to donate the land, and in 1962 the Arboretum began to take shape. These 174 acres are still growing and changing today. Explore the grounds to discover the cultivated and natural beauty. Join The James M. Cox, Jr. Arboretum Foundation. Your membership will help support this world-class landscape arboretum and its educational programs. Pick up your membership brochure and information inside the Zorniger Education Center or call (937) 275-PARK (7275).

METROPARKS.ORG/COXARBORETUM



NAVIGATE WITH OUR APP

Download OuterSpatial to access Five Rivers MetroParks' mobile app. This free app includes maps and is free and available for iPhone and Android devices. It includes maps and navigation — and access continues without a cell phone signal. The app is a one-stop tool for accurate, up-to-date information. METROPARKS.ORG/MOBILE



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THINGS TO DO

WALKING & HIKING - The Arboretum grounds are easy to walk. A 1/2-mile paved loop pathway provides visitors access to all the park features. Natural areas and Conservation Corner offer about 3.5 miles of trails through woodlands and meadows. An overlook (see map) provides a scenic view of native woodlands and a beautiful ravine. Birds and other wildlife can be watched from a blind in Conservation Corner.

TOURS & GROUP PROGRAMS - Schools and other groups may schedule guided tours of the Arboretum. Tram tours for adult groups are available with a reservation.



VISIT THE GARDENS – Stroll the grounds and discover a variety of beautiful thematic gardens highlighting plants that grow well in southwestern Ohio. These include a pollinator garden, perennial gardens and an edible landscape garden.



ZORNIGER EDUCATION CAMPUS -

Designed as a gateway to the beauty and wonder of the gardens and natural areas, this series of buildings sets the stage for a wide variety of educational activities. Increase your knowledge

of horticulture and natural history by participating in programs held year-round for all ages. Program schedules and park information are available in the Zorniger Education Center or at **metroparks.org**. 8 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday 11 AM - 4 PM Saturday and Sunday

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

PARK RULES

To ensure safety and enjoyment for yourself and other park visitors, as well as the wildlife who call this park home, follow these rules:

PETS: (where permitted) Pets must be on a leash no longer than 8 feet. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet.

ALCOHOL: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited without a permit.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: Swimming, bicycling, roller-blading, fishing and ice skating are not permitted.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Commercial photographers are required to have a permit.

LEAVE NO TRACE: Do not approach, feed or disturb any wildlife you may encounter. Hunting is not permitted. Do not pick or collect plants or natural items. Do not litter. Hikers keep on designated trails. Keep the sound of music and other noise at a courteous level. Please do not release animals. Motorized vehicles and bicycles are allowed on roads and parking lots only — not on paved or natural-surface trails.

PLAN YOUR VISIT: Be sure to plan your hike, dress for the weather, bring vehicle keys, and stay hydrated. If not with others, tell someone about your plans. Lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight. For up-to-date park alerts and closings, visit metroparks.org/alerts.

To reserve a shelter or campsite, visit metroparks.org/reservations.

To rent items for camping, backpacking and cycling, visit metroparks.org/equipment.

To request a photo or other type of permit, visit metroparks.org/permits.