



## 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 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 by visiting [metroparks.org/volunteer](https://metroparks.org/volunteer), calling (937) 275-PARK or scanning the code.

## SUPPORT Your MetroParks



Scan to learn more and donate

This park is one of 35 outstanding public locations operated by your Five Rivers MetroParks. Founded in 1963 to serve the greater Dayton area, MetroParks protects nearly 16,000 acres of open space and provides year-round recreation, education and conservation opportunities.



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](https://metroparks.org/donate) or calling (937) 275-PARK.



[METROPARKS.ORG/MAP](https://metroparks.org/map)

Possum Creek MetroPark  
4790 Frytown Road, Dayton, Ohio 45417





## 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](https://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](https://metroparks.org/newsletter)
- Follow MetroParks on social media    
- 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.



# POSSUM CREEK METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



# WELCOME TO POSSUM CREEK METROPARK



Possum Creek MetroPark consists largely of former farmland that is going through the process of natural succession. Significant natural features include bottomland hardwood forests along Possum Creek, two mature beech woodlots, and numerous created ponds and wetlands. More than 100 acres of degraded farmland and dumps have been cleared and planted into native Ohio prairie. The prairie took years to establish, but now thrives. It is currently one of the largest and most diverse planted prairies in Ohio.

Fishing ponds, open vistas painted with colorful flowers, woodlands and wildlife provide the setting for a variety of activities. This 556-acre park is the perfect place for a family outing. Fish, picnic, hike, walk, paddle or horseback ride your way through scenic woods and prairies.

[METROPARKS.ORG/PLACES-TO-GO/  
POSSUM-CREEK](https://www.metroparks.org/places-to-go/possum-creek)



## NAVIGATE WITH OUR APP

Download OuterSpatial to access Five Rivers MetroParks' mobile app. This free app includes maps and is 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](https://www.metroparks.org/mobile)



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## THINGS TO DO

**VISIT THE FARM** – You'll find small animals that can be raised on an acre or less, a short nature trail through the meadow and across the creek, and demonstration gardens and a nature play area. Animals can be seen in the barn or pastures from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. This 100-acre farm is located at the south end of the park. Use the entrance at 4790 Frytown Road and follow the signs to the farm. For group tours, call 937-275-PARK (7275).



**HIKING** – Enjoy 5.5 miles of scenic, mostly level trails. Trails are color-coded and trail intersections are marked with a number corresponding to the numbers on the inside map.



**PICNICKING** – Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use. 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.



**FISHING** – A fishing license is not required in ponds and Argonne Lake. Catch and release only in ponds. State regulations apply at Argonne Lake. Call 937-275-PARK (7275) or visit [metroparks.org/fishing](https://www.metroparks.org/fishing) for details. Only non-motorized boats are permitted on Argonne Lake, which has a boat ramp.



**CAMPING** – Overnight camping is available with a permit. Sites range in size, the largest one can hold up to 100 people.



**PADDLING** – Canoe, kayak or stand up paddleboard on Argonne Lake, which has an accessible ramp and paddlecraft launch.



**HORSE TRAIL** – Enjoy a 4.5-mile equestrian trail. Horses can be unloaded at the horse trailer parking lot off Frytown Road. Rentals are not available.



**COMMUNITY GARDENS** – Approximately 90 community garden plots are available near the farm. Plot reservations must be made in person at the park office starting the first Monday in April. Visit [metroparks.org/communitygardening](https://www.metroparks.org/communitygardening) or call 937-275-PARK(7275) to learn more.



**NATURE PLAY** – This special area for kids includes logs, stumps, a tunnel and more next to the farm house. Families can also explore the stream, which is accessible from the green trail, a 0.3-mile loop trail.

## 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:

**FIRES:** Do not bring firewood to any MetroPark facility as there is threat of invasive species. Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal. Do not scavenge for wood.

**PETS:** Pets must be on a leash no longer than 8 feet. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet. Dogs are not permitted at the farm.

**ALCOHOL:** Alcoholic beverages are prohibited without a permit.

**SWIMMING:** Not permitted.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Commercial photographers are required to have a permit.

**LEAVE NO TRACE:** Do not approach 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 any 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](https://www.metroparks.org/alerts).

To reserve a shelter or campsite, visit [metroparks.org/reservations](https://www.metroparks.org/reservations).

To rent items for camping, backpacking and cycling, visit [metroparks.org/equipment](https://www.metroparks.org/equipment).

To request a photo or other type of permit, visit [metroparks.org/permits](https://www.metroparks.org/permits).