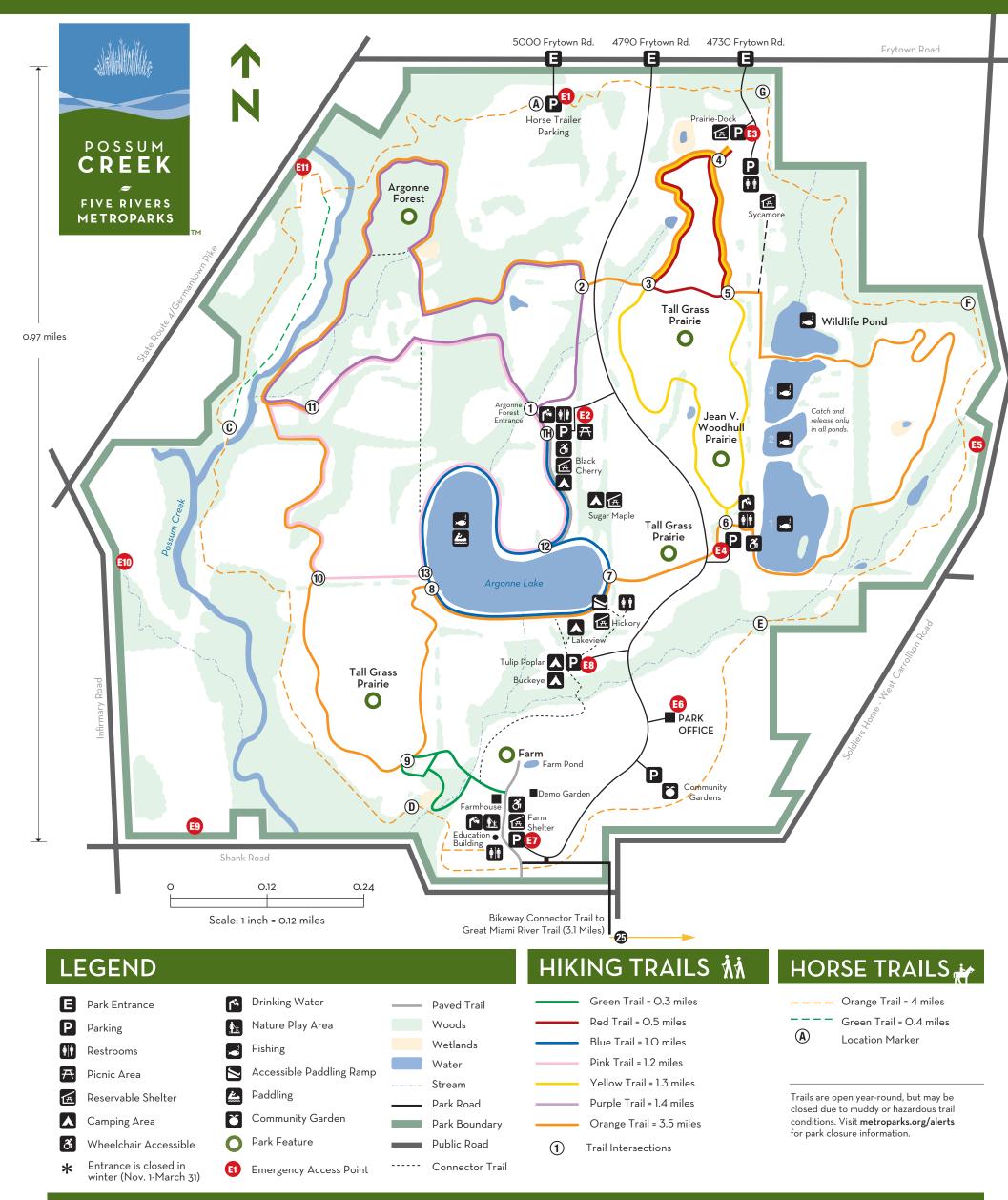
# POSSUM CREEK METROPARK • PARK MAP



## PARK FEATURES

## TALL GRASS PRAIRIES

These open areas consist of grasses that reach heights of 6 to 10 feet by late summer and are filled with a variety of wildflowers (forbs) that add color to the sea of grass. Prairie wildflowers reach their blooming peak in mid summer and early fall. Possum Creek MetroPark's prairie areas were planted in 1980 to serve as a haven for the now rare plants and animals that once inhabited natural prairies in southwestern Ohio's woodlands.

#### ARGONNE FOREST

Walk through the Argonne Forest following the purple loop trail and discover a beautiful woodland dominated by old beech trees. In the 1930s and early 1940s, these woods were part of an amusement park known as the Argonne Forest Park. It was created by Null Hodapp and named in honor of the 322nd Field Artillery Unit that fought in the Argonne Forest in France during World War I. The park included a swimming pool, shooting range, ball diamond, dance hall, auto race track, cabins and street cars. Stop at the marked sites along the way to discover remnants of the amusement park.

#### ARGONNE LAKE

Spend a family day outdoors at Argonne Lake, located near numerous park amenities. Visit the farm animals, and then spend some time fishing at the lake or nearby ponds. A fishing license is not required in ponds and Argonne Lake. Catch and release only in ponds. State regulations apply at Argonne Lake. Canoe, kayak or stand up paddleboard on Argonne Lake which has an accessible ramp and paddlecraft launch allowing people of varied mobilities to get safely on the water. Reservable shelters and overnight tent camping also are nearby. Call 937-275-PARK (7275) for reservations and to secure a required camping permit, which must be reserved at least four days prior to your stay.

### POSSUM CREEK FARM

Learn about local food and food systems, which includes demonstration areas, community gardens and a variety of animals, including chickens and goats. Programs are held throughout the year to teach people about growing fruits and vegetables, raising small livestock and preparing and preserving the harvest. Visitors can gain hands-on experience while exploring their connection to food and the land. A must-see for the young and young-at-heart is the nature play area, which features logs, stumps, a tunnel and more. Families can explore the stream, which is accessible from the green trail.