

# Volunteer Opportunities

Share your interest in nature, learn new skills and meet people by becoming a Germantown MetroPark volunteer. At the Twin Valley Welcome Center, activities include greeting and assisting visitors, and planning and conducting natural history programs.



Other opportunities include working with conservation and park service departments. Call (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit [metroparks.org/volunteer](http://metroparks.org/volunteer) for more information.

# Support Your MetroParks

By making a donation to the Five Rivers MetroParks Foundation, you support Five Rivers MetroParks' mission to protect the region's natural heritage and provide outdoor experiences that inspire a personal connection with nature. Donations are tax deductible and used to support programs and special projects. Sponsorships, tribute benches and trees, and planned giving options also are available. Visit [metroparks.org/donate](http://metroparks.org/donate) or call (937) 275-PARK for more information.



Photo by Ian Underwood

**Twin Creek MetroPark** is located south of the village of Germantown off State Route 4.

## It's our nature.

This park is one of 25 outstanding public facilities operated by your Five Rivers MetroParks system. 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. Facilities are available to the public free of charge – made possible by Montgomery County citizen support of a property tax levy.

## For More Information

- Twin Valley Welcome Center.....(937) 855-7717
- Administrative Offices.....(937) 275-PARK (7275)
- Website.....metroparks.org

## Ranger Assistance

Contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office dispatcher at: (937) 535-2580



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# TWIN CREEK METROPARK

## USER'S GUIDE & MAP

# Twin Creek MetroPark

Wild, beautiful scenery and historical features beckon the visitor to this 1,000-acre MetroPark. You'll find hiking and bridle trails and a picnic area that offers a splendid panoramic vista of the Twin Creek Valley. The park is centered on Twin Creek, one of the cleanest and most biodiverse waterways in the state. Natural attractions include a pond, woodlands, meadows and abundant wildlife. More than 500 species of plants and 70 species of nesting birds have been found here. In addition, 2,000-year-old earthworks constructed by the Hopewell Culture are protected here.

The Twin Valley Trail connects Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks, offering more than 22 miles of trail complete with secluded backpacking camping. Choose to spend a night or a long weekend traversing this beautiful part of Montgomery County.



## THINGS TO DO



**WALKING & HIKING** - Twenty miles of marked trails (some rugged) through scenic areas are open year-round. Loop trails are color-coded, with intersections marked by numbers that correspond to numbers on the inside map. Follow the same color to arrive back at your starting point. Trails can be accessed from the parking lots at 9688 Eby Road and 8502 Chamberlain Road.



**PICNICKING** - Reserve a shelter in a beautiful natural setting for your exclusive use by visiting [metroparks.org/reservations](http://metroparks.org/reservations) or calling (937) 275-PARK (7275) during weekday business hours. 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 also are available.



**HORSEBACK RIDING** - Bring your horse and enjoy 6.6 miles of bridle trails, which run along Twin Creek. A horse trailer parking lot is available on Morningstar Road (see map).



**FISHING** - Fish in Twin Creek for a variety of fish, including bass, crappie and bluegill. An Ohio fishing license is required. Also fish in Dogwood Pond and Lake George. No license is required; catch-and-release only. Reach Dogwood Pond by following the access trail (see map).



**CANOEING & KAYAKING** - This section of Twin Creek is a scenic canoeing and kayaking location, but water conditions vary significantly. Use the launch south of the Germantown Dam off Creek Road. The take-out is at Carmody Park off of Martz Paulin Road.



**CAMPING** - Overnight camping is available with a permit. Call Five Rivers MetroParks at (937) 275-PARK (7275) or visit [metroparks.org/reservations](http://metroparks.org/reservations).

## INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Protect Twin Creek MetroPark as a natural area: Do not pick, collect or disturb plant or animal materials of any kind. Hunting, frog gigging and swimming are not permitted. Hikers and horseback riders should stay on trails. Motor vehicles must remain on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only.

### FIRES

Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal. Do NOT bring firewood.

### PETS

Dogs allowed on leash only. Leashes may be no longer than 8 feet.

### ALCOHOL

Prohibited except by permit in reservable shelters.

### BICYCLES

Not permitted on trails.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### PARK GROUNDS:

April 1 - October 31: 8 AM - 10 PM

November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

*Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.*

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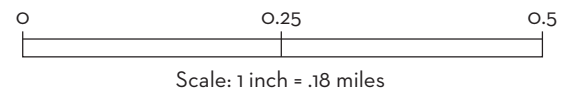
# TWIN CREEK METROPARK • PARK MAP

## HIKING TRAIL KEY

- Silver Trail = 0.8 miles
  - Blue Trail = 1.1 miles
  - Red Trail = 1.3 miles
  - Green Trail = 1.6 miles
  - White Trail = 2.0 miles
  - Purple Trail = 2.1 miles
  - Pink Trail = 2.2 miles
  - Yellow Trail = 2.9 miles
  - Orange Trail = 6.0 miles
  - Trail Intersections
  - Twin Valley Trail
  - Trails marked with symbol are part of the Twin Valley Trail
- During periods of high water, trails along Twin Creek may be impassable.*

## HORSE TRAIL KEY

- Red Trail = 0.5 miles
- White Trail = 0.5 miles
- Blue Trail = 1.0 miles
- Pink Trail = 2.6 miles
- Green Trail = 1.4 miles
- Location Marker



## LEGEND

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|--|---------------|
| Park Entrance                          | Park Feature  |
| Parking                                | Woods         |
| Restrooms                              | Wetland       |
| Picnic Area                            | Water         |
| Reservable Shelter                     | Stream        |
| Fishing                                | Power Line    |
| Wheelchair Accessible                  | Park Road     |
| Camp Site                              | Park Boundary |
| Drinking Water (Seasonal availability) | Public Road   |
|  | Access Trail  |

## PARK FEATURES

### HOPEWELL EARTHWORK

This earthwork is actually a hilltop enclosure constructed nearly 2,000 years ago by the Hopewell Culture. It is a long, winding mound of raised earth about 3 to 4 feet high. Now covered in deep forest, it is easy to miss, but fascinating to those interested in history. This enclosure is known locally as Carlisle Fort.

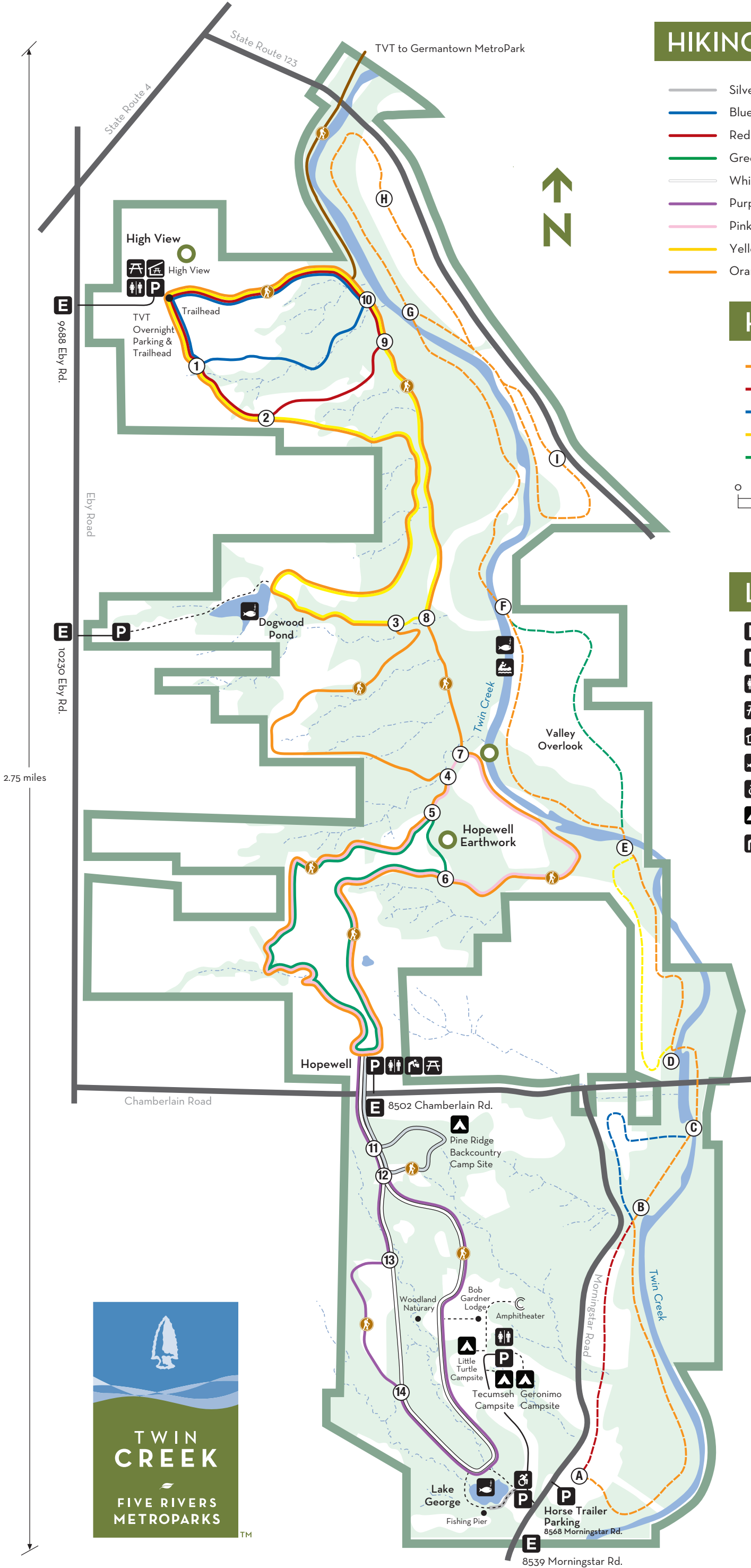
### HIGH VIEW

Park at the Eby Road parking lot and venture a short distance east across the picnic area to discover a spectacular view of the Twin Creek Valley, including Germantown, Carlisle and Miamisburg. Rare grassland birds such as northern harriers, bobolinks and grasshopper sparrows make this hilltop their home.

### TWIN CREEK

The Twin is a beautiful and critical habitat. The Twin Creek watershed is 46.2 miles long with drainage of 316 square miles. Twin Creek is special because the quality of its fish, macro-invertebrate and physical habitat are among the highest of any Ohio stream. To learn more about the efforts to protect the Twin Creek, watch our video at [metroparks.org/twincreek](http://metroparks.org/twincreek).

Five Rivers MetroParks Supports the Americans with Disabilities Act by making reasonable accommodations in serving individuals with disabilities. Programs and facilities are offered on a non-discriminatory basis. If accommodations are needed please call 937-275-PARK (7275) at least one week in advance. Five Rivers MetroParks is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



2.75 miles