

# Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer groups are needed to help maintain Huffman MetroPark and MoMBA throughout the year. Volunteers assist with gathering litter and removing honeysuckle. For more information visit [www.metroparks.org/volunteer](http://www.metroparks.org/volunteer) or call (937) 275-PARK (7275).



# 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.



**Huffman MetroPark** is located west of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base off State Route 4 at the Lower Valley Pike exit.

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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 more than 15,800 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

- Administrative Offices ..... (937) 275-PARK (7275)
- Website ..... [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)
- MoMBA Trail Conditions ..... (937) 277-4374

## Ranger Assistance

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



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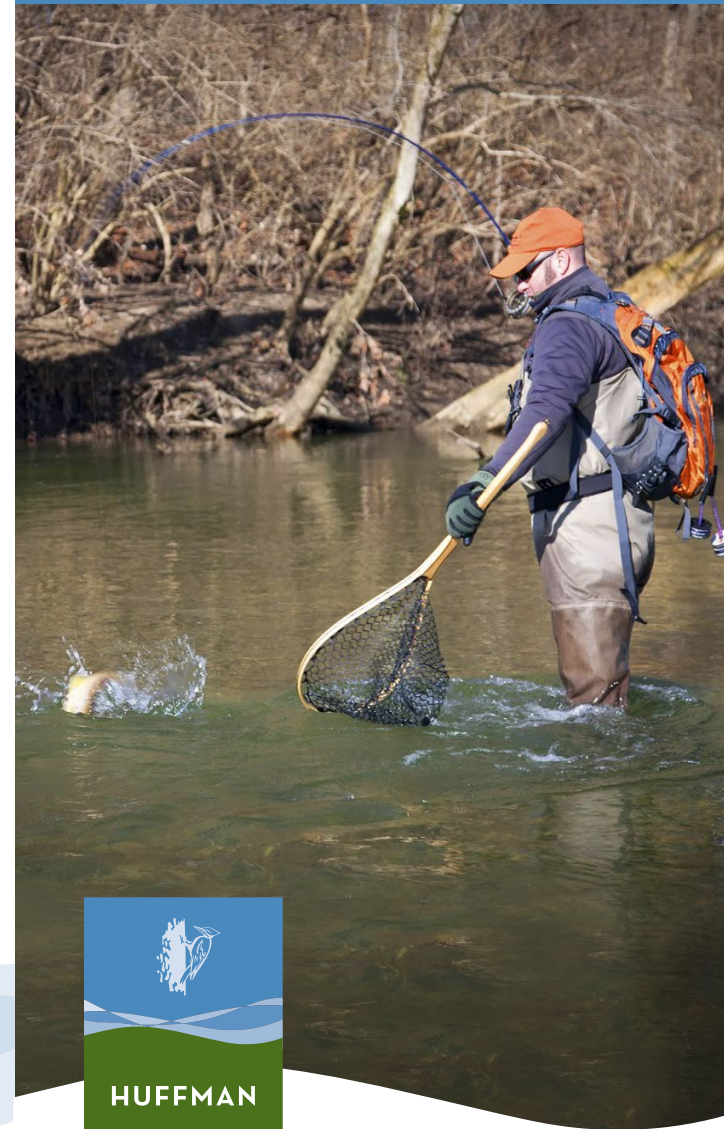


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# HUFFMAN METROPARK

## USER'S GUIDE & MAP



# For Year-Round Fun, Escape to Huffman MetroPark

## Huffman MetroPark



Enjoy fishing, bird watching, hiking and picnicking surrounded by beautiful scenery. Huffman MetroPark is being managed for natural diversity, making it an ideal spot for wildlife viewing. The lake and Mad River highlight this 316-acre MetroPark. Bring your bat and ball, Frisbee, or volleyball net and enjoy a game while your picnic meal cooks on the grill in the shelter. Stroll hiking trails that wind through the park.

Five Rivers MetroParks' mountain bike facility is located at Huffman MetroPark. MoMBA features the area's first fully sustainable trail system designed to International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) standards, specifically for mountain bike use. The area features challenging terrain and natural elements, including beautiful hardwoods, a rock-bottom creek, steep hills and a rock-filled ridge.

## Things to Do

**MoMBA - MOUNTAIN BIKING** - MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA) contains more than 9 miles of sustainable trails designed to International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) standards. Trails are available for all levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced. For more information, go to [metroparks.org/momba](http://metroparks.org/momba) or call (937) 277-4374 for trail conditions.

**FISHING** - Both the Mad River and Huffman Lake provide good fishing. Bass, bluegill, catfish and crappie can be caught. In addition, trout and smallmouth bass are sought in the Mad River. An Ohio fishing license is required.

**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 and charcoal grills are also available.

**BIRD WATCHING** - The lake, river and natural vegetation provide habitat for a variety of birds. In the spring and fall, the area draws migrating birds, including ducks, gulls, herons and warblers. Large birds of prey, such as the red-tailed hawk and great horned owl, are year-round residents. Rare birds also have been sighted in the Huffman MetroPark vicinity. These include the western grebe, osprey, bald eagle and white-winged Scoter.

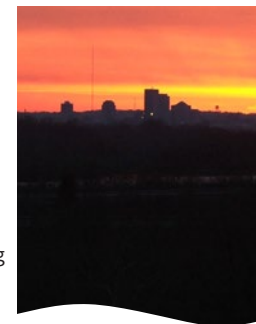
**HIKING** - Enjoy approximately 3 miles of trails through meadows, woods and along the lake. Get an overview of the park by hiking a section of trail on the dam, about three-quarters of the way up.

**BOATING** - Boats without motors (canoes, rowboats and sailboats) are permitted on the lake. Electric motors with less than 42 pounds of thrust also are permitted. Craft may be launched from the north end of the lake, which also serves as a canoe take-out point before reaching the dam. (Canoes and kayaks are not permitted through the dam.)

**WINTER SPORTS (CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SLEDDING)** - With sufficient snowfall, the level-to-gently rolling terrain provides scenic cross-country skiing around the lake and through the picnic areas. Sledding, especially for young children, is available on the small hills at the north end of the lake. Sledding is not permitted on the dam.

## Information & Regulations

Protect Huffman 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 must remain on marked trails. Motor vehicles must remain on roads; parking is permitted in specified parking areas only. **Thank you for your cooperation.**



**FIRES** - Fires are allowed in designated areas only; bring your own charcoal for grills. Do NOT bring firewood.

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

**ALCOHOL** - Not permitted.

**BICYCLES** - Not permitted on hiking trails.

### HOURS

#### Park Grounds and MoMBA:

April 1 - October 31: 8 AM - 10 PM

November 1 - March 31: 8 AM - 8 PM

Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

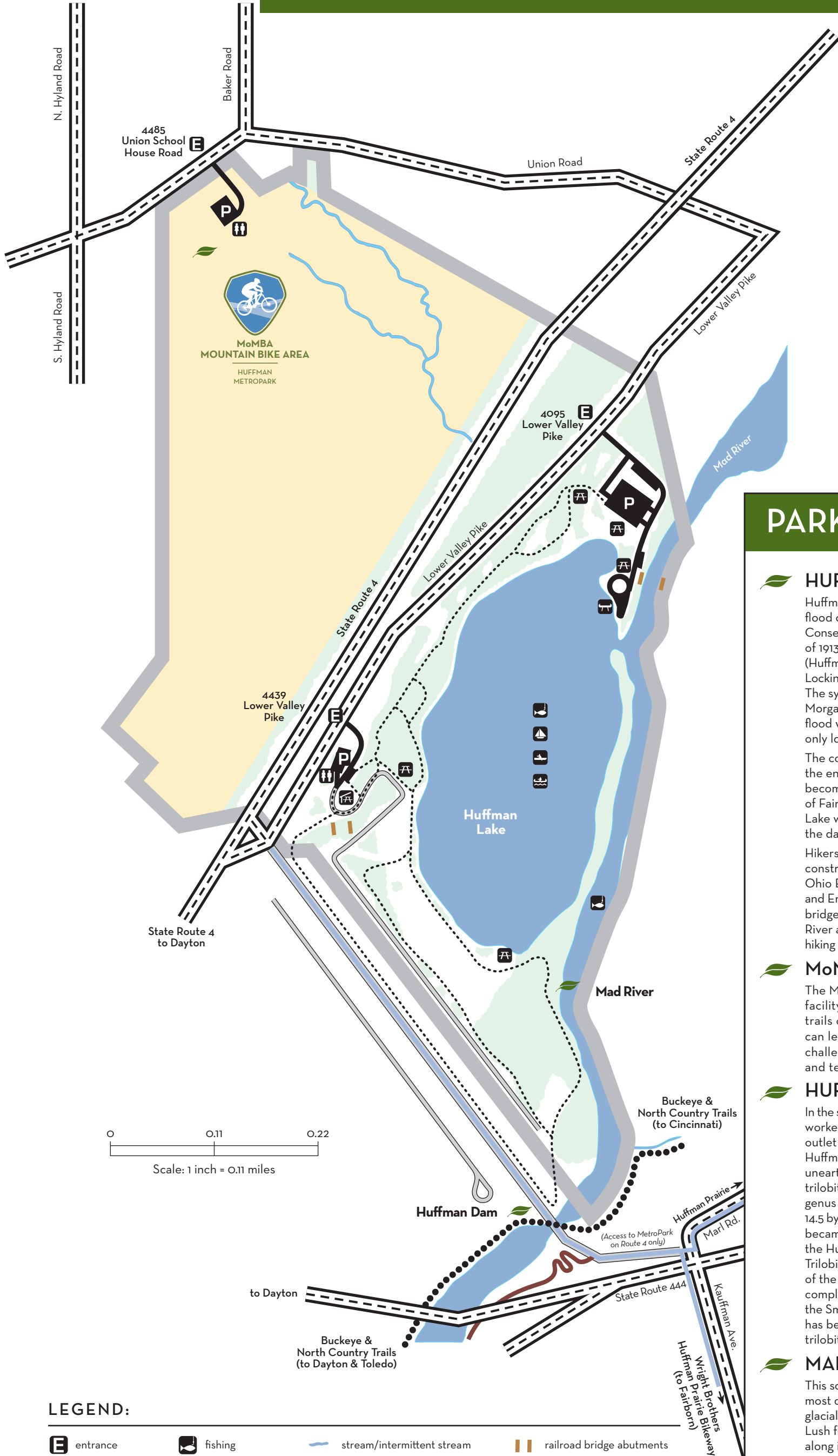
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## PARK FEATURES

### HUFFMAN DAM

Huffman Dam is part of a system of five earthen flood control dams managed by the Miami Conservancy District. They were built after the flood of 1913 to protect the Miami Valley. All five dams (Huffman, Englewood, Germantown, Taylorsville and Lockington) were completed between 1919 and 1922. The system is a unique design developed by Arthur Morgan to allow normal water flow to pass while flood waters are held back. Excess water is retained only long enough to drain safely away.

The construction of Huffman Dam required moving the entire village of Osborn from what was to become a flood basin. It was joined with the village of Fairfield and is now known as Fairborn. Huffman Lake was created when soil was removed to build the dam.

Hikers can glimpse remnants of our past. The construction of Huffman Dam required moving the Ohio Electric Railroad and the New York Central and Erie Railroad lines. Remains of the Erie Railroad bridge abutments still can be seen along the Mad River at the north end of the park and from the hiking trail at the bottom of the hill at the south end.

### MoMBA

The MetroParks Mountain Bike Area (MoMBA) facility features a stacked loop system of bike trails offering a variety of difficulties. Beginners can learn the ropes and experts can be challenged by the rock drops, creek crossings and terrain changes.

### HUFFMAN DAM TRILOBITE

In the summer of 1919, workers digging the outlet tunnel for Huffman Dam unearthed a giant trilobite fossil of the genus *Isotelus*. This 14.5 by 10.5 inch fossil became known as the Huffman Dam Trilobite and is one of the largest complete trilobites ever found. It was donated to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and has been on display there since 1919. The *Isotelus* trilobite is Ohio's state fossil.



Photo courtesy of Miami Conservancy District

### MAD RIVER

This scenic river flows cool, swift and clear during most of the year due to the numerous springs from glacial deposits in west-central Ohio that feed it. Lush forests and abundant wildlife can be found along its banks.

## LEGEND:

|                    |                            |   |                           |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| entrance           | fishing                    | stream/intermittent stream              | railroad bridge abutments |
| parking            | canoeing                   | lake                                    | park boundary             |
| restrooms          | row boating                | woods                                   | park road                 |
| picnic area        | sail boating               | hiking trail                            | public road               |
| reservable shelter | boat launch/canoe take-out | Buckeye & North Country Trails          | service road              |
|                    |                            | Mad River Bikeway                       | park feature              |
|                    |                            | Wright Brothers-Huffman Prairie Bikeway |                           |

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.

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