

## Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a fun way to contribute to your MetroParks and enhance the quality of experience for park patrons? There are a number of ways to volunteer in your MetroParks. From conducting tours to interacting with children and adults to greeting guests or even tending to the gardens at RiverScape, there's a volunteer opportunity to suit any age, physical ability, gender or skill level. Training is provided. To learn more, visit [metroparks.org/volunteer](http://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.



## RiverScape MetroPark

Known for breathtaking landscapes, RiverScape MetroPark has become a favorite outdoor gathering place in downtown Dayton. This hotspot has offered a cool getaway in the middle of the city with free concerts, educational programming and the community's favorite cultural festivals amid the scene of floral landscapes, hanging baskets and relaxing swings.

Visitors to RiverScape MetroPark can enjoy a covered pavilion perfect for intimate concerts, festivals, community events, or just a relaxing lunch with friends. In the winter, this pavilion houses an ice skating rink. Amenities for recreational and commuter cyclists are now a feature of RiverScape and provide a welcome rest stop or starting point for active individuals and families enjoying our region's extensive recreational trail system.

RiverScape MetroPark is a vibrant and active location, yet a relaxing gathering spot for families and friends. For more information visit [metroparks.org/riverscape](http://metroparks.org/riverscape).

## INVENTORS RIVER WALK



**INVENTORS WALK**

**RIVERSCAPE METROPARK**

### DAYTON INVENTORS RIVER WALK & INVENTION STATIONS

The Dayton Inventors River Walk includes seven invention stations that celebrate Dayton inventions, sometimes in surprising ways. The brick medallions lead the

way along the walk, telling stories of other Dayton inventors. Dayton, the Innovation Capital of the World, by virtue of the fact that Dayton has had more inventions per capita than any city in the United States.



### SCORES OF INNOVATION STORIES TO TELL

The brick tiles through the Inventors River Walk tell the stories of such inventors as Joe Desch, who cracked the

German "Enigma" code and put the Allies on the course to victory in World War II. Learn about the origins of Cellophane, digital watches, recycled newsprint, Freon and "Star Wars" technology.



RiverScape MetroPark is located along the Great Miami River in downtown Dayton on Monument Ave. between North Main Street and Patterson Blvd. 237 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45402

### Parking near RiverScape MetroPark

- Downtown Dayton has roughly 15,000 public parking spaces.
- Metered parking is free weekdays after 6 PM and all day on the weekends.
- Visit [EasyParkDowntown.org](http://EasyParkDowntown.org) for a fully interactive parking map.

### 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 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)  
Ice Rink.....(937) 278-2607  
Website.....metroparks.org/riverscape

### Ranger Assistance

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

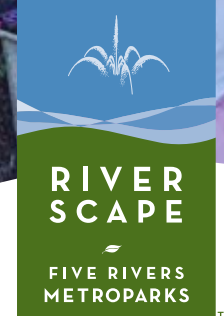


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## RIVERSCAPE METROPARK

USER'S GUIDE & MAP



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## INFORMATION & REGULATIONS

Protect RiverScape 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.

**PETS** Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed and under control at all times. We ask that guests please leave their pets at home during events. Pets are not permitted in the interactive fountain or reflecting pools.

**ALCOHOL** Not permitted, unless served by vendors at a special event in the park.

**BICYCLES** Bicycles are permitted on the paved trails and in designated areas near the bike hub. Remember to yield to slower moving users and to walk your bike inside the park. Bicycle racks are available in the park, but remember to bring your own lock.

**INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN** Water play is restricted to the interactive fountains in Festival Plaza. Please do not wade in the reflecting pools.

**PARKING** Metered parking is free weekdays after 6 PM and all day on the weekends. There are more than 30 parking garages/lots in the downtown area.

**FISHING** A state of Ohio fishing license is required to fish in the Great Miami or Mad rivers.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**PARK GROUNDS:** Open year-round, including Christmas and New Year's Day.

**INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN AND SNACK BAR:** Memorial day through Labor day  
Fountain 11 AM - 8 PM daily  
Snack Bar 11 AM - 6 PM daily

## THINGS TO DO

**RIVERSCAPE RENTALS** – Bicycles and child accessories are available for rental Saturdays and Sundays and holidays, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

**BIKING, WALKING & RUNNING** – At the center of more than 330 miles of connected, paved trails, RiverScape MetroPark offers something for every walker, runner and cyclist. Make a pit stop for restrooms, water and places to rest, as well as a bike air pump and places to lock your bike. Commuters can join the bike hub for indoor bike parking, lockers and showers. Visit [metroparks.org/bikehub](http://metroparks.org/bikehub) for prices and hours.

**RIVERSCAPE RIVER RUN** – Hit the water for a paddling adventure in your favorite MetroPark! From those who are new to paddlesports to paddling pros, the River Run at RiverScape MetroPark offers everyone the opportunity to have fun on the water, build paddling skills and take in beautiful views of Dayton along the river.

**RIVER LEVEE & WILDLIFE OBSERVATION** – Visit the historical markers on the fountain towers and plaques describing the effects of the great flood of 1913. Pick a favorite spot to fish. View the river from a swing on a beautiful summer evening. RiverScape is an excellent place to watch migratory and resident birds – such as great blue herons, waterfowl and gulls – and animals such as beavers and snapping turtles.

**ICE SKATING** – Bring your own ice skates or rent them here for the whole family! RiverScape offers regular open skating hours Thanksgiving weekend through February.

## INVENTION STATIONS

Use the map on the reverse side of this brochure to locate the invention stations.



### SELF-STARTER ENGINE

Inventor: Charles Kettering  
Year: 1912

Charles F. Kettering led the automotive world in innovation for decades and holds more patents than any American except Thomas Edison. Prior to Kettering's invention, drivers frequently broke their arms crank-starting their cars. Kettering's automatic starter ended the pain of turning this heavy crank. The electric self-starter was introduced on the 1912 Cadillac. The pavilion also includes some of Kettering's clever quotes for which he was known.



### SEARCH ENGINE

Inventor: Employees of Mead Data Central, now LexisNexis  
Year: 1960s

When searching the Internet for MetroParks AND RiverScape OR Van Cleve Park NOT Deed's Point, you'll be employing the Boolean search method developed in downtown Dayton. This method of searching – which uses "and," "or" and "not" to define parameters – was so successful it led to LexisNexis becoming a leading source of information, perhaps the information source leader in the world.



### ENGINE-POWERED AIRPLANE

Inventors: Wilbur & Orville Wright  
Year: 1903

The Wright brothers were the first to invent an airplane that was able to make powered, sustained and controlled flights. Their first plane, Flyer I, which was flown for 12 seconds in 1903, was the first man-carrying flight of an airplane powered by an engine. This station is a model of the 1905 Wright Flyer III, which the Wright brothers used to make more than 100 flights on nearby Huffman Prairie, perfecting it until it became the world's first practical fixed-wing aircraft. This sculpture was created for MetroParks by Alabama artist Larry Godwin.



### HYDRAULIC JUMP FOUNTAIN

Inventor: Arthur P. Morgan  
Year: after 1913

This invention was created to prevent floods such as the one that occurred in Dayton in 1913. Morgan developed the idea for the hydraulic jump fountain on the farm of Col. Edward Deeds, where they built models in his swimming pool. The jump sends water through a series of baffles and steps, and then finally into a low wall that forces the water back onto itself, releasing its own energy. This technology is still used in hydrological engineering throughout the world.



### POP-TOP CAN

Inventor: Eralm Frazee  
Year: 1959

As the legend goes, in the late 1950s, Frazee was at a family picnic and wanted a beverage, but had forgotten the can opener so he had to use the bumper of his car. In his frustration, Frazee vowed to develop an easy-opening can.



### CASH REGISTER

Inventor: James Ritty  
Year: 1879

Two Dayton brothers came up with the idea for the "incorruptible cashier" after losing money to dishonest clerks. On an ocean voyage, James Ritty, a saloon keeper, visited the engine room where he saw a machine rotating the ship's propeller. He partnered with his brother John, a machinist, to develop the first cash register. John Patterson, a local entrepreneur, bought two of the initial registers; five years later, he bought the company that held Ritty's patents sight unseen and founded National Cash Register (NCR).

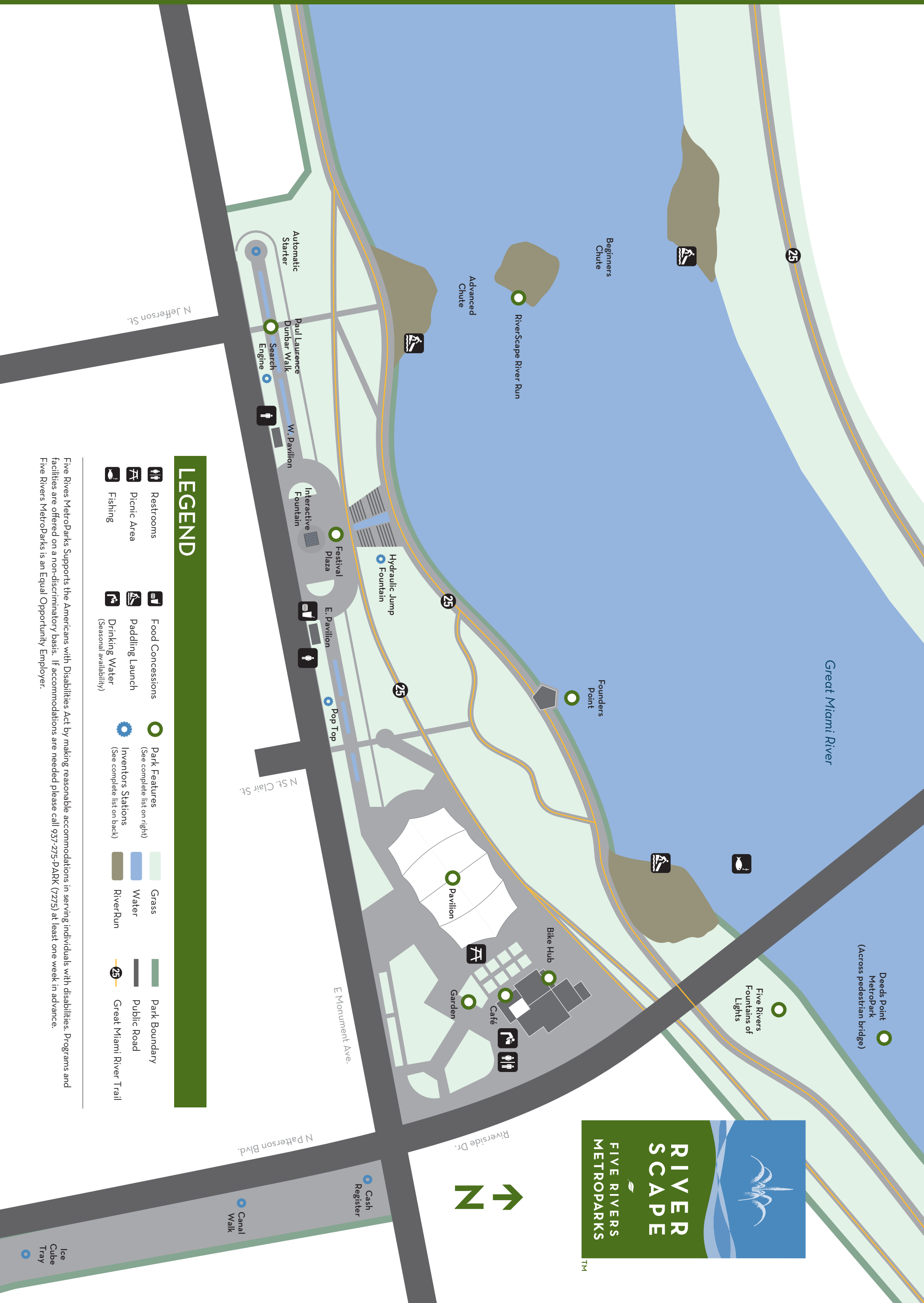


### ICE CUBE TRAY

Inventor: Arthur Frei  
Year: 1950

Working at Frigidaire, Frei developed 23 patents on the ice cube tray. One of his most significant developments was the lever on top of the tray that dislodged the cubes. Prior to that, the metal tray had to be soaked in hot water to free the ice.

# RIVERSCAPE METROPARK • PARK MAP



## PARK FEATURES

### BIKE HUB

This facility offers bicycling enthusiasts and commuters a welcoming place to park their bikes. In addition to safe, secure bicycle parking, commuter hub members have access to private lockers, showers and changing areas. Water, refreshments, air pumps and places to rest are available to all cyclists, as well as rental bicycles on weekends and holidays Memorial Day through Labor Day.

### CAFÉ

RiverScape has two concessions to satisfy your hunger: The Fountain Snack Bar offers 10 flavors of ice cream, snacks and other tasty treats throughout the summer. RiverScape Café is open for lunch, special events and concerts in the summer and ice skating in the winter.

### DEEDS POINT

Take a short walk over the pedestrian bridge to Deeds Point to see a bronze statue of Willbur and Orville Wright, as well as an aviation timeline exhibit that serves as an ongoing reminder of the importance of the Wright brothers and Dayton to aviation history. The park also has a monument for Dayton Peace Accord that symbolizes the agreement for peace between Bosnia and Herzegovina reached in Dayton on November 21, 1995.

### FESTIVAL PLAZA

Tables and chairs are located throughout the plaza. Enjoy the breeze off the river and be surrounded by stunning gardens. In summer, bring the kids in swimsuits to enjoy the interactive fountain.

### FIVE RIVERS FOUNTAIN OF LIGHTS

The Five Rivers Fountain of Lights is created by five water jets housed in concrete towers and a powerful center geyser. The towers straddle the confluence of the Great Miami River and Mad rivers just east of the Riverside Bridge and shoot 2,500 gallons of water per minute toward the center of the river. The central geyser rises from the jets to a majestic 200' in the air. Covering 395,000 square feet across an 800' diameter, the Five Rivers Fountain of Lights is one of the largest fountains in the world.

### FOUNDERS POINT

Can you name the five rivers of Five Rivers MetroParks? Confirm your best guess by wandering down to the five-sided pavilion at the edge of the Great Miami River, which features each of the names around its cap. This pavilion marks the location of where the first settlers of Dayton arrived by boat on April 1, 1796.

### GARDENS

RiverScape MetroPark features beautiful gardens that include hanging baskets, life-size flower pots and beds overflowing with annuals, perennials and tropical plants. Many of the plants are labeled with botanical and common names so that you can be inspired for your own home garden. Our garden creates an oasis along the river in downtown Dayton. We invite you to pull up a chair and enjoy the beauty.

### PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR WALK

RiverScape pays tribute to the works of native Daytonian poet Paul Laurence Dunbar. Several of his poems are etched in stone at the top of the staircase at the west end of the park.

### PAVILION

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### RIVERSCAPE RIVER RUN

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## LEGEND

- Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Fishing
- Food Concessions
- Paddling Launch
- Drinking Water (Seasonal availability)
- Park Features (See complete list on right)
- Inventors Stations (See complete list on back)
- Grass
- Water
- River Run
- Park Boundary
- Public Road
- Great Miami River Trail

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