



Miami Valley Recreational Open Space Regional Profile

OPEN SPACE DATASET

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) maintains a regional open space inventory GIS dataset. This dataset, available at www.mvrpc.org/mapgallery, was last updated in 2015. MVRPC used the 2005 and 2015 datasets for this Recreational Open Space Regional Profile.

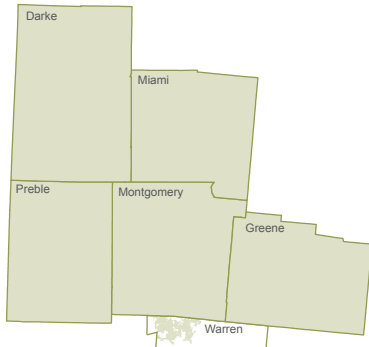
Our 5+ County Region includes Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and northern Warren

927,133 PEOPLE

158,626 SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

137,917 SENIORS

244,061 FAMILIES



4% of the Region's area can be classified as **recreational open space**.

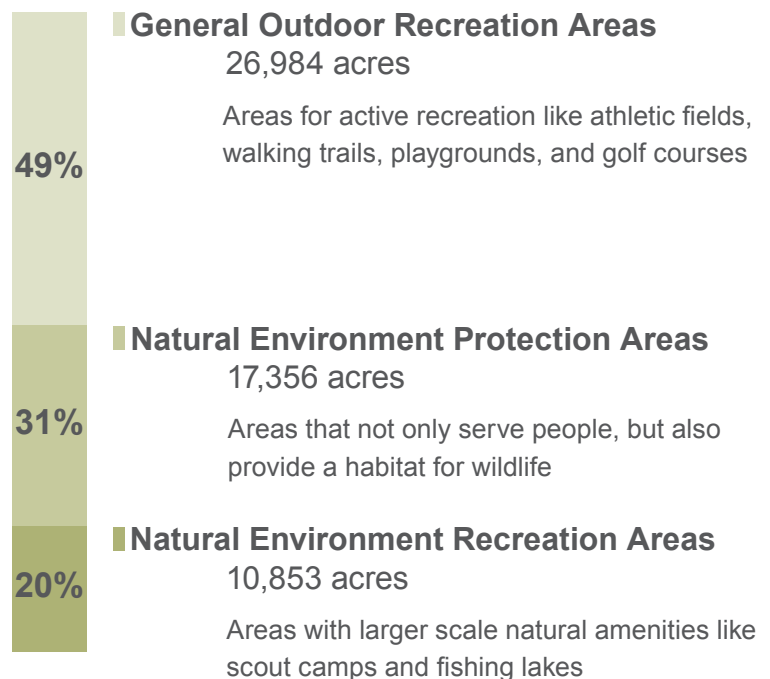
55,193 total acres

Up **2%** from 2005

2,593 sq ft per person

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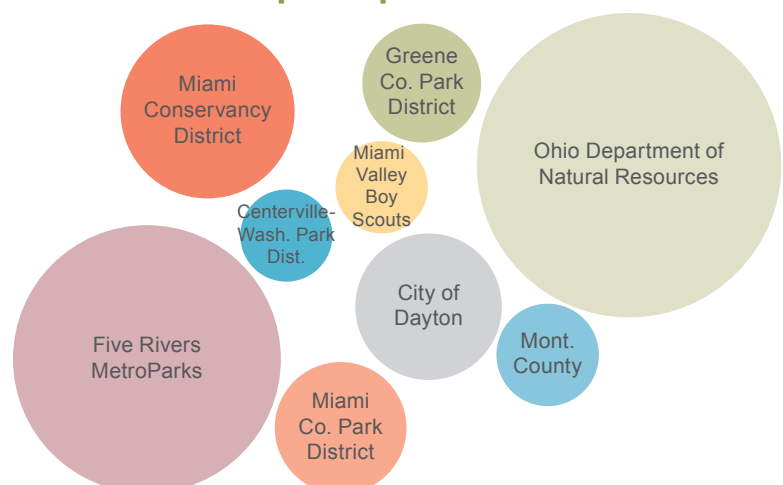
Our Region has many types of recreational open space.



Miami Valley's Largest Recreational Sites

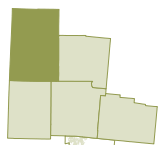


Miami Valley's Largest Landowners of Recreational Open Space



Our Region offers a variety of high quality recreational open spaces that matter to our health, environment, and quality of life.

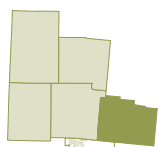
Darke County



2,687 acres
↓ **4%** from 2005

2,210 sq ft per person
↓ **3%** from 2005

Greene County



12,355 acres
↑ **7%** from 2005

3,331 sq ft per person
↓ **2%** from 2005

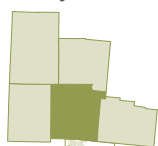
Miami County



7,804 acres
↑ **9%** from 2005

3,316 sq ft per person
↑ **5%** from 2005

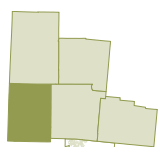
Montgomery County



23,623 acres
↑ **3%** from 2005

1,923 sq ft per person
↑ **7%** from 2005

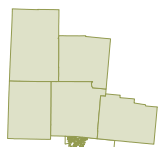
Preble County



7,679 acres
↓ **11%** from 2005

7,914 sq ft per person
↓ **11%** from 2005

northern Warren County



1,044 acres
↑ **11%** from 2005

1,392 sq ft per person
↓ **3%** from 2005

All of us spend time and enjoy activities when we visit recreational open spaces.

U.S. statistics:



49% of the U.S. population participated in an outdoor activity in 2003



64% of youth ages 6 to 19 spend 2 or more hours outdoors on a typical weekday



running, including jogging and trail running, is the most popular activity in the U.S.



70+% of outdoor participants go outdoors as a way of getting exercise



53% of outdoor enthusiasts also walked (2013)

Source: Outdoor Participation Report 2014, Outdoor Foundation

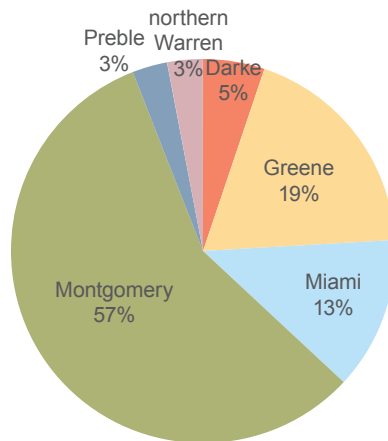


7% increase in the number of people who participated in nature-based outdoor recreation (between 2000 and 2009)

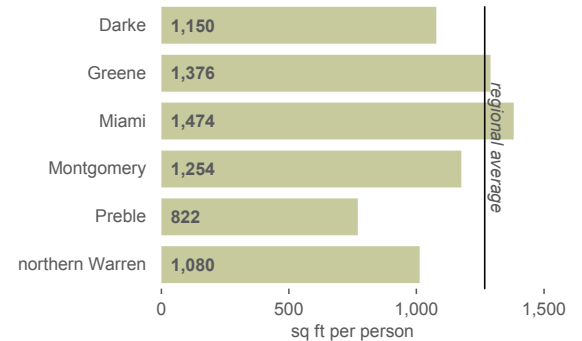
Recreational open space is present throughout our Region with each county offering different strengths.

General Outdoor Recreation Areas

Montgomery County, as the Region's most urban county, holds the lion's share of General Outdoor Recreation Areas in the Region.

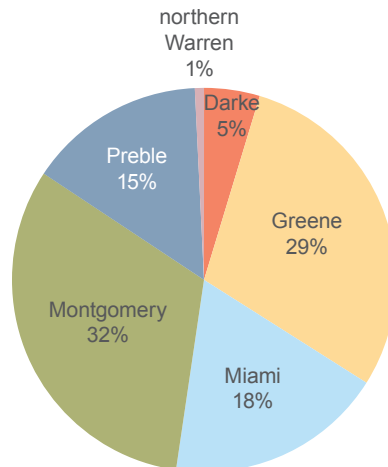
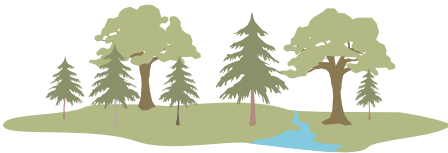


The regional average of General Outdoor Recreation Areas is 1,268 sq ft per person.

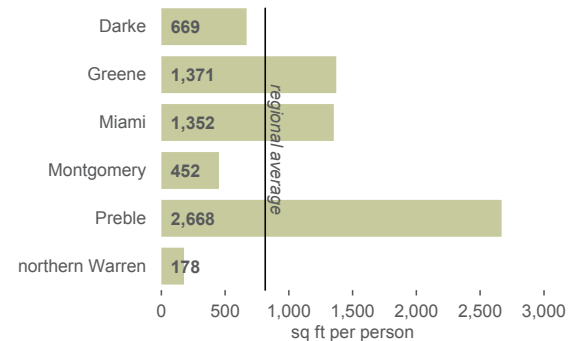


Natural Environment Protection Areas

Montgomery County and **Greene County** hold the largest share of Natural Environment Protection Areas.

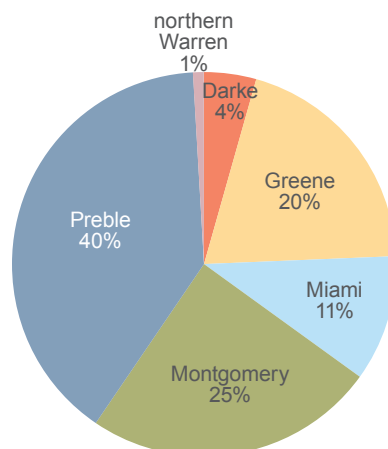


The regional average for Natural Environment Protection Areas is 815 sq ft per person.

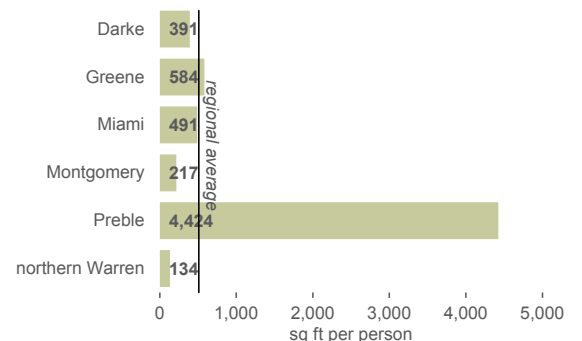


Natural Environment Recreation Areas

Preble County, home of Hueston Woods State Park and Woodland Trails Boy Scout Camp, hosts over a third of the Region's Natural Environment Recreation Areas.



The regional average for Natural Environment Recreation Areas is 510 sq ft per person.

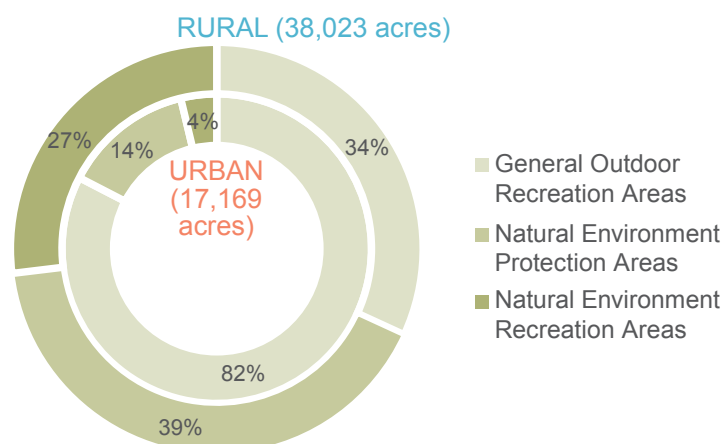


Recreational open spaces across the Region are conveniently close to people but have different characteristics depending on where they are located.

Rural areas have fewer but larger Natural Environment Protection Areas while urban areas have many smaller General Outdoor Recreational Areas.

106 acres: average size in rural areas

21 acres: average size in urban areas



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Census 2010



59% of people, school-aged children, seniors, and families **live within ¼ mile** of a recreational open space.

In both rural and urban areas, the majority of people live in very close proximity to general outdoor recreational areas.

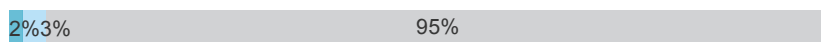
General Outdoor Recreation Areas



Natural Environment Protection Areas



Natural Environment Recreation Areas



within ¼ mile within ½ mile outside ½ mile

Figures may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



86% live **within ½ mile.**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Census 2010

Our Region's Open Space Plan

Open spaces are important assets with many benefits. They are what makes our Region a great place to live, providing recreational opportunities and a healthy environment. Our Region has a long history

of making concerted efforts to preserve and expand existing open spaces. **The Open Space Plan developed in 2016 continues this tradition. Visit www.mvrpc.org/open-space-plan to view this plan.**



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<http://www.mvrpc.org/regional-profiles>.
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