

## DARKE COUNTY PARKS

### Welcome to Donna May Campbell Preserve

Donna May Campbell Preserve is located in northern Darke County just off of US-127, in Beamsville. Opened in 2012, a small gravel parking lot provides access to short walking trails to explore its 5 acres of riparian habitat along the State Scenic Stillwater River. This Park, full of silver maple, box elder and American sycamore trees will provide an island of habitat for many plants and wildlife along the river corridor.

Future plans for this preserve will provide river access to allow anglers and canoe/kayak paddlers easy access to the headwaters of the Stillwater River.

Donna May Campbell Preserve has evidence of its beaver population along every trail. Beavers, once extirpated from Ohio, are now located in all counties throughout the state. While their dam building and food source can sometimes cause concern, these large rodents (*second largest in the world!*) provide a valuable service to our habitats by recycling nutrients. As you walk the trails, watch for chiseled stumps, fallen trees and beaver slides (smoothed ramps leading into water-ways). Beavers are active year-round, although they don't leave their lodge often in the cold months.

Be sure to visit Donna May Campbell Preserve often to see what each season has to offer!



#### Park Hours

All of the Darke County Parks are open sunrise to sunset. Visitors are encouraged to exit the park while there is still enough light to navigate the trails safely.

#### Park Programs

Darke County Parks' naturalists lead programs throughout the year. Many programs are nature-related, such as bird hikes, wildflower walks, or programs to explore the world of nature at night. Other programs may focus on the rich history of our area or outdoor skills such as fishing and camping. Schools, clubs and other groups are encouraged to contact Darke County Parks to schedule a program to support school curriculum or other special interests. Darke County Parks publishes a free quarterly newsletter that provides information on programs, clubs and other park related information.

#### How to Reach Us

The Parks' Offices are located in the Nature Center at Shawnee Prairie Preserve, 4267 State Route 502 West at the edge of Greenville. See the website for current hours of operation. More information about programs and activities is available at the Center, by calling (937) 548-0165 or by logging on to [www.darkecountyparks.org](http://www.darkecountyparks.org).

#### Enjoy, Don't Destroy

Help us protect Darke County Parks. Do not pick, collect or disturb plants, animals or artifacts of any kind. Please stay on designated trails. Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways. Parking is in designated areas only. No skateboarding, biking, or swimming is allowed on or from the trails/canoe launch. Pets must be kept on a leash. Please do not litter.

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## PATHFINDER

# Donna May Campbell Preserve

*North American Beaver*



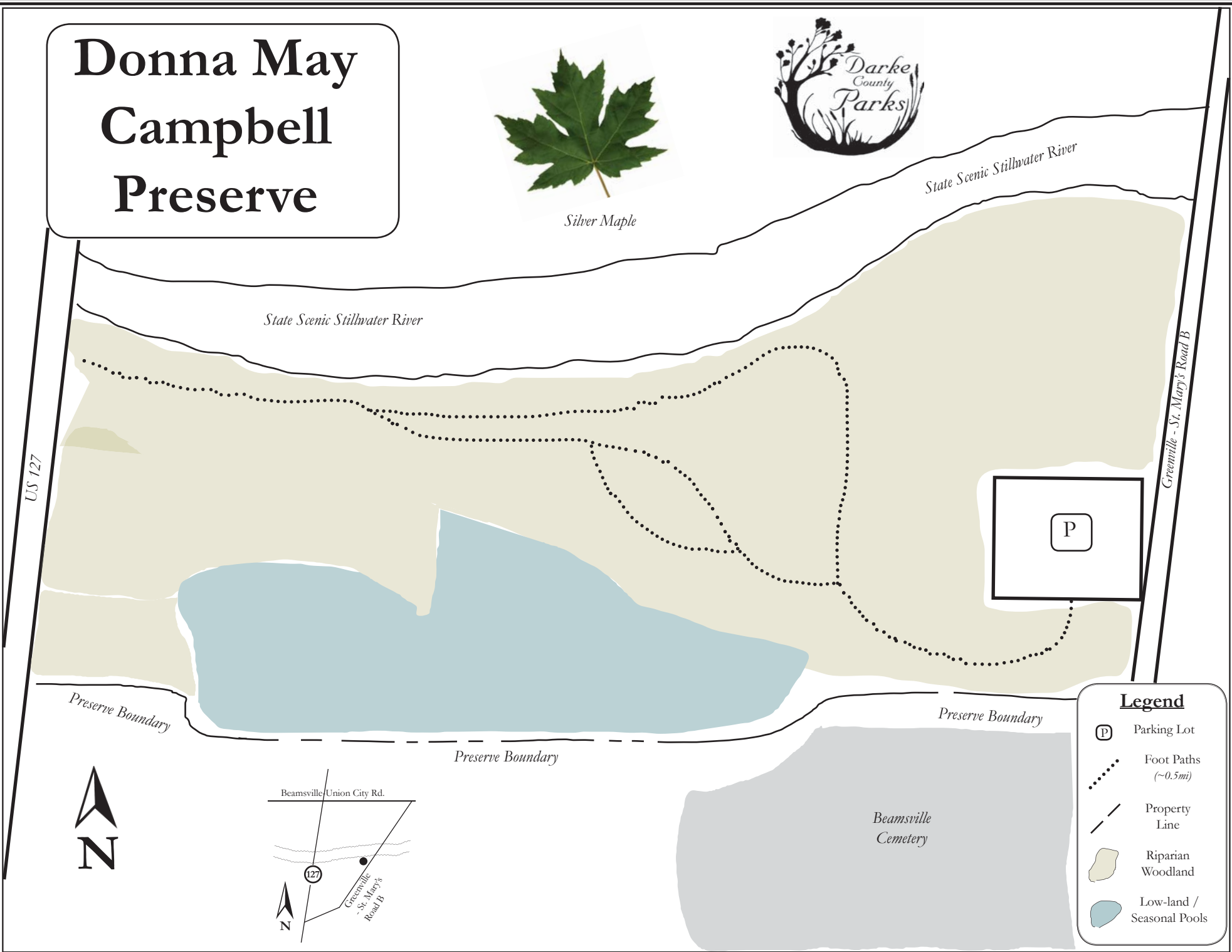
Located along the head-waters of the Stillwater River, Donna May Campbell Preserve is a fine example of riparian (*the ecosystem found along river banks*) habitat. Donated by Gerald Campbell and family in 2009, this 5-acre park is home to beaver, raccoon, fox, deer, woodpecker and other wildlife. As you walk along the short footpath, be on the lookout for signs and evidence of this bountiful wildlife.








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Silver Maple



## Legend

-  Parking Lot
-  Foot Paths (~0.5mi)
-  Property Line
-  Riparian Woodland
-  Low-land / Seasonal Pools

