



Garvin Brown Preserve

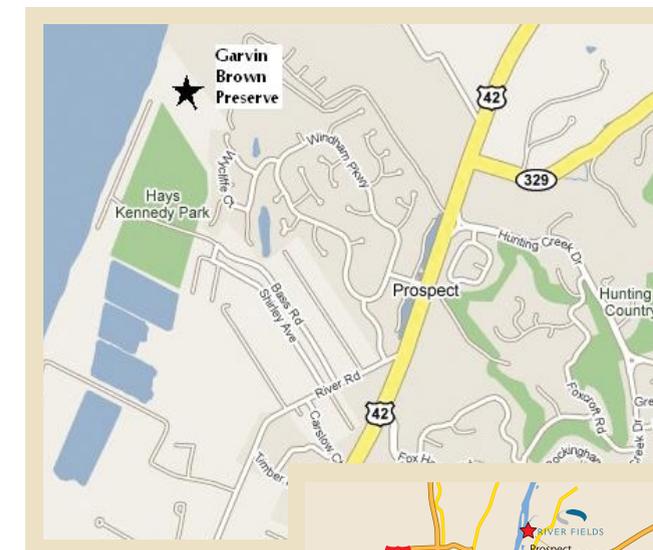


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### Accessing Garvin Brown Preserve

To reach Garvin Brown Preserve, take River Road to Bass Road near US Hwy 42. Follow Bass Road toward the Ohio River until you reach Hays Kennedy Park. Park in the paved lot by the soccer fields. Cross the park land for about 800 feet and pass through a small gate to the preserve. The entrance to the preserve is marked with a sign.



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Garvin Brown Preserve is a 46-acre riverfront nature preserve owned by River Fields in northeastern Jefferson County with panoramic views of the river and shoreline, as well as pristine wetlands and a variety of wildlife. Enjoy the views of the Ohio River, nature, and all the river has to offer.

The preserve features open fields, wetlands, and native grasses. There is great diversity of plant life, including green ash, red maple, native pin oak, swamp dogwood, water primrose, and water plantain. Wildlife include beaver, hawks, Canada geese, ducks, and deer. The preserve has 1,500 feet of waterfront along the Ohio River, and is close to Twelve Mile Island. Garvin Brown Preserve is one of the largest undeveloped areas of riverfront property in Jefferson County.

Garvin Brown Preserve is open to the public and is a perfect location for walking, bird watching, nature study, picnics, kite flying, and other quiet recreation. Motorized vehicles and campfires are not allowed.

### History of Garvin Brown Preserve

In 1994, the former Sutherland Farm in northeastern Jefferson County was in danger of being subdivided and developed. Had that happened, Jefferson County would have forever lost one of the largest remaining pieces of open riverfront land.

As children, Laura Lee Brown and her siblings Dace Polk Brown Stubbs and George Garvin Brown III grew up on the riverfront farm. When they learned that the property was to be developed, the three siblings gave River Fields \$1 million to purchase the 46 acre tract of land, so that it could be preserved. They believed that once the land was altered and developed, the open green space would be gone forever.



Garvin Brown Preserve was named after their father, George Garvin Brown II. At the opening of the preserve, Laura Lee Brown said, "Today my brother, sister and I would like to honor this land again in his name, celebrating his kindness to land, animals and to his fellow man."

With this extraordinary gift, River Fields committed to maintaining the preserve as land open to the public, giving everyone the opportunity to experience and enjoy nature and the Ohio River.



**Garvin Brown Preserve is open to the public daily, from dawn to dusk.**

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