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Rivers Edition



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Office of Coastal Management

The Office of Coastal Management administers the federally-approved Ohio Coastal Management Program to promote balanced use of Lake Erie's natural resources while sustaining a healthy environment. The program sets forth policies and guidelines to monitor activities that affect coastal resources and ensure resource protection while balancing economic, cultural and environmental interests for the benefit of all citizens and future generations.

The Office of Coastal Management's responsibilities include resource management and protection, grants administration, education, outreach and regulatory oversight in areas of the Ohio Coastal Management Program. These responsibilities are codified in Ohio Revised Code §1506 and Ohio Administrative Code §1501-6.

The Ohio Coastal Management Program document and additional information about products and services provided by the Office of Coastal Management, including the Lake Erie Shore Erosion Management Program, Ohio Coastal Design Manual, Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program, Coastal Management Assistance Grants program and the Lake Erie Literacy effort, can be found online at: www.ohiodnr.com/coastal.

Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark (GR16), Grand River

Guiding Exploration of Ohio's 312-mile Lake Erie Shore

In the summer of 2010, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Office of Coastal Management created *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook*, a comprehensive resource for exploring the recreational and scenic publicly accessible sites in Ohio that border Lake Erie. From well-known parks and beaches to secluded shore vistas, *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook* mapped 164 publicly accessible locations and outlined the amenities, activities and services available at each site.

Continuing Exploration into Lake Erie's Watershed

Recognizing the popularity of the guidebook, the Office of Coastal Management began an initiative to develop a companion guidebook that shifts the focus from Ohio's coast to a collection of tributaries that flow through Ohio's portion of the Lake Erie Watershed. From the mighty Maumee to the crooked Cuyahoga, *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook – Rivers Edition* lists publicly accessible sites found along 14 major river systems in the watershed.



Where the Water Flows

A watershed is a basin-like landscape that water drains across, or under, on its way to a common waterbody, such as a river, pond, lake or ocean. The Lake Erie Watershed, part of the larger Great Lakes Watershed, includes portions of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and the Canadian province of Ontario. Ohio's portion of the Lake Erie Watershed covers 11,649 square miles and drains all or portions of 35 counties.

The glacially-influenced landscape of the Lake Erie Watershed ranges from the low, flat topography of the lake plains, prevalent in northwest Ohio and eastward along the edge of the shore, to rolling hills and elevated highlands in north-central and northeast Ohio. Ancient beach ridges run parallel to the lake shore, providing a snapshot of prehistoric lake levels during the various phases of Lake Erie's formation. Many of Lake Erie's rivers flow from higher-relief upland areas, across sandy ridges and into the lake plain lowlands before emptying into the lake.

Rivers in northwest Ohio, including the Maumee, Portage and Sandusky, traverse extensive tracts of highly fertile agricultural land that were once part of the Great Black Swamp. In north-central Ohio, the headwaters of the Huron, Vermilion, Black and Rocky rivers wind through gently sloping moraines (rolling hills made from glacial deposits) before flowing into their respective main branches. The meandering rivers of northeast Ohio, including the Cuyahoga, Chagrin and Grand, originate in higher elevations (greater than 1,000 feet above sea level) that are affected by lake-effect snow. These rivers follow bedrock-influenced courses that resemble letters of the alphabet ("U," "V" and "J/L" respectively). Many of Lake Erie's tributaries, particularly downriver sections of the Vermilion, Black, Rocky, Chagrin and Grand, feature recreation-filled valleys that are best characterized by lush forests and impressively high, steep shale cliffs.

The geographic extent covered in the *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook – Rivers Edition* stretches west to the Indiana state line where the Maumee River enters Ohio near Antwerp in Paulding County, east to the Pennsylvania state line where the Conneaut Creek meanders into Conneaut in Ashtabula County, and as far south as Crawford County where the headwaters of the Sandusky River rise near Crestline. In total, the *Rivers Edition* encompasses over 870 field-checked river miles and features 220 public access sites, ranging from small roadside fishing locations to the vast 33,000-acre Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Public access sites include federal, state, county, city, village and township parks; county metropark preserves and reservations; state and local nature preserves; state wildlife areas; scenic river accesses; water trail accesses; former canal lands and towpaths; memorials and monuments; and roadside fishing areas.

This guidebook does not include sites that are private such as individual homes, neighborhood associations or clubs, commercial or private marinas, restaurants, museums, golf courses, campgrounds, retail plazas, industrial port facilities or factories, apartment or condominium complexes, or mobile home parks.

Note that many public access sites listed in this guidebook are adjacent to residential, commercial and industrial properties. Nuisance behavior or trespassing may be subject to prosecution.

Left: Farnsworth Metropark (MA21), Maumee River

Data Collection and Sources

Public access information in *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook – Rivers Edition* was collected by ODNR Office of Coastal Management staff in 2011 using Geographic Information System (GIS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) technologies. The primary data collection method was on-the-ground fieldwork, supplemented by these other sources:

- County parcel data
- County and local maps
- Metro Park and park district maps
- ODNR Division of Watercraft's 2004 Boating Access data
- ODNR Division of Watercraft's *Boating on Ohio's Streams; Northeast & Southeast Regions* (2004) and *Northwest & Southwest Regions* (2006) brochures
- ODNR Division of Wildlife's *Ohio Public Hunting, Fishing & Wildlife Viewing Areas* map (2005)
- The state of Ohio's 2006 Statewide Imagery Program aerial photography

*Rocky River Reservation (RO2),
Rocky River*



How to Use the Guidebook

Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook – Rivers Edition is divided into twelve chapters, each featuring main tributary branches. In some cases, a chapter may also include the east and west branches of a river system. Chapters are arranged geographically from west to east. Within each chapter, public access sites are arranged geographically in an upriver direction (as river miles increase), from the river's mouth to its headwaters. The chapters include:

- **Ottawa River**
Featuring 8 sites along 18 miles of the Ottawa River
- **Maumee River**
Featuring 48 sites on the entire 108-mile length of the Maumee River in Ohio
- **Toussaint River and Portage River**
Featuring 1 site on the 6-mile Toussaint River and 11 sites along 36 miles of the Portage River; also featuring 1 site on the Cooley Canal and 1 site in West Harbor
- **Sandusky River**
Featuring 32 sites on the entire 130-mile length of the Sandusky River
- **Huron River, including the West Branch**
Featuring 8 sites on the 14-mile Huron River main branch and 4 sites along 9 miles of the West Branch Huron River
- **Vermilion River**
Featuring 9 sites along 46 miles of the Vermilion River
- **Black River, including the East and West branches**
Featuring 8 sites on the 16-mile Black River main branch; 2 sites along 11 miles of the river's East Branch and 1 site along 15 miles of the river's West Branch
- **Rocky River, including the East and West branches**
Featuring 2 sites on the 12-mile Rocky River main branch; 3 sites along 32 miles of the river's East Branch and 5 sites along 31 miles of the river's West Branch
- **Cuyahoga River**
Featuring 31 sites along 94 miles of the Cuyahoga River
- **Chagrin River**
Featuring 15 sites along 49 miles of the Chagrin River
- **Grand River**
Featuring 22 sites along 88 miles of the Grand River
- **Ashtabula River and Conneaut Creek**
Featuring 3 sites along 19 miles of the Ashtabula River and 5 sites on the entire 23-mile length of the Conneaut Creek in Ohio

Site pages include a symbolic listing of a public access location's amenities, a location map, pictures and contact information to learn more about the destination. Some sites include a brief description. River mile locations are also provided. The river mile system is a linear measure developed by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to index locations along a river or stream in Ohio. River mile values increase in an upriver direction, starting at zero at the mouth. The key to identifying the amenity symbols and a map legend are found in this introductory section.

Amenities Legend

Swimming Area	Boardwalk	Boat Launch	Wildlife Viewing	Amphitheater
Pool	Paved Trail	Launch Fee	Observation Deck	Baseball
Bathhouse	Dirt Trail	Small Boat Access	Educational Signage	Basketball
Drinking Water	Bridle Trail	Carry Boat	Historic Marker	Disc Golf
Concessions	Exercise Trail/Equipment	Marina/Temp. Tie-Up	Visitor Center	Golf Course
Picnic	Bicycle Rack	Water Trail	Nature Center	Horseshoe Pits
Pavilion/Shelter	Pet Friendly	Fishing	Benches	Skate Park
Grill	Handicap Accessible	Hunting	Canal Remnants	Soccer
Playground	Parking	Camping	Scenic River	Tennis Courts
Restrooms	Parking Fee	Dam	Waterfall	Volleyball

Lake Erie Public Access Webpage

All information presented in *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook* and *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook – Rivers Edition* is available on the ODNR Office of Coastal Management's website. The website includes downloadable PDF pages of each public access site, supplemental information not included in the books, web links and post-publication updates (new public access sites, updated amenity listings and contacts).

Learn more:

LakeErie.ohiodnr.com/GoCoast (Lake Erie Coastal Access)

LakeErie.ohiodnr.com/GoRivers (River Access)

Ohio Coastal Atlas

The *Ohio Coastal Atlas* project, a suite of mapping resources intended to help users visualize resources and issues within Lake Erie, along its shore and within its drainage basin, is also available on the Office of Coastal Management website. The *Ohio Coastal Atlas* website includes a collection of "Use Case Map Viewers," which are web-based mapping tools that allow users to view and manipulate a variety of geographic data layers. The Use Case Map Viewer dedicated to public access sites along Ohio's Lake Erie coast and 14 main tributaries maps the information presented in the guidebooks and provides custom search and query tools to locate and learn more about each site.

Learn more:

LakeErie.ohiodnr.com/Atlas

Map Legend

Public Access Site	Adjacent/Nearby Public Access Site
Public Access Site with multiple featured locations	Road Entrance (Not all road entrances shown)
Rivers & Streams	Waterbody (Lakes and reservoirs)
Dam	Trail (Not all trails shown)
Interstate Route	Municipal Street
US Route	Municipal Street (Select maps only)
State Route	Private Road
County Road	Park Road
Township Road	Highway Ramp



McGarvey's Landing (VE3), Vermilion River

A Brief History of Lake Erie's Tributaries

The rivers of the Lake Erie Watershed have played a vital role throughout the history of northern Ohio. Lake Erie's tributaries were once important transportation corridors for the Native Americans that inhabited the region. Portage trails from the Maumee (via the Auglaize and St. Marys rivers), Sandusky and Cuyahoga rivers connected to the Great Miami, Scioto and Tuscarawas rivers, respectively, creating nearly-continuous water passages between Lake Erie and the Ohio River. Lake Erie's rivers also once provided Native Americans, British, French and Americans scenic and strategic backdrops for trading posts and defensive forts. The Maumee River and the forts positioned on its banks played an important role in the westward expansion of the American frontier.

In the early 19th century, construction began on the Ohio and Erie Canal, the Miami and Erie Canal and the Milan Canal alongside the Cuyahoga, Maumee and Huron rivers, respectively. Canals once provided a means to transport goods between Lake Erie and the Ohio River. The Ohio and Erie Canal connected Cleveland with Portsmouth, via Akron, and operated between 1833 and 1913. The Miami and Erie Canal connected Toledo with Cincinnati and started operation in 1845. It was gradually phased out between 1906 and 1929. The Milan Canal was located entirely within Erie County between Milan and Huron and operated between 1839 and 1868. Ohio's canals were unable to compete with the railroad and all were ultimately abandoned after catastrophic flood events damaged much of their infrastructure. Many miles of former canal land and towpath trails, as well as many remnant locks, are publicly accessible and found at sites featured in this guidebook.

Lake Erie's rivers are central to Ohio's economic viability in today's global markets, particularly for the role they play in commerce. Most of Ohio's major commercial port cities are located at the mouth of a tributary: Toledo (Maumee River), Huron (Huron River), Lorain (Black River), Cleveland (Cuyahoga River), Fairport Harbor (Grand River), Ashtabula (Ashtabula River) and Conneaut (Conneaut Creek). Dredging of materials from the harbor areas and river bottoms allow freighters to enter and travel upriver to port destinations. The navigable shipping channel in the Cuyahoga River is over 5 miles long, and the Maumee River shipping channel extends 7 miles upriver to the Interstate 75 bridge.

The rivers in the Lake Erie Watershed have also served as important sources of power, drinking water and irrigation. From early gristmills to hydroelectric-power-generating dams, Ohioans have harnessed the flowing waters of the lake's tributaries. Reservoirs, created by the damming of rivers, have provided recreational opportunities, flood control and drinking water. The city of Akron, for example, owns and manages 19,000 acres of land and three reservoirs (Lake Rockwell, LaDue Reservoir and the East Branch Reservoir) in the upper Cuyahoga River Watershed. Water intakes found along Lake Erie's rivers are used for agricultural and industrial purposes, including crop irrigation, livestock production, quarrying

and fish and waterfowl propagation. The damming of rivers, however, also isolates upriver habitat and limits the connectivity for spawning fish. Many dams have been removed to restore habitat accessibility and stream quality.

The Lake Erie Watershed's tributaries provide valuable forested, wetland and riparian habitat for a great number of avian, aquatic and terrestrial species. Portions of the Maumee, Sandusky, Vermilion, Black, Rocky, Cuyahoga, Chagrin and Grand rivers have been designated as Important Bird Areas by Ohio's chapter of the National Audubon Society. The Lake Erie Watershed provides vital stopover locations during waterfowl and neotropical songbird migrations. Many spots are public access sites featured in this guidebook. Numerous bald eagle and other raptor nests are located along the banks or within close proximity to a major river system, namely the Maumee, Sandusky and Cuyahoga rivers. The Chagrin River's Spring Brook is a sanctuary for Ohio's last remaining indigenous population of brook trout.

Lake Erie's rivers are also used for many recreational activities, including boating, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, wildlife viewing and other activities featured in this guidebook.

Boating

Boat access on Ohio's Lake Erie tributaries ranges from small, unpaved canoe and kayak launches to concrete ramps intended for motorized watercraft. The ramps, docks and carry-in paddling launches identified in this guidebook do not include commercial facilities, private facilities or unmarked roadside pull-offs. For a complete inventory of these additional resources, and a comprehensive listing of dams and other navigation hazards, refer to the ODNR Division of Watercraft website.

Registrations are required for every recreational boat in Ohio, including canoes, kayaks, pedal, inflatable boats and paddle boards. Boats can be registered online, through the mail, at a Division of Watercraft office or through an independent registration agent. Field offices within the Lake Erie Watershed are located in Akron, Ashtabula, Cleveland, Oregon (Maumee Bay), Sandusky and Wapakoneta.

People born on or after January 1, 1982, who operate a boat on Ohio water which is powered by a 10 horsepower or larger engine, must successfully pass the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) approved boating education course or proficiency exam.

Ohio law requires life jackets to be worn while riding a personal watercraft, while waterskiing, or while being towed on a similar device, and by children less than 10 years of age on any vessel less than 18-feet long.

Learn more:

www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft



Ohio Water Trails

Recognizing the rising popularity of canoeing and kayaking, various ODNR divisions collaborated to initiate the Ohio Water Trails Program. The program addresses the need for increased paddling access points and helps educate paddlers about hand-powered boating safety on Ohio's waterways.

Over the past few years, the Ohio Water Trails Program has evolved into a cooperative partnership between ODNR, various levels of government and non-profit conservation groups. The program promotes paddling routes that combine recreation with low-impact use. This is accomplished by designating waterways as State Water Trails and by providing funding for site/launch improvements and development; purchasing and installing access and hazard signage; and producing and distributing educational maps and brochures. Ohio has designated nine water trails, including the 27-mile Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail and the 15.3-mile East Sandusky Bay Water Trail, both of which are located in the Lake Erie Watershed.

Five of the nine water trail access sites on the Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail are found along the Vermilion and Black rivers and listed in this guidebook. The trail's other four access sites are located along the Lake Erie shore, between the mouths of the Vermilion and Black rivers, and are listed in *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook*.

Learn more:

www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft

Black River Reservation (BL6), Black River



Scenic Rivers

The goal of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Program is to protect and preserve high-quality natural rivers in the state. The mission of the Ohio Scenic Rivers Program is to work cooperatively with local governments, businesses, landowners, non-profit organizations and other state and federal agencies to protect the aquatic resources and terrestrial communities dependent on healthy riparian habitats. State legislation (ORC §1547-81 to §1547-85) passed in 1968 created the nation's first state Scenic River Program. In 2009, the Scenic Rivers Program was moved to the ODNR Division of Watercraft.

Scenic rivers are classified according to outstanding qualities that a stream possesses. The three categories include wild, scenic and recreational. Factors that determine a stream's potential designation include length, adjacent forestation, biological characteristics, water quality, present use of the river and natural conditions. Designation of a river as wild, scenic or recreational is not intended to be used as a restoration tool for bringing degraded streams back to an improved natural condition. Rather, it is an effective means of recognizing the unique characteristics of a stream and coordinating river preservation activities among diverse state and local government agencies, organizations and individuals. Designation helps ensure that decisions and activities which may impact a river are conducted in an environmentally sensitive and responsible manner.

The Ohio Scenic Rivers Program has designated portions of seven Lake Erie tributaries including (from west to east):

- **Maumee River (1974)**
The Maumee State Scenic River includes 43 designated Scenic river miles and 53 designated Recreational river miles
- **Sandusky River (1970)**
The Sandusky State Scenic River, Ohio's second scenic river (first in the Lake Erie Watershed), includes 65 river miles
- **Cuyahoga River (1974)**
Upper Cuyahoga State Scenic River includes 25 river miles
- **Chagrin River (1979)**
The Chagrin State Scenic River includes 71 total river miles on three stream segments; the Chagrin, East Branch Chagrin and Aurora Branch Chagrin rivers
- **Grand River (1974)**
The Grand State Wild & Scenic River includes 33 designated Scenic river miles and 23 designated Wild river miles
- **Ashtabula River (2008)**
The Ashtabula State Scenic River includes 46 continuous river miles on three stream segments; the Ashtabula, East Branch Ashtabula and West Branch Ashtabula rivers
- **Conneaut Creek (2005)**
The Conneaut Creek State Wild & Scenic River includes 21 designated Scenic river miles and 16.4 designated Wild river miles

Learn more:

www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft

Scenic Byways

The Ohio Scenic Byways program recognizes and promotes the importance of preserving and protecting the natural and cultural resources along Ohio's historic and scenic roadways. There are eight designated byways in the Lake Erie Watershed, including the following three that connect many public access sites featured in *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook* and *Ohio's Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook – Rivers Edition*:

- **The Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail, which follows a route along the Lake Erie shore from Toledo to Conneaut**
- **The Maumee Valley Scenic Byway, which follows a route along the Maumee River from Defiance to Rossford**
- **The Ohio & Erie Canalway Scenic Byway, which follows a route along the Cuyahoga River and former Ohio & Erie Canal from Cleveland to Dover**

Additionally, the National Scenic Byways Program within the U.S. Department of Transportation designates roads as National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads and collectively refers to them as America's Byways. Spurred by a grassroots initiative, 150 routes have been designated as America's Byways® in 46 states, including the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail and the Ohio & Erie Canalway in Ohio's Lake Erie Watershed.

Learn more:

Ohio's Scenic Byways

www.ohiobyways.com

National Scenic Byways Program

www.byways.org

Fishing, Hunting and Trapping

Lake Erie and its tributaries are integrally connected in the life cycles of many fish species. Even though the water flows downstream into the lake, many fish travel upstream to spawn. The Maumee and Sandusky rivers are nationally-renowned for their walleye fishing. The Vermilion, Rocky, Cuyahoga, Chagrin, Grand and Ashtabula rivers and the Conneaut Creek, when free of ice, are recognized for steelhead trout fishing. Bluegill, crappie, yellow perch and walleye are popular catches near river mouths and within harbor areas during winter months.

Most Ohio residents and visitors, older than 16 years of age, will need the appropriate fishing, hunting or trapping licenses, permits and/or stamps to partake in the activity in Ohio. Certain exemptions may apply. Be advised that local communities may also have regulations regarding where firearms may be discharged.

Anglers, hunters and trappers can find regulations and purchase and print licenses and permits online, from home or at a license agency. Anglers and hunters may also request a mail order license form by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE. Anglers wishing to purchase a 1- or 3-day fishing license may do so by telephone by dialing 1-866-703-1928 (live operator) or 1-855-764-3474 (interactive voice response system/ special convenience fees apply).

To report fishing, hunting, trapping or other wildlife violations, call: 1-800-POACHER.

Learn more:

www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

*Rocky River Reservation (RO2),
Rocky River*



Lake Erie Birding Trail

Lake Erie and the Lake Erie Watershed offer many bird and wildlife viewing opportunities. Developed by the ODNR Division of Wildlife in partnership with the Ohio Sea Grant College Program, the Lake Erie Birding Trail is an online resource intended to provide a guide to the best birding locations along Lake Erie and some of its tributaries. The Lake Erie Birding Trail highlights 84 publicly accessible sites, many of which are included in the *Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook* and *Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook – Rivers Edition*. Collectively, nearly 400 species of birds, ranging from migrant songbirds to marsh-loving waterbirds to majestic raptors have been spotted in the featured areas.

The Lake Erie Birding Trail is divided into seven loops, each exhibiting similar habitat types and landscapes.

Learn more:
ODNR Division of Wildlife, Lake Erie Birding Trail
www.lakeerieohiobirding.info



Lake Erie Birding Trail sites featured in this guidebook include (from west to east):

- **Ottawa River:**
Wildwood Preserve Metropark (A)
- **Maumee River:**
Side Cut Metropark (A)
Farnsworth Metropark (A)
Providence Metropark (A)
- **Toussaint River:**
Toussaint State Wildlife Area (B)
- **Portage River:**
Little Portage State Wildlife Area (C)
- **Huron River:**
Huron Harbor West Pier (D)
- **Vermilion River:**
Vermilion River Reservation (D)
- **Rocky River:**
Rocky River Reservation (E)
Columbia Reservation (D)
- **Cuyahoga River:**
Cuyahoga Valley National Park (E)
- **Chagrin River:**
North Chagrin Reservation (E)
South Chagrin Reservation (E)

A – Oak Openings Loop

B – Western Lake Erie Marshes Loop

C – Sandusky Bay Loop

D – Huron & Lorain Loop

E – Cleveland Area Loop

Lake Erie Tributaries Public Access Sites - Map Identification Key

Ottawa River

- OT1 President Drive Launch
- OT2 Belpre Drive Launch
- OT3 Hammond Drive Launch
- OT4 Howard Pinkley Landing at Riviera Park
- OT5 Jermain Park
- OT6 Ottawa Park
- OT7 Wildwood Preserve Metropark
- OT8 Harroun Community Park

Maumee River

- MA1 Toledo Skyway Marina
- MA2 International Park
- MA3 Promenade Park and Maritime Plaza
- MA4 Veteran’s Memorial Park and Rossford Marina
- MA5 Walbridge Park
- MA6 Island View Park
- MA7 Corey Street Boat Ramp
- MA8 Fort Miamis National Historic Site
- MA9 Maple Street Boat Ramp
- MA10 Louisiana Avenue Dock at Hood Park
- MA11 Riverside Park
- MA12 Audubon Islands State Nature Preserve
- MA13 Orleans Park
- MA14 Klewer Towpath Park
- MA15 Fort Meigs Maumee River Access
- MA16 Side Cut Metropark
- MA17 Buttonwood Park
- MA18 Memorial Park
- MA19 Waterworks Park
- MA20 Miltonville Fishing Access
- MA21 Farnsworth Metropark
- MA22 Missionary Islands State Wildlife Area
- MA23 Bend View Metropark
- MA24 Maumee River Weirs Rapids Wildlife Access
- MA25 Otsego Park
- MA26 Van Tassel State Wildlife Area
- MA27 Providence Metropark
- MA28 Dominick Labino Historic Marker
- MA29 Bluebell Island Park
- MA30 West Street Boat Launch
- MA31 Gilead Canal Public Boat Dock
- MA32 Mary Jane Thurston State Park
- MA33 Miami Wabash and Erie Canal Access
- MA34 Dry Creek State Wildlife Area

- MA35 South Turkeyfoot Creek Maumee River Access
- MA36 North Turkeyfoot Area of Mary Jane Thurston State Park
- MA37 Vorwerk Park
- MA38 East Riverdowns Park
- MA39 Ritter Park
- MA40 Oberhaus Park
- MA41 Meyerholtz Maumee River Access
- MA42 Florida State Wildlife Area
- MA43 Independence Dam State Park
- MA44 Pontiac Park
- MA45 Kingsbury Park
- MA46 Fort Defiance
- MA47 Bend Access
- MA48 Riverside Park

Cooley Canal

- CC1 Cooley Canal Boat Ramp

Toussaint River

- TO1 Toussaint State Wildlife Area

Portage River

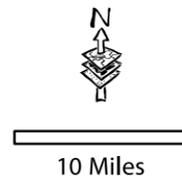
- PO1 Waterworks Park
- PO2 Jefferson Street Plaza
- PO3 Harry Stensen Memorial Plaza
- PO4 Portage River State Wildlife Area
- PO5 Little Portage State Wildlife Area
- PO6 Elmore Riverbend Park
- PO7 Harry Witty Memorial Park
- PO8 H.W. Busdiecker Park
- PO9 Trail Marker Park
- PO10 Lovers Portage River Fishing Access
- PO11 William Henry Harrison Park

West Harbor

- WH1 West Harbor Public Boat Launching Ramp

Sandusky River

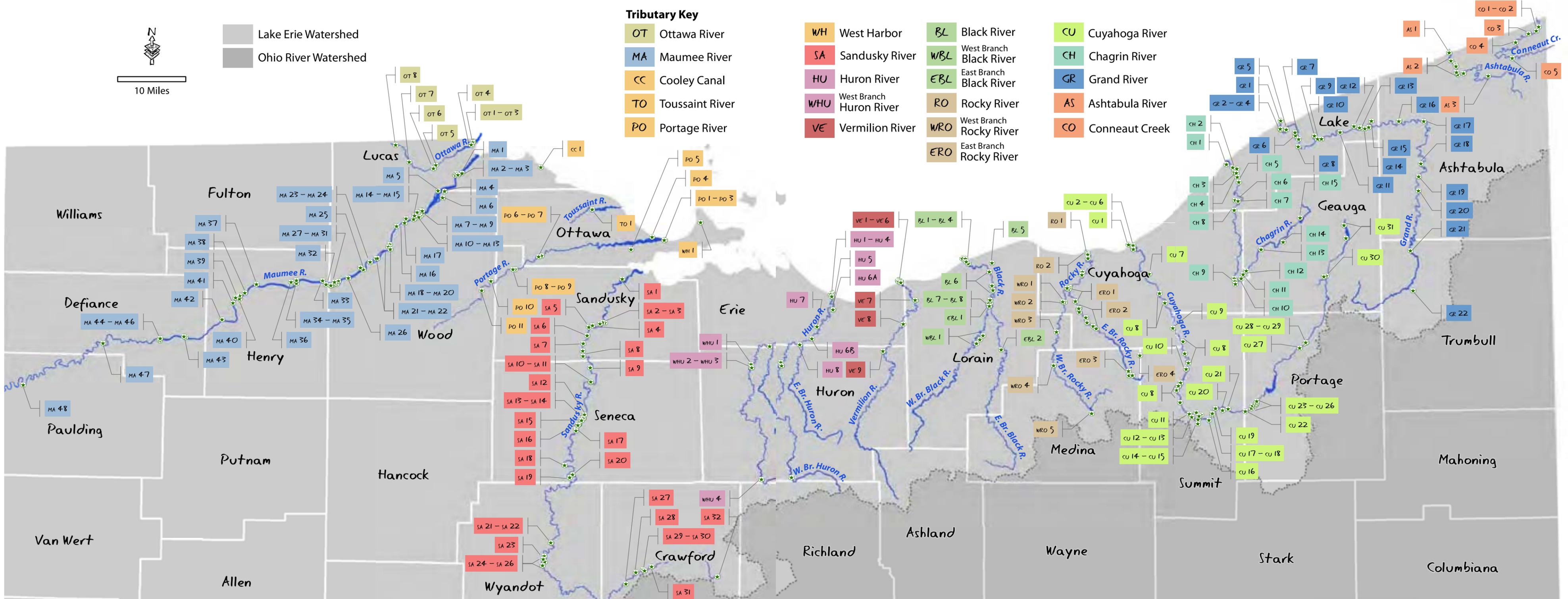
- SA1 Fisher Road Fishing Access
- SA2 Rodger Young Park
- SA3 Robert L. Walsh Memorial Park
- SA4 Riverside Mill
- SA5 South River Road Pull-Off
- SA6 Tindall Bridge Access
- SA7 South River Access Park
- SA8 Wolf Creek Park
- SA9 Old Fort Bridge Park



Lake Erie Watershed
Ohio River Watershed

Tributary Key

- OT Ottawa River
- MA Maumee River
- CC Cooley Canal
- TO Toussaint River
- PO Portage River
- WH West Harbor
- SA Sandusky River
- HU Huron River
- WHU West Branch Huron River
- VE Vermilion River
- BL Black River
- WBL West Branch Black River
- EBL East Branch Black River
- RO Rocky River
- WRO West Branch Rocky River
- ERO East Branch Rocky River
- CU Cuyahoga River
- CH Chagrin River
- GR Grand River
- AS Ashtabula River
- CO Conneaut Creek



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Fulton

Defiance

Henry

Hancock

Lucas

Wood

Sandusky

Seneca

Wyandot

Erie

Huron

Richland

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Wayne

Medina

Cuyahoga

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Portage

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- SA10 Abbott’s Bridge Scenic River Access
- SA11 Steyer Nature Preserve
- SA12 Schekelhoff Nature Preserve
- SA13 Junior Home Memorial Park
- SA14 Patterson Park
- SA15 Nature Trails Park
- SA16 Rotary Fort Ball Park
- SA17 Tiffin Community Fitness Trail
- SA18 St. Johns Bridge Scenic River Access
- SA19 Howard Collier State Nature Preserve
- SA20 Hecks Bridge Scenic River Access
- SA21 Indian Mill Scenic River Access
- SA22 Indian Mill State Memorial
- SA23 Stepping Stones Park
- SA24 Harrison Smith Park
- SA25 Upper Sandusky Reservoir Park
- SA26 Water Works Park
- SA27 Sears Woods State Nature Preserve
- SA28 Sandusky Wildlife Area
- SA29 Unger Park
- SA30 Aumiller Park
- SA31 Harmon Field
- SA32 Lowe-Volk Park

Huron River

- HU1 Huron Harbor West Pier (Lighthouse Pier)
- HU2 Flemmond’s Landing
- HU3 Huron Municipal Boat Basin
- HU4 Huron River Boat Access
- HU5 DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve
- HU6A Huron River Greenway MetroPark – DuPont Marsh Trailhead
- HU6B Huron River Greenway MetroPark – Milan Trailhead
- HU7 The Coupling MetroPark
- HU8 Milan State Wildlife Area

West Branch Huron River

- WHU1 Marsh Park
- WHU2 Clark Park
- WHU3 Kiwanis Park
- WHU4 Mary Fate Park

Vermilion River

- VE1 Wakefield MetroPark
- VE2 Harbour Town Municipal Boat Docks
- VE3 East Exchange Park
- VE4 McGarvey’s Landing
- VE5 Vermilion Rotary Centennial Park
- VE6 South Street Launch Ramp
- VE7 Vermilion River Reservation
- VE8 Schoepfle Garden
- VE9 Augusta-Anne Olsen State Nature Preserve

Black River

- BL1 Lorain Public Fishing Pier
- BL2 Riverside Park
- BL3 Black River Landing
- BL4 Black River Wharf Boat Launch
- BL5 French Creek Reservation
- BL6 Black River Reservation
- BL7 Elywood Park
- BL8 Cascade Park

East Branch Black River

- EBL1 East Falls Riverwalk
- EBL2 Indian Hollow Reservation

West Branch Black River

- WBL1 Carlisle Reservation

Rocky River

- RO1 Port of Lakewood Courtesy Dock
- RO2 Rocky River Reservation

East Branch Rocky River

- ERO1 Rocky River Reservation
- ERO2 Mill Stream Run Reservation
- ERO3 Hinckley Reservation
- ERO4 Hinckley Reservation – Rising Valley Picnic Area

West Branch Rocky River

- WRO1 Olmsted Falls East River Park
- WRO2 Dave Fortier River Park
- WRO3 Columbia Reservation
- WRO4 Mill Stream Park
- WRO5 Lake Medina

Cuyahoga River

- CU1 Wendy Park
- CU2 Settlers Landing
- CU3 Heritage Park East Bank
- CU4 Heritage Park West Bank
- CU5 Rivergate Park
- CU6 Hart Crane Park
- CU7 Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation
- CU8 Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- CU9 Brecksville Reservation
- CU10 Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park
- CU11 Ohio & Erie Canal Portage Path Trailhead
- CU12 Sand Run Metro Park – Big Bend Area
- CU13 Cascade Valley Metro Park – North (Schumacher Valley Area)
- CU14 Cascade Valley Metro Park – South
- CU15 Babb Run Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary
- CU16 Gorge Metro Park
- CU17 High Bridge Glens Park
- CU18 Cuyahoga Falls River Square
- CU19 River Front Park

- CU20 Water Works Park
- CU21 Brust Park
- CU22 Portage Hike & Bike Trail
- CU23 Fred Fuller Park
- CU24 John Brown Tannery Park
- CU25 Franklin Mills Riveredge Park
- CU26 Brady’s Leap Park
- CU27 Tummonds State Nature Preserve
- CU28 Headwaters Trail
- CU29 Gerald E. Buchert Memorial Park
- CU30 Eldon Russell Park
- CU31 Headwaters Park

Chagrin River

- CH1 Eastlake Port Authority Boat Ramp
- CH2 Chagrin River Park
- CH3 Gilson Park
- CH4 Todd Field Park
- CH5 Daniels Park
- CH6 Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve
- CH7 Pleasant Valley Park
- CH8 North Chagrin Reservation
- CH9 South Chagrin Reservation
- CH10 River Run Park
- CH11 Riverside Park
- CH12 Whitesburg Nature Preserve
- CH13 West Geauga Commons
- CH14 The Rookery
- CH15 Bass Lake Preserve

Grand River

- GR1 Fairport Harbor Short Pier
- GR2 Robert “Buck” Benson Memorial Docks
- GR3 Olive Street Transient Dock Access
- GR4 Bucky Rutherford Memorial Park
- GR5 Grand River Landing
- GR6 Kiwanis Recreation Park
- GR7 Beaty Landing

- GR8 Helen Hazen Wyman Park
- GR9 Mason’s Landing Park
- GR10 Indian Point Park
- GR11 Baker Road Park
- GR12 River Run Park
- GR13 Hidden Valley Park
- GR14 Riverview Park
- GR15 Hogback Ridge Park
- GR16 Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark
- GR17 Tote Road Park
- GR18 Morgan Swamp Preserve
- GR19 Grand River Conservation Center
- GR20 Grand River Jersey Farm Canoe Access
- GR21 Grand River State Wildlife Area – Geis Property
- GR22 Grand River State Wildlife Area

Ashtabula River

- AS1 Ashtabula Transient Docks
- AS2 Indian Trails Park
- AS3 Benetka Road Covered Bridge

Conneaut Creek

- CO1 Woodworth Road Public Boat Ramp
- CO2 Conneaut Creek Access at Old Main Street
- CO3 Conneaut Creek Access at Center Road
- CO4 Creek Road Covered Bridge
- CO5 State Road Covered Bridge

River Hazards

To ensure a safe visit, there are many hazards to be mindful of when boating, fishing, wading or playing in or alongside a river. The following hazards are common dangers and are not specific to any one river.

Lowhead Dams

Lowhead dams pose a significant danger to boaters, especially in swollen streams. Under no circumstances should a boater attempt to negotiate a dam. Lowhead dams are deceptively dangerous because of the turbulence and rotating hydraulic forces that can form at the base of the dam. Boats, debris and people can easily become trapped in these circulating waters (*see picture below*). It is advised to keep a safe distance and to carry boats around all dams.

Waterfalls

From a river’s bank, a waterfall is an incredible scenic spectacle, but for boaters a waterfall is a significant obstruction. It is important to scout a river prior to launching a boat to avoid such a catastrophic hazard. Like lowhead dams, waterfalls too should be carefully portaged.

Floods and Swift Water

Extreme caution should be taken during flooding and swift-flowing water events. Paddlers should avoid boating rivers when water is spilling out of the banks. High water causes hazards such as lowhead dams to become even more dangerous. Other hazards, which may be unseen obstacles, like submerged trees, rocks and floating debris also pose a threat to boaters. For the reasons expressed above, paddlers, anglers and swimmers are advised to not enter a river when the water is fast-flowing. Additional dangers include being uncontrollably carried downstream with the current, the inability to stay above water and foot entrapments.

Strainers

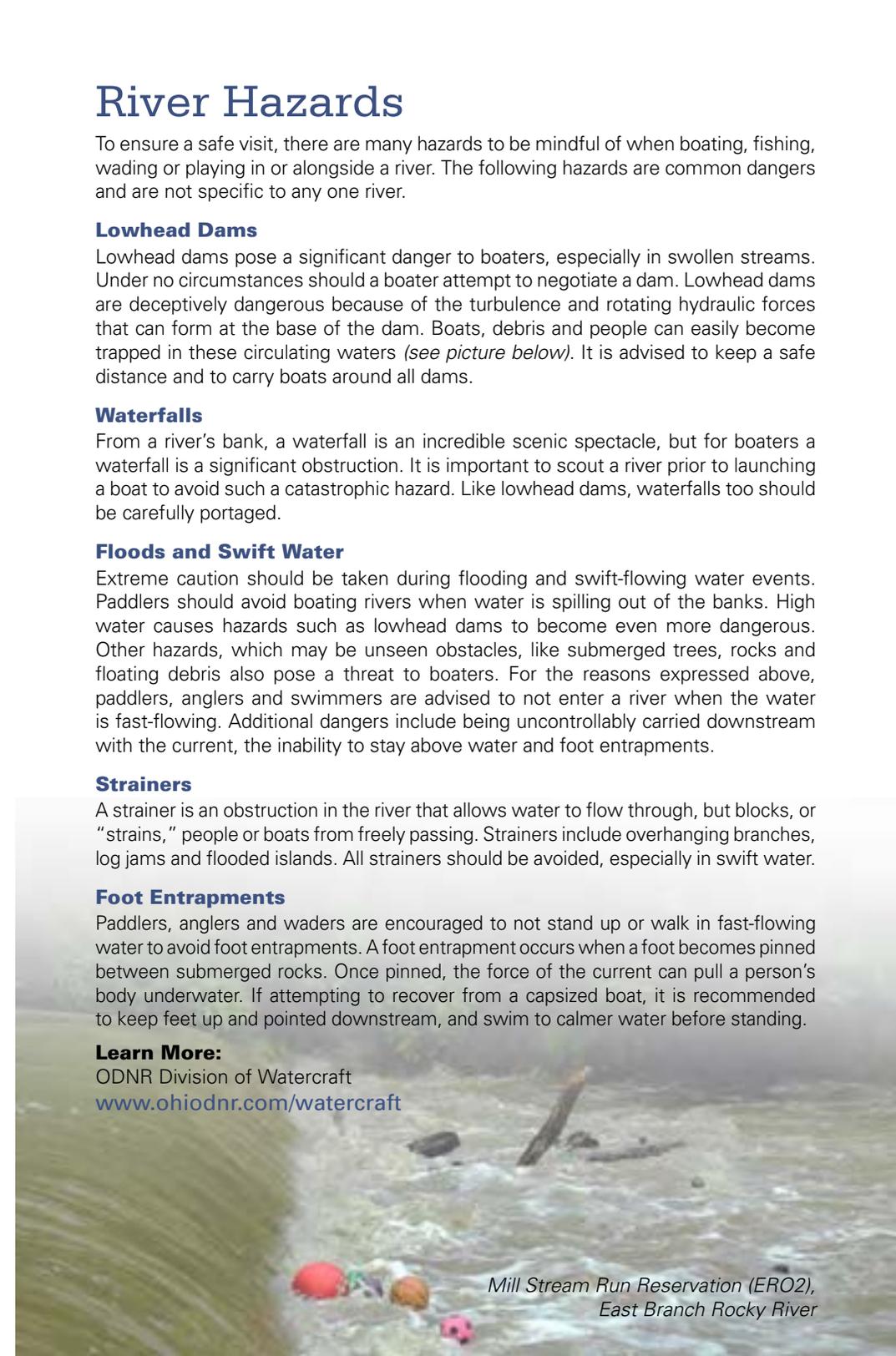
A strainer is an obstruction in the river that allows water to flow through, but blocks, or “strains,” people or boats from freely passing. Strainers include overhanging branches, log jams and flooded islands. All strainers should be avoided, especially in swift water.

Foot Entrapments

Paddlers, anglers and waders are encouraged to not stand up or walk in fast-flowing water to avoid foot entrapments. A foot entrapment occurs when a foot becomes pinned between submerged rocks. Once pinned, the force of the current can pull a person’s body underwater. If attempting to recover from a capsized boat, it is recommended to keep feet up and pointed downstream, and swim to calmer water before standing.

Learn More:

ODNR Division of Watercraft
www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft



Mill Stream Run Reservation (ERO2), East Branch Rocky River

Empties into: North Maumee Bay
Mouth: Erie Township, MI
Length: 20 miles (19 miles in Ohio)

Elevation at source: 738 feet above sea level (includes Ten Mile Creek)
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level
Average fall: 4 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04100001
8-digit HUC name: Ottawa-Stony
Number of Access Sites: 8



Ottawa River

The Ottawa River is a short tributary that empties into the North Maumee Bay (Lake Erie) less than one mile north of the Ohio-Michigan state line and only 2.3 miles north of the Maumee River mouth. With the exception of the mouth and the river's first three-quarters of a mile, the 20-mile Ottawa River flows within Lucas County. The river begins at the confluence of the Ten Mile and North Ten Mile creeks in Sylvania. The North Ten Mile Creek is a 4-mile tributary that originates in Michigan. The 27-mile long Ten Mile Creek flows entirely within Ohio, although it meanders within 160 feet of the state line. The Ottawa River Watershed is 220.9 square miles and drains portions of Fulton and Lucas counties in Ohio and portions of Lenawee and Monroe counties in Michigan.

The Ottawa River is named after the Ottawa Indians, a Native American tribe that once inhabited the area. 'Ottawa' is an anglicized spelling of the word 'adawe,' which means "trader" or "to trade." The river also shares its name with another western Lake Erie Watershed tributary. The other Ottawa River is a 50-mile tributary that rises in Hardin County, flows through Allen and Putnam counties and empties into the Auglaize River, which then flows into the Maumee River.

The lower three miles of Lake Erie's Ottawa River closely parallel the Maumee Bay shore, creating a peninsula that at its narrowest is only roughly 1,000 feet wide. The northernmost 126.5 acres of the peninsula is actually part of Michigan and known as the "Lost Peninsula." This cadastral anomaly was the inadvertent result of the Ohio-Michigan boundary dispute which ended in Ohio's favor in 1836 (33 years after Ohio gained statehood).

The upper reaches of the Ottawa River Watershed are located within the Oak Openings Region, a globally-rare and significant ecosystem. The Oak Openings feature remnant beach ridges and sand dunes that were formed as a result of the last glacial retreat, as well as large tracts of grassland prairie, oak savannah and oak woodlands. Because of these physiological characteristics, the Oak Openings supports diverse communities of rare plants and wildlife.

Due to industrial runoff, sewage and landfill runoff, and the slow flowing nature of the river, ecological and water quality concerns have existed in the lower sections of the Ottawa. Great strides to improve the river's quality have transpired over the last decade. In 2012, the fish consumption advisory – with the exception of carp – first issued in 1991 was ordered lifted by the Ohio Department of Health and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.





Washington Township Launch Sites

Howard Pinkley Landing at Riviera Park

Location:
End of President, Belpre and Hammond drives, off Shoreland Avenue

Waterbody:
Ottawa River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Lucas

President Drive:
Lat: N 41° 43.35'
Long: W 083° 29.01'

Belpre Drive:
Lat: N 41° 43.31'
Long: W 083° 29.08'

Hammond Drive:
Lat: N 41° 43.31'
Long: W 083° 29.13'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The Washington Township boat launch sites are located at the road terminuses of (from northeast to southwest) President, Belpre and Hammond drives. These consecutively-spaced streets descend directly into the Ottawa River, providing access for boaters. There are no additional amenities at any of the three sites.

Due to water pollution and health concerns, warning signs have been posted at all three sites notifying visitors that the river is unsafe for swimming and waterskiing and that fish caught may be contaminated.

Field Notes:

Location:
2250 Shoreland Avenue

Waterbody:
Ottawa River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 2 and RM 3

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Lucas

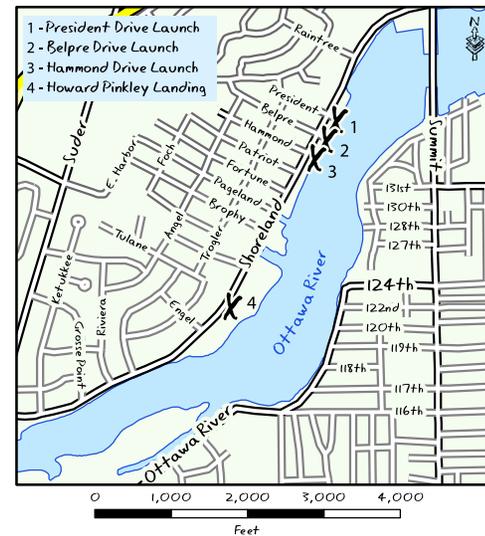
Latitude:
N 41° 42.94"

Longitude:
W 083° 29.33"

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Located on Shoreland Road between Engel Boulevard and Whitehouse Drive is Howard Pinkley Landing at Riviera Park, which provides a public launch designed for kayaks, canoes and rowing shells.

The landing was dedicated in April of 2011. It is named after Howard Pinkley, a community leader in the Point Place neighborhood of Toledo, where the landing is located.

Field Notes:



Jermain Park

Ottawa Park

Location:
3650 Monroe Street

Waterbody:
Ottawa River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 9 and RM 10

Jurisdiction:
Toledo, OH

County:
Lucas

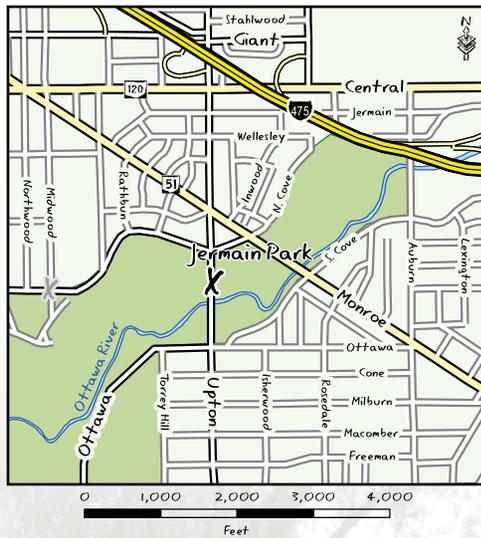
Latitude:
N 41° 40.25'

Longitude:
W 083° 35.31'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Toledo
www.ci.toledo.oh.us

Field Notes:

Location:
Kenwood Boulevard at Midwood Avenue

Waterbody:
Ottawa River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 10 and RM 11

Jurisdiction:
Toledo, OH

County:
Lucas

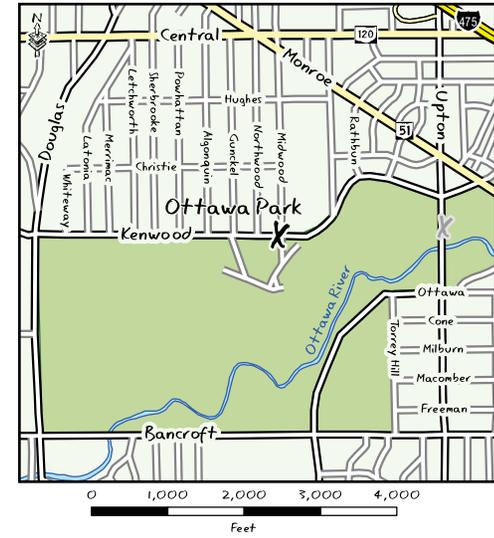
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N 41° 40.22'

Longitude:
W 083° 35.8'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



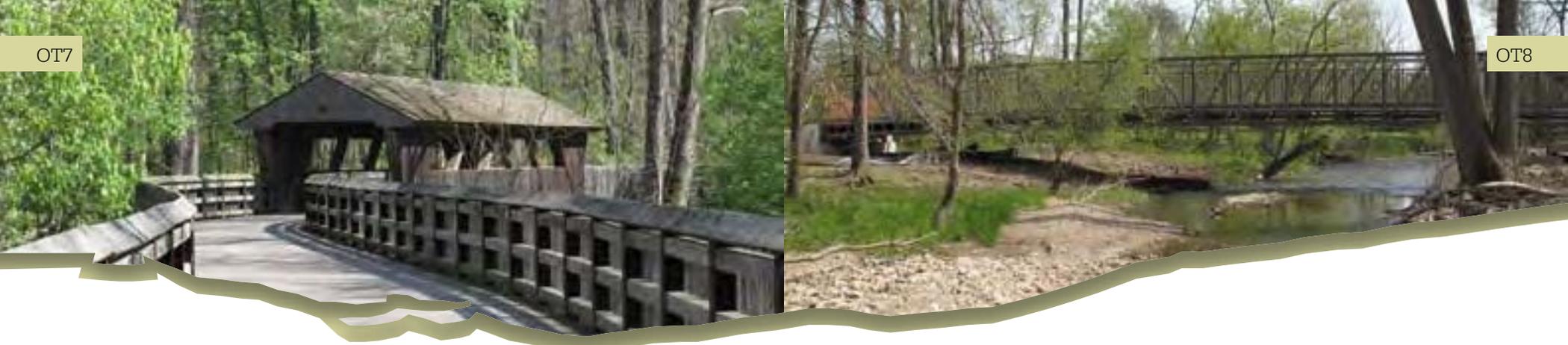
Amenities:



Alternate Entrances:
1. Ottawa Parkway from Bancroft Street
2. Ottawa Parkway from Upton Avenue

Learn More:
City of Toledo
www.ci.toledo.oh.us

Field Notes:



Wildwood Preserve Metropark

Harroun Community Park

Location:
5100 West Central Avenue (SR 120)

Waterbody:
Ottawa River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 15 and RM 17

Jurisdiction:
Toledo, OH

County:
Lucas

Latitude:
N 41° 40.25'

Longitude:
W 083° 35.31'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Wildwood Preserve Metropark is the former family estate of a local automotive executive. The Metroparks purchased the estate grounds, including the family home, in the 1970s. The Georgian Colonial home is open for free tours and hosts a variety of cultural and historical events.

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparkstoledo.com

Field Notes:

Location:
5500 Main Street

Waterbody:
Ottawa River
Ten Mile Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 19 and RM 20 (Ottawa River) and between RM 0 and RM 1 (Ten Mile Creek)

Jurisdiction:
Sylvania, OH

County:
Lucas

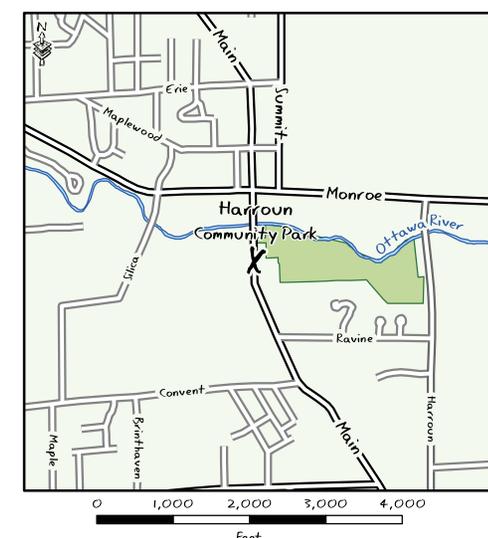
Latitude:
N 41° 42.78'

Longitude:
W 083° 42.19'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Sylvania
www.cityofsylvania.com

Field Notes:

Empties into: Maumee Bay
Mouth: Toledo, OH
Length: 137 miles (108 miles in Ohio)

Elevation at source: 707 feet above sea level
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level
Average fall: 1.3 feet per mile

8-digit HUC and names: 04100005 (Upper Maumee)
 04100009 (Lower Maumee)

Number of Access Sites: 48

Maumee River

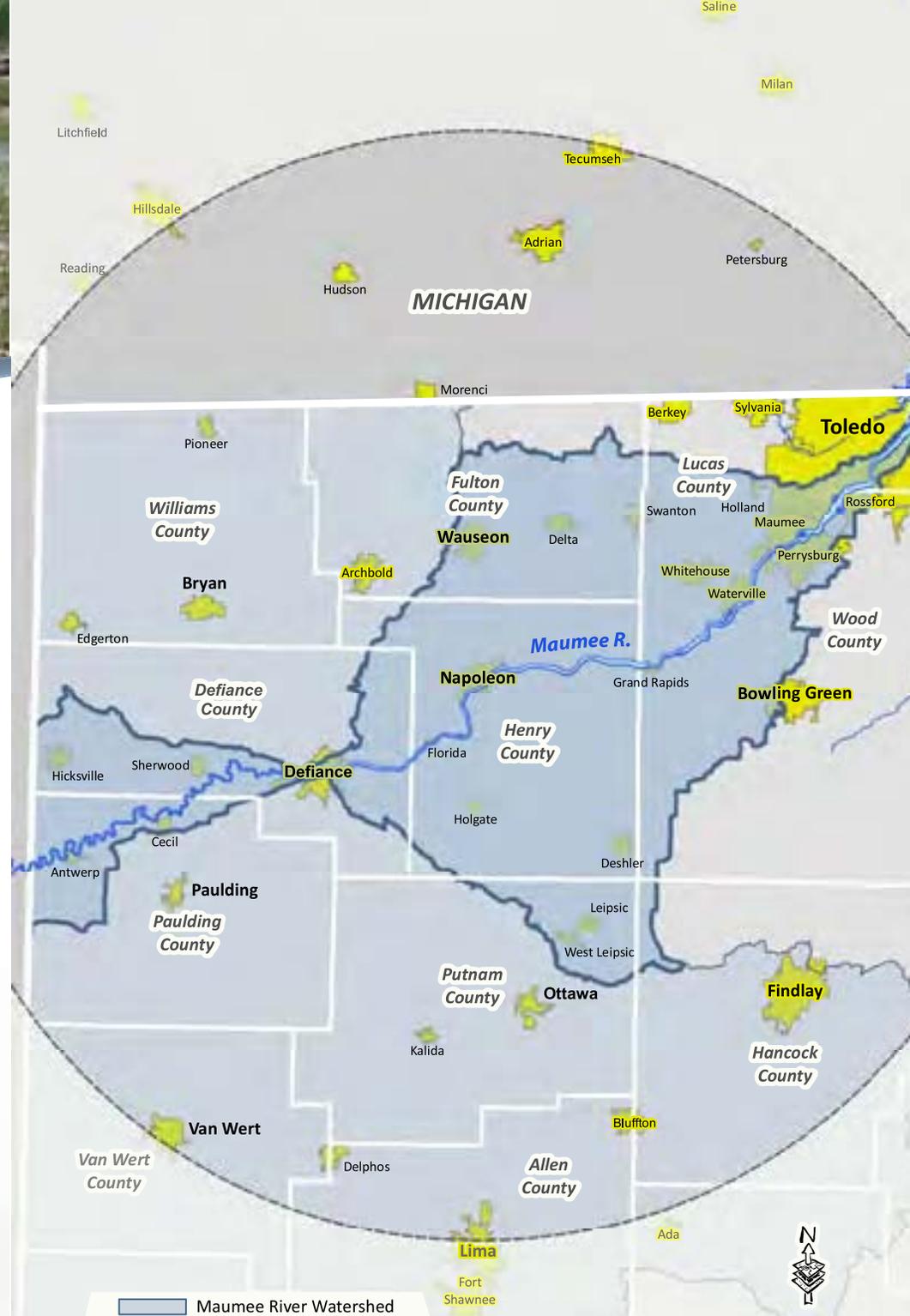
The Maumee River begins its 137-mile northeastward journey in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the confluence of the St. Joseph and St. Marys rivers and empties into Maumee Bay (Lake Erie) in Toledo. Covering over 6,500 square miles (4.2 million acres), its watershed is the largest drainage basin in the Great Lakes Watershed. More than 3,900 miles of rivers and streams flow into the Maumee, including the Auglaize, Blanchard (via the Auglaize) and Tiffin rivers. The upper 43 miles of the Maumee River in Ohio are designated as a State Scenic River.

Historically, the Maumee River was also known as the Miami River and called "Miami of the Lake," not to be confused with the Miami River in southern Ohio, which was known as "Miami of the Ohio." The word 'Maumee' is an anglicized spelling of the Ottawa name for the Miami Indians, 'maamii.' The Maumee River provided a strategic backdrop during the Northwest Indian War in the decisive Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794. Many forts, including Defiance, Loramie and Recovery were established to protect trade routes along the river.

The Miami and Erie Canal, now abandoned, once paralleled the Maumee River between Toledo and Defiance. The canal was completed in 1845 and provided a direct connection for freight traffic between Lake Erie and the Ohio River in Cincinnati. Growing railroad networks in Ohio gradually rendered the canal systems obsolete. In 1913 the Miami and Erie, as well as the Ohio and Erie Canal in eastern Ohio, were destroyed due to catastrophic flooding. Many remnant segments of the canal exist today and many are located on public lands for recreational use. Stretches of the canal's towpath have been converted into hiking trails.

The Maumee River is used as a major transportation corridor for commercial freight entering and leaving the Port of Toledo. Due to concerns that too much industrial and waste water contaminants had been discharged into the lower portion of the river, the Maumee was federally designated an Area of Concern in 1985 (along with the Ashtabula, Black and Cuyahoga rivers), prompting the foundation of the Maumee River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The RAP uses community-based, collaborative, ecosystem-based approaches to clean up and restore the polluted portions of the river. As a result of the RAP's efforts, water quality in the lower Maumee is improving.

In the upper reaches, upstream of the city of Maumee, the river is shallower and used primarily for recreational purposes. The Maumee is a popular spot to fish for flathead catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass and white bass. Each spring, thousands of walleye run up the Maumee to spawn, attracting anglers from across the nation.





Toledo Skyway Marina

Location:
1701 Front Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 4

Jurisdiction:
Toledo, OH

County:
Lucas

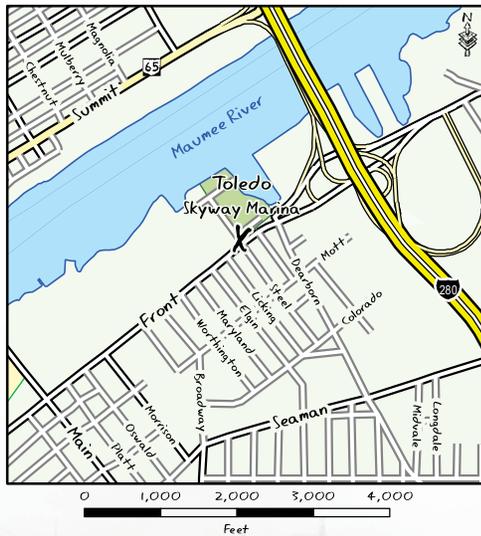
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



In addition to providing riverfront views and access, the Toledo Skyway Marina is the home of the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum. In December 2011, the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission approved a \$6.1 million grant to allow the city of Toledo and the Great Lakes Historical Society to develop the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum. The city of Toledo plans to use the approved funds to create a maritime park with outdoor exhibits, a berth for the Col. James M. Schoonmaker historic lake freighter (formerly known as the S.S. Willis B. Boyer Museum Ship) and interior renovation of the existing Skyway Marina building to house exhibits for the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum.

Learn More:

The Great Lakes Historical Society, www.inlandseas.org



International Park

Location:
Boers-Boyer Way,
between Main and
Miami streets

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:
Toledo, OH

County:
Lucas

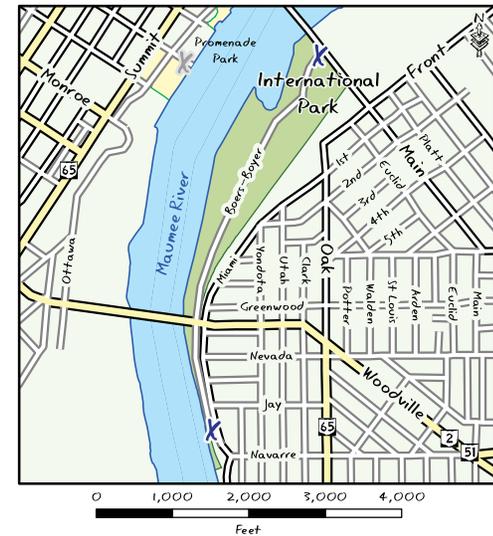
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



International Park was home to the Col. James M. Schoonmaker (formerly the S.S. Willis B. Boyer) Museum Ship. The freighter served the Great Lakes between 1911 and 1980, carrying iron ore, coal and rye. It opened as a museum in 1987, was renamed in 2011 and moved to the Toledo Skyway Marina site. International Park is also home to "The Docks," which features a collection of restaurants.

Field Notes:



Promenade Park and Maritime Plaza

Location:
250 Water Street,
between Cherry Street
and Jefferson Avenue

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 5

Jurisdiction:
Toledo, OH

County:
Lucas

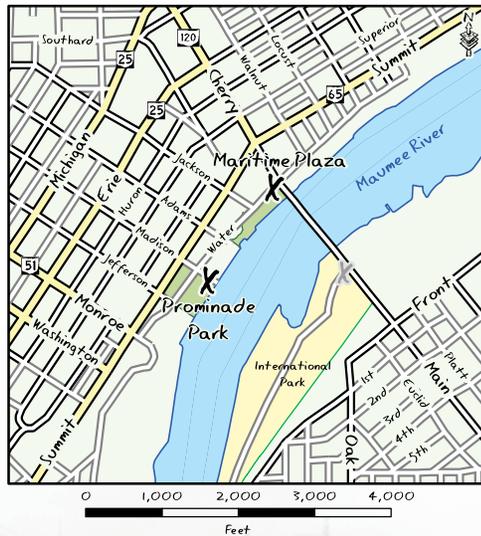
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**Access
Site Type:**
Scenic
Recreation
Educational

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Learn More:
City of Toledo
www.ci.toledo.oh.us

Field Notes:

Amenities:



Veterans Memorial Park and Rossford Marina

Location:
300 Hannum Avenue

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 8 and RM 9

Jurisdiction:
Rossford, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
N 41° 36.93'

Longitude:
W 083° 33.76'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Learn More:
City of Rossford
www.rossfordohio.com

Field Notes:

Amenities:





Walbridge Park

Location:
2761 Broadway Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 9

Jurisdiction:
Toledo, OH

County:
Lucas

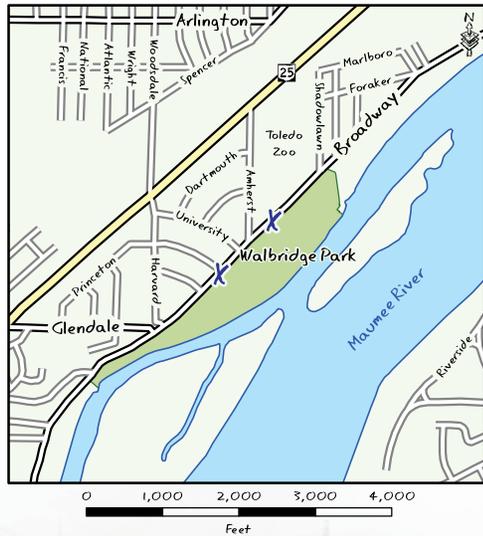
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Toledo
www.ci.toledo.oh.us

Field Notes:



Island View Park

Location:
State Route 65 (Dixie Highway), west of Lime City Road

Waterbody:
Maumee River
Grassy Creek

River Mile Location:
At RM 10

Jurisdiction:
Rossford, OH

County:
Wood

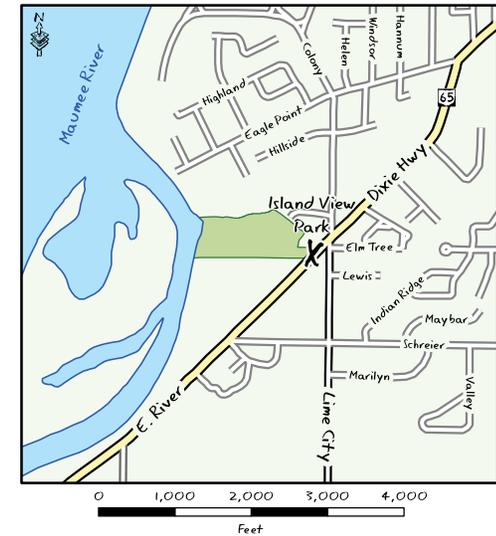
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Rossford
www.rossfordohio.com

Field Notes:



Corey Street Boat Ramp

Location:
End of Corey Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 13

Jurisdiction:
Maumee, OH

County:
Lucas

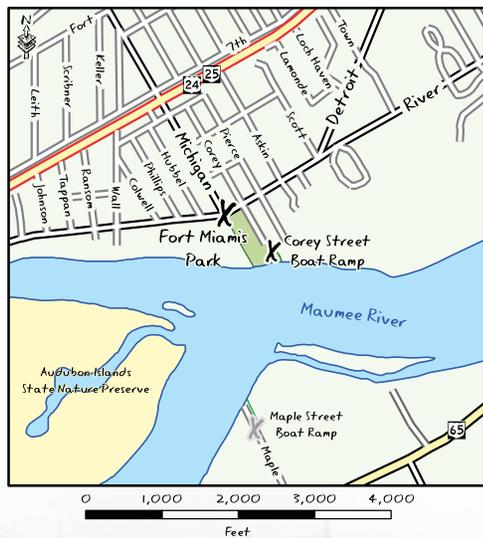
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Maumee
www.maumee.org

Field Notes:



Fort Miamis National Historic Site

Location:
River Road, between
Corey Street and
Michigan Avenue

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 13

Jurisdiction:
Maumee, OH

County:
Lucas

Latitude:
N 41° 34.4'

Longitude:
W 083° 37.63'

Access Site Type:
Historic
Scenic

Date Visited:

Amenities:



Fort Miamis was an earthwork fortification on the west bank of the Maumee River. It was designed and constructed by British Royal Engineers in 1794 and featured four diamond-shaped earthen walls, called bastions. Fort Miamis was built to defend the land and water routes to Fort Detroit against American forces led by General "Mad" Anthony Wayne and to also demonstrate British support of the Indian Confederacy. A 24-foot deep trench surrounded the fort and rows of log stakes were placed to slow attackers.

Following the short, but decisive 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers, in which Wayne and his men were commanded to eliminate the tribal confederacy, remaining Native Americans fled to Fort Miamis for British protection and support. The British refused; thus tarnishing the relationship with the Native Americans. Upon reaching the fort, Wayne ordered the British to surrender. They again refused. Despite Wayne's persuading, the British chose not to engage in battle. Since it was Wayne's mission to eliminate the Native Americans, and not take Detroit, he retreated to Fort Defiance.

The earthen foundation of the fort remains today as evident by the rolling terrain of the park. Fort Miamis is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Fort Miamis is adjacent to Corey Street Boat Ramp. See map on previous page.

Learn More:

City of Maumee
www.maumee.org
www.touring-ohio.com/history/fort-miamis.html

National Park Service
www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/founders/sitea24.htm

Field Notes:



Maple Street Boat Ramp

Location:
End of Maple Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 13 and RM 14

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg, OH

County:
Wood

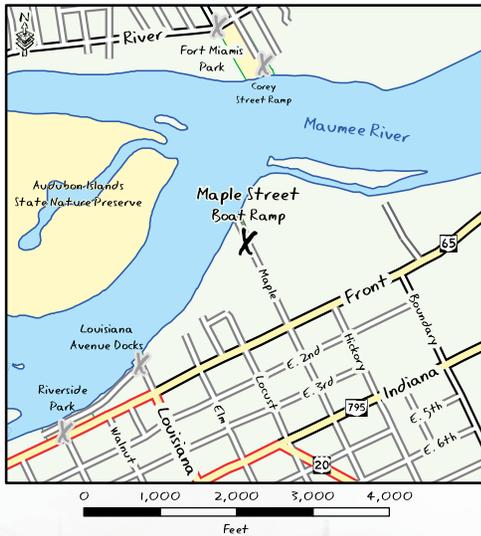
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Perrysburg
www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us

Field Notes:



Louisiana Avenue Dock at Hood Park

Location:
105 West Front Street,
Located at the foot of
Hood Park

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 14

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg, OH

County:
Wood

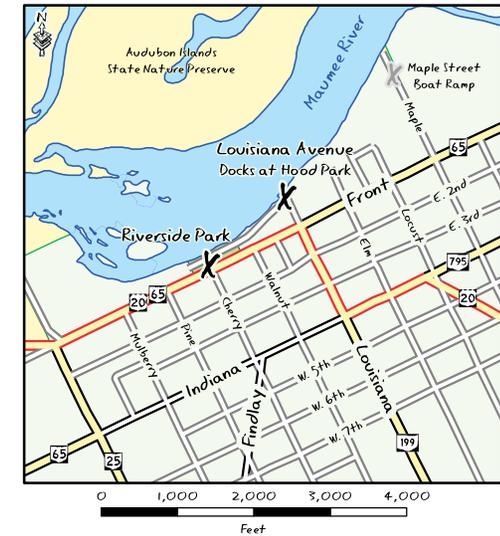
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Perrysburg
www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us

Field Notes:



Orleans Park

Location:
655 Maumee Western Reserve Road (US 20/SR 25)

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 14 and RM 15

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg, OH

County:
Wood

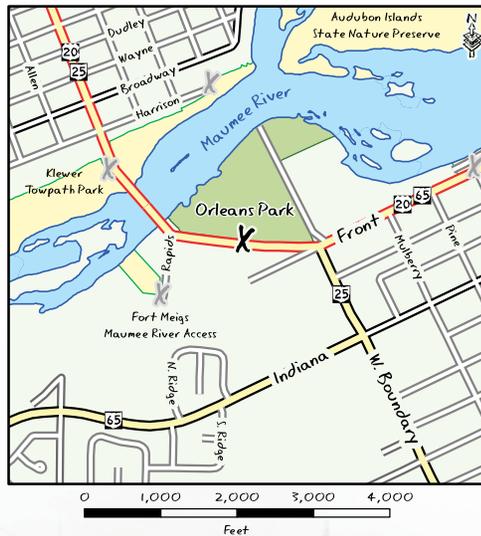
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Perrysburg
www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us

Field Notes:



Klewer Towpath Park

Location:
End of East Harrison Ave, eastern terminus

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 14 and RM 16

Jurisdiction:
Maumee, OH

County:
Lucas

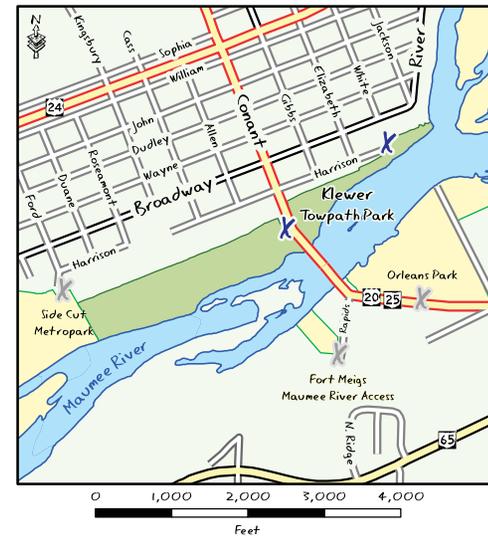
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrances:

1. Towpath trail access from the Conant Street bridge (US 20/SR 25)
2. Towpath trail connection from Side Cut Metropark

Learn More:
City of Maumee
www.maumee.org

Field Notes:



Fort Meigs Maumee River Access

Location:
End of Rapids Road,
western terminus

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 15

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg, OH

County:
Wood

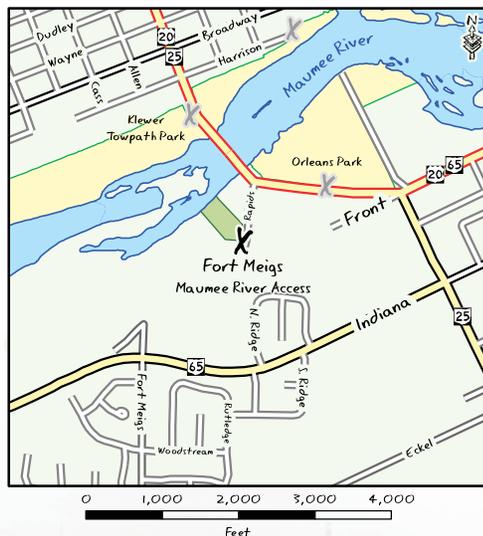
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Longitude:
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Fort Meigs was a fortification along the east bank of the Maumee River during the War of 1812. Construction of the original fort commenced in February of 1813 by soldiers under the command of General William Henry Harrison to protect northwest Ohio and Indiana from British invasion. The 10-acre log enclosure included seven blockhouses and five emplacements. In May of 1813, British and Canadian troops, with the assistance of the Native Americans under Tecumseh, besieged the fort; and again in July. Both attempts failed. Following the final British retreat from the area, Harrison ordered for the dismantling of Fort Meigs.

A full-sized replica of the fort was constructed by the Ohio Historical Society in the late 1960s. Today, Fort Meigs offers a museum, interactive displays and reenactments. Access to the Maumee River for fishing is located on the grounds, behind the fort and accessible from Rapids Road.

Learn More:

www.fortmeigs.org and ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/nw06/index.shtml



Side Cut Metropark

Location:
1025 West River Road,
between Jerome Road
and Ford Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 15 and RM 18

Jurisdiction:
Maumee, OH

County:
Lucas

Latitude:
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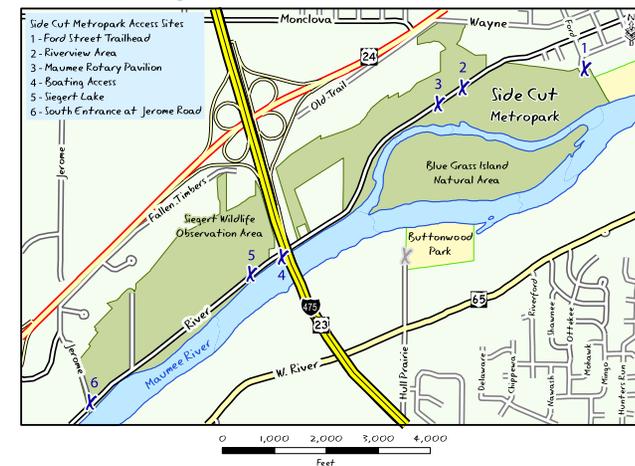
**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:



Location Map:



The Side Cut Metropark is named for the former "side cut" extension, a canal segment that once connected the city of Maumee to the Miami and Erie Canal. Three of the original six canal locks along the former side cut have been preserved.

The Battle of Fallen Timbers Monument is located at Side Cut Metropark (on Fallen Timbers Lane, east of Jerome Road). The battle occurred on August 20, 1794, and has been called the "last battle of the American Revolution." The Battle of Fallen Timbers was commanded by American General "Mad" Anthony Wayne. The victory over a confederacy of Native American tribes opened the rest of the Northwest Territory, a five-state region to westward expansion and led to Ohio statehood in 1803.

Learn More:

Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparkstoledo.com



Buttonwood Park

Location:
27174 Hull Prairie Road, End of Hull Prairie Road, northern terminus

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 16 and RM 17

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg Township, OH

County:
Wood

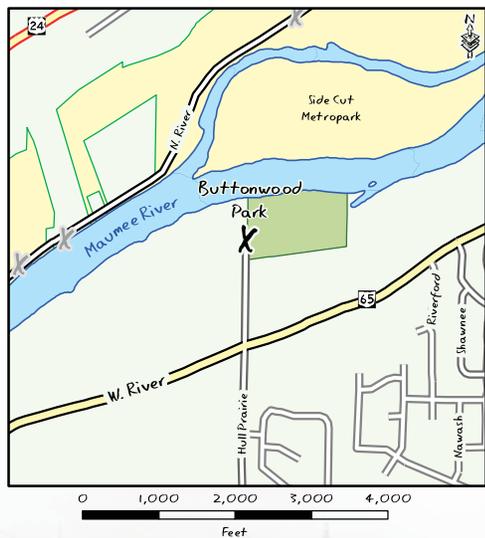
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Wood County Park District
www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:

Memorial Park

Location:
Water Street at School Place

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 20 and RM 21

Jurisdiction:
Waterville, OH

County:
Lucas

Latitude:
N 41° 29.66'

Longitude:
W 083° 43.13'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Waterville
www.waterville.org

Field Notes:



Waterworks Park

Location:
South River Road at
Waterworks Drive

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 21

Jurisdiction:
Waterville, OH

County:
Lucas

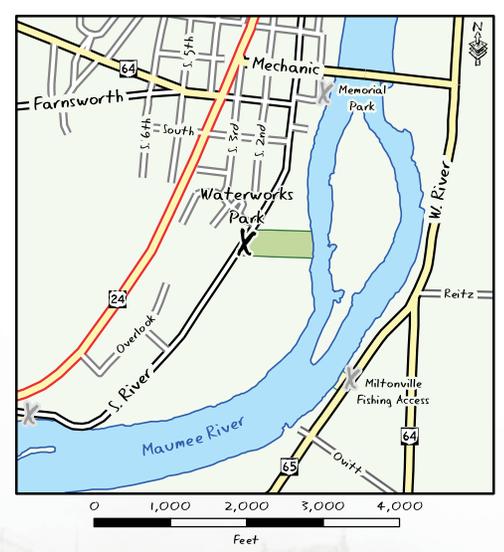
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Waterville
www.waterville.org

Field Notes:



Miltonville Fishing Access

Location:
West River Road (SR
65) between Haskins
Road (SR 64) and
Oviatt Road

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 21 and RM 22

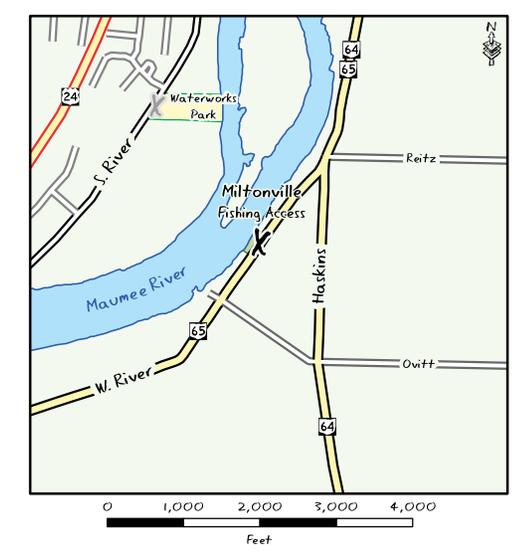
Jurisdiction:
Middleton
Township, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
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Longitude:
W 083° 42.86'

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Farnsworth Metropark

Location:
8505 South River Road (US 24)

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 22 and RM 25

Jurisdiction:
Waterville, OH

County:
Lucas

Roche de Bout:
Lat: N 41° 29.25'
Long: W 083° 44.03'

Boat Launch:
Lat: N 41° 28.93'
Long: W 083° 44.66'

Towpath from Bend View:
Lat: N 41° 27.91'
Long: W 083° 46.12'

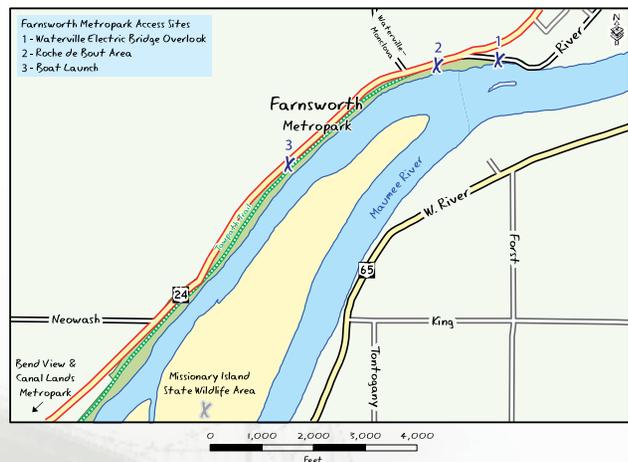
Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:



Location Map:



Farnsworth is a narrow park along the Maumee River overlooking Missionary, Butler and Indian islands. Farnsworth connects to Bend View and Providence metroparks by way of the Towpath Trail. It has multiple access locations along South River Road (see map). Roche de Bout is a large, limestone rock protruding in the river which served as an early landmark for Native Americans, European explorers and armies. An old interurban railroad bridge crosses the Maumee at that site and is partially supported by the rock feature. The abandoned bridge was once the world's largest earth-filled, concrete reinforced bridge.

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparkstoledo.com



Missionary Island State Wildlife Area

Location:
Maumee River; comprised of Butler, Indian and Missionary islands

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 22 and RM 25

Jurisdiction:
Waterville and Waterville Township, OH

County:
Lucas

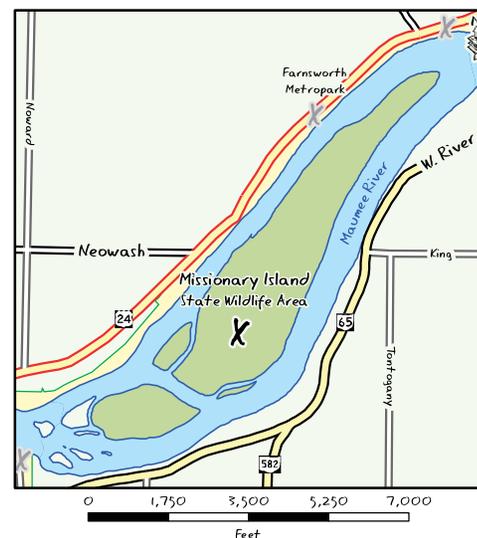
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Outdoors, Island

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Missionary Island State Wildlife Area is accessible by private watercraft or by foot under certain river flow conditions. Watercraft access is available at Farnsworth Metropark.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Bend View Metropark

Location:
10613 South River Road (US 24), between Farnsworth and Providence metroparks

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 25 and RM 28

Jurisdiction:
Waterville Township, OH

County:
Lucas

Main Parking Lot:
Lat: N 41° 26.92'
Long: W 083° 47.66'

Overlook:
Lat: N 41° 27.78'
Long: W 083° 46.73'

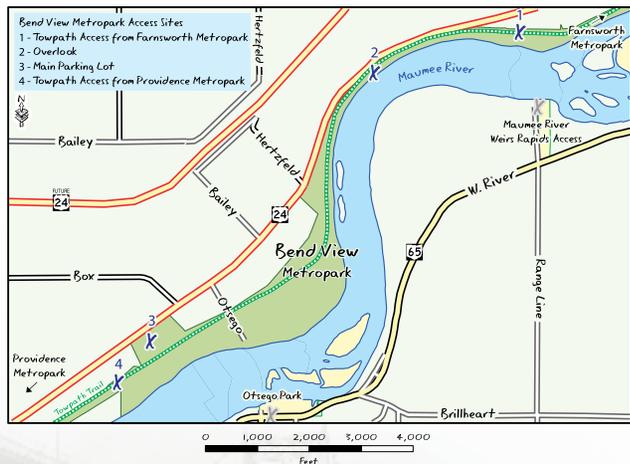
Access Site Type:
Scenic
Natural

Date Visited:

Amenities:



Location Map:



Bend View Metropark's name is attributed to its unequalled view of a 90-degree bend in the Maumee River. A scenic overlook point is accessible via the Towpath Trail. Bend View Metropark is a narrow linear park that connects Farnsworth Metropark (to the east) with Providence Metropark (to the west) by way of the Towpath Trail.

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparkstoledo.com

Field Notes:



Maumee River Weirs Rapids Fishing Access

Location:
End of Range Line Road, northern terminus

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 25

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Wood

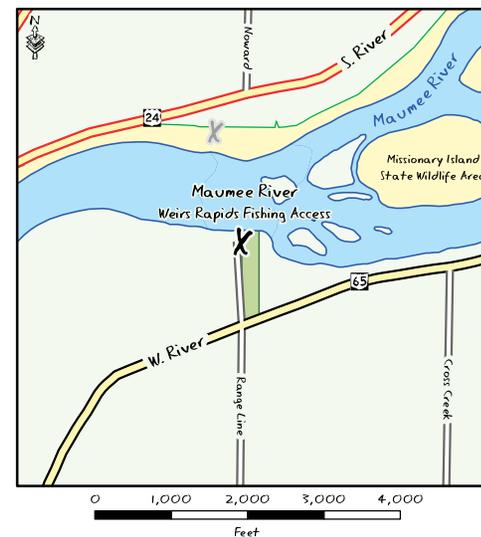
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Otsego Park

Location:
20000 West River Road (SR 65), east of Otsego Road

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 27

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Wood

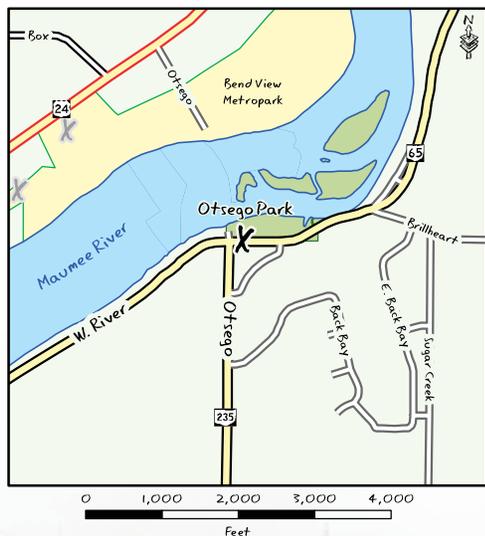
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic
Island

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Established in 1937, the 21-acre Otsego Park is the oldest of the Wood County Park District's parks. Otsego Park includes an adjacent island group, which is accessible by small watercraft or by foot under certain river flow conditions.

Learn More:
Wood County Park District
www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:



Van Tassel State Wildlife Area

Location:
West River Road (SR 65), west of Benschoter Road

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 29 and RM 30

Jurisdiction:
Grand Rapids Township, OH

County:
Wood

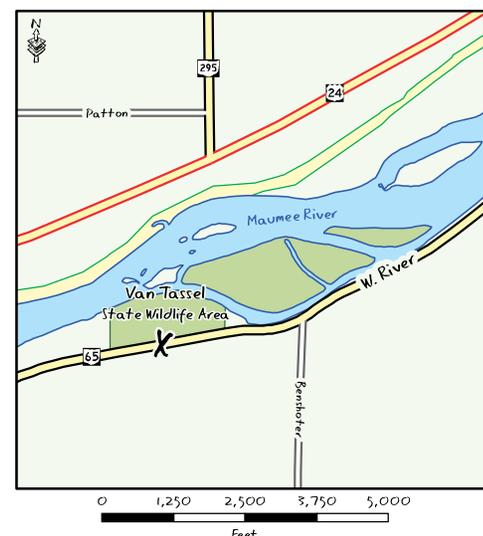
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Island

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The Van Tassel Wildlife Area also consists of an adjacent island group, which is accessible by small watercraft or by foot under certain river flow conditions.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Providence Metropark

Location:
13827 US Route 24
West, at SR 578

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 27 and RM 33

Jurisdiction:
Providence
Township, OH

County:
Wood

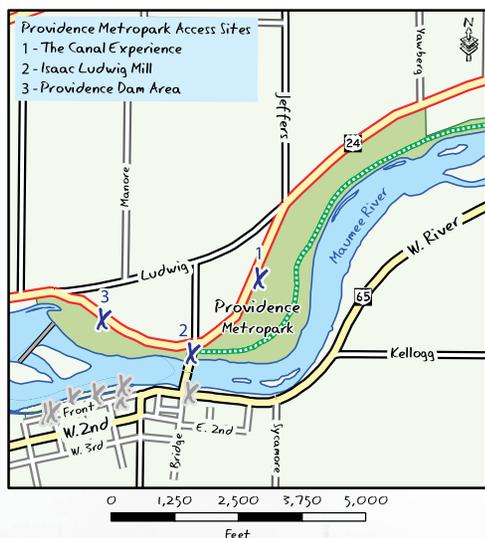
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Longitude:
W 083° 51.35'

Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic
Historic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Providence Metropark is located in what was once the canal town of Providence and along the former Miami and Erie Canal, a 249-mile manmade waterway that once connected Toledo on Lake Erie and Cincinnati on the Ohio River. The park includes "The Canal Experience," a historic depiction of an authentic, working canal boat. Visitors get to board a replica boat, which is then pulled by mules along an original stretch of the canal. Providence is also home to Lock #44, one of the last functioning, limestone canal locks from the 19th century. See the Metroparks of the Toledo Area's website for schedule, group reservation and price details.

The Isaac Ludwig Mill, a working water-powered saw and gristmill is also located at Providence Metropark. Providence Metropark connects to Bend View and Farnsworth metroparks by way of the Towpath Trail. Providence has multiple access locations along US 24 (see map).

Learn More:

Metroparks of the Toledo Area, www.metroparkstoledo.com



Bluebell Island Park and Dominick Labino Historic Marker

Location:
Narrow island park
between the Maumee
River and the Gilead
Sidecut Canal; various
accesses from down-
town Grand Rapids

Waterbody:
Maumee River
Gilead
Sidecut Canal

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 31 and RM 33

Jurisdiction:
Grand Rapids, OH

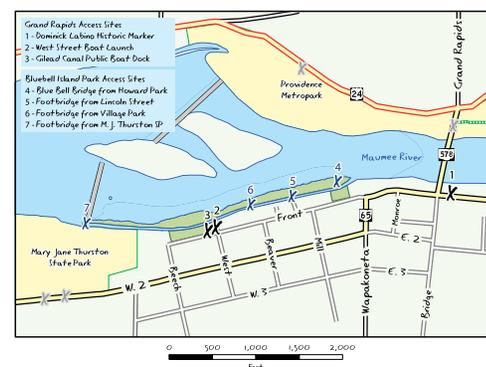
County:
Wood

Lat/Long (Bluebell):
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W 083° 51.95'

Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Bluebell Island was created as a result of digging the Gilead Sidecut Canal. The entire island is accessible (Bluebell Island Park) from various footbridges; located at Howard Park (via the Blue Bell Bridge), Lincoln Street, Village Park and Mary Jane Thurston State Park.

Dominick Labino Location:
Front Street (SR 65) and Bridge Street (SR 578)

Lat/Long (Dominick Labino)
N 41° 24.81'
W 083° 51.62'

Learn More:
Village of Grand Rapids
www.grandrapidssohio.com

Field Notes:



Miami Wabash and Erie Canal

Location:
US Route 24, 1 mile west of Wood-Henry county line

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 33 and RM 34

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Henry

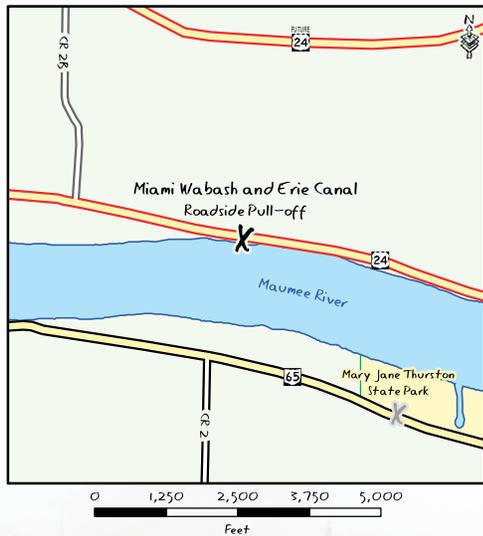
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Access Site Type:
Scenic
Historic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Field Notes:



South Turkeyfoot Creek Maumee River Access

Location:
State Route 110, between County Road 5A and County Road 6B

Waterbody:
Maumee River
South Turkeyfoot Creek

River Mile Location:
At RM 38

Jurisdiction:
Damacus Township, OH

County:
Henry

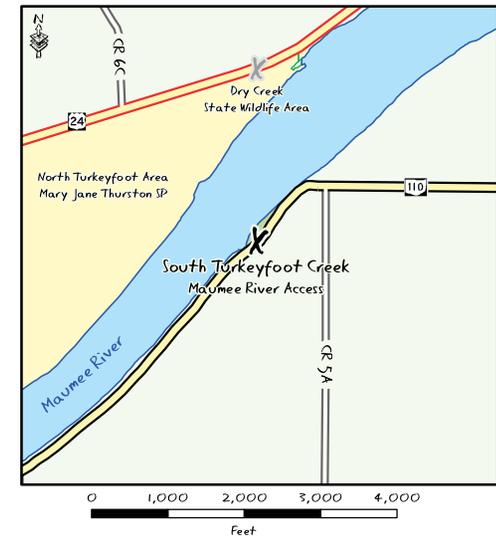
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Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



North Turkeyfoot Area of Mary Jane Thurston State Park

and Dry Creek State Wildlife Area

Location:

US Route 24, east of SR 109

Waterbody:

Maumee River
North Turkeyfoot Creek

River Mile Location:

Between RM 37 and RM 40

Jurisdiction:

Washington Township, OH

County:

Henry

Lat/Long

(N. Turkeyfoot):

N 41° 24.92'
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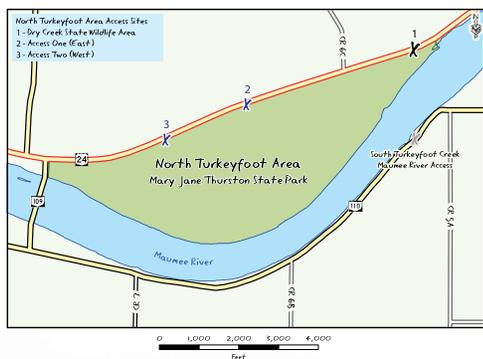
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:

North Turkeyfoot



Dry Creek



Dry Creek State Wildlife Area Location:

US Route 24, east of Township Road 6C

Lat/Long (Dry Creek):

N 41° 25.15'
W 083° 58.46'

Learn More:

ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:

Vorwerk Park

Location:

East Riverview Avenue (SR 424), between County Road 11 and Enterprise Avenue

Waterbody:

Maumee River

River Mile Location:

At RM 44

Jurisdiction:

Liberty Township, OH

County:

Henry

Latitude:

N 41° 24.58'

Longitude:

W 084° 5.16'

Access

Site Type:

Recreation
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

Field Notes:



East Riverdowns Park

Location:
East Front Street at
Jefferson Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 46 and RM 47

Jurisdiction:
Napoleon, OH

County:
Henry

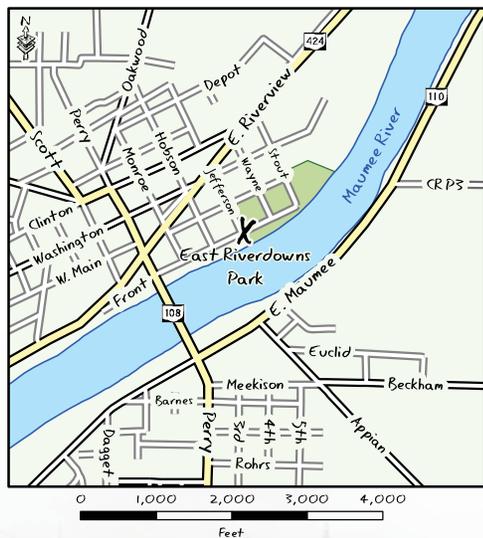
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Longitude:
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

Field Notes:



Ritter Park

Location:
1111 West Riverview
Avenue (SR 424);
West Riverview
Avenue between Park
Street and Meyerholtz
State Wildlife Area

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 47 and RM 49

Jurisdiction:
Napoleon, OH

County:
Henry

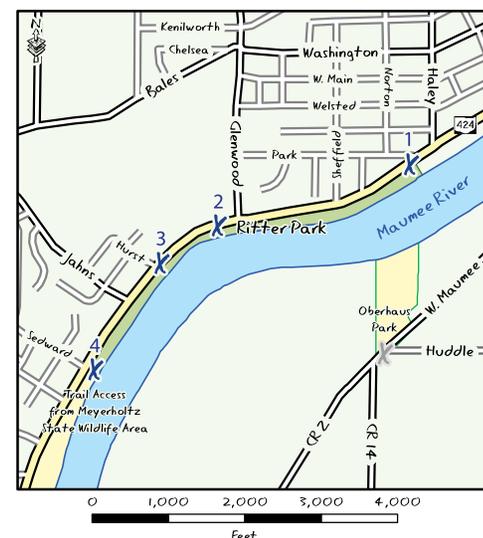
Eastern Entrance:
Lat: N 41° 23.07'
Long: W 084° 7.97'

**Access from
Meyerholtz:**
Lat: N 41° 22.6'
Long: W 084° 8.87'

Access Site Type:
Recreation, Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



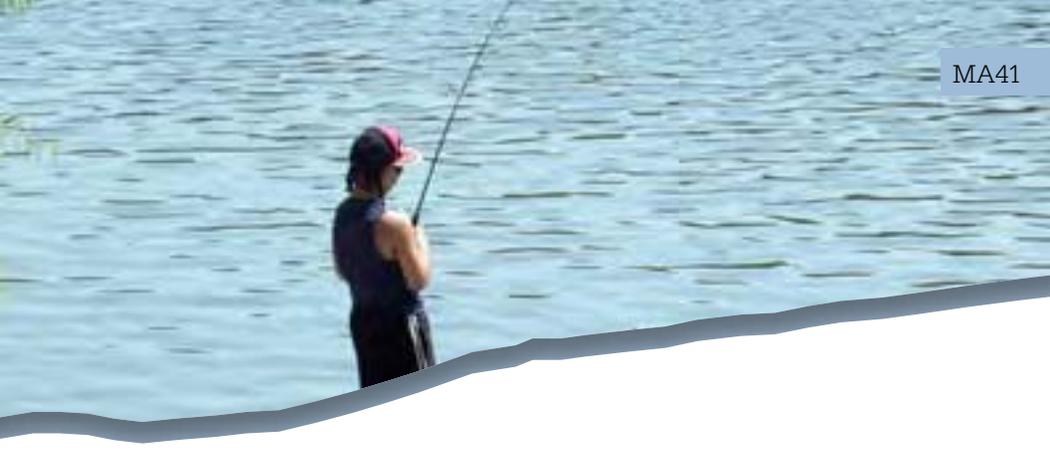
Amenities:



Ritter Park is a narrow park with multiple access points (see map), including access via the Towpath Trail from the adjacent Meyerholtz State Wildlife Area (to the southwest). Once a state park built in the 1930s, Ritter Park is now a passive park affording views of the river from a walking path that runs its length. The city's boat launch facility is part of Ritter Park and is a popular spot for boating enthusiasts.

Learn More:
City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

Field Notes:



Oberhaus Park

Meyerholtz Maumee River Access

Location:
750 West Maumee Avenue

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 47 and RM 48

Jurisdiction:
Napoleon Township, OH

County:
Henry

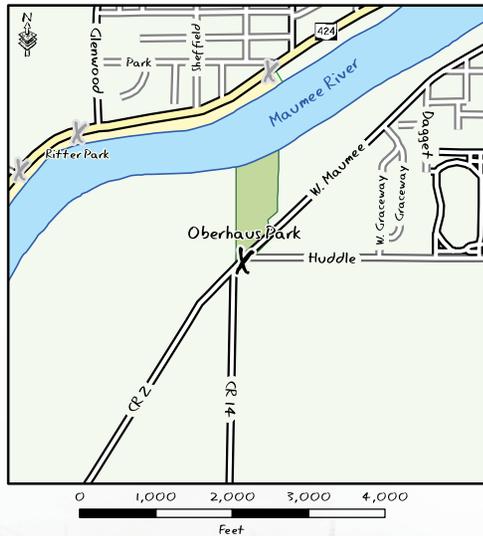
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

Field Notes:

Location:
West Riverview Avenue (SR 424);
between Ritter Park and Wayne Park Drive

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 48 and 49

Jurisdiction:
Napoleon, OH

County:
Henry

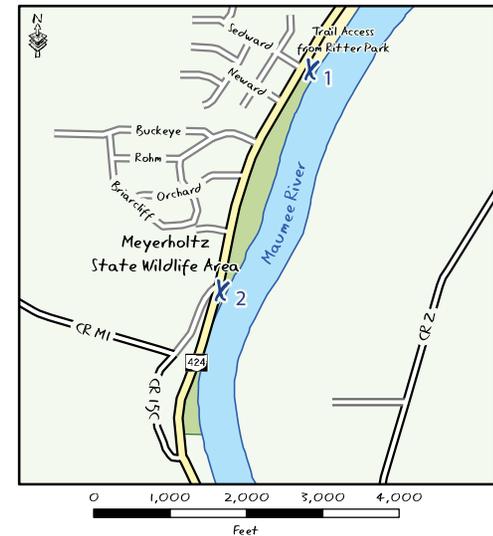
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Florida State Wildlife Area

Location:
State Route 424, 1.2 miles east of Florida

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 53 and RM 54

Jurisdiction:
Flatrock Township, OH

County:
Henry

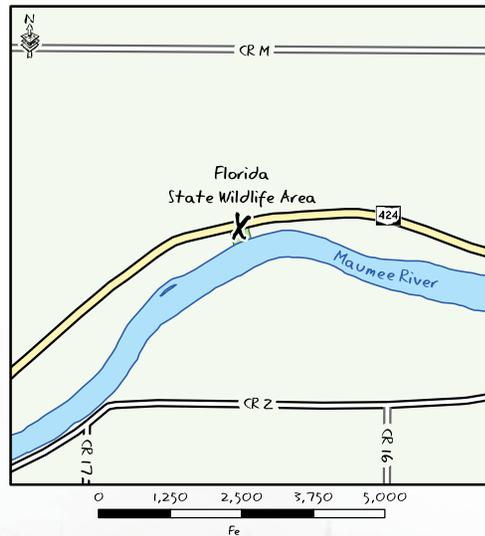
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Longitude:
W 084° 10.93'

Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Independence Dam State Park

Location:
27722 State Route 424

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 57 and RM 61

Jurisdiction:
Richland Township, OH

County:
Defiance

Main Entrance:
Lat: N 41° 17.6'
Long: W 084° 17.08'

Boat Launch:
Lat: N 41° 17.69'
Long: W 084° 17.28'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:



Location Map:



The 591-acre Independence Dam State Park is a narrow park situated along the north bank of the Maumee State Scenic River. The existing cement dam on the Maumee River was completed in 1924. It replaced the original wooden dam which was built in the 1800s for the canal system. At the time of reconstruction, several organizations expressed support for a park between the old canal bed and the river. The Ohio Department of Public Works purchased private lands creating the park. In 1949, Independence Dam State Park came under the administrative authority of the newly created Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The river is ideal for boating and fishing.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation
www.ohiodnr.com/parks



Pontiac Park

Location:
East River Drive
(SR 424), east of
North Clinton Street
(SR 15/18/66)

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 64

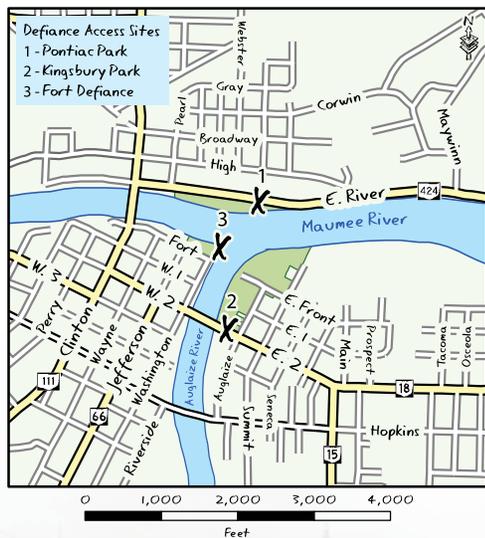
Jurisdiction:
Defiance, OH

County:
Defiance

Latitude:
N 41° 17.38'

Longitude:
W 084° 21.27'

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Defiance
www.cityofdefiance.com

Field Notes:

Fort Defiance and Kingsbury Park

Location:
Fort Street at
Washington Avenue

Waterbody:
Maumee River
Auglaize River

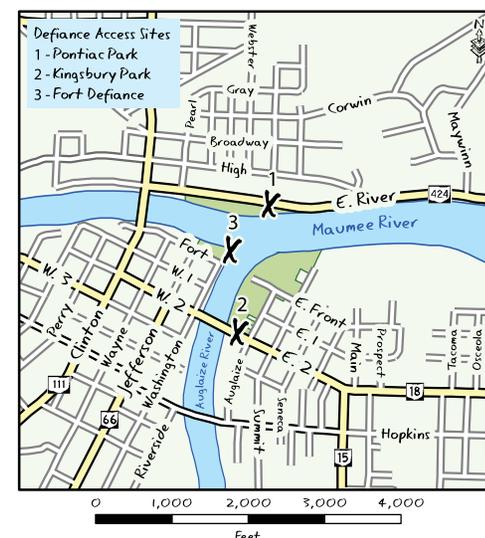
**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 64 (Maumee)
At RM 0 (Auglaize)

Jurisdiction:
Defiance, OH

County:
Defiance

**Lat/Long
(Fort Defiance):**
N 41° 17.29'
W 084° 21.44'

Location Map:



Amenities:



**Access
Site Type:**
Historic
Scenic

Date Visited:

Kingsbury Park Location:
Auglaize Street at East Front Street

Lat/Long (Kingsbury Park):
N 41° 17.07'
W 084° 21.43'

Learn More:
City of Defiance
www.cityofdefiance.com

Field Notes:



Bend Access

Riverside Park

Location:
The Bend Road, north
of County Road 424

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 76 and RM 77

Jurisdiction:
Delaware
Township, OH

County:
Defiance

Latitude:
N 41° 16.56'

Longitude:
W 084° 30.92'

**Access
Site Type:**
Natural
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:

Location:
East River Road
between Kroos Drive
and Island Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 99

Jurisdiction:
Antwerp, OH

County:
Paulding

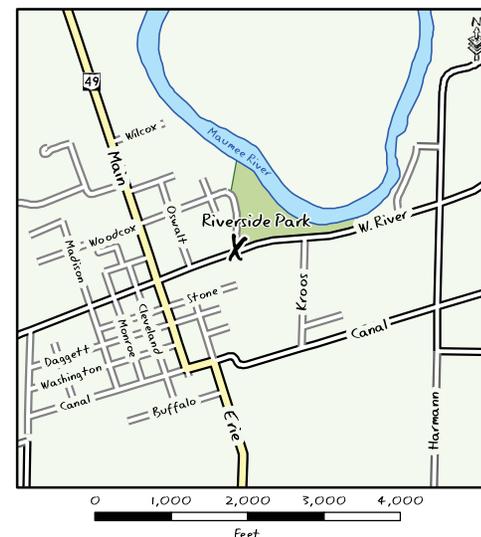
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Antwerp
www.antwerpohio.com

Field Notes:



Empties into: Lake Erie
Mouth: Carroll Township, OH
Length: 6 miles

Elevation at source: 574 feet above sea level
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level
Average fall: 0.1 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04100010
8-digit name: Cedar-Portage
Number of Access Sites: 1



Empties into: Lake Erie
Mouth: Port Clinton, OH
Length: 40 miles

Elevation at source: 777 feet above sea level (includes South Branch)
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level
Average fall: 3.3 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04100010
8-digit name: Cedar-Portage
Number of Access Sites: 11

Toussaint River

The Toussaint River is a west-to-east flowing river in northwest Ohio beginning where the Packer and Toussaint creeks meet at the Toussaint State Wildlife Area in Carroll Township (Ottawa County). The Toussaint River is only six miles long and flows entirely within Carroll Township. Due to the extremely flat topography, the river only descends one foot over the length of its course. The 25-mile Packer Creek and the 40-mile Toussaint Creek begin in Webster Township and in northern Bowling Green (both in Wood County), respectively. The Toussaint River Watershed area is 143.1 square miles (91,584 acres) and drains portions of Ottawa, Sandusky and Wood counties.

Below the confluence of the Packer and Toussaint creeks, the river widens considerably, over 2,000 feet in some parts.

The Toussaint and its tributaries flow across a flat glacial lake plain that was once covered by a vast forested marshland known as the Great Black Swamp (see Portage River for further detail). Today, the drainage basin consists of highly productive agricultural land.

Within the lower reach of the river there are two significant protected natural areas. These include the abovementioned and publicly accessible Toussaint State Wildlife Area and the access-restricted Navarre Division of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, which is comprised of coastal marshland surrounding the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. The Toussaint State Wildlife Area offers fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing and small boat access.

Portage River

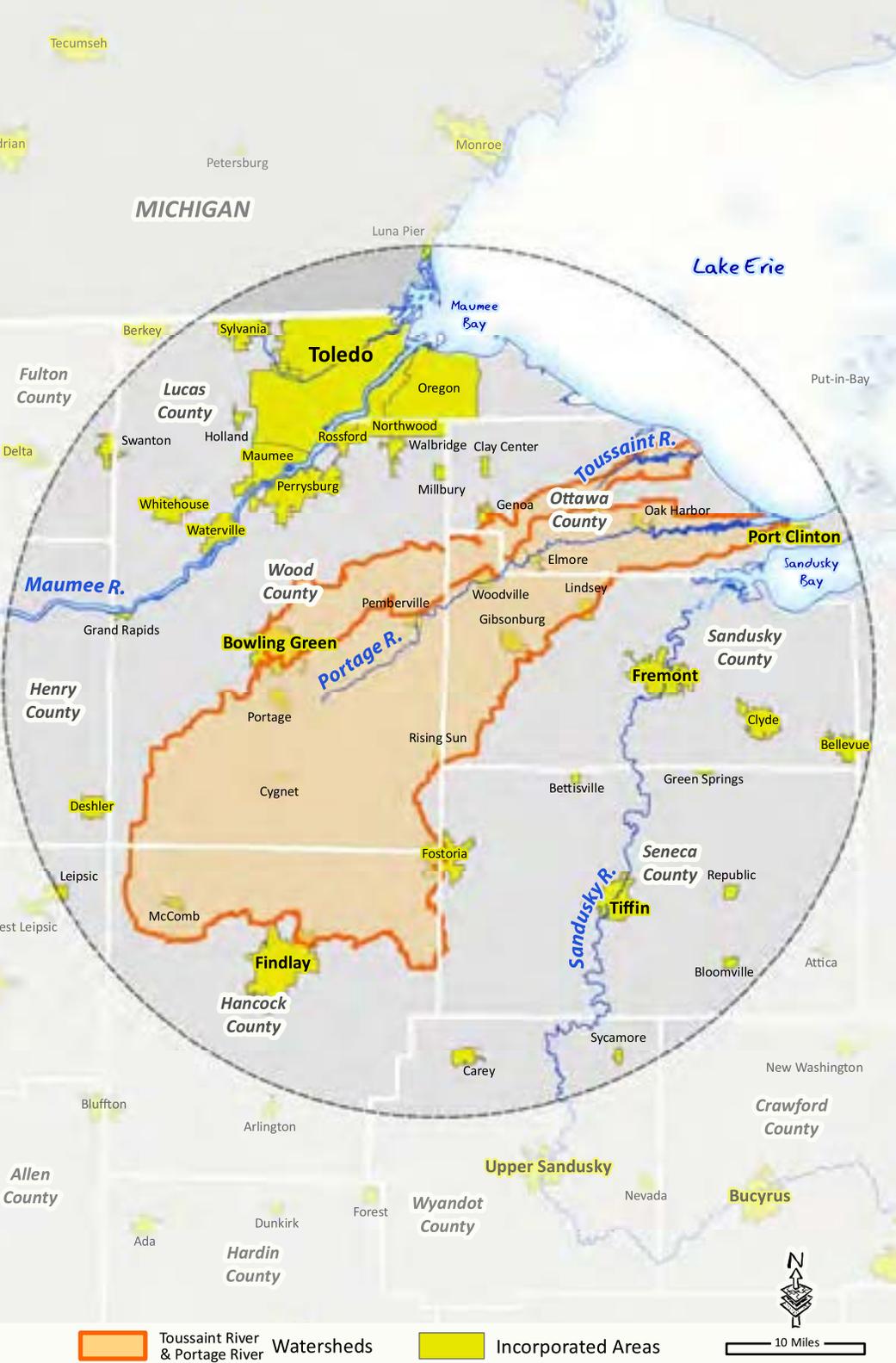
The Portage River is a west-to-east flowing river in northwest Ohio that empties into Lake Erie at Port Clinton. The Portage begins approximately 40 river miles from the lake at the confluence of the Middle Branch Portage and South Branch Portage rivers. Headwaters for the branches begin in Wood and Hancock counties, respectively. A northern branch flows into the Portage River at Pemberville, and an eastern branch flows into the South Branch in Montgomery Township (Wood County). The Portage River Watershed area is 612 square miles (391,682 acres).

Much of the land now occupied by the drainage basin of the Portage was once covered by the Great Black Swamp, a vast wetland ecosystem that included coastal marshes, poorly-drained soils and lush forest cover. The swamp covered nearly 900,000 acres, completely or partially covering 13 counties in Ohio and one county in Indiana. Settlement and development of northwest Ohio was severely hindered as a result. In the 1850s, Ohio's General Assembly passed the first of many laws authorizing the drainage of the Great Black Swamp. Consequently, many ditch networks were dug in the Portage River Watershed to help drain the swamp. The exposed land offered tremendously rich and productive soils.

The lower twelve miles of the Portage River, between Oak Harbor and the mouth at Port Clinton, are essentially an estuary as its waters are influenced by Lake Erie water levels. Measuring over 3,000 feet wide at some locations, the lower Portage is also extremely broad in comparison to other Lake Erie tributaries (with the exception of the Maumee), making it a prime location for recreational boating, canoeing and kayaking. The Portage is well known for white bass fishing.

Cooley Canal and West Harbor

In addition to public access sites on the Toussaint and Portage rivers, this chapter also features the Cooley Canal Boat Ramp (Cooley Canal) in Lucas County and the West Harbor Public Boat Launching Ramp (West Harbor) in Ottawa County. Both sites provide boating access to Lake Erie.



Toussaint State Wildlife Area

Location:
State Route 19, one mile south of State Route 2

Waterbody:
Toussaint River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 4 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:
Carroll Township, OH

County:
Ottawa

Latitude:
N 41° 34.78'

Longitude:
W 083° 8.69'

Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 231-acre Toussaint State Wildlife Area consists of managed wetlands and open water. The Toussaint River runs through and divides the wildlife area. Boating and fishing access is available along the northeast bank of the river; parking for these amenities is located off State Route 19. The marsh and woodlands are on the southwest bank of the river. Parking is located off Toussaint-Portage Road (Township Road 92), west of State Route 19.

The Toussaint Wildlife Area was purchased in 1959 for waterfowl hunting and as an access to the Toussaint River for anglers and duck hunters. Some wetland game birds found in the area include puddle ducks, woodcock, snipe, sora and Virginia rails. Plovers, herons, bitterns, yellowlegs and a variety of other birds can be observed in the area. Common fish species caught in the river include white and black crappies, channel catfish, bullheads, freshwater drum, carp, largemouth bass, bluegill and other sunfish.

Learn More:

ODNR Division of Wildlife, www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife



Waterworks Park

Location:
East Perry Street
(SR 163) at
Jefferson Street

Waterbody:
Portage River
Lake Erie

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 0

Jurisdiction:
Port Clinton, OH

County:
Ottawa

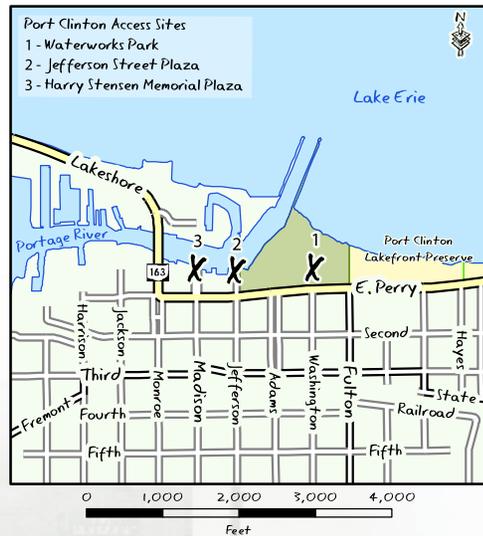
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Longitude:
W 082° 56.14'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Port Clinton
www.portclinton.com

Field Notes:

Jefferson Street Plaza and Harry Stensen Memorial Plaza

**Location
(Jefferson):**
End of
Jefferson Street

Waterbody:
Portage River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Port Clinton, OH

County:
Ottawa

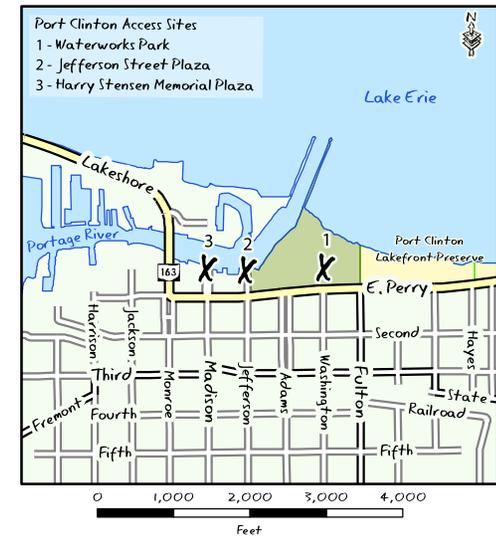
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Lat: N 41° 30.89'
Long: W 082° 56.24'

Harry Stensen:
Lat: N 41° 30.83'
Long: W 082° 56.57'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Port Clinton
www.portclinton.com

Harry Stensen Memorial Park Location:
End of Madison Street

Field Notes:



Portage River State Wildlife Area

Location:
West Lakeshore Drive
(SR 163), east
of Three Mile
Crossing Road

Waterbody:
Portage River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Erie Township, OH

County:
Ottawa

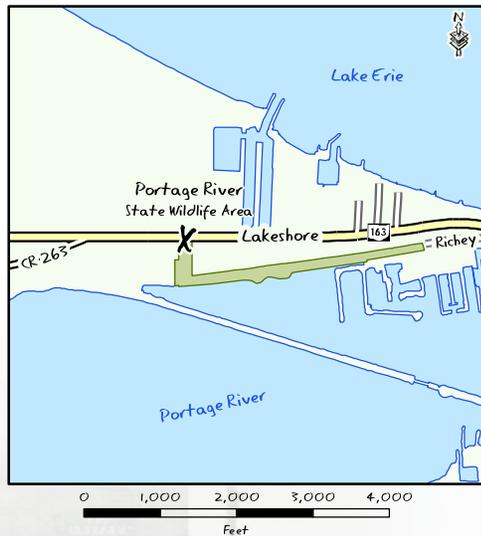
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Longitude:
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**Access
Site Type:**
Outdoors
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Little Portage State Wildlife Area

Location:
Darr-Hopfinger Road,
east of Mulcahy Road

Waterbody:
Portage River
Little Portage River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between RM 4 and
RM 6 (Portage)
Between RM 0 and
RM 1 (Little Portage)

Jurisdiction:
Bay Township, OH

County:
Ottawa

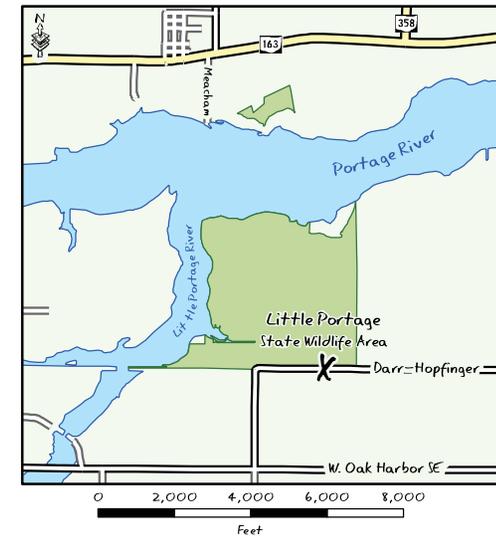
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**Access
Site Type:**
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



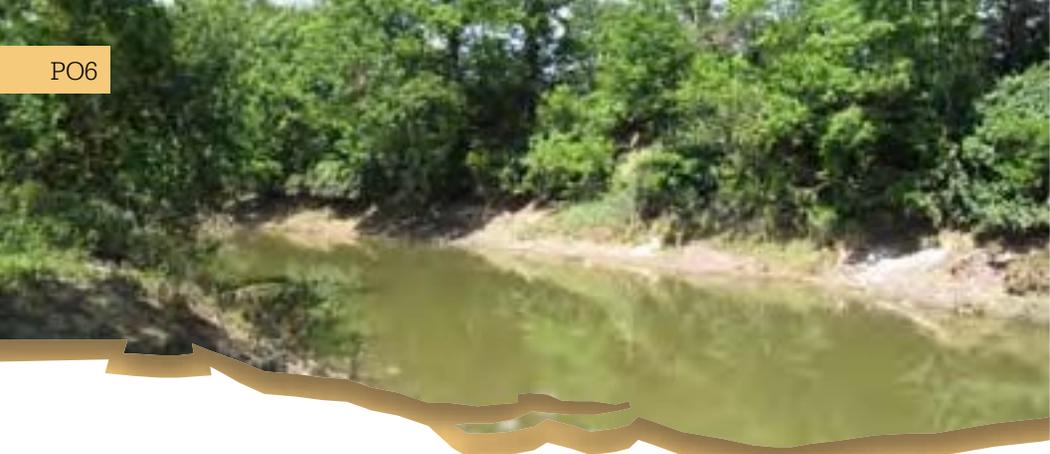
Amenities:



The 407-acre Little Portage State Wildlife Area is located at the confluence of the Little Portage and Portage rivers, approximately six miles west of Port Clinton in Ottawa County. Roughly two-thirds of the area is comprised of wetlands, with 223 acres of diked marsh and 75 acres of uncontrolled wetlands. Eighty acres of upland are maintained in a mixture of meadow and brushland.

Little Portage was purchased in 1956 for waterfowl hunting and angling access, which still are the principal uses the area is managed for today. The wildlife area also includes a boat launch ramp. Game species that frequent the area include puddle ducks, woodcock, common snipe, sora, Virginia rail and mourning dove. Little Portage is also a prime wildlife viewing location for plovers, herons, bitterns and a variety of other birds.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife



Elmore Riverbend Park

- Location:**
Rice Street/West Portage River South Road, east of Clinton Street
- Waterbody:**
Portage River
- River Mile Location:**
Between RM 22 and RM 23
- Jurisdiction:**
Elmore, OH
- County:**
Ottawa
- Latitude:**
N 41° 28.64'
- Longitude:**
W 083° 17.17'
- Access Site Type:**
Recreation
- Date Visited:**

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Elmore
www.villageofelmore.com

Field Notes:



Harry Witty Memorial Park

- Location:**
Toledo Street (SR 51) at Harris Street
- Waterbody:**
Portage River
- River Mile Location:**
Between RM 22 and RM 23
- Jurisdiction:**
Elmore, OH
- County:**
Ottawa
- Latitude:**
N 41° 28.64'
- Longitude:**
W 083° 17.68'
- Access Site Type:**
Recreation
- Date Visited:**

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Elmore
www.villageofelmore.com

Field Notes:



H.W. Busdiecker Park

Trail Marker Park

Location:
Fort Findlay Road,
west of East Main
Street (US 20)

Waterbody:
Portage River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 28 and RM 29

Jurisdiction:
Woodville, OH

County:
Sandusky

Latitude:
N 41° 26.99'

Longitude:
W 083° 21.59'

**Access
Site Type:**
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Woodville
www.villageofwoodville.com

Field Notes:

Location:
South Cherry Street,
south of Erie Street

Waterbody:
Portage River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 28 and RM 29

Jurisdiction:
Woodville, OH

County:
Sandusky

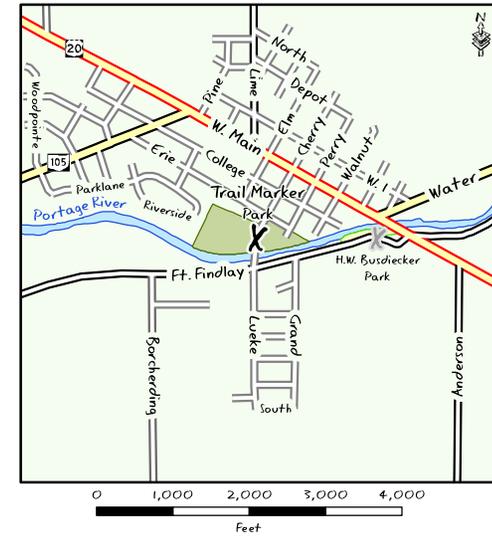
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Woodville
www.villageofwoodville.com

Field Notes:



Lovers Portage River Fishing Access

Location:
Scotch Ridge Road (SR 105), between Fostoria Road (US 23) and Bradner Road

Waterbody:
Portage River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 32 and RM 33

Jurisdiction:
Freedom Township, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
N 41° 25.42'

Longitude:
W 083° 25.76'

Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:

William Henry Harrison Park

Location:
644 Bierley Avenue

Waterbody:
Portage River

River Mile Location:
At RM 36

Jurisdiction:
Pemberville, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
N 41° 24.15'

Longitude:
W 083° 27.38'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Wood County Park District
www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:



Cooley Canal Boat Ramp

West Harbor Public Boat Launching Ramp

Location:

Anchor Point Road,
north of
Corduroy Road

Waterbody:

Cooley Canal, access
to Lake Erie

Jurisdiction:

Jerusalem
Township, OH

County:

Lucas

Latitude:

N 41° 40.13'

Longitude:

W 083° 17.49'

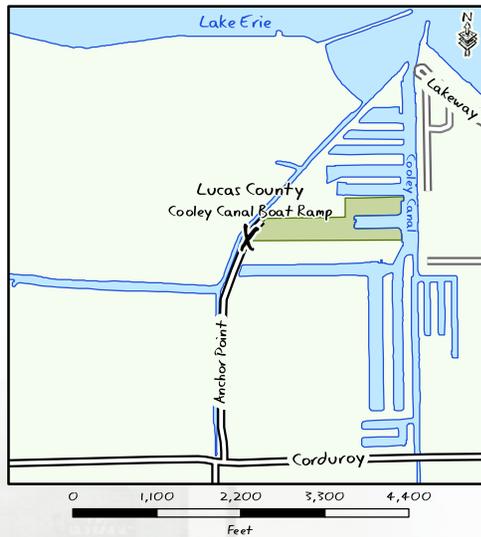
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Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



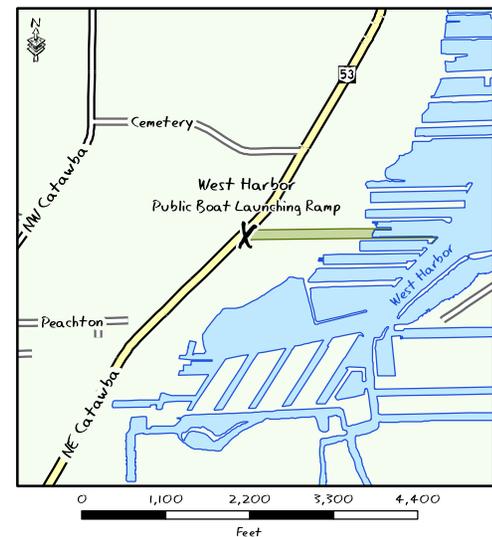
Lucas County-managed facility providing boating access to Lake Erie.

Learn More:

Lucas County
www.co.lucas.oh.us

Field Notes:

Location Map:



Location:

1955 N.E. Catawba
Road (SR 53)

Waterbody:

West Harbor, access
to Lake Erie

Jurisdiction:

Catawba Island
Township, OH

County:

Ottawa

Latitude:

N 41° 33.15'

Longitude:

W 082° 50.3'

Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:



Catawba Island Township-managed facility providing boating access to Lake Erie.

Learn More:

Catawba Island Township
www.catawbaislandtownship.com

Field Notes:

Empties into: Sandusky Bay
Mouth: Riley Township, OH (east) and Rice Township, OH (west)
Length: 130 miles

Elevation at source: 1,093 feet above sea level
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level
Average fall: 3.9 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04100011
8-digit HUC name: Sandusky

Number of Access Sites: 32



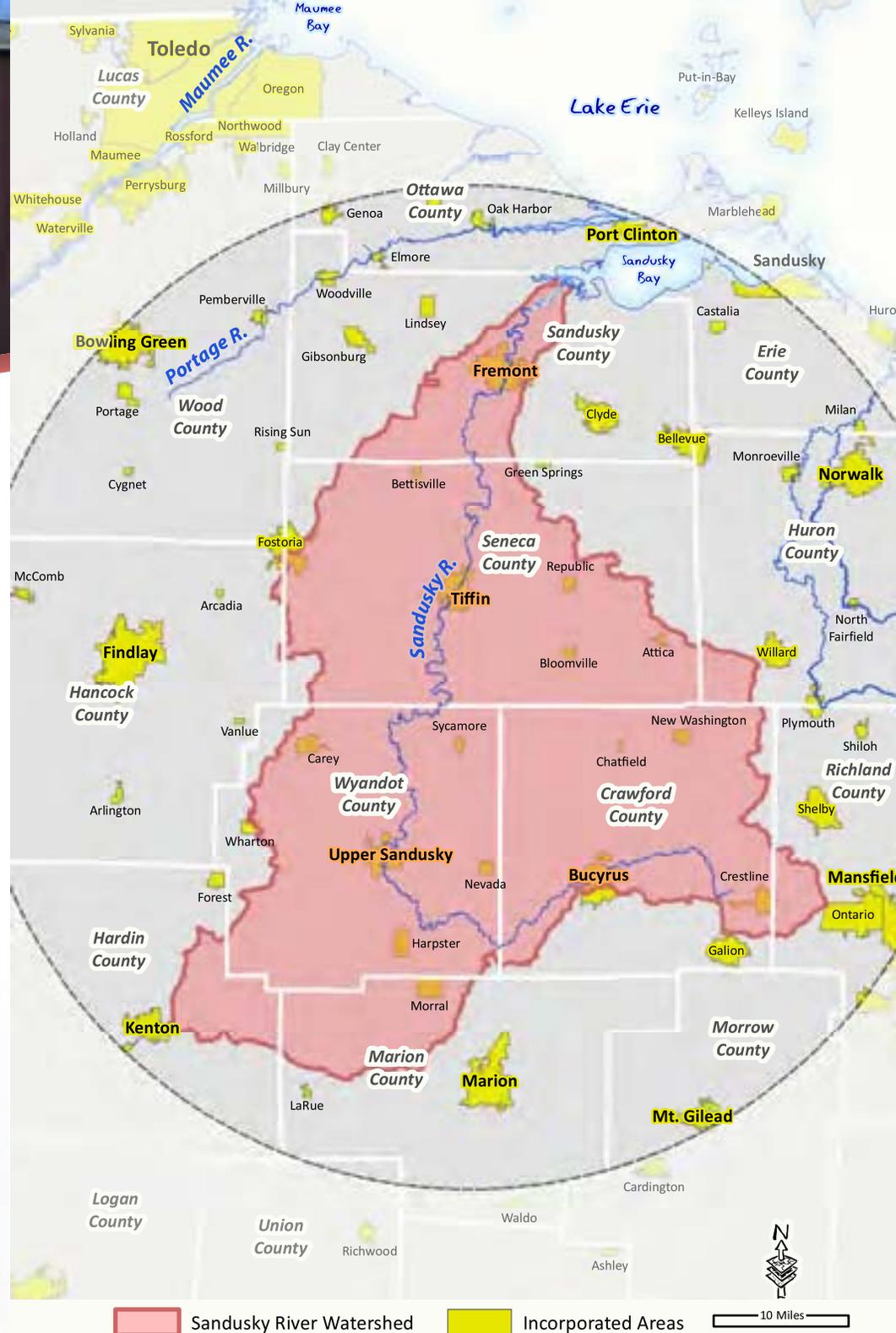
Sandusky River

The Sandusky River begins its nearly 130-mile journey to Lake Erie about 2.6 miles west of Crestline in the town of Leesville (Crawford County). The river begins at the confluence of Paramour Creek and the Allen Run. The first 45 miles of the Sandusky River flow along the outer margin of an end moraine in a general east-to-west direction. The river turns to a more northerly course in Upper Sandusky and continues in that direction through Tiffin and Fremont before reaching its mouth at the Sandusky Bay (Lake Erie).

The Sandusky River Watershed drains more than 1,825 square miles (1,168,000 acres); major tributaries include the Broken Sword, Honey, Tymochtee and Wolf creeks. Compared to many of Ohio's other Lake Erie tributaries, the land surrounding the mouth of the Sandusky River is mostly undeveloped consisting of bogs and marsh areas. The watershed is home to 220,000 people (120 people per square mile), making it the least densely populated of Ohio's major watersheds.

The Sandusky River was once home to the Seneca and Wyandot Indians. The 1785 Treaty of Greenville established a boundary between Native American territory and lands open for white settlement. The Native American territory encompassed northwest and north-central Ohio, including the Sandusky River basin. The 1817 Treaty of the Miami of Lake Erie laid out reservations along the Sandusky in Seneca County, including the Big Springs, Delaware, Seneca, Vanmeter and Wyandot. In 1830, U.S. Congress passed the Indian Removal Act, which led to the eventual relocation of all Native American tribes from Ohio. In 1842, the Wyandot Indians relinquished their claim to reservation lands in Upper Sandusky and in 1843 were the last Native American people to leave Ohio.

A 65-mile stretch of the Sandusky River between Upper Sandusky and Fremont is designated a State Scenic River. Many areas are open to the public for various recreational opportunities, including canoeing, kayaking, hunting and fishing. Similar to the Maumee River, the Sandusky is noted for its annual walleye run. Other popular catches include catfish, smallmouth bass and white bass.

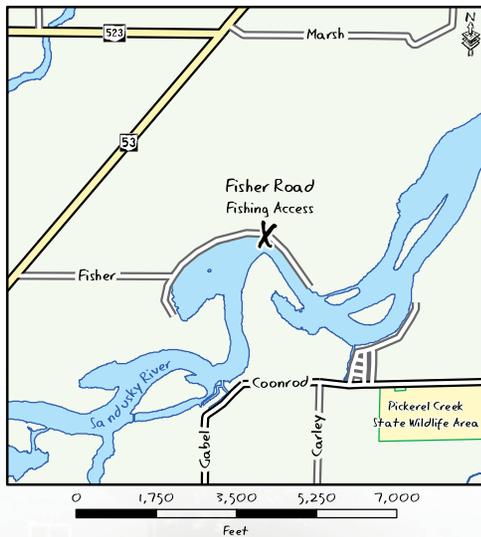




Fisher Road Fishing Access

- Location:**
Fisher Road, east of State Route 53
- Waterbody:**
Sandusky River
- River Mile Location:**
Between RM 4 and RM 5
- Jurisdiction:**
Rice Township, OH
- County:**
Sandusky
- Latitude:**
N 41° 25.81'
- Longitude:**
W 083° 3.48'
- Access Site Type:**
Outdoors
- Date Visited:**

Location Map:



Amenities:

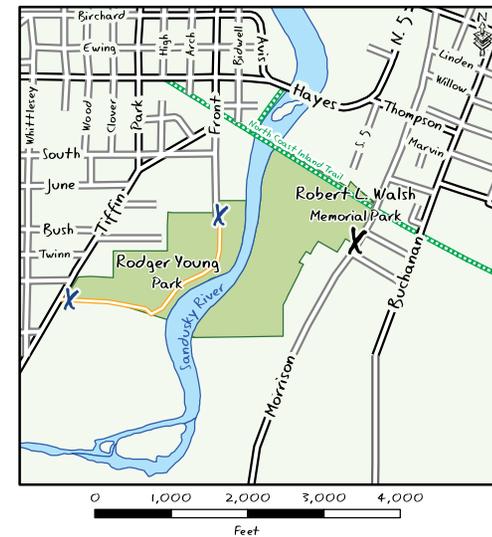


Field Notes:

Rodger Young Park

- Location:**
1111 Tiffin Street
- Waterbody:**
Sandusky River
- River Mile Location:**
Between RM 16 and RM 17
- Jurisdiction:**
Fremont, OH
- County:**
Sandusky
- Latitude:**
N 41° 20.2'
- Longitude:**
W 083° 6.83'
- Access Site Type:**
Recreation
- Date Visited:**

Location Map:



Amenities:



Just north of Rodger Young Park is the North Coast Inland Trail, which crosses the Sandusky River. A connector path parallels the west bank of the river, linking the trail with Rodger Young Park to the south and Hayes Avenue to the north. On the east side of the river, the North Coast Inland Trail connects to Robert L. Walsh Memorial Park.

Learn More:
City of Fremont
www.fremontohio.org

Field Notes:



Robert L. Walsh Memorial Park

Location:
610 Morrison Street

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 16 and RM 17

Jurisdiction:
Fremont, OH

County:
Sandusky

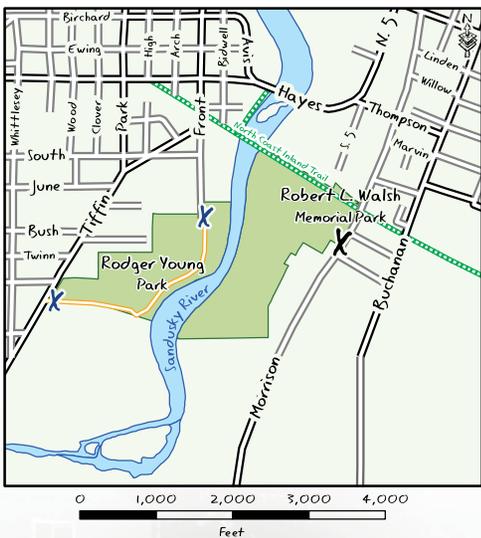
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Longitude:
W 083° 6.44'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



A connector trail links Robert L. Walsh Memorial Park to the North Coast Inland Trail (to the north).

Learn More:
City of Fremont
www.fremontohio.org

Field Notes:

Amenities:



Riverside Mill

and South River Road Pull-Off

Location (Mill):
Old Plank Road,
between Buckland
Avenue and
Lutz Street

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 18 and RM 19

Jurisdiction:
Ballville Township, OH

County:
Sandusky

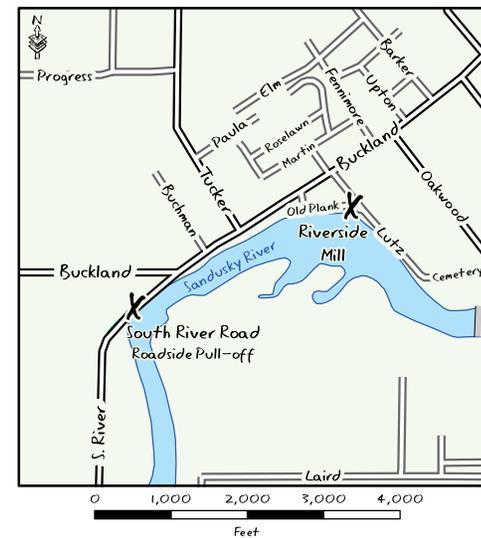
Riverside Mill:
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Long: W 083° 8.53'

South River Road Pull-Off:
Lat: N 41° 19.61'
Long: W 083° 9.14'

Access Site Type:
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



South River Road Pull-Off Location:
South River Road, south of Buckland Avenue

Amenities:



Field Notes:



Tindall Bridge Access

Location:
Rice Road, between South River and Darr South roads

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 20 and RM 21

Jurisdiction:
Ballville Township, OH

County:
Sandusky

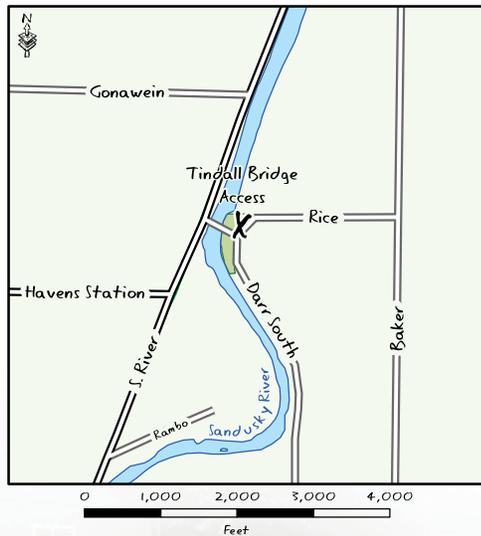
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Field Notes:



South River Access Park

Location:
County Road 201 at South River Road

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
At RM 22

Jurisdiction:
Ballville Township, OH

County:
Sandusky

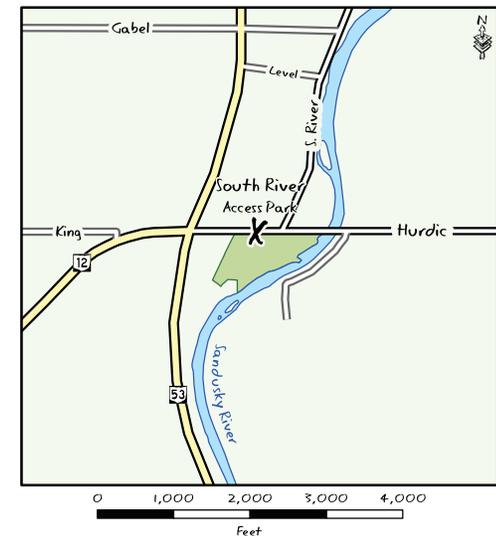
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



South River Access Park is an unimproved facility that is comprised of the remnant South River Road right-of-way and adjacent green space between County Road 201 and State Route 53.

Learn More:
Ballville Township
www.ballville.org

Field Notes:

Wolf Creek Park

Location:

State Route 53,
between Little and
Gillmore roads

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 22 and RM 24

Jurisdiction:

Ballville Township, OH

County:

Sandusky

Canoe Launch:

Lat: N 41° 16.52'
Long: W 083° 10.1'

Campground:

Lat: N 41° 15.85'
Long: W 083° 10.07'

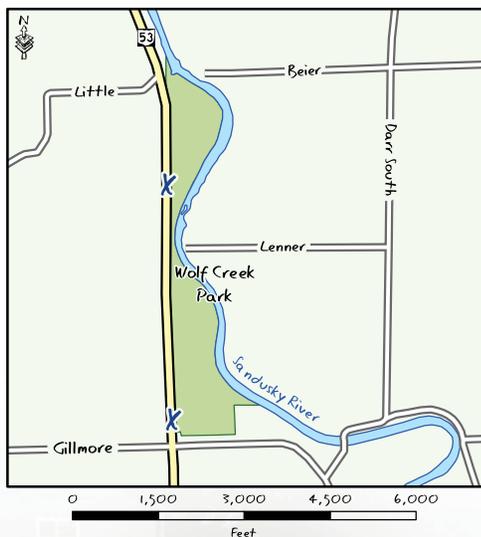
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 24-site campground at the 93-acre Wolf Creek Park is open April through December and is a primitive facility (no water or electric hook-up). All sites are first-come, first-serve; no reservations are taken. Registration is located at the campground entrance and is based on the honor system. Eight campers are allowed at each site, with two tents or one camper and one tent.

The Pemberville Section of the Buckeye Trail, a statewide hiking trail, runs through the park.

Learn More:

Sandusky County Park District
www.lovemyparks.com

Old Fort Bridge Park

Location:

Wood Street
(County Road 51) at
Railroad Street

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

At RM 27

Jurisdiction:

Pleasant
Township, OH

County:

Seneca

Latitude:

N 41° 14.38'

Longitude:

W 083° 8.82'

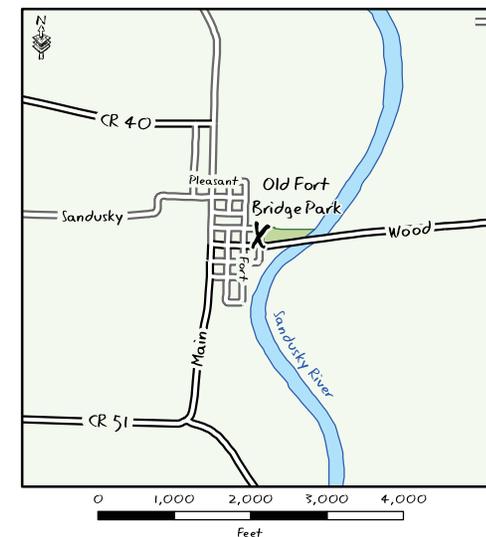
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Site Type:

Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Field Notes:



Schekelhoff Nature Preserve

Junior Home Memorial Park

and Patterson Park

Location:
Fairmont Road and North Water Street

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 38 and RM 39

Jurisdiction:
Tiffin, OH

County:
Seneca

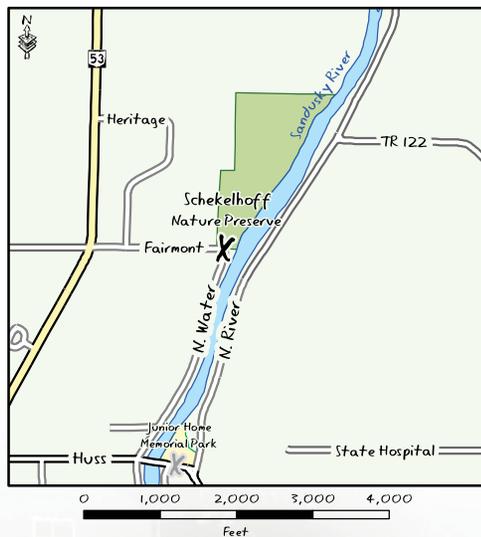
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Added in 2009, the Schekelhoff Nature Preserve's paved nature trail is one-half mile long. The trail parallels the Sandusky River and dead-ends at the northern boundary of the preserve.

Learn More:
City of Tiffin Parks and Recreation
www.tiffinparks.com

Field Notes:

Location (Junior Home):
Huss Street at Riverside Drive, west of Ohio Avenue

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 39 and RM 40

Jurisdiction:
Tiffin, OH

County:
Seneca

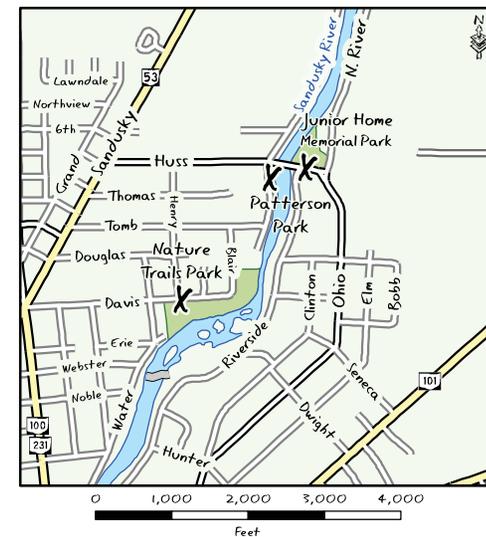
Junior Home:
Lat: N 41° 7.85'
Long: W 083° 9.89'

Patterson Park:
Lat: N 41° 7.84'
Long: W 083° 10.0'

Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Patterson Park Location:
Water Street, south of Huss Street

Learn More:
City of Tiffin Parks and Recreation
www.tiffinparks.com

Field Notes:



Nature Trails Park

Location:

East Davis Street, between Elwood and Blair streets

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 39 and RM 40

Jurisdiction:

Tiffin, OH

County:

Seneca

Latitude:

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Longitude:

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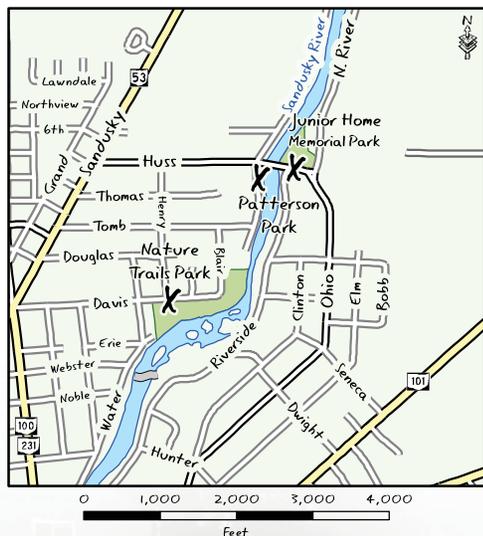
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Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Tiffin Parks and Recreation
www.tiffinparks.com

Field Notes:



Rotary Fort Ball Park

Location:

Frost Parkway, between North Washington (SR 100/SR 231) and West Perry (SR 18/SR 101) streets

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 40 and RM 41

Jurisdiction:

Tiffin, OH

County:

Seneca

Latitude:

N 41° 7.04'

Longitude:

W 083° 10.6'

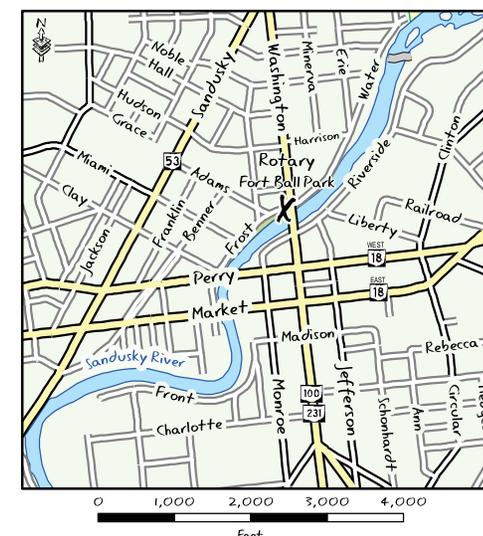
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Site Type:

Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Tiffin Parks and Recreation
www.tiffinparks.com

Field Notes:



Tiffin Community Fitness Trail

Location:
Shepherd Drive,
between Union and
Ella streets

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 41 and RM 42

Jurisdiction:
Tiffin, OH

County:
Seneca

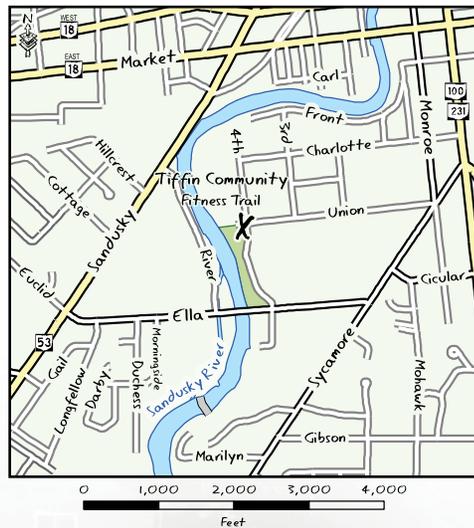
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Longitude:
W 083° 11.12'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Field Notes:



St. Johns Bridge Scenic River Access

Location:
County Road 6 at
Township Road 131

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 50 and RM 51

Jurisdiction:
Seneca Township, OH

County:
Seneca

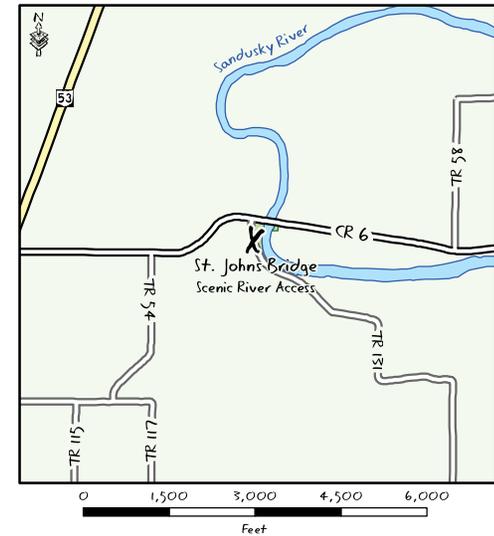
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Longitude:
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**Access
Site Type:**
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

ODNR Division of Watercraft
www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft

Field Notes:

Collier (Howard) State Nature Preserve

Location:

1655 West Township
Road 38

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 52 and RM 55

Jurisdiction:

Seneca Township, OH

County:

Seneca

Latitude:

N 41° 0.13'

Longitude:

W 083° 12.13'

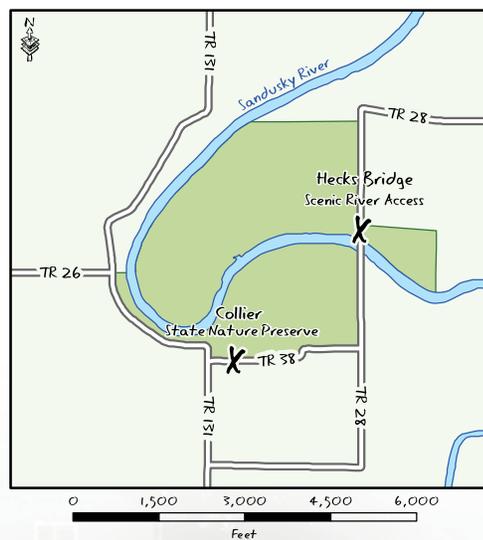
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Site Type:

Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 115-acre preserve features vast wooded areas along a deep river valley. Collier contains many beech trees and a diverse number of spring wildflowers.

Collier also features the 1.5-mile Loop Trail, which follows the top of the ridge and descends the hillside via a wooden boardwalk and series of staircases. The site, located 3 miles northeast of McCutchenville in southern Seneca County, is named in honor of former state budget director, Howard Collier.

Learn More:

ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves
www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

Hecks Bridge Scenic River Access

Location:

Township Road 28,
north of Township
Road 38; within
Howard Collier State
Nature Preserve

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 54 and RM 55

Jurisdiction:

Seneca Township, OH

County:

Seneca

Latitude:

N 41° 0.57'

Longitude:

W 083° 11.64'

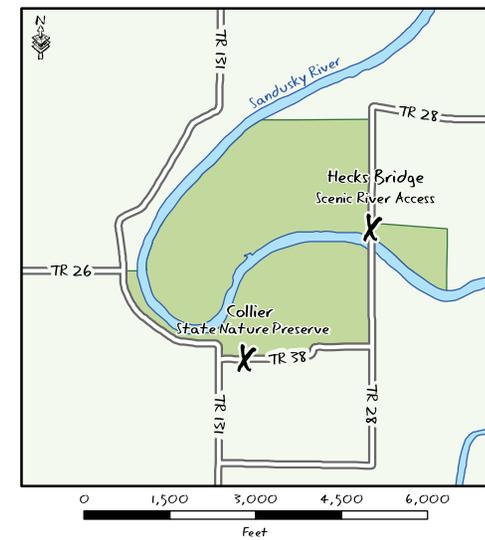
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Site Type:

Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

ODNR Division of Watercraft, www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

Field Notes:



Indian Mill Scenic River Access

Location:

County Road 47,
opposite Indian Mill

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 76 and RM 77

Jurisdiction:

Crane Township, OH

County:

Wyandot

Latitude:

N 40° 51.79'

Longitude:

W 083° 15.14'

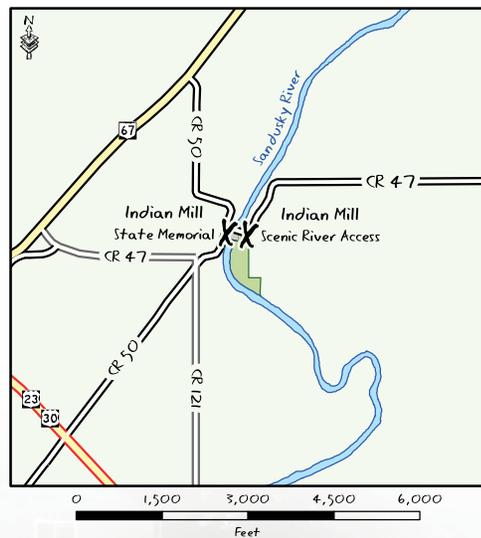
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Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

ODNR Division of Watercraft, www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

Field Notes:



Indian Mill State Memorial

Location:

County Road 47 at
County Road 50

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 76 and RM 77

Jurisdiction:

Crane Township, OH

County:

Wyandot

Latitude:

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Longitude:

W 083° 15.25'

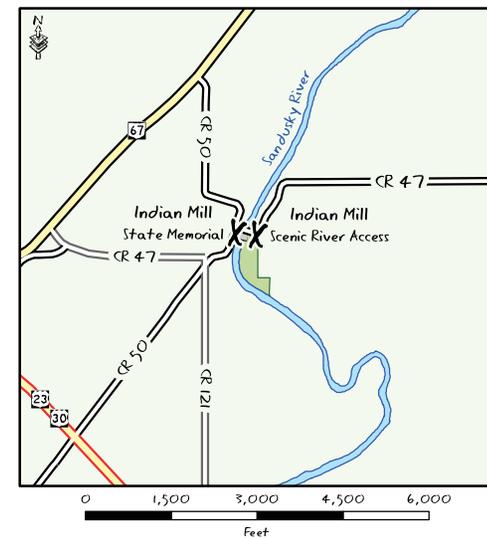
Access

Site Type:

Cultural
Educational
Historic
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The original Indian Mill was built in 1820 by the United States government as a reward to the local Wyandot Indians for their loyalty during the War of 1812. It was located 300 feet upstream from the current mill, which was built in 1861 from some of the old mill's timbers.

The current three-story structure was purchased in 1943 by Ward Walton who gave it to the state of Ohio. The state eventually converted it into the nation's first educational museum of milling. Many exhibits are placed around the mill's original machinery. The museum, located three miles north of Upper Sandusky in Wyandot County, is open from May through October.

Learn More:

Ohio Historical Society
<http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/>



Stepping Stones Park

Location:
End of Elliott Street,
east of Front Street

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 81

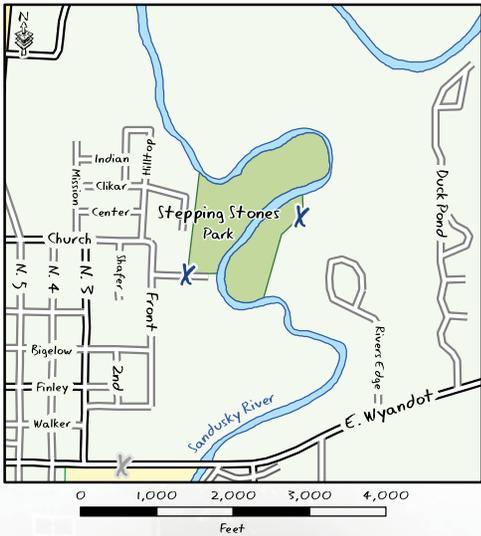
Jurisdiction:
Upper Sandusky, OH

County:
Wyandot

Main Entrance:
Lat: N 40° 50.04'
Long: W 083° 16.34'

**River's Edge
Trailhead:**
Lat: N 40° 50.18'
Long: W 083° 15.99'

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:
Trailhead access from River's Edge Lane

Learn More:
City of Upper Sandusky
www.upperSanduskyOH.com

Field Notes:



Harrison Smith Park

Location:
East Wyandot Ave., at
North 3rd Street

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 82 and RM 83

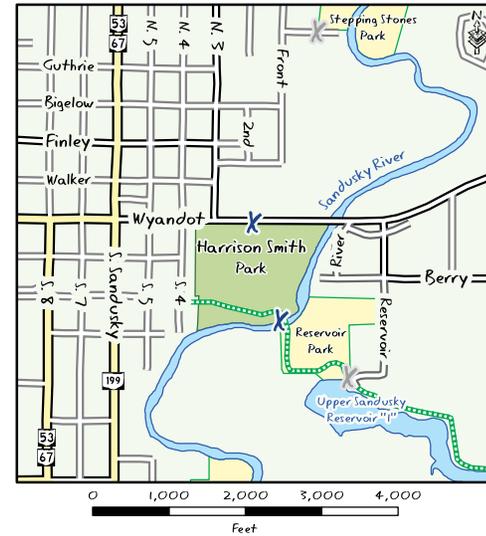
Jurisdiction:
Upper Sandusky, OH

County:
Wyandot

Main Entrance:
Lat: N 40° 49.64'
Long: W 083° 16.45'

Reservoir Park:
Lat: N 40° 49.43'
Long: W 083° 16.42'

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:
Trail from Reservoir Park

The Tarhe Trail crosses the Sandusky River connecting Harrison Smith Park to Upper Sandusky Reservoir Park.

Learn More:
City of Upper Sandusky
www.upperSanduskyOH.com

Field Notes:

Sears Woods State Nature Preserve

Location:
1486 Mt. Zion Road

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
At RM 107

Jurisdiction:
Bucyrus Township, OH

County:
Crawford

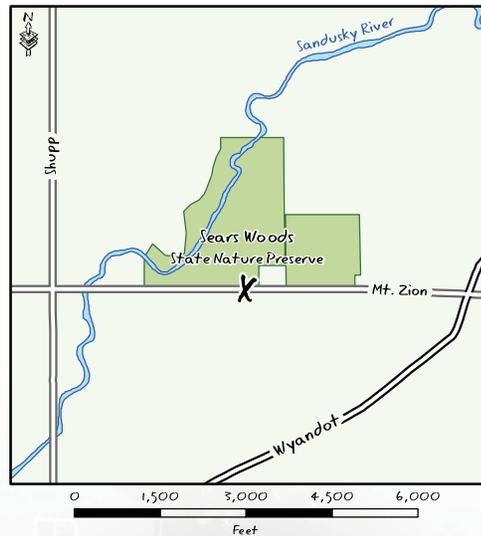
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Longitude:
W 083° 2.65'

Access Site Type:
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 99-acre Sears (Paul B.) Woods State Nature Preserve is a beech-maple old growth woodland that contains one of the best remaining fragments of the once extensive forest which covered the Crawford County region. The preserve also boasts excellent spring wildflowers.

Sears Woods is named in honor of the nationally renowned Yale professor of ecology, Paul B. Sears. The preserve land was purchased from the Sears family in 1986. The preserve, maintained by the Crawford (County) Park District, is located one mile southwest of Bucyrus.

Learn More:

Crawford Park District, www.crawfordparkdistrict.org
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

Field Notes:

Sandusky Wildlife Area

Location:
2035 River Road

Waterbody:
Sandusky River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 109 and RM 110

Jurisdiction:
Bucyrus Township, OH

County:
Crawford

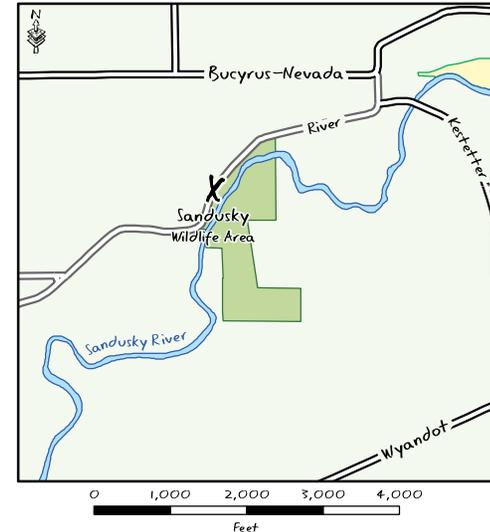
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Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

Crawford Park District
www.crawfordparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:



Unger Park

Location:

1303 Nevada Road
(Bucyrus-Nevada Road)

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 110 and RM 112

Jurisdiction:

Bucyrus
Township, OH

County:

Crawford

Main Entrance:

Lat: N 40° 48.45'
Long: W 082° 59.76'

Friendship

Bridge:

Lat: N 40° 48.16'
Long: W 082° 59.54'

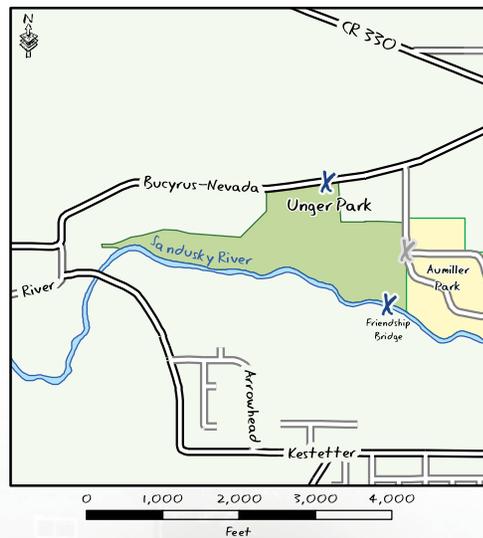
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 53-acre Unger Park is adjacent to Aumiller Park to the east, connected by a bike trail. The trail crosses the Sandusky River via the Friendship Bridge and continues to Southern Avenue. Unger Park features 2 miles of hiking trails that are open from dawn to dusk.

Learn More:

Crawford Park District
www.crawfordparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:



Aumiller Park

Location:

Aumiller Park Drive,
south of Nevada Road

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 111 and RM 112

Jurisdiction:

Bucyrus, OH

County:

Crawford

Main Entrance:

Lat: N 40° 48.28'
Long: W 082° 59.45'

Friendship Bridge:

Lat: N 40° 48.16'
Long: W 082° 59.54'

Gay Street:

Lat: N 40° 48.24'
Long: W 082° 59.23'

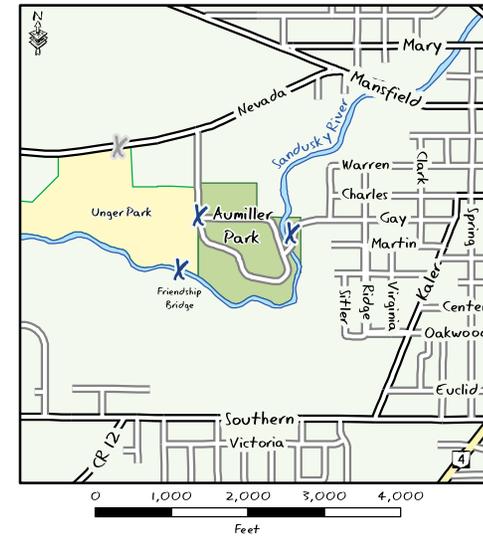
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Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:

1. Friendship Bridge
2. Footbridge from Gay Street

Aumiller Park is adjacent to the east of Unger Park, connected by a bike trail. The trail crosses the Sandusky River via the Friendship Bridge and continues to Southern Avenue. A second footbridge crosses the river and leads into the park from Gay Street.

In addition to the numerous recreational amenities, Aumiller is home to the Shunk Foundation Carillon.

Learn More:

City of Bucyrus
www.cityofbucyrusoh.us



Harmon Field

Location:

North Lane Street, south of Plymouth Road (SR 98)

Waterbody:

Sandusky River

River Mile

Location:

Between RM 112 and RM 113

Jurisdiction:

Bucyrus, OH

County:

Crawford

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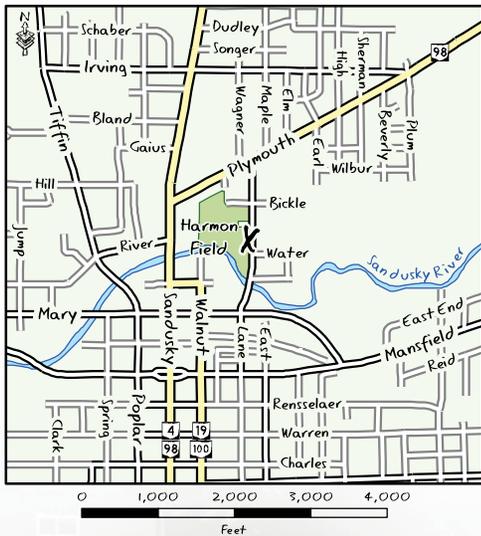
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Bucyrus
www.cityofbucyrusoh.us

Field Notes:



Lowe-Volk Park

Location:

2401 State Route 598

Waterbody:

Sandusky River
Paramour Creek
Allen Run

River Mile

Location:

At RM 130

Jurisdiction:

Jefferson
Township, OH

County:

Crawford

Latitude:

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Longitude:

W 082° 47.34'

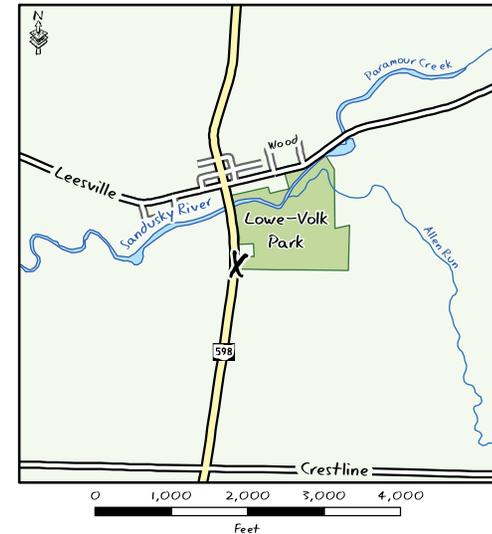
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 38-acre Lowe-Volk Park is located where the Paramour Creek and Allen Run converge to form the Sandusky River. The park features 1.5 miles of hiking trails, the Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center, a catch-and-release fishing pond and picnic area. Fishing is also permitted in the three streams. The park is located on State Route 598 three miles north of Galion.

Learn More:

Crawford Park District
www.crawfordparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:

Empties into: Lake Erie
Mouth: Huron, OH
Length of Main Branch: 14 miles
Length of East Branch: 30 miles
Length of West Branch: 50 miles

Elevation at source: 1,090 feet above sea level (includes West Branch)

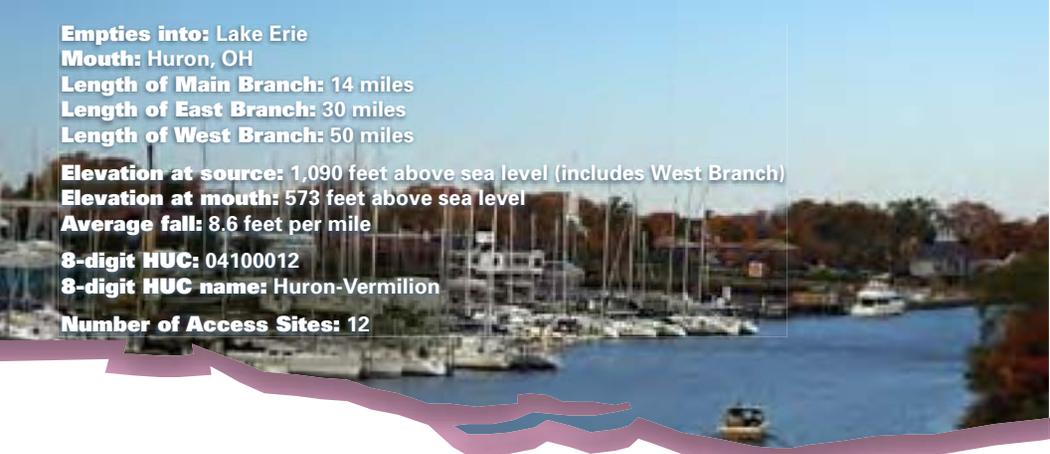
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level

Average fall: 8.6 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04100012

8-digit HUC name: Huron-Vermilion

Number of Access Sites: 12



Huron River

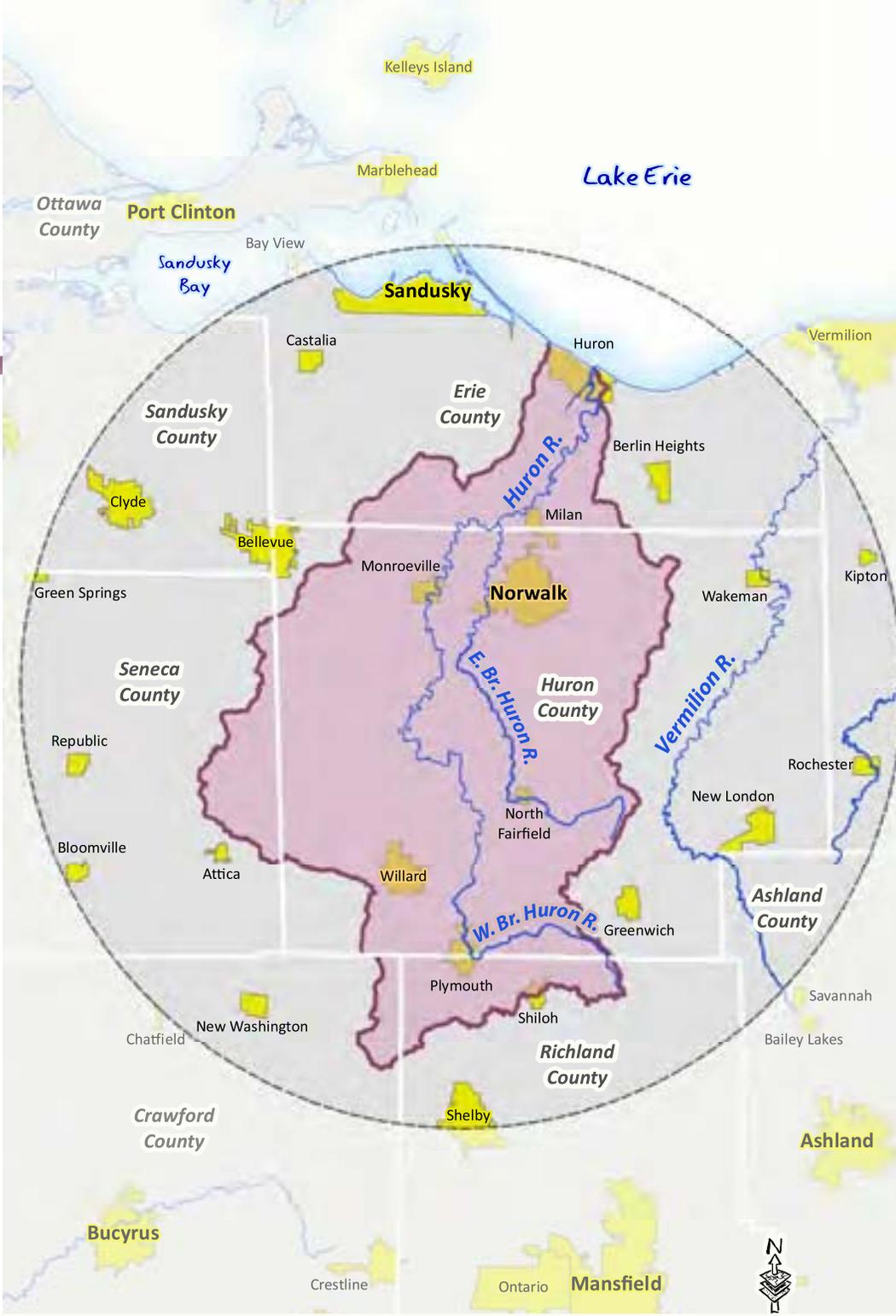
including the West Branch

The 14-mile long main branch of the Huron River begins at the confluence of the East Branch Huron and West Branch Huron rivers just west of Milan. The river empties into Lake Erie in the city of Huron. Headwaters for the branches are in Fitchville Township (Huron County) and Blooming Grove Township (Richland County), respectively, and are 30 miles and 50 miles long, respectively. The Huron River's entire drainage basin is 403 square miles (257,921 acres).

The word "Huron" refers to a Native American tribe that was prevalent in the Great Lakes region. Variant names of the river have included Bald Eagle Creek, Notowacy Theyp and Pettquotting River, among others. Much of the river system flows through Huron and Erie counties which together comprised a large amount of the Firelands, the westernmost portion of the Connecticut Western Reserve. Established in 1792, the Firelands had been reserved for Connecticut residents whose homes were burned during the British raids of the late 1700s (Revolutionary War). In the early 1800s, settlers began populating the area.

In 1839 the Milan Canal opened. The canal paralleled the east side of the Huron River and connected the village of Milan to Lake Erie. During the canal's prime, Milan thrived as Lake Erie's largest inland port and as one of the busiest Great Lakes ports. Inventor Thomas Alva Edison's birth home overlooked the canal in downtown Milan. The Milan Canal era ended in 1868, due to flooding that resulted in a feeder dam failure.

The lower Huron River near the city so named is an estuarine environment as water and habitat within the channel and adjacent marsh are influenced by Lake Erie water levels. Catfish (channel and flatheads), smallmouth bass, perch and walleye are popular fishing catches near the lake while northern pike and smallmouth bass are found farther upriver. The river offers recreational boaters many commercial and publicly-available ramps and marinas.





Huron Harbor West Pier (Lighthouse Pier)

Location:
Main and Wall streets

Waterbody:
Huron River
Lake Erie

River Mile Location:
At RM 0

Jurisdiction:
Huron, OH

County:
Erie

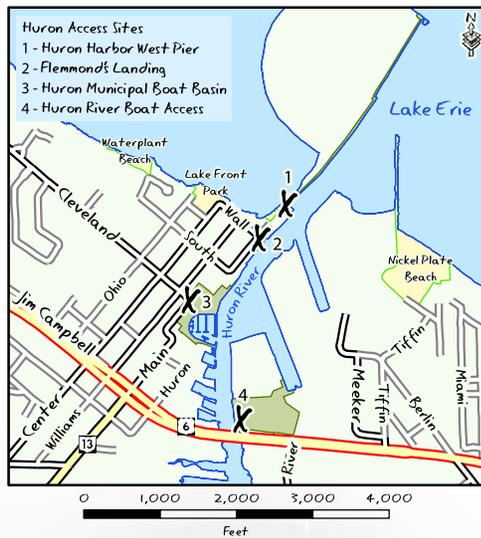
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N 41° 23.89'

Longitude:
W 082° 33.02'

Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Huron
www.cityofhuron.org

Field Notes:

Flemmond's Landing

Location:
Main Street at
Wall Street

Waterbody:
Huron River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Huron, OH

County:
Erie

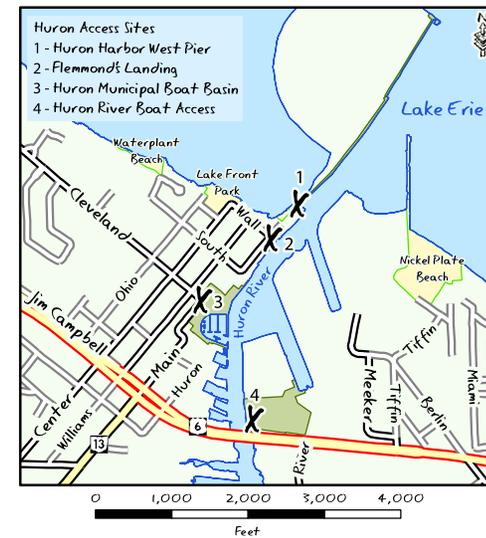
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Longitude:
W 082° 33.1'

Access Site Type:
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Huron
www.cityofhuron.org

Field Notes:



Huron Municipal Boat Basin

Location:
330 North Main Street;
Main Street and Cleve-
land Road West

Waterbody:
Huron River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Huron, OH

County:
Erie

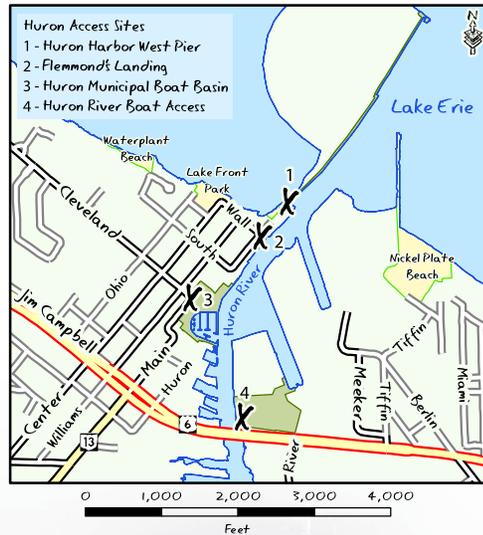
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Huron
www.cityofhuron.org

Field Notes:



Huron River Boat Access

Location:
41 Cleveland Road East
(US 6); at River Road

Waterbody:
Huron River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Huron, OH

County:
Erie

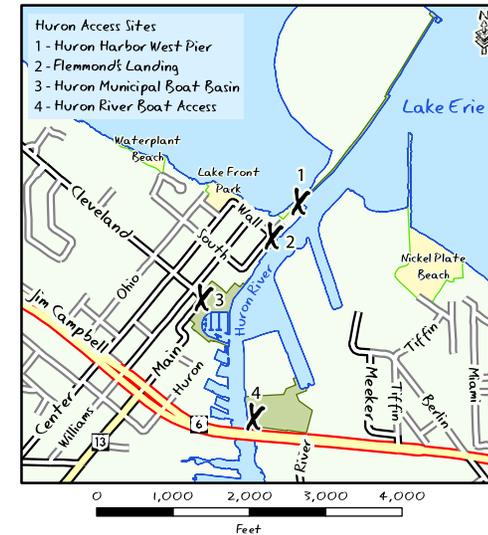
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Longitude:
W 082° 33.15'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Completed in 2010, the Huron River Boat Access is a four-lane boat launch facility affording access to the Huron River and Lake Erie. The site features handicapped-accessible docks, restrooms and enough parking for 135 vehicles with trailers. A courtesy dock parallel to the river bank allows for loading, unloading and temporary tie-ups. There are no launch fees or parking fees.

The site was acquired and developed by the ODNR Divisions of Watercraft and Wildlife. It is maintained by the city of Huron.

Learn More:
City of Huron, www.cityofhuron.org
ODNR Divisions of Watercraft, www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft
ODNR Divisions of Wildlife, www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife



DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve

Location:

1805 River Road, between Jeffries and Knight roads

Waterbody:

Huron River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 3 and RM 4

Jurisdiction:

Huron Township, OH

County:

Erie

Latitude:

N 41° 21.71'

Longitude:

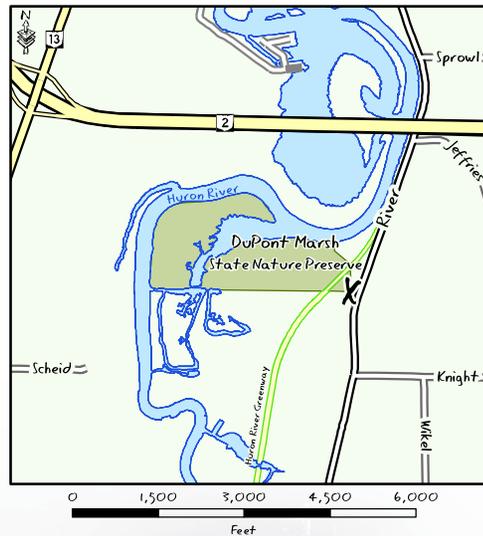
W 082° 32.94'

Access Site Type:

Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 114-acre, Erie MetroParks-managed DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve consists of marshlands situated along the east bank of the Huron River. The vegetation varies with water depth; pondweeds and water-milfoil are found in deeper waters, where bur-reed, cattail and spatter-dock can be found closer to shore.

One of the most significant species occurring in the marsh is leafy blue flag, a state endangered plant. The preserve is one of the best remaining riverine marshes in Ohio and is an excellent site for viewing wildlife. A short trail system winds through the preserve's forested upland to the marsh.

Learn More:

Erie MetroParks, www.eriemetroparks.org
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, www.ohiodnr.com/dnap



Huron River Greenway MetroPark North

DuPont Marsh Trailhead

Location

(DuPont Marsh Trailhead): Trailhead at DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve; River Road between Jeffries and Knight roads

Waterbody:

Huron River

Jurisdiction:

Huron Township, OH

County:

Erie

Latitude:

N 41° 21.71'

Longitude:

W 082° 32.94'

Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The Huron River Greenway MetroPark is an approximately two-mile long, linear park, divided into two disconnected sections.

The northern trailhead is located in Huron Township at the DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve parking lot. From DuPont Marsh, the trail travels approximately one mile south along the east bank of the Huron River via the old Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway (W&LE) corridor to River View Drive. There is no access to River View Drive. This portion of the Greenway is an improved limestone trail.

The southern trailhead is located in Milan at the end of Main Street (see HU6B).

Learn More:

Erie MetroParks
www.eriemetroparks.org



The Coupling MetroPark

Huron River Greenway MetroPark South

Milan Trailhead

Location:
11618 State Route 13,
Mudbrook Road (SR 13)
at Hoover Road

Waterbody:
Huron River

River Mile Location:
At RM 9

Jurisdiction:
Milan Township, OH

County:
Erie

Latitude:
N 41° 19.51'

Longitude:
W 082° 35.63'

Location Map:



Amenities:

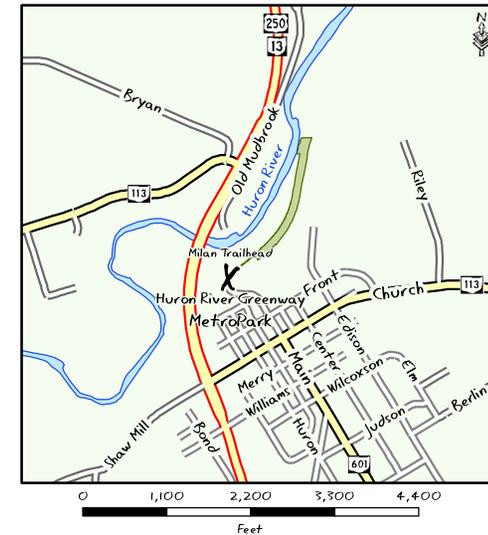


The 20-acre Coupling MetroPark provides small boat and canoe access to the Huron River and a network of nature trails that navigate through wooded areas, along the river bank and into an open meadow. The MetroPark also features an authentic, refurbished Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad station house, which may be reserved for overnight lodging.

Learn More:
Erie MetroParks
www.eriemetroparks.org

Field Notes:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Location (Milan Trailhead):
Trailhead at northern terminus of Main Street, north of Front Street

Waterbody:
Huron River

Jurisdiction:
Milan, OH

County:
Erie

Latitude:
N 41° 17.99'

Longitude:
W 082° 36.49'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

The Huron River Greenway MetroPark is an approximately two-mile long, linear park, divided into two disconnected sections.

The southern trailhead is located at the end of Main Street in downtown Milan. From the trailhead, the Greenway travels north and dead-ends at a private property marker, then turns on to the Oxbow Trail, a two-mile looping path. The 0.24-mile Edison-Milan Canal Basin Trail connects the Greenway to Edison's birthplace on Edison Drive. Portions of the Greenway in Milan, like the former Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway (W&LE) before it, follow the historic Milan Canal towpath.

The northern trailhead is located at DuPont Marsh State Nature Preserve in Huron Township (see HUGA).

Learn More:
Erie MetroParks
www.eriemetroparks.org



Milan State Wildlife Area

Location:
Lovers Lane, south of State Route 113

Waterbody:
Huron River
East Branch and West Branch
Huron rivers

River Mile Location:
Between Huron RM 14 and E/W Branch
Huron RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Milan Township, OH

County:
Erie

Latitude:
N 41° 17.18'

Longitude:
W 082° 38.56'

Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:

Marsh Park

Location:
North Street (Peru Center Road), north of East Broad Street

Waterbody:
West Branch
Huron River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 7 and RM 8

Jurisdiction:
Monroeville, OH

County:
Huron

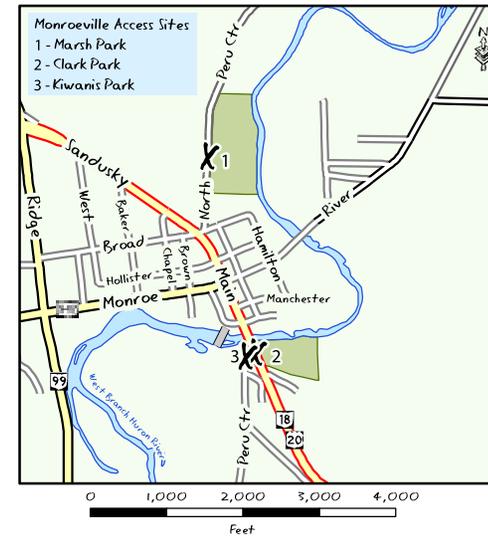
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Longitude:
W 082° 41.73'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Monroeville
www.monroevilleohio.com

Field Notes:



Clark Park and Kiwanis Park

Location (Clark Park):
Main Street
(US 20/SR 18), at
South Main Street

Waterbody:
West Branch
Huron River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 8 and RM 9

Jurisdiction:
Monroeville, OH

County:
Huron

Clark Park:
Lat: N 41° 14.48'
Long: W 082° 41.59'

Kiwanis Park:
Lat: N 41° 14.47'
Long: W 082° 41.62'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:

- Clark Park**
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- Kiwanis Park**
- -
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Kiwanis Park Location:
South Main Street (Peru Center Road) at Main Street
(US 20/SR 18)

Learn More:
Village of Monroeville
www.monroevilleohio.com

Field Notes:

Mary Fate Park

Location:
Sandusky Street
(SR 61), between
Parkwood and
Hoffman streets

Waterbody:
West Branch
Huron River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 40 and RM 41

Jurisdiction:
Plymouth, OH

County:
Huron

Latitude:
N 41° 0.1'

Longitude:
W 082° 39.91'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:

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Learn More:
Village of Plymouth
www.plymouthoh.org

Field Notes:

Empties into: Lake Erie

Mouth: Vermilion, OH

Length: 65 miles

Elevation at source: 1,030 feet above sea level

Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level

Average fall: 7.7 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04100012

8-digit HUC name: Huron-Vermilion

Number of Access Sites: 9



Vermilion River

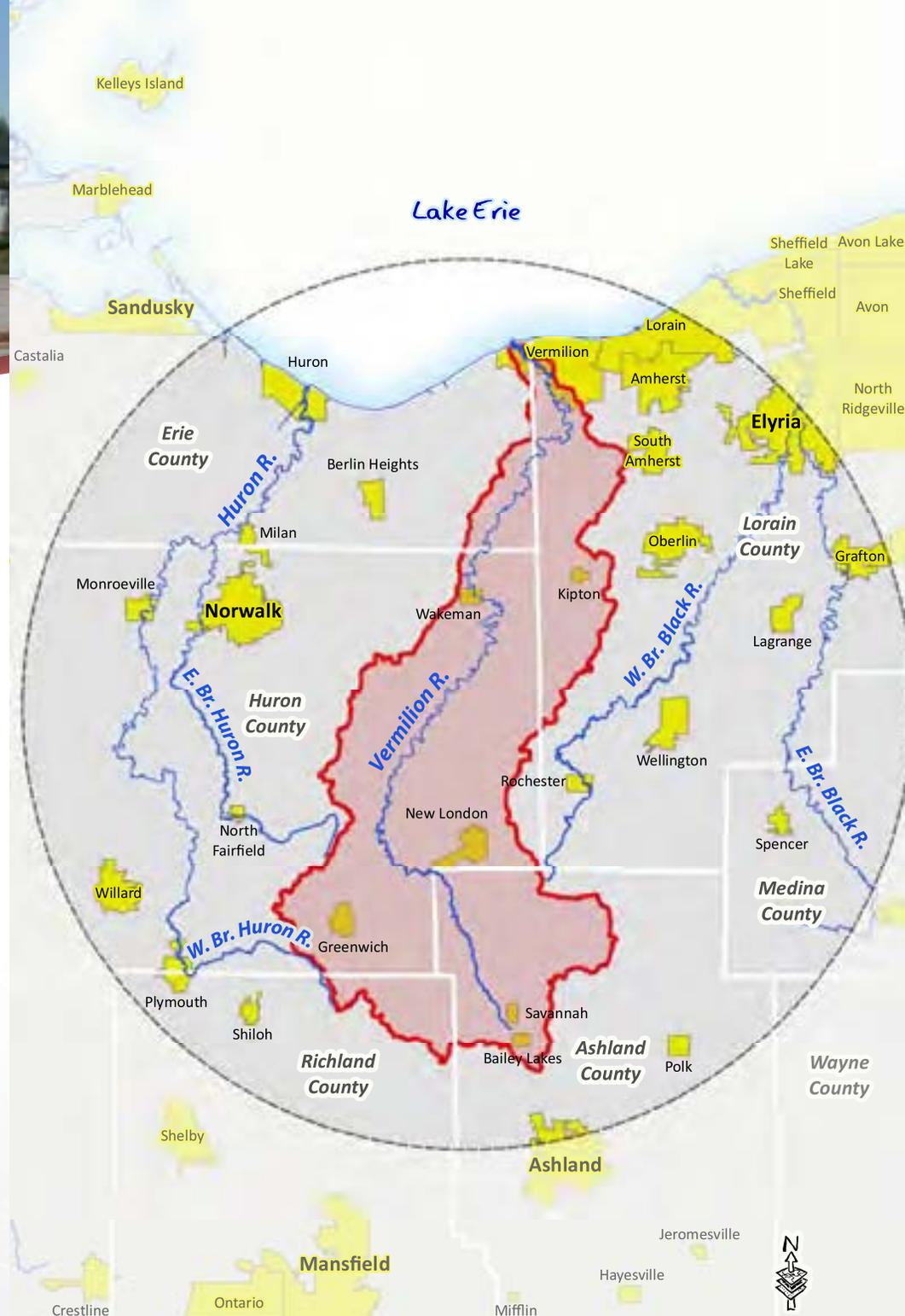
The 65-mile Vermilion River flows north from the Savannah Lakes (Mud Lake and Spring Lake) in the village of Bailey Lakes (Ashland County). It empties into Lake Erie in the city of Vermilion (Erie County). Significant tributaries to the Vermilion include the East Fork, the East Branch, the Southwest Branch and Buck Creek. The entire river system's watershed is 268 square miles (171,520 acres) and covers portions of Ashland, Erie, Huron, Lorain and Richland counties.

The southern shore of Lake Erie near the Vermilion River mouth was inhabited by the Erie Indians until around 1655 when hostile Iroquois people moved into the area and eradicated them. By the 18th century, Chippewa, Ottawa and Wyandot tribes began to occupy upland areas adjacent to the river to trade furs and to take advantage of prime hunting and fishing locations.

The name "Vermilion" is derived from an old French word meaning 'red,' which is representative of the reddish clay commonly found along the river's course. The river has also been referred to as the Oulame Thepy, River en Gry, and has been spelled with two L's. Official recognition of the name "Vermilion River" took place in 1899.

Portions of the lower Vermilion are characterized by high shale cliffs, which are present throughout the Vermilion River Reservation of the Lorain County Metro Park system. The upper reaches of the river navigate low rolling hills and end moraines through highly agricultural lands.

Near the mouth, the city of Vermilion's harbor area offers both commercial and publicly-available ramps and marinas to recreational boaters. For canoeists and kayakers, the Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail was dedicated in 2009, offering a unique paddling experience that begins on the Vermilion River at Mill Hollow/Vermilion River Reservation, follows the Lake Erie shore east, then continues up the Black River to the Bur Oak Area of the Black River Reservation. Anglers are drawn to the area for the smallmouth bass and steelhead yields.



 Vermilion River Watershed  Incorporated Areas  6 Miles



Wakefield MetroPark

Harbour Town Municipal Boat Docks

and East Exchange Park

Location:
5540 Huron Street,
east of Main Street
Beach

Waterbody:
Vermilion River
Lake Erie

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Vermilion, OH

County:
Erie

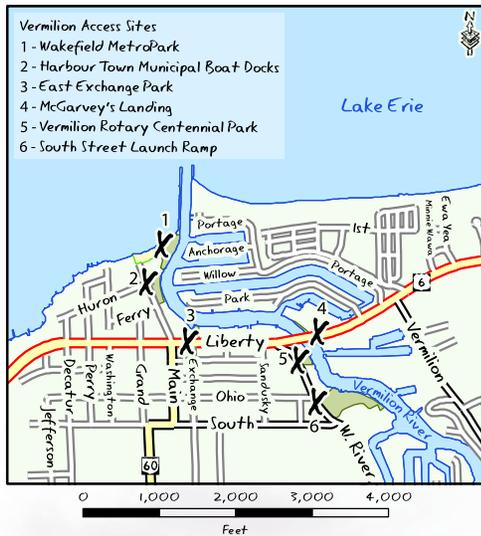
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Longitude:
W 082° 21.882'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 1.5-acre Wakefield MetroPark is situated between Lake Erie and the west bank of the Vermilion River. It is adjacent to and accessible from Main Street Beach. Wakefield MetroPark is undeveloped (as of January 2013) and features a beach (the continuation of Main Street Beach) and passive recreational opportunities, such as fishing and wildlife viewing. A jetty at the Vermilion River mouth is accessible from the MetroPark for additional fishing access.

Erie MetroParks acquired the property in 2010. The entire park parcel is under a conservation easement, which is held by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy.

Learn More:
Erie MetroParks
www.eriemetroparks.org

**Location
(Harbour Town):**
Main and Huron
streets

Waterbody:
Vermilion River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Vermilion, OH

County:
Erie

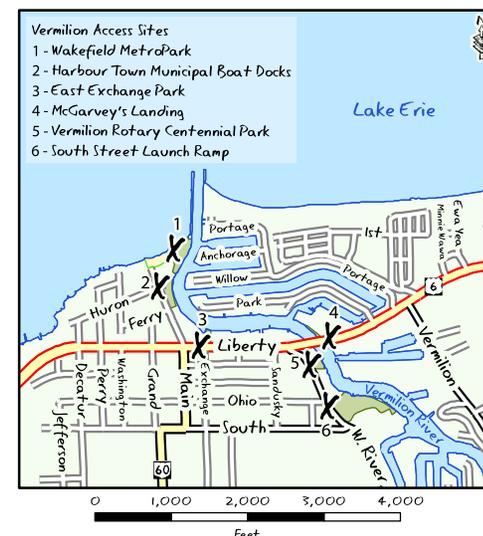
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East Exchange:
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Long: W 082° 21.83'

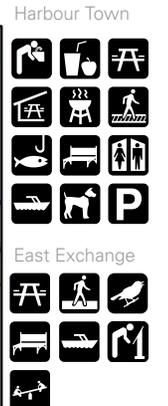
**Access
Site Type:**
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Location (East Exche):
Liberty Avenue (US 6), at Exchange Street

Learn More:
Vermilion Chamber of Commerce
www.vermilionohio.com

Field Notes:



McGarvey's Landing

and Vermilion Rotary Centennial Park

South Street Launch Ramp

Location (McGarvey's):
Liberty Avenue, east of West River Road

Waterbody:
Vermilion River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Vermilion, OH

County:
Erie

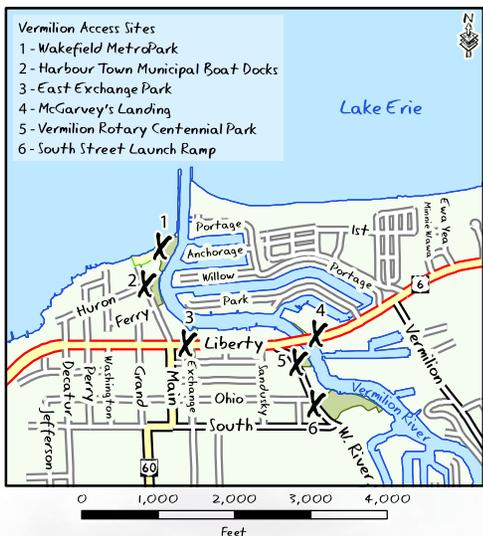
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Long: W 082° 21.45'

Centennial Park:
Lat: N 41° 25.28'
Long: W 082° 21.51'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:

McGarvey's Landing



Vermilion Rotary Centennial Park



Vermilion Rotary Centennial Park Location:
West River Road, south of Liberty Avenue (US 6)

Learn More:
Vermilion Chamber of Commerce
www.vermilionohio.com

Field Notes:

Location:
West River Road and South Street

Waterbody:
Vermilion River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Vermilion, OH

County:
Erie

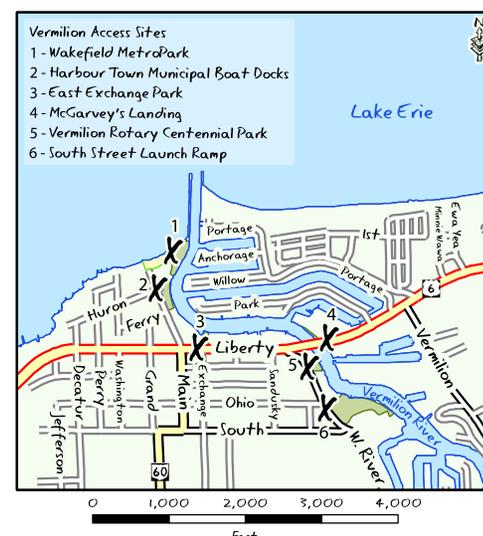
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W 082° 21.46'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Vermilion Chamber of Commerce
www.vermilionohio.com

Field Notes:



Schoepfle Garden

Location:

Market Street, just south of State Route 113

Waterbody:

Vermilion River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 14 and RM 16

Jurisdiction:

Florence Township, OH

County:

Erie

Main Entrance:

Lat: N 41° 19.87'
Long: W 082° 21.05'

South Street:

Lat: N 41° 19.73'
Long: W 082° 21.19'

Community Center:

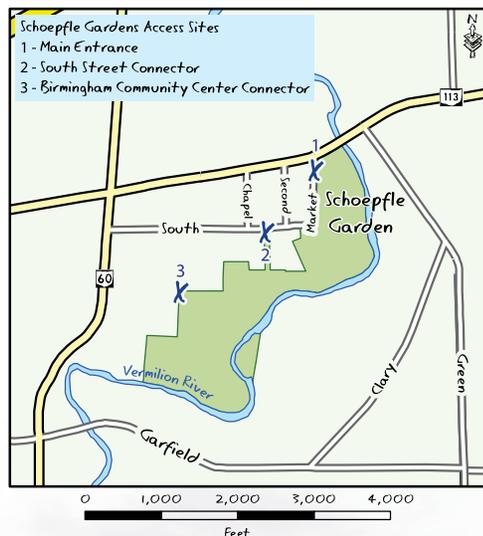
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Long: W 082° 21.44'

Access Site Type:

Recreation
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 70-acre Schoepfle Garden features finely-manicured botanical gardens, natural woodlands and mill ruins along the Vermilion River. The gardens include a Formal Garden, the Shade Garden, a Children's Garden and natural woodlands. A variety of foliage on the grounds include, but are not limited to, European Beech, Paperbark Maple, Japanese Umbrella Pine, rhododendrons, roses and ornamental grasses.

Schoepfle Garden was donated to the Lorain County Metro Parks in 1969 by Otto Schoepfle. He had purchased the house and land in 1936, which was originally owned by his grandparents. The botanical gardens were the comprehensive result of Schoepfle's multiple European travels. He continued to reside in the house until his death in 1992.

Learn More:

Lorain County Metro Parks
www.metroparks.cc



Augusta-Anne Olsen State Nature Preserve

Location:

West River Road, south of Burns Road

Waterbody:

Vermilion River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 21 and RM 23

Jurisdiction:

Wakeman Township, OH

County:

Huron

Latitude:

N 41° 16.37'

Longitude:

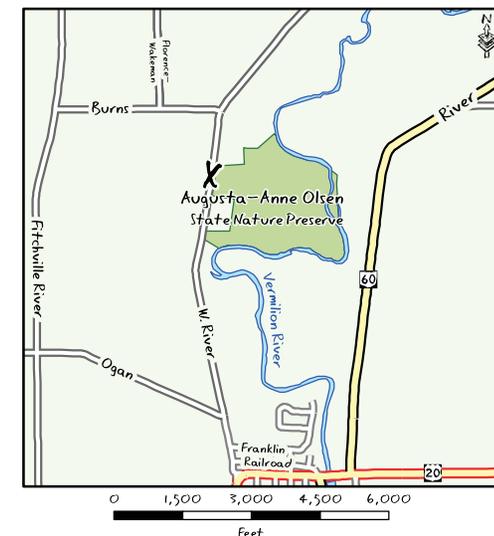
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Access Site Type:

Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



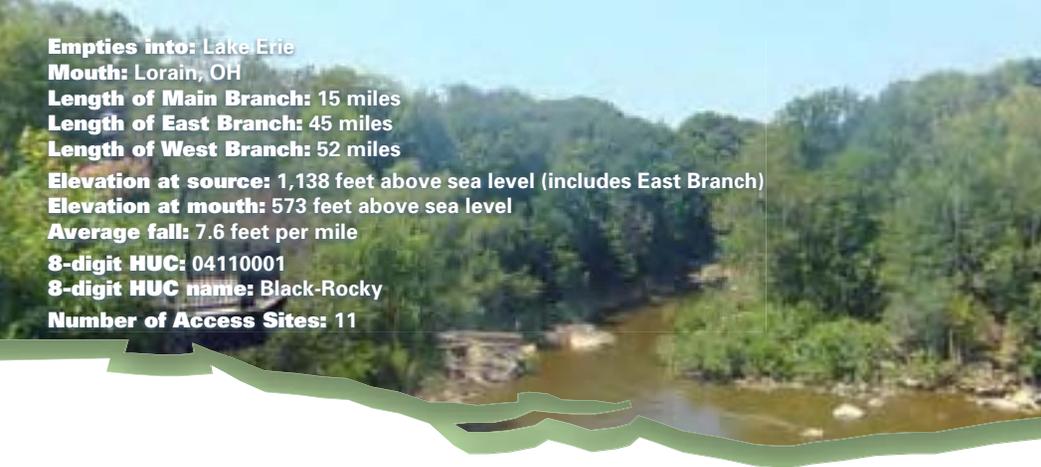
Originally known as the Vermilion River Preserve, the 132-acre Augusta-Anne Olsen State Nature Preserve features ridge top oaks, maples, a mixed floodplain forest and a variety of spring wildflowers. A network of dirt and grass trails, including the Spring, River Loop, River and Sassafras trails, wind throughout the preserve. The preserve is tucked within a large bend in the Vermilion River. The Sassafras Trail hugs the river's edge and affords many scenic views of the river. The trail also features one of the largest sassafras trees in Ohio.

The original 83 acres of the nature preserve were donated to ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves by Augusta-Anne Olsen. In 1996, the division purchased an additional 47 acres of the farm to add to the preserve, which is located about one mile north of Wakeman.

Learn More:

ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves
www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

Empties into: Lake Erie
Mouth: Lorain, OH
Length of Main Branch: 15 miles
Length of East Branch: 45 miles
Length of West Branch: 52 miles
Elevation at source: 1,138 feet above sea level (includes East Branch)
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level
Average fall: 7.6 feet per mile
8-digit HUC: 04110001
8-digit HUC name: Black-Rocky
Number of Access Sites: 11



Black River

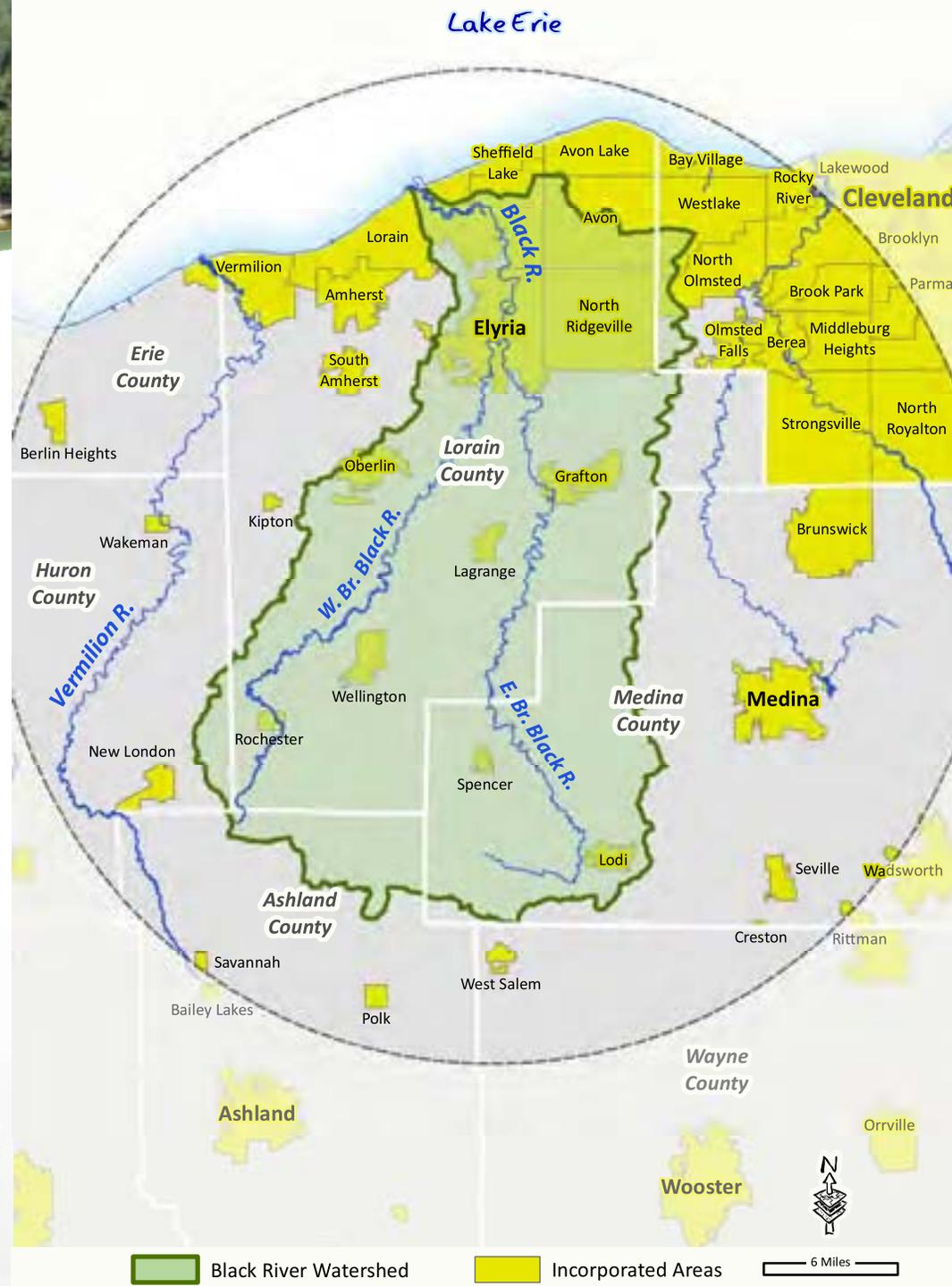
including the East Branch and West Branch

The Black River Watershed is divided into three principal sections: the Main Branch, the East Branch and the West Branch. The Main Branch of the Black is just over 15 miles long and begins where the East and West branches converge at Cascade Falls in the city of Elyria. The mouth empties into Lake Erie in the city of Lorain. The 45-mile East Branch begins at the confluence of the East and West forks northwest of Lodi (Medina County). Headwaters for the 52-mile West Branch rise in Troy Township (Ashland County). The whole watershed covers 466 square miles (298,240 acres) in portions of Ashland, Cuyahoga, Huron, Lorain and Medina counties.

Similar to the Vermilion and Rocky rivers, the Black features distinctively high and steep shale cliffs.

Due to concerns that too much industrial and waste water contaminants had been discharged into the lower portion of the river, the Black was federally designated an Area of Concern in 1985 (along with the Ashtabula, Cuyahoga and Maumee rivers), prompting the foundation of the Black River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The RAP uses community-based, collaborative, ecosystem-based approaches to clean and restore the polluted portions of the river. As a result of the RAP's efforts, water quality in the lower Black has significantly improved over the last decade. While continuing the downstream efforts, the Black River RAP now aims to focus on agricultural impacts upriver.

The Black River Watershed is home to nearly 300,000 residents (644 people per square mile), 40 percent of whom live in the cities of Lorain and Elyria. The river meanders through large areas of protected and connected public land including the Lorain County Metro Parks' Black River and French Creek reservations. The Bridgeway Trail and Steel Mill Trail offer hikers and bicyclists a 5.5-mile, fully-accessible, paved path linking the two reservations. The Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail, dedicated in 2009, also provides paddlers a designated route down the Black from the Black River Reservation to Lake Erie, and then west to the Vermilion River.





Lorain Public Fishing Pier and Riverside Park

Location (Fishing Pier):
First Street at Hamilton Avenue

Waterbody:
Black River
Lake Erie

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Lorain, OH

County:
Lorain

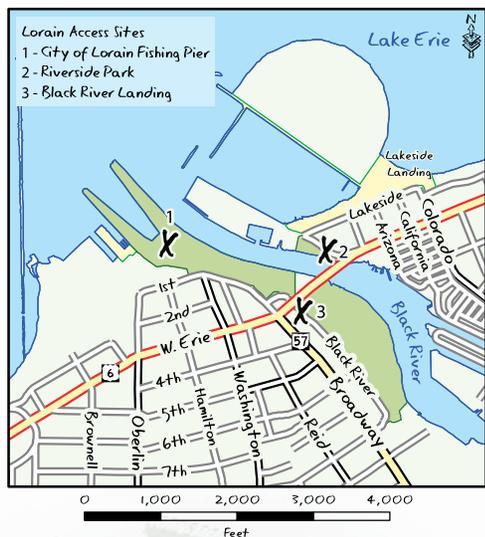
Fishing Pier:
Lat: N 41° 28.25'
Long: W 082° 11'

Riverside:
Lat: N 41° 28.24'
Long: W 082° 10.71'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Riverside Park Location:
Alabama Avenue at Lakeside Avenue

Learn More:

City of Lorain, www.cityoflorain.org
Lorain Port Authority, www.lorainportauthority.com

Field Notes:



Black River Landing

Location:
421 Black River Lane

Waterbody:
Black River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Lorain, OH

County:
Lorain

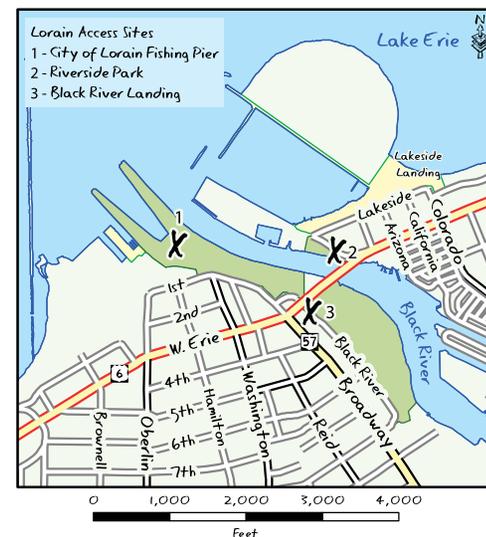
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Longitude:
W 082° 10.62'

Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic
Cultural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Learn More:
Lorain Port Authority
www.lorainportauthority.com

Field Notes:

Amenities:

Lorain Public Fishing Pier



Riverside Park



Amenities:





Black River Wharf Boat Launch

Location:
355 Broadway Avenue

Waterbody:
Black River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Lorain, OH

County:
Lorain

Latitude:
N 41° 27.88'

Longitude:
W 082° 10.37'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



The Black River Wharf Boat Launch is an access site for the Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail. There is a launch fee for boats, canoes and kayaks.

Learn More:

Lorain Port Authority
www.lorainportauthority.com

Field Notes:

Amenities:



French Creek Reservation

Location (Nature Center):
4530 Colorado
Avenue (SR 611)

Location (Water Trail Access):
4060 Old Colorado
Avenue

Waterbody:
Black River
French Creek

River Mile Location:
At RM 5 (Black River)
Between RM 0 and
RM 3 (French Creek)

Jurisdiction:
Sheffield, OH

County:
Lorain

Latitude:
N 41° 27.61'

Longitude:
W 082° 6.75'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Alternate Entrances:

Pine Tree Picnic Area at 4921 French Creek Road

Much of the 450-acre French Creek Reservation is forested landscape (426 acres). The forest varies in age, with some groupings of trees that are more than 100 years old. French Creek Reservation also features a nature center, picnic areas and 4.5 miles of trails.

The French Creek empties into the Black River. From a parking area off Old Colorado Avenue, a launching point for the Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail and the Steel Mill Trail's northern trailhead can be accessed. The nearly 2-mile Steel Mill Trail connects to the Black River Reservation.

Learn More:

Lorain Port Authority
www.lorainportauthority.com

Amenities:





Indian Hollow Reservation

Location:
38744 Parsons Road,
east of Indian Hollow
Road

Waterbody:
East Branch Black
River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 10 and RM 11

Jurisdiction:
Carlisle Township, OH

County:
Lorain

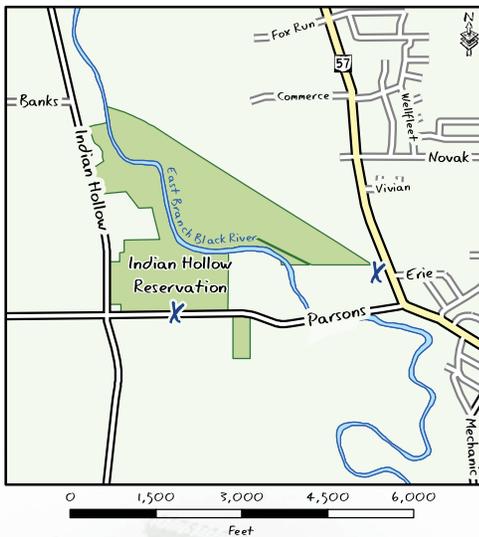
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Long: W 082° 4.53'

SR 57:
Lat: N 41° 16.61'
Long: W 082° 3.76'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance: Beech-Maple Trail trailhead at North Main Street (SR 57) in Grafton

The Lorain County Metro Parks' Indian Hollow Reservation is comprised of four disconnected tracts of land. Only the Sheldon Woods and Midview Soccer Complex areas are presently open to the public. The map, location information and amenity listing are for the Sheldon Woods area.

The 180-acre Sheldon Woods area is mostly wooded and includes remnants of the former Grafton Stone Quarry. Much of the vegetation at Indian Hollow had been stripped for the quarry (east bank). Nature has been reclaiming the land since the quarry ceased operations. Other parts of the reservation were not impacted by industry and feature mature forest cover.

Learn More:
Lorain County Metro Parks
www.metroparks.cc

Carlisle Reservation

Location:
12882 Diagonal Road

Waterbody:
West Branch
Black River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 7 and RM 15

Jurisdiction:
Carlisle Township, OH

County:
Lorain

Duck Pond:
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Long: W 082° 8.11'

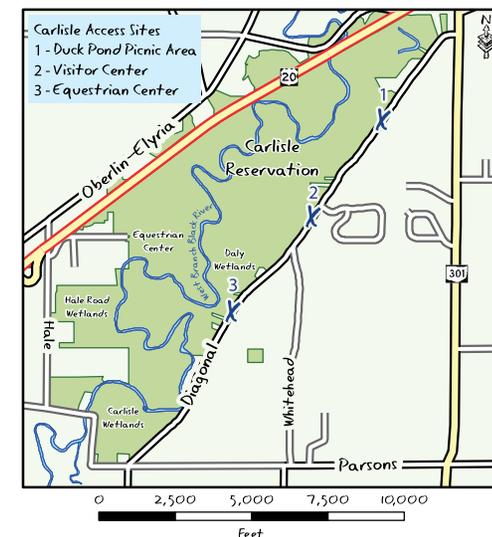
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Long: W 082° 7.61'

**Equestrian
Center:**
Lat: N 41° 17.32'
Long: W 082° 8.69'

Access Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 1,917-acre Carlisle Reservation is the largest Lorain County Metro Park. The park includes the Forest Hills Golf Course (not mapped), a visitor center, the Raptor Center, an equestrian center, the Nielsen Observatory, the Metro Parks' administrative headquarters and other recreational amenities. The Raptor Center houses a collection of wild-hatched birds that have sustained permanent injuries, including a bald eagle, red-tailed hawk, peregrine falcon and various owls.

Carlisle has many trails, including two bridle trails. The trail surfaces range from natural and gravel to paved asphalt. The reservation features a variety of natural habitat types, including multiple wetland areas, open fields, prairies and forested areas. Carlisle's trail network provides exploration through all of these habitats.

Learn More:
Lorain County Metro Parks
www.metroparks.cc

Empties into: Lake Erie

Mouth: Lakewood, OH (east) and Rocky River, OH (west)

Length of Main Branch: 12 miles

Length of East Branch: 35 miles

Length of West Branch: 36 miles

Elevation at source: 1,230 feet above sea level (includes West Branch)

Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level

Average fall: 13.7 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04110001

8-digit HUC name: Black-Rocky

Number of Access Sites: 10

Rocky River

including the East Branch and West Branch

The main branch of the Rocky River is a little over 12 miles long and begins at the confluence of the East Branch Rocky and West Branch Rocky rivers in North Olmsted. Along its course, the Rocky River serves as the jurisdictional divide for the cities of Brook Park and North Olmsted, Cleveland and Fairview Park, Cleveland and Lakewood and finally Lakewood and Rocky River. The river empties into Lake Erie between Lakewood and Rocky River. Headwaters for the 35-mile East Branch and 36-mile West Branch are in Broadview Heights (Cuyahoga County) and Montville Township (Medina County), respectively. A North Branch rises in Granger Township (Medina County) and flows into the West Branch in Medina. The entire Rocky River Watershed is 294 square miles (188,160 acres) and contains portions of Cuyahoga, Lorain, Medina and Summit counties.

The main branch of the Rocky River is often characterized by its deep valley and steep shale cliffs, which in some places reach depths of 150 feet below the street level. Eight high-level bridges cross this stretch. The valley features wide-open meadow areas and also dense floodplain forests; cottonwoods, sycamores and willows are abundant. With exception of the first seven-tenths of a mile between Lake Erie and the Detroit Avenue Bridge, majority of the main stem of the Rocky River is included within the Rocky River Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks and is publicly accessible. In fact, the 2,572-acre reservation contains the very first parcel of land secured by William A. Stinchcomb for the establishment of the Cleveland Metroparks.

The Rocky River Reservation provides easy access to the river for many recreational activities, including boating (near the mouth), kayaking, fishing and wading. The river offers excellent steelhead fishing as well as bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and perch. In June 2007, Field and Stream magazine listed the Rocky River as one of the "150 Best Places to fish in America."



Rocky River Watershed

Incorporated Areas

6 Miles



Port of Lakewood Courtesy Dock

Location:

Beneath the Detroit Avenue Bridge, accessible from the Rocky River Reservation's Scenic Park and Emerald Necklace Marina

Waterbody:

Rocky River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:

Lakewood, OH

County:

Cuyahoga

Latitude:

N 41° 28.92'

Longitude:

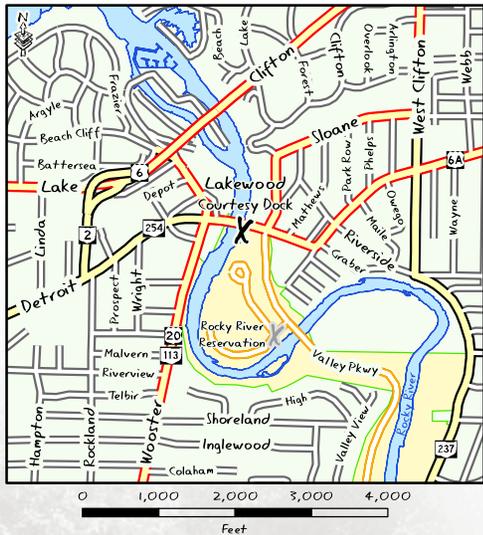
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Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The Port of Lakewood Courtesy Dock is located directly beneath the Detroit Avenue Bridge. It provides boaters a free 15-minute transient dock area on the east bank of the Rocky River.

Learn More:
City of Lakewood
www.onelakewood.com

Field Notes:



Rocky River Reservation

Location:

Western Cuyahoga County along Valley Parkway between Detroit Avenue in Lakewood and Bagley Road in Berea

Waterbody:

Rocky River
East Branch and West Branch Rocky rivers

River Mile Location:

Between RM 1 and RM 12 (Rocky River);
Between RM 0 and RM 5 (East Branch Rocky River);
Between RM 0 and RM 1 (West Branch Rocky River)

County:

Cuyahoga

Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:





Rocky River Reservation

The Cleveland Metroparks' Rocky River Reservation encompasses over 2,500 acres of protected land along the Rocky River and portions of its East and West branches. From north to south, the Reservation is located in Lakewood, Rocky River, Cleveland, Fairview Park, Brook Park, North Olmsted, Olmsted Township and Berea. The 12-mile Valley Parkway meanders with the river for the entire length of the Reservation between Lakewood and Berea. Many access roads lead into the valley and to the parkway. South of Bagley Road, Valley Parkway continues into the adjacent Mill Stream Run Reservation, also a Cleveland Metropark.

The Rocky River valley is characterized by massive shale cliffs, floodplain forests, wetland areas and open meadows. The Reservation features a vast collection of trails, including the 13.6-mile, paved All Purpose Trail, three bridle trail loops totaling 15.4 miles, all-purpose neighborhood connector trails and many shorter hiking and walking trails of varying difficulty levels. Many picnic areas and shelters, scenic overlooks and wildlife viewing opportunities are located throughout the park.

A boat launch, which affords access to Lake Erie, can be found at the Scenic Park Picnic Area. The Emerald Necklace Marina is also accessible from Scenic Park. The reservation includes the Rocky River Nature Center, three golf courses (Big Met, Little Met and Mastick Woods) and the Frostville Museum, which educates visitors on how area settlers lived and worked in the 1800s.

Rocky River Reservation is the most visited of the Cleveland Metroparks' 16 reservations.

Access Roads:

- Valley Parkway from Detroit Avenue (US 6A), Lakewood
- Rockcliff Drive, Rocky River
- Old Hogsback Lane, Lakewood
- Old Lorain Road, Cleveland
- Wooster Road, Fairview Park
- Mastick Road, Fairview Park
- Puritas Road, Cleveland
- Brookway Boulevard, Fairview Park
- Shepherd's Hill Lane, North Olmsted
- Cedar Point Road, Brook Park (east); North Olmsted (west)
- Spafford Road, Brook Park (east); Olmsted Township (west)
- Falls Lane, Berea
- Barrett Road from Bagley Road, Berea

Learn More:

Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com



Rocky River Reservation

RO2.1

Scenic Park Picnic Area and Emerald Necklace Marina

Location:

Valley Parkway, south of the Detroit Avenue entrance

River Mile Location:

Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:

Lakewood, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 28.69'
 W 081° 49.78'

Amenities:



RO2.2

Rockcliff Springs

Location:

Valley Parkway at Rockcliff Drive

River Mile Location:

Between RM 2 and RM 3

Jurisdiction:

Lakewood, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 28.22'
 W 081° 49.75'

Amenities:





Rocky River Reservation

Rocky River Reservation

RO2.3

Sycamore Picnic Area and North Mastick Picnic Area

Location:
Valley Parkway, north of Mastick/
Puritas Road

River Mile Location:
At RM 8

Jurisdiction:
Fairview Park, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 26.45'
W 081° 50.73'

Amenities:



RO2.4

South Mastick Picnic Area and Cottonwood Picnic Area

Location:
Valley Parkway, south of Mastick/
Puritas Road

River Mile Location:
Between RM 8 and RM 9

Jurisdiction:
Fairview Park, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 26.09'
W 081° 50.78'

Amenities:



RO2.5

Rocky River Nature Center

Location:
24000 Valley Parkway, north of
Cedar Point Road

River Mile Location:
Between RM 11 and RM 12

Jurisdiction:
North Olmsted, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 24.5'
W 081° 52.91'

Amenities:



RO2.6

Big Cedar Point Picnic Area and Little Cedar Point Picnic Area

Location:
Valley Parkway and
Cedar Point Road

River Mile Location:
At RM 12

Jurisdiction:
North Olmsted, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 24.42'
W 081° 53.15'

Amenities:





Rocky River Reservation

Mill Stream Run Reservation

RO2.7

Maple Grove Picnic Area and Lagoon Picnic Area

Location:

Valley Parkway, south of Cedar Point Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 0 and RM 1 (East Branch Rocky River)

Jurisdiction:

North Olmsted, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 24.27'
W 081° 53.04'

Amenities:



RO2.8

Berea Falls Scenic Overlook

Location:

Valley Parkway, north of Barrett Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 3 and RM 4 (East Branch Rocky River)

Jurisdiction:

Berea, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 22.69'
W 081° 51.96'

Amenities:



Location:
Southwestern Cuyahoga County along Valley Parkway between Bagley Road in Berea and Edgerton Road in North Royalton

Waterbody:
East Branch Rocky River
Baldwin Lake
Wallace Lake

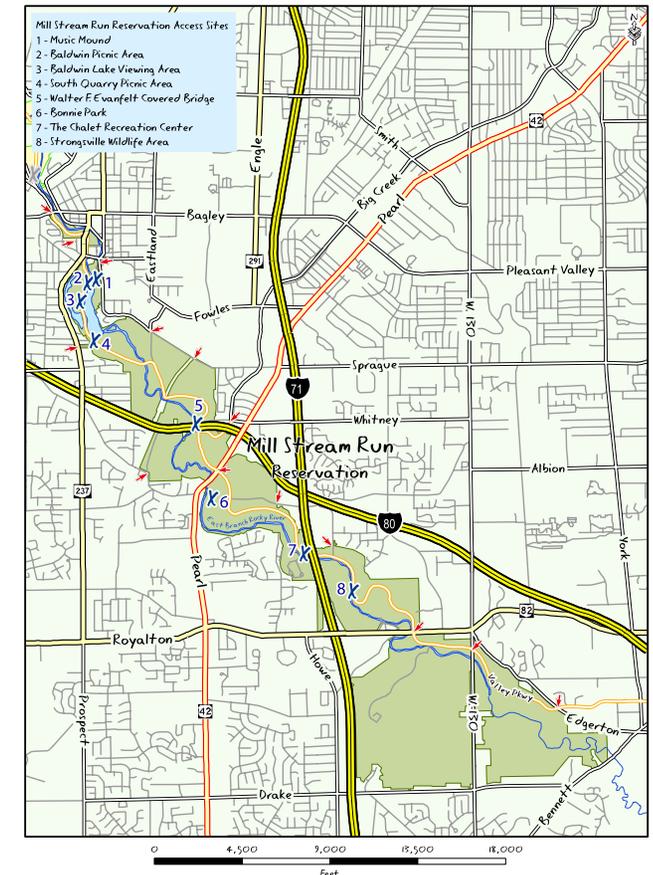
River Mile Location:
Between RM 4 and RM 15

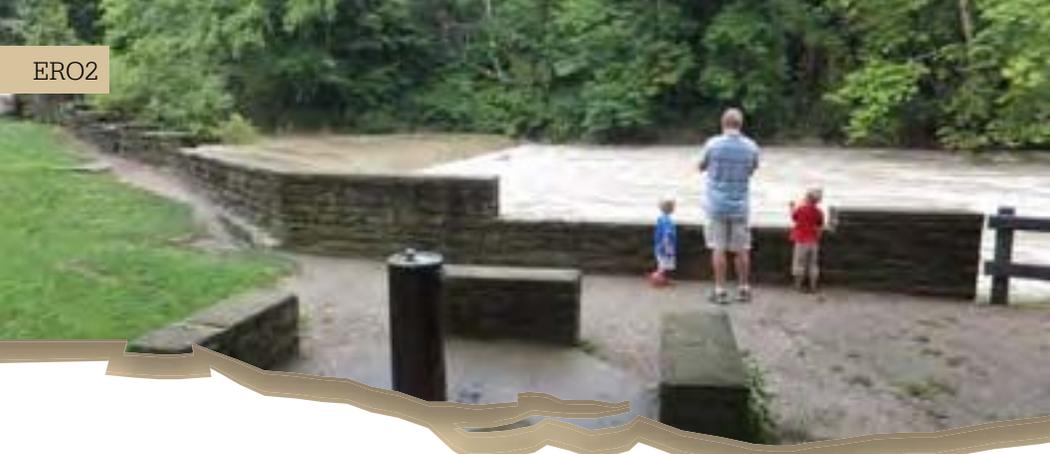
County:
Cuyahoga

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:





Mill Stream Run Reservation

The Cleveland Metroparks' Mill Stream Run Reservation is a 3,302-acre reserve of protected land that follows the East Branch Rocky River from Bagley Road in Berea to Edgerton Road in North Royalton. From north to south, the Reservation is located in Berea, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville and North Royalton. Sites within Mill Stream Run are accessible via Valley Parkway, which travels the Reservation's entire length. Many access roads lead to the parkway, including Pearl Road (US Route 42) and Royalton Road (State Route 82). North of Bagley Road, Valley Parkway continues into the Rocky River Reservation, and east of Edgerton Road the parkway continues to the Brecksville Reservation. Both adjacent reservations are also Cleveland Metropark facilities. Mill Stream Run also connects to another Cleveland Metropark, the Big Creek Reservation via the Big Creek Parkway, located just south of Whitney Road in Strongsville.

The Mill Stream Run Reservation includes many trails, including the 8.9-mile paved All Purpose Trail, a 9-mile bridle trail and other shorter hiking and walking trails. Mill Stream Run is also noted for the Chalet Recreation Center in Strongsville, which features twin downhill toboggan chutes (open during winter months). Located in Berea, Baldwin and Wallace lakes offer fishing and swimming. Both lakes were former sandstone quarries.

Mill Stream Run owes its name to the many sawmills, gristmills and other mills that were once abundantly placed along the East Branch of the Rocky River.

Access Roads:

- Valley Parkway from Bagley Road, Berea
- Lee Road, Berea
- North Quarry Lane, Berea
- South Quarry Lane, Berea
- Eastland Road, Middleburg Heights
- Whitney Road, Strongsville
- Big Creek Parkway, Strongsville
- Pearl Road (US 42), Strongsville
- Albion Road, Strongsville
- Handle Road, Strongsville
- Royalton Road (SR 82), Strongsville
- West 130th Street, Strongsville/North Royalton
- Valley Parkway from Edgerton Road, North Royalton

Learn More:

Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com

Mill Stream Run Reservation

ERO2.1

Baldwin Picnic Area

Location:

Valley Parkway, south of North Quarry Lane

River Mile Location:

Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:

Berea, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 21.78'
 W 081° 51.38'

Amenities:



ERO2.2

Music Mound

Location:

North Quarry Lane, east of Valley Parkway

River Mile Location:

Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:

Berea, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 21.8'
 W 081° 51.26'

Amenities:





Mill Stream Run Reservation

Mill Stream Run Reservation

ERO2.3

Baldwin Lake Viewing Area

Location:
Valley Parkway, between North Quarry and South Quarry lanes

River Mile Location:
Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:
Berea, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 21.62'
W 081° 51.45'

Amenities:



ERO2.5

Walter F. Ehrnfelt Covered Bridge

Location:
Whitney Road, just west of Valley Parkway

River Mile Location:
Between RM 7 and RM 8

Jurisdiction:
Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 20.57'
W 081° 50.18'

Amenities:



ERO2.4

South Quarry Picnic Area

Location:
Valley Parkway at South Quarry Lane

River Mile Location:
Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:
Berea, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 21.31'
W 081° 51.27'

Amenities:



ERO2.6

Bonnie Park

Location:
Valley Parkway at Albion Road

River Mile Location:
Between RM 8 and RM 9

Jurisdiction:
Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 19.97'
W 081° 50.03'

Amenities:





Mill Stream Run Reservation

Hinckley Reservation

ERO2.7

The Chalet

Location:
16200 Valley Parkway,
between Albion Road and Royalton
Road (SR 82)

River Mile Location:
At RM 10

Jurisdiction:
Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 19.33'
W 081° 49.06'

Amenities:



Toboggan chutes

ERO2.8

Strongsville Wildlife Area

Location:
Valley Parkway, between Handle
Road and Royalton Road (SR 82)

River Mile Location:
Between RM 10 and RM 11

Jurisdiction:
Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:
N 41° 19.15'
W 081° 48.44'

Amenities:



Wildlife viewing blind

Location:
Bellus Road, between
State Route 606 and
State Road

Waterbody:
East Branch
Rocky River
Hinckley Lake

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 23 and RM 27

Jurisdiction:
Hinckley
Township, OH

County:
Medina

Latitude:
N 41° 13.63'

Longitude:
W 081° 43.09'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Hinckley Reservation is the only Cleveland Metropark located in Medina County. This Metropark is internationally-known for the punctual spring return of the turkey vulture, commonly known as the buzzard, to the area every March 15.

Hinckley Reservation features the manmade 90-acre Hinckley Lake, which offers all-season fishing, a boat ramp and ice skating. Below the dam is the Hinckley Lake Swimming Area and continuation of the East Branch Rocky River. Many trails meander throughout the reservation, including six miles of the Buckeye Trail, a 6-mile bridle trail, the 3.4-mile Hinckley Lake Loop Trail and a 3.3-mile paved All Purpose Trail. Trailheads can be accessed from within the park, or from the Reservation's perimeter.

Hinckley Reservation also includes Whipp's Ledges and Worden's Ledges. Whipp's Ledges are remarkable 350-foot Sharon Conglomerate sandstone ledges. The 1.25-mile Whipp's Ledges Loop Trail traverses through this geologic phenomenon and connects the Whipp's Ledges Picnic Area (off State Road) with the Top O'Ledges Picnic Area (off Bellus Road).



Hinckley Reservation

Rising Valley Picnic Area

Location:
Newton and Oviatt roads

Waterbody:
East Branch Rocky River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 31 and RM 32

Jurisdiction:
Hinckley Township, OH

County:
Medina

Latitude:
N 41° 15.63'

Longitude:
W 081° 41.12'

Access

Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com

Field Notes:



Olmsted Falls East River Park

Location:
Water Street at River Road; accessible also from Main Street north of Columbia Road (SR 252)

Waterbody:
West Branch Rocky River
Plum Creek

River Mile Location:

Between RM 3 and RM 4

Jurisdiction:
Olmsted Falls, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

Latitude:
N 41° 22.7'

Longitude:
W 081° 53.95'

Access

Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Olmsted Falls
www.olmstedfalls.org

Field Notes:



David Fortier River Park

Columbia Reservation

Location:
Lewis Road, between
Water Street and
Bagley Road

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 3 and RM 4

Jurisdiction:
Olmsted Falls, OH

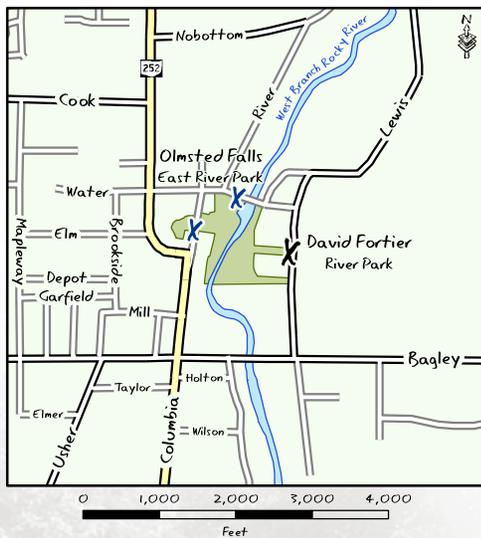
County:
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Longitude:
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation
Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Olmsted Falls
www.olmstedfalls.org

Field Notes:

Location:
25145 Royalton Road
(SR 82)

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 9 and RM 11

Jurisdiction:
Columbia
Township, OH

County:
Lorain

Latitude:
N 41° 18.76'

Longitude:
W 081° 55.19'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation
Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:

Briarwood Lodge Entrance from Briarwood Lane

Learn More:

Lorain County Metro Parks
www.metrotparks.cc

Field Notes:



Mill Stream Park

Location:
End of Maple Street

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 18 and RM 19

Jurisdiction:
Liverpool
Township, OH

County:
Medina

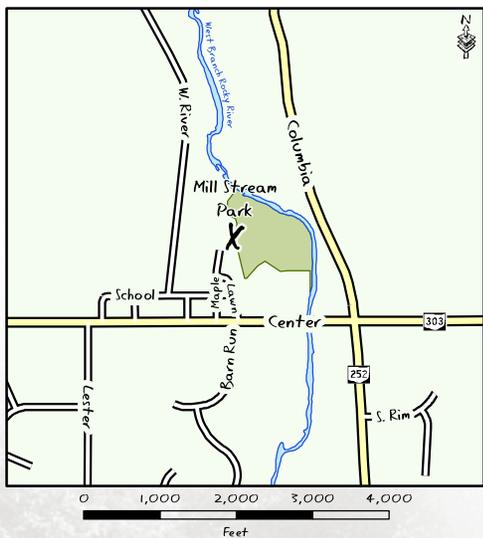
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Liverpool Township and Valley City
www.valleycity.org

Field Notes:



Lake Medina

Location:
Medina Road (SR 18),
between Foote and
River Styx roads

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River
Lake Medina

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 30 and RM 31

Jurisdiction:
Medina, OH

County:
Medina

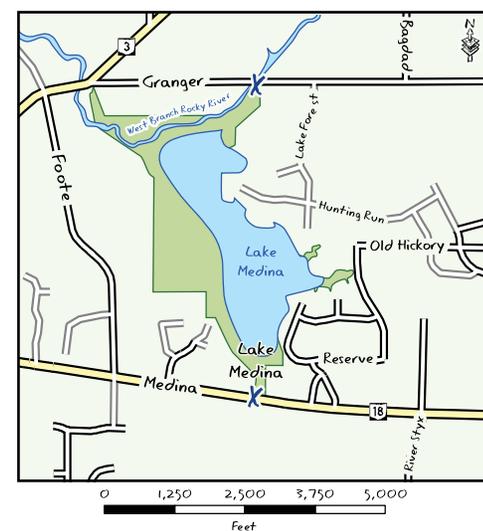
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Granger Road:
Lat: N 41° 9.14'
Long: W 081° 49.34'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:
Granger Road, east of Weymouth Road (SR 3)

Learn More:
Medina County Park District
www.medinacountyparks.com

Field Notes:

Empties into: Lake Erie
Mouth: Cleveland, OH
Length of Main Branch: 85 miles
Length of East Branch: 14 miles

Elevation at source: 1,290 feet above sea level (includes East Branch)

Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level

Average fall: 7.1 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04110002

8-digit HUC name: Cuyahoga

Number of Access Sites: 31

Cuyahoga River

The main branch of the Cuyahoga River begins at the confluence of the West Branch Cuyahoga and East Branch Cuyahoga rivers and flows 85 miles in a U-shaped course to Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland. Headwaters for the 15-mile West Branch and 15-mile East Branch begin in the neighboring townships of Hambden and Montville (Geauga County), respectively. Both branches begin less than 15 miles south of the Lake Erie shore; however, the Cuyahoga River flows nearly 60 miles south into Akron before curving northward toward its mouth. The watershed drains 813 square miles (520,320 acres).

The upper Cuyahoga River was once part of the Ohio River Watershed. The present-day Tuscarawas River, which rises in Akron and flows south into the Muskingum River and eventually the Ohio River, is the ancestral continuation of the upper Cuyahoga River. During the most recent glacial retreat, more than 12,000 years ago, the upper Cuyahoga was redirected north into the uncovered vestiges of a pre-glacial valley.

The name 'Cuyahoga' is an anglicized spelling of the Mohawk Indian word 'cayagaga' meaning "crooked river." In 1796, Moses Cleaveland and his Connecticut Land Company survey party reached the mouth of the Cuyahoga River and established the first settlement in the Western Reserve. This became the city of Cleveland.

Due to concerns that too much industrial and waste water contaminants had been discharged into the lower portion of the river, the Cuyahoga was federally designated an Area of Concern in 1985 (along with the Maumee, Black and Ashtabula rivers), prompting the foundation of the Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). As a result of the RAP's efforts, water quality in the lower Cuyahoga is improving. In 1998 the Cuyahoga was recognized for shaping the nation's environmental, economic and cultural heritage by being federally designated as one of 14 American Heritage Rivers.

The Cuyahoga offers good northern pike, smallmouth bass and steelhead fishing. The upper 25 miles of the river system are designated as a State Scenic River. An additional 25-mile stretch of the river flows through Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio's only National Park.





Wendy Park

Location:
Eastern terminus of
Ed Hauser Way

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River
Lake Erie

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Cleveland, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

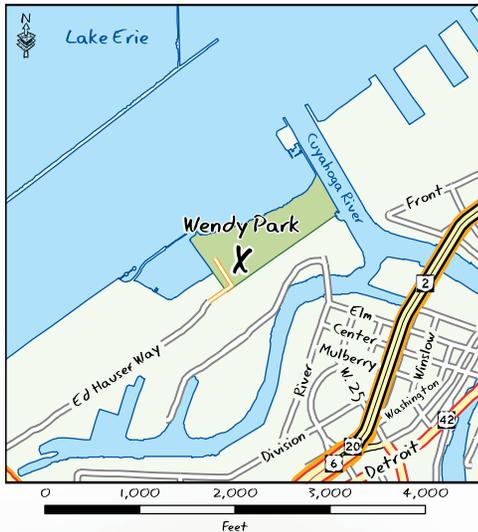
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Wendy Park at Whiskey Island
www.wendypark.org

Field Notes:

Settlers Landing Park

Location:
Old River Road at
St. Clair Avenue; also
accessible from the
northern terminus of
Merwin Avenue

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Cleveland, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

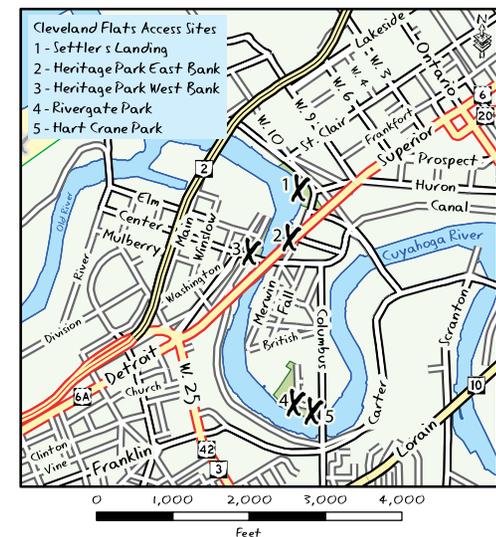
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**Access
Site Type:**
Scenic
Cultural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Settlers Landing Park overlooks the site where Moses Cleaveland and his Connecticut Land Company survey team established a base camp in July 1796 while surveying the Connecticut Western Reserve and platting the city of Cleveland.

Learn More:
City of Cleveland
www.city.cleveland.oh.us

Field Notes:



Heritage Park

East Bank and West Bank

Location (East Bank):
Merwin Avenue at West Street

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Cleveland, OH

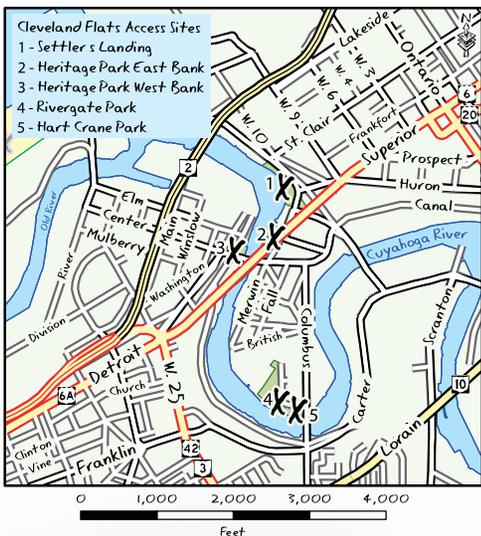
County:
Cuyahoga

Lat/Long (East Bank)
N 41° 29.75'
W 081° 42.07'

Access Site Type:
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Location (West Bank):
Riverbed Street at Elm Street

Lat/Long (West Bank):
N 41° 29.72'
W 081° 42.27'

Learn More:
City of Cleveland
www.city.cleveland.oh.us

Field Notes:

Rivergate Park and Hart Crane Park

Location (Rivergate):
Merwin Avenue, west of Columbus Road

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Cleveland, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

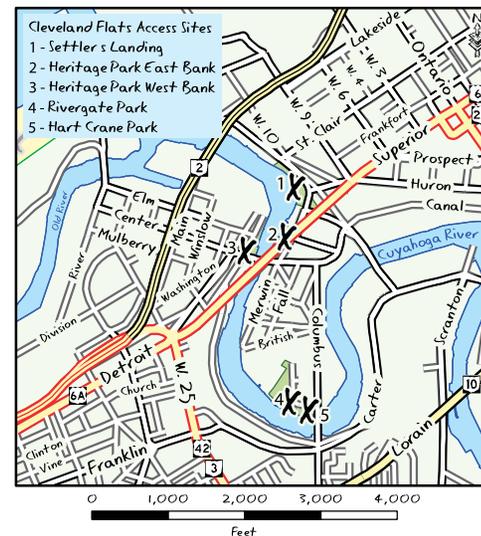
Lat/Long (Rivergate)
N 41° 29.39'
W 081° 42.19'

Lat/Long (Hart Crane)
N 41° 29.29'
W 081° 41.95'

Access Site Type:
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 6.5-acre Rivergate Park is currently undeveloped vacant land. The Cleveland Metroparks owns 2.4 acres. Reclamation plans for Rivergate Park include the addition of a skate park, a canoe/kayak launch, outdoor classroom, restroom facilities and the Metroparks' Institute of the Great Outdoors (IGO). The launch will be the Metroparks' first watercraft access site on the Cuyahoga River. The IGO will provide outdoor recreational programming and training. The park is currently the new home of the Cleveland Rowing Foundation.

Location (Hart Crane):
Columbus Road at Merwin Avenue

Learn More:
City of Cleveland, www.city.cleveland.oh.us
Cleveland Metroparks, www.clemetparks.com



Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

Location:
Between Harvard Road in Cuyahoga Heights and Rockside Road in Valley View

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 7 and RM 13

Jurisdiction:
Cuyahoga Heights, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

Access Site Type:
Recreational

Date Visited

The Cleveland Metroparks' Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation spans a 6-mile stretch of the Cuyahoga River in Cuyahoga Heights and Valley View and is situated on the backlands of industrial properties which abut the river and canal. The reservation celebrates Cleveland's industrial heritage through interpretive signage, displays and overlook areas. Additionally, the northernmost remaining 4.4 miles of the 309-mile Ohio & Erie Canal enters the Metropark and provides fishing opportunities, wildlife and scenic viewing.

The 6.3-mile paved All Purpose Trail/Towpath Trail extends the length of the reservation, connecting access "gateways" at Harvard Avenue, the CanalWay Center, Bacci Park, West Canal Road and at Lock 39 (Rockside Road). The Towpath Trail, which follows the original Canal Towpath from 1827, continues south into the adjacent Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Three additional trails, the Six Mile Flats Loop Trail (0.3 miles) and the Lower 40 Loop Trail (0.6 miles), and a 2-mile mountain bike trail are also found at Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation (near the CanalWay Center Gateway).

Learn More:
Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com

Amenities (Harvard):



Amenities (CanalWay Center):



Amenities (Bacci):



Location Map:



Location (Harvard):
Harvard Avenue between Jennings Road and Denison Avenue

Lat/Long (Harvard):
N 41° 26.85'
W 081° 40.87'

Location (CanalWay Center):
East 49th Street at Whittlesey Way

Lat/Long (CanalWay Center):
N 41° 26.12'
W 081° 39.4'

Location (Bacci):
Canal Road between East 71st Street and Warner Road

Lat/Long (Bacci):
N 41° 25.03'
W 081° 38.29'



Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Cuyahoga Valley National Park protects nearly 33,000 acres and includes over 25 miles of the Cuyahoga River. It is the largest public access site featured in the *Lake Erie Public Access Guidebook - Rivers Edition*. From north to south, the park is located in the communities of Independence, Valley View, Walton Hills, Brecksville, Sagamore Hills Township, Northfield Center Township, Boston Township, Richfield Township, Boston Heights, Peninsula, Cuyahoga Falls, Bath Township and Akron. The park is adjacent to the Cleveland Metroparks' Bedford, Brecksville and Ohio & Erie Canal reservations and is also adjacent to Summit County's Deep Lock Quarry, Furnace Run, Hampton Hills and O'Neil Woods metro parks.

In addition to preserving the natural splendor between the urban centers of Cleveland and Akron, the Cuyahoga Valley National Park protects and highlights the historic importance of the Cuyahoga River Valley. The park features the Towpath Trail, which follows the historic route of the Ohio & Erie Canal. From 1827 to 1861, the canal served as a major means for transporting goods between Lake Erie and the Ohio River. Many of the canal's locks remain in tact and are found along the Towpath.

There are many locations to access the Towpath, including the Lock 39, Station Road Bridge, Red Lock, Lock 29, Bolanz Road, Ira Road and Botzum trailheads. The Towpath continues north into the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks and south into Sand Run and Cascade Valley metro parks, which serve Summit County. There are many other hiking and walking trails found within the park, including connecting pathways from adjacent reservations.

The Ohio & Erie Canalway Byway, designated in 1996 as a State Scenic Byway and federally in 2000 as one of America's Byways, follows Canal and Riverview roads through the park. The 110-mile Byway route travels from Cleveland to New Philadelphia in Tuscarawas County, and connects industrial hubs with historic canal-era communities and sites.

In partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park, the private non-profit Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad provides a tour of the park by rail. The railroad is one of the country's longest and oldest scenic expeditions and travels between the Rockside Station in Independence and the Canton Station in the city of Canton. Stations within the park include (from north to south) the Canal Visitor Center, Brecksville, Boston Mill, Peninsula, Indigo Lake and Botzum.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park offers many more activities and amenities, including a bridle trail, cross-country skiing trails, picnic shelters and fishing areas. Brandywine Falls, Beaver Marsh, Ritchie Ledges and the Everett Road Covered Bridge are also points of interest.

Learn More:

National Park Service, www.nps.gov
 Cuyahoga Valley National Park, www.nps.gov/cuva

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Location:

South-central Cuyahoga and northern Summit counties, between Rockside Road in Valley View and Bath Road in Akron

Waterbody:
 Cuyahoga River

Minor Waterbodies:
 Chippewa Creek
 Tinkers Creek
 Furnace Run

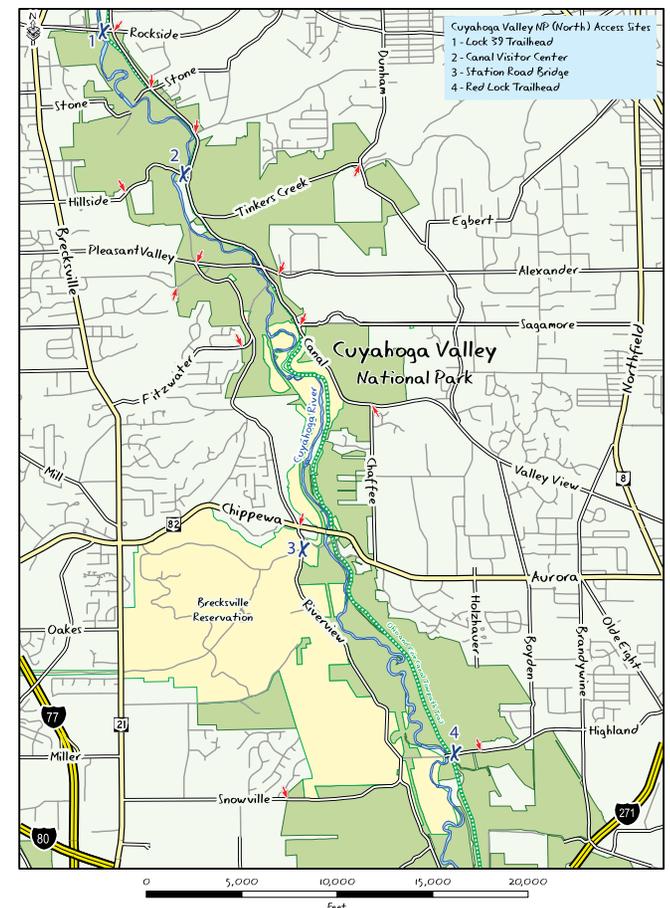
River Mile Location:

Between RM 13 and RM 38

County:
 Cuyahoga
 Summit

Access Site Type:
 Recreational
 Cultural
 Educational
 Scenic
 Natural

Location Map (North):





Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

CU8.1

Lock 39 Trailhead

Location:

Rockside Road, east of Canal Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 13 and RM 14

Jurisdiction:

Valley View, OH

County:

Cuyahoga

Lat/Long:

N 41° 23.61'
W 081° 37.67'

Amenities:


CU8.2

Canal Visitor Center

Location:

7104 Canal Road, at Hillside Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 15 and RM 16

Jurisdiction:

Valley View, OH

County:

Cuyahoga

Lat/Long:

N 41° 22.34'
W 081° 36.85'

Amenities:


CU8.3

Station Road Bridge (Brecksville Reservation; CU9)

Location:

13512 Station Road, off Riverview Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 20 and RM 21

Jurisdiction:

Brecksville, OH

County:

Cuyahoga

Lat/Long:

N 41° 19.15'
W 081° 35.5'

Amenities:


The Station Road Bridge is located within the adjacent Brecksville Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. Brecksville Reservation connects to the Mill Stream Run Reservation, also of the Cleveland Metroparks, via Valley Parkway.

CU8.4

Red Lock Trailhead

Location:

Vaughn Road, east of Riverview Road

River Mile Location:

At RM 24

Jurisdiction:

Sagamore Hills Township, OH

County:

Summit

Lat/Long:

N 41° 17.33'
W 081° 33.82'

Amenities:




Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Access Roads (North to South):

Location Map (South):

- Canal Road
- Stone Road
- Schrieber Road
- Hillside Road
- Tinkers Creek Road
- Pleasant Valley Road
- Alexander Road
- Brookside Road
- Fitzwater Road
- Sagamore Road
- Valley View Road
- Riverview Road
- Valley Parkway
- Highland Road
- Vaughn Road
- Snowville Road
- Columbia Road
- Brandywine Road
- Hines Hill Road
- Boston Mills Road
- Streetsboro Road
- Wheatley Road
- Truxell Road
- Kendall Park Road
- Quick Road
- Wetmore Road
- Northampton Road
- Everett Road
- Ira Road
- Martin Road
- Steels Corners Road
- Bath Road
- Yellow Creek Road
- Akron Peninsula Road
- Merriman Road



CU8.5

Boston Store Visitor Center

Location:

1548 Boston Mills Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 26 and RM 27

Jurisdiction:

Boston Township, OH

County:

Summit

Lat/Long:

N 41° 15.79'
W 081° 33.59'

Amenities:



CU8.6

Lock 29 Trailhead

Location:

West Mill Street, west of Akron Peninsula Road

River Mile Location:

At RM 29

Jurisdiction:

Peninsula, OH

County:

Summit

Lat/Long:

N 41° 14.63'
W 081° 32.97'

Amenities:





Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Cuyahoga Valley National Park

CU8.7

Hunt Farm Visitor Center and the Bolanz Road Trailhead

Location:

2054 Bolanz Road, between Riverview
and Akron Peninsula roads

River Mile Location:

Between RM 33 and RM 34

Jurisdiction:

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:

Summit

Lat/Long:

N 41° 12.04'
W 081° 34.24'

Amenities:


CU8.9

Ira Road Trailhead

Location:

Riverview Road, north of Ira Road

River Mile Location:

At RM 35

Jurisdiction:

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:

Summit

Lat/Long:

N 41° 11.09'
W 081° 35.03'

Amenities:


CU8.8

Indigo Lake

Location:

4040 Riverview Road

River Mile Location:

At RM 34

Jurisdiction:

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:

Summit

Lat/Long:

N 41° 11.61'
W 081° 34.68'

Amenities:


CU8.10

Botzum Trailhead

Location:

Riverview Road, south of Bath Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 37 and RM 38

Jurisdiction:

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:

Summit

Lat/Long:

N 41° 9.5'
W 081° 34.45'

Amenities:




Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park

Location:
5779 Riverview Road,
south of Major Road

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 30 and RM 31

Jurisdiction:
Peninsula, OH

County:
Summit

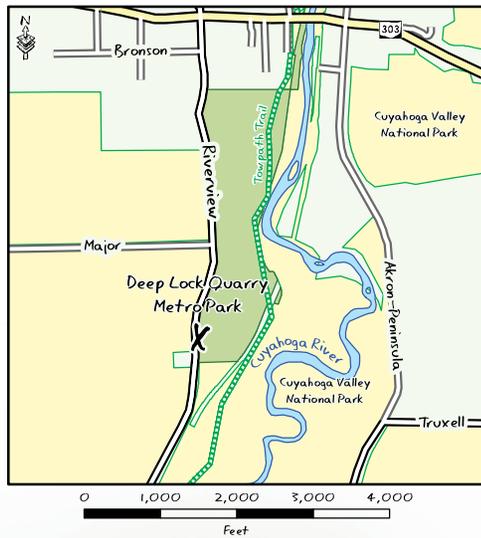
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park (Metro Parks, Serving Summit County) is contained within the boundaries of Cuyahoga Valley National Park and connects to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. The Metro Park features a remnant canal lock and an old quarry, which produced the large Berea Sandstone blocks needed to construct the lock, among other local structures.

Deep Lock Quarry includes more Ohio Buckeye trees than any other Summit County Metro Park.

Learn More:

Metro Parks Serving Summit County
www.summitmetroparks.org



Ohio & Erie Canal Portage Path Trailhead

Location:
North Portage Path
between Merriman
and Akron Peninsula
roads

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 40 and RM 41

Jurisdiction:
Akron, OH

County:
Summit

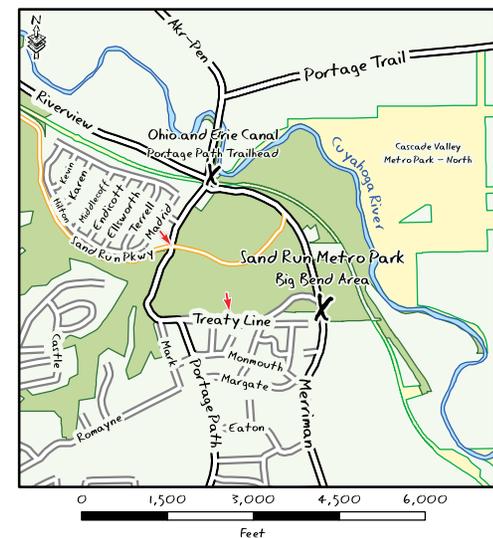
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Field Notes:



Sand Run Metro Park

Big Bend Area

Location:
1337 Merriman Road

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 41 and RM 42

Jurisdiction:
Akron, OH

County:
Summit

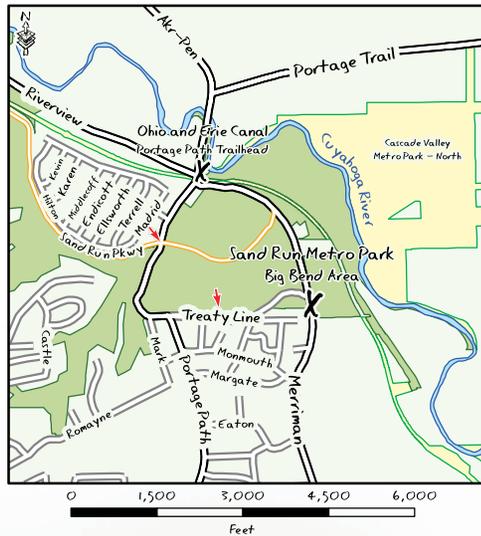
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Sand Run Metro Park (Metro Parks, Serving Summit County) is one of Summit County's oldest metro parks and is the most visited. The park's Big Bend Area, located off Merriman Road, provides access to the Cuyahoga River and to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail.

The 2.8-mile Valley Link Trail crosses the Cuyahoga River and continues east to the Schumacher Valley Area at the adjacent Cascade Valley Metro Park (northern section).

Learn More:

Metro Parks Serving Summit County
www.summitmetroparks.org



Cascade Valley Metro Park

North (Schumacher Valley Area)

Location:
1690 Cuyahoga Street

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 40 and RM 42

Jurisdiction:
Akron, OH

County:
Summit

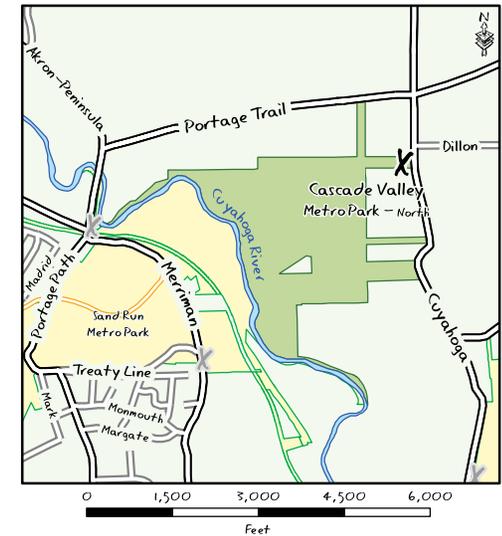
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Access Site Type:
Recreation
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Summit County's Cascade Valley Metro Park is divided into two disconnected tracts; a North and South section. The 171-acre North Section is a primitive and rugged area that features the 1.2-mile Schumacher Trail. The area also includes the 2.8-mile Valley Link Trail, which connects to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and adjacent Sand Run Metro Park to the west. The Valley Link Trail does not provide bicycle access to the Towpath.

Learn More:

Metro Parks Serving Summit County
www.summitmetroparks.org



Cascade Valley Metro Park

South (Oxbow and Chuckery areas)

Oxbow Area:

1061 Cuyahoga Street

Chuckery Area:

837 Cuyahoga Street

Waterbody:

Cuyahoga River
Little Cuyahoga River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 42 and RM 44

Jurisdiction:

Akron, OH

County:

Summit

Oxbow:

Lat: N 41° 7.26'

Long: W 081° 31.45'

Chuckery:

Lat: N 41° 6.73'

Long: W 081° 31.48'

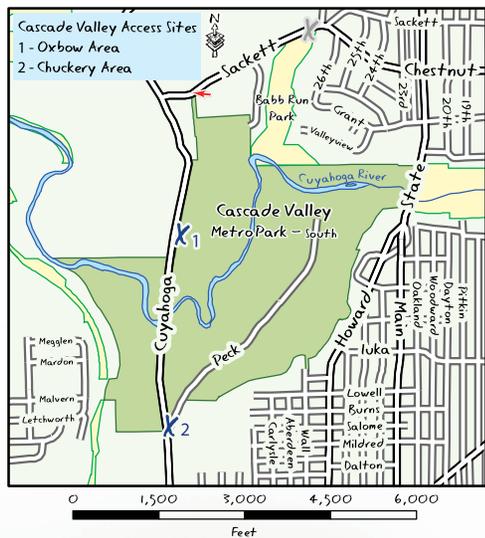
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Summit County's Cascade Valley Metro Park is divided into two disconnected tracts; a North section and a South section. The southern section is further divided into the Oxbow Area on the north side of the Cuyahoga River and the Chuckery Area on the river's south side. The southern section of Cascade Valley Metro Park marks the southernmost point in the Cuyahoga River's U-shaped course. For the Native Americans that once inhabited the area, this location marked the northernmost point of the canoe portage trail that linked the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas rivers. A remaining natural landmark of this trail is the Indian Signal Tree, a large and uniquely shaped Bur Oak tree at the Chuckery Area.

Cascade Valley Metro Park is connected to Sand Run (via the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail) and Gorge (via the 3.2-mile Highbridge Trail) metro parks to the north and east, respectively.



Babb Run Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary

Location:

Sackett Avenue,
between Calvert Drive
and 26th Street

Waterbody:

Cuyahoga River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 43 and RM 44

Jurisdiction:

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:

Summit

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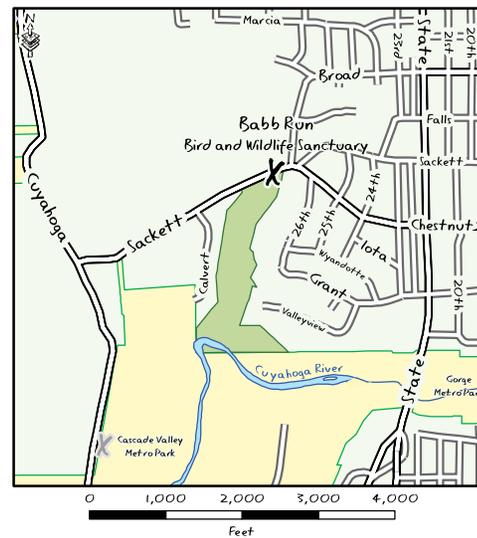
Access

Site Type:

Recreation
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:

End of Valley View Drive (pedestrian access only)

Learn More:

City of Cuyahoga Falls
cfo.cityofcf.com/web

Field Notes:



Gorge Metro Park

Location:
1160 Front Street

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 44 and RM 46

Jurisdiction:
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:
Summit

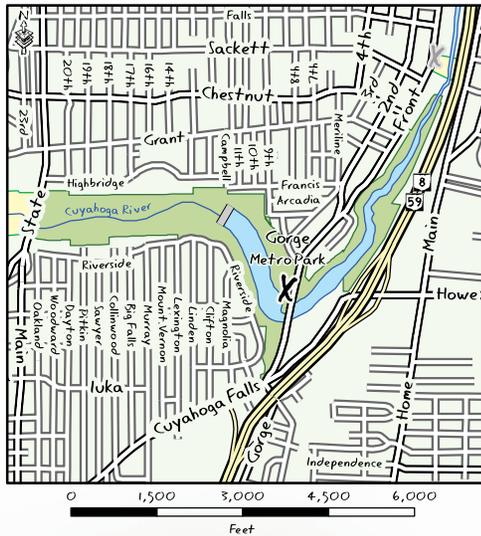
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 155-acre Gorge Metro Park gets its name from the deep gorge cut by the waters of the Cuyahoga River. Prior to the most recent glacial retreat, the upper portion of the Cuyahoga River once sustained a southward flow to the present-day Tuscarawas River. Due to glacial debris blocking its path, the river changed course through what is now Gorge Metro Park and toward Lake Erie. Gorge Metro Park is known for its rugged terrain downstream of the dam, which features caves, rock overhangs and ledges.

The upper portion of the Cuyahoga River at Gorge Metro Park is held back by a 58-foot high, (out of use) hydroelectric dam, built in 1912 by the Northern Ohio Light & Traction Company. An observation deck and fishing dock extend into the 34-acre reservoir. Environmental advocates have proposed the removal of the dam, which would re-expose the gorge's geologic marvel, improve stream and water quality and allow fish to spawn farther upriver.

The 3.2-mile Highbridge Trail connects to the Cascade Valley Metro Park's Chuckery Area to the east.



Highbridge Glens Park

Location:
1817 Front Street

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
At RM 46

Jurisdiction:
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:
Summit

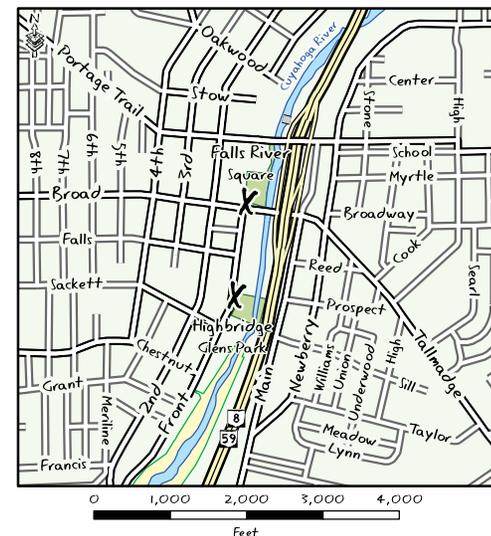
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Highbridge Glens Park sits at the site of the former High Bridge Glens Amusement Park. The long-defunct amusement park operated between the 1880s and 1912 and featured a dance hall and roller coaster. Much of the park's appeal centered on the trails leading into the gorge and the impressive geologic spectacles. Construction of the hydroelectric dam downriver (at present-day Gorge Metro Park) resulted in the current 34-acre reservoir, which in turn inundated the amusement park's scenery.

Today, a pedestrian bridge over the river offers scenic views of the Cuyahoga Falls.

Learn More:
City of Cuyahoga Falls
cfo.cityofcf.com/web



Falls River Square

Location:
Front Street at Broad Boulevard

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 46 and RM 47

Jurisdiction:
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:
Summit

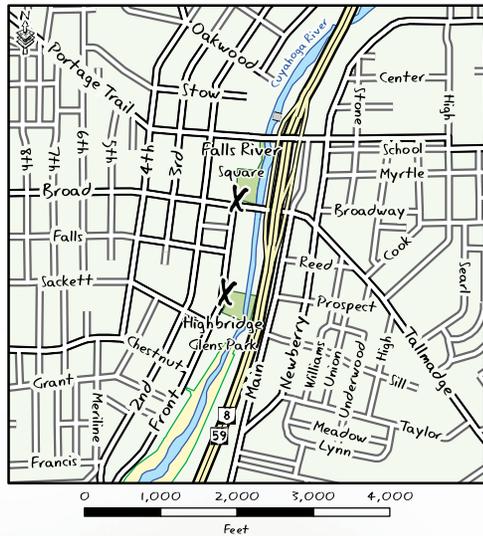
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Falls River Square is located between Oakwood Drive and Broad Boulevard in downtown Cuyahoga Falls along a portion of Front Street that is open to pedestrians only. It features a stage, amphitheater and indoor pavilion, and is utilized for special events. Falls River Square also includes shopping, restaurants, a riverfront boardwalk, ice skating and an interactive water fountain.

Learn More:
City of Cuyahoga Falls
cfo.cityofcf.com/web

Field Notes:



River Front Park

Location:
2641 Front Street (SR 59) at Bailey Road

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 47 and RM 48

Jurisdiction:
Cuyahoga Falls, OH

County:
Summit

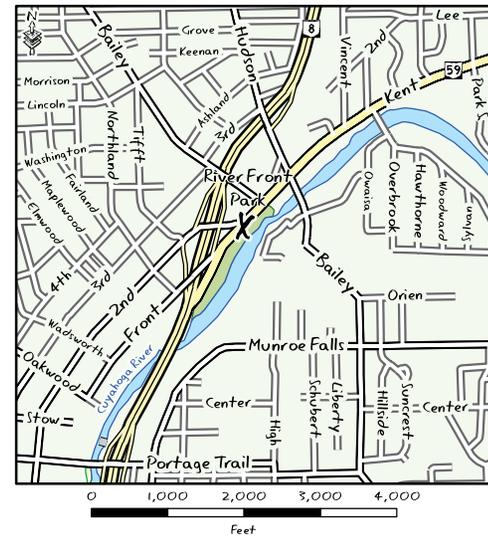
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Cuyahoga Falls
cfo.cityofcf.com/web

Field Notes:



Water Works Park

Location:
2025 Munroe Falls Avenue

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 48 and RM 50

Jurisdiction:
Cuyahoga Falls, OH and Munroe Falls, OH

County:
Summit

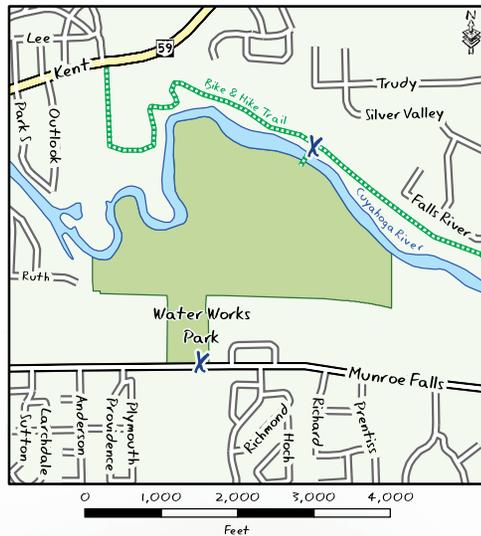
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:

Trail access from Bike & Hike Trail

Learn More:

City of Cuyahoga Falls, cfo.cityofcf.com/web
Metro Parks Serving Summit County, www.summitmetroparks.org
(for Bike & Hike Trail)

Field Notes:

Brust Park

Location:
130 North Main Street (SR 91)

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 49 and RM 50

Jurisdiction:
Munroe Falls, OH

County:
Summit

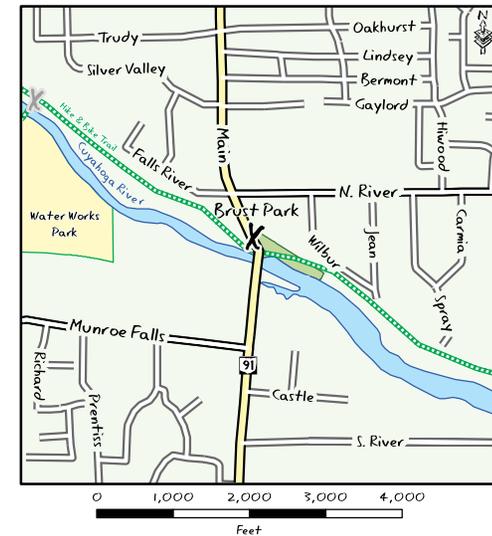
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Brust Park provides access to the Bike & Hike Trail (Metro Parks, Serving Summit County), a 33.5-mile trail that links points in Walton Hills (Cuyahoga County), Sagamore Hills, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Boston Heights, Silver Lake, Munroe Falls, Stow and Hudson. Much of the trail follows the course of the defunct Akron, Bedford and Cleveland Railroad.

Learn More:

Metro Parks Serving Summit County
www.summitmetroparks.org

Field Notes:



Portage Hike & Bike Trail

Fred Fuller Park

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 52 and RM 56

Jurisdiction:
Kent, OH

County:
Portage

Middlebury Rd:
Lat: N 41° 8.27'
Long: W 081° 23.45'

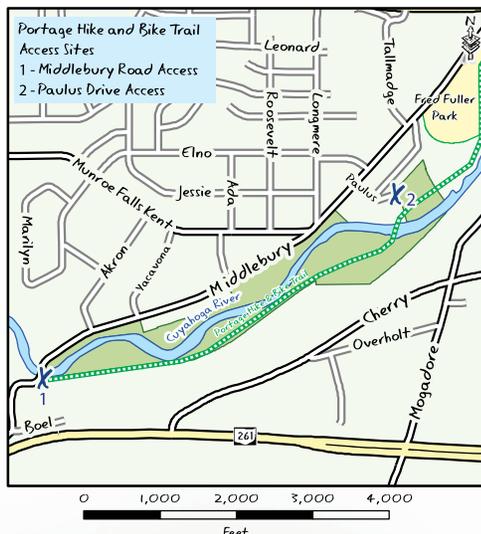
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Long: W 081° 22.45'

Crain Ave:
Lat: N 41° 9.54'
Long: W 081° 21.48'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Access Locations:

- Middlebury Road Access, between Cherry Street (SR 261) and Akron Boulevard (north side of river)
- Paulus Drive Access, end of Paulus Drive (no parking)
- Fred Fuller Park (CU23)
- Crain Avenue Access at Water and Lake streets

The Portage Park District's Hike & Bike Trail is a multi-purpose trail that connects Kent, Franklin Township, Brady Lake and Ravenna. In Kent, the trail parallels the Cuyahoga River between Middlebury Road and Crain Avenue. The trail also connects with Summit County's Bike & Hike Trail.

Learn More:
Portage Park District
www.portageparkdistrict.org

Amenities:



Location:
Middlebury Road,
between Haymaker
Parkway (SR 59) and
Tallmadge Avenue

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between
RM 54 and RM 55

Jurisdiction:
Kent, OH

County:
Portage

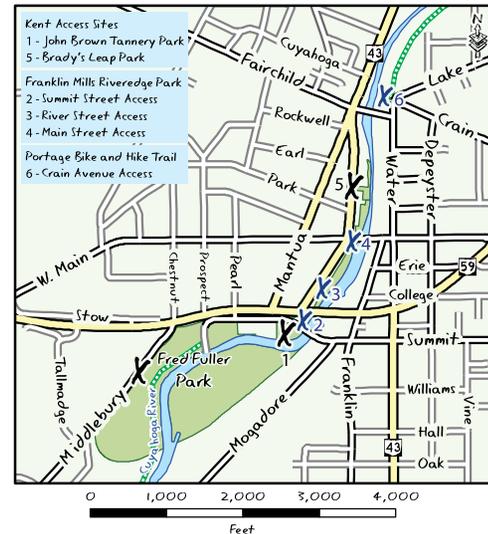
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Learn More:
City of Kent
www.cityofkent.org

Field Notes:

Amenities:





John Brown Tannery Park

Location:
West Summit/Stow
Street between
Pearl Street and
Mogadore Road

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 54 and RM 55

Jurisdiction:
Kent, OH

County:
Portage

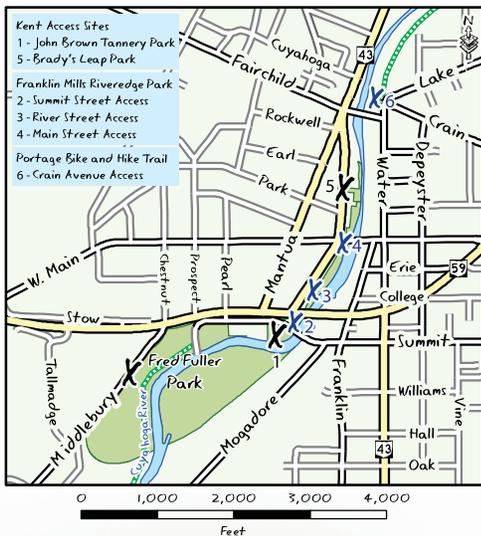
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Kent
www.cityofkent.org

Field Notes:



Franklin Mills Riveredge Park

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 54 and RM 55

Jurisdiction:
Kent, OH

County:
Portage

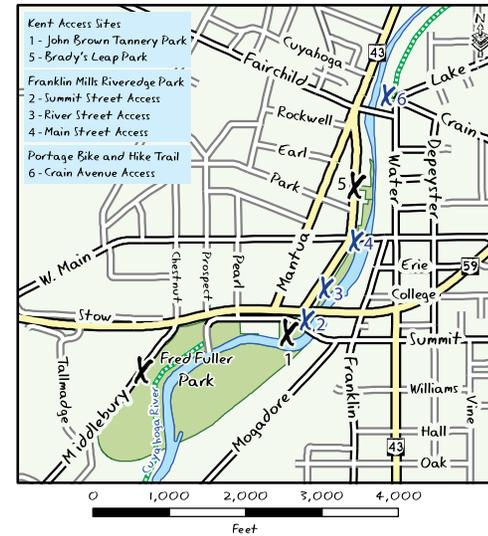
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Long: W 081° 21.61'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Access Locations:

- West Summit Street Access, across from John Brown Tannery Park
- River Street Access (SR 43N)
- West Main Street Access
- Brady's Leap Park (CU26)

Learn More:

City of Kent
www.cityofkent.org

Field Notes:



Brady's Leap Park

Location:
Gougler Avenue
(SR 43N), between
Park Avenue and
Rockwell Street

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

**River Mile
Location:**
At RM 55

Jurisdiction:
Kent, OH

County:
Portage

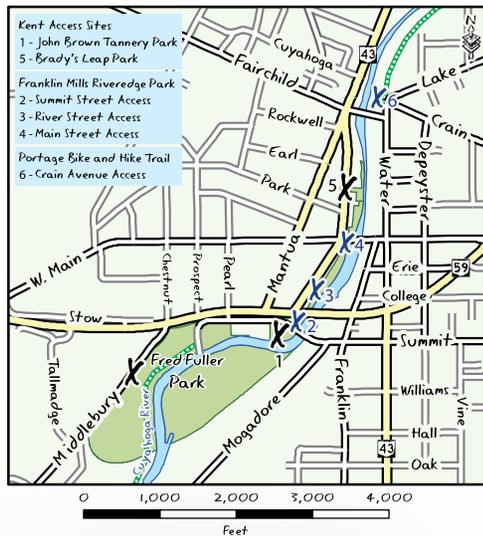
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Kent
www.cityofkent.org

Field Notes:

Tummonds State Nature Preserve

Location:
State Route 44
between Canada and
Goodell roads

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 68 and RM 69

Jurisdiction:
Shalersville
Township, OH

County:
Portage

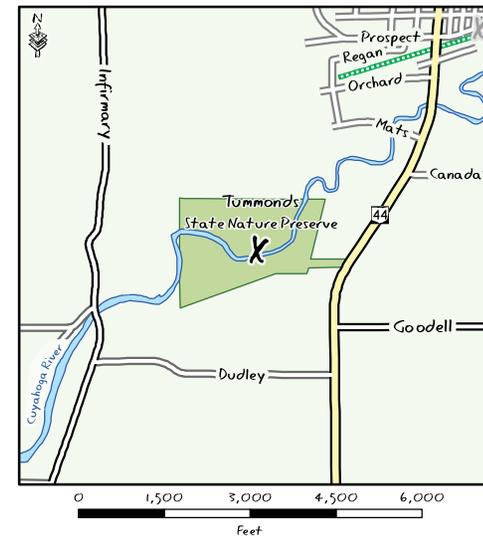
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**Access
Site Type:**
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 86-acre Tummonds State Nature Preserve is best accessible by canoe from the Cuyahoga River. Additional access can be found from the Mantua Rotary Club's Glacial Esker Trail, located near the wastewater treatment plant on Line Street. There are no trails or other amenities at Tummonds, but visitors may explore the preserve without a permit. Tummonds was the first designated scenic river preserve (1986) and protects 1.5 miles of the Upper Cuyahoga State Scenic River.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, www.ohiodnr.com/dnap
ODNR Division of Watercraft, www.ohiodnr.com/watercraft



Headwaters Trail

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 69 and RM 71

Jurisdiction:
Mantua, OH

County:
Portage

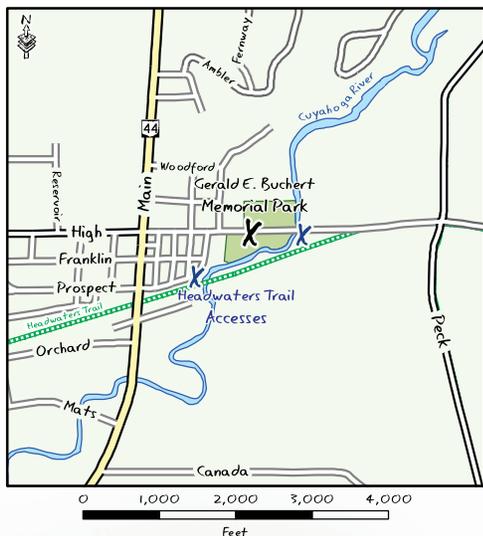
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Lat/Long (Village Hall):
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Long: W 081° 17.03'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Access Locations:

- Mill Street Access, south of Prospect Street
- High Street, behind Mantua Village Hall

The Portage Park District's Headwaters Trail is an 8-mile limestone-paved trail that follows the course of the former Cleveland-Mahoning Railroad. It connects Mantua and Garrettsville. Between State Route 44 and State Route 700, the Headwaters Trail crosses the Lake Erie-Ohio River watershed divide.

A connecting trail to Gerald E. Buchert Memorial Park along the north side of the river is accessible from the Mill Street Access.

Learn More:

Village of Mantua, www.mantuavillage.com
Portage Park District, www.portageparkdistrict.org



Gerald E. Buchert Memorial Park

Location:
East High Street, east of Park Street

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River

River Mile Location:
At RM 70

Jurisdiction:
Mantua, OH

County:
Portage

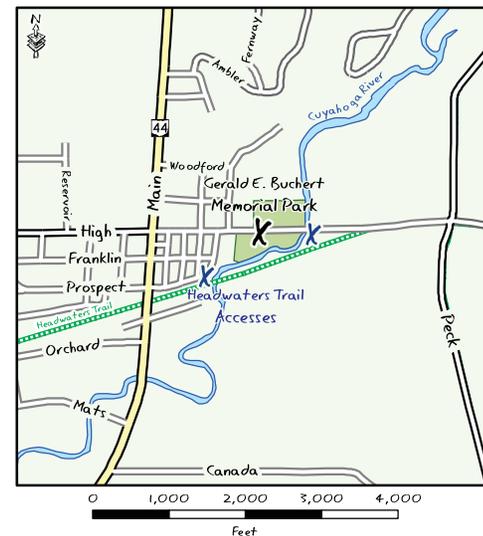
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

Village of Mantua
www.mantuavillage.com

Field Notes:



Eldon Russell Park

Location:
16315 Rapids Road,
between Pond and
Stafford roads

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River
Bridge Creek

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 83 and RM 84

Jurisdiction:
Troy Township, OH

County:
Geauga

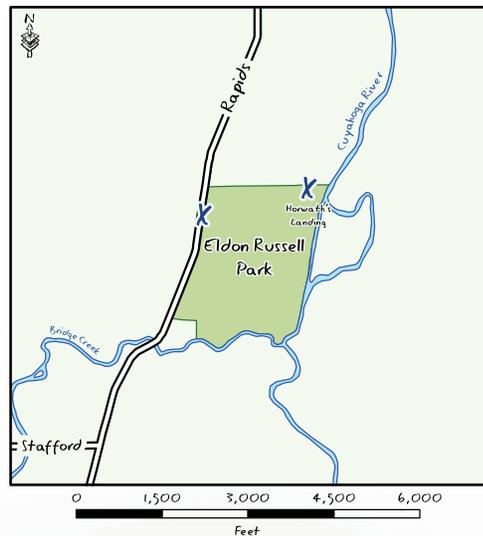
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Lat: N 41° 25.46'
Long: W 81° 9.85'

**Horwath's
Landing:**
Lat: N 41° 25.55'
Long: W 81° 9.44'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 132-acre Eldon Russell Park was the first park in Geauga County to provide access to the Upper Cuyahoga River State Scenic River. Located within the park is Horwath's Landing, a canoe and small boat launch.

Learn More:
Geauga Park District
www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:

Headwaters Park

Location:
13365 Old State Road
(SR 608), north of
Durkee Road

Waterbody:
Cuyahoga River
East Branch Reservoir

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 91 and RM 94

Jurisdiction:
Claridon and Hunts-
burg townships, OH

County:
Geauga

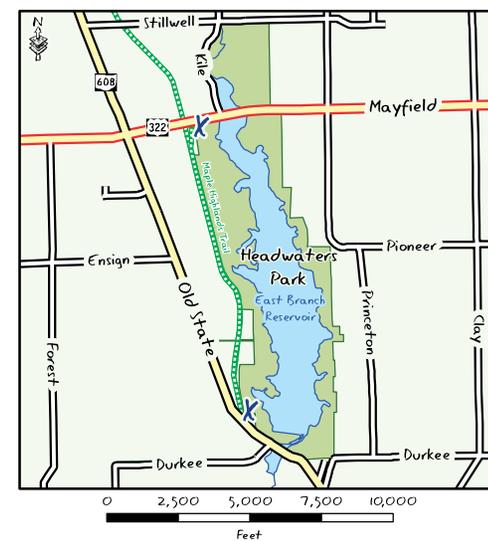
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(Old State Road):**
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Long: W 81° 6.04'

**Lat/Long
(Mayfield Road):**
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



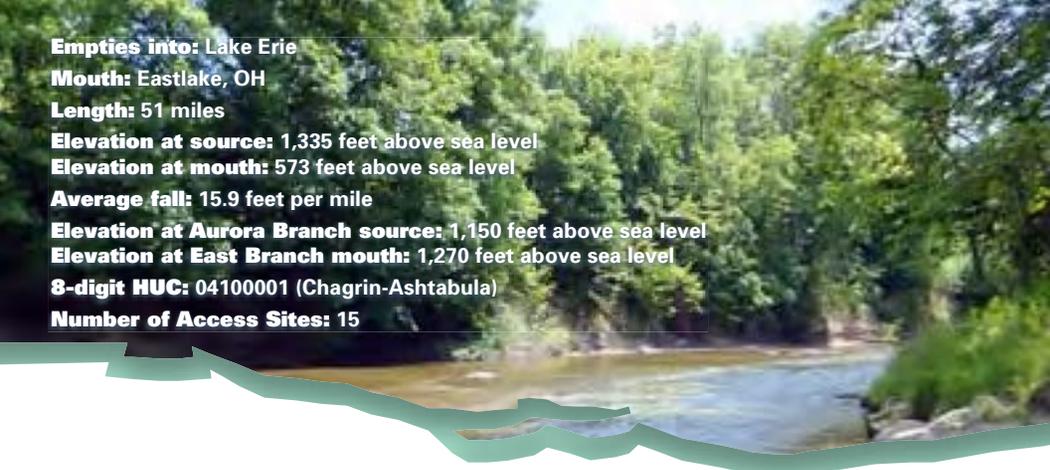
Alternate Entrance:
Mayfield Road (US 322), east of Old State Road (SR 608)

The City of Akron (Summit County) began purchasing land in Geauga County in 1932 for water supply purposes. Headwaters Park is a 926-acre property that is leased by the Geauga Park District from the city of Akron. It features the 420-acre East Branch Reservoir, which is Akron's northernmost water supply basin. The reservoir provides fishing access (permitted from boats and limited to designated areas along the shore), as well as a boat launch at the Crystal Lake Picnic Area.

Headwaters Park includes a network of trails, including two miles of the statewide Buckeye Trail, and access to the 12.4-mile paved Maple Highlands Trail.

Learn More:
Geauga Park District
www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Empties into: Lake Erie
Mouth: Eastlake, OH
Length: 51 miles
Elevation at source: 1,335 feet above sea level
Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level
Average fall: 15.9 feet per mile
Elevation at Aurora Branch source: 1,150 feet above sea level
Elevation at East Branch mouth: 1,270 feet above sea level
8-digit HUC: 04100001 (Chagrin-Ashtabula)
Number of Access Sites: 15



Chagrin River

Commencing at 1,335 feet above sea level (762 feet above Lake Erie), the Chagrin River's headwaters are higher in elevation than any other tributary in the Lake Erie Watershed. The 51-mile Chagrin River begins its V-shaped course in Chardon (Geauga County) and flows for 20 miles in a southwestward direction to Chagrin Falls (Cuyahoga County) before sharply changing its course north toward Lake Erie. It empties into the lake at Eastlake in Lake County. The Chagrin River has two main branching tributaries, the Aurora Branch, which meets the Chagrin in Bentleyville (Cuyahoga County), and the East Branch, which flows into the Chagrin at Willoughby (Lake County). Headwaters for the 18-mile Aurora Branch and 21-mile East Branch begin in Mantua Township (Portage County) and Chardon Township, respectively. The entire Chagrin River Watershed drains 267 square miles (170,880 acres) and includes portions of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Portage counties.

The exact origin of the name 'Chagrin' is debatable. One thought claims the river was named 'Shaguin' after the French trader, Sieur de Saguin. Another theory suggests the word 'chagrin' is anglicized from the Erie Indian word 'shagarin' meaning 'clear water.'

Following the most recent glacial retreat, much like other river systems in northeast Ohio, the Chagrin cut a deep ravine through portions of the once rugged Allegheny Plateau on its way into the lake plain. Steep cliffs of exposed sandstone and shale bedrock are typical within the valley. The transition between the northern ridge of the plateau and the lake plain is well-defined in northeast Ohio, particularly in the Chagrin River Watershed and in neighboring watersheds. Gildersleeve Mountain (1,163 feet above sea level) in Kirtland (Lake County) is one of several features in the topography that mark the Allegheny Plateau's northernmost ridge.

Despite a great deal of urbanization and agriculture within the watershed, the Chagrin River has maintained high water quality levels and lush riparian forest cover. Seventy-one miles of the Chagrin River have been designated as a State Scenic River, including portions of the Aurora Branch and East Branch. The Chagrin is a popular sport fishing river and is particularly favorable for steelhead catches. Additionally, the Spring Brook, a small tributary to Bass Lake which feeds into the main branch, has continually held a population of the Ohio brook trout since the last ice age.



Chagrin River Watershed Incorporated Areas 6 Miles



Eastlake Port Authority Boat Ramp

Location:
201 Erie Road,
north of Lakeshore
Boulevard (SR 283)

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0
and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Eastlake, OH

County:
Lake

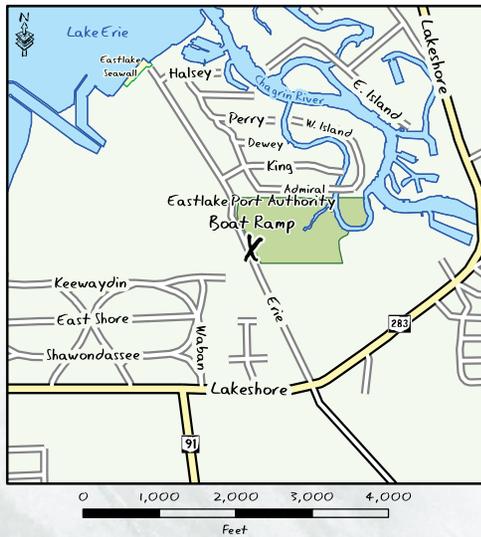
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Field Notes:



Chagrin River Park

Entrances:
37669 Erie Road
3100 Reeves Road
1000 Rural Drive

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 1
and RM 3

Jurisdiction:
Eastlake and
Willoughby, OH

Lat/Long (Erie Rd):
N 41° 39.11'
W 081° 24.8'

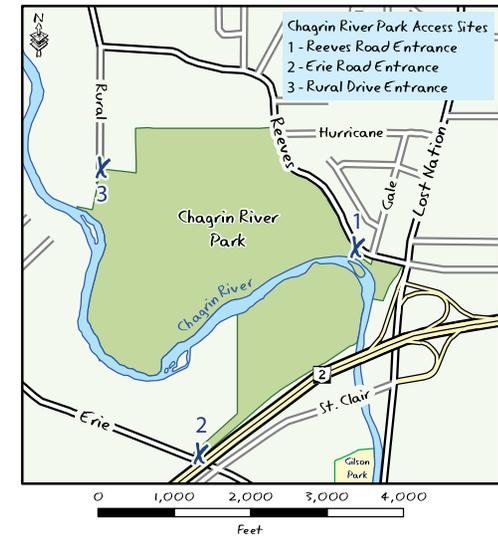
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W 081° 24.8'

Lat/Long (Rural Dr):
N 41° 39.11'
W 081° 25.12'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 237-acre Chagrin River Park features park land on both the east and west bank of the Chagrin River; which is connected by a pedestrian bridge. The park has three entrances: 1) Erie Road in Willoughby, 2) Reeves Road in Willoughby and 3) Rural Drive in Eastlake. These access locations are connected only by the park's 2.8-mile network of trails.

Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:



Gilson Park

Location:
38125 Erie Road

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 3 and RM 4

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby, OH

County:
Lake

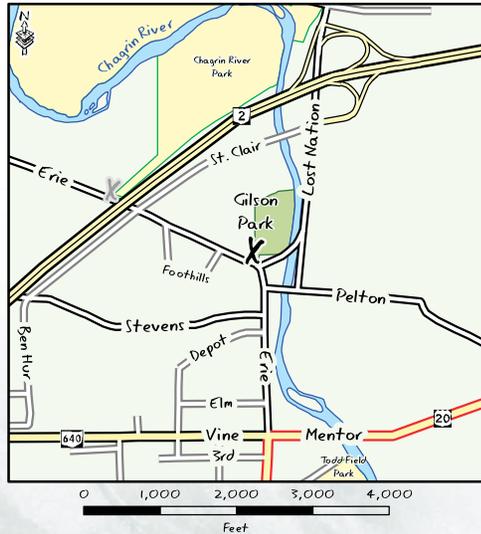
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Willoughby
www.willoughbyohio.com

Field Notes:



Todd Field Park

Location:
38264 Glenn Avenue

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 4 and RM 5

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby, OH

County:
Lake

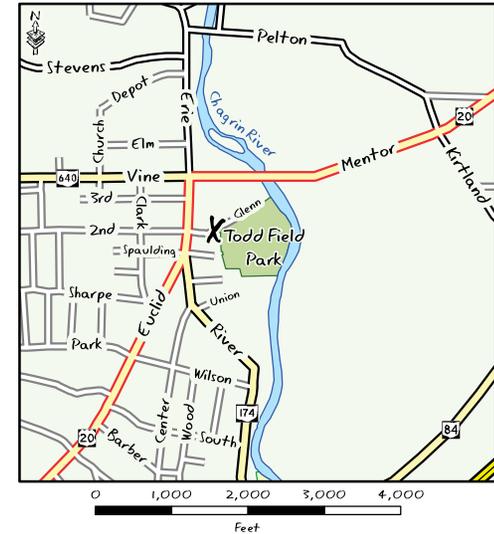
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Willoughby
www.willoughbyohio.com

Field Notes:



Daniels Park

Location:
38401 Johnnycake Ridge Road (SR 84)

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
At RM 5

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby, OH

County:
Lake

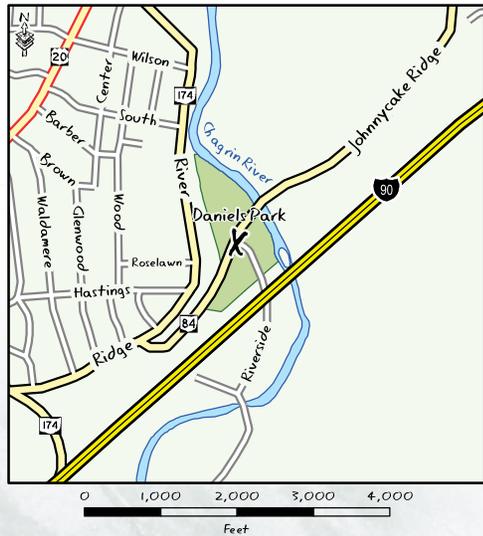
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Willoughby
www.willoughbyohio.com

Field Notes:



Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve

Location:
37142 Skyline Drive

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 10 and RM 11

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby Hills, OH

County:
Lake

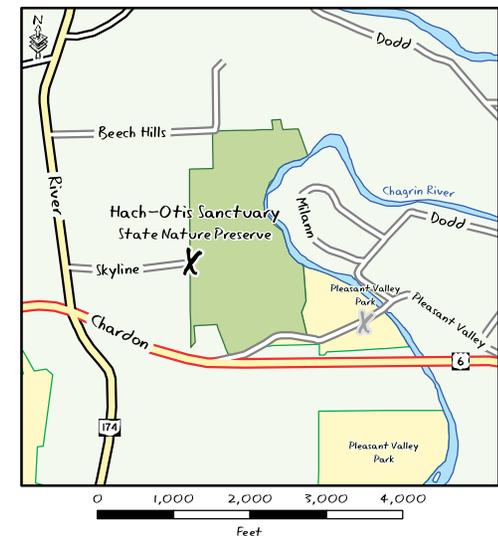
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 81-acre Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve has been a protected bird sanctuary since 1944. The sanctuary was dedicated as an interpretive nature preserve in 1977. Hach-Otis is noted for its 150-foot high, steep and constantly eroding clay banks along the designated Chagrin State Scenic River. A 1.5-mile trail system loops through the Preserve.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Natural and Preserves
www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

Field Notes:



Pleasant Valley Park

Location:
37611 Pleasant Valley Rd.

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 10 and RM 12

Jurisdiction:
Willoughby Hills, OH

County:
Lake

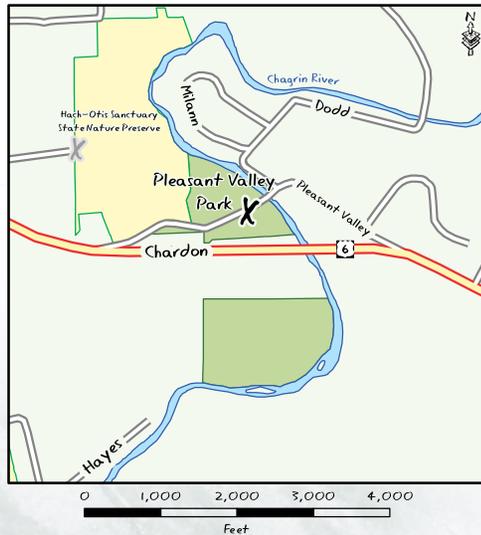
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Longitude:
W 081° 24.2'

Access Site Type:
Natural
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



The 72-acre Pleasant Valley Park has limited river access, but does provide areas for fishing along the river.

Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:

Amenities:



North Chagrin Reservation

Location (Old River Farm):
Chagrin River Road (SR 174) north of Rogers Road

Location (Rogers Field):
Rogers Road, east of Chagrin River Road

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Btw RM 12 and RM 16

Jurisdiction:
Gates Mills, Mayfield Village and Willoughby Hills, OH

Lat/Long (Old River Farm):
N 41° 34.57'
W 081° 25.15'

Lat/Long (Rogers Field):
N 41° 34.17'
W 081° 24.94'

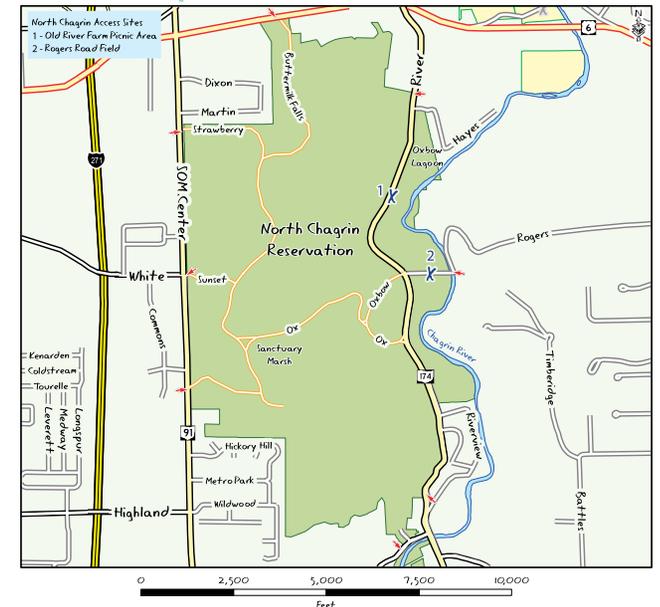
Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:



Location Map:



The Cleveland Metroparks' North Chagrin Reservation is located in the Lake County city of Willoughby Hills and in the Cuyahoga County villages of Mayfield and Gates Mills. The natural diversity of the reservation is highlighted by the A.B. Williams Memorial Woods, a climax forest listed on the National Register of Natural Areas.

Learn More:
Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com



South Chagrin Reservation

South Chagrin Reservation

Location (Polo Field):

Chagrin River Road south of Woodland Road (SR 87)

Location (Chagrin Field):

Chagrin Boulevard east of Chagrin River Road

Location (Jackson Field):

Chagrin River Road at Jackson Road

Location (Sulphur Springs):

Sulphur Springs Drive south of Miles Road

Waterbody:

Chagrin River
Aurora Branch
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:

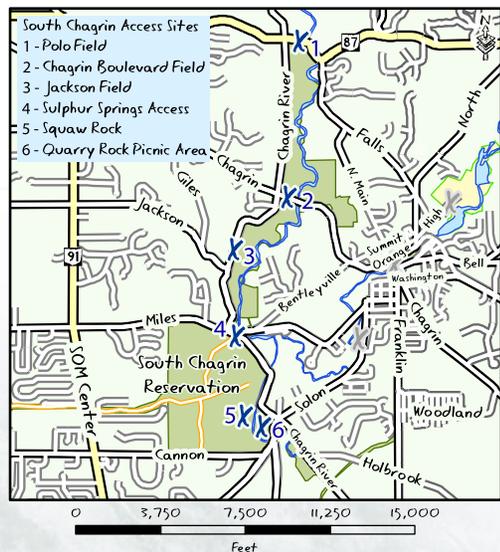
Between RM 23 and RM 27

Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



The Cleveland Metroparks' South Chagrin Reservation is located along four miles of the Chagrin River, a State Scenic River (designated in 1979). Between South Woodland Road (State Route 87) to the north and Miles Road to the south, the Reservation is primarily situated between Chagrin River Road and the west bank of the Chagrin River. A portion of the 15.3-mile Bridle Trail, a polo field, the 0.8-mile Hatchet Ridge Trail and a portion of the statewide Buckeye Trail are located within this northern section.

South of Miles Road, the South Chagrin Reservation abuts the Chagrin River's Aurora Branch. Many trails, picnic areas, an arboretum and a sledding hill can be found in this section, including the Quarry Rock, Squaw Rock and Sulphur Springs picnic areas. Squaw Rock, a sandstone boulder carved by Henry Church in 1885, is found along the Aurora Branch and can be reached via the 0.6-mile Squaw Rock Loop Trail.

Amenities:



Lat/Long (Polo Field):

N 41° 34.57' W 081° 25.15'

Lat/Long (Chagrin Blvd. Field):

N 41° 26.37' W 081° 24.38'

Lat/Long (Jackson Field):

N 41° 26.02' W 081° 25.07'

Lat/Long (Sulphur Springs):

N 41° 25.42' W 081° 25.08'

Jurisdiction:

Moreland Hills, Chagrin Falls Township, Bentleyville and Solon, OH

County:

Cuyahoga

Learn More:

Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com

Field Notes:



River Run Park

Location:
Solon Road, south of
Miles Road

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between RM 28 and
RM 29

Jurisdiction:
Chagrin Falls, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

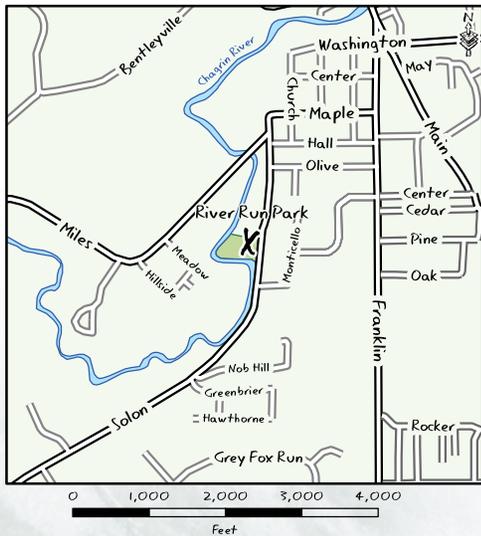
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Site Type:**
Recreation

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Longitude:
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Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Chagrin Falls
www.chagrin-falls.org

Field Notes:



Riverside Park

Location:
North Main Street,
between East Orange
and Bell streets

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between RM 29
and RM 30

Jurisdiction:
Chagrin Falls, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

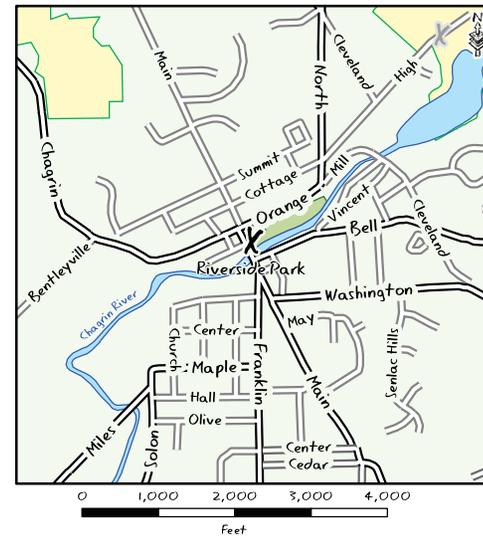
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**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Chagrin Falls
www.chagrin-falls.org

Field Notes:



Whitesburg Nature Preserve

Location:
End of High Street,
east of North Street

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 30 and
RM 31

Jurisdiction:
Chagrin Falls, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

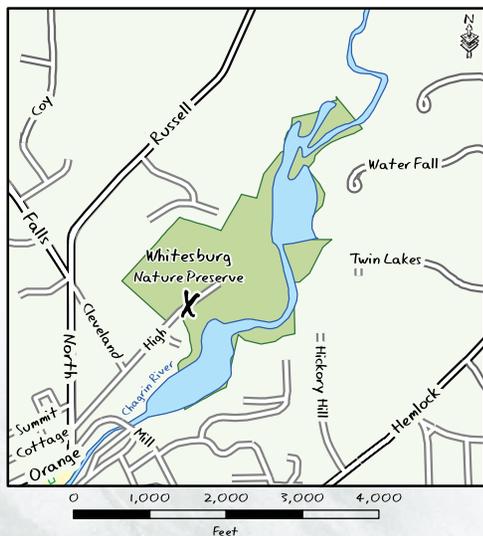
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Access Site Type:
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Chagrin Falls
www.chagrin-falls.org

Field Notes:



West Geauga Commons

Location:
Chillicothe Road (SR
306), south of Fair-
mount Road

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 35 and
RM 36

Jurisdiction:
Russell Township, OH

County:
Geauga

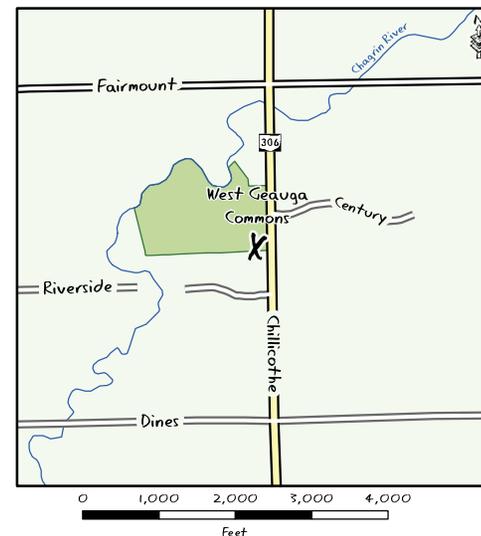
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
West Geauga Commons
www.wgcommons.com

Field Notes:



The Rookery

Location:
10110 Cedar Road

Waterbody:
Chagrin River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 40 and RM 43

Jurisdiction:
Newbury Township and Munson Township, OH

County:
Geauga

Latitude:
N 41° 29.95'

Longitude:
W 081° 16.63'

Access Site Type:
Recreation
Scenic
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 562-acre Rookery is a protected area that was once the site of the Cleveland & Eastern (C&E) Traction Company's interurban junction, where Chardon-bound passengers could connect with trolleys destined for Burton or Middlefield. The C&E operated between 1899 and 1925.

The Rookery is named after one of Geauga County's largest great blue heron rookeries, which is located within the preserve. The park features marsh and swamp forest wetlands, beech-maple forests and several old oxbows of the original Chagrin River channel. There are 1.5 miles of trails in the Rookery, including the 1-mile Interurban Trail, which follows the course of the old C&E.

Learn More:
Gauga Park District
www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Bass Lake Preserve

Location:
11445 Lakeview Road

Waterbody:
Chagrin River
Bass Lake

River Mile Location:
Between RM 47 and RM 49

Jurisdiction:
Munson Township, OH

County:
Geauga

Latitude:
N 41° 33.1'

Longitude:
W 081° 13.72'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 606-acre Bass Lake Preserve includes the 160-acre Bass Lake and the Spring Brook Sanctuary, a nature preserve that protects the state's last known indigenous population of brook trout. Bass Lake is a natural lake on the Chagrin River, although water levels are maintained by a human-made system. It is accessible for boating and fishing (permit only). The Preserve's boat launch, accessible lands and other amenities are located on the west side of the lake.

Learn More:
Gauga Park District
www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:

Empties into: Lake Erie

Mouth: Fairport Harbor, OH (east) and Painesville Township, OH (west)

Length: 102 miles

Elevation at source: 1,117 feet above sea level

Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level

Average fall: 5.6 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04110004

8-digit HUC name: Grand

Number of Access Sites: 22

Grand River

The 102-mile long Grand River rises in Parkman Township (Geauga County) and initially flows eastwardly into neighboring Farmington Township (Trumbull County) before meandering northward toward Ashtabula County. In Austinburg Township (Ashtabula County) the river sharply turns west. Its westward stretch nearly parallels the Lake Erie shore for roughly 25 miles before making a northward turn in Painesville (Lake County). The lowermost 10 miles wind through Painesville, Fairport Harbor, (the village of) Grand River and Painesville Township. The river mouth is at Fairport Harbor. The Grand River Watershed drains 712 square miles (455,680 acres), including portions of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Trumbull counties.

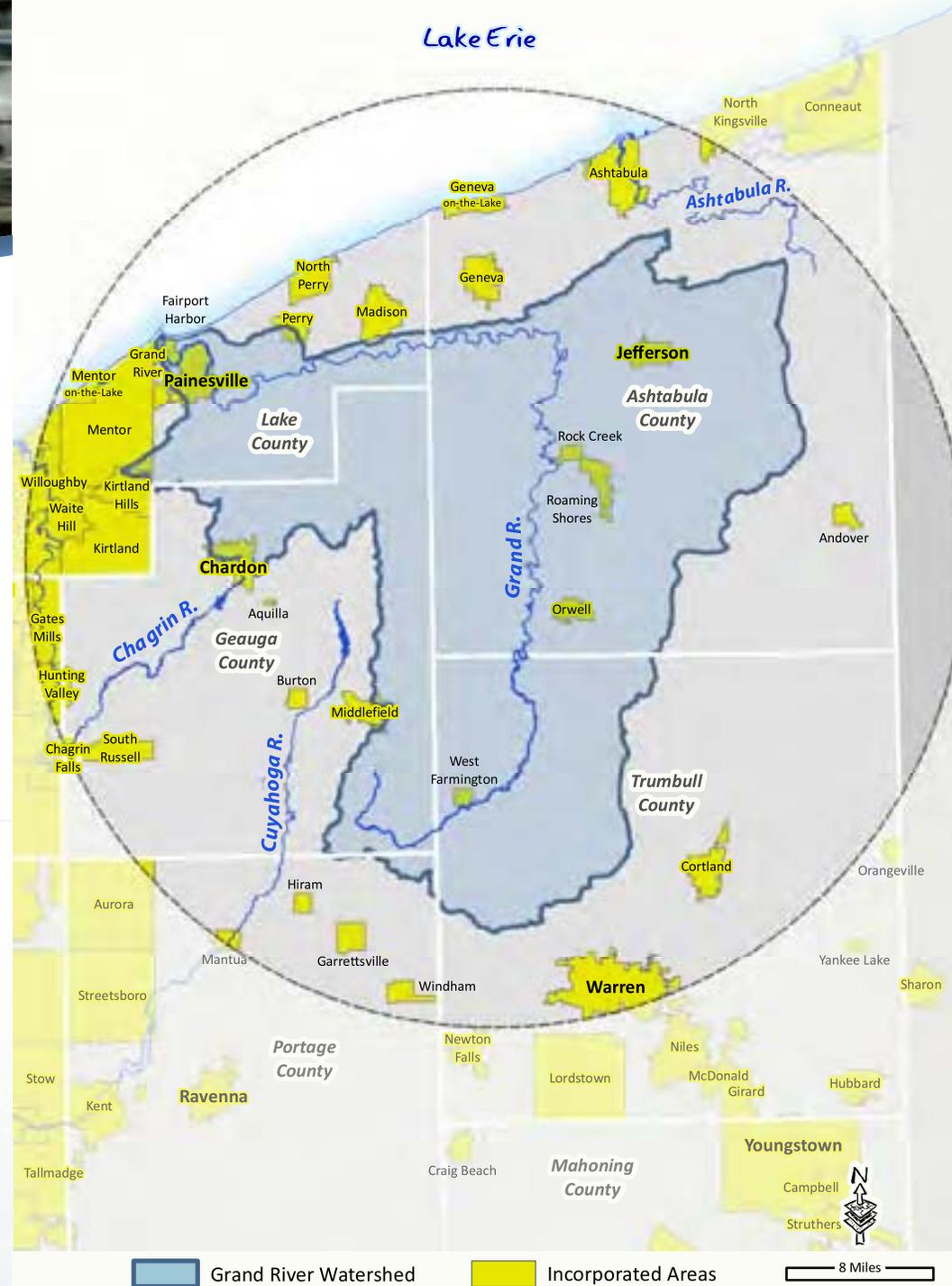
Mentor Marsh, a designated National Natural Landmark, occupies the former Grand River channel between Mentor Lagoons in Mentor and River Mile 1 of the river's existing course. The old mouth at Mentor Lagoons is located roughly 4.5 miles west of its current mouth at Fairport Harbor. Erosion from Lake Erie scoured a sufficient amount of land near present-day Headlands Beach State Park and caused a breach in the river, thus creating a new outlet. As a result, the redirected watercourse gradually transformed the abandoned river channel into marshland. Today, the 673-acre Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve (established in 1971 as Ohio's first state nature preserve) encompasses one of the largest remaining natural marsh areas along the Lake Erie shore.

The Grand River was once known as the Sheauga River, which is a variation of the Native American word "Geauga" meaning "raccoon." The river has also been referred to as the Chereage River and Chocago River.

Owing to an amenable microclimate, the Grand River Valley region is suitable for grape growing and wine production. The valley's proximity to Lake Erie allows for the effective circulation of warmer air, which as a result reduces the threat of frost in the spring and extends the growing season. Additionally, the gently sloping topography of the valley efficiently prevents water from oversaturating the grapevines. The Grand River Valley is recognized as an American Viticultural Area by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

In Ashtabula County, three covered bridges span the Grand River, including the Harpersfield Bridge, the Mechanicsville Road Bridge and the Riverdale Road Bridge. The two-span, 228-foot long Harpersfield Bridge is the second longest covered bridge in Ohio and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mechanicsville Road Bridge, built in 1867, is the oldest covered bridge in the county.

The Grand River is one of only three rivers in Ohio designated as both a State Scenic and Wild River. Like other Lake Erie tributaries in northeast Ohio, the Grand is noted for its steelhead and muskellunge fishing.





Fairport Harbor Short Pier

Location:
Water and Second streets

Waterbody:
Grand River
Lake Erie

River Mile Location:
At RM 0

Jurisdiction:
Fairport Harbor, OH

County:
Lake

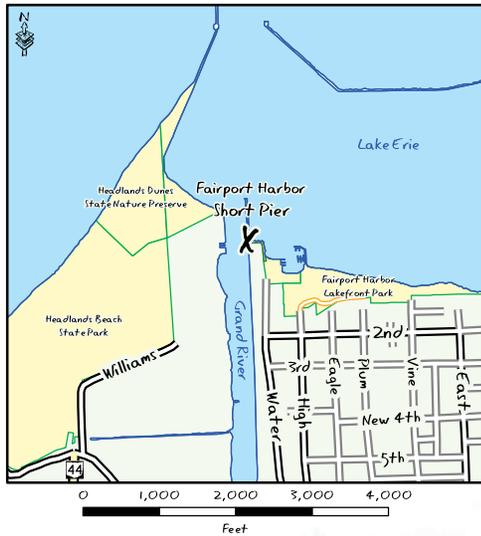
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Fairport Harbor Port Authority
www.fairportharbor.org

Field Notes:



Robert "Buck" Benson Memorial Docks

Location:
River and Henry streets

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Grand River, OH

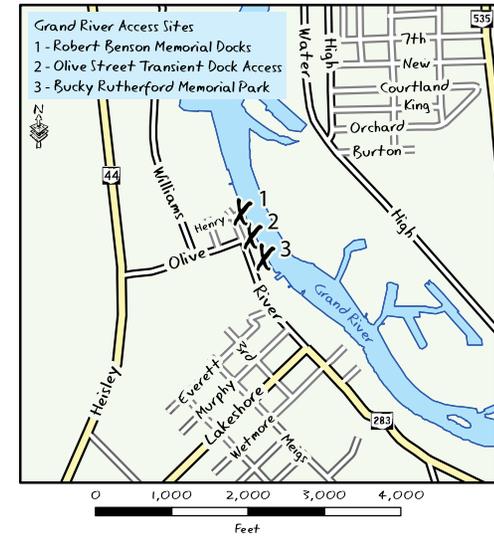
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Grand River
www.grandriverohio.net

Field Notes:



Olive Street Transient Dock Access

Location:
River Street at Olive Street

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Grand River, OH

County:
Lake

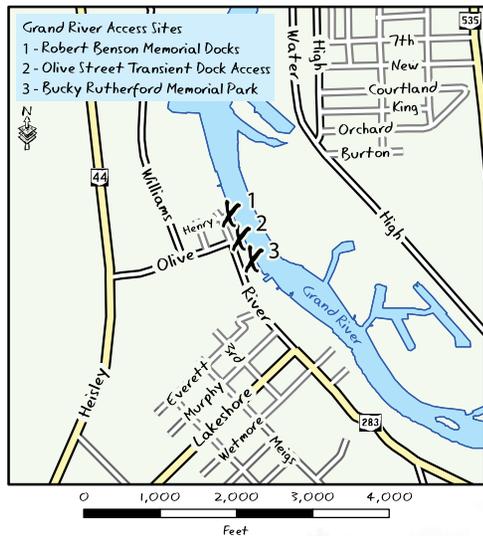
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Grand River
www.grandriverohio.net

Field Notes:



Bucky Rutherford Memorial Park

Location:
Off River Street, between Holland and Wilmot streets

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Grand River, OH

County:
Lake

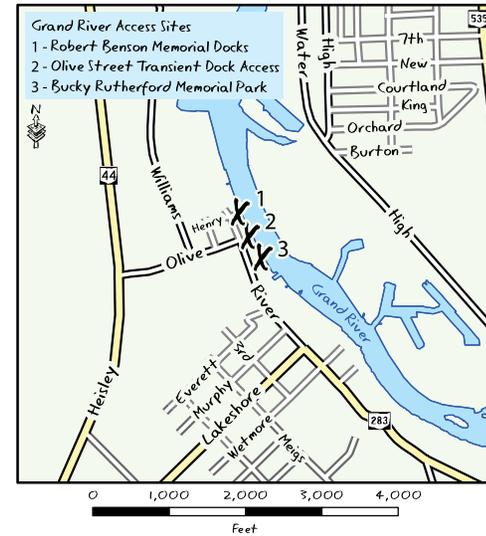
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Village of Grand River
www.grandriverohio.net

Field Notes:



Grand River Landing

Kiwanis Recreation Park

Location:
800 North St. Clair Street, east of East Street (SR 535)

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 2 and RM 3

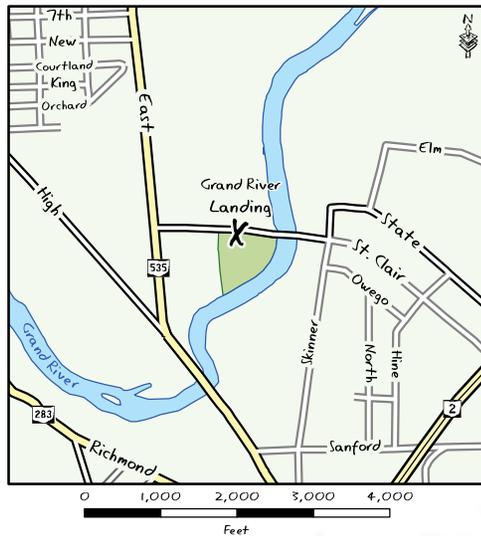
Jurisdiction:
Fairport Harbor, OH

County:
Lake

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Longitude:
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Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:

Location:
301 Latimore Street

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 6 and RM 7

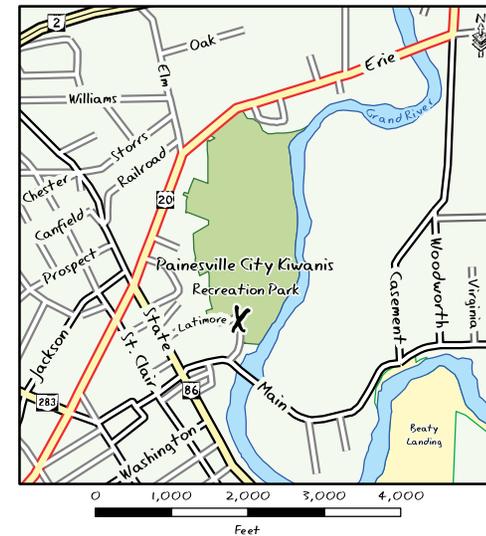
Jurisdiction:
Painesville, OH

County:
Lake

Latitude:
N 41° 43.69'

Longitude:
W 081° 14.29'

Location Map:



Amenities:



Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Learn More:
City of Painesville
www.painesville.com

Field Notes:



Beaty Landing

Location:
417 East Walnut Street
(SR 84)

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 7 and RM 8

Jurisdiction:
Fairport Harbor, OH

County:
Lake

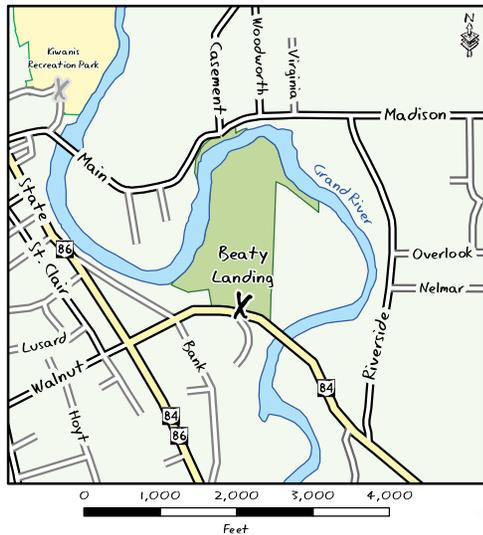
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 54-acre Beaty Landing offers low-impact recreational activities, including hiking on the one-mile River Loop Trail, picnicking and fishing. The Grand River is reachable via three access trails that extend from the River Loop Trail.

Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:



Helen Hazen Wyman Park

Access Locations:
6101 Painesville Warren
Road (SR 86)

Waterbody:
Grand River
Big Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 9 and RM 10

Jurisdiction:
Concord Township, OH

County:
Lake

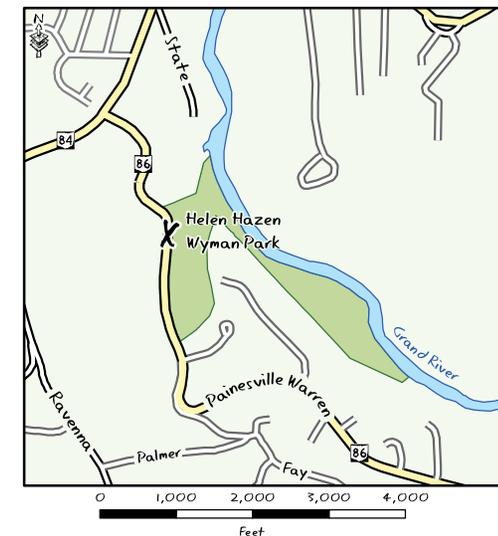
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Longitude:
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Helen Hazen Wyman Park was the first park acquired by the Lake Metroparks in 1959.

Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:



Mason's Landing Park

Indian Point Park

Location:
5000 Vrooman Road,
south of State Route 84

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 12
and RM 14

Jurisdiction:
Perry Township, OH

County:
Lake

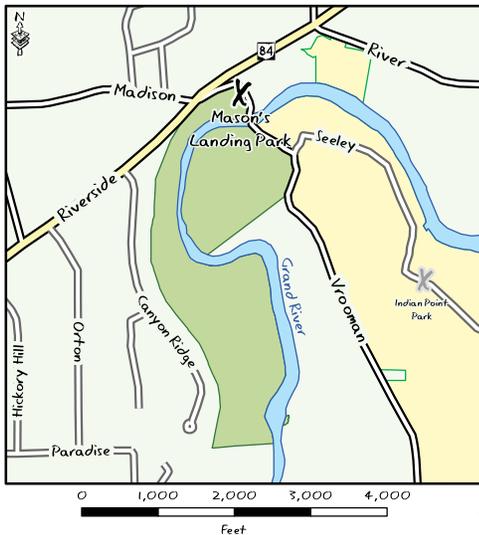
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:

Location (Lower Entrance):
12951 Seeley Road

Location (Upper Entrance):
3165 Seeley Road

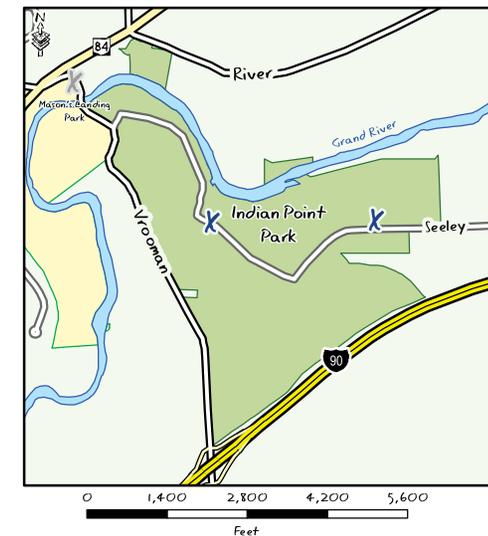
Waterbody:
Grand River
Paine Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 13
and RM 15

Jurisdiction:
Leroy Township, OH

County:
Lake

Location Map:



Amenities:



Lat/Long (Lower):
N 41° 43.25'
W 081° 10.56'

Lat/Long (Upper):
N 41° 43.19'
W 081° 9.94'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

The 408-acre Indian Point Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service because it features one of the earliest known architectural works in northeast Ohio. Located on a 100-foot ridge between the Grand River and Paine Creek, visitors are able to view two neighboring earthwork mounds from the Whittlesey Culture. The Whittlesey tribe existed from 900 AD to 1650 AD and lived in fortifications built on high bluffs overlooking rivers and lakes.

Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:



Baker Road Park

Location:
4960 Baker Road

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 18
and RM 19

Jurisdiction:
Leroy Township, OH

County:
Lake

Latitude:
N 41° 44.036'

Longitude:
W 081° 6.724'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:



River Road Park

Location:
5808 River Road

Waterbody:
Grand River

River Mile Location:
At RM 21

Jurisdiction:
Madison Township, OH

County:
Lake

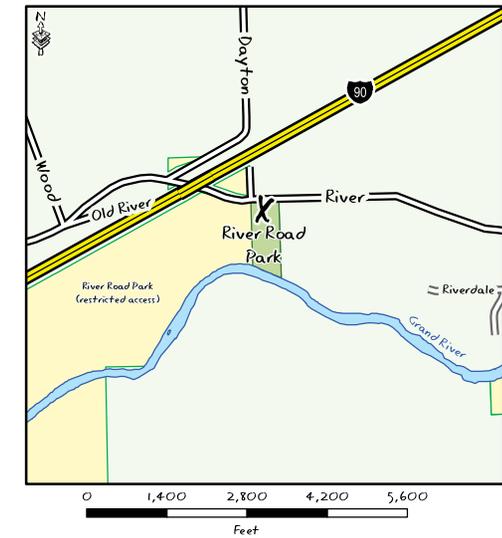
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Access Site Type:
Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:



Hidden Valley Park

Location (South Entrance):

4880 Klasen Road

Location (North Entrance):

6500 River Road

Waterbody:

Grand River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 22 and RM 23

Jurisdiction:

Madison Township, OH

County:

Lake

Lat/Long (South):

N 41° 44.45'
W 081° 2.96'

Lat/Long (North):

N 41° 44.67'
W 081° 3.25'

Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 152-acre Hidden Valley Park features views of an exposed, 360-million year-old Chagrin Shale cliff.

Hidden Valley Park is divided by the Grand River. There are no driving or pedestrian connections within the park between the North and South entrances. Fishing along the Grand River is accessible from the South Entrance. Additional pond fishing access is located in the northern section of the park. A launch for small watercraft is located in the southern section of the park near the State Route 528 bridge.

Learn More:

Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com



Riverview Park

Location:

4895 Bailey Road

Waterbody:

Grand River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 22 and RM 23

Jurisdiction:

Madison Township, OH

County:

Lake

Latitude:

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Longitude:

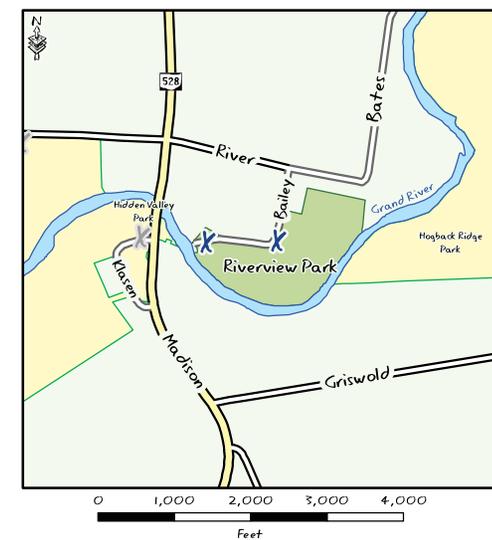
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Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Field Notes:



Hogback Ridge Park

Location:
4700 Emerson Road

**Location
(Mountain Bike
Trailhead):**
7300 Warner Road

Waterbody:
Grand River
Mill Creek

**River Mile
Location:**
Between RM 23 and
RM 26

Jurisdiction:
Madison
Township, OH

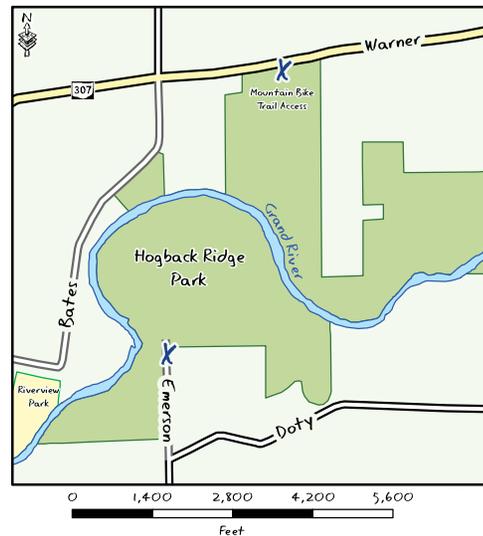
County:
Lake

**Lat/Long (Main
Entrance):**
N 41° 44.65'
W 081° 1.78'

**Lat/Long
(Mountain Bike
Trailhead):**
N 41° 45.42'
W 081° 1.39'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Location Map:



The 414-acre Hogback Ridge Park is named after its most prominent physical feature, the hogback located between the Grand River and Mill Creek. A "hogback" is a high and narrow ridge of land bounded on two sides by steep valleys. Hogbacks get their name because they resemble the bony spine of a hog.

The park's main recreational amenities, including a picnic shelter, its hiking trail network and fishing access to both the Grand River and Mill Creek are accessible from the Emerson Road entrance on the south side of the river. The park's mountain bike trail is accessible from the Warner Road entrance on the north side of the river and does not connect with the southern area.

Learn More:

Lake Metroparks
www.lakemetroparks.com

Amenities:



Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark

Location:
Harpersfield Road,
south of SR 307

Waterbody:
Grand River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between RM 30 and
RM 31

Jurisdiction:
Harpersfield
Township, OH

County:
Ashtabula

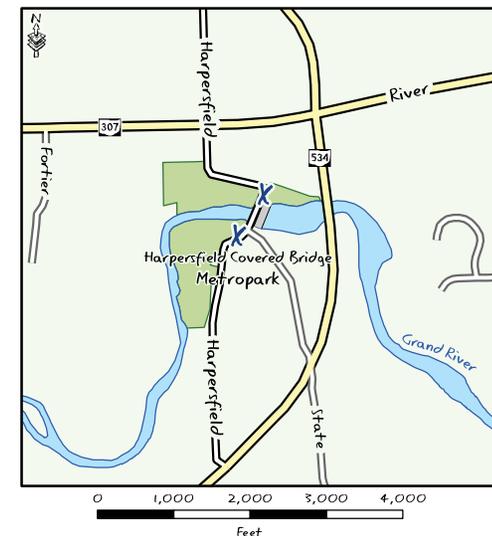
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Lat/Long (South):
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W 080° 56.75'

**Access
Site Type:**
Scenic
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



The centerpiece attraction, connecting the north and south sides of the Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark, is the bridge itself. The 228-foot long, two-span Howe truss design was built in 1868 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bridge closely parallels a dam.

Learn More:

Ashtabula County Metroparks District
www.ashtabulacountyparks.com

Amenities:





Tote Road Park

Location:

End of Tote Road, north of Woodside Road

Waterbody:

Grand River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 36 and RM 37

Jurisdiction:

Austinburg Township, OH

County:

Ashtabula

Latitude:

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Longitude:

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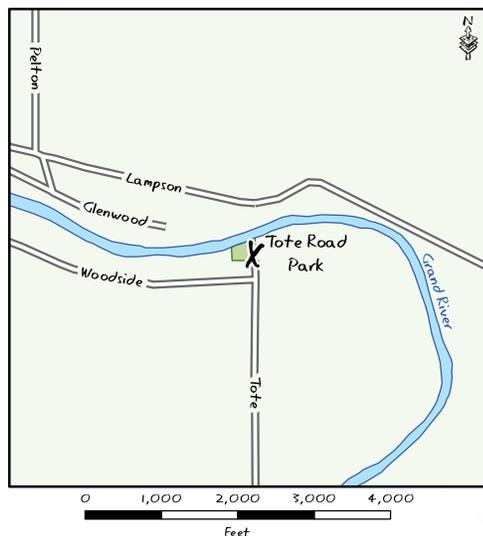
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

Austinburg Township
www.austinburgtownship.org

Field Notes:



Morgan Swamp Preserve

Location:

Footville-Richmond Road, between State Route 45 and Windsor-Mechanicsville Road

Waterbody:

Grand River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 48 and RM 51

Jurisdiction:

Morgan Township, OH

County:

Ashtabula

Latitude:

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Longitude:

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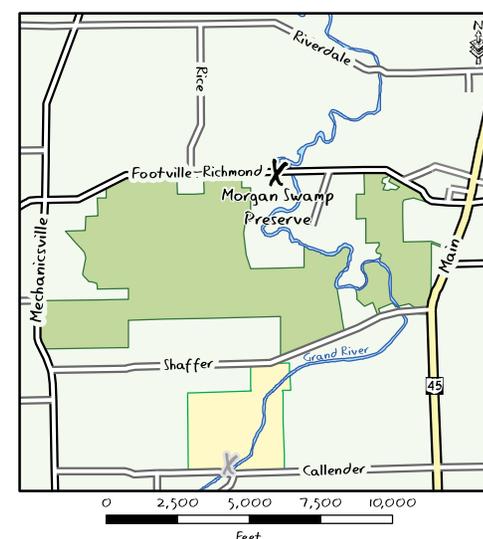
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Site Type:

Natural

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The nearly 1,400-acre Morgan Swamp Preserve, owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy, is one of the largest privately-protected wetlands in Ohio. Morgan Swamp features natural, remnant wetlands and swamp forests leftover from a large glacial lake that once covered portions of Ashtabula and Trumbull counties over 12,000 years ago. The protected swampland was once part of a much larger, five-square mile swamp complex that existed at the time of European settlement. However, much of the original swamp was logged and drained for agricultural purposes.

Morgan Swamp Preserve opened to the public in 2006 and includes an ADA-compliant trail and interpretive signage.

Learn More:

The Nature Conservancy, www.nature.org;
Morgan Swamp Preserve, <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/ohio/placesweprotect/morgan-swamp-preserve.xml>



Grand River Conservation Center

Location:

Callendar Road, between State Route 45 and Windsor-Mechanicsville Road

Waterbody:

Grand River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 52 and RM 53

Jurisdiction:

Rome Township, OH

County:

Ashtabula

Latitude:

N 41° 38.12'

Longitude:

W 080° 53.46'

Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

The Nature Conservancy
www.nature.org

Field Notes:



Grand River Jersey Farm Canoe Access Site

Location:

US Route 6, between State Route 45 and Mechanicsville Road

Waterbody:

Grand River

River Mile Location:

Between RM 55 and RM 56

Jurisdiction:

Rome Township, OH

County:

Ashtabula

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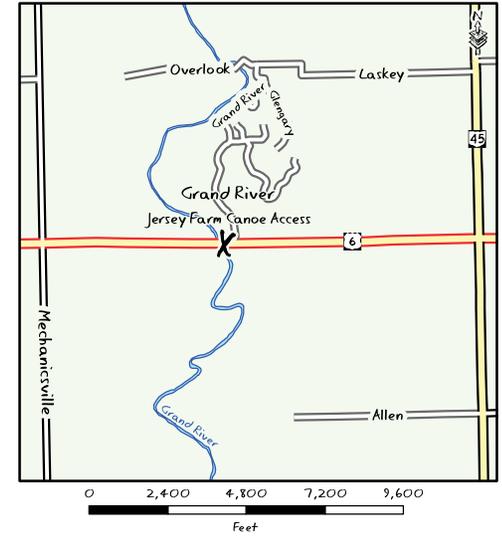
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Access Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Grand River State Wildlife Area

Geis Property

Grand River State Wildlife Area

Location:
Donley Road, at
Coombs Road

Waterbody:
Grand River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between RM 75 and
RM 76

Jurisdiction:
Mesopotamia
Township, OH

County:
Trumbull

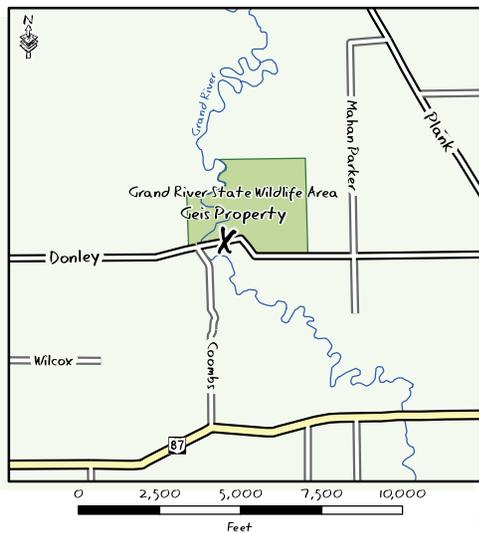
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**Access
Site Type:**
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The 7,453-acre Grand River State Wildlife Area offers fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities. The Wildlife Area is comprised of extensive swamp forests, wetlands (natural and manmade) and abundant wilderness, which is characteristic of the upper Grand River valley. Visitors and experienced outdoorsmen should take precautions against becoming lost.

Parking areas are located on State Route 88, State Route 534, Norton Lane, Peck Leach Road, Hyde Oakfield Road, Stroup Hickox Road, Hoffman Norton Road, Corey Hunt Road and Housel-Craft Road. A parking area is also located at the Geis Property on Donley Road.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Location:
6686 State Route 534

Waterbody:
Grand River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between RM 80 and
RM 88

Jurisdiction:
Farmington
Township, OH

County:
Trumbull

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**Access
Site Type:**
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Location Map:

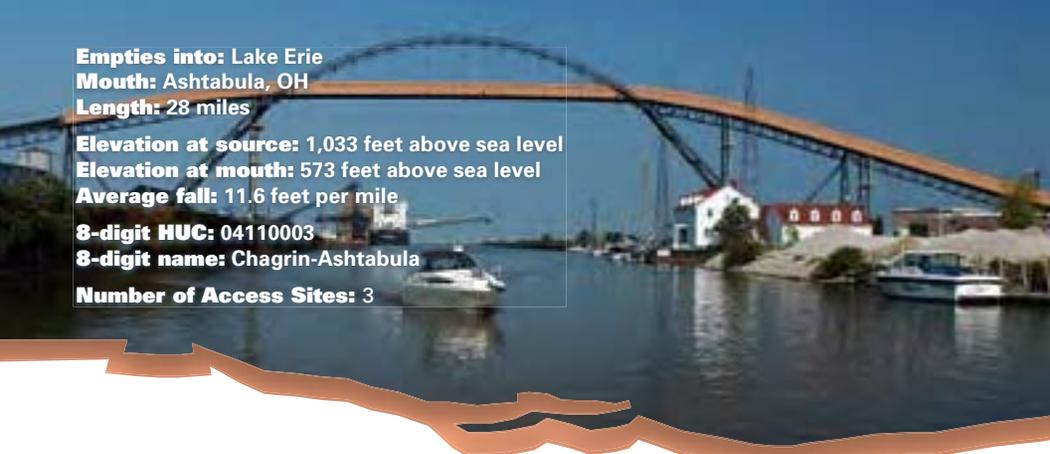


Amenities:



Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:



Empties into: Lake Erie

Mouth: Ashtabula, OH

Length: 28 miles

Elevation at source: 1,033 feet above sea level

Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level

Average fall: 11.6 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04110003

8-digit name: Chagrin-Ashtabula

Number of Access Sites: 3



Empties into: Lake Erie

Mouth: Conneaut, OH

Length: 57 miles (24 miles in Ohio)

Elevation at source: 1,215 feet above sea level

Elevation at mouth: 573 feet above sea level

Average fall: 11.3 feet per mile

8-digit HUC: 04120101

8-digit name: Chautauqua-Conneaut

Number of Access Sites: 5

Ashtabula River

The main branch of the Ashtabula River is a 28-mile long tributary that begins at the confluence of the East Branch Ashtabula and West Branch Ashtabula rivers in Monroe Township (Ashtabula County). Its course flows entirely within Ashtabula County. Headwaters for the East Branch rise in Richmond Township (Ashtabula County) and the West Branch begins in Pennsylvania just east of the state line. The Ashtabula River drainage basin covers 137 square miles (87,680 acres), 8.9 square miles (5,696 acres) of which are in Pennsylvania.

The Ashtabula River once served as the boundary between the Algonquin Indian and Iroquois Indian tribes. In fact, the name "Ashtabula" is an anglicized spelling of the Iroquois word "Hash-tah-buh-lah," meaning 'river of many fish.' The river has also been called the Riviere Auscubalu and Riviere Oscubolu.

In 1985, the lower one-and-a-half miles of the Ashtabula were federally designated an Area of Concern (as were the Black, Cuyahoga and Maumee rivers), prompting the formation of the Ashtabula River Remedial Action Plan (RAP) in 1988 and the Ashtabula River Partnership in 1994. After the successful removal of nearly 630,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment and safe disposal in a consolidation facility, the Ashtabula River was celebrated as a clean river in 2008, culminating one of the largest river cleanup efforts on the Great Lakes.

In Ashtabula County, three covered bridges cross over the Ashtabula River, including the Benetka Road Bridge, the Olin Bridge and the Smolen-Gulf Bridge. Two other covered bridges, the Caine Road Bridge and the Root Road Bridge, span the West Branch. The 613-foot long Smolen-Gulf Bridge is the longest covered bridge in the United States and was dedicated in 2008. The upper Ashtabula River is not affected by industrial run-off and exhibits pristine natural qualities. In 2008, the upper reaches of the river system, including portions of both the East and West branches, were designated as a State Scenic River.

Eighty-eight species of fish have been documented in the river. Its steelhead population attracts many anglers.

Conneaut Creek

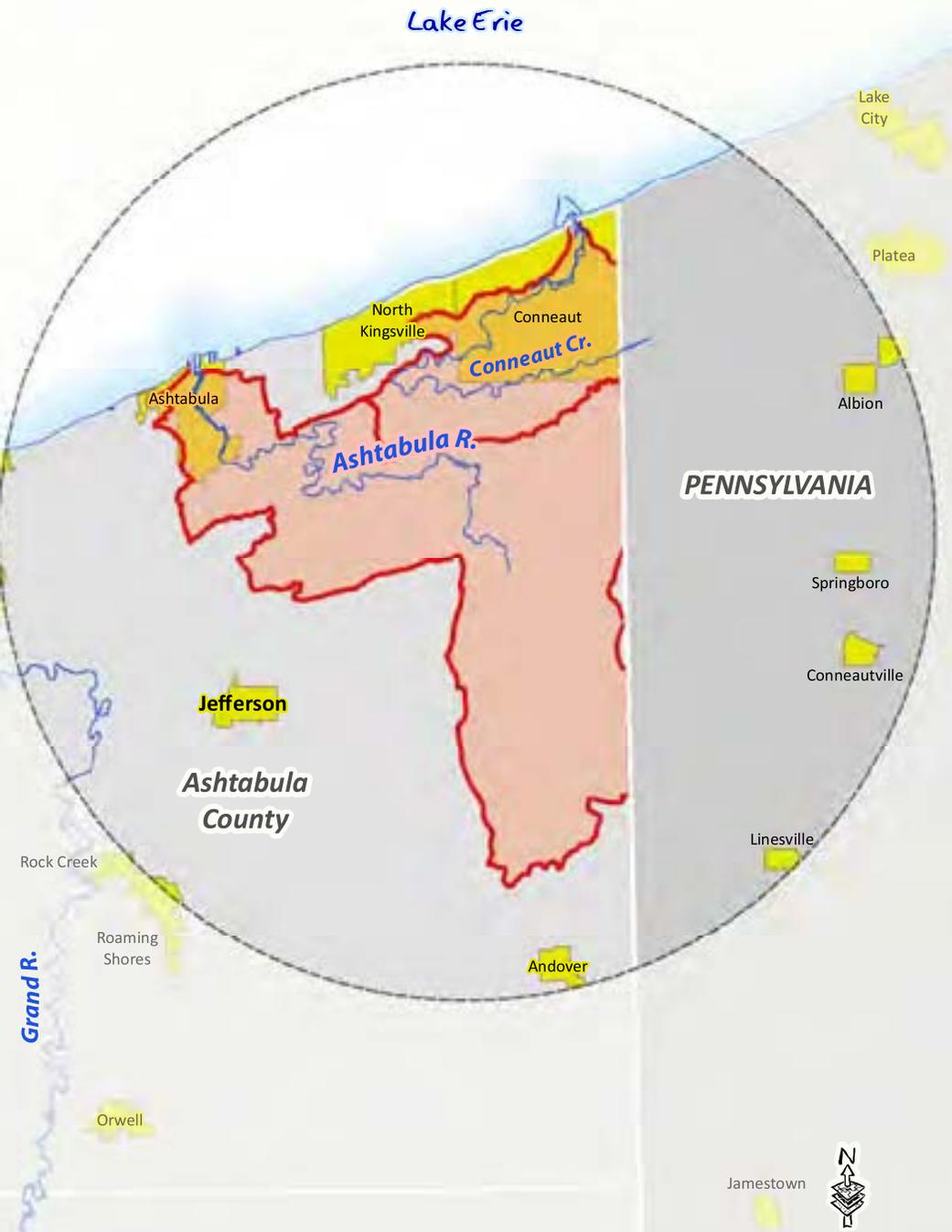
The nearly 57-mile long Conneaut Creek rises in Summit Township (Crawford County, PA) and initially flows northward to Conneaut Township (Erie County, PA) before sharply turning west toward the state line. The creek enters Ohio in the southeastern corner of the city of Conneaut (Ashtabula County). The creek's westward orientation nearly parallels the Lake Erie shore for roughly 20 miles. In Kingsville Township, just west of Conneaut, the creek completes a 180-degree U-turn to the north and east, thus beginning an eastward flow for its final 13-mile approach toward Lake Erie. The Conneaut Creek Watershed drains only 38 square miles (24,128 acres) in extreme northeast Ohio.

The banks of the Conneaut were once home to the Erie Indians, who inhabited the area from about 900 A.D. to the 1650s. Between 1653 and 1657, the Eries were attacked and destroyed by a westward moving Iroquois tribe. Even though the Erie have not occupied the area in over 350 years, remnant vestiges of their culture remain. The Conneaut Works is an earthwork fortification, Erie village and burial ground located on a high bluff above the Conneaut Creek south of the city of Conneaut. It is located on a two-acre plot of private property and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Despite strong Erie ties to the area, the name "Conneaut" is from the Seneca Indians, who called the river "Konyiat," meaning either "place of many fish" or "where snow lays in spring."

The Conneaut Creek ranges in width from 15 feet to 40 feet. The creek navigates well-defined bedrock shale banks. The majority of the watershed's topography consists of glacially-derived features such as ground moraines, end moraines and former beach ridges. The creek is generally shallow, but does afford canoeing and kayaking through May and after heavy rain. The bottom of the Conneaut Creek is composed of Chagrin shale and gravel, which provides minimal suspended sediment resulting in a high quality and clear stream. The Conneaut is recognized nationally for its steelhead fishing (stocked from both Ohio and Pennsylvania).

In 2005, twenty-one miles of the Conneaut Creek were designated a State Scenic River. Over sixteen of those miles, between Creek Road and the state line are also designated a State Wild River. The Conneaut Creek is one of only three Wild Rivers in Ohio, which is a designation for the highest quality streams.

Three covered bridges cross the Conneaut Creek, including the Creek Road, Middle Road and State Road bridges.



Ashtabula Transient Docks

Location:
Bridge Street (SR 531)
and Morton Drive

Waterbody:
Ashtabula River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0
and RM 1

Jurisdiction:
Ashtabula, OH

County:
Ashtabula

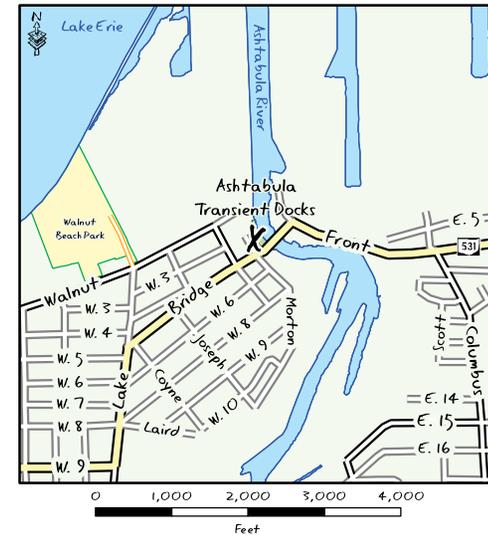
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W 080° 47.91'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



The Ashtabula Transient Docks are located on the west bank of the Ashtabula River next to the Ashtabula Harbor Lift Bridge. Built in 1925, this single-leaf bascule-style lift bridge is the only one of its kind in Ohio, and one of just five in the entire country.

Learn More:
Ashtabula City Port Authority
www.ashtabulacityport.com

Field Notes:



Benetka Road Covered Bridge

Woodworth Road Public Boat Ramp

Location:

Benetka Road, between Plymouth Ridge and Plymouth Gageville roads

Waterbody:

Ashtabula River

River Mile Location:

At RM 19

Jurisdiction:

Sheffield Township, OH

County:

Ashtabula

Latitude:

N 41° 50.92'

Longitude:

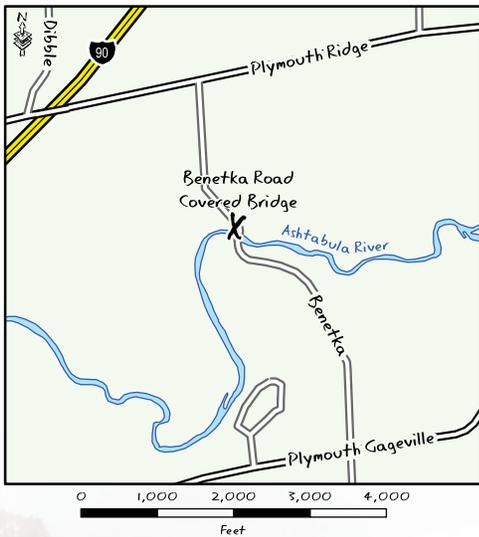
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Access Site Type:

Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



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ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:

Location:
Woodworth Road, north of Old Main Street

Waterbody:
Conneaut Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:
Conneaut, OH

County:
Ashtabula

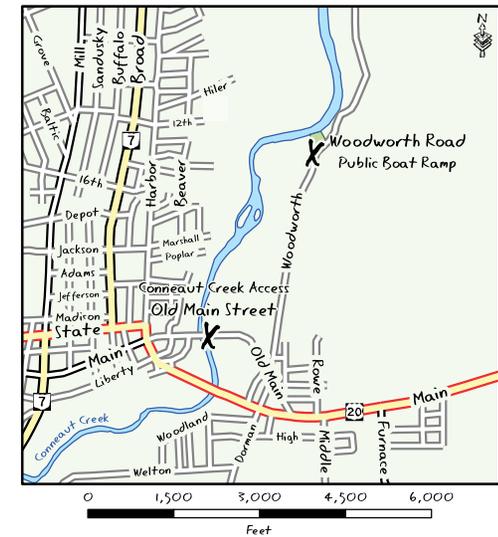
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



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City of Conneaut
www.conneautohio.gov

Field Notes:



Conneaut Creek Access at Old Main Street

Location:
Old Main Street, west of Woodworth Road

Waterbody:
Conneaut Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 2 and RM 3

Jurisdiction:
Conneaut, OH

County:
Ashtabula

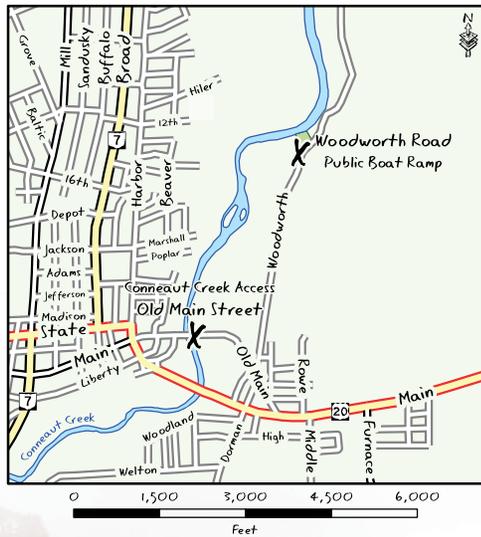
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



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Field Notes:



Conneaut Creek Access at Center Road

Location:
Center Road, south of East Main Street (US 20)

Waterbody:
Conneaut Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 4 and RM 5

Jurisdiction:
Conneaut, OH

County:
Ashtabula

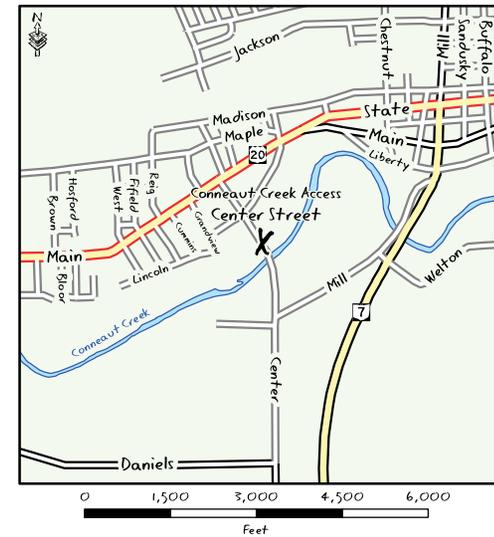
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Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



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City of Conneaut
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Field Notes:



Creek Road Covered Bridge

Location:
Creek Road, west of Keefus Road

Waterbody:
Conneaut Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 7 and RM 8

Jurisdiction:
Conneaut, OH

County:
Ashtabula

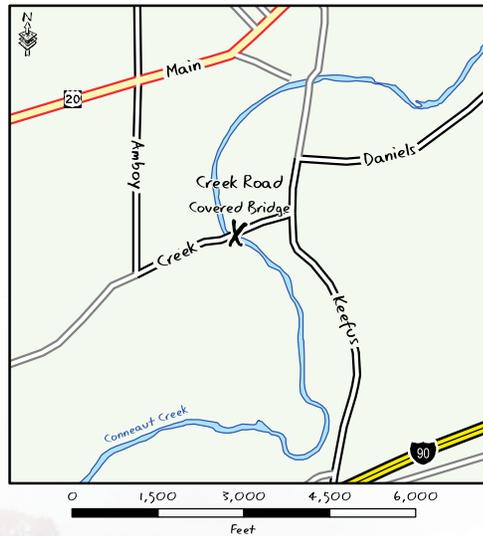
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Access Site Type:
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Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



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Field Notes:



State Road Covered Bridge

Location:
State Road, north of Hatches Corners Road

Waterbody:
Conneaut Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 17 and RM 18

Jurisdiction:
Monroe Township, OH

County:
Ashtabula

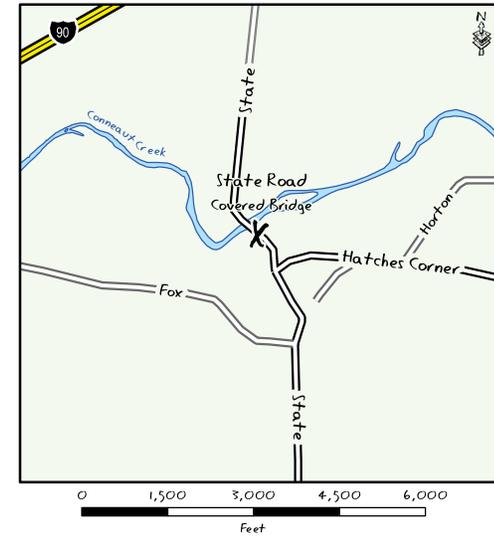
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Access Site Type:
Scenic

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



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Field Notes:



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