

**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

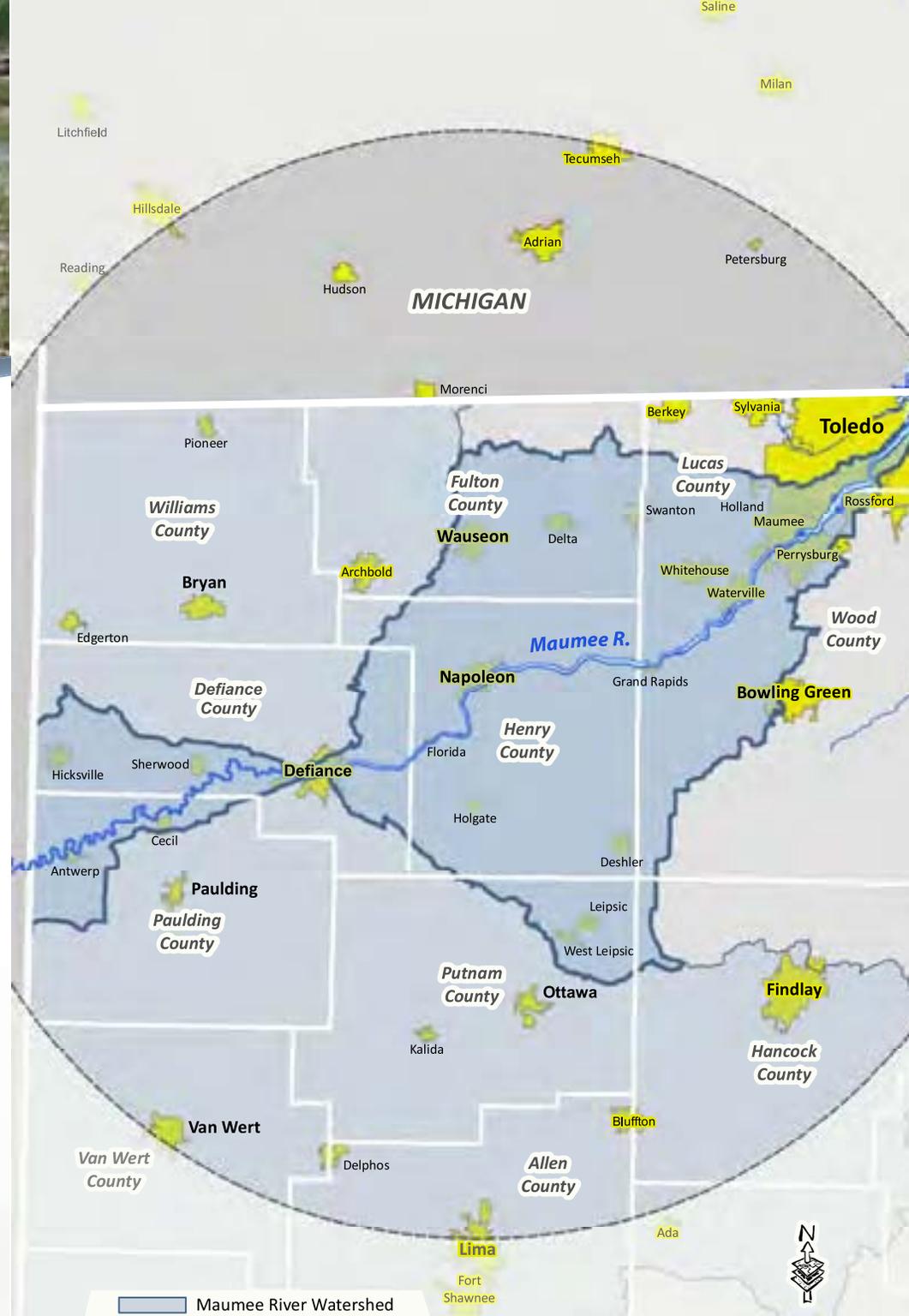
The Maumee River begins its 137-mile northeastward journey in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the confluence of the St. Joseph and St. Marys rivers and empties into Maumee Bay (Lake Erie) in Toledo. Covering over 6,500 square miles (4.2 million acres), its watershed is the largest drainage basin in the Great 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

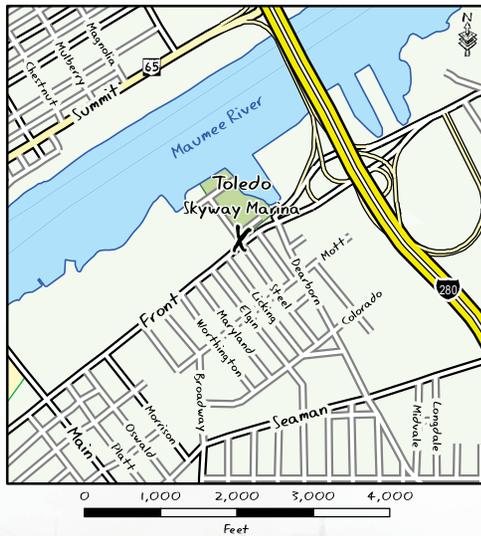
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation  
Scenic

**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](http://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

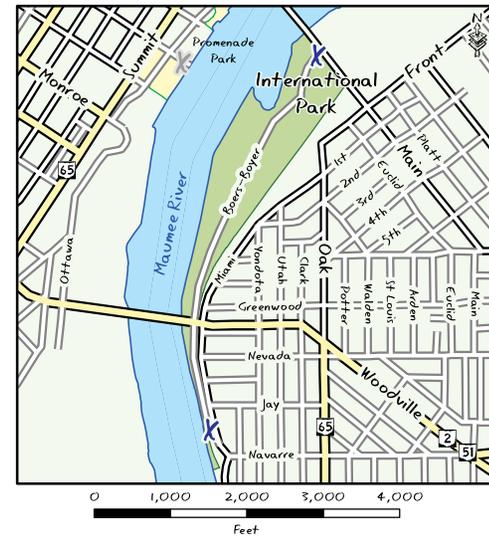
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Recreation  
Scenic

**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:**

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## 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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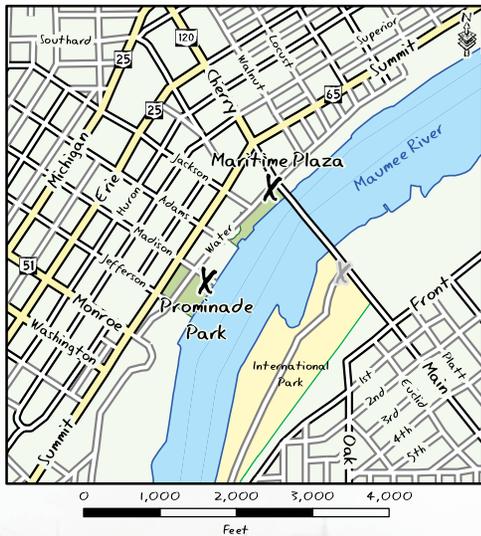
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**Access  
Site Type:**  
Scenic  
Recreation  
Educational

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Toledo  
[www.ci.toledo.oh.us](http://www.ci.toledo.oh.us)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Rossford  
[www.rossfordohio.com](http://www.rossfordohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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# Walbridge Park

**Location:**  
2761 Broadway Street

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**  
At RM 9

**Jurisdiction:**  
Toledo, OH

**County:**  
Lucas

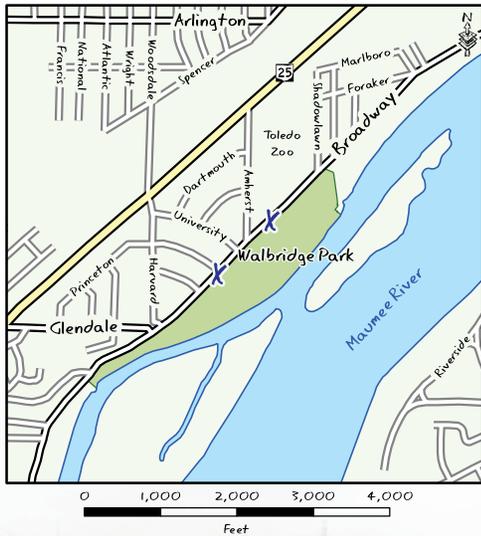
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Toledo  
[www.ci.toledo.oh.us](http://www.ci.toledo.oh.us)

**Field Notes:**

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# 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

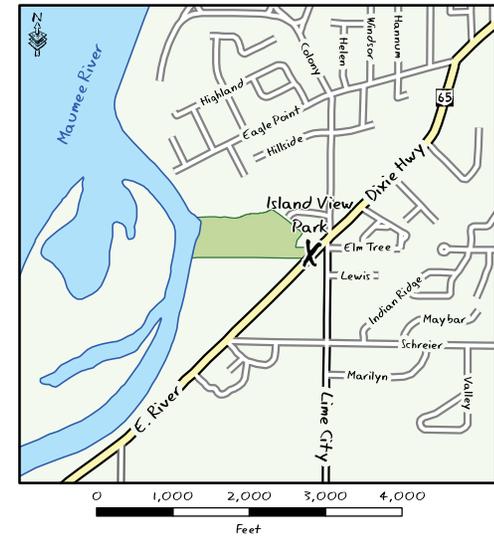
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Rossford  
[www.rossfordohio.com](http://www.rossfordohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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## Corey Street Boat Ramp

**Location:**  
End of Corey Street

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**  
At RM 13

**Jurisdiction:**  
Maumee, OH

**County:**  
Lucas

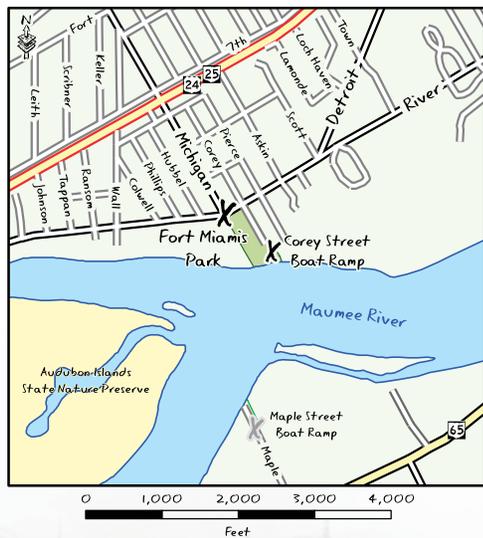
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**Longitude:**  
W 083° 37.45'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Maumee  
[www.maumee.org](http://www.maumee.org)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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:**

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**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](http://www.maumee.org)  
[www.touring-ohio.com/history/fort-miamis.html](http://www.touring-ohio.com/history/fort-miamis.html)

National Park Service  
[www.nps.gov/history/history/online\\_books/founders/sitea24.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/founders/sitea24.htm)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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

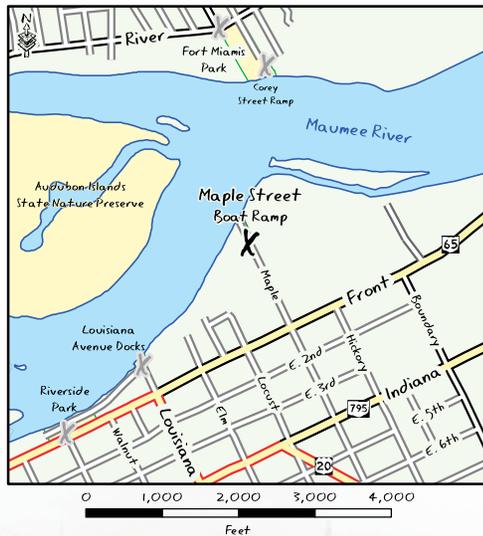
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W 083° 37.54'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Perrysburg  
[www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us](http://www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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

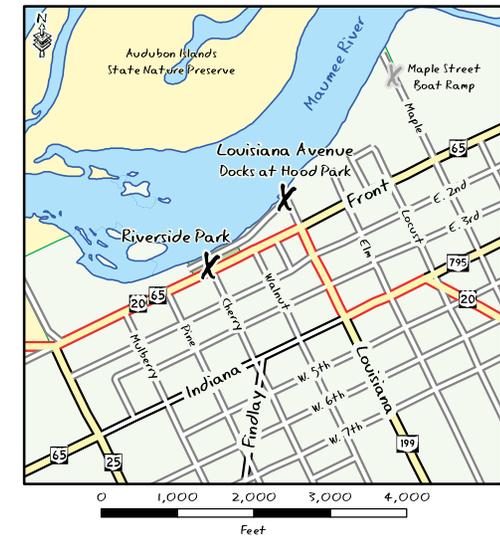
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Perrysburg  
[www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us](http://www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us)

**Field Notes:**

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# Riverside Park

**Location:**  
245 West Front Street

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**  
At RM 14

**Jurisdiction:**  
Perrysburg, OH

**County:**  
Wood

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N 41° 33.55'

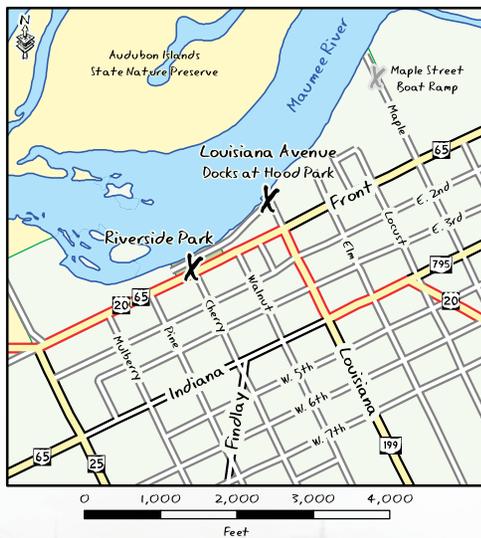
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W 083° 38.09'

**Access Site Type:**  
Scenic

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Perrysburg  
[www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us](http://www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us)

**Field Notes:**

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# Audubon Islands State Nature Preserve

**Location:**  
Maumee River;  
comprised of Ewing  
and Grape islands

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**  
At RM 14

**Jurisdiction:**  
Maumee, OH

**County:**  
Lucas

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 34.15'

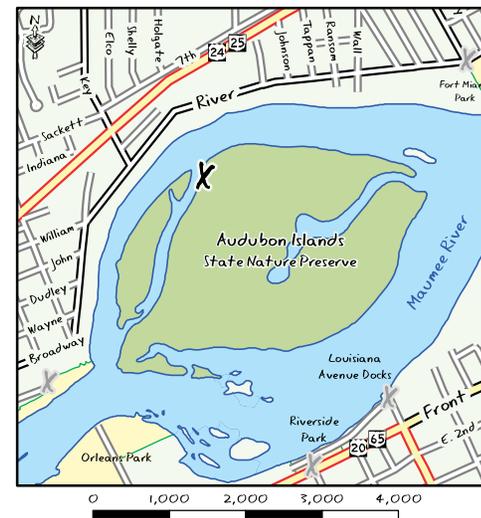
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**Access Site Type:**  
Natural  
Island

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



The 170-acre Audubon Islands State Nature Preserve was acquired by the Maumee Valley Audubon Society and donated to the Metroparks of the Toledo Area. It is a dedicated nature sanctuary and habitat for a variety of bird species, including migratory waterfowl.

NOTE: Unimproved with no built infrastructure

**Learn More:**  
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves  
[www.ohiodnr.com/dnap](http://www.ohiodnr.com/dnap)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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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N 41° 33.38'

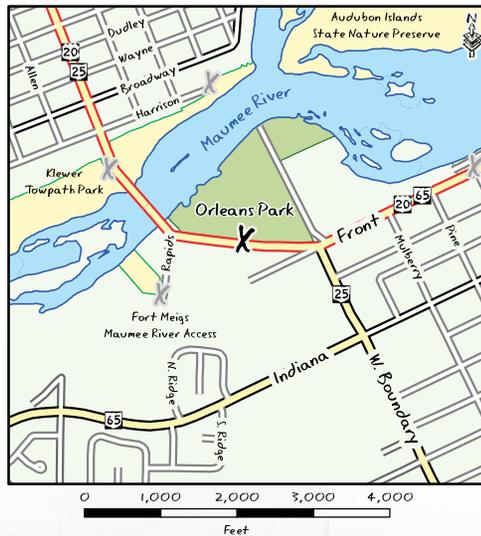
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Perrysburg  
[www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us](http://www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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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N 41° 33.73'

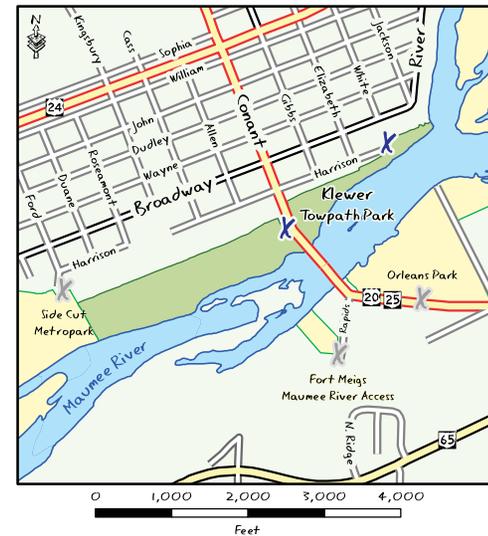
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation  
Scenic

**Date Visited:**

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**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](http://www.maumee.org)

**Field Notes:**

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# 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

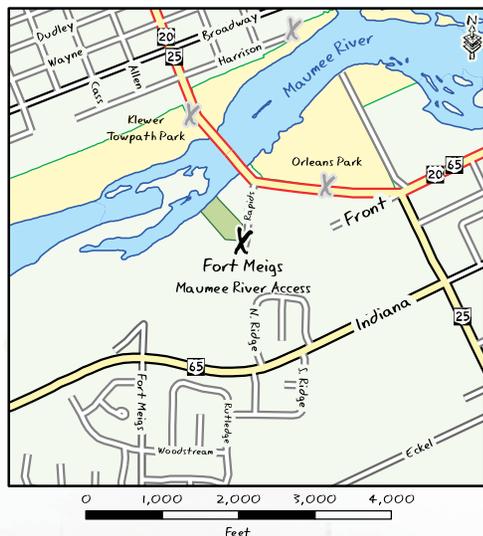
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**Access  
Site Type:**  
Recreation

**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](http://www.fortmeigs.org) and [ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/nw06/index.shtml](http://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

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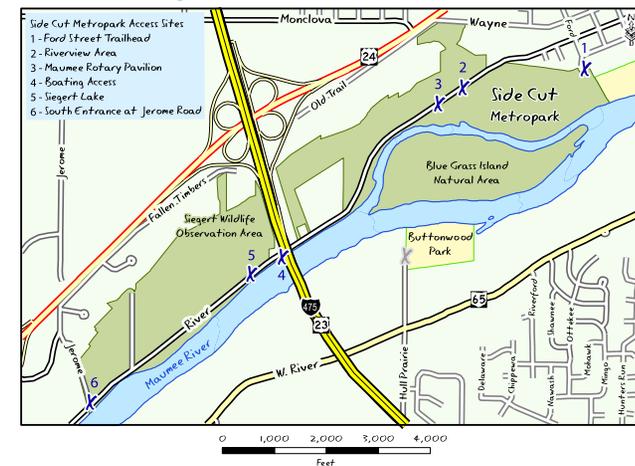
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Site Type:**  
Recreation

**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](http://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

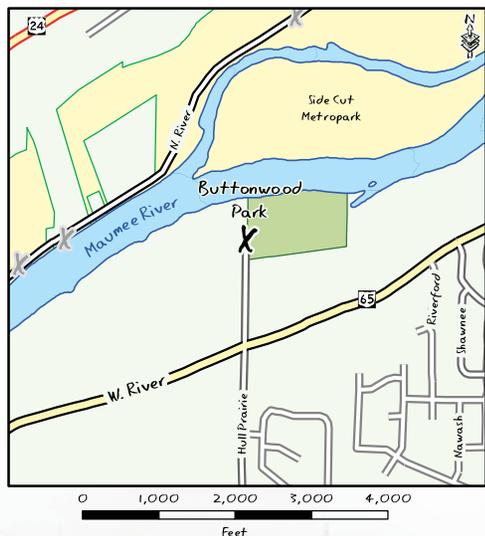
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

### Location Map:



### Amenities:



**Learn More:**  
Wood County Park District  
[www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org](http://www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org)

### Field Notes:

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# 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

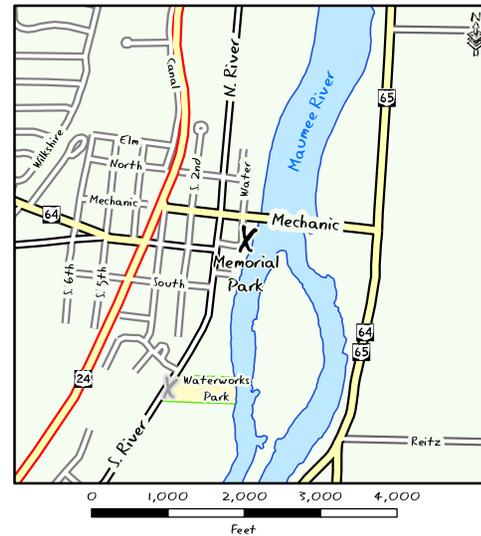
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**Longitude:**  
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**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

### Location Map:



### Amenities:



**Learn More:**  
City of Waterville  
[www.waterville.org](http://www.waterville.org)

### Field Notes:

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# Waterworks Park

**Location:**  
South River Road at  
Waterworks Drive

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile  
Location:**  
At RM 21

**Jurisdiction:**  
Waterville, OH

**County:**  
Lucas

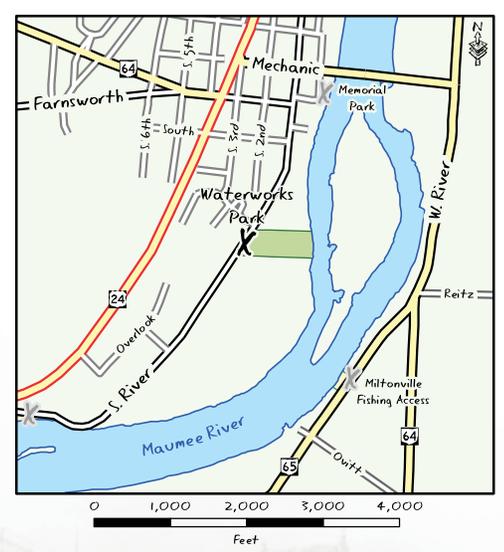
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**Access  
Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

### Location Map:



### Amenities:



**Learn More:**  
City of Waterville  
[www.waterville.org](http://www.waterville.org)

### Field Notes:

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# Miltonville Fishing Access

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

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

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

**Jurisdiction:**  
Middleton  
Township, OH

**County:**  
Wood

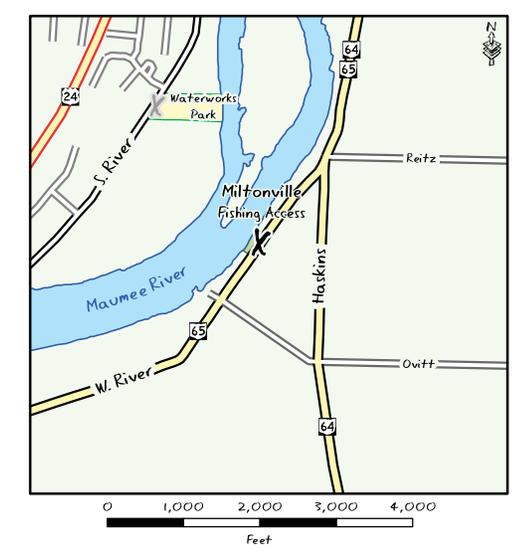
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**Access  
Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

### Location Map:



### Amenities:



**Learn More:**  
ODNR Division of Wildlife  
[www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

### Field Notes:

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# 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'

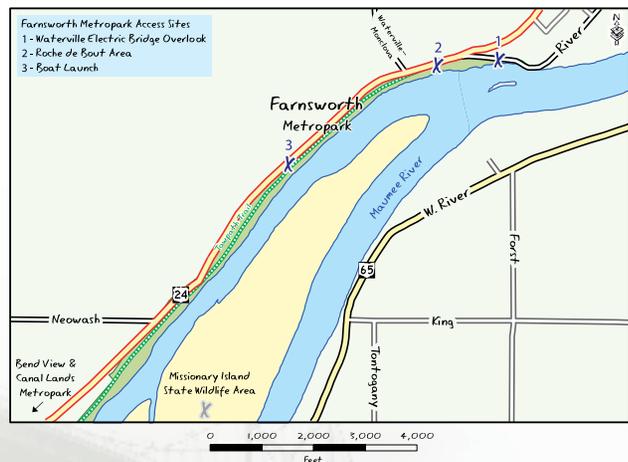
**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**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](http://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

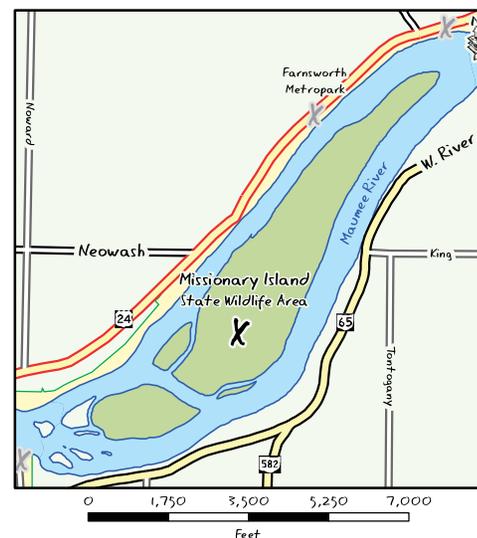
**Latitude:**  
N 41° 28.15'

**Longitude:**  
W 083° 45.01'

**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](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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'

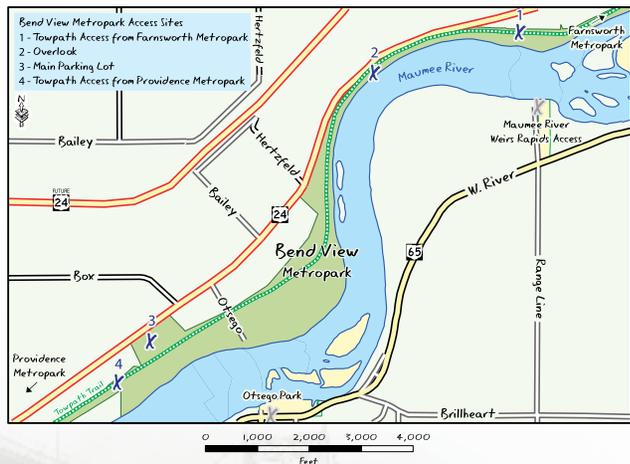
**Access Site Type:**  
Scenic  
Natural

**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](http://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

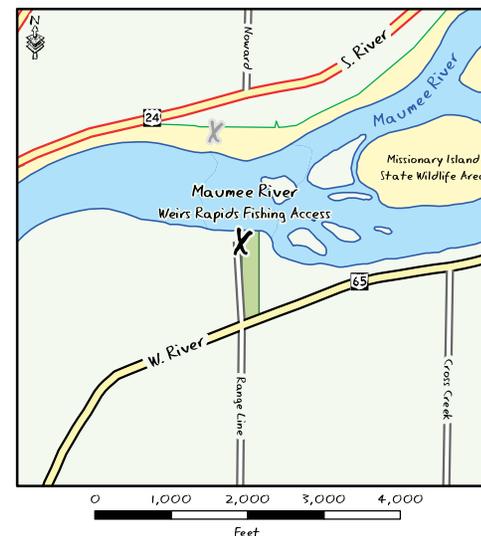
**Latitude:**  
N 41° 27.68'

**Longitude:**  
W 083° 46.02'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
ODNR Division of Wildlife  
[www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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# 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

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 26.69'

**Longitude:**  
W 083° 47.15'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation  
Scenic  
Island

**Date Visited:**

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**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](http://www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org)

**Field Notes:**

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# 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

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 25.56'

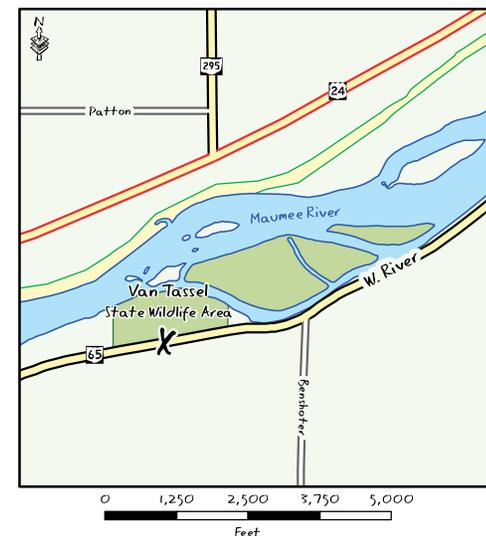
**Longitude:**  
W 083° 49.7'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation  
Island

**Date Visited:**

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**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](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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# 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

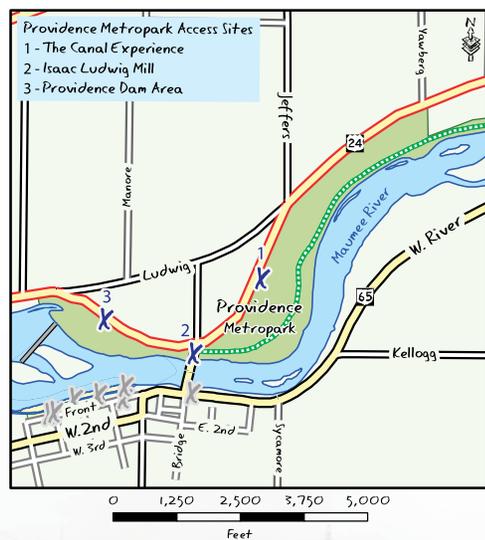
**Latitude:**  
N 41° 25.16'

**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](http://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

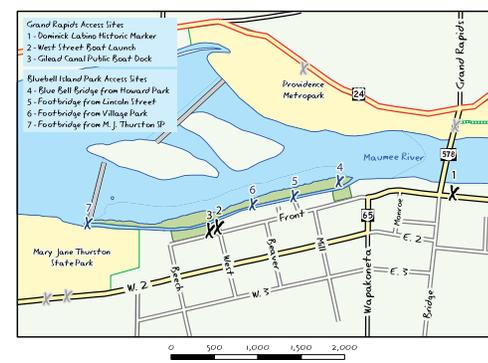
**County:**  
Wood

**Lat/Long (Bluebell):**  
N 41° 24.77'  
W 083° 51.95'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation  
Scenic

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**





# Gilead Canal Public Boat Dock and West Street Boat Launch

# Mary Jane Thurston State Park

**Location:**  
Front Street at West Street, along Gilead Sidecut Canal

**Waterbody:**  
Gilead Sidecut Canal

**River Mile Location:**  
Between RM 32 and RM 33

**Jurisdiction:**  
Grand Rapids, OH

**County:**  
Wood

**Launch:**  
Lat: N 41° 24.72'  
Long: W 083° 52.23'

**Docks:**  
Lat: N 41° 24.72'  
Long: W 083° 52.25'

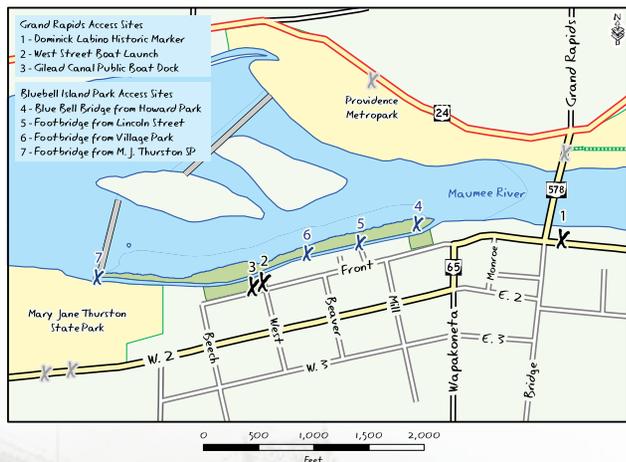
**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Amenities:**



**Location Map:**



NOTE: No motorized watercraft permitted east of boat launch.

**Learn More:**  
Village of Grand Rapids  
[www.grandrapidsohio.com](http://www.grandrapidsohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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**Location:**  
1466 State Route 65

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**  
Between RM 32 and RM 34

**Jurisdiction:**  
Grand Rapids Township and Damascus Township, OH

**County:**  
Wood and Henry

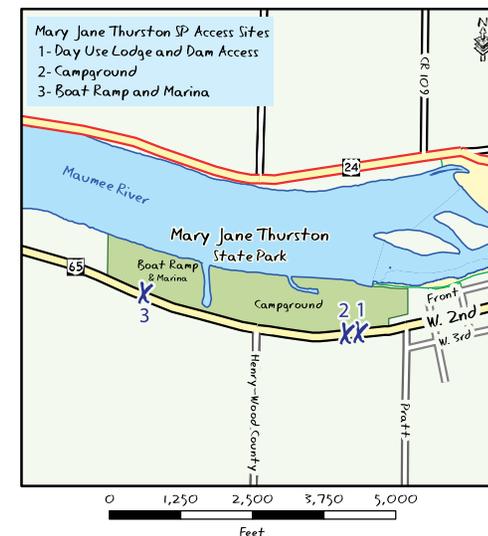
**Boat Launch:**  
Lat: N 41° 24.7'  
Long: W 083° 53.42'

**Campground:**  
Lat: N 41° 24.58'  
Long: W 083° 52.68'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



In 1928, Mary Jane Thurston, a Grand Rapids schoolteacher bequeathed fourteen acres of land to be used as a park. After several transfers and leases, Mary Jane Thurston State Park was dedicated in 1968. Today, the 591-acre Mary Jane Thurston State Park offers a variety of day-use and overnight activities, including boat access, camping and fishing. There is access to Gilead Sidecut Towpath Trail via footbridge from Bluebell Island Park located at the east end of Mary Jane Thurston.

**Learn More:**  
ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation  
[www.ohiodnr.com/parks](http://www.ohiodnr.com/parks)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 25.21'

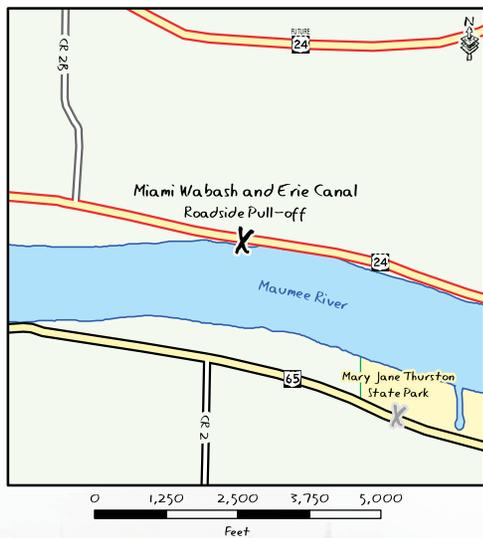
**Longitude:**  
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**Access Site Type:**  
Scenic  
Historic

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Field Notes:**

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## 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

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 24.79'

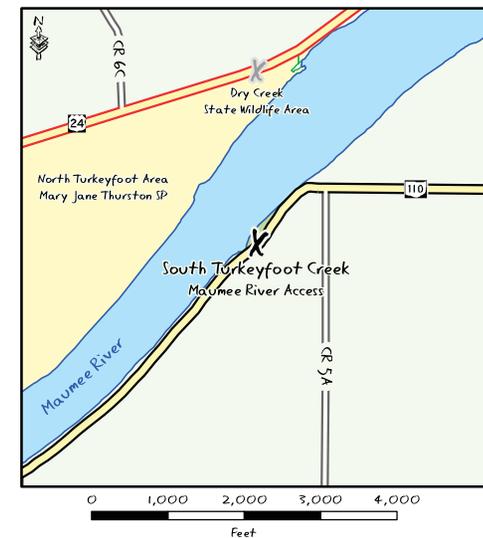
**Longitude:**  
W 083° 58.45'

**Access Site Type:**  
Outdoors

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**

ODNR Division of Wildlife  
[www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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# 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'  
W 083° 59.38'

**Access**

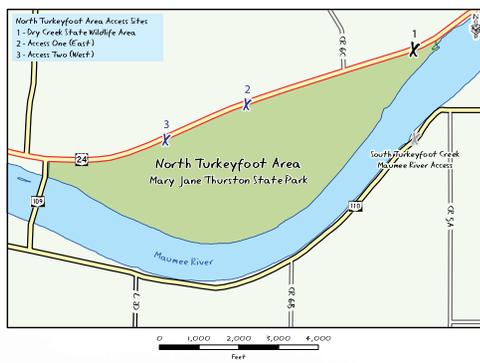
**Site Type:**

Recreation

**Date Visited:**

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**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](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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# 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**

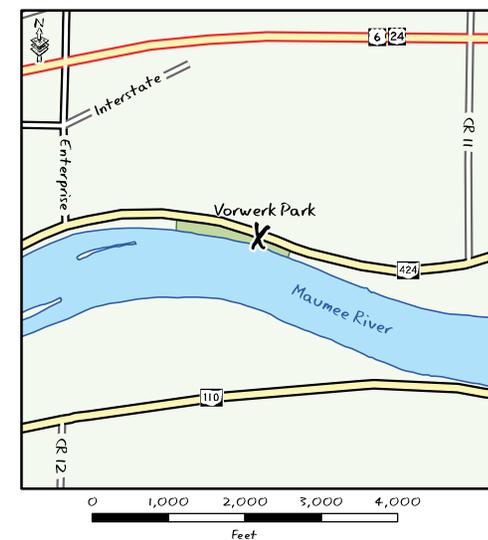
**Site Type:**

Recreation  
Natural

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**

City of Napoleon  
[www.napoleonohio.com](http://www.napoleonohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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

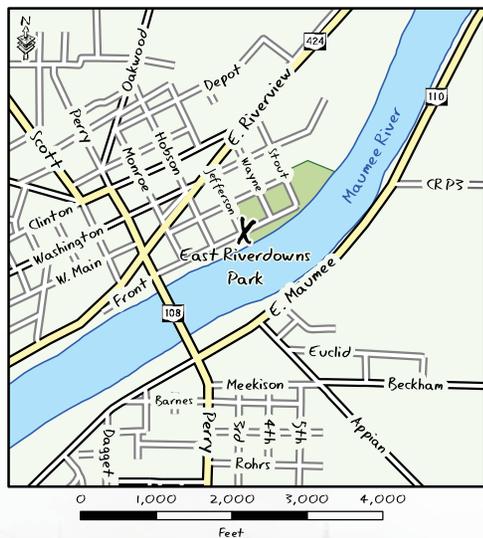
**Latitude:**  
N 41° 23.46'

**Longitude:**  
W 084° 7.16'

**Access  
Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Napoleon  
[www.napoleonohio.com](http://www.napoleonohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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

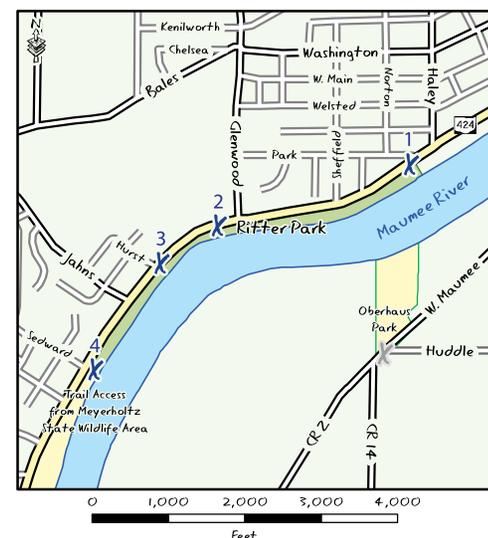
**Eastern Entrance:**  
Lat: N 41° 23.07'  
Long: W 084° 7.97'

**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](http://www.napoleonohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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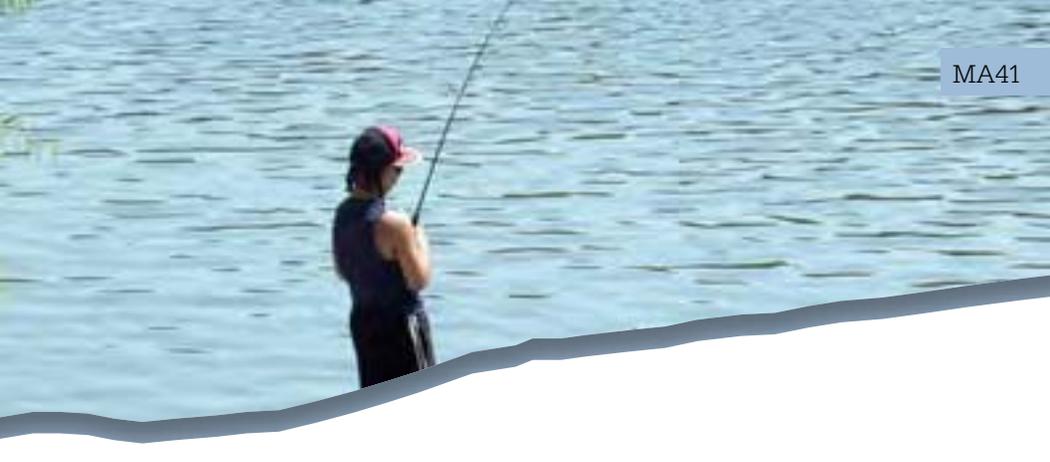
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# Oberhaus Park

**Location:**  
750 West Maumee Avenue

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**  
Between RM 47 and RM 48

**Jurisdiction:**  
Napoleon Township, OH

**County:**  
Henry

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 22.65'

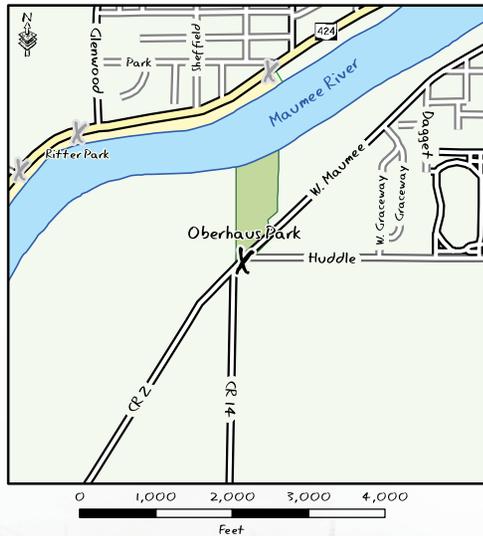
**Longitude:**  
W 084° 8.1'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation  
Scenic

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Napoleon  
[www.napoleonohio.com](http://www.napoleonohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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# Meyerholtz Maumee River Access

**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

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 22.13'

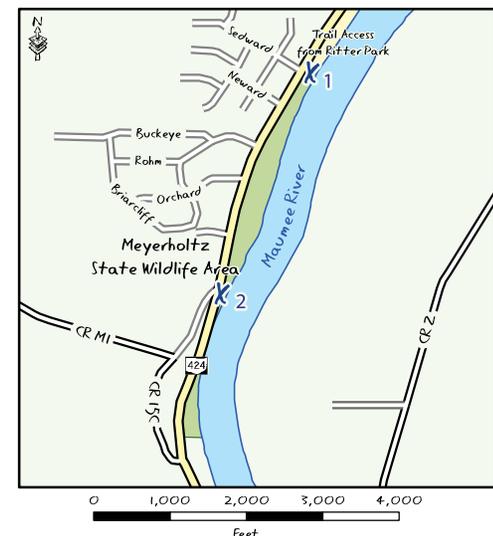
**Longitude:**  
W 084° 9.14'

**Access Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
ODNR Division of Wildlife  
[www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 19.99'

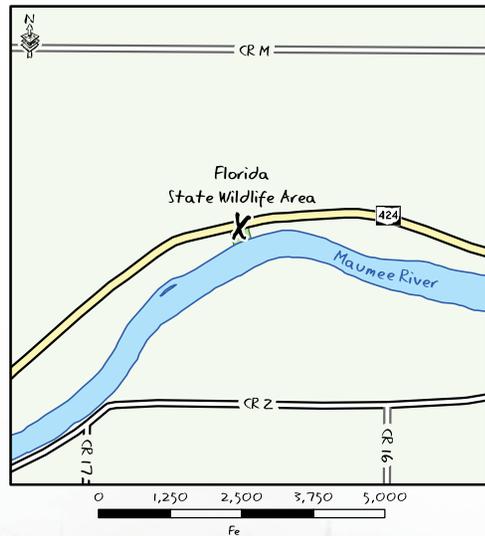
**Longitude:**  
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**Access Site Type:**  
Outdoors

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
ODNR Division of Wildlife  
[www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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## 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:**

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**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](http://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

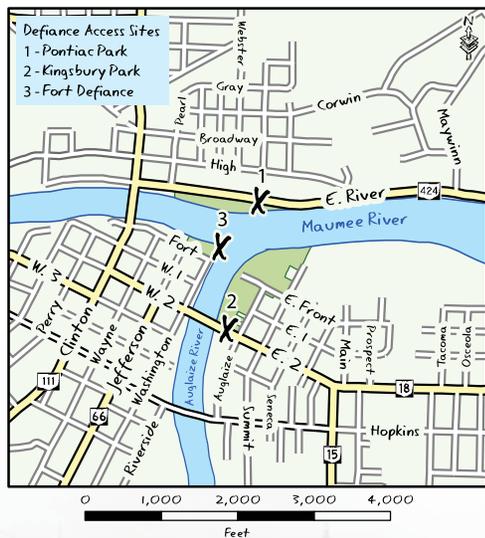
**Jurisdiction:**  
Defiance, OH

**County:**  
Defiance

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 17.38'

**Longitude:**  
W 084° 21.27'

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
City of Defiance  
[www.cityofdefiance.com](http://www.cityofdefiance.com)

**Field Notes:**

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## Fort Defiance and Kingsbury Park

**Location:**  
Fort Street at  
Washington Avenue

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River  
Auglaize River

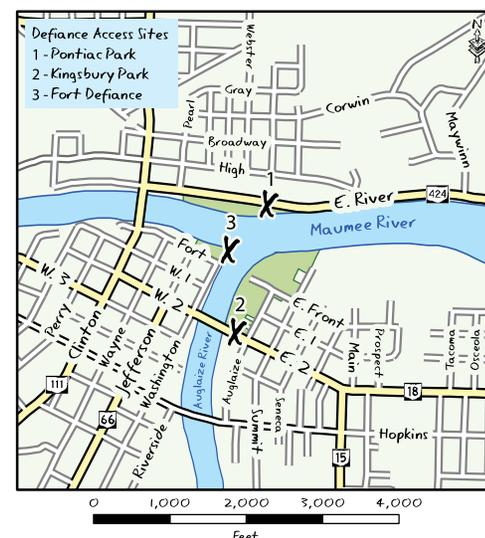
**River Mile  
Location:**  
At RM 64 (Maumee)  
At RM 0 (Auglaize)

**Jurisdiction:**  
Defiance, OH

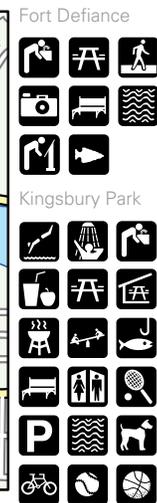
**County:**  
Defiance

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

**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Access  
Site Type:**  
Historic  
Scenic

**Date Visited:**

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**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](http://www.cityofdefiance.com)

**Field Notes:**

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## Bend Access

**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:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
ODNR Division of Wildlife  
[www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife](http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife)

**Field Notes:**

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## Riverside Park

**Location:**  
East River Road  
between Kroos Drive  
and Island Street

**Waterbody:**  
Maumee River

**River Mile  
Location:**  
At RM 99

**Jurisdiction:**  
Antwerp, OH

**County:**  
Paulding

**Latitude:**  
N 41° 10.96'

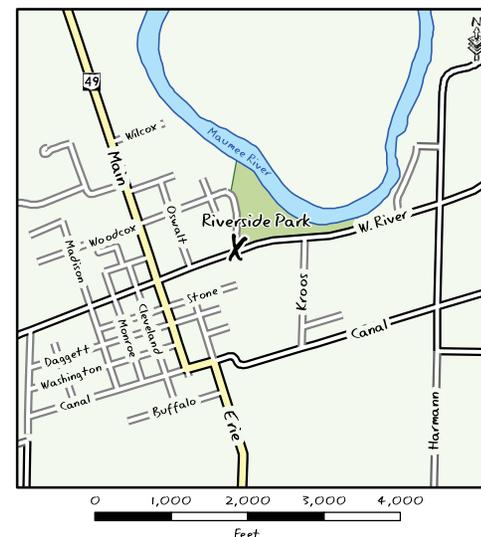
**Longitude:**  
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**Access  
Site Type:**  
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

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**Location Map:**



**Amenities:**



**Learn More:**  
Village of Antwerp  
[www.antwerpohio.com](http://www.antwerpohio.com)

**Field Notes:**

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