

MetroParks Accessibility Guide

MetroParks of Butler County welcomes all people to enjoy the outdoors. We created this Accessibility Guide to let you know what to expect at each park when you visit.

Our parks offer many things to do – some are easier to access and some are more challenging. If you ever need help while in a MetroPark, call (513) 867-5835. If there is an emergency, call 911.

What's Inside

You can learn information about each MetroPark in this guide. We provide the address of each park entrance and describe the parking areas. A brief description of the park includes what you can find there (restrooms, seating, playgrounds, water). Any trails at the park are described with their distance, sign color, type of surface, and what to expect along the trail.

Parks with the Accessible MetroPark symbol (shown at right) offer many features to welcome park visitors of all abilities. You may find accessible picnic tables and grills, paved trails, improved restrooms, and updated play equipment. Call (513) 867-5835 if you have questions about any MetroPark.



Difficulty Rating and Icons

This guide uses a rating system and icons to describe how easy it is to access a park or trail.



Level 1 parks and trails are considered accessible to most park users. Park amenities are connected with paved pathways.



Level 2 facilities can be usable by many park visitors but may include minor challenges, such as uneven surfaces and muddy areas.



Level 3 areas may be difficult to access for persons with disabilities. These sites often include steps or steep hills.



Level 4 describes a park area with minimal development. Level 4 parks are not accessible to most persons with disabilities.

Navigating Through the Parks



MetroParks trails have signposts that display the **name** of the trail, a **colored** blaze (or trail marker), **arrows** to show direction, and a **number** identifying a specific trail intersection. The photo to the left shows Intersection 10 on the Cascades Trail, which is marked with a cyan color.

This information can also be found on the kiosk map at each park and online at YourMetroParks.net.

Key to Symbols Used in This Document



Accessible MetroPark



Modern Restroom / Flush Toilets



Vault Toilet or Portable Toilet



Drinking Water Available



Accessible Picnic Table



Seating Available



Playground



Open Water Hazard (pond/river)

Symbols shown in light gray are not present at a park

Individual Park and Trail Descriptions

Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark

4050 Trenton-Oxford Road, Hamilton, OH 45011



This 84-acre MetroPark in Wayne Township features just over three miles of hiking trails which traverse woods, small streams, and farm fields being restored to native meadows. Parking area is gravel and a portable toilet is available. There is no drinking water or seating available.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Snakeroot	Orange	1.0	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Trail includes multiple hills and unbridged stream crossings.
Big Bluestem	Cyan	1.6	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Trail includes multiple hills and unbridged stream crossings.
Ironweed	Purple	0.75	Loop	Grass	2	Trail loops through an old farm field and may contain holes or ruts.

Antenen Nature Preserve MetroPark

2385 Treiber Road, Hamilton, OH 45011



This minimally-developed park features a large grassy area and access to Four Mile Creek for fishing. The parking area is gravel. There are picnic tables near the parking area and a bench at the far end of the Creek Access Trail. There are no restrooms or drinking water available. Use caution: Four Mile Creek can be fast and deep after rains. Fishing is permitted with a valid license.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Creek Access	Orange	0.3	Point to Point	Grass/Dirt	4	Trail contains steep inclines made of dirt and mud with tree roots often exposed. Use caution along steep edges of trails near water.



Bicentennial Commons (River Center)

100 S. Carmody Boulevard, Middletown, OH 45044



Bicentennial Commons is an 11-acre park that overlooks the Great Miami River in Middletown. The park features the River Center, AK Pavilion, access to the Great Miami River Trail, a scenic overlook, and brick paver walkways. The parking area is paved. Seating, restrooms, and drinking water are available at River Center, which also offers a reservable meeting/reception space for up to 56 guests.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Great Miami River Trail	Gray	77	Point to Point	Asphalt	1	Paved trail begins near Trenton and continues north through Dayton to Piqua.

Bunker Hill Cemetery

5351 Reily Millville Road, Oxford, OH 45056



Bunker Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for Revolutionary War and War of 1812 veterans as well as the Bressler brothers, who fought on opposite sides during the Civil War. Parking area is gravel. Walking surfaces are grassy and flat, but often muddy. There are no restrooms, seating, or drinking water available.

Chrisholm MetroPark & Historic Farmstead

2070 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, OH 45067



The 17-acre Chrisholm MetroPark interprets an 1800s Amish-Mennonite farmstead and includes the historic Augspurger House, the Rosemont Barn, a nature playscape and a reservable picnic shelter. Parking areas are gravel. There is access to outdoor vault toilets from the parking area; a modern restroom is available during hours when the historic house is open. Drinking water and seating are available. There are no formal trails, but unpaved paths around the park and farm contain slight inclines and can be muddy.

Forest Run MetroPark

1810 New London Road, Hamilton, OH 45013



Forest Run MetroPark is 82 acres of scenic prairies, woods and wetlands and includes a playground and creek access (the creek is often dry). A raised observation deck allows visitors to view the prairie, while trails run through the woods and meadows. There are three paved parking areas. A paved but uneven pathway connects the third parking area to an accessible vault latrine, kiosk, water fountain, and the playground area (across bridge).

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Tanager	Red	1.0	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Trail traverses multiple areas (woods, prairie) and contains minor inclines.
Kingbird	Blue	0.7	Loop	Grass/Dirt	2	Trail is mostly open and includes a long incline.
Meadowlark	Yellow	0.9	Loop	Grass/Dirt	2/3	Trail is mostly open and includes a long incline. Areas near creek can be muddy.

Gilmore Ponds MetroPark

7950 N. Gilmore Road, Hamilton, OH 45015

8300 Bilstein Boulevard, Hamilton, OH 45015 (Bilstein Trailhead)

8322 Seward Road, Fairfield, OH 45015 (Seward Trailhead)



Seasonal flooding of much of the 268-acre Gilmore Ponds MetroPark supports the extensive wetlands of this preserve, a popular destination for area birders. Paved parking is available at all trailheads. Portable toilets and seating are available at Gilmore and Bilstein Trailheads. There is no drinking water. The South Pond observation deck located near the Bilstein Trailhead is wheelchair accessible. Fishing is permitted with a valid license.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Miami2Miami	n/a	4.5	Point to Point	Asphalt	1	Also known as Miami-Erie Canal Trail. Paved trail continues east to State Route 747.
Highlands Trace	Red	0.7	Loop	Grass	2	Trail winds through an upland area but may still be wet/muddy after rains.
Wetlands	Green	0.8	Point to Point	Grass/Gravel	2	Includes a section of floating boardwalk. Trail parallels an active rail line and is used as a utility access road. Watch for occasional washouts.

Governor Bebb MetroPark

1979 Bebb Park Lane, Okeana, OH 45053



Governor Bebb MetroPark consists of 262 acres of woods, meadows, fields, and streams. The park offers a reconstructed Pioneer village, picnic shelter, hiking trails, playground, campground, and creek access. Fishing is permitted with a valid license. The park includes several paved parking areas, including one with access to an accessible vault latrine. Most trails feature steep inclines on very rugged terrain that changes often based on weather. The Sycamore Grove Trail features a section with a crushed stone surface.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Discovery Ridge	Green	0.6	Loop	Dirt/Grass	3	Crosses a steep ravine via steps and a short wooden bridge.
Chief Cornstalk	Yellow	0.8	Loop	Dirt/Grass	3	Includes a steep incline with steps built into the hillside. Trail can be wet/muddy.
Nonhelema	Red	0.9	Loop	Grass	2	Minimal elevation changes as trail winds through old field areas.
Pelewa	Orange	0.3	Loop	Dirt/Grass	3	Steep incline with steps built into the hillside.
Serenity	Blue	0.6	Loop	Dirt	3	Some exposed tree roots. Contains stairs and a bridge.
Sycamore Grove	Purple	1.0	Loop	Crushed Stone / Dirt	¼	Trail bridge and 1/3 mile of trail are accessible to most users. Remaining sections are steep and can be muddy.

Green Heron MetroPark

2161 New London Road, Hamilton, OH 45013



This 46-acre park features a primitive mile-long trail near the banks of Indian Creek. Parking area is loose stone. There is a portable toilet, but no drinking water is available.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Amehkwa	Orange	1.1	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Trail contains steep inclines made of dirt and mud with tree roots often exposed.

Indian Creek MetroPark

1899 Oxford-Reily Road, Oxford, OH 45056

6500 Springfield Road, Oxford, OH 45056



The 132-acre Indian Creek MetroPark, located in Reily Township, has two entrances separated by scenic Indian Creek. There is currently no bridge across the creek for pedestrians or vehicles.

The Oxford-Reily Road entrance provides easy access to the creek, where children and adults can wade and discover native flora and fauna. The Oxford-Reily Road parking area is paved with connections to an accessible vault latrine and kiosk. Creek access trails are near water's edge and consist of sand/dirt/gravel mix. Weather often changes the stability of the ground near the water's edge; use caution in these areas.

Springfield Road parking is paved with paved pathway access to a playground. The picnic shelter and portable toilet lack paved access. The Springfield Road entrance offers 1.4 miles of wooded loop trails.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Mound	Green	0.9	Loop	Dirt/Grass	2	Trail is generally flat with some exposed tree roots.
Trillium	Blue	0.7	Loop	Dirt/Gravel	4	Trail contains steep inclines with tree roots often exposed. There are also large box stairs that are filled with gravel.

Line Hill Mound MetroPark

3620 Hamilton Middletown Road, Hamilton, OH 45011



Line Hill Mound Metropark encompasses 219 acres of woods and meadows with opportunities for hiking, fishing, and nature observation. The trailhead has a small paved parking area; soccer fields (open seasonally) are served by a gravel parking lot. There is no seating or drinking water, but portable toilets are available during soccer season.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Mound	Red	1	Loop	Grass/Dirt	2	Trail remains muddy after rains.
Pond	Blue	1.4	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Trail is grassy but remains muddy after rains.
Pine	Yellow	1.25	Loop	Grass/Dirt	4	Trail includes steep inclines with occasional washouts.

Meadow Ridge MetroPark

5101 Circle Parkway, Middletown, OH 45042 (South Entrance)

5401 Circle Parkway, Middletown, OH 45042 (North Entrance)



Multiple sources of grant funding allowed MetroParks to purchase this former golf course in 2016 for preservation as a natural recreation area. The 450-acre park opened for daily access two years later after major work to restore prairies and forests on the site, work which continues today. Highlights of this park include trails for hiking, biking, and running, as well as birding, picnicking, catch-and-release fishing (with a valid license), and a public archery range.

The large paved parking area at the South Entrance includes an accessible portable toilet, kiosk, and picnic shelter. The North Entrance drive leads to two small paved parking areas providing trail access. A restroom at the north end of the Twin Lakes Trail is open seasonally.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Dave's Trace	White	2.8	Loop	Asphalt - variable condition	2	Trail traverses rolling topography and features moderate inclines.
South Pond	Pink	1.4	Loop	Asphalt - variable condition	2	Paved trails are narrow with uneven surfaces.
Twin Lakes	Blue	2.0	Loop	Asphalt - variable condition	2	Trails are former golf cart paths and contain some sections of broken pavement and crushed gravel.

Mill Race Preserve MetroPark

5401 Corso Road, Oxford, OH 45056



Mill Race Preserve MetroPark is a 75-acre park with two miles of hiking trails through meadows and wooded stream corridors along Four Mile Creek north of the City of Oxford. The park can be accessed by pedestrians via the Black Covered Bridge. The small off-site parking area is paved. There is seating nearby, but there are no restrooms or drinking water available. Fishing is permitted with a valid license.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Fryman Farm	Orange	1.6	Loop	Grass	2	Trail remains primarily in open field areas with little cover. A spur trail (level 3) includes an unbridged stream crossing with steep slopes.
Pugh's Mill	Purple	0.4	Loop	Grass	2	Trail remains primarily in open field areas with little cover.

Pater Park Wildlife Area

1054 Garner Road, Reily Township, OH 45056



The 34-acre Pater Park Wildlife Area is on the banks of Indian Creek and provides habitat to local wildlife. The undeveloped acreage is leased from the State of Ohio, and in-season hunting and fishing are permitted with proper State of Ohio licenses. The parking area is loose stone. There are no restrooms, seating, or drinking water available.

Pioneer Church & Burial Ground

3000 Indian Creek Road, Oxford, OH 45056



The parking area for this historic site is grass and located at the bottom of a steep incline. Walking conditions to the church and cemetery change based on weather. There are no restrooms or drinking water on the site.



Rentschler Forest MetroPark

5701 Reigart Road, Hamilton, OH 45011



Rentschler Forest MetroPark in Fairfield Township is one of the oldest parks in the MetroParks of Butler County system. The 125-acre park includes kayak and canoe access to the Great Miami River, 13.8 miles of paved and natural surface trails, two playgrounds, and multiple picnic shelters. Fishing is permitted with a valid license. Park visitors can see remnants of the historic Miami-Erie Canal, walk through acres of woods, and explore the cascades of Kennedy Creek.

There are multiple paved parking areas, some with paved pathway access to flush restrooms and shelters. The Cummins Shelter alongside the Great Miami River is accessible, featuring wheelchair seating and a lowered grill. Trail and playground accessibility varies throughout the park.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Cascades	Light Blue	0.8	Loop	Dirt	3	Sections of the trail have steep inclines and drop-offs to creek bed. Trail contains a swinging wooden bridge.
Great Miami River Trail	Gray	11.3	Point to Point	Asphalt	1	Paved asphalt multi-use trail.
Pumpkin Vine	Orange	0.9	Loop	Dirt/ Gravel	3	Portions of trail have steep slopes.
Tall Pines	Green	0.3	Loop	Dirt	3	Minimal elevation change but surface is sloped and rough.
Wetland	Red	0.5	Loop	Grass	2	Due to ongoing erosion, use caution near edge of Great Miami River.

Salamander Run MetroPark

4821 Layhigh Road, Hamilton, OH 45013



Located in Morgan Township, Salamander Run MetroPark features 129 acres of unique habitat that serves as a refuge for many important wildlife species. The small parking area is gravel and trails surfaces are natural. There is a portable toilet, but no drinking water or seating available.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Spotted Salamander	Blue	1.0	Loop	Grass/Dirt	2	Trail remains primarily in open field areas with little cover.
Redback Salamander	Red	1.4	Loop	Grass/Dirt	4	Trail crosses through open fields and into wooded areas. Trail contains steep slopes, exposed tree roots, and stream crossings.

Sebald MetroPark

5580 Elk Creek Road, Middletown, OH 45042



Sebald MetroPark is a 331-acre park located in Madison Township which includes ten picnic shelters, natural areas, hiking trails, three playgrounds, and the only public horse trails in Butler County. Fishing is permitted with a valid license.

There are multiple large, paved parking areas. There is one accessible playground with direct access to paved parking in the center of the park. Shelters lack paved pathway connections to parking. Restrooms are located away from parking areas and may be difficult to reach without assistance. Trails are often muddy due to tree cover preventing them from drying.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Foothills	Cyan	0.3	Point to Point	Grass/Dirt	3	May encounter horses – use caution.
Highlands	Yellow	0.8	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Connects to Meadow Ridge MetroPark.
Meadow	Green	0.8	Loop	Grass/Dirt	2	May encounter horses – use caution.
Dry Run	Purple	2.3	Loop	Dirt	Horse	Equestrian trail open seasonally. Use caution along edges of trails near water.
Elk Creek	Brown	0.5	Point to Point	Dirt	Horse	Equestrian trail open seasonally. Use caution along edges of trails near water.
Ridge	Red	1.4	Loop	Dirt	Horse	Equestrian trail open seasonally.
Valleyview	Orange	3.6	Loop	Dirt	Horse	Equestrian trail open seasonally.

Sycamore Bluffs MetroPark

3742 Lanes Mill Road, Oxford, OH 45056



Sycamore Bluffs MetroPark consists of approximately 200 acres in Milford Township along Four Mile Creek. Enjoy the park's two hiking trails or launch your canoe or kayak from the park into Four Mile Creek. The parking area is gravel. There is a portable toilet, but no drinking water is available. Fishing is permitted with a valid license.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Creek	Blue	0.2	Point to Point	Dirt	2	Use caution along edge of trail near water.
Bluff	Red	1.3	Loop	Grass/Gravel	3	Start of trail ascends a large hill. Trail surface can be muddy. There are stairs/slopes midway through the loop.

Timberhill MetroPark

5400 Timberhill Drive, Hamilton, OH 45011



Timberhill MetroPark is a 198-acre park in Fairfield Township, boasting open fields, woodlands, hiking trails, and a variety of unique group camping amenities. Regional trail users can park at Timberhill MetroPark to access 11.3 miles of the Great Miami River Trail which travels along the river south through Rentschler Forest MetroPark to Hamilton.

There are two paved parking areas. Access to several camp buildings is available via gravel or grass paths. Portable restrooms and drinking water are available. Picnic table seating is available at the Brownie Shelter, which can be accessed over grass from the nearest parking area.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Cardinal	Red	0.3	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Trail contains several inclines with exposed tree roots.
Yellow Finch	Yellow	0.5	Loop	Grass/Dirt	3	Trail contains several inclines with exposed tree roots.
Camp Trails	Blue	Varies	Varies	Grass/Dirt	3	Trails are not publicly available when campsites are reserved.
Great Miami River Trail	Gray	11.3	Point to Point	Asphalt	1	Paved asphalt multi-use trail. Contains a long downhill slope with resting areas.



Timberman Ridge MetroPark

1976 Timberman Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

1829 Warvel Road, Hamilton, OH 45013



Timberman Ridge MetroPark in Ross Township consists primarily of 173 acres of former farmland, which is being restored to a natural landscape. This park boasts more than 10 miles of trails, which provide scenic views of the valley below. An observation deck can be accessed from the Timberman Ridge Trail, a paved loop trail with multiple benches along the way. Two cross-country routes are open for walking and running. Three catch-and-release ponds are available for fishing, with a valid Ohio Fishing License.

Paved parking is available at both trailheads. Accessible flush restrooms, an inclusive playground, reservable picnic shelter, and drinking water are available at the Songbird Pond Trailhead. A portable restroom is available at the Warvel Trailhead.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Timberman Ridge Trail	Green	1.3	Loop	Asphalt	1	Paved trail contains two moderate inclines.
Grand Circle	Orange	2.0	Loop	Grass	3	Surface is variable and contains inclines, ruts, and wet areas.
Rolling Meadow	Purple	0.7	Loop	Grass/Asphalt	2	Contains a long incline and wet areas.

Woodsdale MetroPark

1917 Woodsdale Road, Trenton, OH 45067



The 119-acre Woodsdale MetroPark sits along the Great Miami River in Madison Township. The park's scenic natural trails meander close to the river and offer opportunities for walking and birding.

The parking area is paved. There is a shelter and picnic area near the parking lot. A portable toilet is available but there is no drinking water. Note that this park is frequently flooded after storms.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Eliza Holly	Blue	0.7	Loop	Dirt	3	Trail is flat but often muddy.
Sam Augspurger	Orange	1.2	Loop	Dirt	3	Trail is flat but often muddy.
William Woods	Yellow	1.0	Loop	Grass/Dirt/Boardwalk	3	Trail is flat but often muddy. There is a small section of boardwalk.



Voice of America MetroPark

7850 VOA Park Drive, West Chester, OH 45069



The 435-acre Voice of America MetroPark in West Chester Township features a 35-acre stocked pay lake, nine miles of combined paved and natural trails, the Voice of America Athletic Complex, Chill Hill sledding hill, a cricket field, a large natural meadow area, and Wiggly Field Dog Park. The Lodge area features a large paved parking area with paved pathway access to indoor restrooms, drinking water, a fishing dock, the popular playground, small watercraft rentals (including an adaptive kayak launch), and the reservable Lodge event venue.

The Athletic Complex area is mostly flat with a combination of paved and gravel/grass parking, and features paved pathway access to restrooms and concessions (open during scheduled events). The Athletic Complex area is generally accessible but can be difficult under heavy rain. A universal changing table is available at the Fieldhouse during scheduled events.

Wiggly Field Dog Park features gravel parking and paths; the area can become very muddy after rain.

Trail Name	Blaze Color	Miles	Route Type	Surface	Level Rating	Description
Lake	Green	1.4	Loop	Asphalt	1	Trail is paved and mostly flat with two moderate inclines on the south side.
Butler-Warren & Tylersville	Orange	1.5	Point to Point	Asphalt	1	Trails are paved and mostly flat with a minor incline westbound along Tylersville Road.
Cross Country Trails	Red/ Yellow/ Blue	Varies	Loop	Grass	2	Trails are generally flat and may contain uneven areas.

Accessibility at MetroParks of Butler County

MetroParks of Butler County recognizes that most park users will encounter barriers to access at some point in their lives, whether due to chronic disability, temporary injury, or age. We strive to minimize these barriers to improve access for all park users.

Accommodations

MetroParks of Butler County will make all practicable efforts to ensure that facilities, programs, and information are accessible to all persons while respecting their individual needs, dignity, and independence.

If you would like to request accommodations to increase accessibility at a facility or program, please get in touch with us at (513) 867-5835 or info@yourmetroparks.net.

Personal Assistance

We encourage individuals to bring any necessary personal assistance devices or support persons to ensure their enjoyment of our parks, programs, and facilities. Wheelchairs may be used anywhere within MetroParks where public access is permitted.

Other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD) may be used at developed sites and on any trails rated at Level 1 or 2. If OPDMD are permitted on a certain trail, there is no guarantee that the trail will be suitable for such use on a given day. Weather conditions or other factors beyond the control of MetroParks may affect the suitability of the trail for OPDMD use. Please refer to MetroParks' policy governing the use of OPDMD for additional guidance.

Service animals trained to perform a specific task or tasks for a person with disabilities are welcome at all MetroParks facilities and outdoor spaces.

Improving Accessibility and Inclusion

Accessibility also includes ongoing evaluation to ensure that facilities and programs remain useful and enjoyable for everyone. If you would like to contribute your experiences and insight to assist in refining this Accessibility Guide, please contact MetroParks' Accessibility Coordinator at (513) 867-5835, extension 318.