



# MetroParks

of Butler County, OH

## *Trail Accessibility Guide*

### **Programs and Events**

The MetroParks will make every effort, with two weeks advance notice, to provide reasonable accommodations so that people with disabilities may participate in special events and educational programs.

People with disabilities needing special accommodations for the accessibility of programs should contact the MetroParks at 513.867.5835.

### **Trails**

The MetroParks provides the opportunity for individuals with mobility disabilities to use their power-driven mobility devices on select trails. Please refer to the Accessibility Trail Guide below.

The Accessibility Trail Guide and Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) policy will be available on the MetroParks of Butler County website, and also available for explanation by staff answering the phone at the main office. The levels used for accessibility determination are as follows:

**Level 1-** Considered fully accessible and meets architectural standards for handicapped accessibility. Level 1 sites include visitor centers, snack bars, restrooms, picnic areas and paved trails.

**Level 2 -** Usable to some disabled persons, but may include inconveniences.

**Level 3 -** Difficult to use by disabled persons and inaccessible to some disabled persons; assistance will likely be required. These sites include facilities that are located in difficult terrain and often include barriers such as steps.

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**Level 4** - Undeveloped or minimally developed section of park; inaccessible to most disabled persons.

This Trail Guide includes MetroParks open to the public, and will be updated as areas are developed and opened for public access.

<b>Park</b>	<b>Trail</b>	<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Surface type</b>	<b>Hiking difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility Level</b>	<b>Power Driven Mobility Devices Permitted</b>
Four Mile Creek MetroPark	Antenen Nature Preserve Creek Access	0.25	Grass / Dirt	Moderate (two short but steep inclines)	3	None permitted
Forest Run MetroPark	Playground trail	0.1	Asphalt	Easy	1	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Forest Run MetroPark	Prairie Overlook	0.5	Grass	Easy	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Forest Run MetroPark	Woodland Creek	0.9	Dirt / Mulch	Moderate	3	None permitted
Forest Run MetroPark	Meadow	1.5	Grass	Moderate (long incline)	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Gilmore MetroPark	Wetland loops	3.3	Grass / Boardwalk /Dirt	Moderate (often muddy)	3	None permitted
Gilmore MetroPark	GMRRT	1.5 (each way)	Asphalt	Easy (watch for silt or debris after heavy rains)	1	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Governor Bebb MetroPark	Pelewa	0.5	Dirt / Grass	Difficult	3	None permitted
Governor Bebb MetroPark	Serenity	0.6	Dirt	Difficult	3	None permitted
Governor Bebb MetroPark	Chief Cornstalk / ADT	1.2	Dirt / Grass	Difficult (steep inclines, narrow bridges)	3	None permitted

Governor Bebb MetroPark	Grenadier Squaw Meadow	1.0	Grass	Easy	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Indian Creek MetroPark	Trillium	1.0	Gravel / Dirt	Difficult (steep inclines and steps)	4	None permitted
Indian Creek MetroPark	Indian Mound	0.6	Dirt / Grass	Moderate (some roots, mud possible after rain)	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	Canal Tow Path	0.5	Grass	Easy	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	GMRRT	2.0	Asphalt	Easy (one incline)	1	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	Cascades	1.0	Dirt	Difficult (Steps, and steep inclines)	3	None Permitted
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	Pond	1.3	Grass / Dirt	Difficult (Steep incline)	3	None Permitted
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	Pumpkin vine	1.0	Grass / Dirt	Moderate /Difficult (inclines and steps)	3	None Permitted
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	Wetland Loop	0.6	Grass / Dirt	Moderate (steep incline)	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	Line Hill Mound Area Earthworks	1.2	Grass / Dirt	Easy / Moderate (grass and wooded portions have some uneven surfaces)	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Rentschler Forest MetroPark	Timberhill Activity Area Hiking Trails	1.0	Grass / Dirt / Mulch	Moderate	3	None Permitted
Elk Creek MetroPark	Highlands	1.0	Grass / Dirt	Moderate	3	None Permitted
Elk Creek MetroPark	Meadow Loop	1.1	Grass	Easy	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy

Elk Creek MetroPark	Horse Trails	9.5	Grass / Dirt	Difficult (Horseback only)	3	None Permitted (Horseback only)
Voice of America MetroPark	Lake Path	1.43	Asphalt	Easy (two moderate inclines)	1	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Voice of America MetroPark	Cross Country Course	1.5 / 2.0 / 3.1	Grass	Easy	2	OPDMD permitted based on approved policy
Chrisholm MetroPark	Woodsdale Wood Duck	1.6	Grass / Dirt / Boardwalk	Moderate (often muddy)	3	None Permitted

Each of the open MetroParks sites were also evaluated as a whole for accessibility for disabled persons. See results below:

**Chrisholm MetroPark – Chrisholm Historic Farmstead**- level 2

Terrain is mostly dirt/gravel. There is access to restrooms from parking area. There are slight inclines around the house and barn than can be muddy.

**Chrisholm MetroPark - Woodsdale Regional Park**- level 3

Parking area is paved and area surrounding is all dirt/grass mix. Area is often under water for long periods of time.

**Sebald MetroPark**-level 3

Large parking area that is paved. Area surrounding parking lot is dirt/grass/gravel mix. Restrooms are located away from parking area and may be difficult to reach without assistance. Trails are often muddy due to tree cover preventing them from drying.

**Gilmore MetroPark**- level 3

Small parking area is paved with access to park. Trails are often under water for long periods of time with limited space on trail.

**Four Mile Creek MetroPark - Antenen Nature Preserve Area**- level 4

Parking area is loose stone. Trails are often washed out with large open areas to cross that are steep inclines made of dirt and mud with tree roots often exposed. There is also a water hazard along steep edges of trails.

**Indian Creek MetroPark - Springfield Rd Area**- level 3

Parking area is paved with access to restroom and shelter. Trails however are very rigorous with very steep inclines that are often muddy with tree roots exposed. There are also large box stairs that are filled with gravel. Weather changes this area frequently with ruts in the trails.

**Indian Creek MetroPark Oxford-Reily Rd Area**- level 3

Parking area is paved with access to restrooms and kiosk. 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 and can pose a water safety issue.

**Indian Creek MetroPark - Pater Park Area**- level 3

Terrain is all grass and loose gravel with steep inclines at the entrance/exit of area.

**Indian Creek MetroPark Pioneer Church Area**- level 3

Parking area is grass. Steep incline to structures on property that changes based on weather.

**Indian Creek MetroPark - Bunker Hill Cemetery Area**- level 2-

The terrain is accessible but often muddy

**Forest Run MetroPark**-level 2

Large paved parking area with access to restrooms, kiosk ,and playground area. Trails have minor inclines but are dirt/grass mix and can change to mud based on weather.

**Forest Run MetroPark - Engle House Area**-level 1

Parking area is paved/gravel mix. There is access to main office from south parking area that is paved. There is a minor incline from gravel lot parking area.

**Voice of America MetroPark**- level 1

Very large paved parking area with access to restrooms, bait shop, lake trails, and lodge. Lake path is paved and mostly flat with minor inclines. South end of park is also mostly flat with gravel/grass parking and trails. These are generally accessible but can become difficult under heavy rain. Restrooms are located on south end of the park as well.

**Rentschler Forest MetroPark - Line Hill Mound Area**- level 3

Small paved parking area. There are steep inclines throughout the park that are often muddy with ruts from wash out. All trails are dirt/grass mix.

**Rentschler Forest MetroPark - Timberhill Activity Area**- level 3

Large parking area that is paved. Access to most structures is available with flat path way on gravel or paved path. Trails are dirt, loose rock and leaves. There are several inclines along trails with stairs and tree roots that are exposed.

**Rentschler Forrest MetroPark**- level 3

All though there are several paved parking areas with access to restrooms and shelters, trails have several inclines that are steep and consist of dirt with many narrow passages. There are also several steep drop offs to creek beds of 5 feet or more. There are also steps made with gravel or stone.

**Governor Bebb MetroPark**- level 3

Several paved parking areas with access to restrooms from them. The trails however are filled with steep inclines on very rugged terrain that changes often based on weather. Some trails cross creeks that can have high water with steep inclines in and out of them. there are also steps throughout the trails.