

Mill Creek Park Overview

Mill Creek Park, the largest area of the MetroParks, encompasses more than 2900 acres. Visitors can enjoy a wide range of activities and sites throughout these diverse lands. Take a leisurely walk through a magnificent formal gardens and visitor center, tour a historic grist mill, participate in classes and special events, view natural habitats with abundant wildlife, or just enjoy the many scenic vistas. Recreational opportunities include hiking, biking, boating, fishing, golfing, tennis, volleyball, picnicking, cross country skiing, sledding, and much more.

The source of Mill Creek, the creek which flows through the Park in a northerly direction supplying water to three lakes, is about 20 miles south of Youngstown in Columbiana County. The Park extends along the Mill Creek Valley from Western Reserve Road to the confluence of Mill Creek and the Mahoning River.

Trails

Mill Creek Park offers 20 miles of drives and 15 miles of foot trails. Below is a listing of hard-surfaced, barrier-free trails in Mill Creek Park. The MetroParks offers trails at many regional facilities as well as organized hikes and walks. Visit our website to view a complete list of hiking trails and programs.

EAST GOLF HIKE/BIKE TRAIL

The 1 1/2-mile East Golf Hike/Bike Trail runs from Route 224 to Shields Road and provides an asphalt surface for joggers, walkers, bikers, skaters, and in the snowy season—cross country skiers. Parking lots are located at each end of the trail and a pedestrian bridge across Mill Creek connects the trail with Golf Course amenities and additional parking. Restrooms, a drinking fountain, and an information kiosk are located on the trail.

EAST COHASSET HIKE/BIKE TRAIL

This 1 1/2-mile asphalt surface drive is closed to motorized traffic and provides joggers, walkers, and bikers with a scenic route above Lake Cohasset.

ALBERT E. DAVIES WETLAND TRAIL

This 1/4-mile boardwalk leads visitors through the Newport Wetlands to an observation deck overlooking several deep water pools.

VIRGINIA J. AXTMANN NATURE TRAIL FOR ALL PEOPLE

Located adjacent to the Ford Nature Center, this 1/4-mile asphalt trail winds through a forested area.

Water Features

LILY POND

Migrating waterfowl and resident goldfish have made this three-acre pond a popular site since 1896. The Lily Pond Circle Trail loops around the pond.

LAKE GLACIER

Boating and fishing are permitted in season on this 37-acre lake. Kayaks and pedal boats are available to rent at the Boathouse. A passenger boat is available for individual rides and group reservations. A barrier-free fishing dock is located along West Glacier Drive. Access to Old Tree Trail and East Glacier Trail.

LAKE COHASSET

This 18-acre lake is known for its stately hemlocks and offers visitors a secluded area to view wildlife. Access to West and East Cohasset Trails.

LAKE NEWPORT & WETLANDS

Lake Newport offers 50 acres of open water and 40 acres of wetlands. Boating and fishing are permitted in season. A boat launch is located on East Newport Drive. Kayaks and pedal boats are available to rent at the Boathouse on West Newport Drive. Access to hiking trails.

Located at the southern end of the lake, the Newport Wetlands provide habitat for a variety of plants and animals. Access to the Albert E. Davies Wetland Trail.

Facilities

FELLOWS RIVERSIDE GARDENS

Fellows Riverside Gardens is one of Ohio's finest public gardens and attracts more than 400,000 visitors a year. Located at the northern end of Mill Creek Park, this twelve-acre display garden features a landscape of remarkable beauty with diverse and colorful plant displays, roses of all classes, seasonal displays of annuals, perennials, flowering bulbs, and scenic vistas. Fellows Riverside Gardens is more than a collection of plants; it is a collection of services offered to the public. Tours are available by reservation. Gardening courses and volunteer opportunities are available for those who wish to learn about the many aspects of horticulture.

D.D. AND VELMA DAVIS EDUCATION & VISITOR CENTER

This magnificent facility is located in Fellows Riverside Gardens and is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Davis Education & Visitor Center includes meeting and exhibit spaces, classrooms, a gallery, an auditorium/banquet hall available for rental, a horticultural library, a museum, an observation tower, the Garden Café, and Shop in the Gardens. Classes and tours are available by reservation. Arrangements may be made for weddings in the Gazebo or Kidston Pavilion and for receptions, meetings, and events in the Davis Center.

FORD NATURE EDUCATION CENTER

This lovely old stone home, donated in 1968 by the children of the late Judge John W. Ford, was opened to the public in 1972 as the headquarters for the Park's nature education programs. It houses exhibit rooms, a classroom, offices for naturalists, the Vickers Memorial Library, the Teachers' Resource Center, and a gift shop. The grounds include wildlife gardens and walking trails. Arrangements for group tours and guided nature walks may be made by calling this facility. Access to the Virginia J. Axtmann Nature Trail For All People.

MILL CREEK GOLF COURSE

Designed by golf course architect Donald Ross, Mill Creek Golf Course opened in 1928. The two beautiful 18-hole courses offer four sets of tees and test the skills of golfers at all levels. The Practice Range and Learning Center is a state of the art facility. Golf lessons, clinics, and camps are available to golfers of all ages and skill levels. The historic Fieldhouse opened in 1929 and now houses a pro shop and grille room. The Golf Course is used for cross country skiing in the winter.

JAMES L. WICK, JR. RECREATION AREA

Facilities in this 65-acre tract include a children's play area, picnic areas, an 18-hole Par 3 Golf Course, softball and baseball diamonds, sports fields, tennis and sand volleyball courts, batting cages, a sledding hill with warming house and snack bar, and a picnic pavilion available seasonally to rent. Also located in this area is the Judge Leo P. Morley Performing Arts Pavilion, home to MetroParks' summer concert series.

VOLNEY ROGERS FIELD

Mill Creek Park's first recreational site offers a playground, tennis and basketball courts, softball and baseball diamonds, football fields, and a shelter house within an 18-acre area.

WALTER H. SCHOLL RECREATION AREA

This 18-acre facility offers a children's playground with spray pool, tennis and basketball courts, softball diamonds, picnic areas, and a picnic pavilion available seasonally to rent. Access to Cascade Ravine Trail.

Historic Sites

LANTERMAN'S MILL AND COVERED BRIDGE

One of Mahoning County's most recognized historic landmarks, Lanterman's Mill was built in 1845-46 by German Lanterman and Samuel Kimberly. Restored in 1962-85 through a gift from the Ward and Florence Beecher Foundations, this community treasure operates today as it did in the 1800s, grinding corn, wheat, and buckwheat. Facilities include an observation deck, covered bridge, and gift shop. The Mill is open May through October, closed Mondays, and April and November, weekends only. Call the Mill to arrange barrier-free access. Designed after an earlier bridge from the 19th century, the Covered Bridge crosses Mill Creek just south of the Mill. The nearby East Gorge Boardwalk and West Gorge Trail offer a dramatic peek into the area's geologic history.

OLD LOG CABIN

Originally located in the Bears Den area, the Old Log Cabin was built by Cambden Cleveland around 1816. Moved to its present site around 1863, the cabin was remodeled for party use in 1934 and is available for rental.

PIONEER PAVILION AND MILL CREEK FURNACE

Pioneer Pavilion, one of the oldest structures in Youngstown, is a rare surviving example of early nineteenth-century industry. Constructed in 1821, this sandstone building served as a mill for carding and fulling wool. The building was later used as a storeroom for the nearby Mill Creek Furnace, then remodeled for party use in 1893. Pioneer Pavilion is available for rental year-round. The Mill Creek Furnace, constructed in the late 1820s or early 1830s, was the first blast furnace in Youngstown. The furnace went out of blast in the late 1840s. An archaeological dig was conducted through Youngstown State University in 2003 to reveal this historic structure.

VOLNEY ROGERS MONUMENT

Dedicated in 1920 to the memory of Park founder Volney Rogers, this bronze statue was created by nationally renowned sculptor Frederick Hibbard. Construction of the monument was partially funded by contributions from the children of Youngstown.

Preservation Areas

HITCHCOCK WOODS

The Hitchcock Woods property includes dense woods and extensive wetlands surrounding Mill Creek, providing habitat for wildlife within a suburban area. This vast woodland area is undeveloped except for primitive trails.

MILL CREEK PRESERVE

The 328-acre Mill Creek Preserve, acquired with grant funds, extends the Park to Western Reserve road and features a large, high quality wetland complex and a 50-acre wetland restoration area with 2 miles of trails.

MILL CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

This unique property was acquired with grant funds in 2005, and consists of 264 acres of diverse wetland and upland habitats. It provides habitat for a vast array of wildlife and plant species, many of which are rare or threatened. Access is limited to MetroParks educational programs, however, an elevated observation platform provides views of the property which includes an active bald eagle nest.

Other Points of Interest

SUSPENSION BRIDGE • PARAPET BRIDGE
WALL GARDEN • DAFFODIL MEADOW



Judge Leo P. Morley
Performing
Arts Pavilion

Fellows
Riverside
Gardens

Winter at
the
Lily Pond

East Golf
Hike/Bike
Trail

Kayaking on
Lake Newport

Lake Glacier

Weller Gallery in
the Davis
Education &
Visitor Center

Kidston
Pavilion in
Fellows
Riverside
Gardens

Mill Creek
Golf Course

Children's
program at
Ford Nature
Center

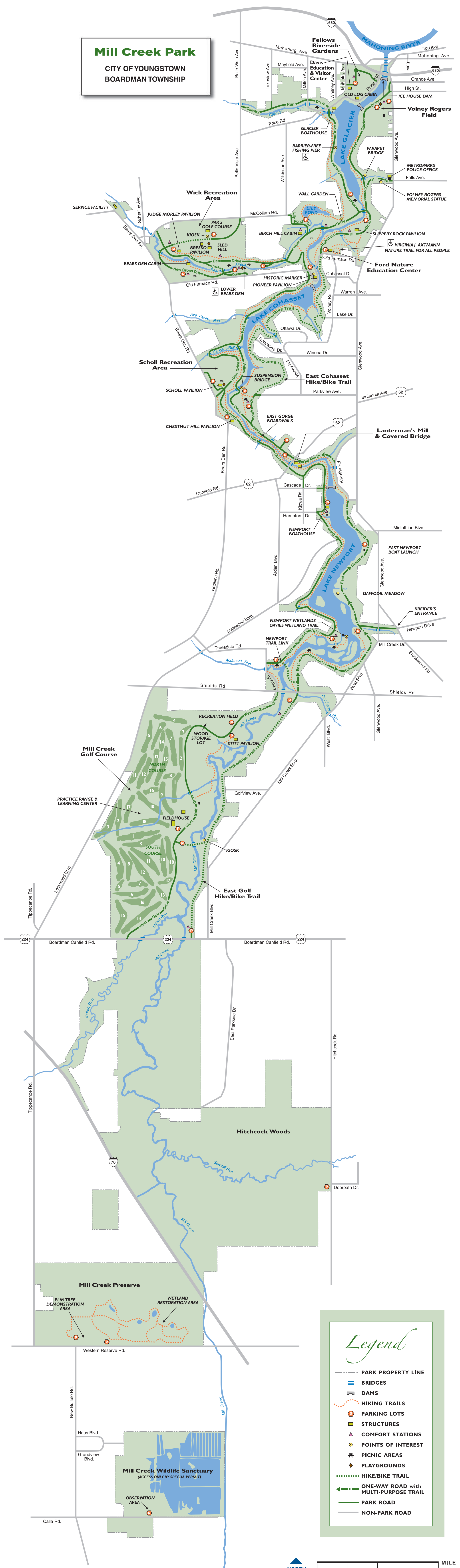
Lanterman's
Mill

Pioneer
Pavilion

Mill Creek
Preserve

Mill Creek
Wildlife
Sanctuary

Mill Creek Park CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN BOARDMAN TOWNSHIP



NORTH 0 1/4 1/2 1 MILE

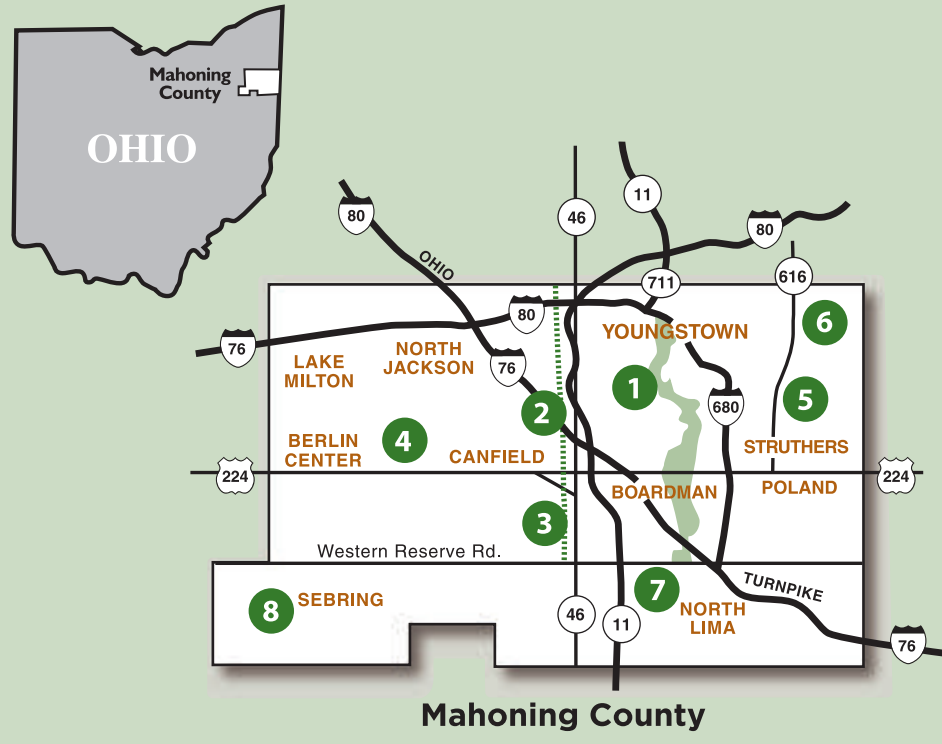
Mill Creek MetroParks

YOUR METROPARKS

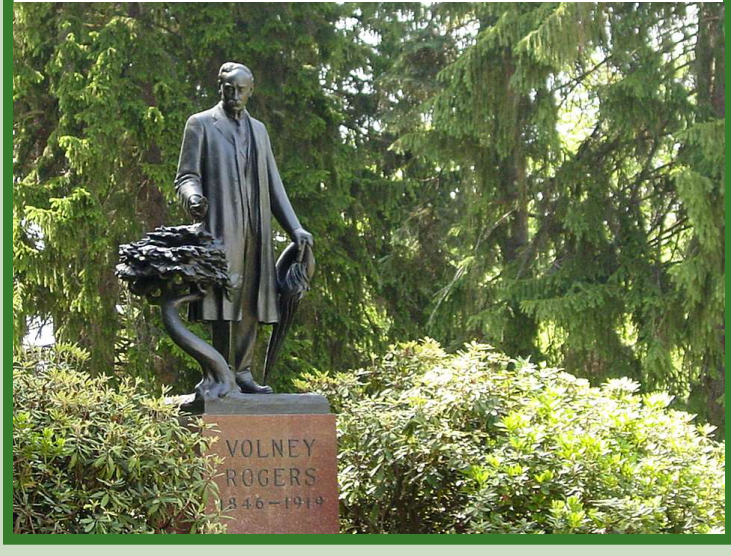
Mill Creek Park was established in 1891 by Volney Rogers as the first park district in Ohio. In 2000, Volney Rogers was inducted posthumously into Ohio's Natural Resources Hall of Fame for his principal role in establishing Ohio's park districts.

Since converting to a metropolitan park district in 1989, Mill Creek MetroParks' mission has been to preserve open space and provide recreational opportunities of regional significance throughout Mahoning County.

Residents and visitors from across the nation and around the world can now enjoy more than 4300 acres of public lands and facilities in eight townships and three cities. Mill Creek MetroParks offers endless ways to spend an afternoon, a day, or a lifetime exploring the secrets of nature and experiencing the rewards of healthy activities with family and friends.



1. MILL CREEK PARK
2. METROPARKS BIKEWAY / SAWMILL CREEK PRESERVE
3. METROPARKS FARM / METROPARKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
4. VICKERS NATURE PRESERVE / BUCKEYE HORSE PARK
5. YELLOW CREEK PARK
6. MCGUFFEY WILDLIFE PRESERVE
7. MILL CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY / MILL CREEK PRESERVE
8. SEBRING WOODS



Fishing at Yellow Creek Park

Sawmill Creek Preserve

MetroParks Bikeway

Longhorn Cattle at MetroParks Farm

Regional Sites

YELLOW CREEK PARK

This lovely 76-acre gorge area of Yellow Creek is located in Struthers on Lowellville Road. The Park offers trails, a playground, picnic facilities, and tennis, horseshoe and basketball courts. Yellow Creek Lodge is available for year-round rental; Captain John Struthers Pavilion is available seasonally. The historic site of the Hopewell Furnace, built in 1803, is accessible by trail when Yellow Creek levels are low.

MCGUFFEY WILDLIFE PRESERVE

Donated to the MetroParks in 1998 by the William Holmes McGuffey Historical Society, this 73-acre retreat is located on McGuffey Road in Coitsville Township. The Preserve is a National Historic Landmark. Parking is available; hiking is permitted.

VICKERS NATURE PRESERVE

This 252-acre preserve, acquired in 1993, is located on Route 224 in Ellsworth Township. The property encompasses diverse habitats such as meadowlands, woodlands, wetlands, and ponds. Parking is available; hiking is permitted. Access to Buckeye Horse Park Trail.

BUCKEYE HORSE PARK

The 47-acre tract adjacent to the Vickers Nature Preserve is leased to the Buckeye Horse Park Association. This nonprofit group promotes equestrian activities and events open to the public. Visit their website at www.buckeyehorsepark.org.

METROPARKS BIKEWAY

The MetroParks Bikeway runs from Western Reserve Road in Canfield Township to the Mahoning/Trumbull County Line in Austintown Township. This 11-mile paved trail is part of the Great Ohio Lake to River Greenway and offers a variety of scenery for hikers, skaters, and bicyclists. Parking is available at the MetroParks Farm and the Mahoning Avenue and Kirk Road Trailheads.

SAWMILL CREEK PRESERVE

Acquired in 2002 through a grant from the Ohio EPA, this 154-acre forested preserve serves a critical function in the natural environment—filtering and trapping sediments from entering Sawmill Creek, a tributary to Meander Reservoir. This forested stream ecosystem also provides habitat for diverse species of wildlife.

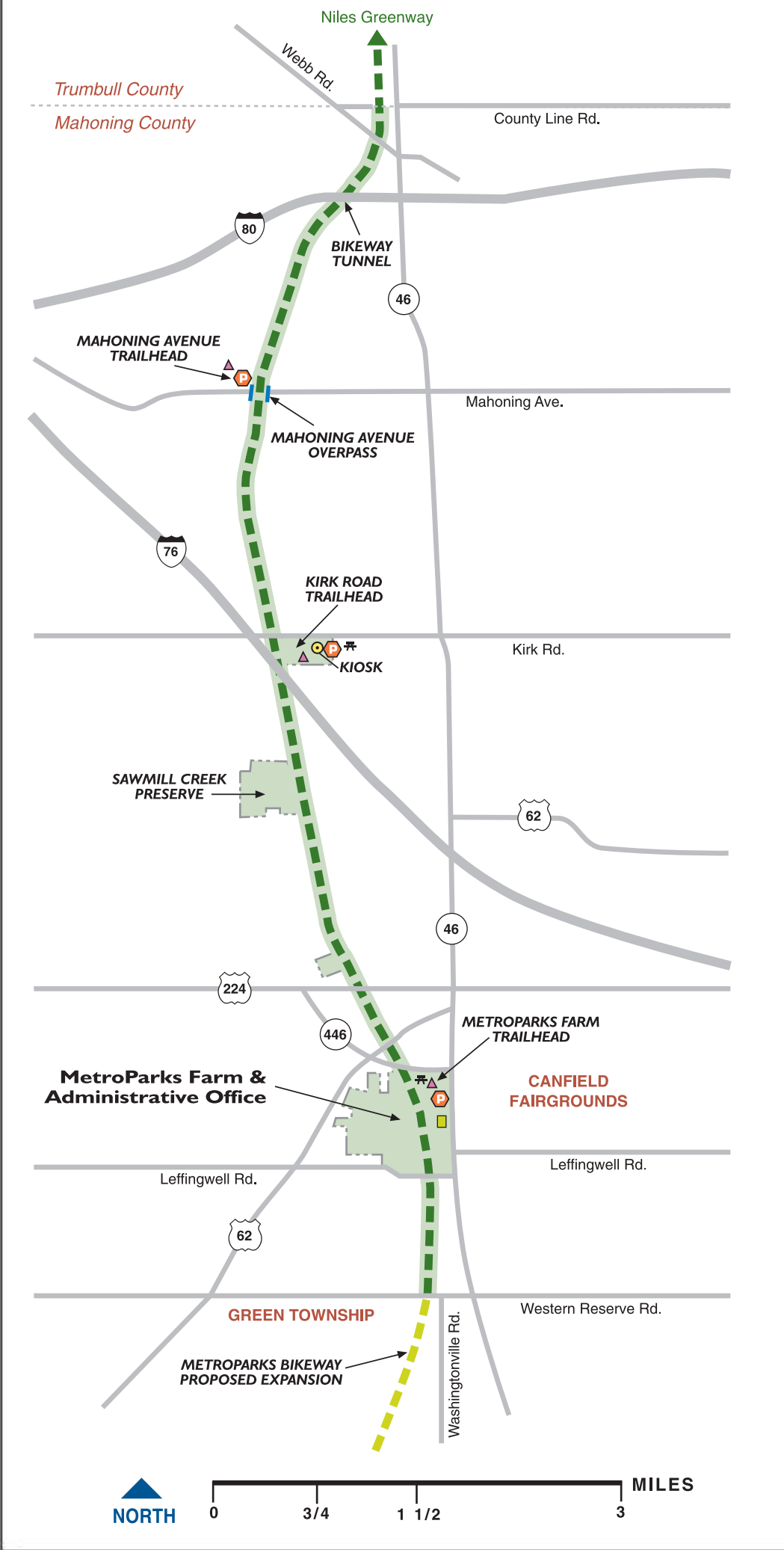
METROPARKS FARM

This 400-acre working farm, located on Route 46 in Canfield Township, promotes agriculture through educational programming. Facilities include classrooms, farm animal barns, a children's playroom, a hands-on activity barn, and McMahon Hall—a multipurpose hall available for year-round rental. Contact the MetroParks Farm for educational opportunities, farm tours, and facility hours. Mill Creek MetroParks' Administrative Office is open at this location from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Access to MetroParks Bikeway Trailhead.

METROPARKS BIKEWAY

AUSTINTOWN and CANFIELD TOWNSHIPS

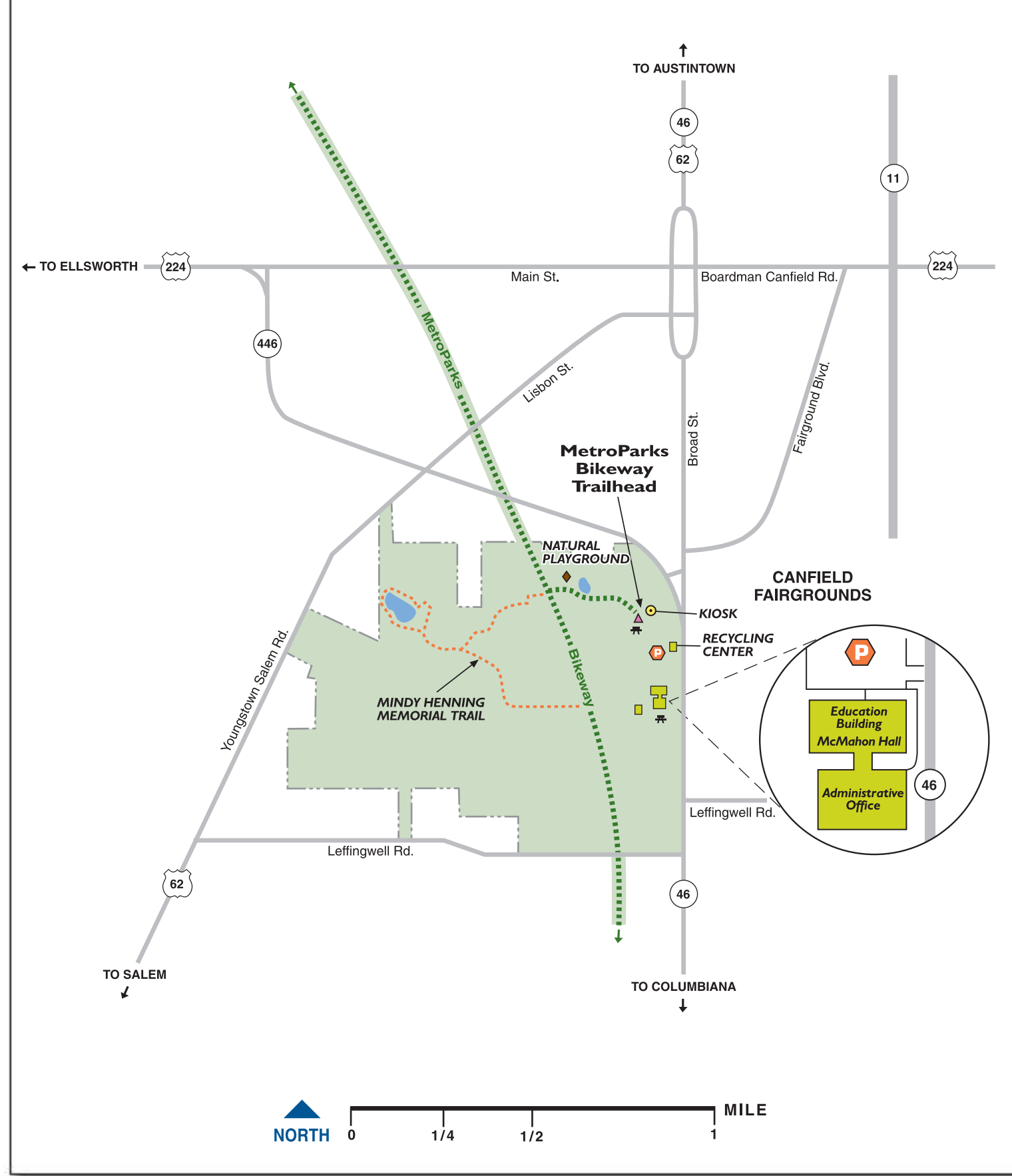
CITY OF CANFIELD



METROPARKS FARM

METROPARKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

CANFIELD TOWNSHIP

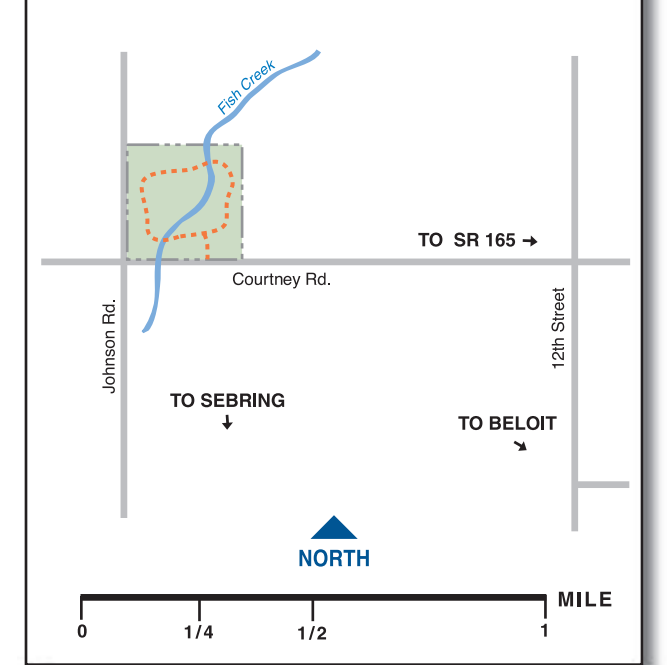


Legend

- PARK PROPERTY LINE
- == BRIDGES
- ☐ DAMS
- HIKING TRAILS
- Ⓟ PARKING LOTS
- ☐ STRUCTURES
- △ COMFORT STATIONS
- POINTS OF INTEREST
- Ⓟ PICNIC AREAS
- ◆ PLAYGROUNDS
- HIKE/BIKE TRAILS
- NON-PARK ROADS

SEBRING WOODS

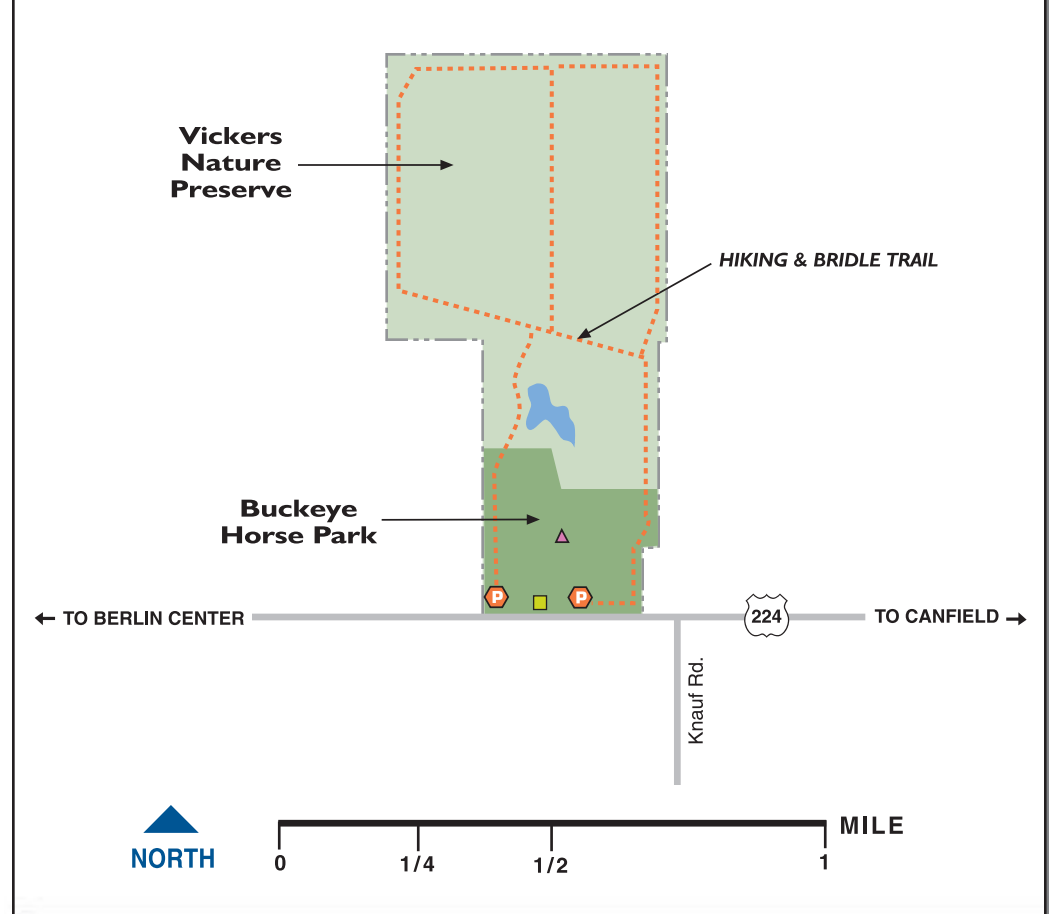
VILLAGE OF SEBRING



VICKERS NATURE PRESERVE

BUCKEYE HORSE PARK

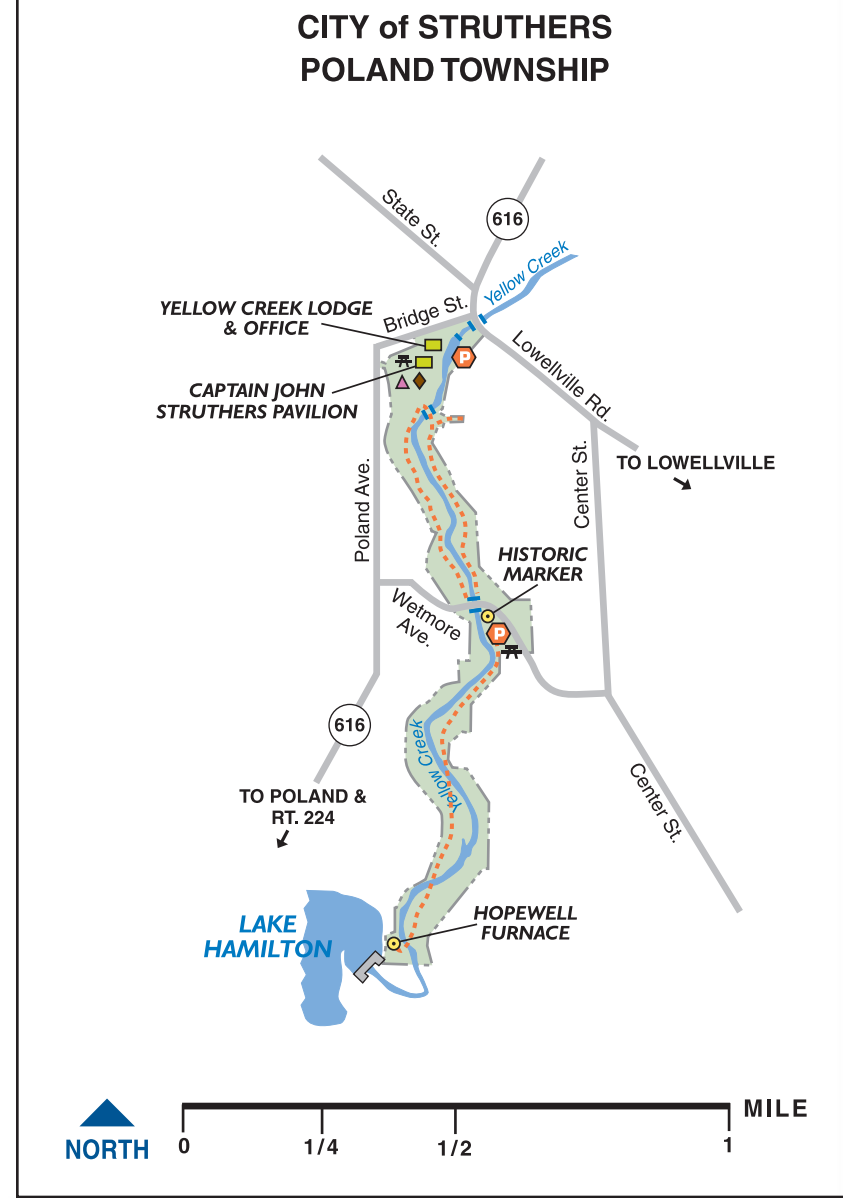
ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP



YELLOW CREEK PARK

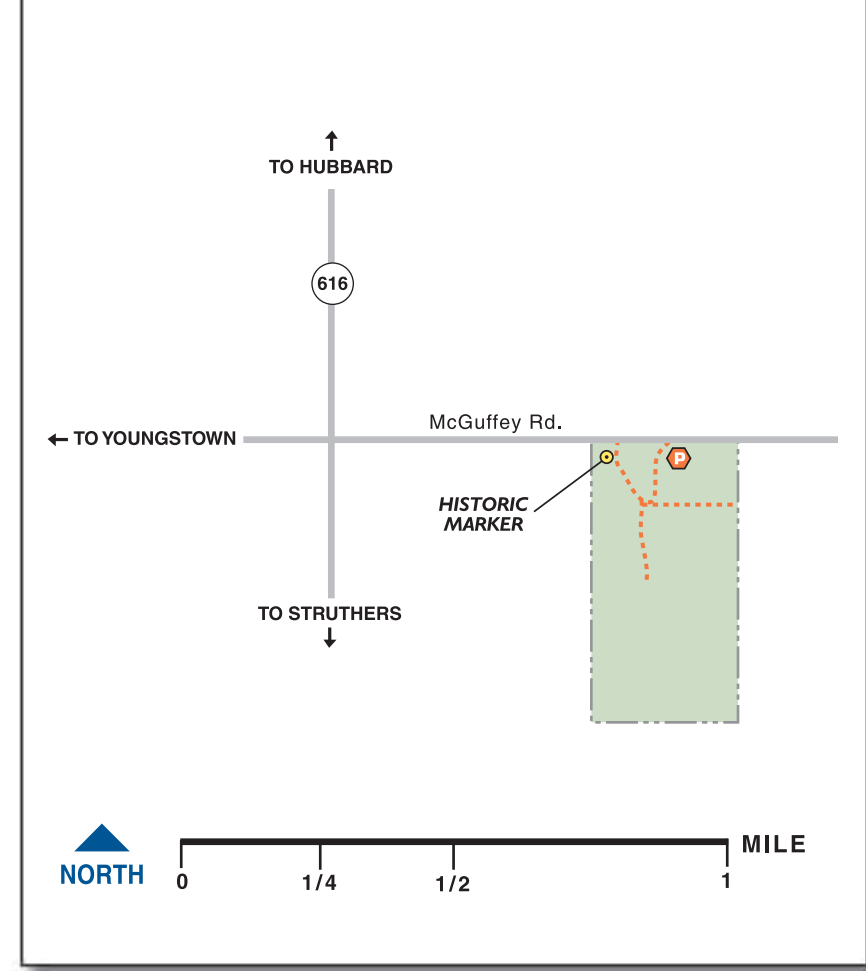
CITY OF STRUTHERS

POLAND TOWNSHIP



MCGUFFEY WILDLIFE PRESERVE

COITSVILLE TOWNSHIP



General Information

PARK HOURS
Mill Creek Park, Yellow Creek Park, Vickers Nature Preserve, and McGuffey Wildlife Preserve are open daily from dawn to dusk. The MetroParks Bikeway is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. For specific park facility hours see *Contact Us*.

VEHICLE REGULATIONS
Only automobiles and trucks with noncommercial plates are permitted in Mill Creek Park. Buses must obtain a permit from the MetroParks Police before entering the Park. Bus permits are issued Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Parking permitted in designated areas only.

PICNIC FACILITIES
Picnic tables and grills are located throughout Mill Creek and Yellow Creek Parks. Reservations are not required and there is no charge for their use. The Lower Bears Den Picnic Area provides barrier-free restrooms, picnic tables and grills, asphalt trails, and a playground.

BOATING AND FISHING
Boat rentals are available at the Lake Glacier and Lake Newport Boathouses from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Fishing and private boating season is March through November. Fishing license required. Privately owned canoes and boats must comply with MetroParks regulations.

PETS
Pets on leashes are welcome on trails and drives. Pet owners must clean up and properly dispose of pet waste. Pets are not permitted in picnic, recreation, or garden areas.

QUESTIONS?
For information concerning attractions, special events, facility rentals, volunteer opportunities, and donations, call the Administrative Office at 330-702-3000 or visit us online at www.millcreekmetroparks.org

Rental Facilities

Seasonal / Open Air

	CAPACITY	INDOOR RESTROOMS	PLAYGROUND	KITCHEN	LOCATION
Bresko Pavilion	24	.	.	.	MCP
Scholl Pavilion	48	.	.	.	MCP
Stitt Pavilion	100	.	.	P	MCP
Chestnut Hill Pavilion	100	.	.	P	MCP
Slippery Rock Pavilion	150	.	.	P	MCP
Captain John Struthers Pavilion	96	.	.	.	YCP
Gazebo (weddings only)	100	.	.	.	FRG
Kidston Pavilion (weddings only)	100	.	.	.	FRG

Year Round / Enclosed

Yellow Creek Lodge	80	.	.	.	YCP
Old Log Cabin	25	.	.	P	MCP
Bears Den Cabin	36	.	.	.	MCP
Birch Hill Cabin	48	.	.	.	MCP
Pioneer Pavilion	96	.	.	.	MCP
Boathouse Room	24	.	.	.	MCP
Classroom A - Farm	45	.	.	.	MPF
McMahon Hall	160	.	.	.	MPF
Radius Room	48	.	.	.	FRG
Garden Café	48	.	.	.	FRG
Rossi Auditorium	150	.	.	.	FRG
Rossi Auditorium (expanded)	250	.	.	.	FRG
Tyler Classroom	24	.	.	.	FRG
Kidston Classroom	32	.	.	.	FRG

P = Partial Kitchen
MCP = Mill Creek Park
FRG = Fellows Riverside Gardens
YCP = Yellow Creek Park
MPF = MetroParks Farm

Call the Administrative Office at 330-702-3000 for information about facility rentals, or make reservations online at www.millcreekmetroparks.org

Contact Us

Administrative Office330-702-3000
8 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday
MetroParks Police, hours: 24/7330-744-3848
Ford Nature Center330-740-7107
10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday - Saturday | Noon - 5 pm, Sunday
Closed Monday
Lanternman's Mill (seasonal)330-740-7115
10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday - Sunday | Closed Monday
Fellows Riverside Gardens330-740-7116
Grounds: 10 am - dusk
Davis Center: 10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday - Sunday
Golf Course (seasonal)330-740-7112
Par 3 and Sled Hill (seasonal)330-740-7114
Natural Areas & Preserves330-702-3000
MetroParks Farm330-533-7572
Yellow Creek Park Office330-755-7275
Noon - 4 pm, Monday - Friday

METROPARKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

7574 Columbiana-Canfield Rd. • PO Box 596
Canfield, OH 44406-0596
Phone: 330-702-3000
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm
www.millcreekmetroparks.org

METROPARKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

810 Glenwood Ave.
Youngstown, OH 44502
Phone: 330-744-3848 hours: 24/7



330.702.3000
www.millcreekmetroparks.org



MILL CREEK METROPARKS

Visitor Guide & Maps

