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COLUMBUS METRO PARKS GUIDE

METRO PARK INFORMATION

Columbus has hundreds of acres of greenspace located conveniently throughout the city. Columbus Metro Parks offers more than 20 parks with over 200 miles of trails, just a short drive from downtown Columbus.

| METRO PARK | LOCATION | FEATURES | HOURS | PHONE |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--------------|
| BATELLE DARBY CREEK | Southwest 1775 Darby Creek Dr. Galloway, OH 43119 | Bison have been reintroduced to the park and roam freely within two enclosed pastures. | April-Sept. 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct.-March 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. | 614-370-6254 |
| BLACKLICK WOODS | Southeast 6975 E Livingston Ave. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 | 643 acres of woods, fields, seasonal swamp ponds, a small prairie and a golf course. | April-Sept. 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct.-March 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. | 614-208-4247 |
| BLENDON WOODS | Northeast 4265 E Dublin Granville Rd. Columbus, OH 43081 | Two elevated observation shelters with spotting scopes for viewing waterfowl. | April-Sept. 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct.-March 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. | 614-620-1861 |
| CHESTNUT RIDGE | Southeast 8445 Winchester Rd. NW Carroll, OH 43112 | The first ridge in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. | Daily 6:30 a.m.-Dark | 614-208-4298 |
| CLEAR CREEK | Southeast 23233 Clear Creek Rd. Rockbridge, OH 43149 | Home to Ohio's largest state nature preserve. | Daily 6:30 a.m.-Dark | 740-969-8210 |
| GLACIER RIDGE | Northwest 9801 Hyland-Croy Rd. Plain City, OH 43064 | Wetlands area and a 25-foot observation tower to view waterfowl and animals. | Daily 6:30 a.m.-Dark | 614-216-8859 |
| HERITAGE TRAIL PARK | West 7262 Hayden Run Rd. Hilliard, OH 43026 | Adjacent to the Heritage Rail Trail, a 6.1-mile multi-purpose trail from Old Hilliard to Plain City. | Daily 6:30 a.m.-Dark | 614-216-8859 |
| Highbanks | North 9466 Columbus Pike Lewis Center, OH 43035 | Named for its massive 100-foot-high shale bluff towering over the Olentangy State Scenic River. | April-Sept. 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct.-March 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m. | 614-906-3149 |
| HOMESTEAD | West 4675 Cosgray Rd. Hilliard, OH 43026 | Covered bridge, replica train station as well as basketball and sand volleyball courts. | Daily 6:30 a.m.-Dark | 614-216-8859 |

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| INNISWOOD METRO GARDENS | Northeast 940 S. Hempstead Rd. Westerville, OH 43081 | Boasts 2,000+ species of plants, specialty collections and several theme gardens. | Daily 7 a.m.–Dark | 614-208-4301 |
| PICKERINGTON PONDS | Southeast 7680 Wright Rd. Canal Winchester, OH 43110 | A premier spot for birdwatching, with more than 260 species spotted. | Daily 6:30 a.m.–Dark | 614-208-4329 |
| PRAIRIE OAKS | West 3225 NE Plain City-Georgesville Rd., West Jefferson, OH 43162 | Nearly 500 acres of restored lush flowering prairies and grasslands. | Daily 6:30 a.m.–Dark | 614-208-4321 |
| ROCKY FORK | Northeast 7180 Walnut St. Westerville, OH 43081 | Over 2 miles of walking trails that wind through woods and fields. | Daily 6:30 a.m.–Dark | 614-595-9979 |
| SCIOTO AUDUBON | North 400 W. Whittier St. Columbus, OH 43215 | World's largest outdoor climbing wall and an obstacle course. | April–Sept. 6:30 a.m.–10 p.m. Oct.–March 6:30 a.m.–8 p.m. | 614-202-5197 |
| SHARON WOODS | North 6911 Cleveland Ave. Westerville, OH 43081 | Many seasonal pools provide a spring breeding habitat for amphibians and other wildlife. | April–Sept. 6:30 a.m.–10 p.m. Oct.–March 6:30 a.m.–8 p.m. | 614-315-5520 |
| SLATE RUN | Northeast 1375 St. Rte. 674 North, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 | Over 2 miles of walking trails that wind through woods and fields. | Daily 6:30 a.m.–Dark | 614-329-1392 |
| THREE CREEKS | South 3860 Bixby Rd. Groveport, OH 43125 | Owls, great blue herons and more than 100 species of birds have been sighted at this park. | April–Sept. 6:30 a.m.–10 p.m. Oct.–March 6:30 a.m.–8 p.m. | 614-208-2874 |
| WALNUT WOODS | Southeast 6723 Lithopolis Rd. Groveport, OH 43125 | Restored wetlands and vernal pools. | Daily 6:30 a.m.–Dark | 614-357-9375 |

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METRO PARK SHELTERS

Reservation Information

Lodges are reservable in all day increments only, 7:30 a.m. until one hour before the park closes at a rate of \$250. Most shelters are reservable all day only, 7:30 a.m.–one hour before the park closes at a rate of \$175. Some shelters are reservable for half day, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. or 4 p.m.–one hour before park closes at a rate of \$100. Reserve early! Reservations are accepted up to one year in advance.

Call 614-508-8111 from 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday. The Metro Parks system has hundreds of picnic tables and more than 70 picnic areas and shelters to enjoy. Most picnic areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

| METRO PARK | LOCATION | # OF RESERVABLE SHELTERS | TOTAL # OF SHELTERS | # OF RESERVABLE LODGES |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| BATTELLE DARBY | Southwest | 2 | 12 | 1 |
| BLACKLICK WOODS | Southeast | 4 | 11 | 1 |
| BLENDON WOODS | Northeast | 4 | 7 | 0 |
| CHESTNUT RIDGE | Southeast | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| CLEAR CREEK | Southeast | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| GLACIER RIDGE | Northwest | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| HERITAGE TRAIL PARK | West | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HIGHBANKS | North | 2 | 11 | 1 |
| HOMESTEAD | West | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| INNISWOOD METRO GARDENS | Northeast | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PICKERINGTON PONDS | Southeast | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| PRAIRIE OAKS | West | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| ROCKY FORK | Northeast | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| SCIOTO AUDUBON | Central | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| SHARON WOODS | North | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| SLATE RUN | Southeast | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| THREE CREEKS | South | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| WALNUT WOODS | Southeast | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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METRO PARK ACTIVITIES

Columbus' Metro Parks offer fun activities and events all year round, so get out and start exploring – and don't forget your camera! Bring your reunion to any of these parks to hike, bike and explore nature, and then use their picnic tables or reservable spaces to unwind and spend time with the entire family.

| METRO PARK | ACRES | PLAY AREAS | BIKING | FISHING | HORSEBACK RIDING | CANOE/ KAYAK | DISC GOLF | NATURE CENTERS | PICNIC TABLES |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| BATTELLE DARBY | 7,103 | ● | ● | ● | | ● | | ● | ● |
| BLACKLICK WOODS | 643 | ● | ● | ● | | | Golf | ● | ● |
| BLENDON WOODS | 653 | ● | | | | | ● | ● | ● |
| CHESTNUT RIDGE | 486 | ● | ● | | | | | | ● |
| CLEAR CREEK | 5,390 | | | ● | | ● | | | ● |
| GLACIER RIDGE | 1,037 | ● | ● | ● | ● | | ● | | ● |
| HERITAGE TRAIL PARK | 87 | | ● | | ● | | | | |
| HIGHBANKS | 1,200 | ● | ● | | | ● | | ● | ● |
| HOMESTEAD | 44 | ● | ● | ● | | | | | ● |
| INNISWOOD METRO GARDENS | 123 | | ● | ● | | | | | |
| PICKERINGTON PONDS | 1,608 | | ● | | | | | | ● |
| PRAIRIE OAKS | 2,143 | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | | | ● |
| ROCKY FORK | 1,003 | ● | ● | | | | | | ● |
| SCIOTO AUDUBON | 120 | ● | ● | ● | | ● | | ● | ● |
| SHARON WOODS | 761 | ● | ● | ● | | | | | ● |
| SLATE RUN | 1,705 | ● | | | ● | | | | ● |
| THREE CREEKS | 1,100 | ● | ● | ● | | ● | | | ● |
| WALNUT WOODS | 1,093 | ● | ● | ● | | ● | | | ● |