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— COLUMBUS METRO PARKS GUIDE —

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METRO PARKS OVERVIEW

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 OF OPERATION	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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INNISWOODS 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

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

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	LOCATION	ACRES	PLAY AREAS	BIKING	FISHING	HORSEBACK RIDING	CANOEING/ KAYAKING	DISC GOLF	NATURE CENTERS	PICNIC TABLES
Battelle Darby	Southwest	7,103	●	●	●		●		●	●
Blacklick Woods	Southeast	643	●	●	●			GOLF	●	●
Blendon Woods	Northeast	653	●					●	●	●
Chestnut Ridge	Southeast	486	●	●						●
Clear Creek	Southeast	5,390			●		●			●
Glacier Ridge	Northwest	1,037	●	●	●	●		●		●
Heritage Trail Park	West	87		●		●				
Highbanks	North	1,200	●	●			●		●	●
Homestead	West	44	●	●	●					●
Inniswood Metro Gardens	Northeast	123		●	●					
Pickerington Ponds	Southeast	1,608		●						●
Prairie Oaks	West	2,143	●	●	●	●	●			●
Rocky Fork	Northeast	1,003	●	●						●
Scioto Audubon	Central	120	●	●	●		●		●	●
Sharon Woods	North	761	●	●	●					●
Slate Run	Southeast	1,705	●			●				●
Three Creeks	South	1,100	●	●	●		●			●
Walnut Woods	Southeast	1,093	●	●	●		●			●