



**Medina County
Park District**

Activities



Biking (SEE PAGE 4 and 5)

- Chippewa Inlet Trail - 3.95 mile (asphalt and crushed limestone trail)
- Chippewa Rail Trail - 2.75 miles (asphalt)
- Lake Medina - 1.63 miles (asphalt)
- Lester Rail Trail - 3.5 miles (crushed limestone)



Canoeing/Kayaking/ Motor Boating

We allow canoes, kayaks, and small rowboats on all waters of the district. They must be registered and have safety equipment on board. Motor boats may only be used on Chippewa Lake. The launch ramp for Chippewa Lake is located at 7830 Westfield Landing Road in Westfield Township. There is a 399 horse-power limit on Chippewa Lake.



Cross-Country Skiing

- Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary
- Allardale
- Buckeye Woods Park
- Chippewa Inlet Trail
- Chippewa Rail Trail
- Green Leaf Park
- Hubbard Valley Park
- Killbuck Lakes
- Lake Medina
- Lester Rail Trail
- Letha House Park
- Medina Marsh
- Plum Creek Park
- Princess Ledges Nature Preserve
- River Styx Park
- Schleman Nature Preserve



Fishing (SEE PAGE 2)



Horseback Riding

- Allardale East
- Letha House Park East - Great Horned Owl Bridle Trail - 1.6 miles (natural)



Picnic Shelters (open air) subject to availability

- Allardale West
- Buckeye Woods Park
- Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park
- Green Leaf Park
- Hubbard Valley Park
- Letha House Park East
- Plum Creek Park North and South
- River Styx Park



Playgrounds

- Buckeye Woods Park (2)
- Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park
- Green Leaf Park
- Hubbard Valley Park
- Letha House Park West
- Plum Creek Park South
- River Styx Park (swings only)



Sledding

- Allardale
- Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park
- Green Leaf Park
- Hubbard Valley Park



Sports Fields subject to availability

- Buckeye Woods Park (baseball and soccer)
- Green Leaf Park (football)



Trails (SEE PAGE 3)



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Fishing



Why Do Some Bodies of Water Require a Fishing License?

An Ohio fishing license is required for individuals 16 or older to fish in park district lakes and ponds designated as “public waters” by the State of Ohio. A license is not required to fish in other bodies of water owned or managed by the park district. Please see the guide below to make sure you are in compliance with license requirements based on where you are fishing.

Stocking Lakes and ponds are managed by trained natural resource staff and stocked in April and November with a variety of game fish.

Fishing Opportunities

Brunswick Lake - 13.2-acre lake

Susan Hambley Nature Center
1473 Parschen Blvd., Brunswick
Bluegill, sunfish, common carp (non-native), catfish, small-mouth bass, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, and turtles

Buckeye Woods Park - 3-acre pond

6335 Wedgewood Road, Medina
Rainbow trout, bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass

Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park - 3-acre pond

4985 Windfall Road, Medina
Rainbow trout, bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass



Chippewa Lake - 325-acre lake and inlet

Fishing license required for ages 16+

Bluegill sunfish, pumpkinseed sunfish, green sunfish, black crappie, white crappie, largemouth bass, brown bullhead, channel catfish, white perch (non-native), common carp (non-native), white sucker, bowfin, gizzard shad, northern pike, yellow perch, and saugeye (saugeye are stocked by ODNR)

Green Leaf Park - .85-acre pond

1674 S. Medina Line Road, Sharon Center
Bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass



Hubbard Valley Park - 21-acre lake

8600 Hubbard Valley Road, Seville
Fishing license required for ages 16+

Stocked with largemouth bass, channel catfish, and black crappie

Killbuck Lakes West - 47-acre lake

7996 White Road, Burbank/Westfield Twp.
Rainbow trout, channel catfish, and walleye

Krabill Shelter - 1-acre pond

7597 Ballash Road, Medina
Bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass

Lake Medina - 103-acre lake

State Route 18 or 3733 Granger Road, Medina Twp.
Channel catfish, black crappie, and walleye

Letha House Park West - 7-acre lake

5800 Richman Road, Spencer
Catch and release only
Bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass

Medina Marsh - .85-acre pond

4266 Fenn Road, Medina
Bluegill and largemouth bass (not actively stocked)

Plum Creek Park North - .75-acre pond

2390 Plum Creek Parkway, Brunswick Hills
Bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass

Plum Creek Park South - .35-acre pond (currently not open for fishing)

2500 Plum Creek Parkway, Brunswick Hills
Bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass

River Styx Park - 3.7-acre pond

8200 River Styx Road, Wadsworth/Guildford Twp.
Rainbow trout, bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass

The Lodge at Allardale - .7-acre pond

141 Remsen Road, Medina (Granger Twp.)
Catch and release only
Bluegill, channel catfish, and largemouth bass

Fishing Regulations

Park waters open to fishing are subject to posted restrictions deemed necessary by the park district to ensure and maintain safe, quality fishing areas. All white amurs are protected and, if caught, shall be released immediately.

In areas deemed “public waters” by the State of Ohio, fishing is permitted and subject to state fishing statutes. A fishing license shall be required by anyone 16 years or older while fishing in areas deemed “public waters” by the State of Ohio.

All fishing lines shall be attended at all times. Unattended lines are subject to confiscation.

Frog gigging, trotlines, archery fishing, turtling, and feeding of wildlife are strictly prohibited. The introduction of aquatic animals is also prohibited.

Medina County parks are open daily from 8 a.m. to dark. The public boat launch ramp at Chippewa Lake is open 24 hours per day.

Ice fishing is permitted at all open parks. The park district does NOT monitor the ice thickness but recommends that ice be a minimum 4" thick before going on it. State regulations apply to type and quantity of equipment, including the amount of poles and/or tip-up rigs, etc. Individuals may use portable ice shanties.

Nearly 50 Trails to Explore

Allardale Park

Paved Trail (.5 mile – easy – teal rectangle)
 Nature Trail (1 mile – moderate – blue hexagon)
 Nature Trail (.5 mile – moderate – yellow square)
 Nature Trail (.5 mile – difficult) – magenta oval
 Bridle Trail (1.8 miles – easy) – black horseshoe
Total mileage: 4.3 miles

Black River Nature Preserve

Bluebell Valley

Gravel Trail (.5 mile – easy – orange diamond)
 Natural Surface Trail (.65 mile – easy – blue hexagon)

Hidden Hollow Camp

Outer Loop Trail - 1 mile (natural)
 Inner Loop Trail - .5 mile (natural)

Buckeye Woods Park

Large Lake Loop - .5 mile (paved)
 Wetland loop - .8 mile (aggregate)
Total mileage: 1.3 miles

Carolyn Ludwig Mudge Park

Multi-Purpose Trail - 1 mile (paved)
 Nature Trail - 1 mile (aggregate)
 Grass Hiking Trail .5 mile (natural)
Total mileage: 2.5 miles

Chippewa Inlet Trail

2.9 miles (from Chippewa Road north to Buckeye Woods Park is paved, the rest is aggregate)

Chippewa Rail Trail

2.75 miles (paved)

Green Leaf Park

Nature Trail - .25 mile (natural)

Hubbard Valley Park

All Persons Trail - .6 mile (paved)
 Trillium Trail - 1.25 miles (natural)
 Sugar Woods Loop - .5 mile (natural)
Total mileage: 2.35 miles

Killbuck Lakes

Nature Trail (1.25 miles – easy – yellow square)
 Primitive Trail (.7 mile – moderate – red pentagon)
 Nature Trail (.7 mile – moderate – magenta oval)
Total mileage: 2.65 miles

Lake Medina

Gravel Trail (1.08 miles – easy – orange diamond)
 Paved Greenway Trail (1.4 miles – easy – teal triangle)
 Connector Trail (.28 mile – easy – teal rectangle)
Total mileage: 2.76 miles

Lester Rail Trail

3.5 miles (aggregate)

Letha House Park

Wood Thrush Trail - .85 mile (natural)
 Lake Trail - .5 mile (paved)
 Great Horned Owl Bridle Trail - 1.6 mile (natural) Pawpaw
 Grove Trail - .5 mile (natural)
 Connector Trail - .127 mile (natural)
Total mileage: 3.58 miles

Oenslager Nature Center/Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary

Pine Forest Loop - .5 mile (natural)
 Hardwood Forest Loop - .5 mile (natural)
 Wetland Loop - .25 mile (paved from the back of nature center to the boardwalk)
 Inner Loop Trail - 1 mile (natural)
 Outer Loop Trail - 2 miles (natural)
Total mileage: 4.25 miles

Plum Creek Park

Tulip Tree Trail - 1.54 mile (natural)
 Hidden Creek Interpretive Trail - .5 mile (natural)
 Deer Run Trail - .5 mile (natural)
 All Persons Trail - .5 mile (paved)
 Primitive Trail - 2 miles, one way -- not a loop and accessed off
 Tulip Tree Trail (natural)
Total mileage: 5.04 miles

Princess Ledges Nature Preserve

Nature Trail - 1 mile (natural)
 Ledges Trail - .54 mile (natural)
Total mileage: 1.54 miles

River Styx Park

Nature Trail (3/8 mile – moderate – blue hexagon)
 Nature Trail (3/4 mile – moderate – magenta oval)
 Paved Trail (3/8 mile – easy – teal rectangle)
Total mileage: 1.5 miles

Schleman Nature Preserve

Yellow Trail - 1 mile (natural)
 Green Trail - 1.5 miles (natural)
Total mileage: 2.5 miles

Susan Hambley Nature Center

All Purpose Trail - 1 mile (paved)
 Nature Trail - .5 mile (natural)
Total mileage: 1.5 miles



Key

Aggregate = crushed limestone
 Natural = dirt
 Paved = asphalt



Bicycling in Medina County Parks



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Medina County Park District Bike Trails

Medina County Park District offers several multipurpose trails where cyclists of different ages and abilities can enjoy riding and experience nature. Trails are mostly flat with asphalt or crushed limestone surfaces. Restrooms are available at most trail locations.

New to cycling? Looking for others to ride with? Join our Cycling Makes Sense Fitness Rides presented each summer in partnership with Century Cycles. These are non-aggressive, six- to ten-mile rides on multipurpose trails. You'll also get tips on how to keep yourself and your bicycle fit. It's for ages 16 and older. Helmets are required. For dates, visit the seasonal program guide at www.MedinaCountyParks.com.

Bike Safety and Trail Etiquette

- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear high-visibility clothing. Install front and rear lights on your bike to make yourself visible to motorists and other trail users.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Fast riding is inappropriate for trails. Respect the rights of others to have safe and enjoyable experiences on the trail.
- Don't block the trail by riding two or more abreast.
- Installing a bell on your bike is a good idea, too. When approaching another trail user from behind, politely let the person know you're there by gently ringing your bell and saying, "Passing on your left." Don't startle the person you're passing by waiting until you are right behind him/her.
- Bicycles are prohibited on nature trails.



Resources for Safer Cycling

Bike Medina County

<https://bikemedinacounty.weebly.com/>

Bicycling Street Smarts

<http://www.bikexpert.com/streetsmarts/usa/index.htm>

ODOT Bicycling and Pedestrian Information

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Services/Pages/bike.aspx>

Medina County Bike Map

<http://www.co.medina.oh.us/bikemap.pdf>

Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar

<https://ohio.bike/>

Ohio Bicycle Federation

<http://www.ohiobike.org/>

Chippewa Rail Trail

5700 Chippewa Road, Medina

Length: 2.4 miles

Surface: Asphalt

Once part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, this section of track was used to ship blocks of ice harvested from Chippewa Lake. The railroad also transported generations of visitors to the former Chippewa Lake Amusement Park. Restrooms are available at the Chippewa Road trailhead.



Chippewa Rail Trail

Riding tip: This tree-lined trail is a good destination on a hot day since the trees along much of the trail keep it shaded and cool. The terrain descends slightly from Medina into the heart of the Chippewa Lake Watershed, making for an almost effortless ride north to south.

Chippewa Inlet Trail

North parking lot: 5803 Lafayette Road, Medina

South parking lot: 6105 Chippewa Road, Medina

Length: 3.95 miles

Surface: Asphalt and crushed limestone

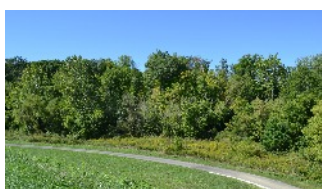
You're likely to see a variety of waterfowl and other wildlife as you ride through the extensive system of streams and wetlands that feed Chippewa Lake -- Ohio's largest natural inland lake. The land here once was covered by a bog forest and later mined for peat. Approximately 2.9 miles of the trail is paved while the balance is crushed limestone. Restrooms are available at the parking lots and just off the trail in Buckeye Woods Park.



Chippewa Inlet Trail

Riding tip: Chippewa Rail Trail and the Chippewa Inlet Trail run loosely parallel to each other with trailheads a little less than one mile apart on Chippewa Road. For cyclists who don't mind riding a short distance on the road, it's an easy way to connect the two trails.

Lake Medina Trail



Lake Medina Trail

State Route 18 entrance: Just west of Signature Square shopping plaza

Granger Road entrance: 3733 Granger Road, Medina

Length: 1.75 miles

Surface: Asphalt

The 103-acre Lake Medina reservoir was constructed in the 1960s as the water supply for the city. Though no longer

utilized as a water source, the former pump house on the lake is a reminder of its history. The trail runs along the West Branch of the Rocky River, crosses the river channel with bridges and boardwalks, and provides safe crossing of State Route 3 and Reagan Parkway utilizing crosswalks and a pedestrian signalization system.

Riding tip: The north end of the Lake Medina Trail links to the city of Medina's all-purpose trail that runs along East Reagan Parkway. From there, riders can gain access to the city's Reagan Park and its more than ten miles of mountain bike trails.

Lester Rail Trail

3654 Lester Road, Medina

Length: 3.5 miles

Surface: Crushed limestone

Lester Rail Trail is Medina County's first example of conversion of a former rail corridor for public use as a bike-hike trail. Parking is available at the Lester Road trailhead and behind the Medina County Career Center, 1101 West Liberty Street, Medina.

Riding tip: In mid- to late-summer, watch for the scarlet blooms of the cardinal flower -- a native wildflower that grows in the wet woods along the trail. It relies on hummingbirds, which like to feed on its nectar, for pollination. The flower's name comes from the bright red robes worn by Roman Catholic Cardinals.



Lester Rail Trail is also home to Northeastern

Ohio Live Steamers, which offers free public rides on its miniature railroad. See the seasonal program guide at www.MedinaCountyParks.com for dates.

Montville Connector Trail

Length: .5 mile

Surface: Asphalt

Montville Trail offers recreational opportunities for Medina's southern neighborhoods and improved access to the Chippewa Rail Trail from the city. Because it is a connector trail, there is no public parking here.



Montville Trail

This ten-foot-wide multipurpose trail starts at Waterbury Drive in Montville Township and extends west for a little less than one mile to Grovewood Lane in Lafayette Township with additional access points at Vineyard and Ivandale drives. Montville Trail users can continue west on Grovewood Lane to Wycliffe Drive for access to the northern end of Chippewa Rail Trail.