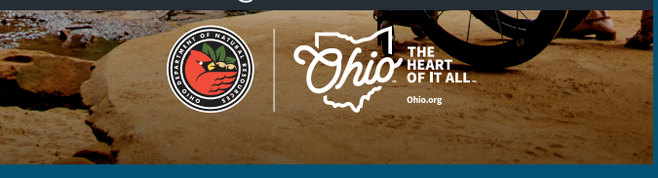
OHIO
ACCESSIBLE TRAILS Guide



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WHAT IS AN ACCESSIBLE TRAIL?

1. Each trail has a flat and stable surface such as concrete, gravel, pavement, boardwalk, or limestone.
2. Trails are regularly maintained to ensure there are no roots or obstacles in the way.
3. There are no steps or steep slopes on these trails.
4. Each trail is at least 36 inches wide.

SEE WHAT YOU CAN SPOT ON THE TRAILS



Magee Marsh Wildlife Area

Many of these trails are great for wildlife viewing, offering seasonal opportunities to observe songbirds, waterfowl, frogs, turtles, fish, or mammals. Early morning and late afternoon are often the best times to see or hear wildlife. Even if animals remain hidden, you might discover signs of their presence, like tracks or feathers. And don't forget to listen—the sounds of nature create a symphony on their own.



Eastern Bluebird

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT PROPERTY AREAS?



STATE PARKS

State parks provide a variety of ways to enjoy the outdoors. Explore peaceful lakes for boating, paddling, or swimming, and discover trails suited for hiking, biking, or horseback riding. For those interested in a longer stay, tent camping, RV options, and even cabins and lodges offer options designed to meet the needs of visitors.



STATE NATURE PRESERVES

State nature preserves are protected areas which preserve the best of Ohio's pre-settlement landscape including rare ecosystems, endangered species, and unique geological features. Though free, some of these preserves require written permission for entry. An excellent place for hiking, photography, and wildlife watching. Pets are prohibited in these areas.



WILDLIFE AREAS

State wildlife areas conserve a variety of habitats for Ohio's native species. These areas provide numerous recreational opportunities for visitors, including hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife watching, boating, and hiking. Access to certain portions of specific wildlife areas may vary seasonally depending on hunting seasons or scheduled events.

TRAIL SAFETY

STAY ON TRAILS

Stay on designated trails and follow all posted signs and trail markers. If you're hiking with children or pets, closely supervise them at all times.

CHECK THE WEATHER

It's crucial to stay updated on the forecast before starting your hike! Be cautious of slippery trails, as ice, mud and wet rocks can pose hazards. If you hear thunder or see dark clouds approaching, seek shelter immediately.

SHARE YOUR PLAN

Always let someone know about your hiking plans, including the trail you intend to explore and your estimated return time.

EQUIP FOR EXPLORATION

Though accessible, the trails require preparation, so bring water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.



Storybook Trails

Ohio's Storybook Trails bring books to life for children and their families. Each trail is lined with signs at children's height containing pages from a children's book to blend reading with outdoor exploration.

The Storybook Trail program was launched in partnership with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio. The partnership promotes the importance of literacy, a healthy lifestyle, and connecting with nature. Six Storybook Trails are considered accessible. Locations and details can be found inside this guide.

Scan here to learn more about accessible features.

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TRAIL TYPES

Concrete
Solid, hard, and smooth surface.
Accessibility: Perfect for wheelchairs, strollers, and bikes.

Paved
Asphalt or hard, smooth surfaces.
Accessibility: Ideal for wheelchairs, strollers, and bikes.

Boardwalk
Wood planks or composite decking.
Accessibility: High; smooth and even, but can become slippery when wet.

Limestone
Crushed, compacted limestone.
Accessibility: Good to moderate; smoother than gravel.

Gravel
Loose or compacted small stones.
Accessibility: Moderate; uneven surfaces and loose stones may require extra effort for wheelchairs or strollers.


Dillon State Park


Dillon State Park

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUNDS

Many of our state parks have playgrounds for children. The list of state parks below have playgrounds with accessible features.

Delaware State Park
Dillon State Park
Indian Lake State Park
Lake Loramie State Park
Strouds Run State Park
Natural Resources Park at Ohio Expo Center*

Limited Hours and Availability

Visit our website to learn more as we continue expanding inclusive playgrounds in our state parks.

ACCESSIBLE FISHING AND BOATING

Ohio state parks offer accessible fishing piers and boating/kayak launches to help everyone have an enjoyable outdoor experience. Designed with ADA-compliant ramps, smooth paths, and lowered railings, these facilities accommodate individuals with mobility challenges.


Wingfoot Lake State Park


Wingfoot Lake State Park

Explore Ohio's Accessible Trails

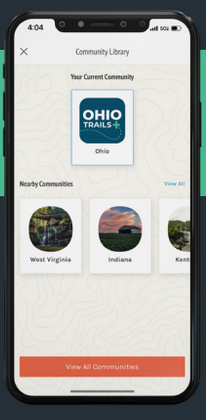


	LOCATION	TRAIL	TOTAL MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS
NORTHWEST	East Harbor State Park	Multi-Use Trail	1.3	Paved	Parallel to the park road from the campground store to the beach trail. Used by campers to access the beach. Bicycles are permitted.
	Fowler Woods State Nature Preserve	Beechdrop Trail	1.3	Boardwalk	This boardwalk winds through hardwood and swamp forests. Vibrant wildflowers in the spring.
	Independence Dam State Park	Independence Dam Trail	0.4	Paved	Follows the former towpath of the Miami and Erie Canal with views of the Maumee State Scenic River. Old Lock #13 is at the park entrance. See cottonwood trees, jewelweed, and a variety of shore birds in season.
	Irwin Prairie State Nature Preserve	Irwin Prairie Trail	0.8	Boardwalk	Travel through a variety of prairie, swamp, meadow, and forest habitats. In summer, vibrant wildflowers bloom.
	Kelleys Island State Park	Glacial Grooves Trail	0.4	Concrete	This path winds around the exposed glacial grooves, deep ridges in bedrock that were carved by glacial ice and water thousands of years ago.
	Lawrence Woods State Nature Preserve	Boardwalk	1.1	Boardwalk	A scenic trail for spring wildflowers. Leads to an observation deck overlooking a buttonbush swamp. Excellent wetland views.
	Magee Marsh Wildlife Area	Boardwalk	0.7	Boardwalk	This popular boardwalk winds through forests and wetlands, bustling with migrating songbirds in spring and fall.
	Marblehead Lighthouse State Park	Lighthouse Sidewalk	0.2	Paved	Scenic views of Lake Erie, a lighthouse, and the keeper's house. Watch boats or birds on the lake.
	Maumee Bay State Park	Boardwalk	2	Boardwalk	Loop with multiple entrances. Views of forest and wetlands. Elevated wildlife observation area.
		Lake Erie Bike Path	5	Paved	Bicycles are permitted on this multi-use trail that connects to Oregon's city bike trail.
	Sheldon Marsh State Nature Preserve	Boardwalk	0.8	Paved	View a variety of wildflowers and birds, including waterfowl and migrating songbirds.
	Van Buren State Park	Sensory Path	0.1	Limestone	Equipped with sensory features, a pollinator garden, and ADA-compliant picnic tables.
NORTHEAST	Cooperrider-Kent Bog State Nature Preserve	Boardwalk Loop	0.5	Boardwalk	Loop around a bog meadow, home to rare northern species shaped by glacial retreat thousands of years ago.
	Geneva State Park	Orange Trail	2	Paved	This straight path connects park amenities with views of forests, wetlands, and Lake Erie.
	Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve	Boardwalk	0.2	Boardwalk	Fantastic views of a lighthouse and Lake Erie.
	Johnson Woods State Nature Preserve	Johnson Woods Trail	1.4	Boardwalk	Travel through an old-growth forest with trees over 100 feet tall. Home to wildflowers and nesting birds.
	Lake Milton State Park	Storybook Trail	0.5	Paved	On the northern end of the lake near the beach. Read a children's book while being active in the outdoors.
	Mosquito Lake State Park	Lakeview Nature Trail	0.3	Limestone	Winds through meadows and forests near the lake. Great for families to read a book while staying active outdoors.
	Portage Lakes State Park	Nimisila Trail	1.3	Limestone	Along the lake, offering views of waterfowl, osprey, and bald eagles.
	Punderson State Park	Iroquois Trail	0.7	Limestone	Explore a former pasture now forested with mature oaks, providing habitat for birds and wildlife.
	Wingfoot Lake State Park	Storybook & Walking Trail	0.5	Paved	Lake views under oak trees, offering children and families a chance to read a book and stay active outdoors.
CENTRAL	Blackhand Gorge State Nature Preserve	Blackhand Trail	4	Paved	Stunning views of Blackhand Gorge and the Licking River. Bicycles and leashed pets are permitted on the trail.
	Buckeye Lake State Park	Multi-Purpose Trail	4.1	Paved	Paved trail along the top of the dam, from the boat launch area in the Village of Buckeye Lake to Liebs Island in Millersport.
	Deer Creek State Park	Storybook Trail	0.5	Gravel	A loop trail near the Camp Office. Read a children's book while being active in the outdoors.
	Indian Lake State Park	Bike Trail	3.5	Paved	Multi-use paved trail on the western side of Indian Lake, between Old Field Beach and Paradise Island. Bicycles are permitted.
	Natural Resources Park at Ohio Expo Center	Walking Path	0.5	Paved	This walkway circles the Natural Resources Park. Features an inclusive play area and Geological Walkway Through Time. Hours and availability are limited.
	Stages Pond State Nature Preserve	Stages Pond Trail	1.3	Concrete & Boardwalk	Explore a variety of habitats, including forests, fields, and wetlands.

	LOCATION	TRAIL	TOTAL MILEAGE	TRAIL TYPE	TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS
SOUTHWEST	Adams Lake State Park	Storybook Trail	0.5	Paved	This trail runs along Adams Lake, offering families a chance to read a book and stay active outdoors.
	Buck Creek State Park	Coyote Run Trail	0.4	Paved	Partially shaded trail with benches. Intersects with other trails for an extended hike.
	Chaparral Prairie State Nature Preserve	Blazing Star Trail	0.5	Concrete	The loop trail winds through native prairie, with opportunities to spot wildflowers, pollinators, and songbirds.
	Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve	Nature Center Connector Trail	0.3	Concrete	Leads to an overlook and boardwalk. Scenic views of Clifton Gorge.
	East Fork State Park	Heritage of Freedom Trail	0.5	Gravel	Loop trail with views of wildflowers and wildlife. Learn the local history of the Underground Railroad.
	Grand Lake St. Marys State Park	East Bank Trail	1.4	Paved	Along the east shore of the lake with uninterrupted lake views.
		West Bank Trail	1.2	Paved	Follows the lake's west shore. See the Rotary Lighthouse.
	Lake Loramie State Park	Beach Family Adaptive Area	0.4	Paved	Paved trail with parking, picnic area, a playground with ADA playset, ADA family swing, and an ADA kayak launch.
		Earls Island Trail	0.6		A trail with five workout stations, restroom, seating and viewing areas of lake, and parking.
		Luthman Trail	0.3		Paved trail with parking and a restroom. ADA kayak launch is planned.
	Little Miami State Park	Little Miami Scenic Trail	50	Paved	Multi-use trail through multiple counties along the Little Miami River. Several parking areas.
	Rocky Fork State Park	Dovetail/Bird Loop	0.6	Limestone	On the northwestern shore of the lake. Observe wildlife including waterfowl and songbirds.
SOUTHEAST	Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area	Straker Ridge Trail (Zeno Loop)	2	Gravel	A loop trail around the pond. Views of the water and adjacent grassland field. See a variety of native birds, including waterfowl and migrating songbirds.
	Barkcamp State Park	Pioneer Trail	0.3	Paved	Wind through Pioneer Village to explore its history, then continue into mature woodlands and visit the antique barn.
	Conkles Hollow State Nature Preserve	Gorge Trail	0.5	Concrete	This out-and-back trail follows the small creek through a sandstone gorge full of hemlock trees. It leads to one of the tallest cliffs in the Hocking Hills at 210 feet.
	Dillon State Park	Storybook Trail	0.5	Paved	Features low panels, perfect for kids to read and enjoy while being active outdoors.
	Hocking Hills State Park	Ash Cave Gorge Trail	0.3	Paved	Winds through a narrow gorge lined with hemlock, beech, and other hardwood trees. At the end of the trail, Ash Cave awaits.
	Lake Alma State Park	Outer Lake Trail	1.4	Paved	Adjacent to the road that encircles the lake, offering excellent views of the lake and wildlife. Multiple access points connect this trail with Wellston's city bike path.
	Salt Fork State Park	Eco-Discovery Center	0.1	Paved	Located near the Eco-Discovery Center, home to interactive displays and educational information on sustainability and conservation.
		Forest Crest Trail	0.3		Near Campground Loop C. Weaves through an oak, beech, and hickory forest that displays stunning color in the fall.
	Shawnee State Park	Shawnee Ohio River Campground Paved Trail	2	Paved	This multi-use trail travels through the river campground and disc golf course, passing by the Storybook Trail, archery range, splash pad, and camp store. Views of the Ohio River.
		Turkey Creek Nature Center	0.5	Limestone	In a forest of hemlock trees, with interpretive signage that explains the life history of trees along the path.
	Strouds Run State Park	Blackhaw Trail	0.5	Paved	An outdoor escape in southern Ohio, where visitors can also enjoy a shaded campground or boating/paddling on the lake.

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ACCESSIBILITY FRIENDLY STAYS

Whether you prefer the comfort of a lodge, the charm of a vacation cabin, or the rustic appeal of a campground, Ohio's state parks offer a variety of accessible accommodations designed to meet the needs of all guests.



LODGES

Our resort lodges offer special guest rooms with wider doorways and restrooms designed to accommodate wheelchairs. In some lodges, the accessible rooms are located on the ground floor; in others, an elevator provides access to the guest rooms as well as other lodge facilities including the dining rooms and indoor pools.

Reservations at state park lodges and their deluxe cabins may be made up to one year in advance by visiting greatohiolodges.com.



VACATION CABINS

Vacation cabins offer floor plans that include a kitchen with full-sized appliances, dining area, spacious living room, two bedrooms with twin, bunk, or full-sized beds, a bathroom with shower, and a roomy screened porch. Be sure to request an accessible cabin when making your reservation.



CAMPGROUNDS

With 60 campgrounds to choose from, you'll easily find the perfect site to spend a night or more under the stars. Special features may include extra-wide paved pads on level grades, berms, modified picnic tables, fire rings and/or grills, or water fountains. These sites may be close to restroom buildings with entrance ramps, accessible fixtures, grab bars, and wide stalls.

Contact the state park office to find out what amenities and accessibility options are available at any specific campground. Reservations for seasonal cabins (i.e., camper and Sherman cabins) and all campsites may be made up to six months in advance by visiting reserveohio.com or by calling (866) 644-6727.



MESSAGE FROM OHIO GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE & FIRST LADY FRAN DEWINE

It's important that people of all abilities have the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors, which is why our state has numerous accessible trails that make it easy to explore the scenic beauty of Ohio, the Heart of it All. From the boardwalk at Maumee Bay to the paved trail at Shawnee State Park, you're never far from an accessible trail at Ohio's state parks, preserves, or wildlife areas.



OHIO PARKS PASSPORT

The Ohio State Parks Passport is a full-color guide to Ohio's state park system. In addition to details of every park, it's a wonderful way to commemorate all your state park visits. Buy a copy for yourself (and one for a friend) at select parks and lodges.

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