

# **Northeast Ohio Bridle Trail Directory 2014**

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# Ashland County Bridle Trails

Name of trail:	<b>Mohican Memorial State Forest</b>
County:	Ashland
Location of trail:	Accessible from SR 97
Directions from nearest main route:	3 miles west of SR 3 on SR 97. From I-71, take exit 165 (SR 97) east about 15 miles to the horsemen's camp.
Trail Land Manager:	Mohican Memorial State Forest, 419-994-5125
Trail description:	Single path and unimproved roads, trails are generally well maintained
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Multi-use
Trail surface:	Earthen, rocky, lots of organic leafy material
Normal trail condition:	Dry in most areas
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Muddy in some areas, relatively dry on slopes
Length of trail:	4 Trails totaling 27 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day. Group camping by permit only
Trailhead parking description:	Ample parking on grassy area and gravel lot
Trailhead horse facilities:	Water and tie-ups, group camping by permit only, picnic tables, fire ring
Trailhead human facilities:	Pit toilet
Unique /scenic trail features:	Conifer and hardwood forests, ravines, creeks, very scenic
Trail hazards:	Some road crossings, creeks, certain parts of trail

shared with bikes

Trail rating:   X   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain;  
consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface;  
shallow or no water crossings

Trail rating:   X   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short  
steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail  
surface; narrower trail surface

Name of trail: **Pleasant Hill Lake Park**

County: Ashland/Richland

Location of trail: 3431 SR 95 Perrysville, Ohio 44864

Directions from nearest main route: I-71 to SR 13 east (Bellville) to SR 97 (to Butler) to SR 95 in Butler East to Park Entrance  
SR 30 to SR 603 south to end, left on SR 95 to Park Entrance

Trail Land Manager: Muskingum Water Conservancy District - William Mastin

Trail description: Scenic trails along lake through rock formations to Malabar Farm. Southside of lake trail connects to Orange trail at Mohican

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.): Multi-use Bridle & Hiking

Trail surface: Natural dirt surface with gravel in some areas

Normal trail condition: Dry sandy/dirt trail

Trail condition during winter/wet weather: Spring high water backs up to some trails. Possibly too wet to use. Dries quickly

Length of trail: Approximately 27 miles  
North side (field) to Malabar ~ 8 miles (11 miles available at Malabar)  
South side of field to Newville Bridge ~ 8 miles  
South side of Lake to Mohican Orange Trail ~ 8 miles  
Short trails within park ~ 3 miles

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both: Day use and Overnight Camping  
Number of Camping Sites: 38 - Reservations call 419-938-7884  
Description of Camping Sites: Most sites 60' x 40' with pads. Large enough to drive through. Smaller sites in old picnic area

Trailhead parking description:	Parking adjacent to lake and camping area
Trailhead horse facilities:	Shaded areas and manure bins. Water available
Trailhead human facilities:	Porta-potties, Pavillion
Unique /scenic trail features:	Diversity of trail, wooded, farm field, creek crossings, rock formations
Trail hazards:	Wet areas in flood season
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

# Columbiana County Bridle Trails

Name of trail:	<b>Beaver Creek State Park</b> All Trail Sections
County:	Columbiana
Location of trail:	12816 Sprucevale Road(county Rd 428) East Liverpool, Ohio 43920
Directions from nearest main route:	S from Rogers, OH follow State Route 7 south. Continue south onto Spruceville Rd Sprucevale Road Horsemen’s Camp. Circles the perimeter of camp (starting and ending in camp.) Stays on the east side of Sprucevale Road.
Trail Land Manager:	Park manager and Beaver Creek Horsemen’s Association/Columbiana County Chapter of OHC.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Multi-use, but primarily bridle trail
Trail surface:	Clay soil with rocky hills
Normal trail condition:	Dry in most areas
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Wet with ankle deep mud in poorly drained areas in wet weather, frozen in winter in sub-freezing temperatures.
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day use and overnight camping
Trailhead parking description:	Paved drive to mostly sloped grassy parking area.
Trailhead horse facilities:	Over 100 camping sites with tie lines/manure bins, “water buffalos” on holiday weekends
Trailhead human facilities:	Primitive, outhouses including handicapped outhouses & wheel chair accessible mounting ramp just off the pavement. Sun shower, picnic pavilion and large fire pit. Swing sets



Trail section	<b>Silver</b> Handicapped Rider Trail
Length of trail:	About 1 mile
Trail Description:	Wide enough for horse and side walkers, mostly wooded. Accessible from wheelchair ramp just off paved driveway.
Trail surface:	Dirt and gravel, mostly dry
Normal trail condition:	Mostly dry
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Some muddy spots/ frozen during sub-freezing temps
Unique /scenic trail features:	No stream or major road crossings
Trail hazards:	Occasional tree roots hazardous to side walkers
Trail rating:	<u>  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings
Trail section	<b>Blue</b> Scenic with hemlocks and hardwood trees, spring flowers, at times follows Little Beaver Creek and utilizes open field gas pipe line.
Length of trail:	Approximately 4.5 miles
Trail surface:	Clay soil with rocky hills
Normal trail condition:	Tends to stay wet except in dry in conditions. Some poison ivy
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Wet with ankle deep mud in poorly drained areas in wet weather. Frozen during sub-freezing temperatures
Unique /scenic trail features:	Crosses small stream as the trail winds through hollow to the mouth where it flows into Little Beaver Creek. “Devil’s Bench” aka Little Colorado – Cliffs with hemlocks across creek.

Trail hazards:	Shared with hikers and fishermen with poles in a quarter mile stretch. Narrow (1 horse wide) section about 75 yards long which hugs steep hillside which is prone to occasional slides and falling trees.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface
Trail section	<b>Orange</b> Scenic with hemlocks and hardwood trees, at times follows Little Beaver Creek which crosses the creek 3 times. Goes to horsemen's picnic area of the Main Park with park office and restored and reconstructed Pioneer Village on Echo Dell Road
Length of trail:	Approximately 12 miles
Trail surface:	Clay with very rocky hills
Normal trail condition:	Tends to stay wet except in dry in conditions. Some poison ivy
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Wet with ankle deep mud in poorly drained areas. Several boggy areas & high swift crossings after rains. Frozen in sub-freezing temperatures
Unique /scenic trail features:	Follows along Little Beaver Creek, includes tow paths of Sandy and Beaver Canal, views of carved stone canal locks and building foundations, scenic overlook of Main Park.
Trail hazards:	Very boggy areas. Deep crossings when stream is high. Narrow 1-horse wide sections, cross paved Sprucevale Road two times.
Trail rating:	<u>  X  </u> <b>Difficult</b> – Very steep hills; long climbs or descents; narrow trail surface; faster flowing and wider water crossings; deep water crossings

Trail section	<b>Yellow</b> Scenic with hemlocks, pines and hardwood trees, spring wildflowers. At times follows Little Beaver Creek. Crosses creek 2 times
Length of trail:	Approximately 10 miles
Trail surface:	Clay soil with rocky hills
Normal trail condition:	Tends to stay wet except in very dry in conditions. Some poison ivy
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Tends to stay wet except in very dry in conditions. Some poison ivy
Unique /scenic trail features:	Follows along Little Beaver Creek, includes tow paths of Sandy and Beaver Canal, views of carved stone canal locks and building foundations, scenic overlook of Sprucevale area of State Park.
Trail hazards:	Very boggy areas. Deep crossings when stream is high, narrow 1-horse wide sections, cross paved Sprucevale Road 2 times.
Trail rating:	<u>X</u> <b>Difficult</b> – Very steep hills; long climbs or descents; narrow trail surface; faster flowing and wider water crossings; deep water crossings
Trail section	<b>Red</b> Access off yellow trail behind Sprucevale rest area, pass old and/ or new model airplane fields to rejoin yellow and/or orange trails
Length of trail:	about 1 to 1.5 miles Alternate trail which avoids creek crossings during high waters
Trail surface:	Forest Floor
Normal trail condition:	Mostly dry. Some wet areas in low lying areas
Unique /scenic trail features:	Dogwood trees and large ant hills

Trail hazards:	Crosses Sprucevale at gravel pile near Horsemans camp. Near model airplane fields. Sounds of flying model airplanes, steep hill
Trail rating:	<u>  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings <u>  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface
Trail section	<b>Wildlife Education Center access trail</b> Bridle trail to picnic table/tie line at Education Center open May-October Saturday & Sunday afternoons
Length of trail:	1/4 mile
Trail surface:	Forest floor dirt
Normal trail condition:	Dry
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Wet areas, frozen during sub-freezing temperatures
Unique /scenic trail features:	Leads to Nature Education Center. Important to stay off of Logan's Loop Hiking Trail
Trail rating:	<u>  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

# Cuyahoga County Bridle Trails

## Bridle Trail Information Cuyahoga County Chapter

Cleveland Metro parks “The Emerald Necklace” consists of over twenty thousand acres with fourteen “reservations” draped around the city and suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio. Seven of these reservations have bridle trails totaling over eighty-two miles. Maps and trail markers are not consistent and are not easy to follow. This being a park that rings suburban areas it does mean that generally you are near roads or homes although you usually have the illusion of being deep in the woods and sometimes you truly are. Most trails are wide and well groomed although stone topping may be a problem for unshod horses. Five of these seven Reservations connect although each is probably better ridden as its own unless you get someone to show you through.

All Bridle Trails are primarily for the use of equestrians but people on foot and dogs ON LEASH are also allowed. Other users are to yield to horses. NO BIKES or WHEELED vehicles propelled by human or animal power are allowed. This includes bikes, strollers and horse drawn vehicles. Horses must be kept on bridle trails and under control at all times. Manure must be picked up in the parking areas and horses are not allowed in picnic areas. There are some areas with a picnic table near the edge and common sense rules. If there is a tie rail and mounting block you know you are welcome.

Cuyahoga has a club representative for each Reservation who would be willing to answer your questions.

You can also contact Club Trail Coordinators:

Penny Passalacqua at 440-248-0156 [pennyohc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pennyohc@sbcglobal.net) or

Margaret Wolfe 440 232-0710 [Mrgtrw@aol.com](mailto:Mrgtrw@aol.com)

The Park Ranger Emergency # is (440) 333-4911

Non Emergency Ranger # is (440)-331-5530

Name of trail:

**Cleveland Metroparks**

County:

Cuyahoga and Medina

Location of trail:

7 separate reservations: Bedford, Brecksville, Hinckley, Mill Stream, Rocky River, North Chagrin, and South Chagrin

Directions from nearest main route:	Web based Phone App: maps.clevelandmetroparks.com Follow directions to add to home screen.
Trail Land Manager:	Cleveland Metroparks 216-351-6300, <a href="http://www.clemetparks.com">www.clemetparks.com</a> for detailed information
Trail description:	Suburban area, road crossings, yet feels secluded most of the time
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Horses, walkers, and joggers –NO WHEELS
Trail surface:	Wide, well groomed, well maintained
Normal trail condition:	Good, dry
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Good
Length of trail:	90 miles – 7 reservation areas, some connected, need guide for connectors best ridden individually.
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Numerous. See individual parks
Trailhead horse facilities:	Various See individual parks
Trailhead human facilities:	Port-a-johns
Unique /scenic trail features:	woods-fields-small streams-hills-flat
Trail hazards:	some busy roads, Bedford Reservation river crossing after a heavy rain
Trail rating:	See individual parks

The following is a brief review of each reservation and a contact name. We will give the primary parking area although there may be others. There are no overnight camping facilities.

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**BEDFORD RESERVATION:** Margaret Wolfe (440)-232-0710 [mrgtrw@aol.com](mailto:mrgtrw@aol.com) Ken Skoczen (216)-524-3671 Located in Bedford, Oakwood, Valley View, and Walton Hills. Bounded by Richmond Rd. Egbert Rd. Dunham Rd. and Canal Rd. There are over 2200 acres and miles of groomed trails plus a loop around the rim of a beautiful 200-foot deep gorge that has a more primitive trail. There is also a primitive trail heading down the valley toward the Brecksville Reservation and across Canal Rd. onto the Towpath Trail. The loop around the gorge takes about two hours. One side is groomed and the other primitive with Tinkers Creek (river) to cross at either end. This is not to be crossed after a rainstorm. A guide is suggested.

Jacks Place Trailhead is located on Old Button Rd. at Dunham and Tinkers Creek Rd. just beyond the Park Maintenance Area. There is a small corral, picnic tables and a mounting block. Toilets a short walk away in the Hemlock Creek Picnic Area.

Name of trail:	<b>Cleveland Metroparks Bedford</b>
County:	Cuyahoga
Location of trail:	Located in Bedford, Bedford Heights, Oakwood, Valley View and Walton Hills
Directions from nearest main route:	I-480...FROM THE WEST OR EAST (west of I-271) exit at Broadway Ave. (Route 14). Turn left (south) and stay on Broadway. For Hermit's Hollow and Hemlock Creek picnic areas: stay on Egbert Rd. and continue past Shawnee Hills Golf Course to Dunham Rd., turn right (north) on Dunham. For Hemlock Creek, cross the bridge and turn right on Button Rd. I-271.. FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH exit at Broadway/Forbes Rd. If coming from the north, turn right on Forbes and right on Broadway If coming from the south, turn left on Broadway Veer to the left on Union St. For Hemlock Creek, cross the bridge and turn right on Button Rd.

Trail Land Manager:	Cleveland Metroparks OHC contact Margaret Wolfe (440)-232-0710 <a href="mailto:mrgtrw@aol.com">mrgtrw@aol.com</a> Ken Skoczen (216)-524-3671
Type of trail (multi-use, bridge/hike, etc.):	Horses, hikers, runners, dog walkers
Trail 1 name	<b>Sagamore Creek Trail</b> (orange, white, forest loop, etc) Follows Sagamore Creek up and back trail to connect to Loop of the River Trail
Length of Trail:	About one hour up. A little less back
Trail description:	Multiple creek and road crossings. Very pleasant and quiet
Trail surface:	Shoes advisable
Normal trail condition:	Good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Some steep hills
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	On Sagamore Rd. near Canal St.
Trailhead horse facilities:	None
Trailhead human facilities:	None
Unique /scenic trail features:	Sagamore Creek and a view of the Gorge (Guide available..CCCOHC website)
Trail hazards:	Road crossings. Drivers usually very considerate and helpful
Trail rating:	<u>  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface
Other	Bus turn around in parking area



Trail 2 name	<b>Egbert Rd. side of the Gorge</b>
Trail description:	Well manicured.
Trail surface:	Shoes recommended
Normal trail condition:	Very good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Bridle Veil Falls creek crossing is smooth rock so can be slick
Length of trail:	Any length of time you would like to spend. Plenty of trails.
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Jacks place near maintenance area
Trailhead horse facilities:	Corral, mounting block
Trailhead human facilities:	Restroom in Hemlock picnic area
Unique /scenic trail features:	Bridle Veil Falls, the Gorge, if continue to Sagamore Creek, can connect to The Tow Path of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park outstanding scenery the whole way.
Trail hazards:	Mild street crossings, one short wooden bridge, many drop offs,
Trail rating:	<u>  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface
Trail 3 name	<b>Tinker's Creek</b> (Loop of the River Trail)
Trail description:	Trail follows upstream, up Wagon Trail hill (in use by horses since 1811) stays in sight of cliff approx. 45 min. until switch back hill and shale trail steps going down to river level. Crossing can be too difficult at times so advisable to return on same

trail. Many hills, primitive trails, outstanding scenery. If possible to cross the trail will climb multiple steep easy hills until it connects to the Egbert Rd. trail side for the return trip down stream to where it will cross the river again back to the horse trailer parking area.

Trail surface:	Primitive
Normal trail condition:	Lots of hills so good footing necessary.
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Not advisable
Length of trail:	2 hours, 15 min. at prompt walk
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Jacks place near maintenance area
Trailhead horse facilities:	Corral, mounting block
Trailhead human facilities:	Restroom in Hemlock picnic area
Unique /scenic trail features:	Scenery out of this world.
Trail hazards:	River crossings at each end. Bridle Veil Falls slick
Trail rating:	<u>x</u> <b>Difficult</b> – Very steep hills; long climbs or descents; narrow trail surface; faster flowing and wider water crossings; deep water crossings
Other	Clean up after horse at picnic area

**BRECKSVILLE RESERVATION:** John Shaughnessy 330-592-5613 jcsamf@aol.com  
Located in Brecksville and bounded by Rt. 21(Brecksville Rd.), Parkview Rd. Chippewa Rd. (Rt.82) Riverview Rd. and Snowville Rd. This Reservation connects to the Mill Stream Reservation.

There are over 3470 acres and miles of well-maintained trails that are hilly but have long stretches of flat. Trailers can be parked at Brecksville Stable-Meadows Drive in the meadow as long as it is dry enough or lengthwise on the right side of the blacktop. The restrooms are located in the stable and there is a picnic table. Parking also at Station Rd trailhead off Riverview Rd just south of Rt.82

Point of interest: The loop trail around the stable takes you to the newly opened Valley Trail a primitive trail heading to the Wetmore Trail system in Peninsula. This section alone is about a ten-mile trail and would need to be retraced to return to the stable. The Brecksville trail system takes about two hours to ride with dogleg extensions that would greatly extend the time.

Name of trail:	<b>Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville</b>
County:	Cuyahoga
Location of trail:	11921 Parkview Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141
Directions from nearest main route:	I-77... FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH exit at Rt. 82 East (Royalton Rd.) to Rt. 21 (Brecksville Rd.) turn right (south) on Rt. 21 (Brecksville Rd.) Sleepy Hollow Golf Course is on the left. turn left on Valley Parkway just past Sleepy Hollow, turn right at the first intersection for Brecksville Stables a Cleveland Metroparks
Trail Land Manager:	OHC contact John Shaughnessy 330-592-5613 jcsamf@aol.com
Trail description:	Wide and steep hill down into park, level trail, river crossings
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Bridle/hike, no bikes
Trail surface:	Dirt, some stone

Normal trail condition:	Very good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Usually good
Length of trail:	20 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Trailers can be parked at Brecksville Stable-Meadows Drive in the meadow as long as it is dry enough or lengthwise on the right side of the blacktop. Parking also at Station Rd trailhead off Riverview Rd just south of Rt.82
Trailhead horse facilities:	Mounting block, tie rail
Trailhead human facilities:	Picnic tables, port a pots, mounting blocks
Unique /scenic trail features:	The loop trail around the stable takes you to the newly opened Valley Trail a primitive trail heading to the Wetmore Trail system in Peninsula. This section alone is about a ten-mile trail and would need to be retraced to return to the stable. Primitive trail and muddy in spring.
Trail hazards:	None
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

**HINCKLEY RESERVATION:** Linda Monaco: 440-234-9527 [lindaazuredee@aol.com](mailto:lindaazuredee@aol.com)

Located in Hinckley Township in Medina County this Reservation of 2300 acres offers the best of groomed rural riding. Trailer Parking is on Rt. 606 where you find tie rails, potty, mounting stone, a trail winding through woods and fields for six miles. This is also an out and back trail and has two doglegs to extend your ride. You really can't get lost but you feel like you are very isolated from the busy world. There are several other smaller parking areas, one at the Worden House and one at Johnson's Picnic Area. Watch for the beautiful Blue Herons who nest in this reservation.

Name of trail:	<b>HINCKLEY RESERVATION</b>
County:	Medina
Location of trail:	The main parking is located off East Drive in Hinckley Reservation, between Bellus and State roads in Hinckley Township.
Directions from nearest main route:	I-71...FROM THE NORTH OR SOUTH exit at Rt. 303 (Brunswick) go east on Rt. 303 continue to Rt. 606 (Hinckley Hills Rd.) and turn right (south) on Rt. 606 to Bellus Rd. cross Bellus Rd. and continue on 606 to parking area on the left
Trail Land Manager:	Cleveland Metroparks OHC contact Linda Monaco: 440-234-9527 <a href="mailto:lindaazuredee@aol.com">lindaazuredee@aol.com</a>
Trail description:	This is an out and back trail and has two doglegs to extend your ride. There are some single track trails that are open when weather permits
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Hikers /runners/bridle trail
Trail surface:	Crushed lime stone for the main trails. Some side trails are earthen, lots of organic leafy material
Normal trail condition:	Dry good surface
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	When wet the park closes some trails. In the winter the trails that are heavily shaded can be icy
Length of trail:	6 miles with side trails

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Gravel parking lot medium size
Trailhead horse facilities:	Mounting block, tie rail
Trailhead human facilities:	Out house
Unique /scenic trail features:	Heavily wood riding area. Worden's Ledges has unique carvings made in the 1940s by Noble Stuart can be hiked to near the horse trail. No horses at the carvings.
Trail hazards:	Two creek crossings and trail crosses State Rd.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface
Other	Stay on the horse trail. Violators have received tickets

**MILL STREAM RESERVATION:** 216-990-9880 [kings3horses@yahoo.com](mailto:kings3horses@yahoo.com) or Barb Zork 440-667-5245 Barbara.Zorc@ey.com

Running from Berea to Strongsville it is bounded by Bagley Rd. Edgerton Rd. and runs on either side of the Valley Parkway. This is a long narrow Reservation of 3181 acres and a long run of trail that connects Brecksville Reservation to Rocky River Reservation. There are no loops so count on doubling back at some point.

Trailers may be parked at the intersection of Edgerton Rd. and Valley Parkway right across from Kathy King’s home Wallace Lake or across from the archery field in the Albion Picnic Area. There are some major roads to cross if you start from Wallace Lake so horses must be traffic safe. This is one of the more urbanized parks because of its narrow boundaries but is a nice ride in spite of the traffic at some points.

Name of trail:	<b>Cleveland Metroparks MILL STREAM RESERVATION</b>
County:	Cuyahoga
Location of trail:	16200 Valley Parkway (street #, city) Strongsville, OH 44136
Directions from nearest main route:	From I-71, take exit 231A to OH-82/East Royalton Road. Turn right on Valley Parkway.
Trail Land Manager:	Cleveland Metroparks OHC contact Barb Zork 440-667-5245 Barbara.Zorc@ey.com
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Horses, hikers, runners, dog walkers
Trail 1 name	<b>Rt. 82 to Rt. 42</b>
Length of Trail:	Approx. 4 miles
Trail description:	Hills and flat, road crossings, wooded, road and river run alongside trail in some areas
Trail surface:	Well maintained; some heavy gravel, especially on steeper hill
Normal trail condition:	Good, not marked
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Can be muddy in low-lying areas
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Numerous, some close to picnic areas

Trailhead horse facilities: Horse corral at Edgerton

Trailhead human facilities: Picnic spots, restrooms

Unique /scenic trail features: River, Chalet with hayrides in autumn, Strongsville Wildlife Area, Camp Cheerful, Albion Woods Picnic/Archery Range

Trail hazards: Busy roads, river, freeway overpasses

Trail rating:   x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Trail 2 name **Rt. 42 to Wallace Lake**

Trail description: Mostly flat with one hill; wooded; road crossing

Trail surface: Well maintained; some heavy gravel, especially on steeper hill

Normal trail condition: Good, not marked

Trail condition during winter/wet weather: Can be muddy in low-lying areas

Length of trail: Approx. 3 miles

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both: Day Use Only

Trailhead parking description: Numerous, some close to picnic areas

Trailhead horse facilities: Horse corral at Edgerton

Trailhead human facilities: Picnic spots, restrooms

Unique /scenic trail features: Lakes, river

Trail hazards: Crossing busy park road



Trail rating:    **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Trail 3 name: **Rt. 82 to Edgerton**

Trail description: Hills, woods, river, road crossing stream to where it will cross the river again back to the horse trailer parking area.

Trail surface: Well maintained

Normal trail condition: Good, not marked

Trail condition during winter/wet weather: Can be muddy in low-lying areas

Length of trail: Approx. 2 miles

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both: Day Use Only

Trailhead parking description: Numerous, some close to picnic areas

Trailhead horse facilities: Horse corral at Edgerton

Trailhead human facilities: Picnic spots, restrooms

Unique /scenic trail features: River

Trail hazards: Busy road crossing

Trail rating:    **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

**NORTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION:** Michelle Sheliga 440-635-0596

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Located in Mayfield Village, Willoughby Hills and Gates Mills. It is within the boundaries of Rt.6- Rt.91- Chagrin River Rd. and Wilson Mills Rd. There are 2100 acres and two to three hours of riding which can be extended by loops. This Reservation stands by itself, not connecting to the others.

The Ox Bow Trailhead is the horse trailer parking area developed by Cuyahoga OHC. Located on N. Oxbow Lane off of Chagrin River Road. There is a potty, picnic tables, tie rails and plenty of parking for 15 trailers or more.

Trails are well maintained but rocky in places (slag). There are some good long hills to climb but only one small water crossing so bring water for horses to drink.

Point of interest: Squires Castle built in 1890 to be a gatehouse for a country estate-the estate never materializes but the castle remains.

Name of trail:

**Cleveland Metroparks  
North Chagrin**

County:

Cuyahoga

Location of trail:

Located in Mayfield Village, Willoughby Hills and Gates Mills. It is within the boundaries of Rt.6- Rt.91- Chagrin River Rd. and Wilson Mills Rd

Directions from nearest main route:

I-90... FROM THE EAST OR WEST  
exit at Rt. 91 (SOM Center Rd.)  
turn left (south) on Rt. 91 turn left (east) on  
Chardon Rd./Rt. 6 continue approx. one mile to  
Chagrin River Rd. (Rt. 174) turn right on River Rd.  
Turn right onto N. Oxbow Lane

Trail Land Manager:

Cleveland Metroparks  
OHC contact Michelle Sheliga 440-635-0596  
sheliga1@windstream.net

Trail description:

Trails are well maintained

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):

Bridle/hike, no bikes

Trail surface:	Crushed limestone
Normal trail condition:	Very good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Usually good
Length of trail:	11 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	The Ox Bow Trailhead is the horse trailer parking area developed by Cuyahoga OHC. Located on N. Oxbow Lane off of Chagrin River Road. There plenty of parking for 15 trailers or more.
Trailhead horse facilities:	Tie rails
Trailhead human facilities:	There are toilets, and picnic tables
Unique /scenic trail features:	Squires Castle built in 1890 to be a gatehouse for a country estate-the estate never materializes but the castle remains.
Trail hazards:	1 minor creek lots people on trail on weekends
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

**ROCKY RIVER RESERVATION:** Carol Miller (440)-826-3720 mlmille@cox.net

Located in Berea, Lakewood, Olmsted Township and Rocky River, this Reservation of 2520 acres offers a beautiful ride along the river with some wide water crossings and views of massive shale cliffs. Trails run from Bagley Rd. connecting at Mill Stream to past Puritas Rd. and the Stable.

Trailer parking is at the Lewis Rd. Show Ring area on Lewis Road. There are tie rails, potty, mounting blocks and picnic tables. From there you can ride to Mill Stream (you would have to ride an all-purpose trail and cross busy Bagley Rd.) or better yet to the Stable on Puritas Rd. and then past the stable to a loop up by the golf course. Several hours of trails are well groomed and mostly flat once you go down the hill from the back of the ring area. You must double back at some point in your ride. Cleveland Hopkins Airport is nearby and it is a thrill to see and hear the low flying planes. Horses seem to take this in stride.

Name of trail:

## **Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River**

County:

Cuyahoga

Location of trail:

Lewis Road Riding ring, north end of Lewis Road, 22 acre facility with access to Reservation trails.

Directions from nearest main route:

Exit Rt. I 480 at Olmsted Falls and go south onto Great Northern Blvd. (RT. 252). Turn Left onto Butternut Ridge Road. Turn Left onto Old Columbia Rd. At the light, turn Right onto Cedar Point Rd. Turn Right onto Lewis Road ( at the bottom of the hill). Lewis Road Show Ring is at the top of the hill on the left between Barrett Rd. and Cedar Point Rd.

Trail Land Manager:

Cleveland Metroparks  
OHC contact Carol Miller (440)-826-3720  
mlmille@cox.net

Trail description:

Wide and steep hill down into park, level trail, river crossings

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):

Bridle/hike, no bikes

Trail surface:

Dirt, some stone

Normal trail condition:	Very good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Usually good
Length of trail:	9 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Gravel parking lot medium size
Trailhead horse facilities:	Mounting block, tie rail
Trailhead human facilities:	Out house
Unique /scenic trail features:	Trail has lovely river views
Trail hazards:	Some river and road crossings, riders will meet hikers
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

**SOUTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION:** Penny Passalacqua (440)-248-0156

[pennyohc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pennyohc@sbcglobal.net)

Located in Bentleyville, Solon and Moreland Hills, bounded by Rt.87 (South Woodland Rd.) Chagrin River Rd.-Cannon Rd. and Richmond Rd.

There are over 1438 acres and one to six hours of trail riding. This Reservation connects to the other four Reservations so riding could go for days.

The Polo Field at Rt.87 and Chagrin River Rd. is the best place to park as long as there is no huge prescheduled event being held. Enter from Chagrin River Rd just south of Rt.87. There are toilets, picnic tables and mounting blocks. The trail is wide, well maintained, relatively flat with several shallow water crossings. There are several road crossings some with traffic lights. Taking the main trail would take you about ten miles to the connection to Bedford Reservation but most people do a series of loops after crossing under Miles Road and return to the Polo Field. This would take anywhere from two to five or more hours.

Point of interest: A small but attractive Arboretum that you pass through. A ten- mile ride takes you to Shadow Lake and a small equestrian picnic area with tie rails etc and a beautiful view of the Lake. Remember it is ten miles back.

Name of trail:	<b>Cleveland Metroparks South Chagrin</b>
County:	Cuyahoga
Location of trail:	Located in Bentleyville, Solon and Moreland Hills, bounded by Rt.87 (South Woodland Rd.) Chagrin River Rd.-Cannon Rd. and Richmond Rd.
Directions from nearest main route:	I-271...FROM THE NORTH exit at Chagrin Blvd. turn left (east) on Chagrin Blvd. to Rt. 87 (Woodland Rd.) For the Polo Field: continue east on Rt. 87 and cross Chagrin River Rd. The Polo Field will be on the right.
Trail Land Manager:	Cleveland Metroparks OHC contact Penny Passalacqua (440)-248-0156 <a href="mailto:pennyohc@sbcglobal.net">pennyohc@sbcglobal.net</a>
Trail description:	The trail is wide, well maintained, relatively flat with several shallow water crossings

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Bridle/hike, no bikes
Trail surface:	Dirt, some stone
Normal trail condition:	Very good wide well groomed
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Usually good
Length of trail:	18 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	The Polo Field at Rt.87 and Chagrin River Rd. is the best place to park as long as there is no huge prescheduled event being held Miles Rd. Chagrin River Rd. and shelter house
Trailhead horse facilities:	Mounting block
Trailhead human facilities:	There are toilets, and picnic tables
Unique /scenic trail features:	A small but attractive Arboretum that you pass through. A ten- mile ride takes you to Shadow Lake and a small equestrian picnic area with tie rails etc and a beautiful view of the Lake. Remember it is ten miles back
Trail hazards:	There are several road crossings some with traffic lights.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Cuyahoga OHC rides a different Reservation each month throughout the spring, summer and fall. Come join us and learn the trails and make new friends. Other Chapters are ALWAYS WELCOME! More information [www.cuyahogacountyohc.com](http://www.cuyahogacountyohc.com)

Or [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com) where you can download maps. There is also a trail app available from Cleveland Metroparks where you can locate your current location on trail. [Maps.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://Maps.clevelandmetroparks.com)



## Geauga County Bridle Trails

The Geauga County Park District has nineteen open parks and numerous preserves throughout the county. Five of these parks have bridle trails totaling over 16 miles. This report is only a brief review of each park/reservation giving general information and the location.

All Bridle Trails are primarily for the use of equestrians but hikers, dog walkers (dogs must be on a leash), skiers and on certain designated trails, bicyclists are allowed. All users are responsible for sharing the trail and other courtesies.

Horseback riding is permitted along designated trails and on park roadways only. These are indicated in individual park maps and with trail signs. Please keep your horse on the improved portion of the trail. Don't ride through streams, other than horse trail crossings or to the edge of the reservoir at Headwaters Park. NEVER leave your horse unattended except at a designated hitching rail or horse shelter. You are responsible for cleaning up after your horse in parking lots and along roadways.

General Information for the Geauga Park District:

Trail Provider/ Land Manager is: The Geauga Park District, [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org)

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 9 1 1

Geauga Park District 440-286-9516 (during Park Hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm weekdays  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm weekends)

Sheriff's Department 440-286-1234 (off hours, when park is closed)

Our OHC Park Liaison, Nora Stanton, 440-564-7926, would gladly answer questions regarding the Park trails.

All Geauga Parks have brown/white park signs indicating the park on the major roads. All the trails are rated as easy with the exception of Pioneer Trail (West Woods), and Highline Trail (Big Creek Park), which are rated as moderate. An overnight picket line is available at Headwaters Park Campsite B.

Addresses that follow are horse trailer parking areas. Trail maps for each park are available on the Geauga Park District website.

**BEARTOWN LAKES RESERVATION – Whitetail Trail**

LOCATION: 18870 Quinn Rd. Auburn/Bainbridge Townships. Quinn Rd is located off Taylor May Road, which runs between Rt. 306 and Rt. 44.

There are scenic lakes at Beartown. EASY TRAIL Whitetail Trail makes an 1.5-mile loop through woodland, meadow, and overlooking wetlands. The trail has gently sloping terrain; groomed surface, this trail does have a small bridge. The trail surface is gravel topped with Geo-textile fabric and is dry normally and acceptable in winter and wet weather. The trail can be accessed on the north end of the North Point parking area. Both Trailhead parking areas are asphalt. There is a tie rail available also picnic tables, shelter house and restrooms.

Name of trail:	<b>BEARTOWN LAKES RESERVATION</b> Whitetail Trail
County:	Geauga
Location of trail:	LOCATION: 18870 Quinn Rd. Auburn/Bainbridge Townships. Quinn Rd is located off Taylor May Road, which runs between Rt. 306 and Rt. 44. Sign coordinates N 41° 21.415 W 81° 17.395
Directions from nearest main route:	From Cleveland and points east: Travel US-422 E. Exit US-422 at Route 306. Travel south 1.2 miles on Route 306 to Taylor May Road. Turn east on Taylor May Road and travel 2.7 miles to Quinn Road. Turn south on Quinn Road and continue 1.2 miles until it ends in Beartown Lakes Reservation.
Trail Land Manager:	The Geauga Park District, <a href="http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org">www.geaugaparkdistrict.org</a> OHC contact Nora Stanton, 440-564-7926
Trail description:	Whitetail Trail makes an 1.5-mile loop through woodland, meadow, and overlooking wetlands. The trail has gently sloping terrain; groomed surface, this trail does have a small bridge.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Bridle/hike

Trail surface:	The trail surface is gravel topped with Geo-textile fabric
Normal trail condition:	dry normally
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	acceptable in winter and wet weather.
Length of trail:	2 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	The trail can be accessed on the north end of the North Point parking area.  Both Trailhead parking areas are asphalt.
Trailhead horse facilities:	High line
Trailhead human facilities:	picnic tables, shelter house and restrooms with flush toilets
Unique /scenic trail features:	The highlights of this park include a mature beech-maple forest and more than 22 acres of open water.
Trail hazards:	None
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

**BIG CREEK PARK – Creek Trail and Highline Trail**

LOCATION: 9160 Robinson Rd. Chardon Township. Horse trailer parking lot is on Woodin Road between Robinson and North Street/Ravenna Rd. Big Creek Park has many ravines and streams with breathtaking views of the Creek and its valley surrounded by mature forest, wildflowers and wildlife. EASY TRAIL Creek Trail makes a 2.1-mile ride that wanders through woodland between Tupelo Pond and Woodin Road. The trail surface is gravel and is dry normally and acceptable in winter and wet weather. MODERATE TRAIL Highline Trail utilizes .8 miles of power line clearings that run through Big Creek Park. The trail surface is gravel and is dry normally and acceptable in winter and wet weather, however, east on the Highline Trail it can be muddy and this trail is rocky by the power lines. TRAIL HAZARD If you take the trail down the power lines toward Robinson Road there is a very steep gullied out hill. Trailer parking is available at the Woodin Rd., parking areas. The parking areas are gravel. Restrooms are available.

Name of trail:	<b>BIG CREEK PARK</b> Creek Trail and Highline Trail
County:	Geauga
Location of trail:	9160 Robinson Rd. Chardon Township. Horse trailer parking lot is on Woodin Road between Robinson and North Street/Ravenna Rd. Sign coordinates (bridle trails) N 41° 36.150 W 81° 12.300
Directions from nearest main route:	From Cleveland and points west: Travel I-90 east to Route 44. Travel south 3.2 miles to Clark Road. Turn east onto Clark Road, and travel 2 miles. Turn right onto Robinson Road. Travel 0.8 mile to park entrance.
Trail Land Manager:	The Geauga Park District, <a href="http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org">www.geaugaparkdistrict.org</a> OHC contact Nora Stanton, 440-564-7926
Trail description:	Many ravines and streams with breathtaking views of the Creek and its valley surrounded by mature forest, wildflowers and wildlife. EASY TRAIL Creek Trail makes a 2.1-mile ride that wanders through woodland between Tupelo Pond and

Woodin Road. MODERATE TRAIL

Highline Trail utilizes .8 miles of power line clearings that run through Big Creek Park.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Bridle/hike
Trail surface:	The trail surface is gravel
Normal trail condition:	dry normally
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Acceptable in winter and wet weather.
Length of trail:	3 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Horse trailer parking lot is on Woodin Road between Robinson and North Street/Ravenna Rd. The parking areas are gravel
Trailhead horse facilities:	None
Trailhead human facilities:	Restrooms are available picnic
Unique /scenic trail features:	Most of the park is forested with a rich beech-maple woods carpeted with colorful Wildflowers in spring. Numerous species of songbirds migrate from the tropics to nest in this mature forest.
Trail hazards:	If you take the trail down the power lines toward Robinson Road there is a very steep gullied out hill.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

**HEADWATERS PARK – Buckeye Trail, Maple Bridle Trail**

LOCATION 13365 Old State Rd. Huntsburg/Claridon Townships. Headwaters Park/East Branch Reservoir. Headwaters Park has two entrances one on Rt. 608 between Rt. 87 and Rt. 322 and one entrance on Rt. 322. The reservoir is owned by the City of Akron Water Supply Division and leased by Geauga Park District. All users share the common effort to prevent erosion and water contamination. EASY TRAIL Buckeye Trail is a 2-mile multi-purpose trail shared by horseback riders, hikers, bicyclists, and others. The trail surface is gravel and is dry normally and acceptable in winter and wet weather. During dry weather riders can add variety to their ride traveling the primitive 1.4 mile Maple Bridle Trail west of the Buckeye Trail. Trailer parking is available off Route 608. The parking area is gravel and asphalt. There is a tie rail available also picnic tables, shelter house and restrooms. An overnight picket line is available at Campsite B.

Name of trail: **HEADWATERS PARK**  
Buckeye Trail, Maple Bridle Trail

County: Geauga

Location of trail: 13365 Old State Rd. Huntsburg/Claridon Townships. Headwaters Park/East Branch Reservoir Sign coordinates (Route 608 entrance) N 41° 30.314 W 81° 6.103

Directions from nearest main route: From Cleveland and points west: Travel I-90 E to I-271 S. Exit US-322 E toward Mayfield Hts. Right on Old State Road/OH-608. Park entrance is on east side of road.

Trail Land Manager: The Geauga Park District, [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org) OHC contact Nora Stanton, 440-564-7926

Trail description: Buckeye Trail is a 2-mile multi-purpose trail shared by horseback riders, hikers, bicyclists, and others. The trail surface is gravel and is dry normally and acceptable in winter and wet weather. During dry weather riders can add variety to their ride traveling the primitive 1.4 mile Maple Bridle Trail west of the Buckeye Trail.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Multi-purpose trail shared by horseback riders, hikers, bicyclists, and others.
Trail surface:	The trail surface is gravel
Normal trail condition:	Dry normally
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Acceptable in winter and wet weather.
Length of trail:	3 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use and Overnight camping
Trailhead parking description:	Trailer parking is available off Route 608. The parking area is gravel and asphalt.
Trailhead horse facilities:	There is a tie rail available also picnic tables. An overnight picket line is available at Campsite B
Trailhead human facilities:	Picnic tables, shelter house and restrooms with flush toilets
Unique /scenic trail features:	A beech-maple forest, meadows and evergreen plantations surround the waters of East Branch Reservoir. The land is home to wild turkey, fox, mink, owls, hawks and a wide variety of songbirds. Abundant wildflowers carpet the forest floor each spring.
Trail hazards:	None
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

**SWINE CREEK RESERVATION**- Wagon Trail, Gray Fox Trail, and Meadowlark Trail  
 LOCATION 16004 Hayes Rd. Middlefield/Parkman Townships. Hayes Road is located east of Rt. 528 south of Route 87. There are also two other park entrances on Swine Creek Rd.  
 EASY TRAIL. The Wagon Trail, Gray Fox Trail and Meadowlark Trail provide 2.4 miles of riding through woodlands and meadows. TRAIL HAZARD In the meadow there is an OIL WELL that can start working at any time. When it starts working it can be very noisy and could startle a horse. The Park District has at various times of the year on the Wagon Trail scheduled public wagon rides. Trailer parking is available at the Hayes Rd. entrance by Woods Edge or Lake Side Shelter. The parking areas are asphalt. There is a tie rail available also picnic tables, shelter house for horses and restrooms near all parking lots.

Name of trail: **SWINE CREEK RESERVATION-**  
 Wagon Trail, Gray Fox Trail, and Meadowlark Trail

County: Geauga

Location of trail: 16004 Hayes Rd. Middlefield/Parkman Townships. Hayes Road is located east of Rt. 528 south of Route 87. There are also two other park entrances on Swine Creek Rd.  
 Sign coordinates (main entrance)  
 N 41° 26.262 W 81° 1.314

Directions from nearest main route: From Cleveland and points east: Travel I-480 E to US-422 E. Exit US-422 at OH-528/OH-88. Left onto OH-528. Right on Adams Rd. Left on Bridge Road. Turn south onto Hayes road and travel 1.6 miles to park entrance on the west side of the road.

Trail Land Manager: The Geauga Park District,  
[www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org) OHC contact Nora Stanton, 440-564-7926

Trail description: The Wagon Trail, Gray Fox Trail and Meadowlark Trail provide 2.4 miles of riding through woodlands and meadows.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.): Bridle/hike no bikes



Trail surface:	The trail surface is gravel
Normal trail condition:	good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Muddy in field
Length of trail:	3 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Trailer parking is available at the Hayes Rd. entrance by Woods Edge or Lake Side Shelter. The parking areas are asphalt.
Trailhead horse facilities:	There is a tie rail available, also picnic tables, shelter house for horses, horse and buggy shelter
Trailhead human facilities:	Restrooms near all parking lots.
Unique /scenic trail features:	Forests cover much of the park with many kinds of trees. Small streams divide the woods into upland and lowland, where a rich variety of wild plants and animals can be enjoyed year-round. Thirty-two acres of the park are managed as an operating sugar bush.
Trail hazards:	In the meadow there is an OIL WELL that can start working at any time. When it starts working it can be very noisy and could startle a horse. The Park District has at various times of the year on the Wagon Trail scheduled public wagon rides.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

**THE WEST WOODS PARK** – Pioneer (Bridle) Trail (2.7 mile loop), Affelder Link (1.1mile), Music St. Link (.7mile), Ansel’s Cave Link (.7mile) LOCATION 9465 Kinsman Rd. Newbury/Russell Townships. The Park is on Route 87 (Kinsman Rd.) east of Rt. 306 and west of Auburn Rd.. MODERATE TRAIL The Pioneer Bridle Trail is a 2.7 mile loop, which circles the perimeter of the park with sandstone ledges, mature forests, wetlands and pristine Silver Creek. The other trails radiate from the main loop and a can provide a total of eight miles under hoof. The trail surface is gravel topped with Geo-textile fabric and is dry normally and acceptable in winter and wet weather. The trailer parking is the first driveway on your right. The parking area is asphalt. There is a tie rail available in the parking lot area; also there is a tie rail available on the trail. There is a picnic tables and portable restroom available by the parking lot. There is a Nature Center located in the Park. The picnic shelters located in the park are off limits to horses.

Name of trail: **THE WEST WOODS PARK**  
 Pioneer (Bridle) Trail (2.7 mile loop), Affelder Link (1.1mile), Music St. Link (.7mile), Ansel’s Cave Link (.7mile)

County: Geauga

Location of trail: LOCATION 9465 Kinsman Rd. Newbury/Russell Townships. The Park is on Route 87 (Kinsman Rd.) east of Rt. 306 and west of Auburn Rd.. Sign coordinates (The West Woods) N 41° 27.779 W 81° 18.252

Directions from nearest main route: From Cleveland and points west: From Cleveland and points west: Travel I-271 N to US 422W. Exit 29 Chagrin Blvd. OH -87. Travel Route OH-87 1.9 miles east of Route 306. Park entrance is on the south side of Route 87.

Trail Land Manager: The Geauga Park District, [www.geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org) OHC contact Nora Stanton, 440-564-7926

Trail description: The Pioneer Bridle Trail is a 2.7 mile loop, which circles the perimeter of the park with sandstone ledges, mature forests, wetlands and pristine Silver Creek. The other trails radiate from the main loop and a can provide a total of eight miles under hoof.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Multi-purpose trail shared by horseback riders, hikers, bicyclists, and others.
Trail surface:	The trail surface is gravel topped with Geo-textile fabric.
Normal trail condition:	Dry normally
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Acceptable in winter and wet weather.
Length of trail:	8 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	The trailer parking is the first driveway on your right. The parking area is asphalt.
Trailhead horse facilities:	There is a tie rail available in the parking lot area; also there is a tie rail available on the trail.
Trailhead human facilities:	There are picnic tables and a portable restroom available by the parking lot. There is a Nature Center located in the Park. The picnic shelters located in the park are off limits to horses.
Unique /scenic trail features:	The West Woods features over 900 acres of natural diversity that not only pleases the eye but also provides refuge for a variety of wildlife. Wetlands, mature forests and reclaimed farm fields provide habitat for a great number of plant and animal species. Ansel's Cave is composed of ledges of Sharon conglomerate sandstone.
Trail hazards:	None
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Name of trail:	<b>Holmes County Rails-to-Trails</b>
County:	Holmes-Wayne County
Location of trail:	Fredericksburg to Brinkhaven
Directions from nearest main route:	See Trailhead parking description
Trail Land Manager:	Holmes County Park District 1 Trail Drive, Suite A Millersburg, Ohio 44654 Phone: (330) 674-3353
Trail description:	<b>Fredericksburg to Holmesville Location:</b> Holmes-Wayne County Line to County Road 192 in Holmesville <b>Length:</b> 3.45 Miles
Trail description:	<b>Holmesville to Millersburg Location:</b> County Road 189 in Holmesville to Wal-Mart (south end of Millersburg) <b>Length:</b> 6.67 Miles
Trail description:	<b>Millersburg to Killbuck Location:</b> Wal-Mart (south end of Millersburg) to Railroad Depot in Killbuck <b>Length:</b> 4.72 Miles
Trail description:	<b>Killbuck to Glenmont Location:</b> A section of this trail will utilize County and Township Roads. Railroad Depot in Killbuck to State Route 60; to Township Road 65; To Township Road 64; To Township Road 54 and back onto trail at State Route 520 <b>Current Status:</b> CLOSED construction to begin 2015 <b>Length:</b> 3.85 Miles
Trail description:	<b>Glenmont to Brinkhaven Location:</b> County Road 25 in Glenmont to Holmes-Knox County Line in Brinkhaven <b>Current Status:</b> Open <b>Length:</b> 7.47 Miles

**Current Surface:** Primitive Earthen and Cinder Trail  
**Future development:** *Finely-packed crushed limestone surface for multi-purpose use*

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):

One lane of the trail is biking, roller-blading, walking, running, and wheelchairs, while the adjoining buggy and equestrian trail.

Trail surface:

One lane of the trail is paved with asphalt for biking, roller-blading, walking, running, and wheelchairs, while the adjoining buggy and equestrian trail is paved with "chip and seal" for horse-drawn vehicles and horseback riding. Upon completion of the 29-mile trail, Holmes and Knox county will consist of over 50-miles of uninterrupted trail giving trail goers one of the most unique recreational facilities in the Ohio to Erie Trail System through Ohio's heartland.

Normal trail condition:

Good

Trail condition during winter/wet weather:

Good were paved

Length of trail:

Future total 50 miles

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:

The Holmes County Trail is open from daylight to dusk. Buggy use is permitted from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. unless special arrangements have been made prior to travel with the Holmes County Trail Director. Special-use permits may be obtained for group night rides or special events from the trail director. These events must be approved and planned in advance for notification of local law enforcement agencies. Camping is prohibited along the trail corridor. However, camping may be available in the future as the Holmes County Trail and its facilities continue development.

Trailhead parking

**Federicksburg Elementary School, 160 Clay St.,**

description:	Federicksburg. Gravel parking lot is located next to bridge and pavilion. Restrooms available. Horse and buggy trail access is located on Sterling St.
Trailhead parking description	<b>The Edge Trail Side Grill</b> 7501 SR 83, Holmesville Access road to gravel parking lot is located behind restaurant. Restrooms available at The Edge Trail Side Grill
Trailhead parking description	<b>Millersburg Trail Depot Hipp Station</b> 1 trail drive Parking, rest rooms, pavilion, trail information
Trailhead parking description	<b>Walmart</b> 1640 S. Washington St Millersburg
Trailhead parking description	<b>Killbuck Depot</b> the trail entrance is located next to former train depot on Water St. county Rd. 622. Parking available in downtown Killbuck on Front St. & Main St. Picnic tables and benches located at Trail entrance
Trailhead horse facilities:	A horse watering trough is located on the west side of the trail adjacent to the Millersburg Depot/Hipp Station.
Trailhead human facilities:	Trail restrooms are available at trailheads Millersburg Depot, Millersburg. The Millersburg Depot provides restroom facilities throughout the year and is located in Millersburg off of Clinton and Grant Street adjacent to the Holmes County Trail.
Unique /scenic trail features:	Labeled as the first Trail in the nation to accommodate Amish buggies, the unique and scenic Holmes County Trail now has 15- miles of its 29-mile trail open from Fredericksburg to Killbuck.
Trail hazards:	Buggy and other on trail
Trail rating:	<u>  </u> x <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

# Jefferson County Bridle Trails

Name of trail:	<b>Jefferson Lake State Park</b>
County:	Jefferson
Location of trail:	Accessible from SR 43 – 501 Township Road 261A, Richmond, OH 43944-7832
Directions from nearest main route:	Going south take Rt. 43 out of Canton, thru Carrollton and thru Amsterdam to East Springfield. Entrance to horse camp parking area will be on left on TR 219 before you get to Richmond. Note: the main entrance to the park is a very steep hill and can be hard for large horse trailers to navigate. Use the entrance off Rt. 43 to the horse camp
Trail Land Manager:	Ohio State Parks - For emergency – call 911
Trail description:	The trails are maintained by Jefferson Co. OHC. Most are narrow trails and can be steep in places. The trails are well-marked
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Multi-use (you might see a few hikers but not many)
Trail surface:	Earthen, rocky, lots of organic leafy material
Normal trail condition:	Dry in most areas but can be wet. Look for bypasses around the wet areas.
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Muddy in some areas, relatively dry on slopes
Length of trail:	9 Trails totaling 25 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day use and overnight camping
Trailhead parking description:	Ample parking on grassy area and around gravel circular drive
Trailhead horse facilities:	Hand pump for water. Bring own tie line (plenty of trees), overnight camping allowed (there is a fee),

Trailhead human facilities: picnic tables, fire ring  
Pit toilet, mounting blocks and large shelter that can be used

Unique /scenic trail features: Conifer and old hardwood forests, ravines, creeks, very scenic

Trail hazards: Some creek crossings, creeks and muddy areas

Trail rating:   x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Trail rating:   x   **Challenging** – Steeper hills; unimproved trail surface; deeper water crossings; wider water crossings; boggy areas



## Lake County Bridle Trail

The Lake County Park District has 36 parks throughout the county. Three parks have bridle trails, Girdled Rd. Reservation, Penitentiary Glen Reservation, and Chapin Forest Reservation. As is stated on the web site of Lake Parks: "Portions of two state designated wild and scenic rivers — and many tributaries — flow through and are protected by Lake Metroparks. In addition to protecting watersheds and open space, Lake Metroparks annually provides nearly two-and-a-half million visitors with countless recreational and educational experiences at diverse facilities including an agriculturally themed park, a nature center, a state-of-the-art education and wildlife rehabilitation center, two golf courses, nearly 50 miles of trails including a 4.8-mile paved bike/hike trail, six parks on Lake Erie's shoreline and a cross-country ski center."

Horseback riding, in the three parks, is permitted on designated trails only, indicated by trail signs. These trails are shared by equestrians, hikers, dog walkers; dogs should be on a leash, and bikers. All are responsible for sharing, safety, and other courtesies. Trails range is from easy to moderate. There is no horse overnight camping. During the winter x-country skiing is going on at Chapin and Girdled Reservation, thus once the snow hits the horse trails are closed. You are responsible for your horse at the parks as well as cleaning up after them.

The following is information on the parks:

Web site: [www.lakemetroparks.com/parks](http://www.lakemetroparks.com/parks)

Ranger Headquarters: 11189 Spear Rd.

Concord Twp., OH 44077

440-358-7290 440-639-7275

440-354-3434 report non-emergency incidences

440-440-358-7275 visitor services

Emergency: 911

Lake County Sheriff: 440-350-5500

Lake County Ohio Horseman's Park Liaison - Vince Granito 440-256-8679

## CHAPIN FOREST RESERVATION

LOCATION: 10381 Hobart Rd., Kirtland, OH 44094

This park is open from 8am to 11pm. TRAILS: This reservation is composed of five different horseback riding trail loops which range from easy to moderate. There is a small wooden bridge to cross on one of the loops. The surface of the trails is made up of compacted gravel. Putting all the loops together there are about 6 miles of trail. You will pass through forest areas which consist of beech, oak, wild cherry, and maple trees. You will see many types of birds including a red-shoulder hawk. Parking is off of Hobart Rd. off of Rt.6. Hobart Road is about a mile east of Rt.306. The parking lot is composed of asphalt. The horse trail head on Hobart Rd. has a shelter with picnic tables. There is a primitive bathroom at that trailhead as well as at the other picnic area off of 306. No ties are available for horses, as well as no water.

Name of trail:

**CHAPIN FOREST RESERVATION**

County:

Lake

Location of trail:

10381 Hobart Rd., Kirtland, OH 44094

This park is open from 8am to 11pm.

Lon: 81° 22' 15.494" W

Lat: 41° 35' 19.922" N 7

Directions from nearest main route:

Take I-90 to Rt. 306 south. Go four miles and turn right (west) onto Chardon Road (Rt. 6). Go one mile and turn right (north) onto Hobart Road. Go ½ mile to the park entrance located on the right (east).

Trail Land Manager:

Ranger Headquarters: 11189 Spear Rd.

Concord Twp., OH 4407 440-358-7290

440-639-72 440-354-3434 report non-emergency incidences

440-440-358-7275 visitor services

Lake County Ohio Horseman's Park Liaison - Vince Granito 440-256-8679

Trail description:	This reservation is composed of five different horseback riding trail loops which range from easy to moderate. There is a small wooden bridge to cross on one of the loops. Putting all the loops together there are about 6 miles of trail. You will pass through forest areas which consist of beech, oak, wild cherry, and maple trees. You will see many types of birds including a red-shoulder hawk.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Equestrians, hikers, dog walkers; dogs should be on a leash, and bikers.
Trail surface:	The surface of the trails is made up of compacted gravel.
Normal trail condition:	Little or no water on the trail. Usually dry and hardened
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Can be used in wet weather.
Length of trail:	6 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Parking is off of Hobart Rd. off of Rt.6. Hobart Road is about a mile east of Rt.306. The parking lot is composed of asphalt.
Trailhead horse facilities:	No ties are available for horses, as well as no water.
Trailhead human facilities:	The horse trail head on Hobart Rd. has a shelter with picnic tables. There is a primitive bathroom at that trailhead as well as at the other picnic area
Unique /scenic trail features:	The 390 acres of Chapin Forest Reservation are known for distinctive rock formations and majestic forests. Wander, cross-country ski or snowshoe through nearly six miles of trails by mature woodland trails comprised of beech, maple, oak, tulip and hemlock. Stop by Quarry Pond and walk Lucky Stone Loop Trail.

Trail hazards: None. There is some riding on asphalt

Trail rating:   x   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Trail rating:   x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

## **GIRDLED ROAD RESERVATION**

LOCATION; South Entrance, 12899 Radcliffe Rd., Concord, OH 44077

This park is open from 8am to 11pm. TRAILS; This reservation is composed of one short trail from the parking lot and then two horseback riding loops which range from easy to moderate. There is a large, steep hill on the Oak Leaf Loop Trail, but a newer hill which winds nicely up and down has been added on this loop. The surface of the trails is made up of compacted gravel. Put all the trails together there are about 6 miles of trail. You will ride through large sections of forest and along the “Big Creek” in which your horse may step into to get a drink. Parking for horses is off a Radcliffe Rd. Radcliffe Rd. is off of Rt. 608. The parking lot is composed of asphalt. The horse trail head on Radcliffe Rd. has a shelter with picnic tables. There is a primitive bathroom. There are no ties available for horses, as well as no water.

Name of trail: **GIRDLED ROAD RESERVATION**

County: Lake

Location of trail: South Entrance, 12899 Radcliffe Rd., Concord, OH 44077

This park is open from 8am to 11pm.

Lon: 81° 10' 28.605" W • Lat: 41° 38' 29.009" N

Directions from nearest main route: Take I-90 to Rt. 44 south; proceed 1.6 miles. Turn left (east) onto Girdled Road for 2.5 miles. Turn right (south) onto Concord Hambden Road (Rt. 608); proceed about 2 miles. Turn left (east) onto Radcliffe Road for 0.3 mile. Proceed to Girdled

Trail Land Manager:	Road Reservation, located on the left (north). Ranger Headquarters: 11189 Spear Rd. Concord Twp., OH 4407 440-358-7290 440-639-72 440-354-3434 report non-emergency incidences 440-440-358-7275 visitor services Lake County Ohio Horseman’s Park Liaison - Vince Granito 440-256-8679
Trail description:	This reservation is composed of one short trail from the parking lot and then two horseback riding loops which range from easy to moderate. There is a large, steep hill on the Oak Leaf Loop Trail, but a newer hill which winds nicely up and down has been added on this loop. The surface of the trails is made up of compacted gravel. Put all the trails together there are about 6 miles of trail. You will ride through large sections of forest and along the “Big Creek” in which your horse may step into to get a drink.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Equestrians, hikers, dog walkers; dogs should be on a leash, and bikers.
Trail surface:	The surface of the trails is made up of compacted gravel.
Normal trail condition:	Very good. trails are kept clear
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	good
Length of trail:	6 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Parking for horses is off a Radcliffe Rd. Radcliffe Rd. is off of Rt. 608. The parking lot is composed of asphalt.

Trailhead horse facilities: No ties are available for horses, as well as no water.

Trailhead human facilities: The horse trail head on Radcliffe Rd. has a shelter with picnic tables. There is a primitive bathroom

Unique /scenic trail features: Within the 932 acres of Girdled Rd Reservation a visitor can experience many different habitats - dense forest, fields & wetlands. Audubon Ohio has designated this park as an important bird area. The Buckeye Trail runs thru the reservation and is marked with Blue Blazes

Trail hazards: none

Trail rating:   x   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Trail rating:   x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Other: During the winter x-country skiing is going on, thus once the snow hits the horse trails are closed. You are responsible for your horse at the parks as well as cleaning up after them.

## **PENITENTIARY GLEN RESERVATION**

LOCATION; 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland, OH 44094

This park is open from 6am to 11am TRAILS: This reservation is composed of two horse trails and two horse trail loops which range from easy to moderate. The Bridle Trail can be quite challenging with uneven surfaces, a steep hill and a creek crossing without a bridge. The surface of the trails is made up of gravel, dirt, and asphalt. Put all the trails together there are about 7 miles of trail. You will ride through fields, forest, and meadows with large wetlands and ponds that attract many types of birds. There are some small creek crossings which your horse can get a drink. The entrance for Penitentiary Glen is off of Kirtland-Chardon Rd. just east of Booth Rd. As you enter the park you should make a direct left and park on the grass. The horse trail head at P.G. has a shelter with picnic tables. The nature center has accessible restrooms as well as a public phone. There are no ties available for horses, as well as no water.

Name of trail:	<b>PENITENTIARY GLEN RESERVATION</b>
County:	Lake
Location of trail:	8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland, OH 44094 This park is open from 6am to 11am Lon: 81° 19' 50.292" W Lat: 41° 36' 44.673" N
Directions from nearest main route:	Take I-90 to Rt 306 south. Proceed 1 mile. Turn left onto Rt 615. Turn right (east) onto Kirtland/Chardon Rd - 2 miles - park is located on the right (south).
Trail Land Manager:	Ranger Headquarters: 11189 Spear Rd. Concord Twp., OH 4407 440-358-7290 440-639-72 440-354-3434 report non-emergency incidences 440-440-358-7275 visitor services Lake County Ohio Horseman's Park Liaison - Vince Granito 440-256-8679
Trail description:	This reservation is composed of two horse trails and two horse trail loops which range from easy to moderate. The Bridle Trail can be quite challenging

with uneven surfaces, a steep hill and a creek crossing without a bridge. The surface of the trails is made up of gravel, dirt, and asphalt. Put all the trails together there are about 7 miles of trail. You will ride through fields, forest, and meadows with large wetlands and ponds that attract many types of birds. There are some small creek crossings which your horse can get a drink.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Equestrians, hikers, dog walkers; dogs should be on a leash, and bikers.
Trail surface:	The surface of the trails is made up of compacted gravel.
Normal trail condition:	Very good. trails are kept clear
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Snow & mud covered
Length of trail:	7 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	The entrance for Penitentiary Glen is off of Kirtland-Chardon Rd. just east of Booth Rd. As you enter the park you should make a direct left and park on the grass.
Trailhead horse facilities:	No ties are available for horses, as well as no water.
Trailhead human facilities:	The horse trail head at P.G. has a shelter with picnic tables. The nature center has accessible restrooms as well as a public phone.
Unique /scenic trail features:	424 acres of forest, fields, and wetlands. The park is named for the deep gorge that divides it, which is easy to get into and difficult to get out of. Designated by ODNR as a "watchable wildlife" site.



Trail hazards: none

Trail rating:   x   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Trail rating:   x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Other                    You are responsible for your horse at the parks as well as cleaning up after them.

## Lorain County

Name of trail:	<b>Carlisle Equestrian Trails</b>
County:	Lorain
Location of trail:	Carlisle Equestrian Area, a bit further southwest of Visitors Center, on 12882 Diagonal Road LaGrange, Ohio 44050
Directions from nearest main route:	Off St. Rt. 301, turn west on Nickel Plate-Diagonal Rd (Carlisle Township Fire Dept on corner), and drive 2.3 miles (road curves) to entrance of Carlisle Equestrian Area, on west side of road.
Trail Land Manager:	Rick Ternes (440) 458-4332; emergency (440) 458-5121
Trail description:	The Equestrian Area is a multi-use area complete with outdoor arena, stands and judge's stand. The trail system consists of different loops and destinations: wetland area, visitors center, and duck pond. There is approximately 14 miles of groomed trail, with bridges at water crossings, which are the west branch of the Black River. There is a variety of natural habitat, including wetland, field, scrub/shrub, prairie, and forest.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Multi-use, bridle/walkers/runners/ occasionally children on bikes
Trail surface:	Groomed crushed limestone
Normal trail condition:	Very good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Very good, bridges may be slippery
Length of trail:	Involves different loops and trails, maximum is 14 miles

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day
Trailhead parking description:	Very large asphalt area, generally patron's park trailers on grass, keeping trucks on pavement. During dry summer/fall season, more rigs can be parked on grassy area surrounding the lot
Trailhead horse facilities:	Water available during summer season and early fall
Trailhead human facilities:	Flush toilet restroom open all year; picnic pavilion nearby, other tables near arena area
Unique /scenic trail features:	Trail views of the Black River, abundant wildlife along trail and wetland/duck pond areas
Trail hazards:	none, except for bridges occasionally getting slippery during icy conditions
Trail rating:	<u>X</u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings
Other	Twice a week horse carts can be on trails
Name of trail:	<b>Charlemont</b>
County:	Lorain
Location of trail:	Located on New London Eastern Rd., gravel parking lot is on south side of road, one mile west of Clare Mar Lakes Campground, just east of Quarry Rd. Park is actually on both sides of road, largest part is north side of road.
Directions from nearest main route:	7 miles south of Wellington, off St. Rt. 58, 2.5 miles west on New London Eastern Rd.
Trail Land Manager:	Becky Bode (440) 647-2509; emergency (440) 458-5121 Trails maintained by Lorain County Chapter of OH Horsemen's Council

Trail description:	The natural habitat at Charlemont includes meadows and fields, forest, and some wetland areas. There are many creek crossings, over the Buck and Charlemont Creeks, two headwater creeks flowing roughly south to north. Also along the trail, there are seven ponds, ranging from half acre to 2.1 acres. The trail runs from level to rolling through fields, and winds up and down hilly to short steep slopes through forested areas, along with a section of trail that was part of the old Ramsey Railroad bed that operated from 1914-1925.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Mostly used by bridle, some hikers
Trail surface:	Earthen, lots of organic leafy material.
Normal trail condition:	Dry in most areas with some small boggy areas.
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Wet: more areas of mud, wooded hills may be somewhat slippery but well drained; winter: subzero all is frozen, depending on length of freeze, includes creeks.
Length of trail:	7 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day use
Trailhead parking description:	Small gravel lot can accommodate small and large rigs.
Trailhead horse facilities:	Mounting stone
Trailhead human facilities:	One picnic table and garbage can; no facilities.
Unique /scenic trail features:	Very scenic, teeming with wildlife, ponds, hardwood forest, ravines, creeks and part of an old railroad bed. Spring wildflowers exceptional.

Historical Cemetery nearby, horses not permitted inside cemetery.

Trail hazards: Crosses road twice, with fast moving vehicles. Some muskrat/groundhog holes, especially near ponds.

Trail rating: X **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Name of trail: **Kipton Reservation**

County: Lorain

Location of trail: A small gravel parking lot is on the west side of St.Rt.511, just south of St.Rt.20

Directions from nearest main route: A small gravel parking lot is on the west side of St.Rt.511, just south of St.Rt.20

Trail Land Manager: Rick Ternes (440) 458-4332 or emergency (440) 458-5121 Trails are maintained by Erie and Lorain County Chapters of OHC Horsemens Council

Trail description: Primitive trail winding through forested area that loops around old Kipton Reservoir

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.): Mostly used by bridle, some hikers

Trail surface: Earthen with leafy organic material, with two easy creek crossings

Normal trail condition: Mostly dry, some small muddy stretches

Trail condition during winter/wet weather: Wet times can be muddier; frozen when subzero

Length of trail: 3 mile outer loop, with shorter crisscrossing trails

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both: Day

Trailhead parking description: Small gravel lot, adequate for larger rigs to pull thru

Trailhead horse facilities: None

Trailhead human facilities: No facilities; picnic shelter with table

Unique /scenic trail features: Beautiful wildflowers in spring; nice woodland trail

Trail hazards: None

Trail rating:   x   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Name of trail: **Wellington Reservation**

County: Lorain

Location of trail: 535 Jones Rd., Wellington, OH 44090

Directions from nearest main route: Take St. Rt.58 just south of city of Wellington, turn west on Jones Rd. Driveway will be on your left, pull in passing buildings to rear parking lot for horse rigs

Trail Land Manager: Becky Bode (440) 647-2509; emergency (440) 458-5121

Trail description: Combination of 4 miles of groomed and primitive trails; winds through grassland fields and wetland habitats, with some sections of wooded areas. Horses are not allowed on asphalt trail.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.): Multi-use bridle/hikers/walkers/ bikers

Trail surface: Groomed is graded crushed limestone, primitive is

	irregular trail surface, earthen
Normal trail condition:	Mostly dry
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Groomed is excellent, woodland trail areas can be muddy; frozen when subzero
Length of trail:	Approximately 4 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day
Trailhead parking description:	Very large gravel parking lot in back area
Trailhead horse facilities:	Primitive, no water or high lines. Mounting stone
Trailhead human facilities:	Restrooms available with short walk to Visitors Center picnic table
Unique /scenic trail features:	Large grassland prairie fields with groomed trail winding around and through it, with an observation mound to view wildlife and 21 acre lake nearby
Trail hazards:	None except for occasional tree roots in wooded area
Trail rating:	<u>  X  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

## Medina county trails

Name of trail:	<b>Allardale</b>
County:	Medina
Location of trail:	Park entrance - 401 Remsen Road The Lodge at Allardale - 141 Remsen Road Medina, OH 44256 (Granger Township) Located about .75-miles west of Medina Line Road GPS Coordinates North: N 41 11' 18.522 West: W 081 42' 00.270
Directions from nearest main route:	Located about .75-miles west of Medina Line Road
Trail Land Manager:	Jim Spetz 330- 722-9375
Trail description:	Mainly mowed paths through approximately 200 acres of open fields. There's also an approx. 1 mile gravel oil road.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Bridle trails & hiking
Trail surface:	Mainly mowed grass trails & an approx. 1 mile gravel oil road.
Normal trail condition:	Natural, mainly grass
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Probably too wet in winter & spring, except for gravel oil road.
Length of trail:	There are @3.6 miles of trails Covers approx. 200 acres
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day use



Trailhead parking description:	Gravel parking, probably can park 20-30 trailers
Trailhead horse facilities:	None
Trailhead human facilities:	Port-a-potty
Unique /scenic trail features:	Small wooded areas, a pond, many jumps – for pony club use only
Trail hazards:	None
Trail rating:	<u>  X  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings
Other	There are many jumps throughout the acreage, for pony club use only – not for the general public

## Hinckley Reservation

The largest equestrian trail system in Medina County is at Hinckley reservation which is operated by the Cleveland Metroparks. Hinckley’s description is under Cuyahoga county descriptions.

Name of trail:	<b>Letha House Park</b>
County:	Great Horned Owl bridle trail (white) Medina
Location of trail:	5745 Richman Road - Park Chatham Township, OH 44256 North: N 41 06' 54.378 West: W 082 03' 28.050

Directions from nearest main route:	Take SR 162 4 miles east of Spencer to Richman Rd. go Left (north) it'll dead end into Spencer Lake Rd. Go left (west) on Spencer Lake Rd. for approx. ¼ mile. Go right(north) on Richman Rd. for approx. ¼ mile ( go past park sign). Horse trailer parking & bridle trail is on the right.
Trail Land Manager:	Jim Spetz 330-722-9375
Trail description:	Trail goes out to a loop that is between 2 wetland areas, flat.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	bridle/hike
Trail surface:	Mainly grass some gravel area near parking lot
Normal trail condition:	Wide trail, not single track ,good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Can be muddy
Length of trail:	1.6 miles more to be added spring 2014
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Gravel area for several trailers
Trailhead horse facilities:	None
Trailhead human facilities:	Picnic table, pavilion, restrooms across street
Unique /scenic trail features:	The wooded nature trail winds though a mature forest and features a large stand of Paw-Paw trees. The trail passes the Little Sweetly Creek
Trail hazards:	None

Trail rating:

  X   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain;  
consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface;  
shallow or no water crossings

Other

An observatory located on this site is operated by the Cuyahoga Astronomical Association. The dark skies of Letha House Park provide excellent conditions for viewing the heavens in all seasons.

# Portage County Bridle Trails

Name of trail:	<b>West Branch</b>
County:	Portage
Location of trail:	West Branch State Park, <a href="http://www.ohiostateparks.org">www.ohiostateparks.org</a>
Directions from nearest main route:	Located off of Rocksprings Rd. Rocksprings Rd. runs North and South between SR 5 and SR 18. East of the city of Ravenna
Trail Land Manager:	West Branch State Park 330-296-3239 Portage County Sheriff 330-296-5100
Trail description:	The trails at West Branch are moderate to challenging depending on the time of year and weather conditions. They can be anywhere from 30% - 100% muddy throughout the year. Because of the clay base, some hills become very slick with the least bit of moisture. All the trails have some mud holes on them even at the driest times. Some trails go through boggy areas that are not recommended during wet weather. Trails at this time are poorly marked which we hope to take care of this year. Some trails run along an active railroad line with trains going by about every 20 – 30 minutes. Although the trails on the west side of Rocksprings Rd. are open to hunting, we have never had a problem with any hunters. The scenery is a combination of open fields, hardwood/conifer forest and swamps.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	bridle/hiking
Trail surface:	Clay
Normal trail condition:	Dry hard base with some wet spots

Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Deep mud, some trails are not passable
Length of trail:	20 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use: Overnight camping: Camping is by reservation only. Camping is open from May through October. A lottery is held in March for camping dates. Contact the Park for more information regarding this. Please note: You can call the park anytime you would like to camp to see if any sites are available. Not all sites or dates are filled by the lottery.
Trailhead parking description:	Gravel lot off the main camp road. The parking lot is a gravel lot. It is big enough to turn around a rig, but if it partially full you may have to back your rig in or out.
Trailhead horse facilities:	None
Trailhead human facilities:	One port-a-john and dumpster May thru October. Picnic tables and mounting block.
Unique /scenic trail features:	
Trail hazards:	Boggy/swampy areas. Trails west of Rocksprings Road is open to hunting year round. Some trails run next to active railroad.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Moderate</b> – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Challenging</b> – Steeper hills; unimproved trail surface; deeper water crossings; wider water crossings; boggy areas
Other	NO LOOSE DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON THE TRAILS

## Summit County

Name of trail:	<b>Bath Nature Preserve</b>
County:	Summit
Location of trail:	4160 Ira Rd. Bath Township
Directions from nearest main route:	Take Cleveland Massillon Rd south of Everett rd. until you get to Ira rd. take Ira Rd. west to park
Trail Land Manager:	330-666-4007 <a href="http://www.bathtownship.org">www.bathtownship.org</a>
Trail description:	The diverse habitat and physical features range from open fields of grassland/old-field habitat to old growth forests and wetlands, which include a tamarack bog, ponds and two creeks.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Equestrian and hiking only
Trail surface:	Chip and seal
Normal trail condition:	Good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Good
Length of trail:	3 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Off of Ira
Trailhead horse facilities:	Hitching post,
Trailhead human facilities:	Port a jon

Unique /scenic trail features: The Bath Nature Preserve is a 410-acre parcel, which was formerly part of the Raymond Firestone Estate where the “Beagle Pack” Foxhunt was conducted for many years.

Trail hazards: None

Trail rating:   X   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Other: Part of the route is through private property and riders are asked to be especially courteous.

**Cuyahoga Valley National Park Trail System** is maintained and evaluated by Medina County OHC

Name of trail: **Cuyahoga Valley National Park  
Trail System  
Wetmore Trailhead**

County: Summit

Location of trail: Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Peninsula, Ohio

Directions from nearest main route: Wetmore Trailhead on Wetmore Road off Akron Peninsula Road South of Route 303 between I-271 and Route 8, Peninsula, Ohio

Trail Land Manager: US National Park Service, [www.nps.gov/cuva/](http://www.nps.gov/cuva/)

Trail description:	Hills, streams, ravines, ridges, sand & gravel, clay, wooded. <b>Wetmore area @ 9 miles</b> includes Wetmore, Langes Run, Dickerson Run, table top and Butler Trails <b>Riding Run area @ 7 mile</b> Riding Run and Perkins trail that leaves from Everett Road Covered Bridge. <b>Valley trail</b> connects Riding Run to Wetmore and continues north to Peninsula, Boston, and on to Cuyahoga Metroparks Brecksville Reservation.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Horse/hike
Trail surface:	Clay, gravel
Normal trail condition:	Mostly dry with chronic wet areas
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Muddy, very slippery when frozen
Length of trail:	30 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only, Overnight camping in area with special permission contact Medina OHC for details
Trailhead parking description medium:	<b>Wetmore</b> Wetmore Rd. gravel, <b>Covered Bridge</b> Everett Rd. gravel
Trailhead parking description small:	<b>Boston</b> Near Boston Store, gravel <b>Pine Lane</b> near 303 off the road parking
Trailhead horse facilities:	Wetmore: tie post by port a john and at opposite end of lot, picket lines by picnic area
Trailhead human facilities:	Wetmore: Port a pot, large loading stone, picnic table



Unique /scenic trail features: Streams, vista views, ravines

Trail hazards: Some mud, tree roots, slippery if very wet or frozen

Trail rating:    **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Other: Riding Run and Perkins has hunting

Name of trail: **Silver Creek**

County: Summit

Location of trail: Off Hametown Rd., west of State Rt.21 and north of State Rt. 585, in Norton

Directions from nearest main route: From I-76 / US Rt.224:Travel west to State Rt. 21 and go south. Take State Rt. 21 south approx. 3 mi. to State Rt. 585.Take State Rt. 585 south and immediately exit at Hametown Rd. Turn left (north) on Hametown Rd. and travel 1/2 mi. to the park entrance on the left.

Trail Land Manager: [www.summitmetroparks.org](http://www.summitmetroparks.org)

Trail description: Silver Creek Metro Park an attractive venue that features water recreation, horseback riding and a touch of local history.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.): Bridle/hike

Trail surface: Grass and dirt

Normal trail condition: Dry

Trail condition during winter/wet weather: Muddy in spring

Length of trail:	7 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use Only
Trailhead parking description:	Near boat house
Trailhead horse facilities:	Mounting block tie racks
Trailhead human facilities:	Port a jon
Unique /scenic trail features:	This park was created in 1966 from land that was originally part of the Harter Family Dairy Farm. History lovers can examine the Harter family barn, parts of which date back to the Civil War era.
Trail hazards:	Road crossing
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings
Other	Part of the route is through private property and riders are asked to be especially courteous.

## Stark County Bridle Trails

Name of trail:	<b>Quail Hollow State Park</b>
County:	Stark
Location of trail: Directions from nearest main route:	13480 Congress Lake Rd NE in Hartville, Ohio From Rt. 619 east of Rt. 43 in Hartville take Prospect (at traffic light) north (turns into Congress Lake Rd) to Park. Can also access off of Rt. 224 east of Rt. 43 going south on Pontius following signs.
Trail Land Manager:	Quail Hollow State Park – 330-877-6652, <a href="http://www.ohiostateparks.org">www.ohiostateparks.org</a> Emergency phone numbers: 911 or Hartville Fire Dept. 330-877-9328 or Sheriff 330-430-3800
Trail description:	Most trails are wide, mowed, and flat
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	In some areas, the trails are shared by hikers and bicyclists – most of the bridle trails are separate for horses only.
Trail surface:	Good in most places - groomed
Normal trail condition:	Good
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Some areas are in “muck” so might be muddy
Length of trail:	About 7 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Area for horse trailers in parking area – possibly 4 to 5

Trailhead horse facilities: Parking – hitching posts and mounting blocks

Trailhead human facilities: Portable toilet, picnic area

Unique /scenic trail features: Trail winds thru pine trees, wooded area and open meadows

Trail hazards: Stay on trail in swampy areas

Trail rating:   x   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Name of trail: **Tri-Co Horse Trails**

County: Stark

Location of trail: East Sparta, Ohio

Directions from nearest main route: I-77 to Exit 99 at Fohl Road, go east about 1 mile to Dueber Ave. SW, turn south for 4 miles to Downing St. SW, turn east to horse camp on right (about ¼ mile)

Trail Land Manager: Trail Master 330-879-9707, Tri-County Horseman’s Association, Emergency Phone Numbers: 911 or Pike Township Fire 330-866-9211 or Sheriff 330-430-3800

Trail description: Trails cross roads, creeks, and private property. Many trails on Muskingum Watershed property – swampy areas – can be muddy in wet weather

Trail 1:	<b>Orange</b> – goes north passing Cricket Valley Rodeo area and Springwood Valley Golf Course where there are hitching posts and you are welcome at the Club House to purchase food and drinks.
Trail 2:	<b>Blue</b> – goes north with orange trail and then divides off and goes east into the town of East Sparta. Hitching posts are located at the Town Pump Tavern where meals can be purchased.
Trail 3:	<b>Red</b> – goes west and south to Bolivar where there are plenty of eating-places. Hitching posts are at the McDonalds (must follow part of the green trail to get to McDonalds.)
Trail 4:	<b>Green</b> – this scenic trail goes off the red trail into Bolivar, across Rt. 212 at the Golf Course and NTR Canoe Livery following I-77 where you then get on the Towpath Trail (Ohio to Erie Canal) that will take you into Zoar. You can also continue past Zoar on the Towpath to Rt. 800 in Zoarville and to Camp Tuscazoar (the old Boy Scout Camp) where there are horse trails available to ride. At Camp Tuscazoar they ask you to sign in so they know you are there.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Mostly bridle
Trail surface:	dirt – rocky – can be muddy in wet weather – some hills & woods
Normal trail condition:	some areas are wet and muddy
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	very muddy

Length of trail: 4 different trail loops that are about 12-15 miles each

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both: Day Use Only and Overnight camping

Trailhead parking description: Great, plenty of parking around circular drive on about 5 or more acres.

Trailhead horse facilities: Overnight camping available (\$5 donation for non-members), water, and picket lines

Trailhead human facilities: Water, outhouses, shelter and kitchen facilities

Unique /scenic trail features: Eating places on each of the 4 trails in the towns. Green trail takes you on the towpath into Zoar, Ohio

Trail hazards: Some areas are in the swamp – must stay on the trail.

Trail rating: X **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

X **Challenging** – Steeper hills; unimproved trail surface; deeper water crossings; wider water crossings; boggy areas

Name of trail: **Congressman Ralph Regula Towpath Trail**

County: Stark

Location of trail: Western part of Stark County – Canal Fulton/Massillon/Navarre

Directions from nearest main route:	Several trailheads off of Rt. 21
Trail Land Manager:	Stark County Park District, Emergency Phone Numbers: 911 or Stark County Park District 330-477-3552, <a href="http://www.canalwayohio.com">www.canalwayohio.com</a>
Trail description:	Limestone wide path on Towpath
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Multi-use, hikers, walkers, bicyclists, horses
Trail surface:	Limestone
Normal trail condition:	Excellent
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Excellent
Length of trail:	About 25 miles going from Summit County towards Tuscarawas County
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Several parking areas for horse trailers along route
Trailhead horse facilities:	None
Trailhead human facilities:	Portable toilets
Unique /scenic trail features:	Historical route of Ohio-to-Erie Canal
Trail hazards:	Bicyclists! Road crossings.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Other Horses are not permitted on section of trail in Massillon. Just north of Massillon you can pick up the “leg” of another trail going towards Dalton.  
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Name of trail: **Walborn Reservoir**

County: Stark

Location of trail: 11324 Price St NW, Alliance, OH 44601 Phone: 330-935-0367

Directions from nearest main route: From I-77 take Rt. 62 east of Canton, take Rt. 44 north

Trail Land Manager: Stark County Park District, Emergency Phone Numbers: 911 or Stark County Park District 330-477-3552, [www.canalwayohio.com](http://www.canalwayohio.com)

Trail description: Trail riders and hikers will enjoy the quiet, rugged trails through pine woods, brush lands around the dam, and oak and hickory forests. May apple and trillium provide a backdrop, where trail users may spot white-tailed deer, wild turkey, osprey, bald eagles, and migratory waterfowl.

Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.): The trails are shared but 3.02 miles is marked for equestrians.

Trail surface: Mostly grass/compact soil

Normal trail condition: Good – can be muddy in wet weather

Trail condition during winter/wet weather: Can be muddy

Length of trail: 4.72 miles

Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both: Day Use



Trailhead parking description: Nice separate parking area for horse trailers

Trailhead horse facilities: Tie Rails

Trailhead human facilities: Picnic tables, port-a-jon

Unique /scenic trail features: Scenic with views of the lake and wooded area

Trail hazards: None.

Trail rating:   x   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Trail rating:   x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

Name of trail: **Whitacre Greer Park**

County: Stark

Location of trail: Between Magnolia and Waynesburg – 4290 Irish Rd NW, Waynesburg, OH 44688

Directions from nearest main route: From I-77 take the Cleveland Avenue/Rt. 800 exit (Exit 103) turn south onto Rt. 800 and east onto Rt 183 to Magnolia and turn north on Main St. (following Rt. 183 signage) veer right. Turn south on Gerdanville Rd. The park will be on the left.

Trail Land Manager: Stark County Park District, Emergency Phone Numbers: 911 or Stark County Park District 330-477-3552, [www.canalwayohio.com](http://www.canalwayohio.com)

Trail description:	The 2,000 acre Whitacre Greer Park is reserved at this time for horseback riding only. Stark and Carroll County Chapters of OHC plus the Tri-County Trail Assn are assisting Stark Parks in trail development. Currently only one section is opened for trail riding. Plans are to develop more in 2014.
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Currently the trails are for horseback riding only. The new section being developed in 2014 will be multi-use.
Trail surface:	Mostly grass/compact soil
Normal trail condition:	Good – can be muddy in wet weather
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Can be muddy
Length of trail:	Length of trail: Colby Trail – 3.30 miles East Pine Valley Trail - .74 mile Hawthorne Trail - .40 mile Horseshoe Trail – 1.45 miles
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day Use
Trailhead parking description:	Long gravel circular drive with plenty of parking
Trailhead horse facilities:	Tie Rails
Trailhead human facilities:	Picnic tables, port-a-jon
Unique /scenic trail features:	Scenic with views of ponds
Trail hazards:	None.
Trail rating:	<u>  x  </u> <b>Easy</b> – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Trail rating:

  x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

# Trumbull County Bridle Trails

Name of trail:	<b>Mosquito Lake Bridle Trails</b>
County:	Trumbull
Location of trail:	Accessible from Bazetta Rd
Directions from nearest main route:	From Rt. 11 go West on Rt. 305 (Approx. 4 miles) straight through intersection with St Rt. 46, then through intersection with St Rt. 5; at the T intersection past the St Rt. 5 intersection you will turn left staying on St Rt. 305 briefly to a right turn ; you will cross dam, Pass the sign for the main entrance to the Park and next red light is Bazetta Rd aka (Hoagland Blackstub Rd) turn right (north) and approx. 2mi on right... Sign out front
Trail Land Manager:	Trumbull Horse Council
Trail description:	Single path, flat trails, no real hills, trails are generally well maintained, 95% in woods, mostly runs along Lake, a few small creek crossings
Type of trail (multi-use, bridle/hike, etc.):	Horse with occasional hiker
Trail surface:	Clay, some crumbled shale, lots of organic leafy material
Normal trail condition:	Dry in most areas
Trail condition during winter/wet weather:	Muddy in most areas, though not deep mud
Length of trail:	10 miles several trails looping in and out to lake and back to main trail
Day Use Only, Overnight camping or both:	Day use
Trailhead parking description:	Parking on gravel lot and grassy area

Trailhead horse facilities: 30 ft. high line to tie to

Trailhead human facilities: None

Unique /scenic trail features: Walking along the lake, spotting ducks, Canadian geese and an occasional deer

Trail hazards: None, just be careful of deep mud at the edge of the lake

Trail rating:   x   **Easy** – Level or gently sloping terrain; consistent groomed surface; wide trail surface; shallow or no water crossings

Trail rating:   x   **Moderate** – Rolling to hilly terrain; short steeper slopes; water crossings; irregular trail surface; narrower trail surface

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