

CHAPTER 8

LAKE COUNTY

LAKE ERIE | CHAGRIN RIVER* | GRAND RIVER†

* Includes sites in Cuyahoga County and Geauga County

† Includes sites in Ashtabula County, Trumbull County, and Geauga County

LAKE COUNTY LAKESHORE Map 8.1

Lake County is the smallest of Ohio’s 88 counties in terms of land area and the state’s 11th-most populated (fourth-most populated coastal county). Lake County’s 31-mile shore is densely populated east of the Grand River—bordered by the municipalities of Willowick, Eastlake, Lakeline, Timberlake, Willoughby, Mentor-on-the-Lake, and Mentor. To the east, Fairport Harbor, Painesville Township, Perry Township, North Perry, and Madison Township border Lake Erie.

Along much of the Lake County shore, bluffs are composed of glacial till and capped with layers of laminated clay and/or sand. Bluff height generally increases west to east, reaching elevations greater than 50 feet east of Fairport Harbor. Many sites take advantage of the higher relief and offer scenic Lake Erie views. In eastern Lake County, trails and/or stairs navigate bluffs and provide access to beaches. Sites in western Lake County offer limited access to the water. Lower relief occurs where the Chagrin and Grand rivers empty into Lake Erie, as well as at Mentor Harbor and Arcola Creek. Access sites in Fairport Harbor are low-lying and include street-level swimming beaches, boating amenities, and fishing structures. Parts of Lake County boast lengthy stretches of natural beach, including the continuous beach at Headlands Beach State Park and Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve.

Lake County’s lakeshore features 24 publicly accessible parks—totaling 8.3 miles of shore—and includes four swimming beaches, three boat ramps, two fishing piers, and many trails. The statewide looping Buckeye Trail passes through Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Headlands Beach State Park before reaching its northernmost trailhead at Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve.

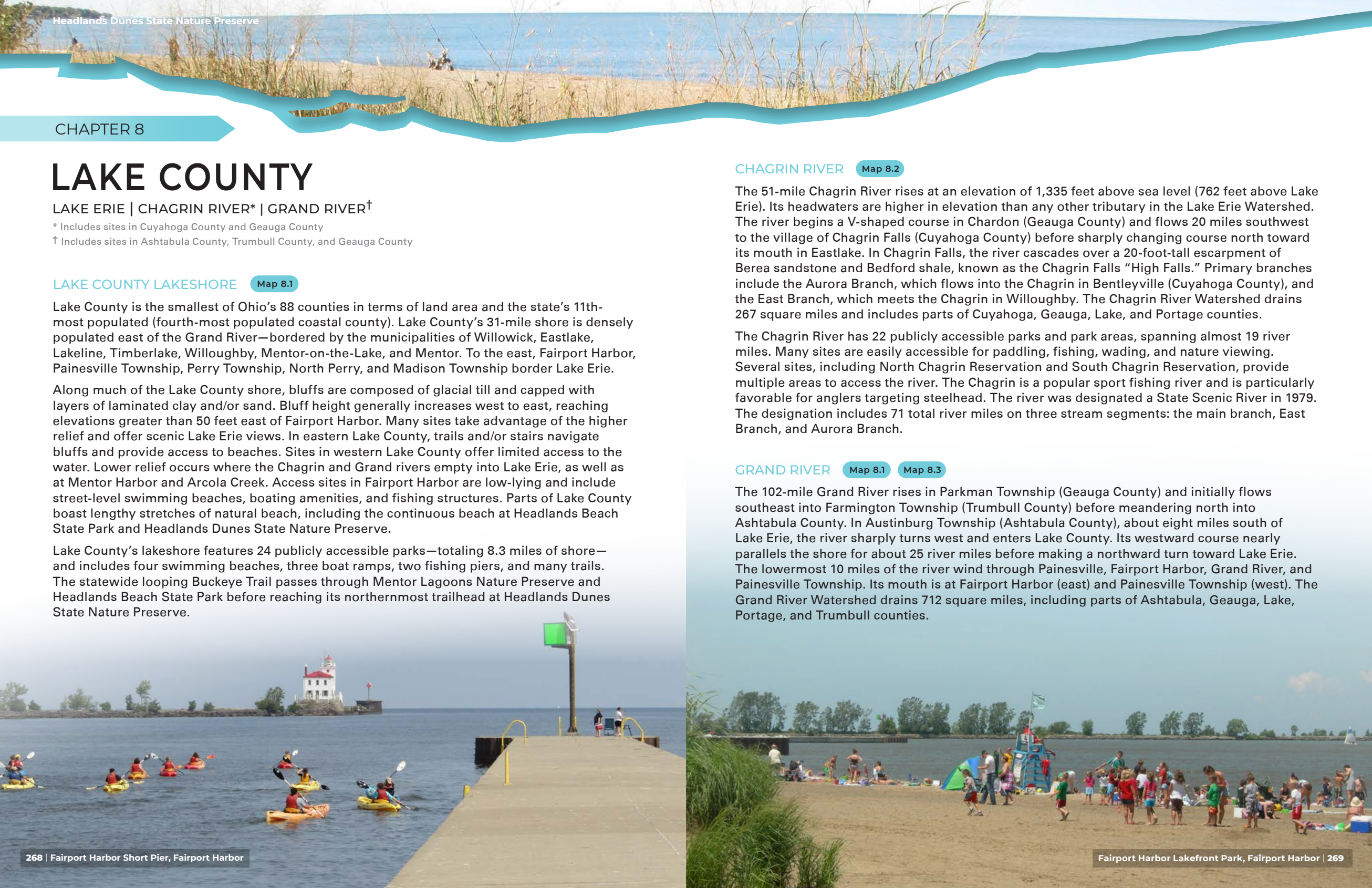
CHAGRIN RIVER Map 8.2

The 51-mile Chagrin River rises at an elevation of 1,335 feet above sea level (762 feet above Lake Erie). Its headwaters are higher in elevation than any other tributary in the Lake Erie Watershed. The river begins a V-shaped course in Chardon (Gauga County) and flows 20 miles southwest to the village of Chagrin Falls (Cuyahoga County) before sharply changing course north toward its mouth in Eastlake. In Chagrin Falls, the river cascades over a 20-foot-tall escarpment of Berea sandstone and Bedford shale, known as the Chagrin Falls “High Falls.” Primary branches include the Aurora Branch, which flows into the Chagrin in Bentleyville (Cuyahoga County), and the East Branch, which meets the Chagrin in Willoughby. The Chagrin River Watershed drains 267 square miles and includes parts of Cuyahoga, Gauga, Lake, and Portage counties.

The Chagrin River has 22 publicly accessible parks and park areas, spanning almost 19 river miles. Many sites are easily accessible for paddling, fishing, wading, and nature viewing. Several sites, including North Chagrin Reservation and South Chagrin Reservation, provide multiple areas to access the river. The Chagrin is a popular sport fishing river and is particularly favorable for anglers targeting steelhead. The river was designated a State Scenic River in 1979. The designation includes 71 total river miles on three stream segments: the main branch, East Branch, and Aurora Branch.

GRAND RIVER Map 8.1 Map 8.3

The 102-mile Grand River rises in Parkman Township (Gauga County) and initially flows southeast into Farmington Township (Trumbull County) before meandering north into Ashtabula County. In Austinburg Township (Ashtabula County), about eight miles south of Lake Erie, the river sharply turns west and enters Lake County. Its westward course nearly parallels the shore for about 25 river miles before making a northward turn toward Lake Erie. The lowermost 10 miles of the river wind through Painesville, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, and Painesville Township. Its mouth is at Fairport Harbor (east) and Painesville Township (west). The Grand River Watershed drains 712 square miles, including parts of Ashtabula, Gauga, Lake, Portage, and Trumbull counties.





Painesville Township Park



Arcola Creek Park

Mentor Marsh—a National Natural Landmark—occupies the former Grand River channel between Mentor Lagoons and Fairport Harbor. The old mouth is located about 4.5 miles west of the current mouth at Fairport Harbor. Erosion from Lake Erie scoured land near present-day Headlands Beach State Park, causing a breach in the river and creating a new outlet. The abandoned river channel gradually transformed into marshland. The 673-acre Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve was dedicated as Ohio’s first state nature preserve in 1971.

The Grand River has 28 publicly accessible parks and park areas, spanning 27.5 river miles. Many sites are easily accessible for paddling, fishing, wading, and nature viewing. Direct boating access to Lake Erie from Grand River Landing and Beaty Landing is limited to smaller watercraft due to low bridge clearances. The transient dock sites in the village of Grand River are accessible from Lake Erie. The Grand features 33 river miles designated as “Scenic” and 23 river miles designated as “Wild.” The river is noted for its steelhead and muskellunge fishing.

COASTAL SITES

LA1	Lakefront Lodge	LA12	Fairport Harbor Port Authority
LA2	Quentin Park		Public Boat Launch
LA3	Willow Beach Park	LA13	Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park
LA4	Sunset Park	LA14	Painesville Township Park
LA5	Osborne Park	LA15	Lake Erie Bluffs
LA6	Overlook Beach Park	LA16	Perry Township Park
LA7	Mentor Beach Park	LA17	North Perry Village Park
LA8	Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Marina	LA18	Lakeshore Reservation
LA8.1	Mentor Lagoons Park	LA19	Bill Stanton Community Park
LA8.2	Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve	LA20	Tuttle Park
LA9	Headlands Beach State Park	LA21	Madison Township Park
LA10	Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve	LA22	Dock Road Access
LA11	Fairport Harbor Short Pier	LA23	Arcola Creek Park
		LA24	County Line Road Access



270 | Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve, Painesville Township

CHAGRIN RIVER SITES

CH1	Erie Road Park
CH2	Borac’s Landing
CH3	Woodland Park
CH4	Chagrin River Park
CH5	Gilson Park
CH6	Todd Field
CH7	Daniels Park
CH8	Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve
CH8	Hach-Otis Sanctuary – John and Carol Lillich Meadows
CH9	Pleasant Valley Park
CH10	North Chagrin Reservation
CH10.1	North Chagrin Reservation – Oxbow Lagoon Field
CH10.2	North Chagrin Reservation – Rogers Meadow
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CH18	River Walk Trail (Cleveland Street trailhead)
CH19	Whitesburg Nature Preserve
CH20	West Geauga Commons
CH21	The Rookery
CH22	Bass Lake Preserve

GRAND RIVER SITES

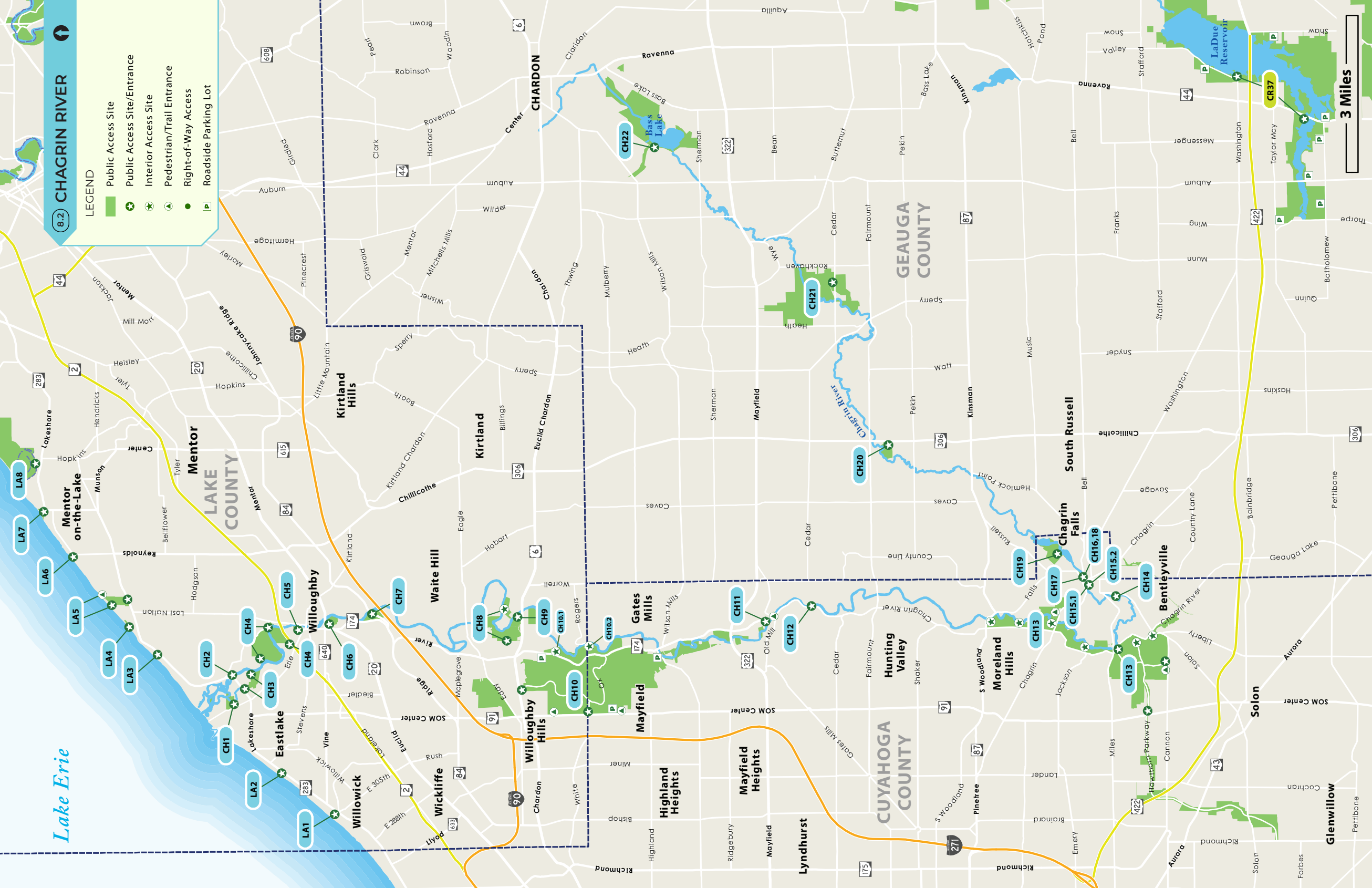
GR1	Robert “Buck” Benson Memorial Docks
GR2	Olive Street Transient Docks
GR3	Bucky Rutherford Memorial Park
GR4	Windjammer Access
GR5	Grand River Landing
GR6	Kiwanis Recreation Park
GR7	Grand River Conservation Area
GR8	Beaty Landing
GR9	Helen Hazen Wyman Park
GR10	Hemlock Ridge Park
GR11	Indian Point Park
GR12	Blair Landing
GR13	Baker Road Park
GR14	Hidden Valley Park
GR15	Riverview Park
GR16	Hogback Ridge Park
GR17	Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark
GR18	Wright Davis Scenic River Lands
GR19	Tote Road Park
GR20	Upper Grand River Metropark
GR21	Morgan Swamp Preserve
GR21.1	Morgan Swamp Preserve – Grand River Conservation Campus
GR22	Grand River Jersey Farm Canoe Access Site
GR23	Ashcroft Woods Conservation Area
GR24	Grand River Wildlife Area – Donley Road Property
GR25	Grand River Wildlife Area – State Route 87 Access
GR26	Grand River Wildlife Area
GR27	Chickagami Park

WATER TRAILS

GR	Grand River Water Trail
MM	Mentor Lagoons Marina Water Trail

- Public Access Site
- Public Access Site/Entrance
- Interior Access Site
- Pedestrian/Trail Entrance
- Right-of-Way Access
- Roadside Parking Lot
- Water Trail

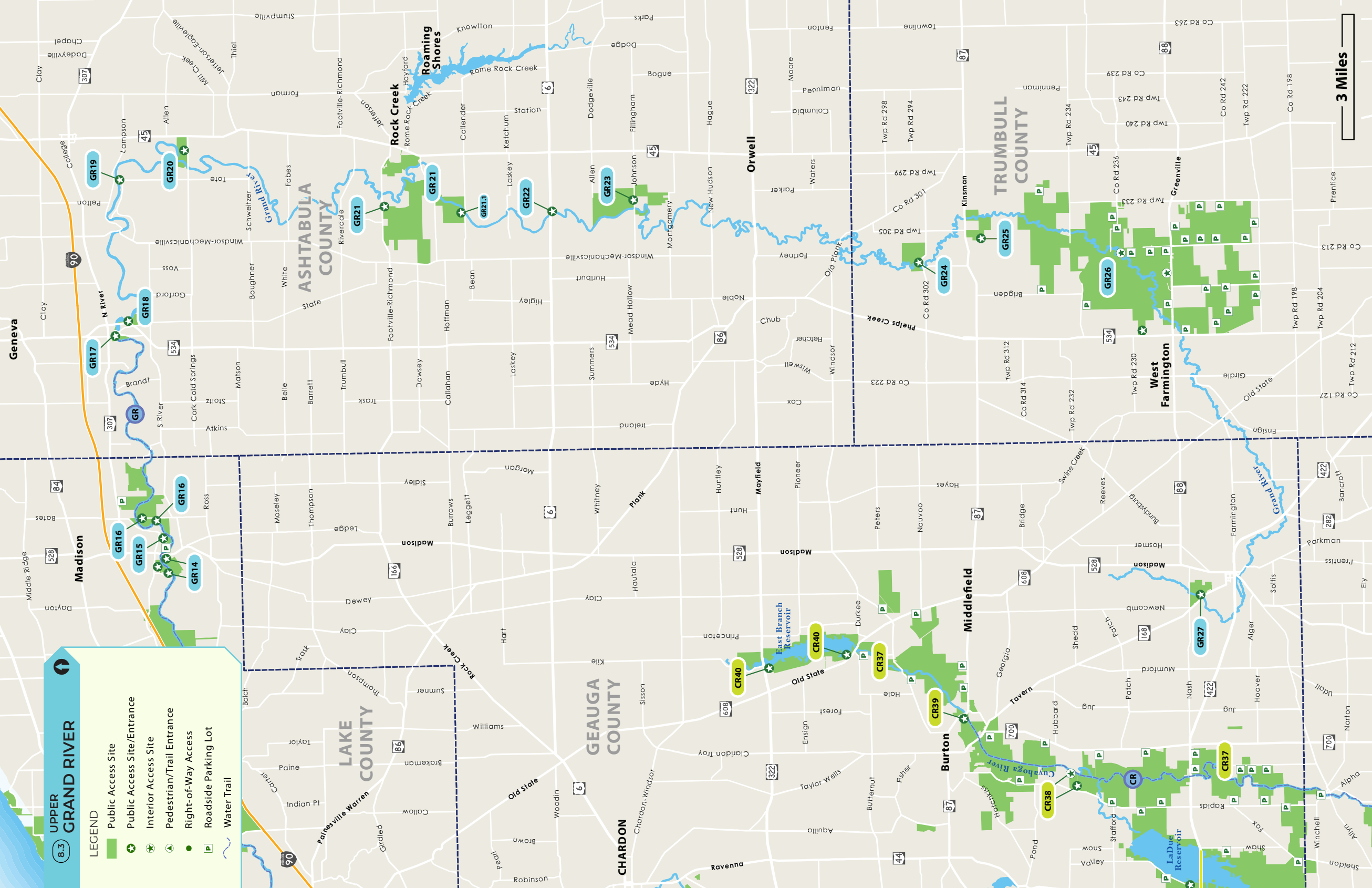




8.3 UPPER GRAND RIVER

LEGEND

- Public Access Site
- Public Access Site/Entrance
- Interior Access Site
- Pedestrian/Trail Entrance
- Right-of-Way Access
- Roadside Parking Lot
- Water Trail





CHAGRIN RIVER

Lake Erie sites continue on Page 290 •



CHAGRIN RIVER

CH4

Chagrin River Park

- East Entrance**
3100 Reeves Road
Willoughby
 - West Entrance**
1000 Rural Drive
Eastlake
 - South Entrance**
37699 Erie Road
Willoughby
- 41.6584, -81.4068 Lake Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 227-acre Chagrin River Park is located in the cities of Eastlake and Willoughby. The park has three entrances: Reeves Road and Erie Road in Willoughby, and at the end of Rural Drive in Eastlake. It features parkland on both sides of the Chagrin River (connected via pedestrian bridge). The park offers nearly three miles of hiking and bicycling trails, including the Brambleside Trail, Riverwood Trail, Song Bird Loop Trail, Woodland Run Trail, Reeves Trail, and Chagrin River Access Trail. Horseback riding is permitted on the 0.9-mile Riverwood Trail. Additional amenities include picnic areas and shelters, playground, restrooms, trailside scenic overlook areas, paddling access (via Chagrin River Access Trail), and sand volleyball. Fishing is permitted along the riverbank. Most park amenities and facilities are located on the north/east side of the river (accessible from the Reeves Road and Rural Drive entrances).

CH5

Gilson Park

- 38125 Erie Road**
Willoughby
- City of Willoughby

Amenities and Activities:



Gilson Park is located at Erie Road and Gilson Parkway in Willoughby. Park amenities include a picnic pavilion, play area, restrooms, and baseball/softball fields. A park bench offers scenic views of the Chagrin River. Fishing is permitted along the riverbank.

Water Access:

- Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails and stairs
- Scenic views of the Chagrin River are accessible via trails

River Mile Location:

Between RM 1.7 and RM 3.0

Trails:

- Riverwood Trail
- Song Bird Loop Trail
- Chagrin River Access Trail
- Woodland Run Trail
- Brambleside Loop Trail
- Reeves Trail
- Riverwood Trail

Lake Erie Birding Trail:

- Cleveland Area Loop

Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 3.3 and RM 3.5

CH6

Todd Field

- Glenn Avenue Entrance**
38264 Glenn Avenue
Willoughby
 - Mentor Avenue Entrance**
Mentor Avenue (US 20),
east of Erie Street
Willoughby
- City of Willoughby

Amenities and Activities:



Todd Field is located on Glenn Avenue, just east of Erie Street (US Route 20) and downtown Willoughby. The parking lot is also accessible from Mentor Avenue (US Route 20). Park amenities include picnic tables, playground equipment, restrooms, accessible walking path, and six baseball/softball fields. A dirt trail provides access to the Chagrin River.

CH7

Daniels Park

- North Entrance**
38401 Johnnycake Ridge Road
(SR 84)
Willoughby
 - South Entrance**
Riverside Drive, south of
Johnnycake Ridge Road (SR 84)
Willoughby
- City of Willoughby

Amenities and Activities:



Daniels Park is located on both sides of Johnnycake Ridge Road (State Route 84) at Riverside Drive in Willoughby. The park offers picnic tables, pavilion, playground, ballfields, basketball court, bocce ball, and cornhole boards. Fishing is permitted along the riverbank and from a concrete platform in the northern section of the park. Fishing is not permitted from the SR 84 bridge. The East Branch of the Chagrin River empties into the main Chagrin River opposite Daniels Park. The confluence is visible just south of the bridge.



CHAGRIN RIVER

Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trail

River Mile Location:

Between RM 4.0 and RM 4.3



Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and paddling via walking path, terrain, and stairs

River Mile Location:

Between RM 4.7 and RM 5.1





CHAGRIN RIVER

CH8

Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve

Main Entrance
37142 Skyline Drive
Willoughby Hills

John and Carol Lillich Meadows
2685 Dodd Road
Willoughby Hills

ODNR Division of
Natural Areas and Preserves

The 162-acre Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve has been a protected bird sanctuary since 1944. The sanctuary was dedicated as an interpretive nature preserve in 1977 and expanded by 81 acres in 2017. It is owned by the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and managed by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Hach-Otis is noted for its upland woodlands, wildflowers, and scenic views of the Chagrin River atop a 150-foot-high, constantly eroding clay bank. A 1.5-mile trail system loops through the preserve and includes primitive hiking trails and boardwalks. The trailhead and park entrance are located at the end of Skyline Drive, east of River Road (State Route 174) in Willoughby Hills. Preserve hours are posted.

Amenities and Activities:



CH9

Pleasant Valley Park

38990 Pleasant Valley Road
Willoughby Hills

Lake Metroparks

The 124-acre Pleasant Valley Park is a passive-use park that offers 0.75 miles of trails, paddling access, and fishing access. Both the 0.4-mile Cliff View Trail and 0.33-mile Cottonwood Trail allow hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. Pleasant Valley Road bisects the park; parking is available on the south side of the road. The River Access Path leads from the parking lot to the Chagrin River, affording scenic views of the sheer 80-foot-high east riverbank and the one-lane Pleasant Valley Road Bridge, a through truss structure. Fishing is permitted in designated areas only.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

No river access
Scenic views of the Chagrin River are accessible via trails

River Mile Location:

Between RM 9.7 and RM 10.0 and between RM 10.1 and RM 10.7

Trails:

- North Trail/South Trail (portions)
- North Trail
- South Trail

Nearby Sites:

Pleasant Valley Park is adjacent to the southeast (no trail connections)

The 32-acre John and Carol Lillich Meadows is located along Dodd Road in Willoughby Hills. It is part of Hach-Otis Sanctuary, but not part of the adjacent state nature preserve. The Chagrin River flows along the north side of the road and is accessible for fishing and paddling.

Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails

River Mile Location:

Between RM 10.7 and RM 11.1 and between RM 11.2 and RM 11.8

Trails:

- Cliff View Trail
- Cottonwood Trail
- River Access Path

Nearby Sites:

Hach-Otis Sanctuary State Nature Preserve is adjacent to the northwest (no trail connections)

CH10

North Chagrin Reservation

Main Entrance
3037 SOM Center Road (SR 91)
Willoughby Hills

Oxbow Lagoon Field
River Road (SR 174),
south of Hayes Drive
Willoughby Hills

Rogers Meadow
Rogers Road, west of
Chagrin River Road (SR 174)
Gates Mills

Amenities and Activities:



Cleveland Metroparks

The 2,134-acre North Chagrin Reservation is bounded by SOM Center Road (State Route 91) to the west and Chagrin River to the east. River Road/Chagrin River Road (State Route 174) passes through the reservation alongside the river. North Chagrin is located in Willoughby Hills (Lake County) and the villages of Mayfield and Gates Mills (Cuyahoga County). It includes dense wooded areas, including the A.B. Williams Memorial Woods (National Natural Landmark), which features 300- and 400-year-old beech trees, sugar maples, hemlocks, and other native tree species. North Chagrin also showcases Squire's Castle, Manakiki Golf Course, Sanctuary Marsh, Buttermilk Falls, and nature center. Many trails are found throughout the park, including the 4.2-mile All Purpose Trail, 2.75 miles of the Buckeye Trail, 10.3 miles of bridle trails, 12.25 miles of hiking trails, and a physical fitness trail. Most amenities are located west of SR 174.

CH10.1

Oxbow Lagoon Field

Amenities and Activities:



Oxbow Lagoon Field is located on River Road (SR 174), south of Hayes Drive and Squire's Castle. The 0.2-mile Lily Lagoon Loop provides scenic access to Oxbow Lagoon, a disconnected wetland of the Chagrin River. The wetland marks the historic path of the river. Lily Lagoon Loop includes sections of boardwalk, benches overlooking the lagoon, and access to the 1.1-mile Chagrin River Trail (parallels the river and connects to the Buckeye Trail and Rogers Meadow to the south).

CH10.2

Rogers Meadow

Amenities and Activities:



Rogers Meadow is located on Rogers Road, just east of State Route 174. The Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and paddling via the 1.1-mile Chagrin River Trail, which connects to Oxbow Lagoon Field (to the north). The Buckeye Trail follows Rogers Road.



CHAGRIN RIVER

CH11

Gates Mills Village Arboretum

Chagrin River Road (SR 174), north of Old Mill Road
Gates Mills

Village of Gates Mills

Gates Mills Village Arboretum is located on Chagrin River Road (State Route 174), north of Old Mill Road in Gates Mills. Pedestrian access is available near the Buckeye Trail river crossing and requires navigating a series of gradually sloping earthen steps to enter. The passive-use site includes a wooded nature trail and benches overlooking the Chagrin River. Parking is available on the opposite side of SR 174.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

No river access
Scenic views of the Chagrin River are accessible via trail (with steps)

River Mile Location:

Between RM 17.8 and RM 18.0

Trails:

- Walking Trail
- Buckeye Trail

Nearby Sites:

North Chagrin Reservation (to north) and Gregg M. Goldberg Preserve (to south) are connected via the Buckeye Trail

CH12

Gregg M. Goldberg Preserve

Chagrin River Road, north of Berkshire Road
Gates Mills

Gates Mills Land Conservancy

Gregg M. Goldberg Preserve is located on Chagrin River Road, north of Berkshire Road in Gates Mills. It is protected by the Gates Mills Land Conservancy. The wooded preserve offers passive activities, including fishing, paddling access, and birdwatching. The Buckeye Trail follows Chagrin River Road. Overnight parking is prohibited.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and paddling via terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 18.9 and RM 19.1

Trails:

- Buckeye Trail

Nearby Sites:

Gates Mills Village Arboretum (to north) and South Chagrin Reservation (to south) are connected via the Buckeye Trail

CH13

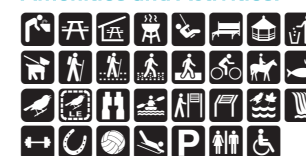
South Chagrin Reservation

Polo Field
South Woodland Road (SR 87), east of Chagrin River Road
Moreland Hills

Chagrin Boulevard Field
Chagrin Boulevard, east of Chagrin River Road
Moreland Hills

Old Field and Jackson Field
Chagrin River Road, between Polo Field and Miles Road
Moreland Hills

Amenities and Activities:



Cleveland Metroparks

South Chagrin Reservation is situated along 3.3 miles of the Chagrin River and roughly two miles of its Aurora Branch. The park features picnic facilities, playground, polo field, scenic overlook areas, and trail network. Trails include the 7.1-mile All Purpose Trail, 12 miles of the Buckeye Trail, the 15.3-mile Bridle Trail, and nearly nine miles of additional hiking trails. River access is available between South Woodland Road (State Route 87) in Moreland Hills and Miles Road in Bentleyville. Access sites include the Polo Field (RM 23.7), Old Field (RM 24.7), Chagrin Boulevard Field (RM 25.3), and Jackson Field (RM 26.2). Each site provides access to the Buckeye Trail, Blue Heron Trail, field trails, and bridle trail (portions closely follow the river).

CH14

River Run Park

Solon Road, south of Miles Road
Chagrin Falls

Village of Chagrin Falls

Amenities and Activities:



River Run Park is located on Solon Road in Chagrin Falls. Park amenities include picnic tables, playground, ballfield, bocce ball, dog park, and the Chagrin River Trail, a paved, accessible walking trail.

CHAGRIN RIVER

Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing, paddling, and scenic views via trails

River Mile Location:

- Between RM 23.6 and RM 26.9 (Chagrin River)
- Between RM 0.3 and RM 1.9 (Aurora Branch)

Trails: Between SR 87 and Miles Road

- Blue Heron Trail
- Chagrin Overlook Trail
- Buckeye Trail
- South Chagrin Reservation Bridle Trail

Lake Erie Birding Trail:

- Cleveland Area Loop

Nearby Sites:

- North Chagrin Reservation (to north) is connected via the Buckeye Trail
- Brecksville Reservation and Cuyahoga Valley National Park (see Cuyahoga River) are connected to the southwest via the Buckeye Trail (via Bedford Reservation)

Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing via trail and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 28.4 and RM 28.7

Trails:

- Chagrin River Trail



CHAGRIN RIVER

CH15.1

Falls Viewing Area (South Bank) North Main Street Access

North Main Street,
opposite Bell Street
Chagrin Falls

Village of Chagrin Falls

The Chagrin Falls waterfall, also known as the High Falls, is located in downtown Chagrin Falls, directly west of North Main Street. The 20-foot-tall waterfall cascades over an escarpment of Berea sandstone and Bedford shale. Staircases on both sides of the river provide public access to the Falls Viewing Area, immediately below the falls. The south bank section features a multiple-tiered observation deck, benches, historic marker, and up-close views of the waterfall. Stairway access is available from North Main Street (opposite Bell Street) and from an adjacent public parking lot. Stone steps provide access to the riverbank.

Amenities and Activities:



CH15.2

Falls Viewing Area (North Bank) River Street Access

River Street,
west of North Main Street
Chagrin Falls

Village of Chagrin Falls

In the early 1800s, the village of Chagrin Falls blossomed into a major northeast Ohio industrial center. The Chagrin Falls waterfall, or High Falls, and a series of smaller waterfalls (above the main falls) were once harnessed to power nine separate mills along a one mile stretch of the Chagrin River, including sawmills, flour mills, and paper mills. Downtown Chagrin Falls has since evolved from an industrial hub into a pedestrian-friendly suburban community and tourist destination. The Falls Viewing Area's north bank access features an observation platform with benches overlooking the High Falls. It is accessible from River Street, just west of North Main Street (follow signs). A view from the top of the falls, looking down, is available from the North Main Street bridge.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

- Scenic views of the Chagrin River and Chagrin Falls (High Falls) are available from observation platforms; accessible via stairs
- Chagrin River is accessible via stone stairway (from lowest platform)

River Mile Location:

At RM 29.6

Nearby Sites:

Falls Viewing Area (North Bank) is located on the opposite bank of the Chagrin River and connected via North Main Street and River Street sidewalks



CH17

Riverside Park

East Orange Street,
east of North Main Street
Chagrin Falls

Trail access from North Main Street,
opposite River Street

Trail access from
Chagrin Falls Library

Village of Chagrin Falls

Riverside Park is situated on the north side of the Chagrin River in downtown Chagrin Falls. It is a passive-use park that features picnic tables, pavilion, playground, green space, and a 0.2-mile brick walkway. Trailheads are located on North Main Street, opposite River Street, and on East Orange Street at the Chagrin Falls Library. Much of the trail closely parallels the river. A public parking lot is available off East Orange Street, east of North Main Street.

Amenities and Activities:



CH18

Ben King Arboretum and River Walk Trail

Vincent Street,
east of Bell Street
Chagrin Falls

Trail access from Cleveland Street
(River Walk Trail)

Village of Chagrin Falls

Ben King Arboretum is located on Vincent Street between Bell and American streets. It features a nature trail (River Walk Trail), wildflower garden, and grove of trees. Limited roadside parking is available.

The one-mile River Walk Trail is a crushed-gravel path that closely follows the Chagrin River between Ben King Arboretum and the Cleveland Street bridge in the village of Chagrin Falls. A staircase at its eastern trailhead parallels the bridge, connecting the trail and floodplain area to the street-level sidewalk at Cleveland and Low streets.

Amenities and Activities:



CHAGRIN RIVER

Water Access:

Chagrin River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via walking path and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 29.6 and RM 29.9

Nearby Sites:

Bell Street Park is located on the opposite side of the Chagrin River and connected via North Main Street and Bell Street sidewalks

CH16

Bell Street Park

Bell Street Park is a small pocket park located at the northeast corner of North Main and Bell streets. It offers picnic tables, benches, brick walkway, and scenic views of the upper falls (dam spillway).

Water Access: No river access

Scenic views of the Chagrin River are available along trail (steps from Cleveland Street bridge)

River Mile Location:

Between RM 29.9 and RM 30.1

Trails:

River Walk Trail



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CH19 Whitesburg Nature Preserve

401 High Street
Chagrin Falls
(Cuyahoga County)

Village of Chagrin Falls

The 105-acre Whitesburg Nature Preserve is a heavily wooded preserve with primitive hiking trails, boardwalk, and catch-and-release fishing pond (Children Fishing Pond). Situated on the northwest bank of the Chagrin River, the site includes a swamp, bog, mature hardwood forest, and evergreen forest. Whitesburg Nature Preserve is located at the end of High Street in Chagrin Falls.

Amenities and Activities:

Water Access: No river access
Scenic views of the Chagrin River are available along trails

River Mile Location:
Between RM 30.2 and RM 31.1



CH21 The Rookery

10110 Cedar Road
Munson Township

Geauga Park District

The Rookery is a 562-acre Geauga Park District facility that features the county's largest nesting colony of great blue herons. The park is situated along the Chagrin River amidst swamp forest wetlands and beech-maple forests. Amenities include picnic tables, playground, observation deck, trails, and the Great Blue Heron Lodge. The 1.55-mile gravel-surfaced Interurban Trail and the looping 0.6-mile Woodcock Trail (paved) are both accessible. The Rookery was once the site of the former Cleveland & Eastern Traction Company's interurban junction, a transfer point where eastbound passengers could continue northeast to Chardon or connect with southeast-bound trolleys to Burton and Middlefield. The Interurban Trail follows the right-of-way and crosses the river near the wye junction.

Amenities and Activities:

Water Access: No river access
Scenic views of Chagrin River are available from trail

River Mile Location:
Between RM 40.5 and RM 42.8

- Trails:**
- Interurban Trail
 - Woodcock Trail

CH20 West Geauga Commons

14070 Chillicothe Road (SR 306)
Russell Township
(Geauga County)

West Geauga Commons

West Geauga Commons Community Recreation Area is located on Chillicothe Road (State Route 306), south of Fairmount Road in Russell Township. It features many active-use amenities, including ballfields (permit required), basketball court, soccer fields, and volleyball courts. The park also includes a picnic pavilion, playground, and the River's Edge Nature Trail, a looping crushed-stone walking/jogging trail. A portion of the trail parallels the Chagrin River.

Amenities and Activities:

Water Access: No river access
Scenic views of the Chagrin River are available along trail

River Mile Location:
Between RM 35.6 and RM 36.0

- Trails:**
- River's Edge Nature Trail

CH22 Bass Lake Preserve

11445 Lakeview Road
Munson Township

41.5504, -81.2277

Geauga Park District

Located at the end of Lakeview Road in Munson Township, just south of Chardon, the 606-acre Bass Lake Preserve is a protected nature preserve that offers passive-use recreational opportunities. Boating (by permit only) and fishing are permitted in the preserve's 160-acre namesake lake. Additional amenities and activities include picnicking, birdwatching, restrooms, and the Bass Lake Lodge. Bass Lake is a natural lake on the Chagrin River, although water levels are maintained by a man-made system. The adjacent Spring Brook Sanctuary State Nature Preserve protects Ohio's last known indigenous population of brook trout.

Amenities and Activities:

- Water Access:**
- Bass Lake is accessible for boating and paddling (permit only) via boat ramp
 - Fishing pier is accessible via terrain (dock at boat ramp also available for fishing)

River Mile Location:
Between RM 47.3 and RM 49.1 (Bass Lake spans between RM 47.3 and RM 48.2)





LAKE ERIE

LA4 Sunset Park

- 38387 Beachview Road
Willoughby
- City of Willoughby

Sunset Park is a passive strip of green space located along approximately 570 feet of Beachview Road, west of Elmwood Drive in Willoughby. The park provides scenic views of Lake Erie atop a 40-foot sloping bluff. Picnic tables and bench swings are available alongside the road. A bulkhead is positioned at the bottom of the bluff; fishing is permitted from behind a chain-rope fence. Limited roadside parking is available.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

- Scenic views of Lake Erie are available from top of bluff; accessible via sidewalk/ roadside parking area
- Lake Erie is accessible for fishing via terrain (along chain-rope fence)

LA5 Osborne Park

- Main Entrance**
38575 Lakeshore Boulevard (SR 283)
Willoughby
- Casteel Way Entrance**
Casteel Way,
east of Eaglewood Drive
Willoughby
- Pedestrian access from
Orchard Road
- City of Willoughby

Amenities and Activities:



The 43-acre Osborne Park is located on Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283) between Eaglewood Drive and Orchard Road in Willoughby. A second park entrance (closer to Lake Erie) is accessible from Eaglewood Drive via Casteel Way. Trail access is also available from Orchard Road in the northeastern corner of the park. Osborne Park features many active-use recreational amenities, including a baseball field, soccer fields, basketball courts, pickleball courts, cornhole boards, swimming pool with water park, sand volleyball, and nine-hole disc golf course. A one-mile paved walking trail loops the park perimeter. Additional amenities include picnic areas and pavilions, playground, storybook trail, and benches overlooking Lake Erie. Fishing is permitted.

Water Access:

Lake Erie is accessible for fishing via terrain

Trails:

- US Bike Route 30

Nearby Sites:

- Willow Beach Park (to west) is connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route with bike lanes)
- Headlands Beach State Park (to east) is connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route; portions with bike lanes)



LA6 Overlook Beach Park

- Thunderbird Drive
at Reynolds Road
Mentor-on-the-Lake
- City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

Amenities and Activities:



Overlook Beach Park is located at the end of Reynolds Road at Thunderbird Drive and Salida Road in Mentor-on-the-Lake. Park amenities include picnic tables, gazebo (picnic pavilion), grills, playground, basketball court, and benches overlooking Lake Erie.

LA7 Mentor Beach Park

- 7779 Lakeshore Boulevard (SR 283)
Mentor-on-the-Lake
- Pedestrian access along
Twilight Drive
- City of Mentor

Amenities and Activities:



Mentor Beach Park is located at the end of Andrews Road (State Route 283) at Twilight Drive and Lakeshore Boulevard (SR 283) in Mentor-on-the-Lake. The park was established in 1899 as Mentor Township Park. It is owned and maintained by the neighboring city of Mentor. Amenities include a reservable pavilion, picnic areas, and playground. Fishing is permitted from a revetment. Swimming is prohibited.



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Water Access: No lake access

Scenic views of Lake Erie are available from top of bluff; accessible via path and terrain



Water Access:

Lake Erie is accessible for fishing via trail, stairs, and terrain





LAKE ERIE

LA8

Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Mentor Lagoons Park

8365 Harbor Drive
Mentor

Trail access from Headlands Road
(Buckeye Trail)

41.7256, -81.3390

41.7256, -81.3385

City of Mentor

Amenities and Activities:



The 450-acre Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Mentor Lagoons Park are located at the end of Harbor Drive, just north of Lakeshore Boulevard (State Route 283) in Mentor. Pedestrians can also access the northeast corner of the preserve from Headlands Road via the 1.1-mile Overlook Trail (carries the Buckeye Trail). Additional nature trails include the Marsh Rim Trail, Woods Trail, Marina View Trail, Salamander Trail, and White Pine Trail. Combined, the trail network is nearly four miles long. Bikes are not permitted on Marsh Rim Trail. The preserve also boasts 1.5 miles of undeveloped beach (swimming prohibited), rare dunes, marshland, and upland forest. The park offers a boat ramp and paddling launch. Fishing is permitted in designated areas.

LA8.1

Mentor Lagoons Park

Amenities and Activities:



Mentor Lagoons Park offers a boat ramp (providing access to Lake Erie), paddling launch, picnic tables, and benches. Boat ramp fee required. Mentor Marsh and Mentor Lagoons Marina Water Trail are accessible to paddlers. The water trail is comprised of four trails, including the 1.5-mile Orange Trail, the 0.64-mile Pink Trail, the 0.36-mile Red Trail, and the 0.23-mile Green Trail (Marsh Creek Trail).

LA8.2

Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve

Amenities and Activities:



The 230-acre nature preserve features coastal dune communities, riverine marsh wetlands, and mature woodlands, and offers roughly 3.5 miles of walking/hiking trails, including the 1.1-mile Overlook Trail and 1.01-mile Marsh Rim Trail. The main trailhead (Overlook Trail) is located at the parking lot. A boardwalk and observation deck (overlooking Mentor Marsh) are also available near the parking lot. Access trails (with stairs) lead to the beach. Swimming and fishing are not permitted.



LAKE ERIE

LA9

Headlands Beach State Park

9601 Headlands Road,
at end of Heisley Road (SR 44)
Mentor and Painesville Township

Trail access from Headlands Road
(Buckeye Trail)

ODNR Division of
Parks and Watercraft

Amenities and Activities:



The 123-acre Headlands Beach State Park is located at the northern end of Heisley Road (State Route 44) at Headlands Road. The 35-acre namesake swimming beach is nearly 3,100 feet long and connected to the 1,540-foot beach at Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve (to the east). Together, the two sites provide nearly one mile of publicly accessible beach. The state park also offers picnic areas, reservable shelter, grills, and playground. Trails at Headlands Beach include 1.5 miles of the Buckeye Trail and connection to the five-mile Zimmerman Trail at the adjacent Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve (to the south).

LA10

Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve

9601 Headlands Road,
at end of Heisley Road (SR 44)
Painesville Township

ODNR Division of
Natural Areas and Preserves

Amenities and Activities:



Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve is adjacent to Headlands Beach State Park (to the west). Access to the preserve is through the state park, located at the northern end of Heisley Road (State Route 44) at Headlands Road. Headlands Dunes is one of the last and finest remaining Lake Erie beach and dune communities in Ohio. The formation of the preserve is the result of the eastern movement of sand along the coast gradually accumulating west of the federal breakwater. The preserve features many rare plants, including American beach grass, coastal little bluestem, and beach pea. Many plant species are not typically found in northeast Ohio. The beach and dunes attract migrating songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, gulls, and butterflies. Designated walking paths and a 0.2-mile boardwalk traverse the dunes and lead to an observation deck and the beach.

Water Access:

Headlands Beach is accessible for swimming and paddling via trails and terrain (from parking lots)

Trails:

- Dunes Loop Fitness Trail
- Buckeye Trail [↗](#)
- US Bike Route 30 [↗](#)

Nearby Sites:

- Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve is adjacent to the east and connected via the beach and Buckeye Trail (shared entrance)
- Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve (to west) is connected via the Buckeye Trail
- Osborne Park (to west) is connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route; portions with bike lanes)

Water Access:

Headlands Beach is accessible for nature walking via trails

Trails:

- Lighthouse Trail
- Boardwalk Trail
- Buckeye Trail [↗](#)

Lake Erie Birding Trail:

- Cleveland Area Loop

Nearby Sites:

Headlands Beach State Park is adjacent to the west and connected via the beach and Buckeye Trail (shared entrance)



GRAND RIVER

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GR1-3

Village of Grand River Accesses

 **Robert “Buck” Benson Memorial Docks**
River Street at Henry Street

 **Olive Street Transient Docks**
End of Olive Street

 **Bucky Rutherford Memorial Park**
River Street, south of Olive Street

 Village of Grand River

Amenities and Activities:



The village of Grand River maintains three small pocket parks along River Street. These include the Robert “Buck” Benson Memorial Docks (at Henry Street), the Olive Street Transient Docks, and Bucky Rutherford Memorial Park (south of Olive Street). Each provides transient dockage (two-hour limit), fishing access, and picnic tables.

GR4-5

Grand River Landing and Windjammer Access

 **Grand River Landing**
1181 North St. Clair Street
Fairport Harbor

 41.7403, -81.2630

 Lake Metroparks

 **Windjammer Access**
Windjammer Court at
Richmond Street (State Route 535)
Painesville

Amenities and Activities:



Windjammer Access



Grand River Landing is located on North St. Clair Street, east of East Street (State Route 535) in Fairport Harbor. The site features a boat ramp, picnic tables, grills, and restroom. Direct access to Lake Erie is limited to smaller watercraft due to bridge clearance. Fishing is permitted.

Windjammer Access is a small fishing spot located at the corner of Richmond Street (SR 535) and Windjammer Court in Painesville. Parking is not permitted on Windjammer Court.

Water Access:

- Grand River is accessible for scenic views and fishing via sidewalks and parking areas
- Transient dockage available to boaters

River Mile Location:

- Robert “Buck” Benson Memorial Docks: At RM 1.3
- Olive Street Transient Docks: At RM 1.4
- Bucky Rutherford Memorial Park: Between RM 1.4 and RM 1.5

Water Access:

- Windjammer Access: Grand River is accessible for fishing via terrain
- Grand River Landing: Grand River is accessible for boating and paddling via boat ramp and fishing via terrain

River Mile Location:

- Windjammer Access: At RM 2.3
- Grand River Landing: Between RM 2.5 and RM 2.8

Water Trail:

 **Grand River Water Trail**

← Beaty Landing (5.7 miles upriver)

→ Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park (2.7 miles downriver and east (→) via Lake Erie)

GR6

Kiwanis Recreation Park

 301 Latimore Street
Painesville

 City of Painesville

Amenities and Activities:



The 75-acre Kiwanis Recreation Park is located on Latimore Street in Painesville. It is an active-use facility with many athletic fields, basketball courts, Futsol courts, skate park, fitness trail (with exercise equipment), and 18-hole disc golf course. Additional amenities include picnic tables, reservable shelters, grills, playground areas, splash pad, story walk trail, and 0.5-mile accessible Riverwalk Path (paved). Fishing access is available on the Grand River and also at an annually stocked small pond.

GR7

Grand River Conservation Area

 399 Main Street
Painesville

 City of Painesville

Amenities and Activities:



The 16-acre Grand River Conservation Area is a passive-use parkland located on Main Street, east of downtown Painesville. It is situated in a low-lying floodplain of the Grand River. A condominium complex once occupied the site; however, it was demolished following a 2006 flood event, which saw over 17 feet of water in the area. Restoration efforts have included planting native trees, wildflowers, and wetland vegetation, and creating Monarch butterfly habitat. The conservation area offers parking, one mile of nature trails, and scenic views of the Grand River.

Water Access:

Grand River is accessible for fishing via trail and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 6.1 and RM 6.7

Trails:

 Riverwalk Path

Water Access: No river access

Grand River is accessible for scenic views via trail

River Mile Location:

Between RM 6.5 and RM 6.8





GRAND RIVER

GR8

Beaty Landing

Main Entrance
543 East Walnut Street (SR 84)
Painesville

Fishing Access
477 East Walnut Street (SR 84)
Painesville

 41.7199, -81.2267

Amenities and Activities:



 Lake Metroparks

The 93-acre Beaty Landing is located on East Walnut Street (State Route 84) in Painesville. The park offers low-impact recreational activities, such as hiking, fishing, paddling, birding, and picnicking. The 1.2-mile Oxbow Loop Trail connects both entrances. The paddling launch is available at the main entrance. Direct boating access to Lake Erie is limited to smaller watercraft due to bridge clearances.

GR9

Helen Hazen Wyman Park

 6101 Painesville Warren Road
(SR 86)
Concord Township

 41.7031, -81.2302

 Lake Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 67-acre Helen Hazen Wyman Park is located on Painesville Warren Road (State Route 86) in Concord Township. It was the first park acquired by Lake Metroparks in 1959. Most amenities, including a picnic shelter, playground, ballfield, parking lot, and restrooms, are located at the confluence of the Big and Kellogg creeks. Paddling access to Big Creek (with access to the Grand River) is available east of the parking lot. The Grand is accessible for fishing via Big Creek and crossing the floodplain.

LA10

Hemlock Ridge Park

Amenities and Activities:



Hemlock Ridge Park (Lake Metroparks) is located on Vrooman Road, adjacent to Indian Point Park in Leroy Township. It offers primitive fishing access, a hiking trail, and wildlife viewing.

Water Access:

Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails and small-boat ramp

River Mile Location:

Between RM 7.3 and RM 8.5

Trails:

-  Oxbow Loop Trail
-  Fishing Access Trail

Water Trail:

-  **Grand River Water Trail**
 - ← Grand River Landing (5.7 miles downriver)
 - ➔ Helen Hazen Wyman Park (1.1 miles upriver and up Big Creek)

Water Access:

- Grand River is accessible for fishing via terrain
- Big Creek is accessible for paddling via natural landing (with access to Grand River)

River Mile Location:

- Between RM 9.3 and RM 10.1 (Grand River)
- Between RM 0.0 and RM 0.7 (Big Creek)
- Between RM 0.0 and RM 0.1 (Kellogg Creek)

Water Trail:

-  **Grand River Water Trail**
 - ← Beaty Landing (1.1 miles downriver)
 - ➔ Indian Point Park (4.0 miles upriver)

GR11

Indian Point Park

 **Paine Creek Parking Lot**
12951 Seeley Road
Leroy Township

 **Upper Parking Lot**
13165 Seeley Road
Leroy Township

 **West Parking Lot**
12701 Seeley Road
Leroy Township

 41.7265, -81.1809

Amenities and Activities:



 Lake Metroparks

The 628-acre Indian Point Park is located in Leroy Township and is accessible from Old Vrooman Road (west) and Seeley Road (east). Park amenities include picnic areas, playground, fishing access, paddling access, camping area (by permit), and nearly four miles of hiking trails. The peninsular 100-foot-high ridge separating the Grand River and Paine Creek is called "Indian Point" and features two parallel earthwork mounds from the Whittlesey Culture. These mounds are two of the earliest known architectural works in northeast Ohio and are visible from the 1.04-mile Point Overlook Loop Trail.

GR12

Blair Landing

 5360 Blair Road
Perry Township

 41.7279, -81.1377

Amenities and Activities:



The 62-acre Blair Landing offers fishing and paddling access. It is located on Blair Road in Perry Township, south of River Road. A short access trail leads to the river from the parking lot. Additional scenic views available across the river at Blair Ridge Park.

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Water Access:

Grand River and Paine Creek are accessible for fishing and paddling via trails (some with steps) and terrain

River Mile Location:

- Between RM 12.6 and RM 14.9 (Grand River)
- Between RM 0.0 and RM 0.8 (Paine Creek)

Trails:

-  Lookout Ridge Scenic Trail
-  Point Overlook Loop Trail
-  Riverside Loop Trail
-  Skunk Cabbage Loop Trail
-  Whittlesey Way Trail
-  Paine Creek Trail
-  Mason's Crossing

Water Trail:

-  **Grand River Water Trail**
 - ← Helen Hazen Wyman Park (4.0 miles downriver)
 - ➔ Blair Landing (2.6 miles upstream)

Water Access:

Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trail

River Mile Location:

Between RM 16.1 and RM 16.8

Trails:

-  Fishing Access Trail

Water Trail:

-  **Grand River Water Trail**
 - ← Baker Road Park (2.1 miles upstream)
 - ➔ Indian Point Park (2.6 miles downriver)



GRAND RIVER

GR13

Baker Road Park

- 4960 Baker Road
Leroy Township
- 41.7383, -81.1182
- Lake Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



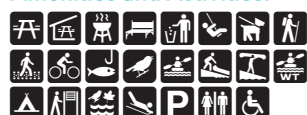
The 76-acre Baker Road Park is located on Baker Road in Leroy Township, northeast of Ford Road. The 0.62-mile Sycamore Trail (natural surface and compacted gravel) leads to the Grand River from the parking lot. The park offers birding opportunities, fishing access, paddling access, and rustic riverside campsites (by reservation). Campers must hike or paddle to the camp area.

GR14

Hidden Valley Park

- South Entrance**
4872 Klasen Road
Madison Township
- North Entrance**
6500 River Road
Madison Township
- 41.7442, -81.0478
- Lake Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 152-acre Hidden Valley Park is situated on both the north and south sides of the Grand River in Madison Township. Fishing and paddling access is available in the southern part of the park (Klasen Road entrance, just west of State Route 528). Additional amenities include a picnic area with shelter, playground equipment, sledding hill, and the 0.5-mile River Breeze Trail. The northern part of the park sits atop a nearly 150-foot-high shale cliff (no river access). Scenic views of the Grand River and lower section of the park are available along the 0.5-mile Crooked Tree Loop Trail. The northern section is located on River Road and offers a catch-and-release fishing pond.

Water Access:

Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trail

River Mile Location:

Between RM 18.3 and RM 18.8

Trails:

- Sycamore Trail

Water Trail:

- Grand River Water Trail**

- ← Blair Landing (2.1 miles downriver)
- ➔ Hidden Valley Park (4.0 miles upriver)

Water Access:

- **South side:** Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trail and terrain
- **North side:** Scenic views of the Grand River accessible via trail

River Mile Location:

Between RM 21.8 and RM 22.6

Trails:

- River Breeze Trail
- Crooked Tree Loop Trail

Water Trail:

- Grand River Water Trail**

- ← Baker Road Park (4.0 miles downriver)
- ➔ Riverview Park (0.1 miles upriver)

GR15

Riverview Park

- 4895 Bailey Road
Madison Township
- 41.7407, -81.0460
- Lake Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 62-acre Riverview Park is located on Bailey Road in Madison Township, south of River Road. Park amenities include a picnic area with shelter, sledding hill, hiking trails, and primitive riverside campsites (by permit). Fishing access, paddling landing, and camp area are found west of the parking area and accessible via the 0.2-mile Hillside Trail. To the east, the 0.4-mile Big Oak Loop Trail follows the Grand River atop a roughly 90-foot-high ridge before reaching the 0.4-mile River Bottom Trail, which gradually descends to the riverbank.

GR16

Hogback Ridge Park

- Main (South) Entrance**
4700 Emerson Road
Madison Township
- North Entrance**
7300 Warner Road
Madison Township
- Lake Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 629-acre Hogback Ridge Park is situated on both the north and south sides of the Grand River in Madison Township. It is named after its most prominent physical feature, the hogback ridge located between the Grand River and Mill Creek. A "hogback" is a high narrow ridge of land that is bounded on two sides by steep valleys, resembling the spine of a hog. The park's Emerson Road entrance (southern part) provides access to a picnic shelter, 2.77 miles of hiking trails, and fishing areas along Mill Creek. The northern entrance is located on Warner Road and provides access to more than two miles of mountain bike trails. The 0.75-mile Grand River Trail (trailhead at north entrance parking lot) traverses a large hill and leads to the riverbank.

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Water Access:

Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails

River Mile Location:

Between RM 22.6 and RM 23.7

Trails:

- Hillside Trail
- Big Oak Loop Trail
- River Bottom Trail

Water Trail:

- Grand River Water Trail**

- ← Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark (8.4 miles upriver)
- ➔ Hidden Valley Park (0.1 miles downriver)

Water Access:

- **North side:** Grand River is accessible for fishing via trail
- **South side:** Mill Creek is accessible for fishing via trails

River Mile Location:

Between RM 23.0 and RM 25.7

Trails:

- Grand River Trail
- Bluebell Valley Path
- Hemlock Ridge Loop Trail
- Meadow Rim Trail
- Old Emerson Road Trail
- Bike Trail



Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark

GRAND RIVER

GR17 Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark

1122 Harpersfield Road
Harpersfield Township

41.7567, -80.9433

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark is located on Harpersfield Road, south of State Route 307 in Harpersfield Township. The park's centerpiece landmark is the namesake covered bridge, a 228-foot long, two-span, howe truss design. The bridge was built in 1868 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Grand River bisects the park into north and south sections. Amenities include picnic areas, playground, trails, small-boat ramp, and ball diamond. Fishing is permitted.

Water Access:

• Grand River is accessible for fishing via trail and terrain

• Grand River accessible for boating and paddling via small-boat ramp

River Mile Location:

Between RM 30.4 and RM 31.0

Trails:

- Harpersfield Covered Bridge Trail
- Falls Trail

Water Trail:

Grand River Water Trail

➔ Riverview Park (8.4 miles downriver from north bank or ➔ from south bank

GR18 Wright Davis Scenic River Lands

Amenities and Activities:



Wright Davis Scenic River Lands is located along State Route 534, State Road, and South River Road in Harpersfield Township. The wooded site includes a longstanding fishing easement, primitive fishing access trails, and access to the Grand River. Parking areas are available off State Road and South River Road.

GR19 Tote Road Park

End of Tote Road,
north of Woodside Drive
Austinburg Township

41.7549, -80.8744

Austinburg Township

Amenities and Activities:



Tote Road Park is a small passive-use area that provides fishing and paddling access to the Grand River. The park is located at the end of Tote Road, just north of Woodside Drive in Austinburg Township. Tote Road gently slopes into the river and provides small-boat and paddling access.

Water Access:

• Grand River is accessible for fishing via small-boat ramp and terrain

• Grand River is accessible for boating and paddling via small-boat ramp

River Mile Location:

Between RM 36.2 and RM 36.3

GR20 Upper Grand River Metropark

3199 Cork Cold Springs Road
Austinburg Township

41.7322, -80.8660

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 135-acre Upper Grand River Metropark is located on Cork Cold Springs Road in Austinburg Township. It is managed by Ashtabula County Metroparks through a conservation easement. Amenities include a picnic pavilion, basketball court, two miles of hiking trails, small-boat landing, and primitive camping. Fishing and hunting (within season) are permitted.

GR21 Morgan Swamp Preserve

3973 Callender Road
Rome Township

41.6359, -80.8911

The Nature Conservancy

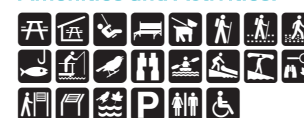
Amenities and Activities:



The nearly 2,000-acre Morgan Swamp Preserve is one of the largest privately-owned wetlands in Ohio. It features remnant wetlands and swamp forests left over from a large glacial lake that once covered portions of Ashtabula and Trumbull counties over 12,000 years ago. The swampland was once much larger, occupying five-square-miles at the time of European settlement. Much of the original swamp was logged and drained for agricultural purposes. Access areas include Long Pond on Footville Richmond Road and the Grand River Conservation Campus on Callender Road. Long Pond offers an accessible 0.6-mile trail with interpretive signage and scenic views of the swamp.

GR21.1 Grand River Conservation Campus

Amenities and Activities:



Grand River Conservation Campus provides many passive recreational amenities, including a picnic area, playground, nature play area, 2.8 miles of hiking trails, accessible fishing pier, and canoe/kayak landing. The Dr. James K. Bissell Nature Center is also on site. The center is located on Callender Road, west of State Route 45.

Water Access:

Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails and landing

River Mile Location:

Between RM 39.3 and RM 40.1

Water Access:

• Long Pond: Grand River is not accessible. Scenic views of wetland available along trail

• Grand River Conservation Campus: Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails and landing (with steps)

River Mile Location:

• Long Pond: Between RM 49.5 and RM 50.1 and between RM 50.6 and RM 51.0

• Grand River Conservation Campus: Between RM 52.0 and RM 52.8

Trails:

- Long Pond Trail
- Bliss Pond Trail
- Grand River Trail
- Hemlock Swamp Trail



Morgan Swamp Preserve - Grand River Conservation Campus

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GR22

Grand River Jersey Farm Canoe Access Site

 US Route 6, between State Route 45 and Mechanicsville Road Rome Township

 41.6050, -80.8938

 ODNR Division of Wildlife

Grand River Jersey Farm Canoe Access Site is located on US Route 6, west of State Route 45 in Rome Township. It is a small roadside fishing and paddling access site. A short primitive trail leads to the Grand River from a gravel parking lot.

Amenities and Activities:



GR23

Ashcroft Woods Conservation Area

 Johnson Road, between State Route 45 and Windsor-Mechanicsville Road Rome Township

 Western Reserve Land Conservancy

The 379-acre Ashcroft Woods Conservation Area is owned and managed by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. It is located on Johnson Road, west of State Route 45 in Rome Township. Amenities include 1.8 miles of rugged nature trails and small parking area. No trail leads to the Grand River. The eastern part of the site is dominated by wetlands and swamp forest within the Plum Creek floodplain and accessible via the 0.7-mile Wetlands Trail. Upland areas feature mature forest. Ashcroft Woods is open to the public between June and mid-September (closed annually from September 15 through May 31). Fishing and paddling are not permitted.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:
Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via primitive trail and landing

River Mile Location:
Between RM 55.6 and RM 55.7

Water Access: No river access

River Mile Location:
Between RM 57.2 and RM 58.4

Trails:

 Wetlands Trail

 North-South Trail

 East-West Trail

GR24-26

Grand River Wildlife Area

 6686 State Route 534 Farmington Township (Trumbull County)

 ODNR Division of Wildlife

Located in northwestern Trumbull County, the 7,664-acre Grand River Wildlife Area offers hunting, trapping, hiking trails, fishing access, paddling access, and wildlife viewing opportunities. Additional amenities include a shooting range and dog training area. The area is comprised of extensive swamp forests, wetlands (natural and man-made), and abundant wilderness characteristic to the Grand River valley. Parking is located on State Route 88, State Route 534, and throughout the area.

Two separate sections of the wildlife area, both providing access to the Grand River and marsh areas, are situated north of the main unit. They can be found on Donley Road (east of SR 534) and along State Route 87 (west of Combs Road). Each site includes a gravel parking lot.

Amenities and Activities:





GR27

Chickagami Park

 17957 Tavern Road (SR 168) Parkman Township (Geauga County)

 Geauga Park District

The 139-acre Chickagami Park is located on Tavern Road (State Route 168), northwest of the town of Parkman in Parkman Township. It is two river miles downstream from the Grand River's headwaters. Amenities include picnic shelters, horseshoe pit, campsites, restrooms, and 1.62 miles of hiking trails. Chickagami Park is primarily wooded. A wetland area, known as Lake Estabrook, surrounds the Grand River and is visible from the 0.12-mile Overlook Trail. The river is not accessible for fishing or paddling.

Amenities and Activities:





Water Access:
Grand River is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails and terrain

River Mile Location:

- Donley Road Property: Between RM 74.8 and RM 75.6
- State Route 87 Access: Between RM 78.4 and RM 79.3
- Grand River Wildlife Area (main area): Between RM 80.1 and RM 88.1

- Trails:**
-  Tank Trail Access
 -  Wildlife Area Access trails
 -  Greentree Marsh Access Trail
 -  Wildlife Observation Trail

Water Access: No river access
Scenic views of the Grand River accessible via trail

River Mile Location:
Between RM 100.2 and RM 100.6

Trails:

-  Hickory Trail
-  Camp Loop North
-  Camp Loop South
-  Overlook Trail



LAKE ERIE

LA15 Lake Erie Bluffs

West Entrance
3301 Lane Road
Perry Township

East Entrance
2901 Clark Road
Perry Township

41.7890, -81.1774

Lake Metroparks

Lake Erie Bluffs is a 670-acre, low-impact protected area owned and managed by Lake Metroparks. Park entrances are located at the end of Lane Road and on Clark Road (just east of Blackmore Road) in Perry Township. Passive-use recreational amenities include a picnic shelter, 50-foot-tall observation tower, campsites (by permit), and more than three miles of hiking trails. The 0.4-mile Shoreline Trail provides access to the 9,000-foot beach, fishing access, paddling landing, and designated dog swim area. The trail negotiates the 40-foot-tall bluff via a 79-step staircase (at the western trailhead) and gradually sloping terrain with moderately spaced steps (near the eastern trailhead).

Amenities and Activities:



LA16 Perry Township Park

Main Entrance
2815 Perry Park Road
Perry Township

Clark Road Entrance
3129 Clark Road
Perry Township

41.7967, -81.1614

Perry Township

Perry Township Park is located on Perry Park Road at Parmly Road in Perry Township. A second entrance on Clark Road leads to beach access. Swimming and fishing are permitted. Park amenities include picnic area, playground, ballfields, basketball and tennis courts, seasonal concessions, scenic views, and campground. A boat ramp is available to Perry Township residents only (permit required).

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

- Lake Erie beach is accessible for fishing, paddling, nature walking, and birding via trails (with steps) and staircase
- Scenic views of Lake Erie are available from observation tower (lower levels accessible via ramp and stairs; top level accessible via staircase). Scenic views also available along top of bluff via trails

Trails:

- Shoreline Trail
- Forest Edge Trail
- Eagle View Loop Trail
- Bluff Loop Trail
- Lakeview Trail

Lake Erie Birding Trail:

- Cleveland Area Loop

Water Access:

- Lake Erie beach is accessible for swimming, fishing, and paddling via trail
- Lake Erie is accessible for boating via boat ramp (Perry Township residents only)



LAKE ERIE

LA17 North Perry Village Park

4449 Lockwood Road
North Perry

Village of North Perry

The 9.3-acre North Perry Village Park is located on Lockwood Road, about one-half mile west of Antioch Road in North Perry. Amenities include two benches overlooking Lake Erie, playground, and picnic pavilion. A split-rail fence lines the bluff.

Amenities and Activities:



LA18 Lakeshore Reservation

4799 Lockwood Road,
at Antioch Road
North Perry

Trail access from Lockwood Road
(All Peoples Loop Trail)

Lake Metroparks

The 84-acre Lakeshore Reservation is located on Lockwood Road at Antioch Road in North Perry. Park amenities include picnic areas with shelters, playground, scenic overlooks, campsites (by permit), the Strock Memorial sculpture garden, and nearly two miles of trails. The 2,780-foot-long beach and 0.4-mile Beach Trail are accessible from the 0.3-mile Warbler Way via a 93-step staircase. Fishing is permitted. All upland trails, including the 0.67-mile All Peoples Loop Trail and Warbler Way, are accessible, paved, and allow bicycles. Scenic views of Lake Erie are available along the trails and from an overlook deck.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access: No lake access

Scenic views of Lake Erie are available along top of bluff; accessible via terrain from parking lot



Water Access:

- Lake Erie beach is accessible for swimming, fishing, nature walking, and birding via trails (with steps)
- Scenic views of Lake Erie are accessible from trail

Trails:

- Beach Trail
- All Peoples Loop Trail
- Meadow Edge Loop Trail
- Ramble Lane Trail
- Warbler Way



LAKE ERIE

LA19-20

Bill Stanton Community Park and Tuttle Park

- Bill Stanton Park**
5585 Chapel Road
Madison Township
- Tuttle Park**
5825 Northway Drive
Madison Township
- Madison Township

Amenities and Activities:

Bill Stanton Park



The 33-acre Bill Stanton Community Park is located on Chapel Road in Madison Township (between McMackin and Haines roads to the west and east, respectively). The park features picnic facilities, grills, playground, and a soccer field. A paved trail loops the park and provides scenic views of Lake Erie (benches available). A gravel trail leads to Lake Erie and fishing access. Many park facilities are available to reserve, including a banquet hall, recreation hall, chapel, and cabin.

Tuttle Park (pictured to right) is bisected by Northway Drive and situated between West Tuttle Park and East Tuttle Park roads in Madison Township. It includes a picnic shelter, grills, playground, ballfield, basketball court, and restrooms. A chain-link fence restricts access to Lake Erie.

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Madison Township Accesses

- Dock Road**
End of Dock Road, north of Lakeshore Boulevard
- County Line Road**
End of County Line Road at Lake Road West
- Dock Road accessible from Arcola Creek Park

Right-of-way accesses are located at the ends of Dock Road and County Line Road in Madison Township. Both sites are pedestrian-friendly and provide fishing access, paddling access, and/or scenic access. A park bench and pedestrian access to Arcola Creek Park are available at Dock Road. County Line Road marks the boundary between Madison Township (Lake County) and Geneva Township (Ashtabula County).

Water Access:

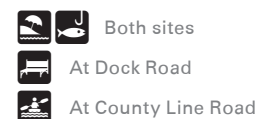
- Stanton Park:** Lake Erie is accessible for fishing via trail
- Stanton Park:** Scenic views of Lake Erie are available along top of bluff; accessible via trail and parking lot
- Tuttle Park:** Scenic views of Lake Erie are available along top of bluff; accessible via terrain



Water Access:

Lake Erie is accessible for fishing, paddling, and scenic views via terrain and right-of-ways

Amenities and Activities:



Areas adjacent to access sites are privately owned. Trespassing may be subject to prosecution.



LAKE ERIE

LA21

Madison Township Park

- 6717 Lake Road
Madison Township
- Parking and pedestrian access along Hubbard Road
- 41.8389, -81.0469
- Madison Township

Amenities and Activities:



The 12-acre Madison Township Park is located on Lake Road East at Hubbard Road in Madison Township. The park features a swimming beach, boat ramp, pavilion, ballfield, basketball courts, sand volleyball court, and ADA-compliant beach-level parking. A paved walkway parallels the top the bluff and offers lakeview seating. Fishing and paddling are permitted from the shore and ramp. The beach is accessible via a three-tiered observation platform and staircases.

LA23

Arcola Creek Park

- 941 Dock Road
Madison Township
- Pedestrian access from northern end of Dock Road
- 41.8507, -81.0070
- Lake Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 182-acre Arcola Creek Park is located on Dock Road in Madison Township and features one of Ohio's few natural Lake Erie estuaries. An estuary is a transition zone where freshwater from a tributary is mixed with water from a lake. Estuaries are ecologically sensitive habitats that provide sanctuary for native plant and animal species. In the 1800s, the area surrounding Arcola Creek at Lake Erie was a thriving ship building and industrial community known as Ellensburg. Industrial activity faded in the 1850s. The estuary and floodplain have been restored back to a natural state. Arcola Creek Park features a beach, pavilion, observation deck, fishing access, paddling access, and swing benches overlooking Lake Erie. The 0.16-mile Wickert Trail (gravel) leads to the beach and lawn area from the parking lot.

Water Access:

- Lake Erie beach is accessible for swimming and fishing via stairs, trail, ADA parking lot, and terrain
- Lake Erie is accessible for boating and paddling via boat ramp

Water Access:

- Lake Erie and Arcola Creek are accessible for fishing and paddling via trail
- Scenic views of Lake Erie are available along bluff; accessible via trail and terrain

Trails:

- Wickert Trail

Lake Erie Birding Trail:

- Ashtabula Loop

