

CHAPTER 9

ASHTABULA COUNTY

LAKE ERIE | ASHTABULA RIVER | CONNEAUT CREEK

ASHTABULA COUNTY LAKESHORE Map 9.1

Ashtabula County is located in the extreme northeastern corner of Ohio and is the state’s largest county by land area. The county’s largest population centers of Geneva/Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ashtabula, and Conneaut are all located on Lake Erie. From west to east, its 28-mile shore is bordered by Geneva Township, Geneva-on-the-Lake, Saybrook Township, Ashtabula, Ashtabula Township, North Kingsville, and Conneaut.

Ashtabula County’s bluffs are composed of glacial till with sandy clay deposits over shale bedrock. Bluffs generally increase in height from west to east, ranging from 15 feet to 60 feet. Lower relief occurs at the mouths of the Ashtabula River and Conneaut Creek, as well as where smaller creeks empty into Lake Erie, such as Wheeler and Cowles creeks at Geneva State Park. Many access sites offer scenic views of the lake by taking advantage of higher elevations. Shore access may require navigating the bluff via staircases and/or trails. Beach-level parking is available at many parks. Sites within and near Ashtabula of Conneaut harbors are generally low-lying and include piers, marinas, boat ramps, and fishing structures.

Ashtabula County’s 14 publicly accessible parks total 5.3 miles of coast and include five swimming beaches, three boat ramps, two fishing piers, a marina, an accessible sandbar, and many areas to take in scenic views of Lake Erie. Unobstructed views of the lake are also available along State Route 531 in Geneva Township, Saybrook Township, and North Kingsville. *These lengths of SR 531 do not provide roadside parking, pull-off areas, or access to Lake Erie.*

ASHTABULA RIVER AND CONNEAUT CREEK Map 9.1

The 27.5-mile Ashtabula River begins where its East and West branches converge in Monroe Township (Ashtabula County) and drains into Lake Erie at Ashtabula. Headwaters for the East Branch rise in Richmond Township (Ashtabula County), while the West Branch begins in Pennsylvania, just beyond the state line. The entire watershed covers 137 square miles (8.9 square miles in Pennsylvania). The Ashtabula River has 12 publicly accessible parks and park areas, spanning 5.6 river miles. Indian Trails Park makes up 94 percent of its accessible miles.

The 57-mile Conneaut Creek rises in Summit Township (Crawford County, PA) and initially flows north into Conneaut Township (Erie County, PA) before changing course west into Ohio. The creek enters Ashtabula County in Conneaut, about five miles south of Lake Erie. Its westward path parallels the shore for about 20 miles, into Kingsville Township, before navigating a sharp U-turn to the north and east. The lowermost portion flows northeast, back into Conneaut, and drains into Lake Erie at Conneaut Harbor. The Conneaut Creek Watershed covers 152 square miles, including 38 square miles in extreme northeast Ohio.

Conneaut Creek has 12 publicly accessible parks that span nearly four combined river miles. Many sites are easily accessible for paddling, fishing, wading, and nature viewing. Woodworth Road Public Boat Ramp provides direct boating access to Lake Erie.

Ashtabula River and Conneaut Creek both navigate well-defined bedrock shale banks. Their watershed topographies consist of glacially derived features, such as moraines (materials left behind by moving glacial ice sheets) and beach ridges. Portions of both tributaries are designated as “Scenic;” Sixteen miles of Conneaut Creek are also designated a State Wild River. Both waterways are noted for steelhead fishing.

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ASHTABULA RIVER SITES

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* Conneaut Port Authority



LEGEND

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

Lake Erie

3 Miles



LAKE ERIE

AS2

Geneva State Park

- Main Entrance**
4499 Padanarum Road
Geneva Township
- Geneva Marina**
4605 Padanarum Road
Geneva-on-the-Lake
- Trail access from State Route 534
(Orange Trail)
- 41.8558, -80.9734
- ODNR Division of
Parks and Watercraft

Amenities and Activities:



The 698-acre Geneva State Park is the easternmost state park on Ohio's Lake Erie shore and offers many recreational and passive amenities for day-use and overnight visitors. The main entrance is located at the intersection of Padanarum and Lake roads in Geneva Township, west of State Route 534. Amenities include a swimming beach, 380-slip marina, transient dockage, six-lane boat ramp, boat wash station, campground, lodge, archery range, picnic areas, and 7.5 miles of trails. The 1.9-mile Orange Trail is a paved multiuse trail that connects the campground, beach, marina, and lodge. Lake Erie fishing access is available along the marina's 500-foot-long east breakwater (capped with an accessible sidewalk). Hunting is permitted seasonally in designated areas. US Bike Route 30 follows SR 534.

AS1, AS2.1

Wheeler Creek Road Scenic Access and Wheeler Creek Access

Amenities and Activities:



Fishing, paddling, and scenic access are available the end of Wheeler Creek Road in Geneva Township. The road marks the western boundary of Geneva State Park. A small barrier beach is accessible.

AS2.2

Breakwater Beach

Amenities and Activities:



Geneva State Park's Breakwater Beach is located on Lake Road West in Geneva-on-the-Lake, between the park campground and marina. It features a 600-foot-long swimming beach, restrooms, changing area, outdoor rinsing station, and sand volleyball court. Pedestrians and bicyclists can access the beach area via the Orange Trail.



LAKE ERIE

AS3

New Street Scenic Access

- End of New Street
Geneva-on-the-Lake
- Village of Geneva-on-the-Lake

Amenities and Activities:



Scenic views of Lake Erie and interpretive signage are available at the end of New Street in Geneva-on-the-Lake. The sign is one of many that make up the village's Summer Fun Heritage Trail. Pedestrian access only. Limited street parking is available.

AS4

Geneva Township Park

- 5045 Lake Road East (SR 531)
Geneva-on-the-Lake
- Pedestrian access from
Lake Road East and Park Drive
- Village of Geneva-on-the-Lake

Amenities and Activities:



The 12-acre Geneva Township Park is located on Lake Road East (State Route 531) at Austin Road in Geneva-on-the-Lake. Roadside parking is available along SR 531 and Park Drive. Park amenities include picnic shelters, grills, playground, ballfield, volleyball court, and paved walking trail. Stairs leads to a concrete-capped seawall. Fishing is permitted. Scenic views of Lake Erie are available along the trail and from an observation patio, located halfway down the bluff (with ramp access). Swimming, biking, skateboarding, and unleashed dogs are prohibited on park grounds.

Water Access: No lake access

Scenic views of Lake Erie available from top of bluff; accessible via sidewalk



Water Access:

- Lake Erie is accessible for fishing along seawall via stairs (portion with ramp)
- Lake Erie is accessible for scenic views along trail and from observation patio (accessible via trail with ramp or stairs)

Trails:

- Austin-Fairfax Bike Path
- Austin-Hawley Bike Path
(parallels SR 531 east of park entrance)
- US Bike Route 30

Nearby Sites:

- Geneva State Park (to west) is connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route)
- Saybrook Township Park (to east) is connected via US Bike Route 30 (Austin-Hawley Bike Path and mostly on-road signed bike route)



AS5

Saybrook Township Park

5941 Lake Road West (SR 531)
Saybrook Township

Saybrook Township

Amenities and Activities:

The 7.6-acre Saybrook Township Park is located on Lake Road West (State Route 531), east of Russell Road in Saybrook Township. Park amenities include picnic shelters, concession stand, playground, paved walking track, baseball field, basketball courts, sand volleyball court, and scenic views of Lake Erie.

AS6

Highland Beach Park

Amenities and Activities:

None

Highland Beach Park is a scenic overlook in Ashtabula that offers views of Lake Erie. It is located on Walnut Boulevard, west of Walnut Beach Park. Lake Erie is not accessible. The park is unmarked with no recreational amenities and limited street parking.

AS7

Walnut Beach Park

Hubbard Hill Drive, north of Walnut Boulevard
Ashtabula

Pedestrian access from Walnut Boulevard (with steps)

City of Ashtabula

Amenities and Activities:

The 28-acre Walnut Beach Park is located on Hubbard Hill Drive, north of Walnut Boulevard in Ashtabula. It offers picnic facilities, playground, tennis courts, beach volleyball, concessions, restrooms, and a swimming beach. An accessible boardwalk extends onto the beach from the parking lot. Low dunes back the beach and support a variety of rare plants. The Walnut Beach Coastal Dune Trail leads to an observation platform atop the dunes. The park is at the northern end of the North Shore Trail (on-road bike path), which connects to the 44-mile Western Reserve Greenway at the intersection of West Avenue and West 55th Street.

Water Access: No lake access
Scenic views of Lake Erie available from top of bluff; accessible via path and parking lot

Trails:
 US Bike Route 30 [↗](#)

Nearby Sites:
Geneva Township Park (to west) and Ashtabula Transient Boat Dock (to east) are connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route)

AR1

Ashtabula Transient Boat Dock

Along Morton Drive at Bridge Street (SR 531)
Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Port Authority

Amenities and Activities:

Ashtabula Transient Boat Dock is located along Morton Drive at Bridge Street (State Route 531) in Historic Ashtabula Harbor. It is on the west bank of the Ashtabula River and next to the Ashtabula Harbor Lift Bridge. The site features daytime dockage (two-hour maximum), free pump-out, riverfront walkway, interpretive signage, and seating. Built in 1925, the single-leaf bascule-style lift bridge is the only one of its kind in Ohio, and one of five in the country. US Bike Route 30 follows Bridge Street.

AR2

Indian Trails Park

Entrances at East 24th Street and East 51st Street in Ashtabula, Harmon Hill Road in Ashtabula Township, and Plymouth Ridge Road (West 58th Street) and State Road in Plymouth Township

41.8826, -80.7938

Ashtabula Township Park Commission

Amenities and Activities:

The 405-acre Indian Trails Park is situated along approximately 4.5 miles of the Ashtabula River and spans from East 24th Street in Ashtabula to State Road in Plymouth Township. Indian Trails Park offers trails, including bridle trails, fishing access, paddling access, baseball diamonds, picnic facilities, interpretive signage, and bird watching/nature photography opportunities.

Points of interest and park accesses are highlighted in the next three pages.

Water Access:

- Docks available to boaters
- Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views along boardwalk

River Mile Location:
Between RM 0.7 and RM 0.8

Trails:
 North Shore Trail [↗](#)
 US Bike Route 30 [↗](#)

Nearby Sites:

- Walnut Beach Park (to west) is connected via North Shore Trail (on-road signed bike route)
- Saybrook Township Park (to west) and Lake Shore Park (to east) are connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route)

Water Access:

- Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails and terrain
- Ashtabula River is accessible for paddling via landing (at East 24th Street Access)

River Mile Location:
Between RM 2.3 and RM 6.8

Trails:
 Primitive Walking Trail
 Boardwalk Trail
 Indian Trails Park Bike Path

● Lake Erie Public Access

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ASHTABULA RIVER

AR2.1

Indian Trails Park
East 24th Street Access

East 24th Street,
west of Harbor Avenue
Ashtabula

41.8826, -80.7938

Ashtabula Township Park
Commission

The northernmost entrance at Indian Trails Park is on East 24th Street in Ashtabula, between Lake Avenue and Harbor Avenue. A gravel parking lot is available on the east side of the Ashtabula River. The site features a walking trail, accessible boardwalk, fishing access, and paddling access. The boardwalk crosses over a restored wetland and includes an observation platform. Paddling access is accessible via a gravel landing. The Primitive Walking Trail leads to the site of the Ashtabula River Railroad Disaster of 1876, Cederquist Falls, and Cederquist Park. The Ashtabula River’s 27.5-mile “Scenic” designation starts at the East 24th Street bridge.

Amenities and Activities:



AR2.2

Indian Trails Park
Cederquist Park

Harmon Hill Road,
opposite Tannery Hill Access
Ashtabula Township

Ashtabula Township Park
Commission

Cederquist Park is located on Harmon Hill Road, south of Columbus Avenue, in Ashtabula Township. The parking lot entrance is across from the trailhead at Tannery Hill. Cederquist Park features ten baseball/softball fields and hiking trail access. Wooded trails lead to Cederquist Falls (paved trail to falls) and the site of the Ashtabula River Railroad Disaster of 1876. The waterfall is 30 feet high and has a five-foot-wide crest.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

- Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails and terrain
- Ashtabula River is accessible for paddling via landing

River Mile Location:

Between RM 2.3 and RM 2.8

Trails:

- Primitive Walking Trail
- Boardwalk Trail

Water Access:

Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 2.8 and RM 3.4

Trails:

- Primitive Walking Trail



ASHTABULA RIVER

AR2.3

Indian Trails Park
Tannery Hill Access

Harmon Hill Road,
opposite Cederquist Park
Ashtabula Township

Pedestrian access near
East 46th Street

Ashtabula Township Park
Commission

Indian Trails Park’s Tannery Hill Access is located on Harmon Hill Road, south of Columbus Avenue in Ashtabula Township. A gravel parking area and roadside pull-off are available opposite Cederquist Park. Tannery Hill provides trail access and fishing access and features wooded floodplain terrain. Pedestrians can access the trail near East 46th Street.

Amenities and Activities:



AR2.4

Indian Trails Park
East 51st Street Access

East 51st Street,
west of Blakeslee Avenue
Ashtabula

Ashtabula Township Park
Commission

Trail access to Indian Trails Park is available at the end of East 51st Street, west of Blakeslee Avenue in Ashtabula. Parking is located at the trailhead. A hiking trail follows the former roadway into the river valley. Fishing is permitted. There are no additional recreational amenities on site.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 3.4 and RM 4.3

Trails:

- Primitive Walking Trail

Water Access:

Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 4.3 and RM 5.2

Trails:

- Primitive Walking Trail



ASHTABULA RIVER

AR2.5

Indian Trails Park Plymouth Ridge/West 58th Entrance

Location: Plymouth Ridge Road, between Main Avenue and State Route South
Plymouth Township

Info: Ashtabula Township Park Commission

Indian Trails Park is accessible from West 58th Street/Plymouth Ridge Road, between Main Avenue and State Road South in Plymouth Township. It is directly east of Hubbard Run, a small tributary of the Ashtabula River. The site features a small gravel parking lot and trail access. A primitive hiking trail links to the Ashtabula River. Fishing is permitted.

Amenities and Activities:



AR2.6

Indian Trails Park State Road Park Entrance

Main Entrance: State Road South, north of Plymouth Ridge Road
Plymouth Township

West Entrance: State Road, west of bridge
Ashtabula Township

Info: Ashtabula Township Park Commission

The southernmost entrance at Indian Trails Park is on State Road South in Plymouth Township, north of Plymouth Ridge Road. The site features two paved parking lots, a pavilion with information kiosk, and paved multiuse trail. The main entrance is located just east of the 613-foot-long Smolen-Gulf Covered Bridge, the longest covered bridge in the United States. It opened to traffic in 2008 and replaced the former State Road Bridge. Below the bridge is the park's 150-foot-long Riverview Covered Bridge, a pedestrian crossing built in 2016 (accessible via the trail). An alternate entrance with parking and access to the pedestrian bridge is located on State Road, just west of the Smolen-Gulf Bridge.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 5.2 and RM 5.7

Trails:

Primitive Walking Trail

Water Access:

Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 5.7 and RM 6.8

Trails:

Primitive Walking Trail
 Indian Trails Park Bike Path



AR3, 5

William "Bud" Hill Scenic River Lands and Ashtabula Oxbow Scenic River Lands

Hill: End of Erie Ridge Avenue
Ashtabula Township

Ashtabula Oxbow: Monroe Center Road, west of Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road
Monroe Township

Amenities and Activities:



William "Bud" Hill and Ashtabula Oxbow scenic river lands provide fishing access to the Ashtabula River. Primitive trails are maintained.

AR4, 6-7

Covered Bridge Accesses

Benetka Road Covered Bridge: Benetka Road, south of Plymouth Ridge Road
Sheffield Township

Root Road Covered Bridge: Root Road, east of Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road
Monroe Township

Graham Road Metropark: 4646 Graham Road
Pierpont Township

Amenities and Activities:



Root Road



Graham Road Metropark



Fishing and scenic access are available at Benetka Road and Root Road covered bridges in Sheffield and Monroe townships, respectively.

The 0.29-acre Graham Road Metropark, also known as Benson Family Park (pictured to right), is located on Graham Road, east of Stanhope-Kelloggsville Road in Pierpont Township. The bridge sits parallel to Graham Road and no longer spans the river. It now serves as a picnic pavilion and the park's centerpiece attraction. The bridge was originally built across the Grand River in 1867 on Callender Road in Rome Township, about 17 miles to the southwest. Flooding destroyed the bridge in 1913. The wreckage was collected and used to construct Graham Road Covered Bridge over the Ashtabula River's West Branch. In 1971, it was moved to its current location in favor of a new modern bridge. Roadside parking is available at all three sites.

Water Access:

Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing via primitive trail and terrain

River Mile Location:

- Hill: Between RM 6.9 and RM 7.6
- Ashtabula Oxbow: Between RM 23.0 and RM 23.6

Info: ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves

Water Access:

- Benetka and Root road bridges: Ashtabula River is accessible for fishing and scenic views
- Graham Road Metropark: No river access. Scenic views of the West Branch Ashtabula River are available via terrain and bridge

River Mile Location:

- Benetka Road Covered Bridge: At RM 19.0
- Root Road Covered Bridge: At RM 25.8
- Graham Road Metropark: Between RM 2.6 and RM 2.7

Info: Ashtabula County Metroparks (Graham Road Metropark)





LAKE ERIE

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AS8 Lake Shore Park

- 1700 East 1st Street
Ashtabula Township
- West Entrance**
End of Minnesota Avenue,
at East 1st Street
Ashtabula
- State Route 531 entrances**
SR 531 at Manola Avenue (west)
and SR 531 at State Road (east)
Ashtabula Township
- Ashtabula Township Park
Commission

Amenities and Activities:

The 54-acre Lake Shore Park is located in Ashtabula and Ashtabula Township. Lakeshore Drive loops the grounds between Lake Road East (State Route 531) at State Road and East 1st Street at Minnesota Avenue. Amenities include a 1,060-foot swimming beach, three-lane concrete boat ramp (fee required), courtesy dock, playground, disc golf, and picnic shelters. The park also features waterfowl ponds and a peacock enclosure.

- Water Access:**
- Lake Erie beach is accessible for swimming, fishing, and paddling via terrain (from parking lot)
 - Lake Erie is accessible for boating and paddling via boat ramp

- Trails:**
- US Bike Route 30

- Lake Erie Birding Trail:**
- Ashtabula Loop

- Nearby Sites:**
- Ashtabula Transient Boat Dock (to west) and Conneaut Township Park (to east) are connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route)

AS9 Conneaut Township Park

- 480 Lake Road (SR 531)
Conneaut
Entrances at Gibson Way, Grove Street Way, and Lake Bluff Way
- Pedestrian access from
Naylor Drive
- Conneaut Township Park

Amenities and Activities:

The 60-acre Conneaut Township Park is located on Lake Road (State Route 531) in Conneaut. Access roads include Gibson Way, Grove Street Way, and Lake Bluff Way. Pedestrians can also access the eastern part of the park from Naylor Drive. The park features a nearly 2,100-foot-long swimming beach, which at its widest reaches over 1,000 feet. The accessible Conneaut Township Park Boardwalk extends onto the beach and includes benches. Gibson Way leads to beach-level parking and concessions. The upper parts of the park sit atop 45-foot-high bluffs. Staircases traverse bluff areas to the beach. Additional amenities include picnic facilities, gazebo, playground, paved walking trails, bocce ball lawn, basketball courts, pickleball courts, volleyball courts, and soccer fields.

- Water Access:**
- Lake Erie beach is accessible for swimming and scenic views via boardwalks and terrain (from parking lot). Staircases also traverse bluffs to beach.
 - Scenic views of Lake Erie are available along boardwalk and from top of bluffs

- Trails:**
- Conneaut Township Park Boardwalk
 - US Bike Route 30

- Nearby Sites:**
- Conneaut Sandbar is adjacent to the east and connected via the Conneaut Township Park Boardwalk and beach
 - Lake Shore Park (to west) is connected via US Bike Route 30 (on-road signed bike route)

AS11 Lakeview Park

- Erie Street at Sandusky Street
Conneaut
- City of Conneaut



Amenities and Activities:

Lakeview Park sits high atop a 50-foot bluff, landward (south) of the Conneaut Port Authority Access. Two benches provide scenic panoramic views of Lake Erie, Conneaut Sandbar, Conneaut Harbor, and the Conneaut West Breakwater Lighthouse. The park includes a nine-hole disc golf course.

- Water Access:** No lake access
Scenic views of Lake Erie available from top of bluff; accessible via sidewalk
- Lake Erie Birding Trail:**
- Ashtabula Loop

- Nearby Sites:**
- Conneaut Sandbar and Conneaut Port Authority Access are adjacent to the north (bottom of bluff) (no trail connections)

AS10 Conneaut Sandbar

- Naylor Drive at Erie Street,
west of boat ramp
Conneaut
- Pedestrian access from
Conneaut Township Park
- Conneaut Port Authority

Amenities and Activities:

Conneaut Sandbar occupies a large area of accumulated sand that has spilled over breakwater structures into Conneaut Harbor. It is accessible for swimming, fishing, paddling, parasailing, kitesurfing, and wildlife viewing. Access and activities are weather permitting. Vehicles are allowed onto the sandbar (fee required); four-wheel drive is recommended due to deep sand. Pedestrians can enter free of charge. An observation platform is located on site. Kayak rentals available.

- Water Access:**
- Lake Erie beach is accessible for swimming, wading, fishing, paddling, and scenic views via terrain
- Lake Erie Birding Trail:**
- Ashtabula Loop

- Nearby Sites:**
- Conneaut Township Park is adjacent to the west and connected via the Conneaut Township Park Boardwalk and beach
 - Conneaut Port Authority Access is adjacent to the east and connected via Naylor Drive

- Fees:**
- Parking fee to park on sandbar



LAKE ERIE

AS12-13

Conneaut Port Authority Access and Marina Drive

Port Authority Access
Naylor Drive at Broad Street
Conneaut

Marina Drive
End of Broad Street
Conneaut

41.9667, -80.5554

Conneaut Port Authority

Amenities and Activities:

Port Authority



Marina Drive



Conneaut Port Authority Access is located on Naylor Drive at Broad Street in Conneaut. The site features a three-lane concrete boat launch (launch fee required), over 70 vehicle/trailer parking spaces, kayak launch, kayak rentals, fishing access, and a paved walking pier with benches overlooking Conneaut Harbor. An observation deck is located west of the boat ramp.

Marina Drive is located at the end of Broad Street in Conneaut, north of Naylor Drive. It is a nearly 1,000-foot-long, J-shaped breakwater that extends into Conneaut Harbor. Fishing is permitted on the structure's west side, opposite the marina.

AS14

Turkey Creek Metropark

Access from Lake Road,
Springfield Township, PA
Conneaut

Ashtabula County Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:



The 602-acre Turkey Creek Metropark, located in the extreme northeastern corner of Ohio, is uniquely accessible only through Pennsylvania via Lake Road. Primitive hiking paths follow old roadways and wildlife trails into the park area. Fishing is permitted along Turkey Creek and hunting is allowed with a permit. Gravel parking lots are available on Lake Road in Pennsylvania, about 400 feet east of State Line Road, and on State Line Road (south of Lake Road). The park borders Roderick Wildlife Preserve, also known as Pennsylvania State Game Lands #314, to the east.

Water Access:

- **Port Authority Access:** Lake Erie is accessible for boating via boat ramp
- **Port Authority Access:** Lake Erie is accessible for paddling via kayak launch
- **Port Authority Access:** Lake Erie is accessible for fishing from pier/parking lot
- **Marina Drive:** Lake Erie is accessible for fishing from pier/parking area

Lake Erie Birding Trail:

Ashtabula Loop

Nearby Sites:

Conneaut Sandbar and Conneaut Township Park are adjacent to Conneaut Port Authority Access (to west) and connected via Naylor Drive

Water Access:

- **No lake access**
- Scenic views of Lake Erie are available from top of bluff; accessible via terrain
- Turkey Creek is accessible for fishing via terrain

Nearby Sites:

Roderick Wildlife Preserve (Pennsylvania State Game Lands #314) in Springfield Township, PA is adjacent to the east (pedestrian access via Lake Road and State Line Road)

CO1

Woodworth Road Public Boat Ramp

Woodworth Road,
north of Old Main Street
Conneaut

41.9530, -80.5426

City of Conneaut

Amenities and Activities:



Woodworth Road Public Boat Ramp is located at the end of Woodworth Road in Conneaut. The site offers a single-lane concrete ramp, gravel parking, and fishing access. Direct boating access to Lake Erie is limited to smaller watercraft due to bridge clearance.

CO2-3

Indian Mound Metropark and Mill Road Access

Indian Mound Metropark
431 Mill Road
Conneaut

Mill Road Access
At south end of old Mill Road bridge
Conneaut

41.9375, -80.5636

Ashtabula County Metroparks
and City of Conneaut

Amenities and Activities:



Mill Road Access



The 120-acre Indian Mound Metropark is located on Mill Road at Welton Road in Conneaut, just west of State Route 7. Park amenities include a nearly one-mile looping hiking trail, boardwalk (portion of trail), interpretive signage, paddling access, and fishing access. The site occupies a heavily wooded peninsula in the meandering Conneaut Creek and is named after the last remaining Native American fortification structures in Ashtabula County, known as the Conneaut Fort, or Conneaut Works. A reinforced earthen staircase connects to the trail from Mill Road near the old bridge.

Paddling and fishing access are also available between Mill Road bridge (closed to pedestrians and traffic) and the State Route 7 overpass. The city-maintained site (pictured to right) features reinforced earthen access steps with adjacent canoe slide and parking lot.



CONNEAUT CREEK

Water Access:

- Conneaut Creek is accessible for boating and paddling via boat ramp (with access to Lake Erie)
- Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing via terrain/parking lot

River Mile Location:

At RM 1.7

Water Access:

- **Indian Mound Metropark:** Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing and paddling via trails (steps available near Mill Road bridge)
- **Mill Road Access:** Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing and paddling via steps and canoe slide

River Mile Location:

- **Indian Mound Metropark:** Between RM 3.4 and RM 4.1
- **Mill Road Access:** At RM 3.4

Trails:

Indian Mound Metropark Hiking Trail





CONNEAUT CREEK

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CO4 Center Street Scenic River Lands

Center Street,
south of Spring Street
Conneaut

41.9368, -80.5718

ODNR Division of
Natural Areas and Preserves

In 2005, 21 miles of the Conneaut Creek were designated a State Scenic River (over 16 miles were also designated a State Wild River). Center Street Scenic River Lands provides fishing and paddling access along one-half mile of the creek in the city of Conneaut. The 0.5-mile Center Road Trail (natural surface) follows the bank. Parking and trailhead are located on Center Street, opposite Skippon Park.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing and paddling via trail

River Mile Location:

Between RM 4.3 and RM 4.8

Trails:

Center Road Trail

CO7 Creek Road Access

Creek Road, west of Keefus Road
Conneaut

Pedestrian access from
Keefus Road

ODNR Division of Wildlife

Amenities and Activities:



Creek Road Access is located on Creek Road in Conneaut, opposite Clara D. Peet Preserve. Parking is available just east of the covered bridge. The 0.7-mile Creek Road Fishing Access Trail follows Conneaut Creek between the parking lot and Keefus Road. A fishing and paddling access trail leads to the creek just north of the bridge.

Water Access:

Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing and paddling via trail and terrain

River Mile Location:

Between RM 6.7 and RM 7.4

Trails:

Creek Road Fishing Access Trail

Nearby Sites:

- Clara D. Peet Preserve is adjacent to the south, opposite Creek Road, and connected via hiking trails
- Keefus Road Scenic River Access is located on the east side of Keefus Road (no trail connections)

CO5-6 Parrish Road Scenic River Lands and Keefus Road Scenic River Lands

Parrish Road
End of South Parrish Road,
north of Daniels Avenue
Conneaut

Keefus Road
Keefus Road, north of Daniels Avenue
Conneaut

Pedestrian access from
Keefus Road

ODNR Division of
Natural Areas and Preserves

Parrish Road Scenic River Lands is located on the south bank of the Conneaut Creek at the north end of South Parrish Road. The Parrish Road bridge no longer crosses the creek (no access from Parrish Road on the north bank).

Keefus Road Scenic River Lands (pictured to right) is located on Keefus Road, opposite Creek Road Access. Both sites offer fishing, hiking, and paddling access. Roadside parking is available.

Amenities and Activities:



Water Access:

Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing and paddling via primitive trails and terrain

River Mile Location:

- Parrish Road: Between RM 3.4 and RM 4.1
- Keefus Road: Between RM 5.2 and 5.4

Nearby Sites:

Keefus Road: Creek Road Access is located on west side of Keefus Road (no trail connections)



CO8 Creek Road Covered Bridge

Creek Road, west of Keefus Road
Conneaut

City of Conneaut

Amenities and Activities:



The 125-foot-long Creek Road Covered Bridge crosses Conneaut Creek between Creek Road Access and Clara D. Peet Preserve in Conneaut. It is a Town lattice design. The bridge's date of construction is unknown; it was renovated in 1994. Parking is available to the east at both adjacent facilities. Two benches provide scenic views of Conneaut Creek, just east of the bridge.

Water Access: No creek access

Scenic views of Conneaut Creek are accessible via terrain

River Mile Location:

At RM 7.4

Nearby Sites:

- Creek Road Access is adjacent to the north (no trail connections)
- Clara D. Peet Preserve is adjacent to the south (no trail connections)



CONNEAUT CREEK

CO9 Clara D. Peet Preserve

- 405 Creek Road
Conneaut
- Ashtabula County Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:

The 65-acre Clara D. Peet Preserve, also known as Camp Peet Metropark, is located on Creek Road in Conneaut, opposite Creek Road Access. Parking is available just east of Creek Road Covered Bridge. The heavily wooded site features a 1.1-mile hiking trail, picnic pavilions, primitive campsites, fishing access, and paddling access. The campsites are designated exclusively for organized programs or scout groups (submit application to Ashtabula County Metroparks required). Camp Peet preserve is open to the public May through October.

CO10 State Road Covered Bridge

- State Road,
north of Hatches Corners Road
Monroe Township
- Monroe Township

Amenities and Activities:

The 152-foot-long State Road Covered Bridge was built in 1983 and crosses Conneaut Creek in Monroe Township. It is a single-span Town lattice design. A gravel roadside pull-off is available on State Road, south of the bridge. Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing, paddling, and scenic views.

Water Access:
Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing and paddling via trail and terrain

River Mile Location:
Between RM 7.4 and RM 8.0

Trails:
 Clara D. Peet Preserve Primitive Trail

Nearby Sites:
Creek Road Access is adjacent to the north, opposite Creek Road, and connected via hiking trails

Water Access:
Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing, paddling, and scenic views via terrain

River Mile Location:
At RM 17.2



CO11 Phil Hillman South Ridge Road Access and Best Scenic River Lands

- South Ridge Road East,
east of State Route 7
Conneaut
- ODNR Division of Wildlife &
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves

Amenities and Activities:

Phil Hillman South Ridge Road Access (ODNR Division of Wildlife) is located on South Ridge Road East, just east of State Route 7 in Conneaut. A mowed-grass trail leads from the parking area to Best Scenic River Lands (ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves). A primitive fishing access trail switchbacks the rugged, 80-foot-high bank to Conneaut Creek.

CO12 Friends of Conneaut Creek Metropark

- 27 Blakeslee Road
Conneaut
- Ashtabula County Metroparks

Amenities and Activities:

The 79-acre Friends of Conneaut Creek Metropark is located at the south end of Blakeslee Road, south of South Ridge Road East in Conneaut. The park includes an accessible, paved loop trail, hiking trail, picnic table, butterfly garden, benches, and fishing access. A two-plank-wide boardwalk and staircase lead to Conneaut Creek.

Best Scenic River Lands

CONNEAUT CREEK

Water Access:
Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing via primitive trail and terrain

River Mile Location:
Between RM 20.7 and RM 21.0

Trails:
 Hillman Fishing Access Trail

Water Access:
Conneaut Creek is accessible for fishing and scenic views via trails (with staircase)

River Mile Location:
Between RM 21.4 and RM 22.0

