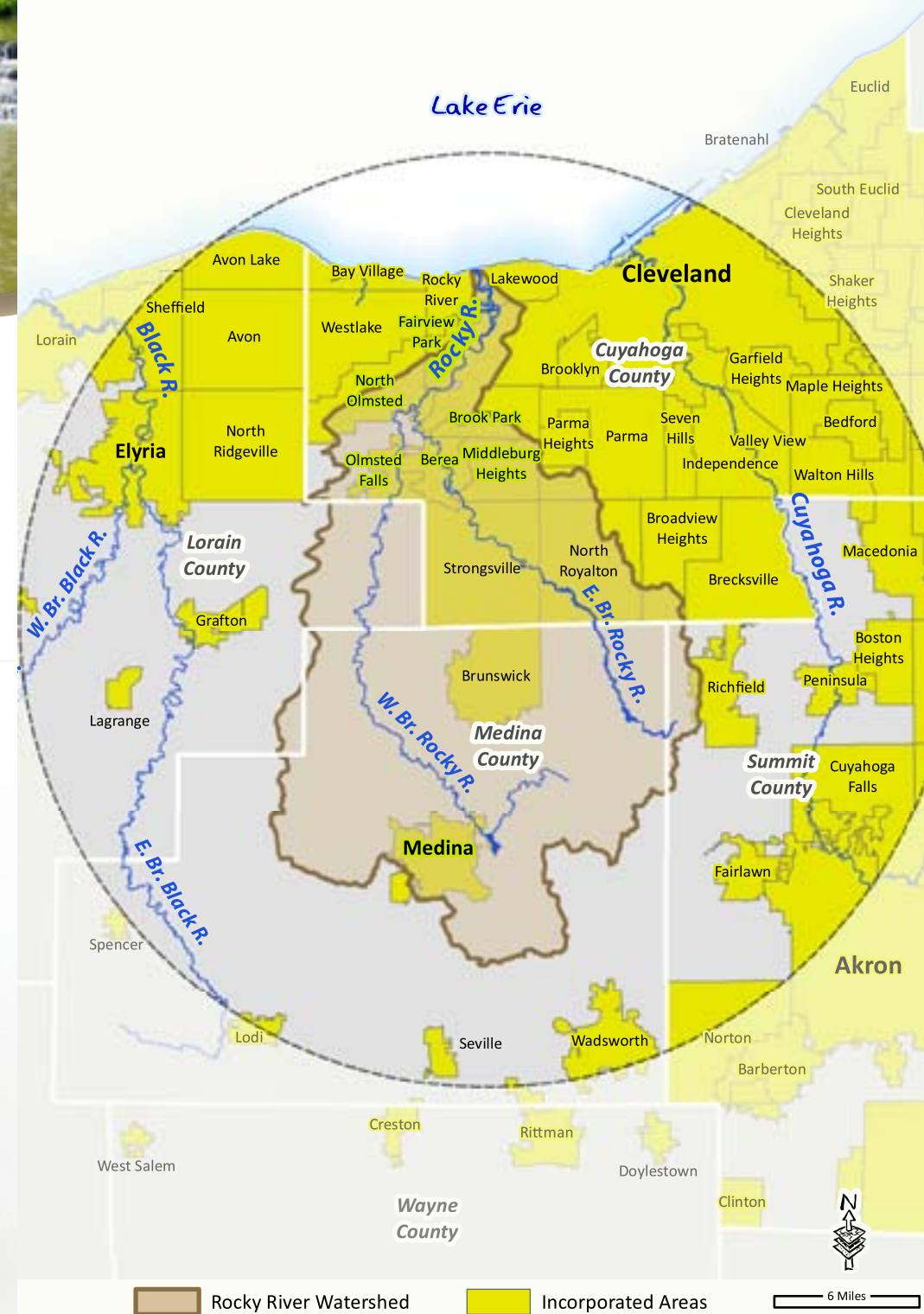


Number of Access Sites: 10

The Rocky River Reservation provides easy access to the river for many recreational activities, including boating (near the mouth), kayaking, fishing and wading. The river offers excellent steelhead fishing as well as bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and perch. In June 2007, Field and Stream magazine listed the Rocky River as one of the "150 Best Places to fish in America."





Port of Lakewood Courtesy Dock

Location:

Beneath the Detroit Avenue Bridge, accessible from the Rocky River Reservation's Scenic Park and Emerald Necklace Marina

Waterbody:

Rocky River

River Mile

Location:

Between RM 0 and RM 1

Jurisdiction:

Lakewood, OH

County:

Cuyahoga

Latitude:

N 41° 28.92'

Longitude:

W 081° 49.86'

Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



The Port of Lakewood Courtesy Dock is located directly beneath the Detroit Avenue Bridge. It provides boaters a free 15-minute transient dock area on the east bank of the Rocky River.

Learn More:

City of Lakewood
www.onelakewood.com

Field Notes:



Rocky River Reservation

Location:

Western Cuyahoga County along Valley Parkway between Detroit Avenue in Lakewood and Bagley Road in Berea

Waterbody:

Rocky River
East Branch
and West Branch
Rocky rivers

River Mile

Location:

Between RM 1 and RM 12 (Rocky River);
Between RM 0 and RM 5 (East Branch Rocky River);
Between RM 0 and RM 1 (West Branch Rocky River)

County:

Cuyahoga

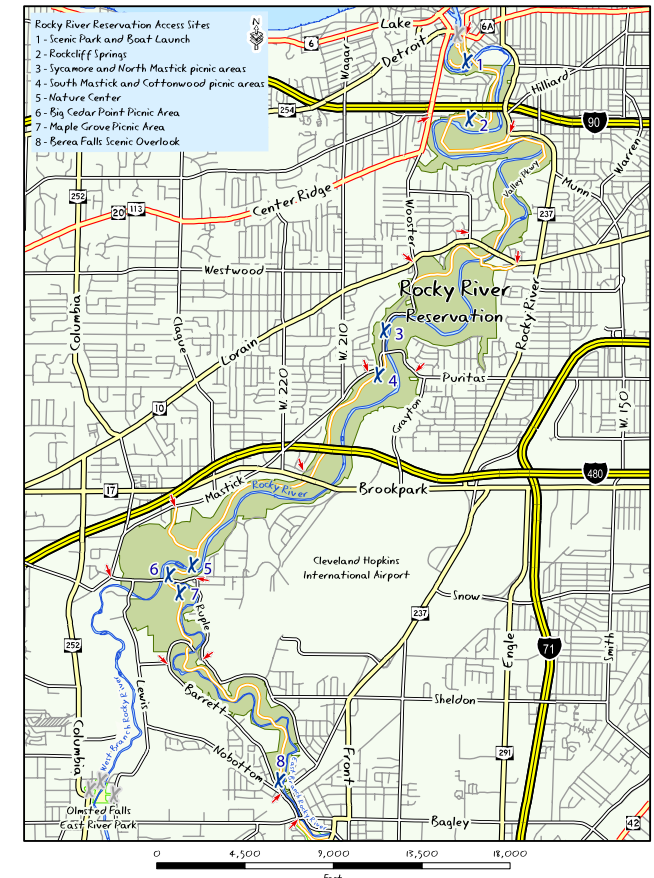
Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:





Rocky River Reservation

The Cleveland Metroparks' Rocky River Reservation encompasses over 2,500 acres of protected land along the Rocky River and portions of its East and West branches. From north to south, the Reservation is located in Lakewood, Rocky River, Cleveland, Fairview Park, Brook Park, North Olmsted, Olmsted Township and Berea. The 12-mile Valley Parkway meanders with the river for the entire length of the Reservation between Lakewood and Berea. Many access roads lead into the valley and to the parkway. South of Bagley Road, Valley Parkway continues into the adjacent Mill Stream Run Reservation, also a Cleveland Metropark.

The Rocky River valley is characterized by massive shale cliffs, floodplain forests, wetland areas and open meadows. The Reservation features a vast collection of trails, including the 13.6-mile, paved All Purpose Trail, three bridle trail loops totaling 15.4 miles, all-purpose neighborhood connector trails and many shorter hiking and walking trails of varying difficulty levels. Many picnic areas and shelters, scenic overlooks and wildlife viewing opportunities are located throughout the park.

A boat launch, which affords access to Lake Erie, can be found at the Scenic Park Picnic Area. The Emerald Necklace Marina is also accessible from Scenic Park. The reservation includes the Rocky River Nature Center, three golf courses (Big Met, Little Met and Mastick Woods) and the Frostville Museum, which educates visitors on how area settlers lived and worked in the 1800s.

Rocky River Reservation is the most visited of the Cleveland Metroparks' 16 reservations.

Access Roads:

- Valley Parkway from Detroit Avenue (US 6A), Lakewood
- Rockcliff Drive, Rocky River
- Old Hogsback Lane, Lakewood
- Old Lorain Road, Cleveland
- Wooster Road, Fairview Park
- Mastick Road, Fairview Park
- Puritas Road, Cleveland
- Brookway Boulevard, Fairview Park
- Shepherd's Hill Lane, North Olmsted
- Cedar Point Road, Brook Park (east); North Olmsted (west)
- Spafford Road, Brook Park (east); Olmsted Township (west)
- Falls Lane, Berea
- Barrett Road from Bagley Road, Berea

Learn More:

Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com



Rocky River Reservation

RO2.1

Scenic Park Picnic Area and Emerald Necklace Marina

Location:

Valley Parkway, south of the Detroit Avenue entrance

River Mile Location:

Between RM 1 and RM 2

Jurisdiction:

Lakewood, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 28.69'
 W 081° 49.78'

Amenities:



RO2.2

Rockcliff Springs

Location:

Valley Parkway at Rockcliff Drive

River Mile Location:

Between RM 2 and RM 3

Jurisdiction:

Lakewood, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 28.22'
 W 081° 49.75'

Amenities:





Rocky River Reservation

Rocky River Reservation

RO2.3

Sycamore Picnic Area and North Mastick Picnic Area

Location:

Valley Parkway, north of Mastick/
Puritas Road

River Mile Location:

At RM 8

Jurisdiction:

Fairview Park, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 26.45'
W 081° 50.73'

Amenities:


RO2.4

South Mastick Picnic Area and Cottonwood Picnic Area

Location:

Valley Parkway, south of Mastick/
Puritas Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 8 and RM 9

Jurisdiction:

Fairview Park, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 26.09'
W 081° 50.78'

Amenities:


RO2.5

Rocky River Nature Center

Location:

24000 Valley Parkway, north of
Cedar Point Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 11 and RM 12

Jurisdiction:

North Olmsted, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 24.5'
W 081° 52.91'

Amenities:


RO2.6

Big Cedar Point Picnic Area and Little Cedar Point Picnic Area

Location:

Valley Parkway and
Cedar Point Road

River Mile Location:

At RM 12

Jurisdiction:

North Olmsted, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 24.42'
W 081° 53.15'

Amenities:




Mill Stream Run Reservation

The Cleveland Metroparks' Mill Stream Run Reservation is a 3,302-acre reserve of protected land that follows the East Branch Rocky River from Bagley Road in Berea to Edgerton Road in North Royalton. From north to south, the Reservation is located in Berea, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville and North Royalton. Sites within Mill Stream Run are accessible via Valley Parkway, which travels the Reservation's entire length. Many access roads lead to the parkway, including Pearl Road (US Route 42) and Royalton Road (State Route 82). North of Bagley Road, Valley Parkway continues into the Rocky River Reservation, and east of Edgerton Road the parkway continues to the Brecksville Reservation. Both adjacent reservations are also Cleveland Metropark facilities. Mill Stream Run also connects to another Cleveland Metropark, the Big Creek Reservation via the Big Creek Parkway, located just south of Whitney Road in Strongsville.

The Mill Stream Run Reservation includes many trails, including the 8.9-mile paved All Purpose Trail, a 9-mile bridle trail and other shorter hiking and walking trails. Mill Stream Run is also noted for the Chalet Recreation Center in Strongsville, which features twin downhill toboggan chutes (open during winter months). Located in Berea, Baldwin and Wallace lakes offer fishing and swimming. Both lakes were former sandstone quarries.

Mill Stream Run owes its name to the many sawmills, gristmills and other mills that were once abundantly placed along the East Branch of the Rocky River.

Access Roads:

- Valley Parkway from Bagley Road, Berea
- Lee Road, Berea
- North Quarry Lane, Berea
- South Quarry Lane, Berea
- Eastland Road, Middleburg Heights
- Whitney Road, Strongsville
- Big Creek Parkway, Strongsville
- Pearl Road (US 42), Strongsville
- Albion Road, Strongsville
- Handle Road, Strongsville
- Royalton Road (SR 82), Strongsville
- West 130th Street, Strongsville/North Royalton
- Valley Parkway from Edgerton Road, North Royalton

Learn More:

Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com

Mill Stream Run Reservation

ERO2.1

Baldwin Picnic Area

Location:

Valley Parkway, south of
North Quarry Lane

River Mile Location:

Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:

Berea, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 21.78'
W 081° 51.38'

Amenities:



ERO2.2

Music Mound

Location:

North Quarry Lane,
east of Valley Parkway

River Mile Location:

Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:

Berea, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 21.8'
W 081° 51.26'

Amenities:





Mill Stream Run Reservation

Mill Stream Run Reservation

ERO2.3

Baldwin Lake Viewing Area

Location:

Valley Parkway, between North Quarry and South Quarry lanes

River Mile Location:

Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:

Berea, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 21.62'
W 081° 51.45'

Amenities:


ERO2.4

South Quarry Picnic Area

Location:

Valley Parkway at South Quarry Lane

River Mile Location:

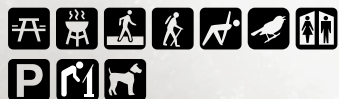
Between RM 5 and RM 6

Jurisdiction:

Berea, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 21.31'
W 081° 51.27'

Amenities:


ERO2.5

Walter F. Ehrnfelt Covered Bridge

Location:

Whitney Road, just west of Valley Parkway

River Mile Location:

Between RM 7 and RM 8

Jurisdiction:

Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 20.57'
W 081° 50.18'

Amenities:


ERO2.6

Bonnie Park

Location:

Valley Parkway at Albion Road

River Mile Location:

Between RM 8 and RM 9

Jurisdiction:

Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 19.97'
W 081° 50.03'

Amenities:




Mill Stream Run Reservation

Hinckley Reservation

ERO2.7

The Chalet

Location:

16200 Valley Parkway,
between Albion Road and Royalton
Road (SR 82)

River Mile Location:

At RM 10

Jurisdiction:

Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 19.33'
W 081° 49.06'

Amenities:


Toboggan chutes

ERO2.8

Strongsville Wildlife Area

Location:

Valley Parkway, between Handle
Road and Royalton Road (SR 82)

River Mile Location:

Between RM 10 and RM 11

Jurisdiction:

Strongsville, OH

Lat/Long:

N 41° 19.15'
W 081° 48.44'

Amenities:


Wildlife viewing blind

Location:
Bellus Road, between
State Route 606 and
State Road

Waterbody:

East Branch
Rocky River
Hinckley Lake

River Mile
Location:

Between
RM 23 and RM 27

Jurisdiction:

Hinckley
Township, OH

County:

Medina

Latitude:

N 41° 13.63'

Longitude:

W 081° 43.09'

Access
Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:
Location Map:

Amenities:


Hinckley Reservation is the only Cleveland Metropark located in Medina County. This Metropark is internationally-known for the punctual spring return of the turkey vulture, commonly known as the buzzard, to the area every March 15.

Hinckley Reservation features the manmade 90-acre Hinckley Lake, which offers all-season fishing, a boat ramp and ice skating. Below the dam is the Hinckley Lake Swimming Area and continuation of the East Branch Rocky River. Many trails meander throughout the reservation, including six miles of the Buckeye Trail, a 6-mile bridle trail, the 3.4-mile Hinckley Lake Loop Trail and a 3.3-mile paved All Purpose Trail. Trailheads can be accessed from within the park, or from the Reservation's perimeter.

Hinckley Reservation also includes Whipp's Ledges and Worden's Ledges. Whipp's Ledges are remarkable 350-foot Sharon Conglomerate sandstone ledges. The 1.25-mile Whipp's Ledges Loop Trail traverses through this geologic phenomenon and connects the Whipp's Ledges Picnic Area (off State Road) with the Top O' Ledges Picnic Area (off Bellus Road).



Hinckley Reservation

Rising Valley Picnic Area

Location:

Newton and
Oviatt roads

Waterbody:

East Branch
Rocky River

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 31 and RM 32

Jurisdiction:

Hinckley
Township, OH

County:

Medina

Latitude:

N 41° 15.63'

Longitude:

W 081° 41.12'

Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

Cleveland Metroparks
www.clemetparks.com

Field Notes:



Olmsted Falls East River Park

Location:

Water Street at River
Road; accessible also
from Main Street
north of Columbia
Road (SR 252)

Waterbody:

West Branch
Rocky River
Plum Creek

River Mile

Location:

Between
RM 3 and RM 4

Jurisdiction:

Olmsted Falls, OH

County:

Cuyahoga

Latitude:

N 41° 22.7'

Longitude:

W 081° 53.95'

Access

Site Type:

Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:

City of Olmsted Falls
www.olmstedfalls.org

Field Notes:



David Fortier River Park

Location:
Lewis Road, between
Water Street and
Bagley Road

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 3 and RM 4

Jurisdiction:
Olmsted Falls, OH

County:
Cuyahoga

Latitude:
N 41° 22.58'

Longitude:
W 081° 53.79'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
City of Olmsted Falls
www.olmstedfalls.org

Field Notes:



Columbia Reservation

Location:
25145 Royalton Road
(SR 82)

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River

**River Mile
Location:**
Between
RM 9 and RM 11

Jurisdiction:
Columbia
Township, OH

County:
Lorain

Latitude:
N 41° 18.76'

Longitude:
W 081° 55.19'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:
Briarwood Lodge Entrance from Briarwood Lane

Learn More:
Lorain County Metro Parks
www.metrotparks.cc

Field Notes:



Mill Stream Park

Location:
End of Maple Street

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River

**River Mile
Location:**

Between
RM 18 and RM 19

Jurisdiction:
Liverpool
Township, OH

County:
Medina

Latitude:
N 41° 14.43'

Longitude:
W 081° 55.7'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Learn More:
Liverpool Township and Valley City
www.valleycity.org

Field Notes:



Lake Medina

Location:
Medina Road (SR 18),
between Foote and
River Styx roads

Waterbody:
West Branch
Rocky River
Lake Medina

**River Mile
Location:**

Between
RM 30 and RM 31

Jurisdiction:
Medina, OH

County:
Medina

SR 18 Entrance:
Lat: N 41° 8.23'
Long: W 081° 49.36'

Granger Road:
Lat: N 41° 9.14'
Long: W 081° 49.34'

**Access
Site Type:**
Recreation

Date Visited:

Location Map:



Amenities:



Alternate Entrance:
Granger Road, east of Weymouth Road (SR 3)

Learn More:
Medina County Park District
www.medinacountyparks.com

Field Notes:
