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Mahoning County offers a wonderful variety of activities for outdoor enthusiasts. Visitors come from across the region to experience all we have to offer here. Plan your next adventure, and be sure to check venue hours and availability, as some change seasonally. Contact us for additional information. We'd love to help you plan your visit!

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millcreekmetroparks.org

MILL CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
2650 W. CALLA RD., CANFIELD

MILL CREEK PRESERVE
WESTERN RESERVE RD.,
BOARDMAN

VICKERS NATURE PRESERVE
RT. 224, CANFIELD

NEWPORT WETLANDS
W. NEWPORT DR., BOARDMAN

WICK RECREATION AREA
MCCOLLUM RD., YOUNGSTOWN

METROPARKS FARM
7574 COLUMBIANA-CANFIELD RD.,
CANFIELD

LAKE MILTON STATE PARK
parks.ohiodnr.gov/lakemilton
16801 MAHONING AVE., LAKE
MILTON

BERLIN LAKE
wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/berlinlake
7400 BEDELL RD., BERLIN CENTER

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austintowntwp.com
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BOARDMAN PARK
boardmanpark.com
375 BOARDMAN-POLAND RD.,
BOARDMAN

MAUTHE PARK
156 SMITHFIELD ST., STRUTHERS

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YELLOW CREEK PARK
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WICK PARK
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KYLE WOODS
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WORKS**
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SOUTHERN PARK MALL
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TRAMPOLINE PARK**
360 MCCLURG RD., BOARDMAN



HIKING TRAILS



MILL CREEK METROPARKS

Encompassing more than 2,800 natural acres, Mill Creek MetroParks offers 45 miles of trails to explore. Boardwalks, paved walkways and unpaved trails take visitors through the diverse lands and scenery of this breathtaking park. Scan the QR code to get a detailed Trail Guide to all 18 trails, with locations and details for each. From a .25-mile easy loop to moderately difficult trails, you'll find all the information you need here.



LAKE MILTON STATE PARK

A .5-mile paved Storybook Trail is located in the northwest corner of the park, near the beach parking lot. There is also a paved trail near the Meshel Park area off Mahoning Avenue.

AUSTINTOWN PARK

Ten varied trails, including a .25-mile Braille Trail with interpretive signage and guide rope. The 1-mile Loop Hiking Trail is a hard pack clay surface with varied terrain from easy to moderate, including a stepping stone stream crossing.

BOARDMAN PARK

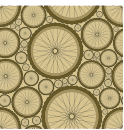
Hike & Bike, North Trail and Nature Trails totaling four miles for your enjoyment. Visit boardmanpark.com/map for a full map of the trails.

POLAND MUNICIPAL FOREST

Several trails and benches are found throughout the 250 acres of natural beauty in Poland Municipal Forest.

YELLOW CREEK PARK

Experience the diversity of Yellow Creek Park as you hike its four challenging trails. The historic site of the Hopewell Furnace is accessible by trail when Yellow Creek levels are low.



BIKE TRAILS



MILL CREEK METROPARKS BIKEWAY

The MetroParks Bikeway will be part of the 100-mile (when completed) Great Ohio Lake to River Greenway. Enjoy beautiful scenery as you bike the 11-mile portion through Mahoning County. Parking and restrooms are available at MetroParks Farm and at Kirk Rd. trailhead. This is an easy, paved trail with an overall elevation difference of 180 feet.

Biking is permitted on paved roads throughout Mill Creek Park (not on hiking trails), including the East Golf Hike & Bike trail, which is closed to traffic. Scan the QR code at right for additional info.



LAKE MILTON MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL

For those who prefer to take the less traveled path, the Lake Milton Mountain Bike Trail is a developing, obstacle-free trail. Currently at approximately 10.5 miles, the trail has tight turns, short, punchy climbs and descents. It is ridden as an out-and-back and rides great in both directions. Trailhead can be found off Ellsworth Road near the southeast corner of the lake. Follow Rust Belt Revival Trail Coalition's Facebook page for information on trail conditions and further updates.

TRAILSIDE BICYCLE COMPANY

Seasonal bike, equipment and safety gear rentals are available at Trailside. Snacks and beverages are available at the Kirk Road Trail Head. Limited seasonal hours. For more information, call 330-503-4690 or visit trailsidebicyclecompany.com.

EBIKES

eBike rentals to explore Mill Creek Park are available through Cruise the Creek.

Launching in 2023, YOGO Bikeshare will provide bike sharing throughout the Downtown Youngstown area. Reserve and unlock a bike, and submit payment through their App.



KAYAK & CANOE



PADDLE THE MAHONING RIVER

The ongoing project to remove low-head dams in the Mahoning River has opened up a new option for recreational paddling. The natural flow of the river is cleaning the water and you can enjoy a scenic paddle, enjoying waterfowl and wildlife, while floating past the remnants of the industrial giants that once lined the river. You can paddle without obstructions from the launch area in Struthers to the Village of Lowellville's Riverfront Park on W. Water St. (3 miles). Continue across the OH/PA state line for another 6 miles into New Castle, PA. The removal of two additional dams is scheduled to begin in 2023, and when complete, will open up the Mahoning River from downtown Youngstown to Lowellville (9 miles).

Rental Options:

- Barefeet Kayak Rentals - 330-540-3742, barefeetkayakrentals.com
- Mahoning Paddle and Pedal - 330-719-2305, mppohio.com
- TheKayaKing - 330-397-5070, thekayaking.com

LAKE MILTON STATE PARK

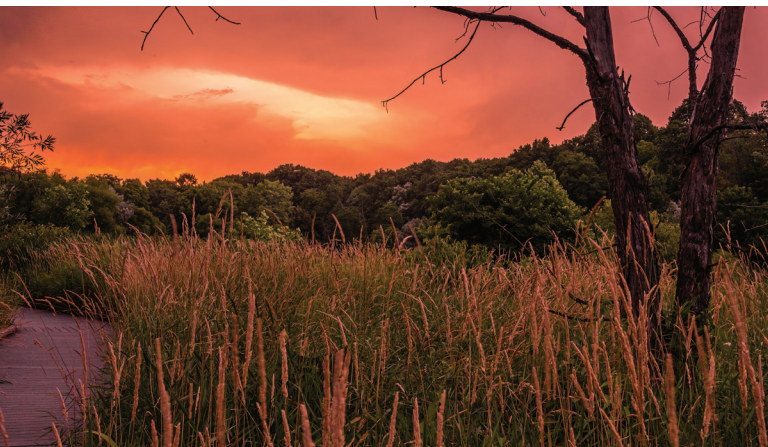
Lake Milton State Park offers stand-up paddle boards, kayaks and canoes for rent in season. Rental office is located at the Marina in the Meshel Park area on the east side of the lake. Turn north on NE River Rd., then left on Milton Ave. to the marina area. Call 330-654-4991 for info.

MILL CREEK METROPARKS

Rentals are usually available at Lake Glacier and Lake Newport boathouses Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. Privately owned canoes, kayaks and boats which comply with MetroParks regulations may be used, March 1 through November 30.



NATURE PRESERVES: MILL CREEK METROPARKS



COLLIER PRESERVE

Collier Preserve consists of over 300 acres and two miles of trails of upland and wetland habitats. Expansive acreage and diverse, high-quality habitats create many opportunities for bird watching, hiking and other passive recreation activities. White-tailed deer, eastern cottontail rabbits, red-tailed hawks and a wide variety of songbirds have been observed. Parking is available off Western Reserve Road in Boardman.

VICKERS NATURE PRESERVE

Vickers Nature Preserve in Canfield consists of diverse habitats, including meadows, woodlands, wetlands and ponds. There are several small streams flowing through the Preserve that flow directly into Meander Creek just upstream of the Meander Reservoir. Hiking is permitted throughout the site and there is access to the free-use equestrian trails.

NEWPORT WETLANDS

The Newport Wetlands, located at the southern end of Lake Newport in Youngstown, provide habitat for a variety of plants and animals. Visitors can experience this complex web of flora and fauna by walking the Albert E. Davies Wetland Trail, a boardwalk through the wetlands with interpretive signs along the way. Kayakers can explore the wetland habitat through water trails inaccessible from land. Hikers can access West and East Channel and Islands Trails and West Newport Trail.

METROPARKS FARM NATURAL AREAS

Over 150 acres of land at the MetroParks Farm in Canfield Township has been dedicated to the preservation of natural habitats, consisting of woodland, meadow, shrub thicket, pond and wetlands. The Mindy Henning Memorial Trail allows hikers to access some of the natural habitats of the Farm, and can be accessed from the MetroParks Bikeway.



FISHING & BOATING



LAKE MILTON STATE PARK

Lake Milton offers the best in water recreation. Boating, swimming and fishing are popular. Designed for unlimited horsepower, boaters have access to three launch ramps (courtesy docks are provided near the causeway on the west side of the lake).

- diverse fish community that includes largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish, as well as walleye and muskellunge (both of which are stocked by the Division of Wildlife)
- trophy muskellunge caught occasionally
- host to 2015 Major League Fishing Show



Lake Milton Rental Information:

Pontoon and fishing boats, kayaks and wave runners are available for rent in season at the Meshel Park area on the east side of the lake. Call 330-654-4991 for more information.



BERLIN LAKE

Several boat launching sites and commercial boat liveries provide fishing access to Berlin Lake. Spring is the best time to fish the lake; live bait and spinning lures are most effective.

- diverse sport fish populations which include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, white crappie, black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, brown bullhead and muskellunge
- walleye, bass and crappies are predominant



BIRD WATCHING



MILL CREEK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

More than 250 species of birds have been documented at this 482-acre spot along the Mill Creek corridor in Beaver Township. Access to the Sanctuary is limited to MetroParks educational programs; however, an elevated observation platform is open to the public and provides visitors with panoramic views of the aquatic, wetland and upland habitats. During the spring and fall months, the Sanctuary acts as an important resting point for migrating birds. Binoculars or spotting scopes are recommended.

LAKE MILTON STATE PARK

The scenic shoreline provides a habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds for visitors to enjoy. Robins, warblers, pine siskins, hawks and owls are commonly seen.

BERLIN LAKE

During migration, bald eagles may be seen on Berlin Lake along with a great variety of songbirds.

KYLE WOODS

Kyle Woods is a state nature preserve with an 82-acre beech-sugar maple woodlot where you'll find unique woody species and excellent birding. Tree species include cucumber magnolia, wild black cherry, black gum, several species of oaks and ashes. The preserve also features several white oaks over 300 years old, remnants of the original forest of Mahoning County. Visitation during daylight hours only.

Mahoning County is 150 miles from the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area. Extend your bird watching stay in Mahoning County on the way to/from the Warbler Capital of the World. You'll be glad you did! Multiple birding locations offer the chance to spot hundreds of species of birds. Visit youngstownlive.com to plan your visit.





HUNTING & ARCHERY RANGES



ON TARGET OUTFITTERS

On Target Outfitters in Canfield is a family-friendly, indoor/outdoor 21-acre recreation center. They offer educational classes that teach children how to safely participate in outdoor sports like archery, riflery, fishing, hunting and camping. Check ontargetoutfitters.org for upcoming events or to see public indoor archery range open dates.



MILL CREEK METROPARKS FARM ARCHERY RANGE

Open from dawn to dusk, bring your own bow and arrows to the picturesque range in Canfield to shoot targets set at 10, 20 and 30 yards.

LAKE MILTON STATE PARK

A standard public archery range is located on the east side of the dam. Hunting is permitted in designated areas. A valid Ohio hunting license is required.



BERLIN LAKE WILDLIFE AREA

Upland game species are well distributed throughout the 7,991-acre Wildlife Area. After upland game season opens, hunting dogs are recommended. The area offers great rabbit hunting in the brushy uplands along edges or borders, several good squirrel woods and brushy areas with open wet meadows for woodcock hunting. An archery range is open sunrise to sunset and free-of-charge.

LAKE PARK WILDLIFE AREA

Alliance's 75 acres of woodlands in the Lake Park Wildlife Area provide opportunity for hunting, especially for squirrel, rabbit and white-tailed deer.

SOCIAL SPORTS



DISC GOLF

Our area offers seasoned players and beginners alike many course options. Mill Creek MetroParks Farm has a 9-hole learn-to-play course and an 18-hole championship course. Other 18-hole course locations include The Osprey at Lake Milton State Park, Boardman Park and Austintown Park. 9-hole courses are available at Mauthe Park and Wick Park.

PICKLEBALL

Combining elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis, pickleball games can be played on the community courts at Austintown Township Park, Boardman Park, Volney Rogers Field in Mill Creek Park and Yellow Creek Park in Struthers.

TENNIS

Public courts are available throughout the Valley, including Austintown Park, Boardman Park, Wick Recreation Area at Mill Creek MetroParks and Wick Park.

BOCCE

Bocce is a Youngstown favorite. Reserve a court in the covered Lariccia Family Bocce Court pavilion at Boardman Park (equipment provided) or visit Cassese's MVR downtown and play on outdoor, covered courts. Steel Valley Brew Works at the Southern Park Mall offers two indoor courts.

DEK HOCKEY

Dek Hockey is played on foot or with inline skates, using a ball instead of a puck. Mill Creek MetroParks, the Youngstown Phantoms Hockey Team and the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation have installed a street hockey rink at the Wick Recreation Area.



SPLASH & PLAY



SPLASH PADS

The Juliana Kurinka Children's Play Area at Mill Creek's James L. Wick, Jr. Recreation Area offers four play areas for children of all ages. The area includes wet, adventure, sand and tot playgrounds with equipment and features designed for interactive, physical and social play.

A community splash pad is also available at Austintown Township Park.

PLAYGROUNDS

The Walnut Grove in Canfield offers a sensory-safe environment and playground where individuals of all abilities can learn through play and interact with their peers. Other playgrounds are also located throughout Mill Creek MetroParks and in Boardman, Austintown and Mauthe Parks.

SPORTS WORLD

Go-karts, Adventure Golf, batting cages and an arcade can be found at Sports World in Boardman.

DEEP FREEZE ICE ARENA AND EXTREME AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK

Extreme Air includes over 10,000 square feet of trampolines, two-story laser tag facility, climbing wall and Ninja Warrior Course in a family-friendly environment.

Deep Freeze Ice Arena has an Olympic-sized rink and is the only indoor ice skating arena in the Mahoning Valley.

WINTER FUN



SLED RIDING

Youngstown's favorite spot for sled riding is the sled hill at James L. Wick, Jr. Recreation Area in Mill Creek Park.

- lighted sledding area
- Hobbit Hill (for children 48" and under)
- outdoor warming fire with seating and wind shield
- snow-making machine
- warming house with indoor seating, fireplace, snack bar and vending machines

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Mahoning County locals stay fit throughout the winter on various cross-country ski areas located within Mill Creek MetroParks.

- Mill Creek Golf Course
- Park 3 Golf Course
- East Golf Hike & Bike Trail
- East Cohasset Hike & Bike Trail
- Chestnut Hill Drive
- Calvary Run Drive
- MetroParks Bikeway

ICE SKATING

There is seasonal/holiday ice skating at DeBartolo Commons at Southern Park Mall, as well as the Jewish Community Center. Visit our events calendar at youngstownlive.com/events for dates. Skate rentals are available.

ICE FISHING

Under the proper conditions, Lake Milton State Park visitors can enjoy ice fishing. Check feasibility with the park office by calling 330-235-0030.