

## ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE PARKS

Friends of the Park District Foundation is an organization associated with the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District. Donations from Friends of the Parks enable the Park District to ensure the continuance of environmental education programming, purchase facilities for the parks, and help protect the natural resources of Allen County. Your membership entitles you to a discount on shelter house reservations.

Friends can become as involved with the Park District as they desire. Many help at the Maple and Apple Festivals, as well as other Park District events.

Support your Park District. Join Friends of the Parks!



Please contact us regarding additional information on the Park District Foundation of Allen County and your long term plans.

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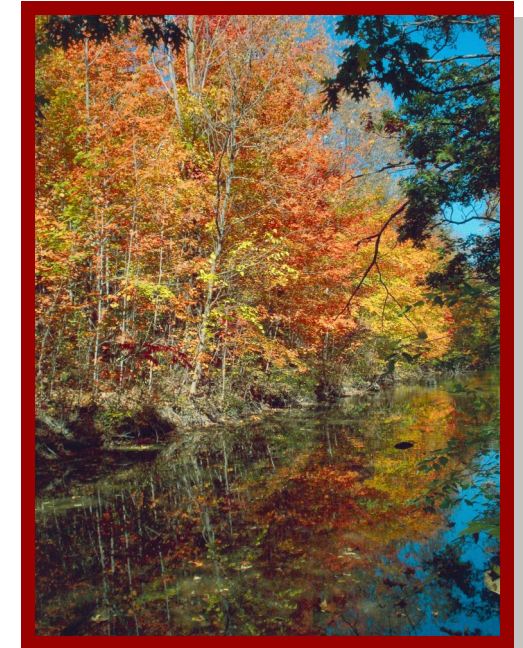
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## LAND USE

The Park District is a comprehensive system of natural areas and preserves in Allen County. Each park area is carefully planned so as not to destroy its natural features through development. Future acquisitions will be developed no more than 20% of the total land area.

The Park District continues to provide outdoor, passive recreation opportunities such as hiking, fishing, skating, cross country skiing, swimming, camping, etc. The city and village recreation departments provide active recreation opportunities for residents. The Park District will not duplicate those efforts.

## INTERPRETIVE EDUCATION

The Park District, through both public and private interpretive nature programs, provides educational opportunities and experiences not found elsewhere in our area. Specific nature and historical topics, as well as major festivals, provide the residents a wide array of learning experiences.

## PROTECTION/SAFETY

The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District, through its well-qualified and trained staff, provides protection to visitors and the lands and facilities in the District. Park rules and regulations are posted in each park and are enforced by the Park District Ranger staff.

## METRO PARK LOCATIONS

**HERITAGE PARK**- Shawnee Township, south of Lima on Reed Road, between Shawnee Road and South Dixie Highway.

**McLEAN TEDDY BEAR PARK**– Bath Township, 1 mile northeast of St. Rt. 81 on North Dixie Highway.

**OTTAWA METRO PARK**– Bath Township, east of Lima on St. Rt. 81, adjacent to Marimor School.

**KENDRICK WOODS**– Amanda Township, 10 miles west of Lima, 1/2 mile north of St. Rt. 81 on Defiance Trail.

**AGERTER ROAD RIVER ACCESS**– Amanda Township, west of Lima, 3 miles west of Bresler Reservoir on Agerter Road.

**ALLEN COUNTY FARM PARK**– Bath Township, east of Lima, 1 mile east of I-75 on St. Rt. 81 at Slabtown Road.

**ROTARY RIVERWALK**– From Heritage Park in Shawnee Twp. on Reed Road to Ottawa Metro Park in Bath Township.

**DEEP CUT HISTORICAL SITE**– South of Spencer-ville on St. Rt. 66 at the Allen/Auglaize County line.

**FORT AMANDA STATE MEMORIAL**– St. Rt. 198, south of the intersection of Ft. Amanda Road, in Auglaize County.

**LIPPINCOTT BIRD SANCTUARY**– Perry Township, east of the Allen County Fairgrounds on St. Rt. 117.

**MOTTER METRO PARK** –10740 Columbus Grove Bluffton Road, Bluffton.

**FREEDOM FLAG MONUMENT** – 1157 Buckeye Road, Shawnee Township.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District provides a wide variety of outdoor recreation and environmental education services to the citizens of Allen County and the surrounding area. Hiking, fishing, biking, wildlife observation, swimming, camping, and picnic facilities are just a few of the common activities. Whether on your own or as a group activity, the Park District provides an array of opportunities for your enjoyment.

Environmental education continues to be an important part of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District as well. While a large number of public programs are consistently scheduled, we accommodate requests for private, civic, and business groups as well.

While visiting the Parks, you and your family will be safe. The Park District employs rangers who patrol the Parks daily and provide any needed safety services. Park District personnel also assure that all facilities, playground equipment, and trails remain within and above national safety guidelines.

