

# History of the Rotary Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor & General Information

It was in anticipation of the Lima Rotary Club's 75th anniversary in 1992 that the idea of a "River Walk" was conceived. The Rotary Club partnered with the Johnny Applesseed Metro Park District, the City of Lima, BP, and numerous businesses in the community to complete the first phase of corridor development along the Ottawa River. The Rotary River Walk was created—a 4.2 mile paved trail extending from Heritage Park in Shawnee Township northeast to the Collett Street Recreation Area in Lima.

With forward thinking and a vision to improve the community, the City of Lima initiated the Ottawa River Corridor Study in 1996. The Riverwalk serves the citizens of Lima/Allen County as a safe alternative transportation route to Lima's central business district, YMCA, and numerous parks, schools, and neighborhoods. It connects Heritage Park in Shawnee Township to and through the City of Lima to the Ottawa Metro Park in Bath Township.

The Riverwalk continues to be a success due to the cooperation and collaboration between the City of Lima, township trustees, the Johnny Applesseed Metro Park District, and many private landowners along the way. The "connecting link" was completed & dedicated July 2010.

Please use and enjoy your Riverwalk, and all of your parks, in a safe and enjoyable fashion.

*For More Information on the Rotary Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor Trail, recreational opportunities along the corridor, or to learn more about the Lima City Parks Department or the Johnny Applesseed Park District, contact:*



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## Parks

Agerter Road River Access  
Allen County Farm Park  
Deep Cut Historical Park  
Fort Amanda State Memorial  
Heritage Park  
Kendrick Woods  
Lippincott Bird Sanctuary  
McLean Teddy Bear Park  
Molter Metro Park  
Ottawa Metro Park

## Facilities

McElroy Environmental  
Education Center  
Ottawa Metro Park Beach  
And Campground  
Park Shelters  
Playgrounds

## Programming

Nature Programs  
Living History Presentations  
Programs in the Metroparks  
In-school programs  
Passive Recreation

## Parks

Baxter Park  
Buttonbush Natural Area  
Cook Park  
Faurot Park  
Kibby Corners  
Lincoln Park  
Martin Luther King Jr Park  
Robb Park  
Schoonover Park  
Town Square

## Facilities

Schoonover Pool  
Select Sports Fields, Ball  
Diamonds, & Tennis Courts  
Playgrounds  
Skate Park

## Programming

Active Recreation  
Sports Leagues  
Summer Daycamps  
Star Spangled Spectacular

## In Case of Emergency Dial 9-1-1

One or more of the following agencies will respond.

### Allen County Sheriff's Office

[info@acso.com](mailto:info@acso.com)  
[www.acso-oh.us](http://www.acso-oh.us)  
419-227-3535



### Bath Township Fire Dept.

[bathfirehouse@earthlink.net](mailto:bathfirehouse@earthlink.net)  
[www.bathwpfd.com](http://www.bathwpfd.com)  
Rescue: 419-221-1221



### Johnny Applesseed Metro Park District

[jampd@jampd.com](mailto:jampd@jampd.com)  
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### Lima City Parks & Recreation Dept.

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### Lima Police Department

[lpd@limapolice.com](mailto:lpd@limapolice.com)  
[www.limapolice.com](http://www.limapolice.com)  
419-227-4444



### Shawnee Township

[www.shawneetownship.com](http://www.shawneetownship.com)  
Police: 419-227-1115  
Rescue: 419-991-4055



# Rotary Riverwalk and Ottawa River Bikeway

Lima &  
Allen County,  
Ohio



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# Riverwalk / Ottawa River Corridor Trail Distances

**\*Heritage Park Loop**  
3280' / .62 mile / 1 km

**\*Heritage Park to Shawnee Twp Police/Fire Station**  
7515' / 1.42 miles / 2.29 km

**Shawnee Twp Police/Fire Station to Adgate Road**  
3630' / .68 mi / 1.09 km

**Adgate Road to Collett Street Recreation Area**  
7990' / 1.51 miles / 2.43 km

**\*Hover Park Loop**  
5315' / 1.01 miles / 1.62 km

**Faurot Park Spur**  
3960' / .75 mi / 1.2 km

**\*Collett Street Recreation Area to \*Lima YMCA**  
6250' / 1.18 miles / 1.9 km

**\*Lima YMCA to Lima Senior High School**  
4000' / .75 mi / 1.2 km

**\*Lima Senior High School to \*Schoonover Park**  
2750' / .52 mi / 83 km

**\*Schoonover Park Loop**  
4610' / .87 mi / 1.4 km

**\*North Street Bridge to \*Roush Road / Lauer Historic Farm Park**  
8430' / 1.59 miles / 2.56 km

**\*Roush Road / Lauer Historic Farm Park to \*Ottawa Metro Park**  
3125' / .59 mi / .95 km

**\*Ottawa Metro Park Loop Trail**  
9240' / 1.75 miles / 2.81 km

**TOTAL TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES**  
70,095' / 13.27 miles / 21.35 km

**\* Trailhead / Parking / Restrooms**

