

Muskingum County is rich in opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts who come from far and wide to enjoy hiking, biking, the outdoors and exploring nature. The trails and parks maintained by the Muskingum Valley Park District offer many miles and acres to "Wander into the Great Outdoors". So load up your pets, gather a group, get with your family and friends, or take a stroll by yourself and wander the wonderful outdoors that Muskingum County has to offer.

**Joe's Run
Recreational Trail**



Muskingum Valley Park District

Enriching the quality of life of Muskingum County residents by conserving natural areas, providing passive and active recreational opportunities, and developing an appreciation of the natural, historical, and cultural heritage of the area.

Our Vision

The Muskingum Valley Park District will:

- Create viable resources for enhancing the quality of life through the attributes of nature
- Continuously and deliberately seek to learn and share knowledge
- Provide opportunities for reflection, serenity, and personal growth.

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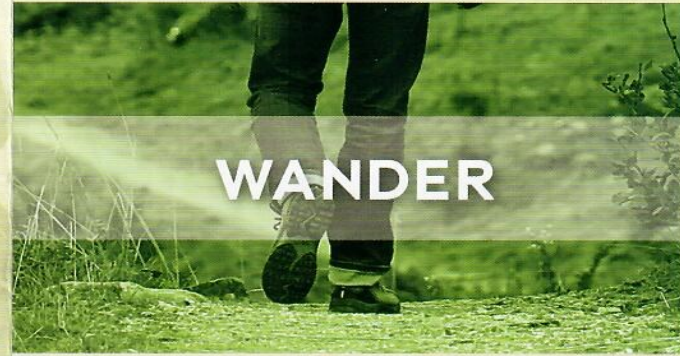
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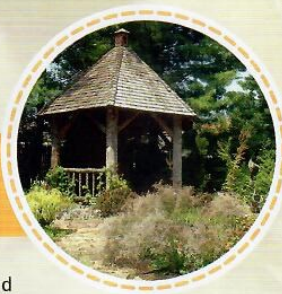


Gale Garden

Gale Garden is a serene setting in the midst of the historic McIntire Terrace subdivision in Zanesville. The one-acre garden includes a varied collection of rare and unique trees, bushes and perennials in a woodland motif, and provides a quiet green space where the public can relax daily from dawn to dusk. The entrance to the park is located off of Charles Street.

Directions: Located in the McIntire District off Charles St and Sunset Ave, 1 block south of Adair and 2 blocks west of Maple Ave.

Address: 904 Adair Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701

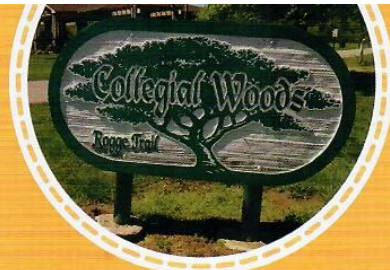


Mission Oaks Garden

Mission Oaks Gardens is a beautiful urban garden located in Zanesville, Ohio. It exists quietly and virtually undetectable from the street in a residential neighborhood. More than seven acres of gardens showcase hundreds of rare and unusual plants including a collection of azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias and conifers. Perennials, annuals and wildflowers fill the gardens year-round. The gardens also feature two waterfalls, a natural bog, perennial garden, walking paths, creek, gazebo and one of the most renowned conifer gardens in the state. The nearly two-acre conifer garden displays over 300 trees, many of which are not native to North America. These trees represent more than 90 species within more than 50 genera. In 2010 Mission Oaks Gardens was acquired by the Muskingum Valley Park District through a grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund to ensure the preservation of these exceptional gardens for the enjoyment and education of generations to come.

Directions: Head north on Maple Ave to Dresden Rd. Veer right onto Dresden and make a right on Yale Ave. Turn right onto Euclid Ave. Turn left on Hunter Ave. Parking and entrance are at the end of Hunter Ave.

Address: 424 Hunter Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701



Collegial Woods

This passive park is located on the northern portion of the Ohio University Zanesville and Zane State College Campus on Newark Road in Zanesville and is maintained by the Muskingum Valley Park District. The park is 63 acres, most of which is criss-crossed by more than two miles of wooded trails. A handicap accessible trail connects to the campus sidewalks creating a two mile loop. Maps and information can be found at the east trail head near the Cora E. Rogge Pavilion.

Directions: Located on the northern portion of the OUZ and Zane State College campus on Newark Rd.

Address: 1555 Newark Rd, Zanesville, OH 43701

McGraw Edison Recreation Area

This 80 acre park is located nine miles east of Zanesville in Perry Township. The site is a pleasing mixture of gently rolling grasslands and steeper wooded hillsides. Water features include Little Salt Creek and an unnamed tributary, a wetland and a small pond. Miles of beginner/intermediate mountain bike trails wind through the outer edges of the park.

Directions: 6165 Park Ln. Take 70 East of Zanesville to the Airport Exit. Turn right onto Airport Rd., then left at the 4 way stop. Turn right onto Spry Rd. Turn right onto Park Ln. Park is located at the bottom of the long hill on the right.

Address: 6165 Park Lane, Zanesville, OH 43701



Muskingum Recreational Trail



This six miles of asphalt trail connects the north end of the Village of Dresden to Rock Cut Road in Muskingum Township. The trail follows the Muskingum River much of the way and offers exceptional views of huge rock formations and excellent spots for watching wildlife. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the Jefferson Township building, at the Rock Cut Road, and at the 1st Street parking lot in Dresden.

Directions: It's approximately 6 miles of asphalt trail connecting the Village of Dresden in Jefferson Township to Rock Cut Road in Muskingum Township. Parking available in the lot adjacent to the Jefferson Twp building at Rock Cut Road & 1st Street parking lot in Dresden.



Bailey and AEP Property (Bergin Field)

The Bailey and AEP property comprises 200 acres near Duncan Falls. 40 acres were donated by the Bailey family to the Park District. Another 21 acres were donated by AEP. The remaining acreage was purchased from AEP with a grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund. Franklin Youth Baseball wanted to centralize its league so the 21 acres mentioned above are under a long term lease for their organization. The area is called Bergin Field.

Directions: Head south on Rt 60. Bergin Field will be just past the light at Bridge St on the left hand side.

Westview Community Park



Westview Community Park is a developing passive recreation area located on the former site of the Westview Elementary School. Planned features include a traditional gazebo, paved walking paths, Nature Play, great lawn for casual play and family sports, ornamental and native plantings, park benches and picnicking.

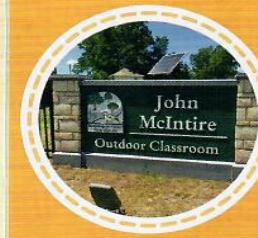
Directions: Located in the City of Zanesville at the corner of Dresden Road and Englewood Avenue.

Address: 2256 Dresden Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701

John McIntire Outdoor Classroom

The John McIntire Outdoor Classroom features plantings of native trees and prairie plants. The prairie plantings include a Monarch butterfly way station which is composed of over thirty milkweed plants representing three separate cultivars. A solar powered stone bubbler serves as a water source for pollinators and animals that visit the classroom.

The outdoor classroom seating area was constructed from locally harvested, rough sawn oak timbers arranged in a radius around a flagstone teaching stage.



Future developments will include the installation of additional native trees and vines, and a constructed feature to highlight local geology.

Directions: Located in the City of Zanesville at the corner of McIntire and Blue Avenues.

Address: 1007 McIntire Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Joe's Run Recreational Trail

The Joe's Run Recreational Trail connects the Zanesville City School's Middle and High School campuses with the Ohio University Zanesville – Zane State College campus. The asphalt paved trail meanders through the McIntire Forest and crosses Joes Run Creek and an unnamed tributary. Nature enthusiasts can expect to see excellent examples of Muskingum County's native flora and fauna on this 1.25-mile trail.

Directions: Located between Blue Avenue in Zanesville and the Ohio University Zanesville-Zane State College Campus.

Address: 1555 Newark Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43701. Parking available at Ohio University Zanesville. Trail access via the Collegial Woods gravel trail.



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