

CLINTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

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The CCPD can offer free tours of the parks by contacting Bob Thobaben.

The parks mentioned below are open to the public for passive recreation; hiking, nature study, fishing, photography, community service projects, exercise, limited horseback riding, limited bow hunting and school outdoor education.

Wallace Collett Nature Preserve – July, 2000

- 8901 West State Route 73, 1.5 miles west of the Caesar Creek Flea Market in Chester Twp.
- 60 acres of mature beech-maple forest with 1.2 miles of hiking trails and marked white CCPD boundary posts.
- Paved parking lot with a turn around. Bridge near entrance gives access during wet seasonal periods.
- Wonderful wildflower communities, April through June, March 10, 1986 tornado damage in SE section of the woods, old sugarbush camp in southern section of the woods.
- No bow hunting at any time.

Anliot-Davidson Woods – October, 2002

- 885 Pyle Rd. 1 mile east of the Clarksville Rd and Pyle Rd. intersection on Pyle Rd. in Adams Twp.
- 58 acres of steep rolling topography dominated by a mixed forest of deciduous hardwoods and evergreens with white CCPD boundary posts. 0.8 miles of hiking trails (white, yellow, and blue trails).
- Paved parking lot for eight cars, 3 benches, information display at entrance, two waste containers.
- Rich biodiversity of ferns (12 species), wildflowers, birds, and many Varieties of trees (51 species).
- Limited bow hunting by written permission of park board.

Dr. Nathan Hale Memorial Woods -Fall, 2007

- 2979 Clarksville Rd. at the intersection of Cowan Creek Rd. in Vernon Twp.
- 60 acres of riparian corridor along Cowan Creek with a gravel parking lot, information display, 3 benches, 2 waste containers and 1.25 miles hiking trail along the scenic Cowan Creek.
- Identified by the Ohio Biological Survey in July, 1955 and again in July, 1978 as the most unique area of Clinton County.
- Great fishing during the spring and early summer, Important Bird Area as designated by the National Audubon Society.
- Devils' Backbone area recognized for its rich biodiversity of plants.
- Healthy amphibian, reptile, and wild turkey populations along the creek valley.
- Limited bow hunting with written permission of the park board.

East Fork Riparian Reserve – Spring 2006

- 935 Webertown Rd. in Clark Twp.
- 70 acres one mile east of the Oak Grove Rd. and Webertown Rd. intersection. There is a paved parking lot for 6 cars but no amenities.
- 2.5 miles of hiking trails around a short grass prairie, tall grass prairie and early successional flood plain. Acres of wildflowers are dominant during the months of June through August.
- Six distinct plant communities are represented in the park.
- Two wetlands were constructed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the summer of 2007. The USFWS provided the prairie seed to convert degraded farmland into permanent grassland.
- Good fishing along the East Fork of the Little Miami River is possible.
- Limited bow hunting with written permission of the park board.

Lytle Creek Prairie and Woods – 2008

- Two separate land parcels along the Wilmington Bike Path located beside the Wilmington College Arboretum and the Wilmington College Farm in Union Twp.
- 11 acres with a 5 acre historical demonstration prairie planted in 2008 and a 6 acre woods 1/4 mile to the south of the 4 C Bike Trail. The woods is located between the Lytle Creek League of Conservators pavilion and the 4 C Bike Trail.
- A Prairie In Progress information display is along the 4 C Bike Trail.

Clinton - Fayette Friendship Trail - December 2011 & February 2012

- There is 7.1 miles of abandoned railroad corridor in Clinton County

- and 19 miles of abandoned railroad corridor in Fayette County.
- The land area in Clinton County is 75.2 acres, while Fayette County land is 148 acres.
 - The plan is to construct a paved multiuse trail from Melvin Rd. in Clinton County through Sabina, Jasper Mills, Washington Court House to New Holland in Pickaway County to connect to the Ohio State Rails to Trails system.
 - This trail system would provide many health, economic, historical, and recreation benefits to the residents of both counties.

Terrell Preserve - August, 2012

- The Terrell Preserve is an 18.2 acre botanical preserve that will be used for research and education. There are specific deed restrictions.
- It is located in Vernon Township along Cowan Creek Road. There are no signs marking the preserve only boundary markers.
- This most unique area in Clinton County has over 104 species of plants and has Native American signal mounds.
- This preserve is open to educators and scientists by written permission only. Contact a Clinton County Park Board commissioner for details.
- This preserve is administered by both the CCPD and the Tecumseh Land Trust.