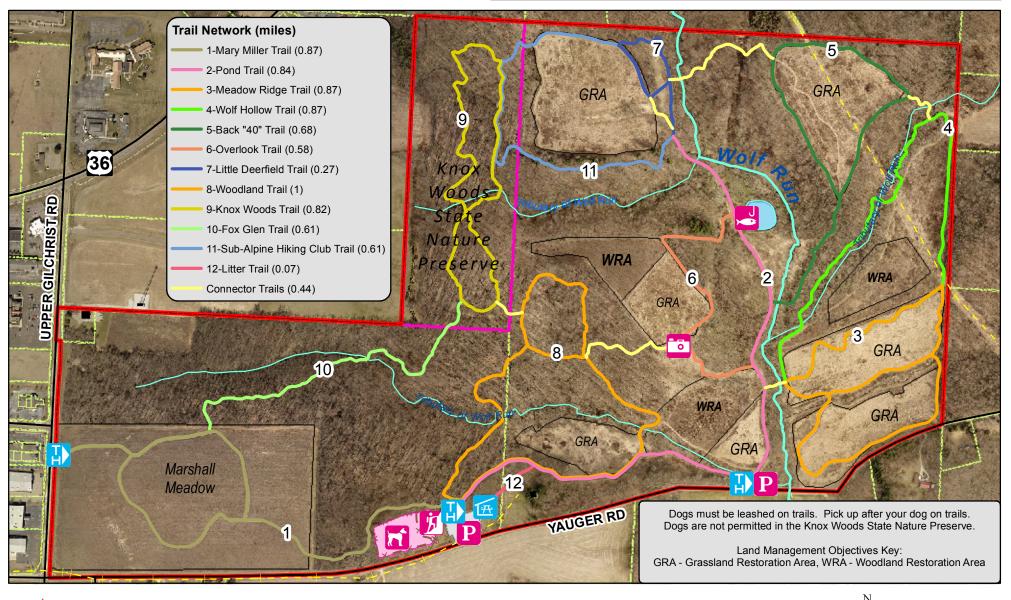
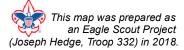


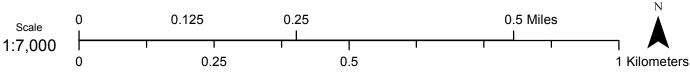
## **Wolf Run Regional Park**

17621 Yauger Road Mt Vernon 43050 Knox County Park District











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### **History of the Park**

Wolf Run Regional Park consists of almost 288 acres of rolling topography and contiguous open space featuring nearly ten miles of nature trails, a dog park, woodlands, a pond and fishing pier, bouldering area, prairie and other natural habitats. Located one mile east of Mount Vernon at 17621 Yauger Road.

Wolf Run serves as a convenient place to relax and take in the beauty of the Kokosing River valley. Of note is the 30-acre Knox Woods State Nature Preserve, contained within the park's boundary. The state endangered Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, a small woodpecker, utilizes wooded habitat in the park for foraging and shelter. Granite boulders carried by Ohio's last ice age 10,000 years ago dot the landscape. Small streams that comprise the headwaters of Wolf Run, which flows to the Kokosing River, grace the landscape with soothing sounds of cascading water.

#### **Highlights of the Park**

A nearly two-acre "Bark Park," consists of a fenced area for dogs to run off leash. The "Bark Park" was built in April of 2008 and reconfigured in 2017 to separate small dogs from large ones. The area is located next to the 17621 Yauger Road parking lot. Please read the Bark Park rules before entering the Bark Park. "Jades Place", a doggie agility playground, was constructed in 2011 with the generous help of volunteers, local businesses and a local scout troop. As you visit the "Bark Park", take a picture of you and your dog and tag us @explore\_knoxcountyparkdistrict on our Instagram or Facebook page.

Rotary Club of Mount Vernon helped build a fishing pier at Wolf Run Pond in 2011. In 2015-2016 Rotary of Mount Vernon and Rotary International 6690 funded the construction of an additional shelter located within the Bark Park. A private benefactor provided funding for the roof of the new shelter.

Archers, by permit-only, assist the Park District with our deer management program, during Ohio's white-tailed deer archery season.

Archery participants pursue their sport at Wolf Run Regional Park throughout the week (including weekends) during archery season which typically runs from the end of September through the beginning of February. Gun hunting is prohibited at the park.

A kid's bouldering area was built in December of 2009 to boost creativity, problem-solving and agility. Kiwanis, Rotary and the Richard and Arline Landers Foundation provided local match funds to assist with the grant. A picnic shelter is available and no reservations are required as it is a first come, first served basis.

In 2018 an educational "Litter Trail" was designed and allows patrons to understand how long it takes for trash to decompose. The trail is a joint effort with the Knox County Recycling and Litter Prevention Office. Geochache sites are located throughout the park. Visit www.geocaching.com to locate those in Wolf Run or our other parks.

The Knox County Park District could not do what we do without the generous support from the collaborative partnerships from our community partners.

#### **Park Courtesy**

In order to maintain our trails and park systems that reside within the Knox County Park District we must have courtesy of the parks, river accesses, and trails.

- Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are restricted to designated parking areas.
- Littering is prohibited. Trash cans are located at some of our properties for proper disposal, otherwise pack it in, pack it out.
- Removal of plants, animals, minerals, artifacts or other natural features is prohibited.
- Help preserve the solitude of the park by being considerate and quiet.
- Dogs need to be on a leash. Visit our "Bark Park" at Wolf Run Park for your dogs to run off their leash.
- Camping is not permitted.

Improvements to our park systems are made possible, in part, by the passage of the Knox County Park District levies. We thank you for your support to our systems and hope you enjoy all that the Knox County Parks and Trails have to offer outdoor enthusiasts.

For a list of Park District events please visit our website at <a href="www.knoxcountyparks.org">www.knoxcountyparks.org</a> or follow us on Facebook at Knox County Park District or Instagram at <a href="mailto:explore\_knoxcountyparkdistrict">explore\_knoxcountyparkdistrict</a>. Our mailing address is 117 E. High Street, Suite 224, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. You may also reach us at 740-392-PARKS (7275).