

Indianfield Bluffs

History of the Park

The park was named Indianfield Bluffs because the site contains the confluence of Indianfield Run with the Kokosing State Scenic River. A high bluff on the property renders awesome views of the Kokosing River, particularly during the late fall through early spring when the deciduous woods are leafless. The 25.5-acre site contains sandstone bluffs, floodplains, wetlands and an island. Reforestation efforts on the site have been completed in former cropland areas, with thousands of trees planted by Park District staff and East Knox High School students.

In the History of Knox County, Ohio: Its Past and Present (1881), the following passage is found regarding Indianfield Run:

“At the mouth of this stream the Indians had cleared a large amount of land, on which they raised much corn, and the stream was so named from this fact.”

The acquisition was made possible through a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission and Ohio Division of Wildlife and willing sellers, Roger and Kathy Sherman. The acquisition protects nearly 500 lineal feet of Indianfield Run, 1,156 lineal feet of the Kokosing River oxbow and 3,186.6 lineal feet of the Kokosing State Scenic River mainstem. The state-endangered Eastern hellbender has been found in close proximity to the site, and a pair of bald eagles’ nests about a half-mile upstream of the site.

Highlights of the Park

A 1.5 mile, double loop trail of steep gradients and switchbacks is available for hiking. Towering sycamores, testament to days gone by, will greet the hiker on the westernmost loop.

The island within the park is named “Cedar Waxwing Island,” since these beautiful birds inhabit the island and the riverine environs.



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 Indianfield Bluffs 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.

The Park is one of (7) that feature a Geocache on our newly established GeoTrail. Go to our website www.knoxcountyparks.org for more details. Geocaching is the world’s largest treasure game which began in 2000. This type of outdoor recreation brings many visitors to our county and our parks in search of the cleverly hidden containers called Geocaches.



Photo courtesy of Trek Ohio features a park bench on the top of Indianfield Bluffs overlooking the Kokosing River.

The Kokosing River was named Ohio’s first Water Trail in 2005. The Kokosing River is also one of Ohio’s State Scenic Rivers. Visitors travel to Knox County to canoe or kayak or even fish our Kokosing River. It is not uncommon to see kayaks on the river on top of the Bluffs in the various seasons. To download a copy of the Kokosing Water Trail map you may visit our website. Follow the link to Water Trails.

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 www.knoxcountyparks.org or follow us on Facebook at Knox County Park District or Instagram at [explore_knoxcountyparkdistrict](https://www.instagram.com/explore_knoxcountyparkdistrict). Our mailing address is 117 E. High Street, Suite 224, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. You may also reach us at 740-392-PARKS (7275).

Explore Our Parks;

***Hellbender Preserve**

23316 Coshocton Road, Howard 43028

***Honey Run Highlands**

10865 Hazel Dell Road, Howard (Lot) 43028

10816 Millersburg Road Howard (#62 Lot) 43028*

***Honey Run Waterfall**

10855 Hazel Dell Road, Howard 43028

***Indianfield Bluffs Park**

10855 Sapp Road, Howard 43028

***Thayer Ridge Park**

7077 Thayer Road, Mount Vernon 43050

***Wolf Run Regional Park & Bark Park**

17621 Yauger Road, Mount Vernon 43050

***Bat Nest Park**

30500 Walhonding Road, Danville 43014

Explore Our River Accesses;

***Big Run Road Access (Kokosing River)**

8921 Big Run Road, Gambier 43022

***Greer Landing Access (Mohican River)**

20389 Brinkhaven Road, Glenmont 44628

***Kokosing Gap Canoe Access (Kokosing River)**

17812 Lower Gambier Road, Mount Vernon 43050

***Kokosing Water Trail Access (Kokosing River)**

Brown Family Environmental Center

10115 Laymon Road, Gambier 43022

***Millwood Access (Kokosing River)**

11640 Bridge Street, Howard 43028

***Mohican Water Trail Access (Mohican River)**

16606 Hunter Road, Brinkhaven 43006

***Pipesville Road Access (Kokosing River)**

12059 Pipesville Road, Howard 43028

***Riley Chapel Road Access (Kokosing River)**

10300 Riley Chapel Road, Walhonding 43843

***Zuck Riparian Preserve (Kokosing River)**

28300 Zuck Road, Howard 43028

Explore Our Trail Systems

Heart of Ohio Trail- (see other accesses on website)

2750 Huffman Road Centerburg 43011

Kokosing Gap Trail (See other accesses on website)

500 Mt Vernon Ave Mt.Vernon 43050

Mohican Valley Trail - (see other accesses on website)

Bridge of Dreams 16606 Hunter Road Brinkhaven 43006



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Located at
10855 Sapp Road.
Howard OH

Established in 2008