

Wolf Run Park

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. This park also features one of (7) that have a hidden geocache on our newly established GeoTrail, visit our website for more information.

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

Wolf Run has many trail systems;

- Mary Miller Trail – 0.5 mile trail named after a generous contributor to the Wolf Run Park.
- Wolf Hollow – 0.4 mile trail nearly level and very easy to hike.
- Little Deerfield – 0.5 mile trail which is a favorite bedding and foraging area for deer.
- Meadow Ridge – 0.6 mile trail with prairie and links to the Wolf Hollow and Little Deerfield trails.
- Back 40 – 0.8 mile trail which crosses Wolf Run and allows for exploration of northeastern area of the park.
- Woodland – 1.0 mile trail with a mixed hardwood forest and link to the Knox Woods trail.
- Knox Woods – 1.0 mile trail to the State Nature Preserve with mixed hardwoods.
- Fox Glen – 0.5 mile trail which connects Knox Woods with Yauger Road sidewalk.
- Overlook – 0.5 mile trail leading to Observation deck with a 12-mile view.
- Pond trail – 0.7 mile trail leading to picnic tables and fishing pond.
- Marshall Meadow – 1.0 mile loop trail with prairie habitat funded by a USFWS (United States Fish and Wildlife Service) grant.
- Sub-Alpine Hiking Club Trail – 0.3 mile trail named in honor of the 80th anniversary of this Knox County Club.

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
17621 Yauger Rd.
Mount Vernon OH
Established in 2007