

Fishing Areas

Huntington Reservation

- Lake Erie

Rocky River Reservation

- Rocky River - Scenic Park Picnic Area to Bagley Road
- Oxbow Lagoon - Lagoon Picnic Area

Mill Stream Run Reservation

- Rocky River - Bagley Road to Bennett Rd.
- Wallace Lake
- Ranger Lake (Pearl Rd.)
- Bonnie Park Picnic Area Pond

Big Creek Reservation

- Beyer's Pond (Main Street)

Hinckley Reservation

- Hinckley Lake
- Judge's Lake
- Ledge Lake

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

- Canal Fishing Area

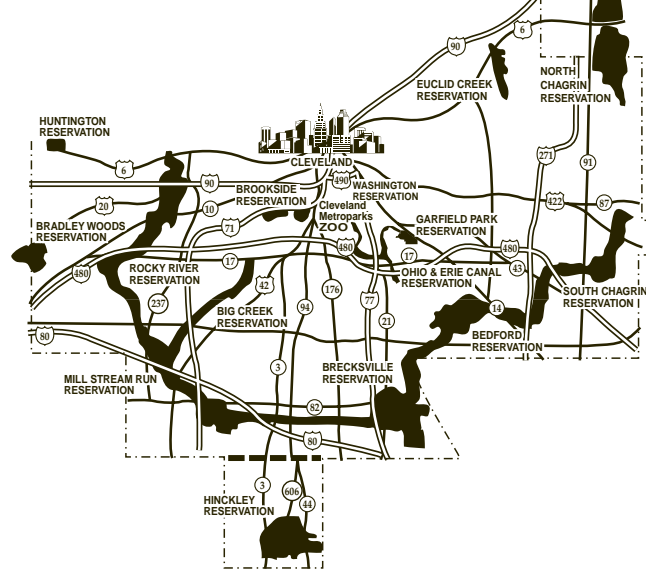
South Chagrin Reservation

- Chagrin River - South Woodland Rd. to Liberty Rd.

North Chagrin Reservation

- Chagrin River
- Oxbow Lagoon - Across from Squire's Castle

Cleveland Metroparks



Cleveland Metroparks is Cleveland's "Emerald Necklace," an open space of natural beauty and diversity. The Park District is dedicated to conservation, education and recreation. It offers an array of facilities and opportunities from picnicking, golfing and fishing to water and winter recreation areas, wildlife areas, and outdoor education and recreation programs.

Cleveland Metroparks was established on July 23, 1917 to provide open space for the people of Greater Cleveland, as well as to conserve and preserve the natural valleys of the area. Today, Cleveland Metroparks consists of over 20,000 acres of land in 15 reservations, over 100 miles of parkways, and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Cleveland Metroparks events are featured in the Emerald Necklace. This free monthly publication is available to residents of Cuyahoga County and Hinckley Township in Medina County. (There is an annual \$10 subscription fee for others.) To be placed on the mailing list, send your name and address to the address below.

Cleveland Metroparks does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, or disability in employment, services or access to programs or activities. Call (216) 635-3264 in advance if special assistance is needed.

In case of accident or emergency, call Ranger Headquarters at (440) 243-0442.

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To receive a complete guide to fishing areas & programs, including maps, call 216-351-6300.

Fishing AREAS in Cleveland Metroparks



Greater Clevelanders make nearly 350,000 trips to fish in the waters of Cleveland Metroparks each year. The Park District currently has fourteen major fishing areas located within convenient reach of area anglers. A wide variety of fishing opportunities and a surprising amount of fishing diversity await you in the waters of Cleveland Metroparks.

Cleveland Metroparks conducts a variety of public fishing programs to teach fishing skills and to teach fisheries resource conservation. Learn-to-fish programs for all age groups can be scheduled in your community or at a Cleveland Metroparks water area. Cleveland Metroparks can even loan fishing equipment to community groups. All scheduled fishing program events are announced in the monthly park newsletter, the *Emerald Necklace*.

For more information on program offerings, call the natural resource office at (440) 234-9597.

Fishing Hours & Prohibited Fishing Equipment

Fishing is permitted daily in Cleveland Metroparks from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Cleveland Metroparks may close waters to fishing as it deems advisable. Closed signs will be posted if an area is not available for fishing. In all other Park District waters, fishing is permitted subject to the statutes of the state of Ohio, except for the following: hooks left unattended, trotlines, traps, spears and gigs, and bows and arrows. **Cleveland Metroparks prohibits the removal of reptiles and amphibians.**

Fishing License Requirements

Anglers are reminded that an Ohio fishing license is required for all persons, age 16 through 65 inclusive, who fish in the public waters of the state. These waters include Lake Erie, all streams and all inland lakes and ponds. Seniors, age 66 and older, can receive a free annual fishing license from the state of Ohio. Be aware of the contents of the annual fishing regulations. Regulations change annually to meet resource needs. A fishing license is required on all Cleveland Metroparks waters.

Motor Boats Prohibited

No boats, driven or propelled by gasoline motors, can be operated upon any lakes, rivers, ponds or other bodies of water owned by, or under the control of, Cleveland Metroparks, except in the Rocky River from Scenic Park to Lake Erie. Electric-powered trolling motors are allowed on Hinckley Lake provided the boat owner has obtained an operating permit. Free permits are available at the Hinckley Lake Boathouse.

Creel Limits

Size limits are in effect to ensure an equitable distribution of harvest and are determined by the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Daily Bag Limit:

Hinckley Lake	5 trout 2 bass, minimum size 12"
Ohio & Erie Canal	5 trout 2 bass, minimum size 15"
All other lakes & ponds	3 trout 2 bass, minimum size 12"
Lake Erie and its tributaries (May 16 - Aug. 31)	5 trout or 5 salmon, Singly or in combination minimum size 12"
(Sept. 1 - May 15)	2 trout or 2 salmon Singly or in combination minimum size 12"

To report poachers, call 1-800-762-2437.
(1-800-POACHER)

Stocking

To enhance fishing opportunities, all Cleveland Metroparks fishing areas are stocked by Cleveland Metroparks and the Ohio Division of Wildlife in the Spring and Fall.

Protect Our Wildlife

To protect our native fish species, do not release live exotic species into any body of water. It is illegal to transport live fish from one body of water to another.

To protect our wildlife, remove fishing line, hooks, bait containers, and all other litter. Do not break tree branches for pole props.

Catch-and-Release

Take only the fish you need. Catch-and-release is becoming increasingly popular. To achieve a high survival rate among these released fish, proper handling techniques are essential.

1. Land the fish as quickly as possible to minimize exhaustion.
2. Handle the fish as little as possible, using wet hands. Do not squeeze the fish and minimize its time out of water.
3. Keep any fish which is bleeding from the gills or throat or shows air bladder damage.
4. Release fish gently, do not throw them into the water.
5. Do not release fish which have been held in a cooler or in the bottom of the boat.

