

Cleveland Metroparks reservations are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., daily. Park visitors are reminded to follow all Park District regulations and trail markings as they enjoy the winter activities.

Cleveland Metroparks encourages everyone to dress properly for the weather and to exercise caution when outdoors. Everyone should prepare themselves and their equipment for strenuous outdoor conditions.

The American Red Cross suggests the following winter dress for cold weather: TRAPPED AIR INSULATES – wear loose-fitting, light-weight, warm clothing in several layers (layers can be removed to avoid perspiration and subsequent chill). Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent, and hooded. Wear a hat (half your body heat loss can be from the head). Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold. Mittens, worn snug at the wrist, are better than gloves. TRY TO STAY DRY.

For more information call Cleveland Metroparks at 216-635-3200 or log onto [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com).

## Cross-Country Skiing

The hiking and bridle trails of Cleveland Metroparks can be used by cross-country skiers. Skiers should use caution and must yield to hikers and horses.

Skiing is permitted on the following golf courses if there is a four-inch base of snow:

Bedford Reservation  
Shawnee Hills Golf Course

Brecksville Reservation  
Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

Rocky River Reservation  
Big Met Golf Course;  
Little Met Golf Course



Skiers are asked not to ski on the tees or greens and to stay on the fairways and rough areas of the designated golf courses.

Skiers are reminded to practice these "COMMON SENSE" rules:

- before skiing, check the equipment for cracks or other faults that could weaken skis, poles or boots
- ski within ability and skill, in terms of distance and speed
- ski on the right side of trail and pass other skiers with caution
- keep poles close to body
- downhill skiers always have the right of way
- please step off the track or leave the trail, when stopping or if it is busy
- obey all Park District regulations and trail markings

## Walking/Hiking

Take a winter hike on the all purpose trails throughout Cleveland Metroparks. Plowing is planned for the all purpose trails when snowfall is two inches or more. Access to the trails will be provided by maintenance crews as time permits.

## Ice Fishing

Fishing is a year-round activity in Cleveland Metroparks. The recreational sport of ice fishing is a perfect way to enjoy winter. For more information about ice fishing in Cleveland Metroparks, contact the aquatic biologist at 440-331-8017, weekdays. An Ohio fishing license is required for ages 16 and over.

Please fish with caution and only when proper weather/ice conditions exist. The Ohio Division of Wildlife recommends a minimum of four inches of solid ice for safe ice fishing. Enjoy ice fishing at the following locations. Several of which are stocked for ice fishing.

Big Creek Reservation  
Beyer's Pond

Hinckley Reservation  
Hinckley Lake, near the boathouse and  
away from ice skating area  
Judges Lake  
Ledge Lake

Mill Stream Run Reservation  
Ranger Lake  
Wallace Lake, away from ice skating area

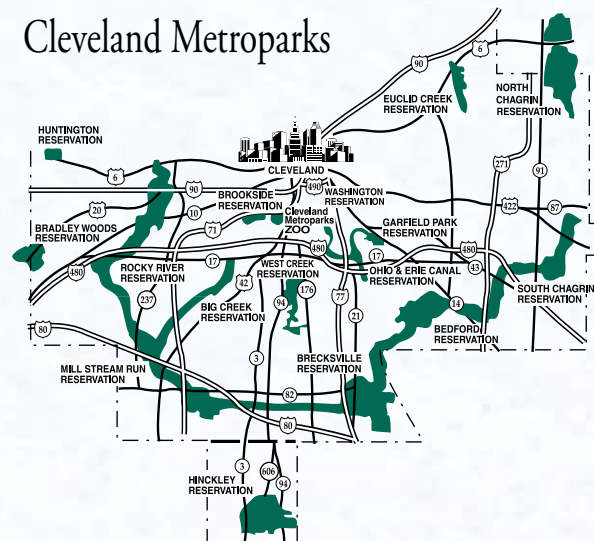
Rocky River Reservation  
Rocky River Lagoon, away from ice skating area

South Chagrin Reservation  
Shadow Lake

For a fishing brochure with information on the many fishing opportunities in Cleveland Metroparks, call 216-635-3200.



## 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 21,000 acres of land in 16 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. Special assistance for Cleveland Metroparks programs or facilities is available by calling 216-635-3264 in advance.

In case of accident or emergency, call Ranger Headquarters 440-333-4911.

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# Winter Recreation





## Lake & Pond Ice Skating

Park visitors can enjoy ice skating at various locations throughout Cleveland Metroparks, weather permitting. The areas are not monitored. Skaters are responsible for clearing ice. Please skate with caution and only when proper weather/ice conditions exist. Ice skating locations are:

### Hinckley Reservation

Hinckley Lake, near the boathouse

### Mill Stream Run Reservation

Wallace Lake, at the swimming area\*

### Rocky River Reservation

Rocky River Lagoon

## Outdoor Education Facilities

Winter is the perfect time to explore the large number of trails through the beautiful terrain of Cleveland Metroparks. Printed guides for some of the trails are available at the outdoor education facilities. A naturalist or ranger can assist in locating trails.

### Brecksville Nature Center

Brecksville Reservation  
Chippewa Creek Drive  
Brecksville  
440-526-1012

### North Chagrin Nature Center

North Chagrin Reservation  
Buttermilk Falls Parkway  
Mayfield Village  
440-473-3370

### CanalWay Center

Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation  
off E. 49th Street  
Cuyahoga Heights  
216-206-1000

### John J. Donnelly

### Rocky River Nature Center

Rocky River Reservation  
24000 Valley Parkway  
North Olmsted  
440-734-6660

### Garfield Park Nature Center

Garfield Park Reservation  
11350 Broadway Avenue  
Garfield Heights  
216-341-3152

## Sledding/Snowboarding

Cleveland Metroparks has a number of hills for sledding enthusiasts to enjoy. Please use the sledding hills with caution and with proper equipment and only when proper weather/snow conditions exist. The following are designated sledding areas:

### Big Creek Reservation

Memphis Picnic Area

### Brecksville Reservation

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course fairways, designated areas only (closes March 1)

### Euclid Creek Reservation

Kelly Picnic Area

### Hinckley Reservation

sledding hill, off State Road\*

### Huntington Reservation

sledding hill, east of Porter Creek Drive

### Mill Stream Run Reservation

Pawpaw Picnic Area\*

### North Chagrin Reservation

Old River Farm Picnic Area\*

### Rocky River Reservation

sledding hill, north of Barrett Road in Berea

Big Met Golf Course fairways, designated areas only (closes March 1)

Little Met Golf Course fairways, designated areas only (closes March 1)

Mastick Woods Golf Course fairways, designated areas only (closes March 1)

### South Chagrin Reservation

sledding hill, corner of Sulphur Springs Drive and Chagrin River Road  
sledding hill, off Hawthorn Parkway south of Solon Road



## Tobogganing

This winter, experience the thrill of tobogganing at the Chalet Recreation Area in Mill Stream Run Reservation, located on Valley Parkway between Routes 42 and 82 in Strongsville (a short distance from both I-71 and the Ohio Turnpike). The two 700-foot refrigerated ice chutes operate with or without snow the day after Thanksgiving through the first weekend in March, weather permitting. In addition to tobogganing, guests can enjoy the facility which offers a snack bar, two fireplaces, a large-screen television, indoor restrooms, a loft with video games and a main gathering area. No outside food or beverage permitted inside the building.

### Tobogganing Rules and Regulations

- Children, 11 and under, MUST be accompanied by an adult
- ALL children must be at least 42 inches tall to ride
- ALL riders must wear gloves or mittens
- Cleveland Metroparks is not responsible for injuries or personal property loss/damage
- For your protection, height and safety requirements will be enforced
- No outside food or beverage permitted inside building

### Tobogganing Hours

Thursdays 6 - 10 p.m.  
Fridays 6 - 10:30 p.m.  
Saturdays Noon - 10:30 p.m.  
Sundays Noon - 5 p.m.  
Holidays - Call for hours  
Thanksgiving Friday noon - 10:30 p.m.

### Rates

Adults \$8  
Children \$6 (11 and under)  
One-time ticket \$3

MasterCard and Visa accepted. Tobogganing may be canceled due to weather and/or ice conditions. NO RAINCHECKS OR REFUNDS.

A season pass is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children, 11 and under. A family pass for up to four individuals is \$100. Group rates (\$1 off per person for groups of 20 or more) are available for tobogganing during public hours and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance. Private rental of the Chalet Recreation Area, including exclusive use of the toboggan chutes, is available during non-public hours.

### WARNING

RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK. The toboggan is a high-speed, physical thrill ride, which is rough and physically jarring. DO NOT ride the toboggan if you might have any of the following conditions: back problems, heart trouble, pregnancy, overweight, respiratory difficulty, weak or brittle bones, easily frightened, or recent surgery.

For more information or to make reservations,  
call 440-572-9990



\*Night lighting available