



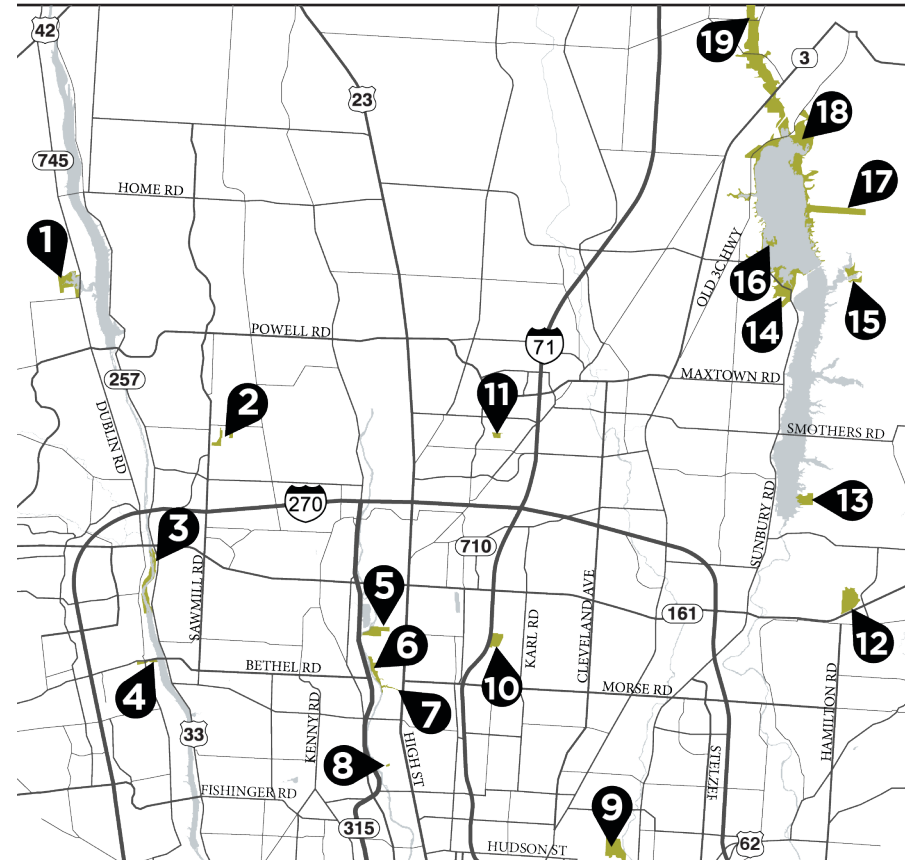
NATURE PRESERVES

of
Columbus, Ohio

RULES & REGULATIONS

- **Vehicles:** Motorized and non-motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, ATVs, motorcycles, bicycles, and mopeds, are restricted to designated roadways and parking lots. All other areas are off-limits to vehicles. Handicapped accessible equipment is permitted on improved trails.
- **Pets Prohibited:** No person shall bring into the Nature Preserve any pets, with the exception of domestic dogs or cats, which are permitted only in the picnic areas, parking areas, and roadways. These pets must be controlled at all times and on a leash not more than six feet long. This does not exclude the use of canine aids.
- **Riding:** No person, except law enforcement personnel, shall ride or bring into the Nature Preserve any horse or other riding animal, except in areas designated for such use by the Executive Director of the Recreation and Parks Department.
- **Feeding of Animals:** No person, other than park personnel engaged in official duties, may feed any wild animal found within the confines of the Nature Preserve.
- **Releasing of Plants and Animals Prohibited:** No person shall release any wild or domestic animal nor shall any person plant any seed or vegetation of any type in the Nature Preserve, without the written permission of the Natural Resources Manager.
- **Harassment:** No person shall harass any animal life including homes and nesting sites.
- **Removal of materials:** No person shall collect, remove, or otherwise disturb ice, soil, sand, gravel, rocks, fossils, minerals, plants, plant materials, animals, or any other substance from the Nature Preserve. Collecting materials for research purposes may be permitted upon written application to and approval by the Natural Resources Manager. This shall not restrict a licensed fisherman who is fishing legally. No fishing is permitted in the Hoover Meadows and Mud Hen Marsh sections of Hoover Nature Preserve.

COLUMBUS NATURE PRESERVES



- 1 TWIN LAKES
- 2 SAWMILL / HICKORY

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MAP LEGEND

AMENITIES



Boardwalk



Parking



Boat Launch



Picnic Area



Observation Blind



Restroom



Overlook



Trail

HABITAT



Lake



Vernal Pool



Meadow / Prairie



Wetland



River / Stream



Woodland

MAP

Nature Preserve:



Wooded Area



Open Area



Other Park / Open Space

Nature Preserve Trails:



Boardwalk



Bridge



Stairs



Trail

Greenway Trails:



Alum Creek Trail



Ohio to Erie Trail



Big Walnut Trail



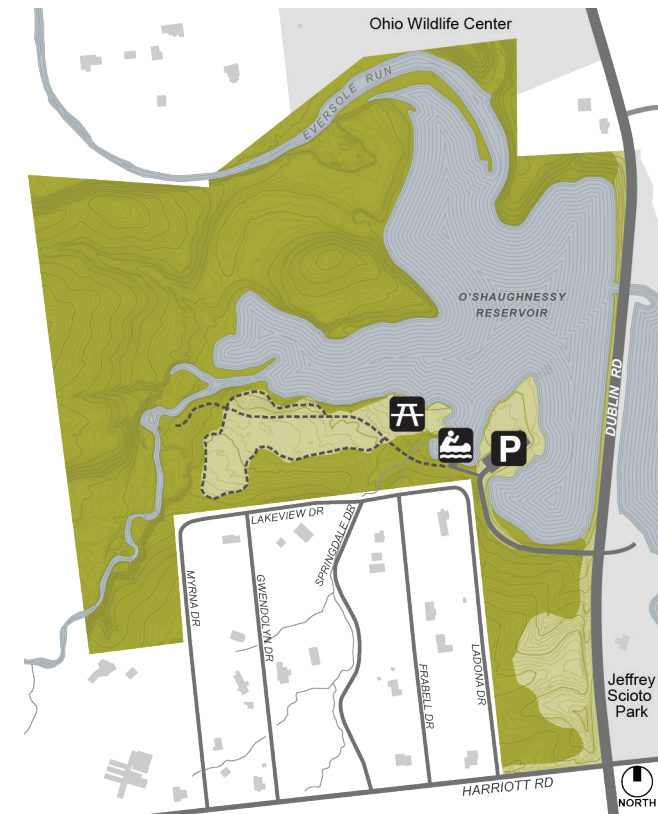
Olentangy Trail



O'SHAUGHNESSY: TWIN LAKES

1 | O'SHAUGHNESSY: TWIN LAKES

9280 Dublin Rd. Shawnee Hills, OH 43065
57 acres



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

The diverse habitat at O'Shaughnessy Nature Preserve includes bottomland elm-ash woods, oak-hickory uplands, open fields, streams and open water of the reservoir. Two statewide rare plant species, Drummond's aster and satin brome, grow along the stream banks. O'Shaughnessy supports over 45 species of breeding birds and over 100 species of migrating birds.

Rare & Interesting Species:

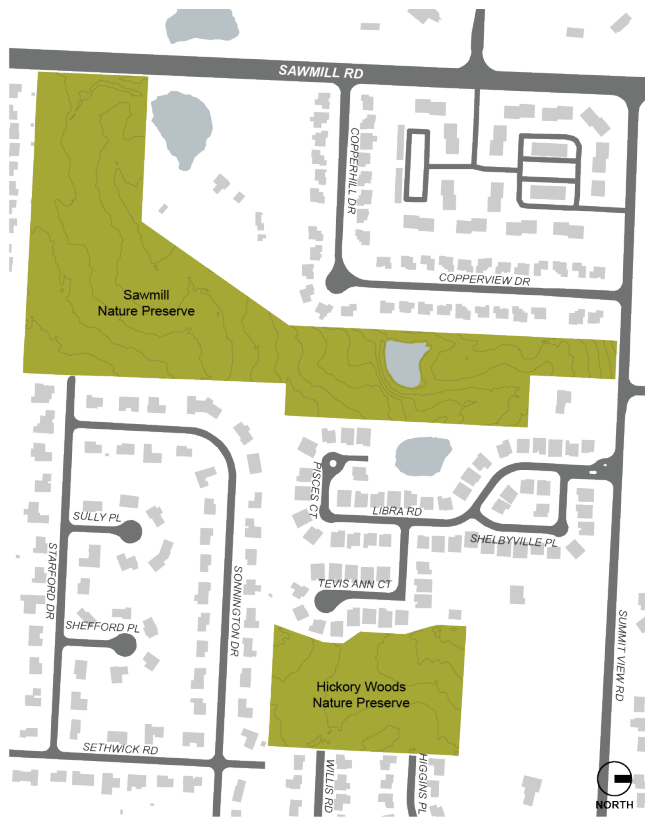
- Drummond's Aster *Symphotrichum drummondii*
- Satin Brome *Bromus nottowayanus*
- Tall Anemone *Anemone virginiana*
- Great Egret *Ardea alba*



HICKORY WOODS

2 | SAWMILL & HICKORY WOODS

2663 Summit View Rd. Powell, OH 43065
Sawmill 17 acres; Hickory Woods 5 acres



Habitat:



Information:

Sawmill and Hickory Woods natural areas are two of the few wooded areas left within such a densely developed area of Columbus. The woods are predominately made up of mature hickory and beech trees with few invasive species throughout the understory. This is a popular area for nature walks especially in the early spring when wildflowers such as trillium and spring beauty are carpeting the ground.

Rare & Interesting Species:

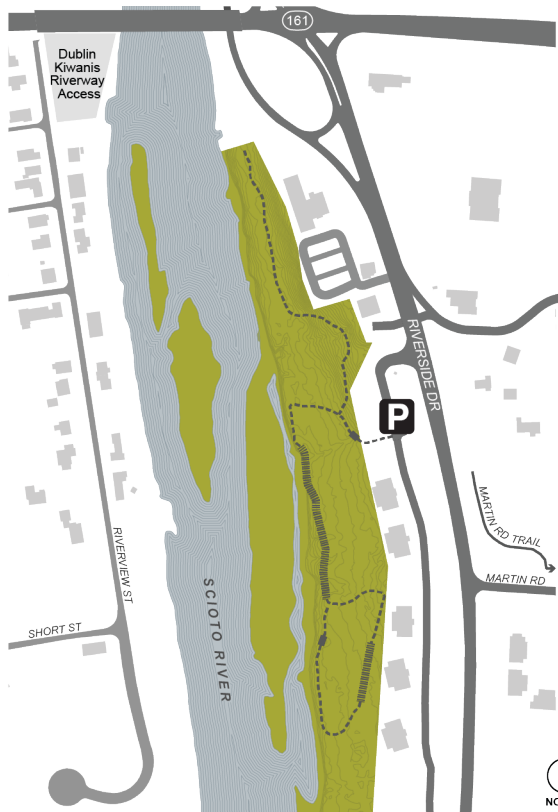
- Spring Beauty *Claytonia virginica*
- Large White Trillium *Trillium grandiflorum*
- Jack-in-the-Pulpit *Arisaema triphyllum*
- Red-bellied Woodpecker *Melanerpes carolinus*



KIWANIS RIVERWAY PARK

3 | KIWANIS RIVERWAY PARK

6345 Riverside Dr. Dublin, OH 43017
15 acres



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

The bottomland woods of Kiwanis Riverway hosts a variety of rare and interesting species. The state-endangered bottomland aster is only found at Kiwanis Riverway and a few other sites in Ohio. The area is also home to the state-threatened satin brome grass, state-potentially threatened snow trillium and white cedar.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Marsh Blue Violet *Viola cucullata*
- Large-flowered Valerian *Valeriana pauciflora*
- Black Swallowtail Butterfly *Papilio polyxenes*
- Scarlet Tanager *Piranga olivacea*



4 | HAYDEN FALLS

4325 Hayden Run Rd. Dublin, OH 43017
8.1 acres

Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

Hayden Falls is a historically and geologically significant site for central Ohio. The limestone gorge includes a 35-foot waterfall and unique cliff-loving plants. The state-endangered spreading rock cress, one of Ohio's rarest plants, grows here. Two statewide rare species, purple cliffbrake and maidenhair fern, can also be found at Hayden Falls.

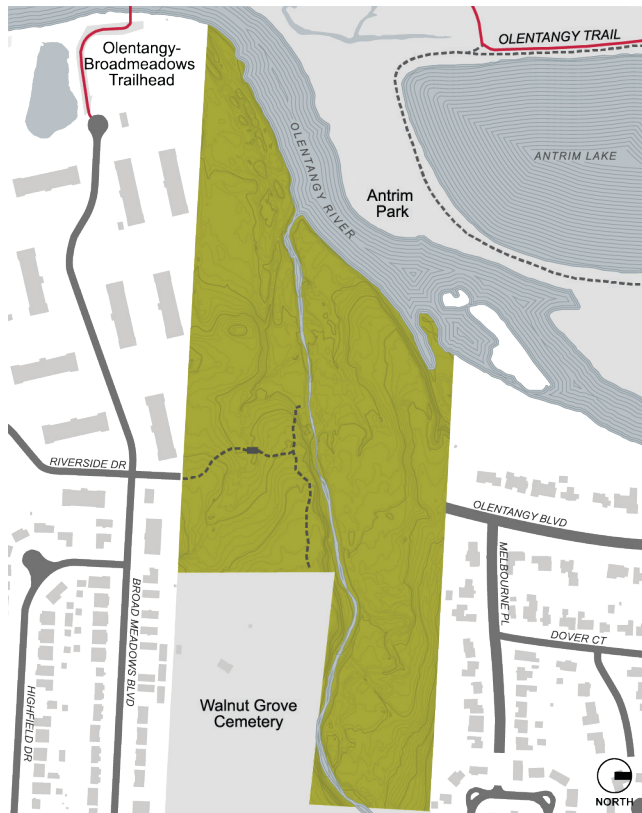
Rare & Interesting Species:

- Spreading Rock Cress *Arabis patens*
- Purple Cliffbrake *Pellaea atropurpurea*
- Wild Columbine *Aquilegia canadensis*
- Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*



5 | RUSH RUN

5550 Riverside Dr. Columbus, OH 43214
39 acres



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

The confluence of Rush Run and the Olentangy River has an excellent diversity of flora. This preserve is mostly comprised of riparian woods with a variety of hardwoods including tulip, cottonwood, sycamore and sugar maple. The state potentially threatened nodding rattlesnake root can be found at Rush Run.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Nodding Rattlesnake Root *Prenanthes crepidinea*
- Bluebreast Darter *Etheostoma camurum*
- Belted Kingfisher *Megasceryle alcyon*



KENNEY PARK

6 KENNEY PARK

Graceland Blvd. Columbus, OH 43214
22 acres

Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

The natural area of Kenney Park provides habitat for many bird, owl and bat species. The area is primarily successional forest with a large portion of riparian habitat along the Olentangy River. This is a popular park for nature walks with various footpaths meandering throughout the area.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Great Crested Flycatcher *Myiarchus crinitus*
- Warbling Vireo *Vireo gilvus*
- Harbinger of Spring *Erigenia bulbosa*
- Sessile Trillium *Trillium sessile*



7 | BEECHWOLD

W Beechwold Blvd. & Rustic Bridge Rd. Columbus, OH 43214

11 acres

Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

The Beechwold nature preserve includes riparian forest along the Olentangy River and a forested ravine that stretches up into the Beechwold neighborhood. The woods feature mature native trees such as beech, oak and hickory with a variety of woodland wildflowers and native shrubs in the understory.

Rare & Interesting Species:

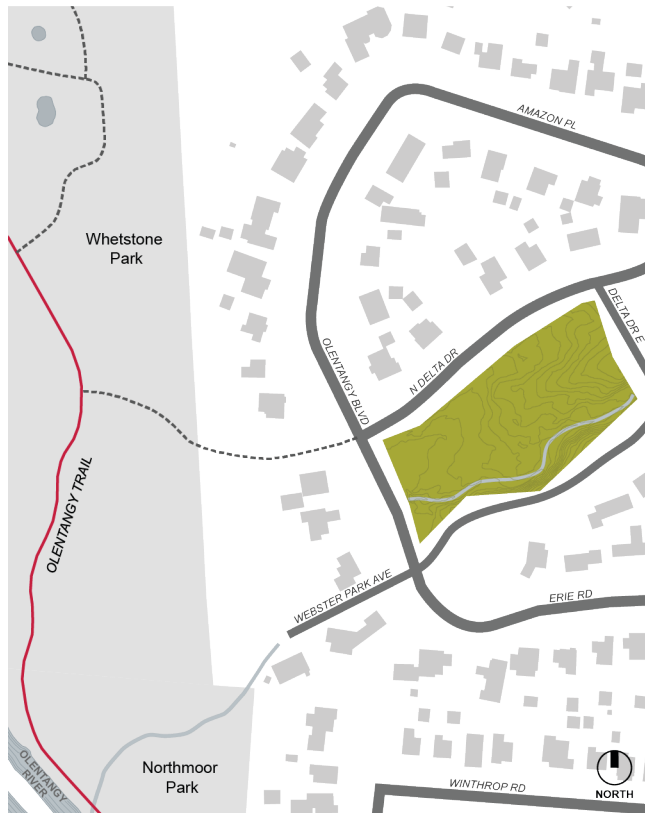
- American Beech Tree *Fagus grandifolia*
- Yellow Trout-lily *Erythronium americanum*
- Solomon's Seal *Polygonatum biflorum*



WEBSTER PARK

8 | WEBSTER PARK

230 Webster Park Ave. Columbus, OH 43214
1.5 acres



Habitat:



Information:

Webster Park is one of Columbus' oldest parks, dedicated in 1909 as a "bird sanctuary and flower preserve". The preserve is a wooded habitat with an unnamed tributary of the Olentangy River. There are a variety of beautiful woodland plants such as yellow trout lily and Virginia bluebells.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Yellow Trout Lily *Erythronium americanum*
- Bloodroot *Sanguinaria canadensis*
- Cutleaf Toothwort *Cardamine concatenata*
- Virginia Bluebells *Mertensia virginica*



MOCK PARK

9 | MOCK PARK

2520 Mock Rd. Columbus, OH 43219
83 acres

Amenities:

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Habitat:



Information:

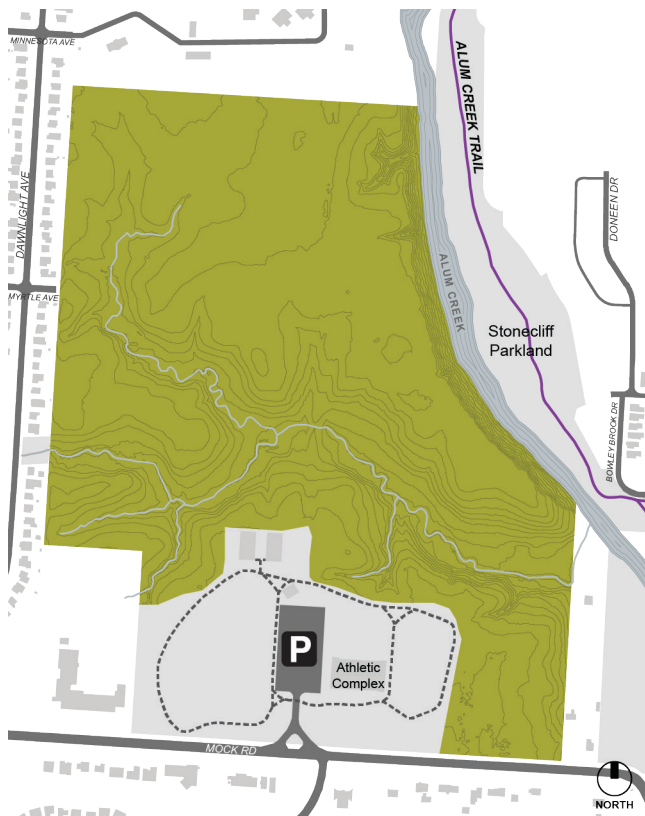
Situated on high bluffs above Alum Creek, the natural area of Mock Park is made up of upland hardwood forest dominated by oak-hickory. This forest supports high bat populations including the federally threatened Northern Long-eared bat.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Lowrie's Aster *Aster lowrieanus*
- Northern Long-eared Bat *Myotis septentrionalis*
- Eastern Box Turtle *Terrapene carolina carolina*
- Veery *Catharus fuscescens*

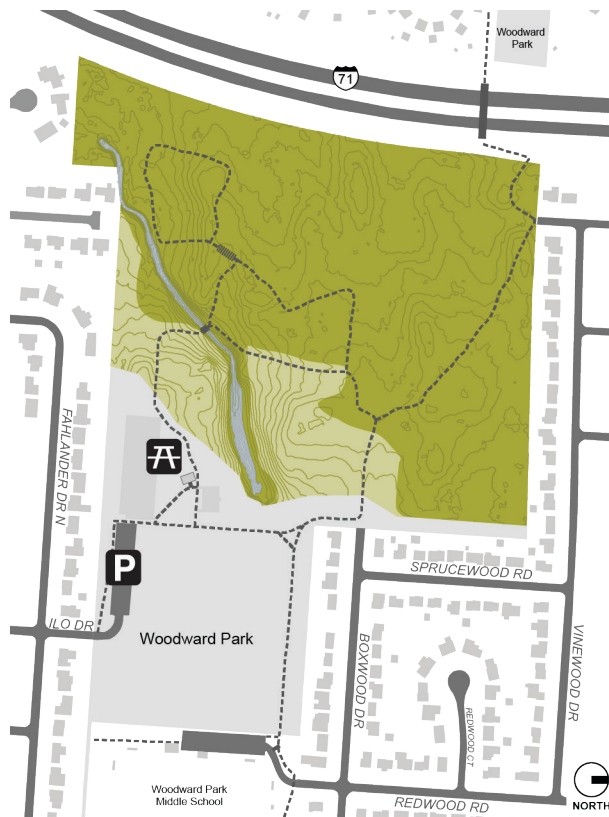


WOODWARD PARK



10 | WOODWARD PARK

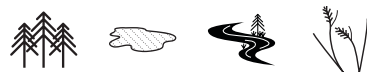
5747 Karl Rd. Columbus, OH 43229
33 acres



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

Woodward Park Nature Preserve features a high quality oak-hickory, beech-maple mature forest. During spring and summer, the forest floor is covered with a wide variety of wildflowers, including large white trillium, rue anemone and bloodroot. The mature forest supports a community of wildlife including salamanders, warblers, owls and flying squirrels.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Large White Trillium *Trillium grandiflorum*
- Rue Anemone *Thalictrum thalictroides*
- Southern Flying Squirrel *Glaucomys volans*



LAZELLE WOODS

11 | LAZELLE WOODS

8140 Sancus Blvd. Columbus, OH 43215
10 acres



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

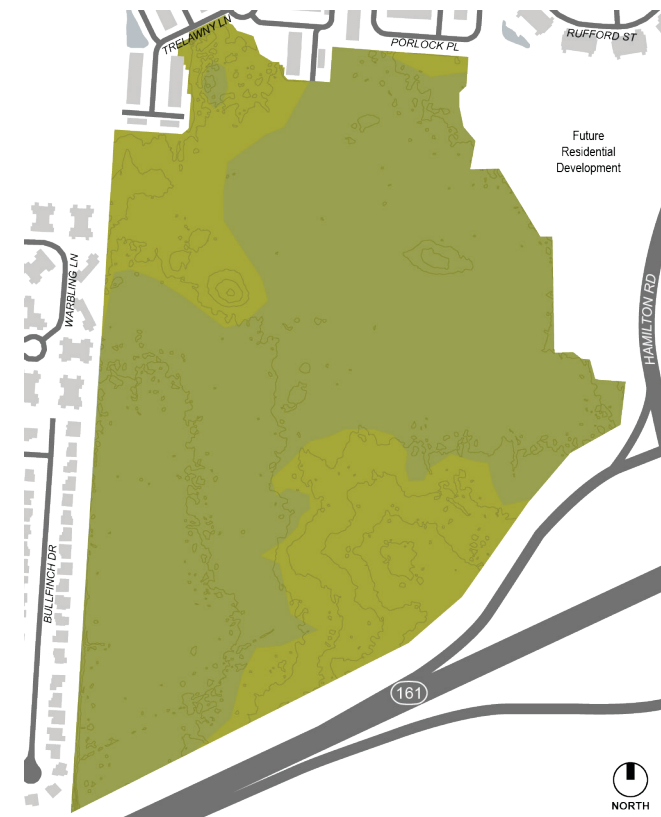
Lazelle woods is rich in native wildflowers such as rue anemone, green dragon, jack-in-the-pulpit, cut-leaved toothwort, spring beauty, dutchman's-breeches, yellow trout-lily, hairy sunflower, wild blue phlox, may-apple, and sessile trillium. The woods also support a high bird population including Cooper's hawk, eastern phoebe, eastern wood-pewee, hairy woodpecker, red-bellied woodpecker, rose-breasted grosbeak, wood thrush, tufted titmouse and yellow-throated vireo.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Kentucky Coffeetree *Gymnocladus dioica*
- Green Dragon *Arisaema dracontium*
- Wild Blue Phlox *Phlox divaricata*
- Eastern Wood-pewee *Contopus virens*



HAMILTON WETLAND



Habitat:



Information:

The Hamilton Road Wetland Nature Preserve is comprised of mature woodlands featuring vernal pool wetlands. This preserve is home to the largest Great Blue Heron rookery in Franklin County. The herons nest in the interior beech-dominated area of the woods and have had as many as 50 nests at one time.

Rare & Interesting Species:

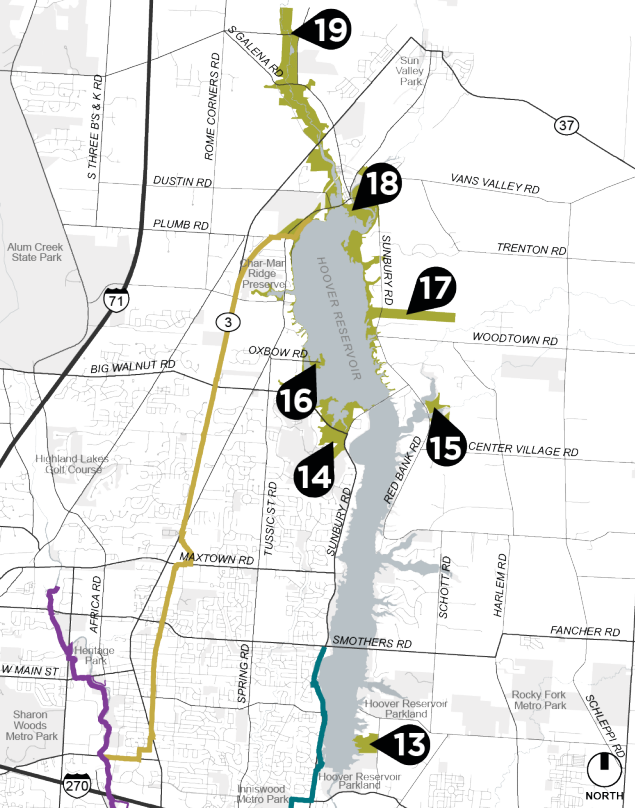
- Buttonbush *Cephalanthus occidentalis*
- Skunk-cabbage *Symplocarpus foetidus*
- Great Blue Heron *Ardea herodias*
- Smallmouth Salamander *Ambystoma texanum*



HOOVER RESERVOIR - MUDFLATS

HOOVER RESERVOIR

925+ acres



- 19 CLOVERFIELD/WREN WAY
- 18 MUFLATS
- 17 HOOVER MEADOWS
- 16 OXBOW
- 15 LAWRENCE WOODS
- 14 MUD HEN MARSH
- 13 HOOVER PRAIRIE

Information:

In 1954, Hoover Dam was built and the Hoover Reservoir was created. In 1988, over 925 acres of the land surrounding the reservoir was dedicated as nature preserve. The area has become a popular birding spot for viewing migratory waterfowl and shorebirds in spring and fall. The preserve also features the largest breeding population of prothonotary warblers in Ohio.



HOOVER PRAIRIE

13 | HOOVER PRAIRIE

Cubbage Rd. & Park Dr. Westerville, OH
39.8 acres

Amenities:



Habitat:

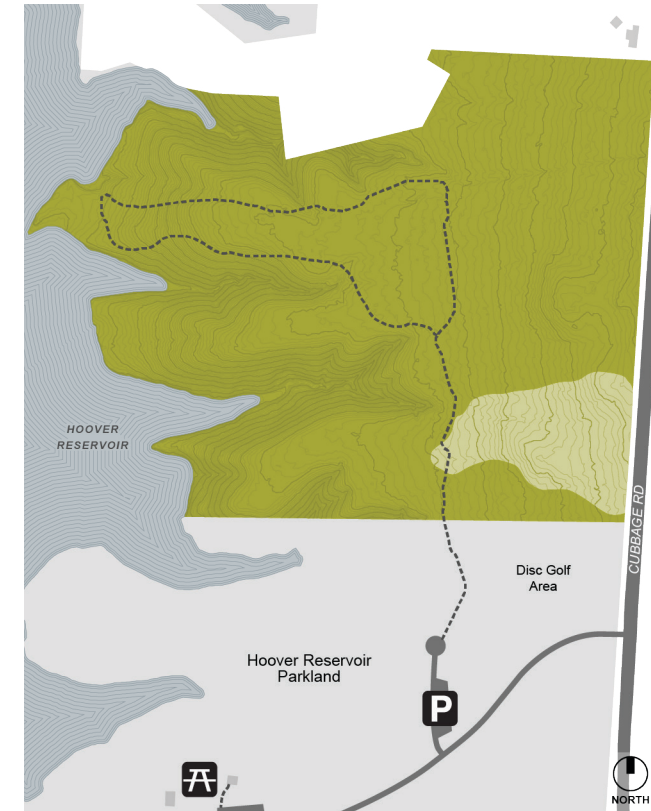


Information:

The Hoover Prairie Nature Preserve consists of 8 acres of prairie and 32 acres of wooded area. The prairie is over 100 years old, once referred to as the Central College Prairie. Naturalist John Thomas first discovered the wild indigo dusky wing skipper here in 1937. The prairie is now undergoing restoration. It is home to the only known Ohio population of the state-endangered Gattinger's foxglove.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Gattinger's Foxglove *Agalinis gattingeri*
- Prairie False Indigo *Baptisia lactea*
- Wild Indigo Skipper *Erynnis baptisia*
- Sharp-shinned Hawk *Accipiter striatus*



MUD HEN MARSH

14 | MUD HEN MARSH

8742 Big Walnut Rd. Galena, OH 43082
54 acres

Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

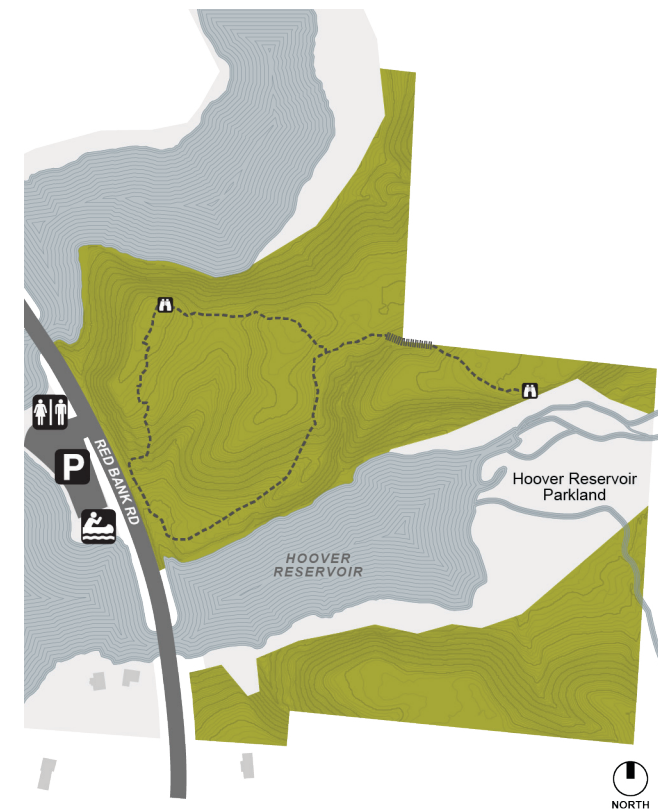
Mud Hen Marsh is a popular birding spot for viewing red-headed woodpeckers, warblers and waterfowl. There are natural surface trails throughout the wooded and open areas and an observation blind that looks out over the meadow and pond.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Swamp Milkweed *Asclepias incarnata*
- Hooded Merganser *Lophodytes cucullatus*
- Red-headed Woodpecker *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*
- Question Mark Butterfly *Polytonia interrogationis*



LAWRENCE WOODS



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

Lawrence Woods is a forested area situated high above two ravines that feed into the reservoir. A natural surface trail includes two overlook points with views over the flooded ravines. In the fall, these areas drain and become mudflats.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Groundcedar *Diphasiastrum digitatum*
- Hepatica *Hepatica nobilis*
- Wild Geranium *Geranium maculatum*



8798 Oxbow Rd. Westerville, OH 43082

15.8 acres

Amenities:

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Habitat:



Information:

The sort-of-island at Oxbow offers a unique site reaching out into the Hoover Reservoir. This is a popular fishing and boat launch spot. A footpath leading to the northern most viewpoint of Oxbow provides a more secluded view point over the water and shoreline.

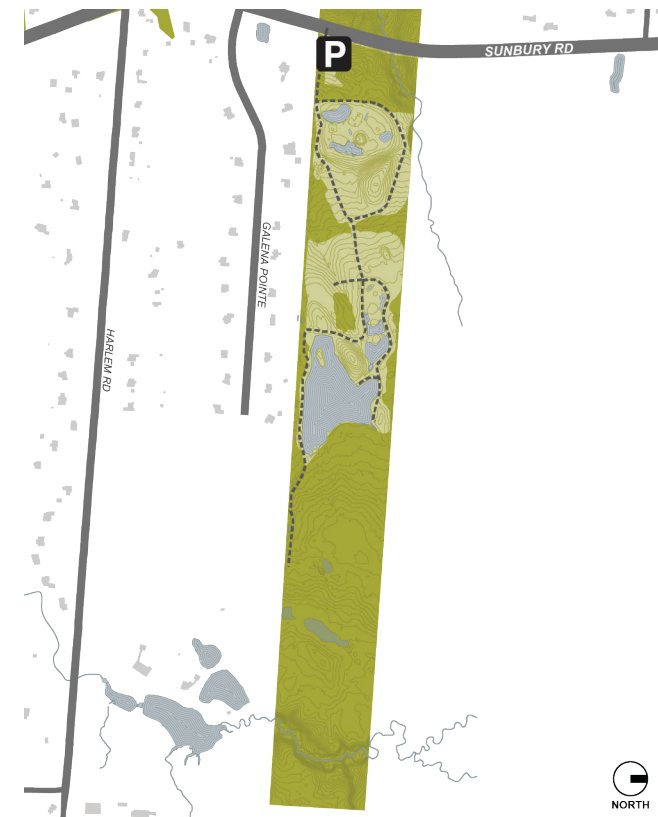
Rare & Interesting Species:

- Bufflehead Duck *Bucephala albeola*
- Common Loon *Gavia immer*
- Pied-billed Grebe *Podilymbus podiceps*



HOOVER MEADOWS





Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

Hoover Meadows is a wetland mitigation site with a diversity of habitat types including woodland, wetland, vernal pool, grassland and stream. The wetlands provide good habitat for migrating marsh birds such as soras and bitterns. There is a large vernal pool located in the woods. This pool that dries up by the end of the summer is vital breeding ground for amphibians.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- American Bittern *Botaurus lentiginosus*
- Ring-necked Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*
- Sandhill Crane *Grus canadensis*
- Spotted Salamander *Ambystoma maculatum*



HOOVER MUDFLATS

18 | MUDFLATS

28 Front St. Galena, OH 43021
161 acres



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

In fall, when the water levels of the reservoir recede, mudflats are exposed at the northern end of the reservoir. These mudflats are vital stops on the migration route for shorebirds that nest in the Arctic. The boardwalk in Area M provides prime viewing access to birders. Other notable birds found in this area are osprey, bald eagle and peregrine and merlin falcons.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Creeping Love Grass *Eragrostis hypnoides*
- Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*
- Green Heron *Butorides virescens*
- Buff-breasted Sandpiper *Calidris subruficollis*



CLOVERFIELD / WREN WAY



Amenities:



Habitat:



Information:

Cloverfield and Wren Way feature grass trails winding through open meadows along the riparian corridor of Little Walnut Creek.

Rare & Interesting Species:

- Eastern Bluebird *Sialia sialis*
- Tall Thistle *Cirsium altissimum*
- Canada Goldenrod *Solidago canadensis*



Columbus Nature Preserves aim to preserve the local natural heritage for current and future citizens of the City of Columbus to enjoy. The first city nature preserves were adopted in 1987 with additional preserves added in 2000, 2004 and 2016. To date, the system includes over 1,300 protected acres across 12 nature preserves. The Columbus nature preserve system is the only city nature preserve program in the state of Ohio. The nature preserves are jointly managed by Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, Columbus Division of Water and the Nature Preserve Advisory Council.

For more information, please visit www.columbus.gov/recreationandparks/