

# Ohio State Nature Preserves

PRESERVE	COUNTY	ADDRESS	GPS COORDINATES	TOTAL ACREAGE	TRAILS (MILES)	FACILITIES	FEATURES	VISITOR INFORMATION
Acadia Cliffs	Washington	* County Rd 3 Cutler, 45724	N 39° 19.457' W 81° 50.225'	113				Managed by the ODNR Division of Wildlife • Public hunting area • <a href="http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov">wildlife.ohiodnr.gov</a>
Adams Lake Prairie	Adams	14633 State Rte 41 West Union, 45963	N 38° 48.750' W 83° 31.783'	26	0.6			Located within Adams Lake State Park • Seasonal restrooms and water
Audubon Islands	Lucas	* Near River Rd in the middle of Maumee River	N 41° 34.003' W 83° 38.179'	170				Owned and managed by Metroparks of the Toledo Area • <a href="http://metroparkstolledo.com">metroparkstolledo.com</a>
Aurora Sanctuary	Portage	896 East Pioneer Trail Aurora, 44202	N 41° 18.249' W 81° 18.621'	164	2			Owned and managed by the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland • <a href="http://clevelandaudubon.org">clevelandaudubon.org</a>
Baker Woods	Mercer	4316 Saint Anthony Rd Coldwater, 45828	N 40° 30.527' W 84° 38.134'	47	1.3			
Bigelow Cemetery	Madison	600 Rosedale Rd Irwin, 43029	N 40° 06.577' W 83° 25.147'	0.5	0.1			Pioneer cemetery with prairie
Blackhand Gorge	Licking	2200 Gratiot Rd SE Newark, 43056	N 40° 03.364' W 82° 13.100'	956	10			Bike trail • Licking River Narrows
Boch Hollow	Hocking	7000 Beach Camp Rd Logan, 43138	N 39° 38.002' W 82° 25.110'	607	7			Office address is 7211 Bremen Road Logan, 43138
Boord	Washington	245 Falls Run Rd Cutler, 45724	N 39° 23.696' W 81° 44.809'	127	0.8			
Brown's Lake Bog	Wayne	* Brown Rd Shreve, 44676	N 40° 40.977' W 82° 04.054'	99	1			Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy • <a href="http://nature.org/ohio">nature.org/ohio</a> • <i>Caution - poison sumac</i>
Burton Wetlands	Geauga	15681 Old Rider Rd Burton, 44021	N 41° 26.577' W 81° 10.825'	277	1.5			Owned and managed by the Geauga Park District • <a href="http://geaugaparkdistrict.org">geaugaparkdistrict.org</a> • Near Punderson State Park
Caesar Creek Gorge	Warren	4080 Corwin Rd Oregonia, 45054	N 39° 29.494' W 84° 06.126'	484	2.3			Adjacent to Caesar Creek State Park and Little Miami Scenic Trail
Campbell, Louis W.	Lucas	2742 Crissey Rd Monclova, 43558	N 41° 35.478' W 83° 45.710'	211	2.3			
Cedar Bog	Champaign	980 Woodburn Rd Urbana, 43078	N 40° 03.422' W 83° 47.517'	428	1			Fee • Seasonal • Managed by Cedar Bog Association • <a href="http://cedarbognp.org">cedarbognp.org</a>
Chaparral Prairie	Adams	209 Hawk Hill Rd West Union, 45693	N 38° 50.422' W 83° 34.427'	130	2			
Christmas Rocks	Fairfield	2360 Meister Rd SW Lancaster, 43130	N 39° 38.347' W 82° 39.008'	554	4.5			
Clear Creek	Fairfield	185 Clear Creek Rd Rockbridge, 43149	N 39° 35.334' W 82° 34.659'	4,769	12			Clear Creek Metro Park • <a href="http://metroparks.net">metroparks.net</a> • Owned and managed by Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
Clear Fork Gorge	Ashland	* Mohican Park Rd # 51 Perrysville, 44864	N 40° 36.307' W 82° 18.265'	29	0.3			Park at fire tower lot • Adjacent to Mohican State Park and Forest
Clifton Gorge	Greene	2381 State Rte 343 Yellow Springs, 45387	N 39° 48.010' W 83° 50.143'	268	3			Nature Center, open weekends, April-October • Adjacent to John Bryan State Park
Collier, Howard	Seneca	1655 W Township Rd 38 Tiffin, 44883	N 41° 00.249' W 83° 12.113'	115	1.2			
Conkles Hollow	Hocking	24858 Big Pine Rd Rockbridge, 43149	N 39° 27.172' W 82° 34.324'	87	3.5			Near Hocking Hills State Park
Conneaut Swamp	Ashtabula	* Thompson Rd Conneaut, 44050	N 41° 56.788' W 80° 31.828'	55				Managed by the ODNR Division of Wildlife • Part of the Conneaut Swamp Wildlife Area
Cooperrider-Kent Bog	Portage	1028 Meloy Rd Kent, 44240	N 41° 07.764' W 81° 21.219'	45	0.5			
Crooked Run Sanctuary	Clermont	521 County Park Rd Chilo, 45112	N 38° 47.414' W 84° 07.953'	78	2			Adjacent to Chilo Lock 34 Park • Managed by Clermont County Park District • <a href="http://clermontparks.org">clermontparks.org</a>
Culberson Woods	Clinton	8865 State Rte 730 Clarksville, 45113	N 39° 22.146' W 83° 56.307'	280	3			Trail opening in 2017 • Near Cowan Lake State Park
Daughmer Prairie Savannah	Crawford	700 Marion-Melmore Rd Bucyrus, 44820	N 40° 43.754' W 83° 5.550'	34	1			Managed by the Crawford Park District • <a href="http://crawfordparkdistrict.org">crawfordparkdistrict.org</a>
Davey Woods	Champaign	7661 Lonesome Rd St. Paris, 43072	N 40° 8.298' W 83° 54.270'	103	1.5			Near Kiser Lake State Park
Davis Memorial	Adams	* Davis Memorial Rd Peebles, 45660	N 38° 56.405' W 83° 21.212'	168	2			
Desonier, Marie J.	Athens	3385 Deep Hollow Rd Coolville, 45723	N 39° 14.212' W 81° 52.090'	491	2.7			
DuPont Marsh	Erie	1805 River Rd Huron, 44839	N 41° 21.704' W 82° 32.955'	114	0.6			Managed by Erie Metro Parks • <a href="http://eriemetroparks.org">eriemetroparks.org</a> • Seasonal portable restroom
Eagle Creek	Portage	11027 Hopkins Rd Garrettsville, 44231	N 41° 17.373' W 81° 03.438'	472	3.2			Near Nelson Kennedy Ledges, West Branch and Mosquito Lake state parks
Erie Sand Barrens	Erie	* Taylor Rd Sandusky, 44870	N 41° 21.610' W 82° 42.468'	32	1			Roadside parking
Fowler Woods	Richland	7815 Olivesburg-Fitchville Rd Greenwich, 44837	N 40° 58.413' W 82° 28.194'	187	0.3			
Gahanna Woods	Franklin	11699 Taylor Station Rd Gahanna, 43230	N 40° 00.700' W 82° 50.083'	63	1			Managed by City of Gahanna • <a href="http://gahanna.gov">gahanna.gov</a>
Gallagher Fen	Clark	4709 Old Columbus Rd Springfield, 45502	N 39° 56.206' W 83° 43.003'	213	1.2			Near Buck Creek State Park
Goll Woods	Fulton	26093 County Rd F Archbold, 43502	N 41° 33.271' W 84° 21.679'	321	5			Parking lot is located on County Road 26 • Seasonal portable restrooms
Goode Prairie	Miami	10354 Union Church Rd Bradford, 45308	N 40° 10.080' W 84° 24.234'	28	0.5			Managed by Miami County Parks • <a href="http://miamicountyparks.com">miamicountyparks.com</a>
Gross Memorial Woods	Shelby	19575 Botkins Rd Jackson Center, 45334	N 40° 28.130' W 84° 03.485'	49	0.5			Near Indian Lake State Park
Hach-Otis	Lake	37142 Skyline Dr Willoughby Hills, 44094	N 41° 35.488' W 81° 24.700'	81	1.5			Owned and managed by the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland • <a href="http://clevelandaudubon.org">clevelandaudubon.org</a>
Halls Creek Woods	Warren	3232 Morrow-Mason-Millgrove Rd Morrow, 45152	N 39° 21.977' W 84° 09.099'	219	2			
Headlands Dunes	Lake	9601 Headlands Rd Mentor, 44060	N 41° 45.564' W 81° 17.097'	25	1			Boardwalk construction in 2016 • Adjacent to Headlands Beach State Park • Seasonal restrooms and water
Herrick Fen	Portage	8260 Seasons Rd Streetsboro, 44241	N 41° 12.844' W 81° 22.269'	127	1			Follow gravel lane, east side past railroad crossing • Go 0.2 mile - gravel parking lot on right • Managed by The Nature Conservancy • <a href="http://nature.org">nature.org</a>
Hueston Woods	Butler & Preble	* Hueston Woods State Park Main Loop Rd, College Corner, 45003	N 39° 34.457' W 84° 45.684'	200	3			Located within Hueston Woods State Park
Hutchins, Edward F.	Delaware & Franklin	9466 Columbus Pike Lewis Center, 43035	N 40° 08.927' W 83° 01.897'	206	2			Located in Highbanks Metro Park • <a href="http://metroparks.net">metroparks.net</a> • Owned and managed by Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
Irwin Prairie	Lucas	9987 West Bancroft St Holland, 43528	N 41° 39.473' W 83° 46.922'	207	1.3			
Jackson Bog	Stark	7984 Fulton Dr NW Massillon, 44646	N 40° 51.563' W 81° 29.897'	63	1.3			<i>Caution - poison sumac</i>
Johnson Ridge	Adams	* Marjorie Johnson Rd West Union, 45693	N 38° 51.022' W 83° 31.532'	208	1.2			
Johnson Woods	Wayne	13420 Fox Lake Rd Marshallville, 44645	N 40° 53.325' W 81° 44.657'	206	1			
Kendrick Woods	Allen	971 N Defiance Trail Spencerville, 45887	N 40° 45.020' W 84° 19.265'	159	5			Managed by Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District • <a href="http://jampd.com">jampd.com</a>
Kessler Swamp	Hocking	28749 Hideaway Hills Rd Sugar Grove, 43155	N 39° 38.465' W 82° 28.558'	20				Observation deck

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Kiser Lake Wetlands	Champaign	3975 Kiser Lake Rd St. Paris, 43072	N 40° 10.732' W 83° 56.958'	51	0.6			Located within Kiser Lake State Park
Kitty Todd	Lucas	10420 Old State Line Rd Swanton, 43558	N 41° 37.104' W 83° 47.483'	450	1			Managed by The Nature Conservancy • <a href="http://nature.org">nature.org</a> • Open to the public M-F 9-5, and the 1st weekend of the month from May-Oct.
Knox Woods	Knox	18000 Yauger Rd Mount Vernon, 43050	N 40° 23.833' W 82° 25.713'	30	1			Managed by the Knox Co. Park District • <a href="http://knoxcountyparks.org">knoxcountyparks.org</a> • Located in Wolf Run Regional Park
Kyle Woods	Mahoning	6920 Tippecanoe Rd Canfield, 44406	N 41° 00.984' W 80° 42.835'	82	1.3			
Lake Katharine	Jackson	1703 Lake Katharine Rd Jackson, 45640	N 39° 05.158' W 82° 40.175'	2,019	6			Visit <a href="http://naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov">naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov</a> for information on obtaining permit for lake access (fishing/canoeing)
Lakeside Daisy	Ottawa	309 Alexander Pike Marblehead, 43440	N 41° 32.017' W 82° 43.632'	19				Peak bloom in May
Lawrence Woods	Hardin	13278 County Rd 190 Kenton, 43326	N 40° 34.190' W 83° 37.630'	1,035	1.1			
Marsh Wetlands	Portage	* Canada Rd Mantua, 44255	N 41° 17.038' W 81° 12.703'	152				Unimproved site • Owned and managed by the ODNR Division of Wildlife
McCracken Fen	Logan	4140 Township Rd 32 S Bellefontaine, 43311	N 40° 18.308' W 83° 46.923'	94	1			
Mentor Marsh	Lake	5185 Corduroy Rd Mentor, 44060	N 41° 43.784' W 81° 18.333'	646	4			Managed by Cleveland Museum of Natural History <a href="http://cmnh.org">cmnh.org</a> • Near Headlands Beach State Park
Millford Center Prairie	Union	* Connor Rd Millford Center, 43045	N 40° 09.463' W 83° 27.440'	9	1.5			Unimproved site • Park in front of sign
Miller Nature Sanctuary	Highland	13657 Barrett Mill Rd Bainbridge, 45612	N 39° 12.106' W 83° 23.615'	86	3			Gate open during spring wildflower season
Morris Woods	Licking	7495 Dutch Ln NW Johnstown, 43031	N 40° 10.324' W 82° 38.039'	107	1.5			Managed by the Licking Park District • <a href="http://lickingparkdistrict.com">lickingparkdistrict.com</a>
North Pond	Erie	* Ward Rd Kelleys Island, 43438	N 41° 36.654' W 82° 42.133'	51	1			Located within Kelleys Island State Park
North Shore Alvar	Erie	* Division St Kelleys Island, 43438	N 41° 37.202' W 82° 42.673'	2	0.3			Located within Kelleys Island State Park
Novak Sanctuary	Portage	382 Town Line Rd Aurora, 44202	N 41° 19.671' W 81° 17.887'	149	2.5			Owned and managed by the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland • <a href="http://clevelandaudubon.org">clevelandaudubon.org</a>
Old Woman Creek	Erie	2514 Cleveland Rd E Huron, 44839	N 41° 22.660' W 82° 30.521'	571	1.3			National Estuarine Research Reserve • Managed by the ODNR Division of Wildlife • <a href="http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov">wildlife.ohiodnr.gov</a>
Olsen, Augusta-Anne	Huron	4934 W River Rd Wakeman, 44889	N 41° 16.361' W 82° 24.477'	132	3.5			Parking lot is north of office
Owens Fen	Logan	7273 Township Rd 192 West Liberty, 43357	N 40° 15.499' W 83° 46.433'	19	0.5			Unimproved site • Park in front of cable
Pickerington Ponds	Fairfield	7680 Wright Rd Canal Winchester, 43110	N 39° 53.067' W 82° 47.973'	416	0.5			Located in Pickerington Ponds Metro Park • <a href="http://metroparks.net">metroparks.net</a> • Owned and managed by Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
Portage Lakes Wetlands	Summit	399 Portage Lakes Dr Akron, 44319	N 40° 58.826' W 81° 32.048'	6				Park at Senior Center, 399 Portage Lakes Dr • Unimproved site • Managed by Summit Metro Parks • <a href="http://summitmetroparks.org">summitmetroparks.org</a>
Rhododendron Cove	Fairfield	2730 Pump Station Rd SE Lancaster, 43130	N 39° 37.895' W 82° 33.528'	75	1.2			Adjacent to Wahkeena State Nature Preserve
Riddle	Athens	Sells Park - Avon Pl Athens, 45701	N 39° 20.618' W 82° 04.469'	106	1.5			Adjacent to Sells Park (City of Athens) <a href="http://ci.athens.oh.us">ci.athens.oh.us</a> • Near Strouds Run State Park
Rockbridge	Hocking	11475 Dalton Rd Rockbridge, 43149	N 39° 33.982' W 82° 29.960'	202	2.8			Longest natural bridge in Ohio • Accessible from Hocking River • Near Lake Logan State Park
Rocky Fork Gorge	Highland	7660 Cave Rd Bainbridge, 45612	N 39° 13.353' W 83° 21.456'	1,157	1.3			Seasonal, limited hours • Managed by Arc of Appalachia • <a href="http://arcappalachia.org">arcappalachia.org</a>
Scioto Brush Creek	Scioto	* Tatman-Coe Rd McDermott, 45652	N 38° 50.486' W 83° 5.716'	30	1.5			Use caution during high water
Sears Woods	Crawford	1486 Mount Zion Rd Bucyrus, 44820	N 40° 46.558' W 83° 02.566'	137	1.2			Managed by Crawford Park District • <a href="http://crawfordparkdistrict.org">crawfordparkdistrict.org</a>
Seymour Woods	Delaware	714 Winter Rd Delaware, 43015	N 40° 13.674' W 83° 03.290'	115	1.8			



### VISITING STATE NATURE PRESERVES

**Planning Your Day**  
Ohio State Nature Preserves are lush, untamed natural landscapes that are open and available to all visitors.  
Please visit these special places - which can range from a 1/2 acre to more than 4,000 acres in size - best suited for hiking and nature study.  
When people visit, they should expect to enjoy the birds, blooms and beautiful scenery of Ohio. Pause at breathtaking rare arches and gorges, or spend an afternoon photographing swaying prairie grasses. Preserves have no such facilities. Comfortable, sturdy footwear is recommended, as some nature preserves do not have trails. People should plan for seasonal conditions: long pants and sleeves, insect repellent, sunscreen and raingear depending on the season and which preserve they decide to visit.

**Access Permits**  
Preserves not listed in this brochure require a written permit for access because of their fragile nature, lack of public use facilities or limited accessibility. The permit system is designed to provide a quality experience for the visitor, while at the same time protecting the fragile ecosystem. Applications for access permits can be obtained from the ODNR website. The permit application must be submitted 14 days prior to the requested date of entry. Research, collecting or off-trail use also requires a written permit. A list of permit-only sites is available at [naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov](http://naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov).



### OHIO STATE NATURE PRESERVES

**Rare. Beautiful. Protected.**  
The 1970 Natural Areas Act authorized the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Natural Areas and Preserves to protect the highest quality natural areas in Ohio. This brochure highlights the Ohio State Nature Preserves that are presently open to the public without an access permit. Ohio State Nature Preserves are not parks; instead, they are sanctuaries for rare plants and animals. Preserves are best suited for minimum impact activities, such as bird watching, hiking, nature study and photography, as opposed to picnicking or camping. Preserves are open daily from dawn to dusk. Numerous programs are offered throughout the year at Ohio State Nature Preserves, including guided hikes, open house events, interpretive programs and volunteer opportunities. A calendar of events can be found at [naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov](http://naturepreserves.ohiodnr.gov). Special arrangements for guided group programs may be made by contacting 614-265-6561. Additional information on Ohio State Nature Preserves, including brochures and program schedules, may be obtained online or by contacting ODNR. We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about each preserve before you visit.  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
2045 Morse Road, Building C-4  
Columbus, OH 43229  
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### Three ways you can help protect your Ohio State Nature Preserves:

**Remember us at tax time**  
Make a donation to "Ohio State Nature Preserves" on your Ohio Income Tax return each year. These tax-deductible donations are the primary source of funding for Ohio State Nature Preserves, and they allow all Ohioans a convenient means of supporting natural areas preservation.

**Purchase a State Nature Preserve license plate**  
Funding from this program supports facility and trail improvements, and it also provides educational and interpretive programming, signage and materials for visitors to the preserves.

**Make a special gift today**  
Mail your tax-deductible check, payable to the ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves, to:  
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### JOIN US IN PROTECTING THESE SPECIAL PLACES

Ohio State Nature Preserves are protected for all Ohioans. These are special places where the state's endangered species are thriving, and unique landscapes are open for the enjoyment of all.

**Donations to Ohio State Nature Preserves directly and immediately protect significant habitats, including bogs, prairies, old growth forests and rare geologic formations. Your support enables new land purchases, careful management of the lands that are protected, educational opportunities and scientific research.**

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### NATURAL HISTORY OF OHIO

Although most of Ohio's landscape has been greatly altered, the state still has an impressive diversity of natural habitats. The system of Ohio State Nature Preserves protects some of the best remaining examples of Ohio's natural areas for public enjoyment.

About 2 million years ago, the climate of North America gave rise to three or more major ice ages, with the last glacial advance retreating about 12,000 years ago from Ohio. Prior to these glacial periods, a river the size of the present-day Ohio River, known as the Teays River, flowed northward through Ohio, originating in the Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina. Appalachian plants migrated into southeastern Ohio following the river's corridor. Although the Teays River disappeared long ago because it was blocked by the advancing glaciers, this region still contains wetlands with many plants from that era.

Ohio's greatest glacial feature, Lake Erie, has miles of coastal marshes and beaches, as well as unique rock pavement areas called alvars. Bogs and fens, typical of the boreal region north of Ohio, also remained after the glaciers retreated. In northwestern Ohio, the Oak Openings Region is an area of extensive dry sand ridges, knolls with prairies and oak savannas left behind by ancient glacial lakes. This unique area boasts the highest concentration of rare species in the state. Just south of the Oak Openings Region is the Great Black Swamp, with its vast wetlands making it the last area to be settled in Ohio.

When Europeans explored the Ohio frontier in the 1700s, forests covered 95 percent of the state. The forests were described by early settlers as having trees of "stately grandeur" towering up 60 feet to the first limbs. Nestled within the primeval forests were grassy openings with prairie plants that had moved into Ohio from the west about 4,000 to 6,000 years ago during a warm, dry period called the Xerothermic period.

Ohio is fortunate to have varied and diverse habitats throughout the state. More than 130 preserves protect bogs, fens, gorges, arches, cliffs, prairies, dunes, eskers and woods. These preserves in turn protect rare and endangered plants and animals, allowing all Ohioans to enjoy now and in the future.