Maumee River

The Maumee River begins its 137-mile northeastward journey in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at the confluence of the St. Joseph and St. Marys rivers and empties into Maumee Bay (Lake Erie) in Toledo. Covering over 6,500 square miles (4.2 million acres), its watershed is the largest drainage basin in the Great Lakes Watershed. More than 3,900 miles of rivers and streams flow into the Maumee, including the Auglaize, Blanchard (via the Auglaize) and Tiffin rivers. The upper 43 miles of the Maumee River in Ohio are designated as a State Scenic River.

Historically, the Maumee River was also known as the Miami River and called “Miami of the Lake,” not to be confused with the Miami River in southern Ohio, which was known as “Miami of the Ohio.” The word ‘Maumee’ is an anglicized spelling of the Ottawa name for the Miami Indians, ‘maamii.’ The Maumee River provided a strategic backdrop during the Northwest Indian War in the decisive Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794. Many forts, including Defiance, Loramie and Recovery were established to protect trade routes along the river.

The Miami and Erie Canal, now abandoned, once paralleled the Maumee River between Toledo and Defiance. The canal was completed in 1845 and provided a direct connection for freight traffic between Lake Erie and the Ohio River in Cincinnati. Growing railroad networks in Ohio gradually rendered the canal systems obsolete. In 1913 the Miami and Erie, as well as the Ohio and Erie Canal in eastern Ohio, were destroyed due to catastrophic flooding. Many remnant segments of the canal exist today and many are located on public lands for recreational use. Stretches of the canal’s towpath have been converted into hiking trails.

The Maumee River is used as a major transportation corridor for commercial freight entering and leaving the Port of Toledo. Due to concerns that too much industrial and waste water contaminants had been discharged into the lower portion of the river, the Maumee was federally designated an Area of Concern in 1985 (along with the Ashtabula, Black and Cuyahoga rivers), prompting the foundation of the Maumee River Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The RAP uses community-based, collaborative, ecosystem-based approaches to clean up and restore the polluted portions of the river. As a result of the RAP’s efforts, water quality in the lower Maumee is improving.

In the upper reaches, upstream of the city of Maumee, the river is shallower and used primarily for recreational purposes. The Maumee is a popular spot to fish for flathead catfish, walleye, smallmouth bass and white bass. Each spring, thousands of walleye run up the Maumee to spawn, attracting anglers from across the nation.
Toledo Skyway Marina

Location: 1701 Front Street
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: At RM 4
Jurisdiction: Toledo, OH
County: Lucas
Latitude: N 41° 39.26'
Longitude: W 083° 30.81'
Access Site Type: Recreation Scenic
Date Visited: 

In addition to providing riverfront views and access, the Toledo Skyway Marina is the home of the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum. In December 2011, the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission approved a $6.1 million grant to allow the city of Toledo and the Great Lakes Historical Society to develop the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum. The city of Toledo plans to use the approved funds to create a maritime park with outdoor exhibits, a berth for the Col. James M. Schoonmaker historic lake freighter (formerly known as the S.S. Willis B. Boyer Museum Ship) and interior renovation of the existing Skyway Marina building to house exhibits for the National Great Lakes Maritime Museum.

Learn More:
The Great Lakes Historical Society, www.inlandseas.org

International Park

Location: Boers-Boyer Way, between Main and Miami streets
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: Between RM 5 and RM 6
Jurisdiction: Toledo, OH
County: Lucas
Latitude: N 41° 39.03'
Longitude: W 083° 31.57'
Access Site Type: Recreation Scenic
Date Visited: 

International Park was home to the Col. James M. Schoonmaker (formerly the S.S. Willis B. Boyer) Museum Ship. The freighter served the Great Lakes between 1911 and 1980, carrying iron ore, coal and rye. It opened as a museum in 1987, was renamed in 2011 and moved to the Toledo Skyway Marina site. International Park is also home to “The Docks,” which features a collection of restaurants.

Learn More:
The Great Lakes Historical Society, www.inlandseas.org

Field Notes:
Promenade Park and Maritime Plaza

**Location:**
250 Water Street, between Cherry Street and Jefferson Avenue

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
At RM 5

**Jurisdiction:**
Toledo, OH

**County:**
Lucas

**Latitude:**
N 41° 39.21'

**Longitude:**
W 083° 31.75'

**Access Site Type:**
Scenic

**Recreation**

**Educational**

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**

**Amenities:**

Veterans Memorial Park and Rossford Marina

**Location:**
300 Hannum Avenue

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 8 and RM 9

**Jurisdiction:**
Rossford, OH

**County:**
Wood

**Latitude:**
N 41° 36.93'

**Longitude:**
W 083° 33.76'

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Location Map:**

**Amenities:**

**Learn More:**
City of Toledo
www.ci.toledo.oh.us

**Field Notes:**

**Learn More:**
City of Rossford
www.rossfordohio.com

**Field Notes:**

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Walbridge Park

Location: 2761 Broadway Street
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: At RM 9
Jurisdiction: Toledo, OH
County: Lucas
Latitude: N 41° 36.96'
Longitude: W 083° 34.89'
Access Site Type: Recreation
Date Visited: Learn More:

City of Toledo
www.ci.toledo.oh.us

Field Notes:

Island View Park

Location: State Route 65 (Dixie Highway), west of Lime City Road
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: At RM 10
Jurisdiction: Rossford, OH
County: Wood
Latitude: N 41° 36.05'
Longitude: W 083° 34.12'
Access Site Type: Recreation
Date Visited: Learn More:

City of Rossford
www.rossfordohio.com

Field Notes:
Corey Street Boat Ramp

Location: End of Corey Street
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: At RM 13
Jurisdiction: Maumee, OH
County: Lucas
Latitude: N 41° 34.34'
Longitude: W 083° 37.45'
Access Site Type: Recreation
Date Visited: Learn More:

City of Maumee
www.maumee.org

Field Notes:____________________________________________________________

Fort Miamis National Historic Site

Location: River Road, between Corey Street and Michigan Avenue
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: At RM 13
Jurisdiction: Maumee, OH
County: Lucas
Latitude: N 41° 34.4'
Longitude: W 083° 37.63'
Access Site Type: Historic Scenic
Date Visited: Learn More:

City of Maumee
www.maumee.org
www.touring-ohio.com/history/fort-miamis.html
National Park Service
www.nps.gov/history/history/online_books/founders/sitea24.htm

Field Notes:____________________________________________________________

Fort Miamis was an earthwork fortification on the west bank of the Maumee River. It was designed and constructed by British Royal Engineers in 1794 and featured four diamond-shape earthen walls, called bastions. Fort Miamis was built to defend the land and water routes to Fort Detroit against American forces led by General “Mad” Anthony Wayne and to also demonstrate British support of the Indian Confederacy. A 24-foot deep trench surrounded the fort and rows of log stakes were placed to slow attackers.

Following the short, but decisive 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers, in which Wayne and his men were commanded to eliminate the tribal confederacy, remaining Native Americans fled to Fort Miamis for British protection and support. The British refused; thus tarnishing the relationship with the Native Americans. Upon reaching the fort, Wayne ordered the British to surrender. They again refused. Despite Wayne’s persuading, the British chose not to engage in battle. Since it was Wayne’s mission to eliminate the Native Americans, and not take Detroit, he retreated to Fort Defiance.

The earthen foundation of the fort remains today as evident by the rolling terrain of the park. Fort Miamis is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Fort Miamis is adjacent to Corey Street Boat Ramp. See map on previous page.
Maple Street Boat Ramp

Location:
End of Maple Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 13 and RM 14

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
N 41° 33.97'

Longitude:
W 083° 37.54'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Learn More:
City of Perrysburg
www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us

Amenities:

Field Notes:

Louisiana Avenue Dock at Hood Park

Location:
105 West Front Street, Located at the foot of Hood Park

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 14

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
N 41° 33.67'

Longitude:
W 083° 37.78'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Learn More:
City of Perrysburg
www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us

Amenities:

Field Notes:
Riverside Park

**Location:**
245 West Front Street

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile**
Location: At RM 14

**Jurisdiction:**
Perrysburg, OH

**County:**
Wood

**Latitude:**
N 41° 33.55'

**Longitude:**
W 083° 38.09'

**Access Site Type:**
Scenic

**Learn More:**
City of Perrysburg
www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us

Audubon Islands State Nature Preserve

**Location:**
Maumee River; comprised of Ewing and Grape islands

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile**
Location: At RM 14

**Jurisdiction:**
Maumee, OH

**County:**
Lucas

**Latitude:**
N 41° 34.15'

**Longitude:**
W 083° 38.38'

**Access Site Type:**
Natural Island

**Learn More:**
ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves
www.ohiodnr.com/dnap

**Field Notes:**
The 170-acre Audubon Islands State Nature Preserve was acquired by the Maumee Valley Audubon Society and donated to the Metroparks of the Toledo Area. It is a dedicated nature sanctuary and habitat for a variety of bird species, including migratory waterfowl.

NOTE: Unimproved with no built infrastructure

**Field Notes:**
Orleans Park

**Location:**
655 Maumee Western Reserve Road (US 20/SR 25)

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 14 and RM 15

**Jurisdiction:**
Perrysburg, OH

**County:**
Wood

**Latitude:**
N 41° 33.38'

**Longitude:**
W 083° 38.7'

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Learn More:**
City of Perrysburg
www.ci.perrysburg.oh.us

**Field Notes:**

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Klewer Towpath Park

**Location:**
End of East Harrison Ave, eastern terminus

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 14 and RM 16

**Jurisdiction:**
Maumee, OH

**County:**
Lucas

**Latitude:**
N 41° 33.73'

**Longitude:**
W 083° 38.81'

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Alternate Entrances:**
1. Towpath trail access from the Conant Street bridge (US 20/SR 25)
2. Towpath trail connection from Side Cut Metropark

**Learn More:**
City of Maumee
www.maumee.org

**Field Notes:**

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Fort Meigs
Maumee River Access

Location:
End of Rapids Road, western terminus

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 15

Jurisdiction:
Perrysburg, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
N 41° 33.22'

Longitude:
W 083° 38.98'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Learn More:
www.fortmeigs.org and ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/places/nw06/index.shtml

Fort Meigs was a fortification along the east bank of the Maumee River during the War of 1812. Construction of the original fort commenced in February of 1813 by soldiers under the command of General William Henry Harrison to protect northwest Ohio and Indiana from British invasion. The 10-acre log enclosure included seven blockhouses and five emplacements. In May of 1813, British and Canadian troops, with the assistance of the Native Americans under Tecumseh, besieged the fort, and again in July. Both attempts failed. Following the final British retreat from the area, Harrison ordered for the dismantling of Fort Meigs.

A full-sized replica of the fort was constructed by the Ohio Historical Society in the late 1960s. Today, Fort Meigs offers a museum, interactive displays and reenactments. Access to the Maumee River for fishing is located on the grounds, behind the fort and accessible from Rapids Road.

Side Cut Metropark

Location:
1025 West River Road, between Jerome Road and Ford Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 15 and RM 18

Jurisdiction:
Maumee, OH

County:
Lucas

Latitude:
N 41° 33.33'

Longitude:
W 083° 40.24'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparkstoledo.com

The Side Cut Metropark is named for the former “side cut” extension, a canal segment that once connected the city of Maumee to the Miami and Erie Canal. Three of the original six canal locks along the former side cut have been preserved.

The Battle of Fallen Timbers Monument is located at Side Cut Metropark (on Fallen Timbers Lane, east of Jerome Road). The battle occurred on August 20, 1794, and has been called the “last battle of the American Revolution.” The battle of Fallen Timbers was commanded by American General “Mad” Anthony Wayne. The victory over a confederacy of Native American tribes opened the rest of the Northwest Territory, a five-state region to westward expansion and led to Ohio statehood in 1803.

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparkstoledo.com
### Buttonwood Park

**Location:**
27174 Hull Prairie Road, End of Hull Prairie Road, northern terminus

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 16 and RM 17

**Jurisdiction:**
Perrysburg Township, OH

**County:**
Wood

**Latitude:**
N 41° 32.78’

**Longitude:**
W 083° 40.51’

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Learn More:**
Wood County Park District
www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org

**Amenities:**

**Field Notes:**

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### Memorial Park

**Location:**
Water Street at School Place

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 20 and RM 21

**Jurisdiction:**
Waterville, OH

**County:**
Lucas

**Latitude:**
N 41° 29.66’

**Longitude:**
W 083° 43.13’

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Learn More:**
City of Waterville
www.waterville.org

**Amenities:**

**Field Notes:**

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Waterworks Park

**Location:**
South River Road at Waterworks Drive

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
At RM 21

**Jurisdiction:**
Waterville, OH

**County:**
Lucas

**Latitude:**
N 41° 29.66’

**Longitude:**
W 083° 43.13’

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Learn More:**
City of Waterville
www.waterville.org

**Field Notes:**

**Date Visited:**

Miltonville Fishing Access

**Location:**
West River Road (SR 65) between Haskins Road (SR 64) and Ovitt Road

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 21 and RM 22

**Jurisdiction:**
Middleton Township, OH

**County:**
Wood

**Latitude:**
N 41° 29.36’

**Longitude:**
W 083° 42.86’

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Learn More:**
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

**Field Notes:**

**Date Visited:**
Farnsworth Metropark

Location:
8505 South River Road (US 24)

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 22 and RM 25

Jurisdiction:
Waterville, OH

County:
Lucas

Roche de Bout:
Lat: N 41° 29.25’
Long: W 083° 44.03’

Boat Launch:
Lat: N 41° 28.93’
Long: W 083° 44.66’

Towpath from Bend View:
Lat: N 41° 27.91’
Long: W 083° 46.12’

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Farnsworth is a narrow park along the Maumee River overlooking Missionary, Butler and Indian islands. Farnsworth connects to Bend View and Providence metroparks by way of the Towpath Trail. It has multiple access locations along South River Road (see map). Roche de Bout is a large, limestone rock protruding in the river which served as an early landmark for Native Americans, European explorers and armies. An old interurban railroad bridge crosses the Maumee at that site and is partially supported by the rock feature. The abandoned bridge was once the world’s largest earth-filled, concrete reinforced bridge.

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparks.toledo.com

Missionary Island State Wildlife Area

Location:
Maumee River; comprised of Butler, Indian and Missionary islands

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 22 and RM 25

Jurisdiction:
Waterville and Waterville Township, OH

County:
Lucas

Latitude:
N 41° 28.15’

Longitude:
W 083° 45.01’

Access Site Type:
Outdoors, Island

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Missionary Island State Wildlife Area is accessible by private watercraft or by foot under certain river flow conditions. Watercraft access is available at Farnsworth Metropark.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:
Bend View Metropark

Location:
10613 South River Road (US 24), between Farnsworth and Providence metroparks

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 25 and RM 28

Jurisdiction:
Waterville Township, OH

County:
Lucas

Main Parking Lot:
Lat: N 41° 26.92'
Long: W 083° 47.66'

Overlook:
Lat: N 41° 27.78'
Long: W 083° 46.73'

Access Site Type:
Scenic Natural

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Location Map:

Bend View Metropark's name is attributed to its unequaled view of a 90-degree bend in the Maumee River. A scenic overlook point is accessible via the Towpath Trail. Bend View Metropark is a narrow linear park that connects Farnsworth Metropark (to the east) with Providence Metropark (to the west) by way of the Towpath Trail.

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area
www.metroparkstoledo.com

Field Notes:

Maumee River Weirs Rapids Fishing Access

Location:
End of Range Line Road, northern terminus

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 25

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Wood

Latitude:
N 41° 27.68'

Longitude:
W 083° 46.02'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Location Map:

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:
Otsego Park

Location: 20000 West River Road (SR 65), east of Otsego Road
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: At RM 27
Jurisdiction: Washington Township, OH
County: Wood
Latitude: N 41° 26.69’
Longitude: W 083° 47.15’
Access Site Type: Recreation Scenic Island
Date Visited: 

Amenities:

Established in 1937, the 21-acre Otsego Park is the oldest of the Wood County Park District’s parks. Otsego Park includes an adjacent island group, which is accessible by small watercraft or by foot under certain river flow conditions.

Learn More:
Wood County Park District
www.woodcountyparkdistrict.org

Field Notes:

Van Tassell State Wildlife Area

Location: West River Road (SR 65), west of Benschoter Road
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: Between RM 29 and RM 30
Jurisdiction: Grand Rapids Township, OH
County: Wood
Latitude: N 41° 25.56’
Longitude: W 083° 49.7’
Access Site Type: Recreation Island
Date Visited: 

Amenities:

The Van Tassell Wildlife Area also consists of an adjacent island group, which is accessible by small watercraft or by foot under certain river flow conditions.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:
Providence Metropark

Location: 13827 US Route 24 West, at SR 578
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: Between RM 27 and RM 33
Jurisdiction: Providence Township, OH
County: Wood
Latitude: N 41° 25.16'
Longitude: W 083° 51.35'
Access Site Type: Recreation, Scenic
Date Visited:

Location Map:

Amenities: Location Map:

Providence Metropark is located in what was once the canal town of Providence and along the former Miami and Erie Canal, a 249-mile manmade waterway that once connected Toledo on Lake Erie and Cincinnati on the Ohio River. The park includes “The Canal Experience,” a historic depiction of an authentic, working canal boat. Visitors get to board a replica boat, which is then pulled by mules along an original stretch of the canal. Providence is also home to Lock #44, one of the last functioning, limestone canal locks from the 19th century. See the Metroparks of the Toledo Area’s website for schedule, group reservation and price details.

The Isaac Ludwig Mill, a working water-powered saw and gristmill is also located at Providence Metropark. Providence Metropark connects to Bend View and Farnsworth metroparks by way of the Towpath Trail. Providence has multiple access locations along US 24 (see map).

Learn More:
Metroparks of the Toledo Area, www.metroparkstoledo.com

Bluebell Island Park

Location: Narrow island park between the Maumee River and the Gilead Sidecut Canal; various accesses from downtown Grand Rapids
Waterbody: Maumee River
River Mile Location: Between RM 31 and RM 33
Jurisdiction: Grand Rapids, OH
County: Wood
Lat/Long (Bluebell): N 41° 24.77’ W 083° 51.95’
Access Site Type: Recreation, Scenic
Date Visited:

Location Map:

Amenities: Location Map:

Bluebell Island was created as a result of digging the Gilead Sidecut Canal. The entire island is accessible (Bluebell Island Park) from various footbridges; located at Howard Park (via the Blue Bell Bridge), Lincoln Street, Village Park and Mary Jane Thurston State Park.

Dominick Labino Location: Front Street (SR 65) and Bridge Street (SR 578)
Lat/Long (Dominick Labino)
N 41° 24.81’ W 083° 51.62’
Access Site Type: Recreation, Scenic
Date Visited:

Learn More:
Village of Grand Rapids
www.grandrapidsohio.com

Field Notes: 
Gilead Canal Public Boat Dock
and West Street Boat Launch

Location:
Front Street at West Street, along Gilead Sidecut Canal

Waterbody:
Gilead Sidecut Canal

River Mile Location:
Between RM 32 and RM 33

Jurisdiction:
Grand Rapids, OH

County:
Wood

Launch:
Lat: N 41° 24.72'
Long: W 083° 52.23'

Docks:
Lat: N 41° 24.72'
Long: W 083° 52.25'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Location Map:

NOTE: No motorized watercraft permitted east of boat launch.

Learn More:
Village of Grand Rapids
www.grandrapidsohio.com

Field Notes:

Mary Jane Thurston State Park

Location:
1466 State Route 65

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 32 and RM 34

Jurisdiction:
Grand Rapids Township and Damascus Township, OH

County:
Wood and Henry

Boat Launch:
Lat: N 41° 24.7'
Long: W 083° 53.42'

Campground:
Lat: N 41° 24.58'
Long: W 083° 52.68'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

Location Map:

In 1928, Mary Jane Thurston, a Grand Rapids schoolteacher bequeathed fourteen acres of land to be used as a park. After several transfers and leases, Mary Jane Thurston State Park was dedicated in 1968. Today, the 591-acre Mary Jane Thurston State Park offers a variety of day-use and overnight activities, including boat access, camping and fishing. There is access to Gilead Sidecut Towpath Trail via footbridge from Bluebell Island Park located at the east end of Mary Jane Thurston.

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation
www.ohiodnr.com/parks

Field Notes:
Miami Wabash and Erie Canal

Location:
US Route 24, 1 mile west of Wood-Henry county line

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 33 and RM 34

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Henry

Latitude:
N 41° 25.21’

Longitude:
W 083° 54.01’

Access Site Type:
Scenic Historic

Date Visited:

Field Notes:

Amenities:

Location Map:

South Turkeyfoot Creek Maumee River Access

Location:
State Route 110, between County Road 5A and County Road 6B

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 38

Jurisdiction:
Damacus Township, OH

County:
Henry

Latitude:
N 41° 24.79’

Longitude:
W 083° 58.45’

Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

Field Notes:

Amenities:

Location Map:

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:
North Turkeyfoot Area of Mary Jane Thurston State Park and Dry Creek State Wildlife Area

Location:
US Route 24, east of SR 109

Waterbody:
Maumee River
North Turkeyfoot Creek

River Mile Location:
Between RM 37 and RM 40

Jurisdiction:
Washington Township, OH

County:
Henry

Lat/Long (N. Turkeyfoot):
N 41° 24.92'
W 083° 59.38'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited: 

Location Map:

Dry Creek State Wildlife Area Location:
US Route 24, east of Township Road 6C

Lat/Long (Dry Creek):
N 41° 25.15'
W 083° 58.46'

Learn More:
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

Field Notes:

Vorwerk Park

Location:
East Riverview Avenue (SR 424), between County Road 11 and Enterprise Avenue

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 44

Jurisdiction:
Liberty Township, OH

County:
Henry

Latitude:
N 41° 24.58'

Longitude:
W 084° 5.16'

Access Site Type:
Recreation
Natural

Date Visited: 

Location Map:

Learn More:
City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

Field Notes:
### East Riverdowns Park

**Location:**
East Front Street at Jefferson Street

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 46 and RM 47

**Jurisdiction:**
Napoleon, OH

**County:**
Henry

**Latitude:**
N 41° 23.46'

**Longitude:**
W 084° 7.16'

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

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**Learn More:**
City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

**Field Notes:**

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### Ritter Park

**Location:**
1111 West Riverview Avenue (SR 424); West Riverview Avenue between Park Street and Meyerholtz State Wildlife Area

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 47 and RM 49

**Jurisdiction:**
Napoleon, OH

**County:**
Henry

**Eastern Entrance:**
Lat: N 41° 23.07'
Long: W 084° 7.97'

**Access from Meyerholtz:**
Lat: N 41° 22.6'
Long: W 084° 8.87'

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation, Scenic

**Date Visited:**

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**Learn More:**
City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

**Field Notes:**

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Ritter Park is a narrow park with multiple access points (see map), including access via the Towpath Trail from the adjacent Meyerholtz State Wildlife Area to the southwest. Once a state park built in the 1930s, Ritter Park is now a passive park affording views of the river from a walking path that runs its length. The city’s boat launch facility is part of Ritter Park and is a popular spot for boating enthusiasts.
Oberhaus Park

**Location:**
750 West Maumee Avenue

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 47 and RM 48

**Jurisdiction:**
Napoleon Township, OH

**County:**
Henry

**Latitude:**
N 41° 22.65'

**Longitude:**
W 084° 8.1'

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation, Scenic

**Date Visited:**

**Learn More:**
City of Napoleon
www.napoleonohio.com

**Field Notes:**

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Meyerholtz Maumee River Access

**Location:**
West Riverview Avenue (SR 424); between Ritter Park and Wayne Park Drive

**Waterbody:**
Maumee River

**River Mile Location:**
Between RM 48 and 49

**Jurisdiction:**
Napoleon, OH

**County:**
Henry

**Latitude:**
N 41° 22.13'

**Longitude:**
W 084° 9.14'

**Access Site Type:**
Recreation

**Date Visited:**

**Learn More:**
ODNR Division of Wildlife
www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife

**Field Notes:**

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Florida State Wildlife Area

Location:
State Route 424, 1.2 miles east of Florida

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 53 and RM 54

Jurisdiction:
Flatrock Township, OH

County:
Henry

Latitude:
N 41° 19.99'

Longitude:
W 084° 10.93'

Access Site Type:
Outdoors

Date Visited:

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Field Notes:

Amenities:

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Independence Dam State Park

Location:
27722 State Route 424

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 57 and RM 61

Jurisdiction:
Richland Township, OH

County:
Defiance

Main Entrance:
Lat: N 41° 17.6'
Long: W 084° 17.08'

Boat Launch:
Lat: N 41° 17.69'
Long: W 084° 17.28'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

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ODNR Division of Parks and Recreation
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The 591-acre Independence Dam State Park is a narrow park situated along the north bank of the Maumee State Scenic River. The existing cement dam on the Maumee River was completed in 1924. It replaced the original wooden dam which was built in the 1800s for the canal system. At the time of reconstruction, several organizations expressed support for a park between the old canal bed and the river. The Ohio Department of Public Works purchased private lands creating the park. In 1949, Independence Dam State Park came under the administrative authority of the newly created Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The river is ideal for boating and fishing.
Pontiac Park

Location:
East River Drive (SR 424), east of North Clinton Street (SR 15/18/66)

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 64

Jurisdiction:
Defiance, OH

County:
Defiance

Latitude:
N 41° 17.38'

Longitude:
W 084° 21.27'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Historic

Date Visited:

Learn More:
City of Defiance
www.cityofdefiance.com

Field Notes:

Fort Defiance

and Kingsbury Park

Location:
Fort Street at Washington Avenue

Waterbody:
Maumee River
Auglaize River

River Mile Location:
At RM 64 (Maumee)
At RM 0 (Auglaize)

Jurisdiction:
Defiance, OH

County:
Defiance

Lat/Long (Fort Defiance):
N 41° 17.29' W 084° 21.44'

Access Site Type:
Historic

Scenic

Date Visited:

Learn More:
City of Defiance
www.cityofdefiance.com

Field Notes:

Kingsbury Park Location:
Auglaize Street at East Front Street

Lat/Long (Kingsbury Park):
N 41° 17.07' W 084° 21.43'

Learn More:
City of Defiance
www.cityofdefiance.com

Field Notes:
Bend Access

Location:
The Bend Road, north of County Road 424

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
Between RM 76 and RM 77

Jurisdiction:
Delaware Township, OH

County:
Defiance

Latitude:
N 41° 16.56'

Longitude:
W 084° 30.92'

Access Site Type:
Natural Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

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ODNR Division of Wildlife
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Field Notes:

Riverside Park

Location:
East River Road between Kroos Drive and Island Street

Waterbody:
Maumee River

River Mile Location:
At RM 99

Jurisdiction:
Antwerp, OH

County:
Paulding

Latitude:
N 41° 10.96'

Longitude:
W 084° 44.19'

Access Site Type:
Recreation

Date Visited:

Amenities:

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Village of Antwerp
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Field Notes:

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