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Killbuck Lakes Receives Major Upgrades at No Cost to the Park District

A recent site improvement project at Killbuck Lakes was fully funded by Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Biennial Transportation Appropriations Act. The project resulted in new pavement for the entry drive and parking lot as well as striping. The project cost of \$73,035 was paid for in full by ODOT with the dollars administered by the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association.

Photo by: David Harrison

Operations and Planning Manager Isaac Smith managed the project, working with ODOT District 3 and Melway Paving. Smith noted, "Thanks to ODOT's program, Killbuck Lakes received outstanding upgrades. Previously, the site had a chip-sealed gravel entry drive and parking lot. This project greatly improves site conditions, allows for more sustainable maintenance, and improves access for visitors."



Killbuck Lakes is located at 7996 White Road in Burbank/Westfield Township near the village of Lodi and easily is accessed from I-71 at the State Route 83 interchange. The site includes a 47-acre lake, nearly three miles of trails, and a wildlife blind for observing birds and other wetland animals. The parking lot has capacity for forty-two vehicles, including ten parking spaces dedicated for vehicles with boat trailers, and two ADA accessible parking spots located near the boat launch area. Only non-motorized boats and boats with electric motors are permitted.



**Trekking
Through Autumn**
September 1 to
November 30

Enjoy the splendor of the season and earn awards by completing at least eight designated hikes between September 1 and November 30. To participate, pick up a Trekking Through Autumn form at Medina County Park District Headquarters, Oenslager Nature Center, or simply print one at www.MedinaCountyParks.com.

New Accessible Fishing Pier at River Styx Park

Thanks to the Michael Bennett Memorial Fund managed by Friends of Medina County Parks, a new, accessible fishing pier is now available at River Styx Park.



George Ayres left an extraordinary gift to the people of Medina County. When he passed away in 2018 at age 80, George's estate made a donation of more than \$600,000 to Friends of Medina County Parks. The gift is divided equally into two separate funds: the Michael Bennett Memorial Fund, for the purpose of constructing handicap-accessible fishing facilities in the parks, and the George Ayres Memorial Fund, for the purpose of constructing park picnic shelters. This is the second project to benefit from these funds. The first was an accessible pier at Brunswick Lake Park.

Upcoming Programs

Bird Retweet

Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21

Susan Hambley Nature Center - 12 to 5 p.m.

What kinds of birds visit our feeders during late fall and winter?



What types of bird feeders and birdseed work the best? Stop in anytime between the hours of Noon and 5 p.m. to discover the answers to these questions. There will be bird information displays. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Turkey Tales

Sunday, November 21 - Oenslager Nature Center - 3 to 4 p.m.

There is no better time than late autumn to tell tales of turkeys and explore natural areas for these iconic birds. Join a naturalist for a short hike in search of resident wild turkeys! All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free.

Flower Fairy Seek & Find

Oenslager Nature Center

Saturday, November 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 28 from 12 to 5 p.m.

Are you looking for a great family activity to enjoy Thanksgiving weekend? Drop by Oenslager Nature Center during regular hours to enjoy this self-guided scavenger hunt adventure. Stop at the front desk to pick up a Flower Fairy Seek and Find clue sheet before you head out on your search. All ages are welcome. No registration is required. Free. Come visit the nature center to seek and find the Flower Fairies – each one of a kind! Take a stroll on the trail to spot fairy doors. Then search nearby for the fairies of lore. Each holds a clue you must then record. When all clues are found, a prize is in store!



Self-Guided Natural Discoveries Hike: Rocks and Fossils

Saturday, December 4 through Sunday, December 19

Princess Ledges Nature Preserve

From an ancient sea to massive glaciers, Ohio's geologic past was quite fascinating. It's hard to imagine that sea creatures, giant dragonflies, dinosaurs, and woolly mammoths all lived here at one time. On this hike, you will learn about the geology of the area as well as the pre-historic animals that once lived here. Read signs along the Ledges Trail. No registration is required. Free.