



Gallia County TRAILS, PARKS, & WILDLIFE AREAS



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Crown City Wildlife Area (State Wildlife Area)


The 11,119-acre Crown City Wildlife Area, located in portions of Lawrence and Gallia counties, is situated in southern Ohio approximately 3 miles south of Mercerville. The primary access to the wildlife area is from State Route 218 and State Route 790. Crown City Wildlife Area is located in the unglaciated region of southern Ohio. The terrain, dissected by numerous small streams, is rolling to rugged. Crown City Wildlife Area is a popular destination for hunting, fishing, trapping, and other forms of wildlife recreation. Scattered ponds which were created through the reclamation process provide fishing prospects for anglers. To the extreme southeast of the wildlife area is a 360-acre parcel that provides access to the Ohio River for additional fishing opportunities and waterfowl hunting.

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Elizabeth Evans Waterfowl and Bird Sanctuary

The driveway to the sanctuary is off of Hedgewood Drive, about .25 mile out State Street from the center of Gallipolis.

Over 60 acres set aside for wetland bird and wildlife species while serving as a living, learning laboratory for students. A variety of wetland vegetation includes American sycamore, silver maple, cottonwood, arrowhead, buttonbush, and bullrushes. It is home to Canadian geese, mallard ducks, great blue herons and egrets. Wetland mammals abound, including beavers, minks, muskrats, and white-tailed deer. Several types of turtles can be seen sunning on logs along the creek on warm summer days. The sanctuary is open year-round for walk-in use during daylight hours. A parking lot is available for group use and may be opened for access by contacting the O.O. McIntyre Park District.




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Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife
1-800-WILDLIFE / www.ohiodnr.gov

Gallia County O.O. McIntyre Park District
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Gallia County Convention & Visitors Bureau
441 Second Ave, Gallipolis, OH 45631
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For more information



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Gallia County Hike and Bike Trail 143 McCormick Rd, Gallipolis, OH 45631

The Gallia County Hike & Bike Trail is 8.5 miles and follows an old railroad right-of-way between Bidwell and Gallipolis, at the Ohio River. The trail passes mostly through farmland with a few easy ups and downs. In Gallipolis, the trail ends at Haskins Memorial Park near the river. Another short branch ends at the intersection of Spruce Street and 4th Avenue. The Gallipolis section is also referred to as the O.O. McIntyre Park District-Holzer Clinic Trail. Parking and trail access In Gallipolis, park at Haskins Memorial Park off Ohio Avenue. On-street parking is available in Bidwell.

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Gallipolis City Park

300 Block, Second Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

The Gallipolis City Park is the site of the first settlement in Gallia County. Today it is host to many community events including the River Recreation Festival, Gallia County BBQ Festival and the Christmas Lights Display, Gallipolis in Lights. There are three Ohio Historical Site Markers placed around the park. Enjoy picnic tables and bench swings overlooking the Ohio River. The Park has several memorials of interest.

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Gallipolis Public Use Area

300 Block, First Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

The Gallipolis Public Use Area (PUA) is located along the Ohio River in the historic downtown area. A boat launch area, courtesy docking, and 100 boat, trailer, and vehicle parking spaces are available. Also available are six (6) overnights RV parking spaces complete with water and electric hook-ups as well as an Ampitheater to enjoy community events.

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Canada Park

Corner of Central Ave and Chestnut St, Gallipolis



*Hunting Licence Required

This 6,885-acre area lies in the western end of Meigs County and extends southward into Gallia County, to near the village of Cheshire. Many county and township roads pass through this area and provide direct access to almost all of the area. This area is situated in the hilly unglaciated Allegheny Plateau and consists primarily of rounded ridges, steep slopes, and narrow ravines. Numerous old fields reverting to forest are intermixed with woods which are generally second and third growth timber. Oak and hickory dominate the ridges and upper slopes. Tulip, poplar, beech, maple, and red oak are frequent lowland and ravine tree species.

AEP Gavin Public Hunting Lands (State Wildlife Area)

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Haskins Park Mill Creek Road behind City Pool

Shelter House with 6 long picnic type tables . Grill provided, shelter has electric hook up, water fountain, playground - Children swings, slides, etc., grass area - 3 square tables (4-adults), 2 adult swings and 4 benches, basketball court, baseball/softball field tennis courts, skateboard park, Port-a-John.

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Mound Hill Shelter

Municipal Route 80206, Gallipolis, OH

Under Shelter - 6 long picnic style tables (6-8 adults), Separate shelter next to larger shelter has one long table, electric, water spigot, grill provided, trash cans, Port-a-John. Beautiful view of the Ohio River, Gallipolis, OH , & Point Pleasant, WV.



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The University of Rio Grande Gatewood Trail System

Bevo Francis Way, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674

15 miles of single track nestled in the shadow of Bob Evans Farm and the University of Rio Grande. Completely volunteer maintained this noodle bowl of trails offers premier hiking and mountain biking. This is a no horse or motorized vehicle area.

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Raccoon Creek County Park

518 Dan Jones Road, Gallipolis, OH 45631

Situated in the foothills of Southeastern Ohio, Raccoon Creek County Park is bordered on the north by Raccoon Creek, the stream formerly called "Etha Petha," the Shawnee word for raccoon. To the south lies hills and upland fields adjacent to the historic Popular Knob. The park showcases 700 acres of both natural areas and recreation facilities that afford visitors many and varied leisure experiences year-round.

TrailsFitness Trail - 2 miles
Natural Gorge Trail - .5 miles
Deer Hollow Trail - 1.25 miles

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Rio Grande Reservoir/Memorial Park

Lake Drive, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674

The Rio Grande Reservoir is on a tributary to Indian Creek in Gallia County. One shelter house with picnic tables, grills, and playground. There is a short trail around the reservoir

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Samuels Wildlife Area

SR 160, Will Grey Road, and Wilder Road
(State Wildlife Area)

This 83-acre wildlife area lies 2.5 miles southwest of Vinton on SR 160 in Morgan Township of Gallia County. Most of the area is wooded. White oak, black oak, cherry, sassafras, maple, ash, and black gum are the dominant tree species of the upland forest areas. A small portion of the area consists of reverting fields containing pine, sassafras, crabapple, and dogwood. The area should provide good hunting opportunities for white-tailed deer, turkey, squirrel, and grouse

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Robert C. Byrd Locks & Dam

The Robert C. Byrd Lock and Dam, formerly the Gallipolis Lock and Dam, is the 10th lock and dam on the Ohio River. This particular lock was built in 1937.
Water depth: 14.57 feet



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Tycoon Lake State Wildlife Area

Tycoon Lake lies between State Route 325 and State Route 554, approximately five miles northeast of Rio Grande. From State Route 325, access to the area is gained by Township Road 21 (Eagle Road). From State Route 554, access is provided off Township Road 20 (Vaughn Road) and County Road 17 (Tycoon Road).

The lake has numerous parking areas, excellent shoreline access, one boat ramp, primitive camping, and a wheelchair-accessible pier. The lake is weedy along the bank, and several coves are covered with thick growths of lily pads. White amurs have been introduced to control weed growth. If they are caught, they are to be immediately released. Visibility is normally 4 to 5 feet. The average depth is 6 to 9 feet at the deepest. The lake contains endless stump fields, and fishing at night can be hazardous to your electric motor. Impounded by damming a lowland swamp, all timber was left in the lake. Fish of Interest for Anglers; Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Channel Catfish (stocked during alternate years) and Crappie.

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Wayne National Forest – Ironton Unit Symmes Creek and Morgan Sisters Trails

The 6 trails in the Morgan Sisters – Symmes Creek Trail System are located in Gallia County, Ohio near Patriot. The trails travel through dense vegetation and over hilly rough terrain. Elevation varies 280 feet from Symmes Creek to the highest point on School House Loop. Symmes Creek North and Symmes Creek South Trails are on the east side of the creek and form a 4.53 mile loop. These trails wind through a variety of forest types, along ridgetops, and with occasional overlooks. Along Symmes Creek there are large rock outcroppings and natural wetlands. Coal Branch, Ridge, and School House Loop Trails make up the Morgan Sisters Trail System and are located on the west side of Symmes Creek. These trails are linked to the two Symmes Creek trails by a short connector trail. The Morgan Sisters Trails wind through mature woods with old home sites along the trail, reminders of the Forest's past. Three trailheads can be used to access the Morgan Sisters – Symmes Creek trails.

- Morgan Sisters Trailhead 38o49'3"N 82o29'20"W
- Symmes Creek TH #1 38o48'58"N 82o26'42"W
- Symmes Creek TH #2 38o49'7"N 82o27'51"W



Gallia County Trails, Parks, & Wildlife Areas Map

