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WELCOME

Choose from 1,000 miles of trails to explore beaches and boating facilities for fun on the water, cozy campgrounds, cabins and lodges for comfortable stays, and special events and nature programs to make your stay memorable. Enjoy your visit!

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It pays to stay at Ohio State Parks. Get your free rewards card and earn points for every \$1 you spend on camp fees, unique rentals, cabins and most lodge rooms. Redeem your points for stays. Sign up online at ohiostateparks.org or call 1-866-OHIOPARKS (1-866-644-6727).



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Hueston Woods State Park
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CAMP OUT

PLAN YOUR GETAWAY TODAY!

Ohio State Park's 57 campgrounds offer visitors more than 9,700 campsites ranging from full-service to primitive sites. Campgrounds like **Alum Creek**, **Caesar Creek**, **East Harbor**, **Indian Lake**, **Paint Creek** and **West Branch**, offer a range of outdoor recreational options such as marinas, boat ramps, nature centers, archery ranges and disc golf courses, within a short drive of the campground.

Smaller campgrounds like those found at **Barkcamp**, **Harrison Lake**, **Lake Alma** and **Scioto Trail**, offer many of the same large-park amenities in a family friendly setting.

Reserve your next camping adventure at ohiostateparks.org or by calling **1-866-OHIOPARKS**.

UPGRADE TO A COZY CABIN

Cabins offer visitors the best of both worlds—the charm of camping and the ease of modern facilities. During the day, explore all the park offers and in the evening, enjoy a camp fire under the stars. Recently renovated cabins at **Buck Creek**, **Cowan Lake**, **Dillon**, **Lake Hope**, **Pike Lake** and **Pymatuning** offer screened porches, heating and air conditioning, TVs, full sized kitchens and accommodations for up to six guests.

Looking for a woody setting and guaranteed fun? Step off your cabin's porch at **Mohican**, **Hueston** and **Hocking Hills** and start your day of fishing, paddling, hiking or just relaxing with a good book.

Like a little more pampering? Gather your friends for a spa weekend at **Salt Fork's** hot tub cabins! Hike the park's trails, fix your favorite meal and spend some time relaxing in the roomy hot tubs. Too tired to cook? Let the lodge make your breakfast.

Dreaming of a romantic getaway? Treat your sweetie to a quiet dinner at the lodge at **Punderson** or **Burr Oak**, complete with views of their lovely lakes. After dinner, walk along the shoreline boardwalk and then retire to your charming lodge room or modern cabin for the night.



CAMP WITH YOUR GEAR

Alum Creek's bustling campground offers all the amenities close to central Ohio attractions. For fun in the park, rent a boat, hike, bike or play disc golf. The dog park and beach are outstanding, and dogs are welcome on most campsites.

Rocky Fork offers great camping and boating, with docks just for campers and a launch ramp in the campground, a marina with fuel and rentals, plus full-service hookup sites, lakeside sites, pull-through sites, mini golf, disc golf as well as WiFi and a snack bar at the camp office.

Findley has that classic park look and feel, with stately trees, shady full-service campsites and a picturesque lake. Great traditions for family fun include nature programs, canoe rentals, disc golf and mountain biking.



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ADVENTURE

Stay safe by remaining on the designated trails and only building campfires in designated fire rings.

PADDLE POWER

Dillon's glassy waters are ideal for paddling families, and the park naturalist offers canoeing programs. Rent here or bring your own. For more information on other waterway activities, go to watercraft.ohiodnr.gov.

PEDAL POWER

Bike Ohio's 70-mile **Little Miami** Scenic Trail. Go a few miles or tour four counties. Visit ohiostateparks.org for travel tips. For other great places to bike in Ohio, go to bike.ohio.gov.

DINNER DRAMA

Dine on BBQ and savor a drama with local flavor at **Malabar Farm's** dinner theater event in October. More details online at malabarfarm.org.

GREAT GATHERINGS

Book **Lake Hope's** Laurel Lodge, **Pike Lake's** group lodge or **Deer Creek's** Harding Cabin for a cool retro setting for a reunion or special gathering with a couple dozen friends or family.

FORE!

All six of Ohio State Park's resort golf courses offer unique challenges for all skill levels. Courses are spread throughout the state and include a wide variety of styles and terrains. Plan your next day of golf at **Deer Creek**, **Hueston Woods**, **Maumee Bay**, **Punderson**, **Salt Fork** or **Shawnee**.

GET FIT NATURALLY

Looking for a fitness challenge that will get your family into the great outdoors? Our state parks, as well as nature preserves and forests, offer a variety of trails for vigorous treks or leisurely strolls. Along the way, the sights and sounds of nature are a treat for the senses.

Heading to southern Ohio? Try **Great Seal** (in Ross County). Dramatic vistas are your reward for some breathtaking uphill climbs on the park's network of multi-use trails. The Shawnee Ridge Trail (5 miles, one way) and the Mt. Ives Trail (1 mile, one way) both dance along ridgetops with amazing views.

Explore western Ohio by checking out **John Bryan** (in Greene County). Nine miles of trails skirt the rim and the gorge of the cascading Little Miami River. Looking for more scenic vistas along the trail? Neighboring Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve is renowned for spring wildflowers and gorge overlooks.

Heading southeast? **Hocking Hills** (in Hocking County) should not be missed, and the park receives visitors from across the country and around the world to see majestic waterfalls, caves and cliffs. Take the trail from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave for 6 miles (one way) for fabulous forest and natural wonders.

Venturing north? **Mohican** state park and forest (in Ashland County) offers trails up and down the picturesque hemlock-lined river gorge, which has been designated a national natural landmark.



Mohican State Park/Forest



John Bryan State Park

10 HIKING ESSENTIALS!

- Appropriate footwear
- Map and compass/GPS
- Extra food
- Extra water and a way to purify it
- Rain gear and extra clothing
- First-aid kit
- Safety items: matches or a lighter, a light and a whistle
- Knife or multi-purpose tool
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Daypack/backpack



Findley State Park



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EVENT CALENDAR

For fun events, visit ohiostateparks.org/calendar



NATURE CENTERS

Seeing animals up close is a delight for visitors of all ages. Nature centers are spread throughout the Ohio State Parks system and give visitors a chance to see many animals, including hawks, owls and reptiles, many of which are native to Ohio. Explore nature centers at **Beaver Creek, Caesar Creek, Findley, Hueston Woods, Lake Hope, Maumee Bay** and **Shawnee** state parks, as well as other parks.

MAPLE SYRUP

Did you know that Ohio is one of the top maple syrup producers in the country? In late February and early March, **Hocking Hills, Hueston Woods, Indian Lake** and **Malabar Farm** state parks hold annual maple syrup festivals and give maple syrup demonstrations so people can see how it is made. Check the online park events calendar at parks.ohiodnr.gov/calendar for more information.

THIS ONE'S FOR THE DOGS

Your four-legged friends are always welcome at Ohio State Parks! Parks, including **Alum Creek, Deer Creek, Mosquito Lake** and **Portage Lakes**, offer fenced parks and adjacent swimming areas specifically for dogs. For more information on pet-friendly attractions at Ohio State Parks, go to parks.ohiodnr.gov/petfriendly.

STARGAZING

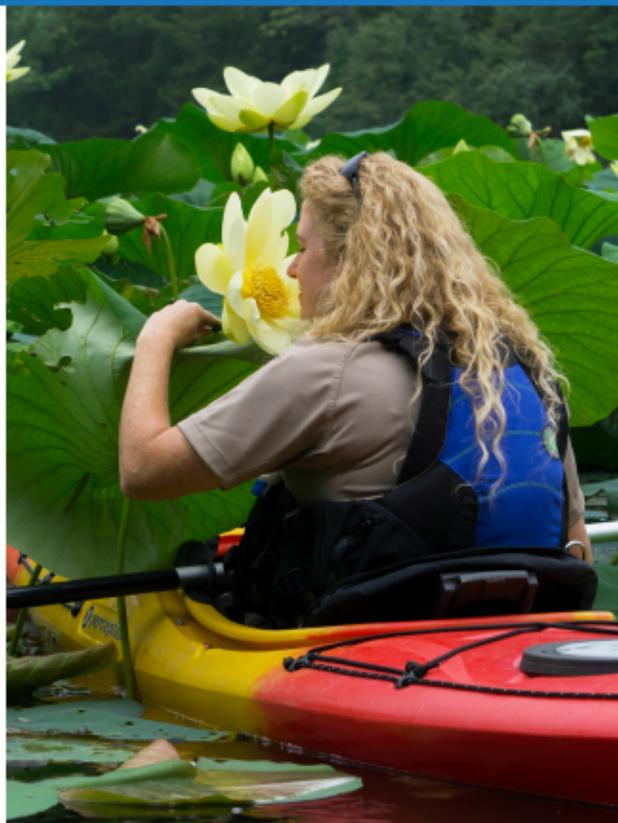
Did you know that many Ohio State Parks make excellent locations to view the countless number of stars that dot our skies at night? Parks such as **Burr Oak, Cowan Lake, Dillon** and **Stonelick** are great for star gazing, while **John Bryan** has a working observatory operated by the Miami Valley Astronomical Society.

BOATING

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO BOATING

Whether paddling, rowing or power boating your way across one of Ohio's 70 lakes, be a safe boater while enjoying a day on the water!

- Check the weather before launching your boat.
- Dress for the weather and know the dangers of cold water.
- File a float plan—let someone know when and where you'll be boating.
- Make sure the boat has all required safety equipment on board.
- Always wear your life jacket. It's the best way to ensure a safe day on the lake.
- Boat sober – remember drinking and boating don't mix!
- Want to be a better boater? Sign up for a boating safety course at watercraft/ohiodnr.gov.





 
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