

Funding



Funding for the purchase of the Fort Gratiot County Park property was made possible with a \$2.2 million grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The St. Clair County Parks and Recreation millage provided funding for the grant local match and ongoing development of the park.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation



The W.K. Kellogg Foundation Access to Recreation program awarded a \$10,000 grant to St. Clair County Parks for the completion of a barrier-free boardwalk leading to the waters of Lake Huron. The boardwalk allows residents of all abilities to enjoy the beach and waters at Fort Gratiot County Park.

Access to Recreation projects provide universal access for people of all abilities to a wide variety of recreation opportunities, such as nature viewing and photography areas, hiking trails, scenic outlooks, waterfalls and water activities of all kinds, beaches, fishing and boating, playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, and much more.



About Fort Gratiot County Park....

Fort Gratiot County Park is located in the northern part of St. Clair County, just off M-25 on Metcalf Rd. The 30-acre park offers breathtaking views of Lake Huron and 852 feet of beach. Park facilities include restrooms, playground, nearly a mile of paved trails, picnic tables and grills, two picnic pavilions, a canopy tent, drinking fountains, foot washes and a ceremony plaza on the beach overlooking Lake Huron. Picnic pavilions, canopy tent and ceremony plaza may be reserved by calling (810)989-6960.



Park Rules

Fort Gratiot County Park is open daily from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day. (Park closes at 8 p.m. during the rest of the year.)

NON-ST. CLAIR COUNTY RESIDENTS PAY A PARKING FEE. Parking is free to St. Clair County residents with proof of residency. Lifeguards are not provided. Swim at your own risk. Glass containers are not allowed on the beach. Trails in the park are for non-motorized use only. Pets must be kept on a leash. Owners must clean up after their pets. Pets are not allowed on the beach. Campfires are not allowed. Picnic grills are provided. Smoking is prohibited in all St. Clair County Park properties.

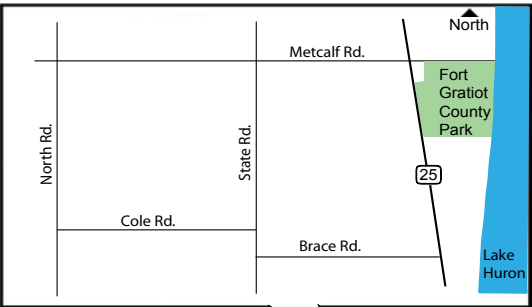
County Parks Information

St. Clair County is home to seven county parks: The Blue Water River Walk, Columbus County Park, Fort Gratiot County Park, Fort Gratiot Light Station, Goodells County Park, Woodsong County Park and coming soon the North Channel County Park. St. Clair County also operates the Wadhams to Avoca Trail and works with local units of government on development of the 54-mile Bridge to Bay Trail.

St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission



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Fort Gratiot County Park is located at 3325 Metcalf Road in Fort Gratiot 48059. For more information about Fort Gratiot County Park, or to request a large-print version of this brochure, call (810)989-6960.

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Tunnel Memorial

On December 11, 1971, a horrific blast ripped through the nearly-completed water intake tunnel being constructed for the City of Detroit's Water and Sewage Department. Twenty-two men who were working in the tunnel at the time of the blast were killed. The tunnel, located under the grounds of Fort Gratiot County Park, was being constructed to provide drinking water for the City of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan.



On August 21, 2007, thirty-six years after the tragedy, the memorial was dedicated to honor those killed on that fateful day in December of 1971. The memorial now serves as a constant reminder of those that gave their lives so that others would have safe drinking water.



Above - The Tunnel Memorial sits directly above the tunnel and the miner looks out towards Lake Huron. The granite block below the miner is engraved with the names of the victims of the accident.

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*Photos above courtesy of the Associated Press.