



St. Clair County Parks

St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks Fact Sheet

Please Remember to Vote August 6th



Unique Features

- Oldest Light House in Michigan - 1829 (Fort Gratiot Light Station)
- 3 Parks On Island Loop National Water Trail
- Home to the County Fair (Goodells County Park)
- 11 Spray feature Splashpad (Goodells County Park)
- Longest Trestle Train Bridge of its Kind - 460 ft long, 60 ft over the Mill Creek (Wadhams to Avoca Trail)

8 Watershed Parks

- Goodells County Park - Pine River
- Columbus County Park - Belle River
- Woodsong County Park - Black River
- Fort Gratiot County Park - Lake Huron
- Fort Gratiot Light Station - Lake Huron
- Wadhams to Avoca Trail - Mill Creek
- Blue Water River Walk County Park - St. Clair River
- North Channel County Park - St. Clair River



Did You Know?

ST. CLAIR COUNTY OWNS 9 PROPERTIES DEVOTED TO PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES • 8 PARKS • 1 TRAIL • Over 1,034 acres

- Goodells County Park 366 acres
- Columbus County Park 411 acres
- Fort Gratiot County Park 30 acres
- Woodsong County Park 44.5 acres
- Fort Gratiot Light Station 5 acres
- Blue Water River Walk County Park 5 acres
- Marine City Dredge Cut Access .34 acre
- Wadhams to Avoca Trail 160 acres, 12+ miles long
- North Channel County Park 12 acres
- Managed & Maintained by
- 16 Full-time
- 10 Part-time
- 18 Seasonal Employees

Park Amenities

- Splashpad - Goodells County Park
- 3 Mountain Bike Trails - Woodsong County Park, Goodells County Park & Columbus County Park
- 2 Historic Sites - Fort Gratiot Light Station & Goodells County Park
- 2 Bathing Beaches - Fort Gratiot County Park & Blue Water River Walk County Park
- 18-Hole Disc Golf Course - Columbus County Park



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Park Amenities

- 25+ Miles of Hiking Trails
- 30 Rental Facilities
- 2 Showmobiles (portable stages)
- 2 Sets of Bleachers
- Over 12 Partnerships with Non-Profit Organizations
- Sledding Hill and Winter Activities at Columbus County Park
- Ice Rink - Goodells County Park
- 3 Museum Partnerships & Historic Village

- 33,950 Total combined feet of shoreline
- 32+ Miles of pathways
- 30+ Miles of bike trails
- 8 Miles of equestrian trails
- 125 Park Benches
- 266 Picnic Tables
- 13 Picnic Pavilions • 2 Canopy Tents
- 9 Drinking fountains
- 25 Grills
- 19 Historic Buildings
- 30+ Rental Facilities
- 2 Memorials
- 4 Playgrounds
- 12 Restroom Facilities
- 3 Portable Restrooms

St. Clair County Parks Natural Assets

- Blue Water River Walk County Park - St. Clair River shoreline, Recreates critically imperiled Wet Prairie natural community, supports 130+ different bird species, provides habitat for hundreds of wetland plants and animals.
- Columbus County Park - Belle River, 68% forested, 25% wetland, supports 147+ bird species, over 700 recorded plant and wildlife species, area of high climate resilience and high biodiversity area.
- Fort Gratiot County Park - Lake Huron shoreline with sandy beach, 83% forested, contains unique Wooded Dune and Swale natural community, supports 123+ bird species, area of above average climate resilience and high biodiversity area.
- Fort Gratiot Light Station - Lake Huron shoreline with sandy beach, supports over 200 bird species.
- Goodells County Park - Pine River and Neaton Drain, 31% forested, area of above average climate resilience and high biodiversity area.
- Marine City Dredge Cut - Considered an area of above average climate resilience and high biodiversity.
- North Channel County Park - North Channel shoreline on St. Clair River, 38% wetland, area of above average climate resilience and high biodiversity.
- Woodsong County Park - Black River, 96% forested, supports 106+ bird species, area of high climate resilience and high biodiversity
- Wadhams to Avoca Trail - Mill Creek trestle crossing, 80% forested, supports 96+ bird species, area of above average climate resilience and high biodiversity.



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PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

BLUE WATER RIVER WALK COUNTY PARK



- 4,300 ft of shoreline on the St. Clair River
- 1 Mile of asphalt pathway
- 1 Mile of concrete pathway
- 1 Mile of boardwalk pathway
- 3 Wetland ponds
- Artificial turf program area
- 24 Park benches
- 9 Picnic tables
- 2 Trellis areas
- 1 Picnic pavilion
- 14 Interpretive panels
- 1 Library (Take a book, Leave a book)
- 1 Mobile grill w/rental of Pavilion
- 1 Fishing pier
- 1 Outdoor classroom area
- 59 ft rentable observation dock
- 7 Parking spots
- 1 Accessible parking spot
- 1 Storage locker

COLUMBUS COUNTY PARK

- 19,374 ft of shoreline along the Belle River
- 5 Miles of bike trails
- 8 Miles of multi use improved trails
- 1 Mile of horse trails
- 15 Park benches
- 39 Picnic tables
- 3 Grills
- 1 Picnic pavilion and 1 canopy pavilion
- Modern playground
- 5 Rental spaces, three conditioned (includes kitchen prep area)
- 15 Structures
- 2 Historic buildings
- Sledding hill with two runs
- 18-Hole public disc golf course
- 7 Foot bridges
- Designated public hunting area
- All-terrain wheelchair with detachable skis
- 5 Information kiosks
- 1 Set of restrooms & family restroom (ADA accessible)
- 1 Drinking fountain
- 122 Parking spaces



FORT GRATIOT COUNTY PARK

- 852 ft of shoreline on Lake Huron
- 1 Mile asphalt pathways
- 1+ Miles of sidewalk
- 1 Mile of boardwalk
- 18 Park benches
- 65 Picnic tables

- 2 Picnic pavilions and 1 canopy pavilion
- 11 Grills and 2 food prep tables
- 1 Ceremony Plaza (with 100 chairs)
- 1 Covered beach gateway
- 1 ADA accessible playground
- 1 Library (Take a book, Leave a book)
- 21-Panel Storywalk
- 4 Foot-wash stations
- 1 Outdoor shower
- 2 Drinking fountains
- 2 Vending machines
- 1 Set of restrooms
- 1 Family restroom (ADA accessible)
- 2 Portable toilets in off season (one ADA accessible)
- 2 Structures (1 toll booth, 1 maintenance building)
- 1 Large information kiosk
- 2 ADA beach wheel chairs
- 1 Switchback ADA ramp
- Tunnel Explosion Memorial
- 102 Parking spots
- 12 ADA accessible parking spots
- 66 Overflow parking spots

FORT GRATIOT LIGHT STATION

- 275 ft of shoreline on Lake Huron
- .38 Miles of walkable pathways
- 2 Plazas with 6 concrete benches and 10 interpretive panels
- 4 Picnic tables
- 1 Picnic pavilion
- 6 Historic buildings and 1 modern building
 1. Four Bay Equipment Garage (Gift Shop)
 2. Retired Coast Guard Building
 3. Single Keepers Building
 4. Keepers Duplex
 5. Fog Signal Building
 6. Modern Three Bay Garage
 7. Light Tower
- 12 Parking spots
- 6 Accessible parking spots
- 2 Seasonal family restrooms (ADA accessible)

GOODELLS COUNTY PARK

- 5,476 ft of shoreline along the Pine River
- 3.5 Miles of hiking/improved trails
- 3.5 Miles of biking trails
- 2.13 Miles paved trails
- 52 Park benches
- 146 Picnic tables
- 6 Covered pavilions (5 public rental)
- 9 Grills
- 2 Modern ADA playgrounds
- 11 Spray feature Splashpad
- ADA water wheelchair
- 4 Sets of restrooms
- 5 Drinking fountains
- 3 Sets of showers
- 1,625 Parking spaces
- 5 Event barns (public rental)
- 2 Rentable event offices (Visitor Center)
- 1 Meeting room (public rental)
- 1 Modern concession stand (public rental)
- 2 Large conditioned public rental spaces (Visitors Center and Community Center)
- Fully furnished kitchen (Community Center)
- 2 Office/operations buildings
- 2 Equipment storage pole barns
- 4 Utility/operations outbuildings
- 1 Covered Show Arena with 65 stalls beef/equestrian
- 3 Equestrian riding rings
- 1 Equestrian horse/beef arena
- 4 Equestrian barns with 163 stalls
 1. Maroon Barn - 48 stalls
 2. Green Barn - 38 stalls
 3. Blue Barn - 38 stalls
 4. Gold Barn - 39 stalls



- 3 Horse wash stations
- 2 Sheep/pig wash stations
- Outdoor special events arena

Unique features:

- BMX Race Track
- RC Air Field
- Artesian well (running since 1924)
- Antique and Operational Belt Driven Sawmill (Farm Museum)
- Infirmary Cemetery
- Demonstration farm fields
- 2 Museums
- Historic Church (public rental)
- Home to the County Fair

Buildings 100 years and over:

- 5 Historic Village structures
- 4 Farm Museum barns
- Riverside Shelter
- Southside Concession Stand
- Pine River Foot Bridge

NORTH CHANNEL COUNTY PARK

- 873 ft of shoreline on the North Channel and Canal
- Park development coming soon
- 1 Building

WADHAMS TO AVOCA TRAIL

- Historic- Mill Creek Trestle Bridge 640 ft, 60 ft over Mill Creek
- 12.5+ miles of trail
 - 7 Miles of equestrian trail
 - 5.67 Miles of paved trail
- 10 Park benches
- 3 Picnic tables
- 1 Picnic Pavilion w/grill (Avoca trailhead)
- 25 Parking spaces (Avoca Rd)
- 40 Parking spaces (Imlay City Rd)
- 29 Parking spaces (Lapeer Rd)
- 72 Parking spaces (Wadhams Rd)
- 3 Rustic Restrooms
- 1 Bike repair station
- 1 Bi-level drinking fountain

WOODSONG COUNTY PARK

- 2,800 ft of shoreline on the Black River
- 3.5 Miles biking trails
- 1.18 Miles improved/hiking trails
- 1 Picnic pavilion
- 1 Portable toilet
- 2 Outbuildings
- 1 Three-bay maintenance garage
- 1 Bike repair station
- 33 Parking spaces

