



One of the wetlands at Hatches Corners Metropark surrounded by ferns

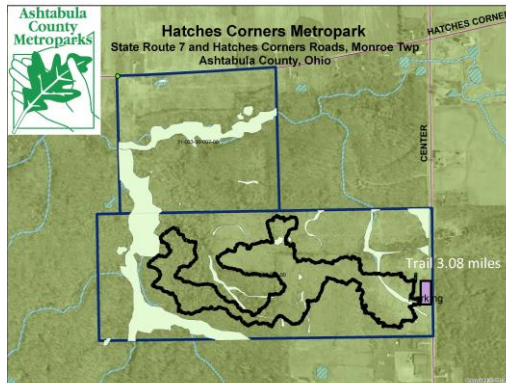
Facts about Hatches Corners

- The land that the park was founded on was used for agriculture throughout the 20th century and was logged for timber.
- Hatches Corners Metropark has a diverse landscape. The park is surrounded by farms and within the park are a variety of wetlands, grass meadows, and patches of forests.
- Many streams run through the park, collectively they are a part of the Conneaut Creek watershed.
- Before Hatches Corners Metropark was completed, there was an extensive biological survey conducted in 2009 & 2010.
- Over 200 plant species and 200 animal species were found in brief surveys performed.

Hatches Corners Metropark

About

Hatches Corners Metropark is located on a unique set of lands. The park is in Monroe Township in Ashtabula County. The park encompasses 202 acres of land.



The Horse Trail is 3.08 Miles Long

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Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

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HATCHES CORNERS METROPARK

Vascular Plants

Vascular plants are present in wetland, forest and meadow habitats throughout Hatches Corners and include grasses, various sedges and ferns. Most noteworthy is the state listed and rare plant, Pale Sedge (*Carex Pallescens*).



Pale Sedge (*Carex Pallescens*) found.



Bird Watching

There were seven different breeding spots located in the 2009 and 2010 survey. These spots are great for bird watching. The following birds all can be found at Hatches Corners Metropark:

- Scarlet Tanager
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Ovenbird
- Wood Thrush
- Brown Creeper

Reptiles

Four different species of reptiles have been recorded on Hatches Corners Metropark in the 2009 – 2010 survey:

- Snapping Turtle
- Northern Water Snake
- Brown Snake
- Garter Snake

Wetland Categories

Almost every major country has its own classification for wetlands. The Ohio EPA details a metric score for categorizing wetlands 0-100 (with a 0 being a category one and 100 being a category three.) Hatches Corners Metropark contains all three categories of wetlands, including Category III, which includes evidence of rare, threatened or endangered plants. Below is an example of a shrub swamp wetland habitat found:



Northern Red Salamander

Amphibians

In the 2009 and 2010 biological survey, five different species of salamander were sampled and studied. They can be found in vernal pools, flowing streams, and dry streams. Those five species included the:

- Northern Two-lined Salamander
- Long-tailed Salamander
- Northern Red Salamander
- Northern Dusky Salamander
- Mountain Dusky Salamander

When salamanders are in their larval stage they are aquatic and prey on invertebrates. Because of this behavior scientists use salamander counts to classify a stream's health using the **PHWH Stream Class Indicator**.

Several toad and frog species were also observed in the biological survey. They can be found throughout the park.

