

# Welcome to Camp Peet Metropark

## History

Camp Peet Metropark is also known as the Clara D. Peet Nature Preserve, who generously dedicated this 65 acre paradise as a preserve in 1928. Camp Peet straddles Conneaut Creek, designated as an Ohio Wild and Scenic River, for ½ mile of serene views and unparalleled fishing and kayaking.

The property has nearly 2 miles of walking trails, fishing access, parking and a pavilion with picnic tables. The park is now open dawn to dusk to the public for fishing, birding and hiking. In addition, primitive camp sites designated for use exclusively by organized youth groups. Leashed dogs are permitted.

This property offers visitors an impressive stream forest buffer and floodplain supporting abundant wildflowers including Bluebells, one of the first spring flowers. You will encounter a wide variety of woodland and streamside plants and wildlife at this special place. Its sheer stream bluffs add depth and provide an impressive backdrop for hiking, birding and quiet nature walks. Camp Peet abuts the historic Creek Road Covered Bridge at Creek Road.

Conneaut Creek is known for its world renowned steel head trout fishing. Steelhead trout run some 75 miles from the mouth of Conneaut Creek along Lake Erie to the headwaters in Dickonsburg, Pennsylvania. These fish range in weight and size. Ohio's state record Steelhead trout is 21.3 lbs and 38 inches. The best fishing is from October until April.



Camp Peet, the Clara D. Peet Preserve was donated to the youth of Conneaut, Lakeville, Monroe and surrounding areas in 1928 by Clara D. Peet, a long time nature enthusiast. A trust was established to maintain and preserve the property for future generations. The property used to have 2 cabins and a dining hall that was used by 4H groups and local youth groups. Clara's vision is a testament in its lasting thus far 88 years.

The Trust signed a permanent conservation easement with the State of Ohio in 2007 to help maintain and improve the property.

In 2015, Ashtabula County Metroparks were asked by the Trustees to accept the property to carry on the public access and nature preserve commitment entrusted by the Peet family. The acquisition became official in February 2016, and the Trust was dissolved and their funds were entrusted to Ashtabula Metroparks. By agreement, Metroparks honors the wishes of Clara D. Peet but is permitted to expand the park usage.

In 2016 a group was formed called the Friends of Camp Peet who meet monthly and recommend to our park board any concerns, or needs for improvements. At present, a proposed pavilion and privy are being applied for through the Ohio EPA consistent with the terms of the conservation easement.

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# Camp Peet

*Clara D. Peet Preserve  
Creek Rd. at Keefus*

— CONNEAUT, OH —



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# Camp Peet Metropark Trail Map

## DIRECTIONS

From I-90 E:

Take exit 235 for OH-84/OH-193 toward N Kingsville, .02 miles.

Turn left onto OH-193 N/OH-84 W., 1.0 miles.

Continue to follow OH-193 N.

Follow Creek Rd. to Keefus Rd. in Conneaut.



## Welcome

Please enjoy your Camp Peet Metropark safely, and help us protect and preserve your parklands by complying with park rules and regulations.

## SAFETY AND ETIQUETTE

This is your metropark. Enjoy any and all park facilities at your own risk and responsibility.

Stay on trails. Taking shortcuts can be dangerous and causes erosion.

Wading and/or swimming in undesignated areas may be dangerous, especially after a rain.

Be prepared for sudden changes in weather conditions.

Carry and drink plenty of water. Dehydration is a leading cause of injuries on trails.

Trails can be slippery. Proceed carefully at your own risk.

Wildlife may be present on the trails. Feeding or approaching wildlife could be dangerous and is illegal.

Bicycles are permitted on paved or gravel designated trails only. Motorized vehicles are not permitted without group park permit.

Keep your parks beautiful. Carry out what you carry in.

Dogs must be leashed. Please clean up after your pet.



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