

## Welcome to Friends of Conneaut Creek Metropark



Friends of Conneaut Creek Metropark was obtained through state grants and assistance from the Friends of Conneaut Creek. Just off of South Ridge Road, the park offers steep frontage along Conneaut Creek, designated as an Ohio Wild and Scenic River. The park offers stunning views, upland meadows, a butterfly garden and pristine forests.

This property offers visitors impressive backdrop for hiking, birding and quiet nature walks. The property has nearly 2 miles of walking trails, fishing access, parking and a .4 mile paved ADA trail. The kiosk, trail and benches are funded by an Ashtabula Civic Development Corporation grant. The park is now open dawn to dusk to the public for birding and hiking. Fishing access is limited for now. Leashed dogs are permitted.

Conneaut Creek is known for its world renowned steelhead 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.



## History

In 2003, the grassroots Friends of Conneaut Creek, Inc. (FOCC) worked in partnership with the City of Conneaut and the ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves to participate in the nomination and implementation of the Conneaut Creek Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP).

In 2005, Conneaut Creek became the third river in the history of the Scenic Rivers Program to receive both scenic and wild designation. This designation, along with the FCC's raised awareness and WRRSP and Clean Ohio Conservation programs, significantly helped to raise the level of conservation awareness and the importance of protecting stream corridor and wetlands for citizens residing within the watershed.

This ongoing effort has resulted in the ability to provide public access and permanent protection to ensure that future generations can benefit from the positive recreational, environmental and aesthetic facets of Conneaut Creek. Friends of Conneaut Creek, Hatches Corners and Camp Peet Metroparks are now part of Ashtabula County Metroparks as an outgrowth of this vision of public access and protection accomplished through a variety of funding sources and generous gifts. Although fishing access is currently limited, a future woodland trail will provide safe access.

Truly, the commitment and vision of Friends of Conneaut Creek, ODNR, Metroparks and other agencies of permanently protecting significant areas along wild and scenic Conneaut Creek will become a reality.

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**Friends of Conneaut Creek Park**  
**27 Blakeslee Road, Conneaut, OH**



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79 Acres

## Ashtabula County Metroparks

Blakeslee Rd

### DIRECTIONS

Conneaut Creek Metropark is located at 27 Blakeslee Road in Conneaut, just south of South Ridge Road.



### 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.
- Keep your parks beautiful. Carry out what you carry in.
- Dogs must be leashed. Please clean up after your pet.

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

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