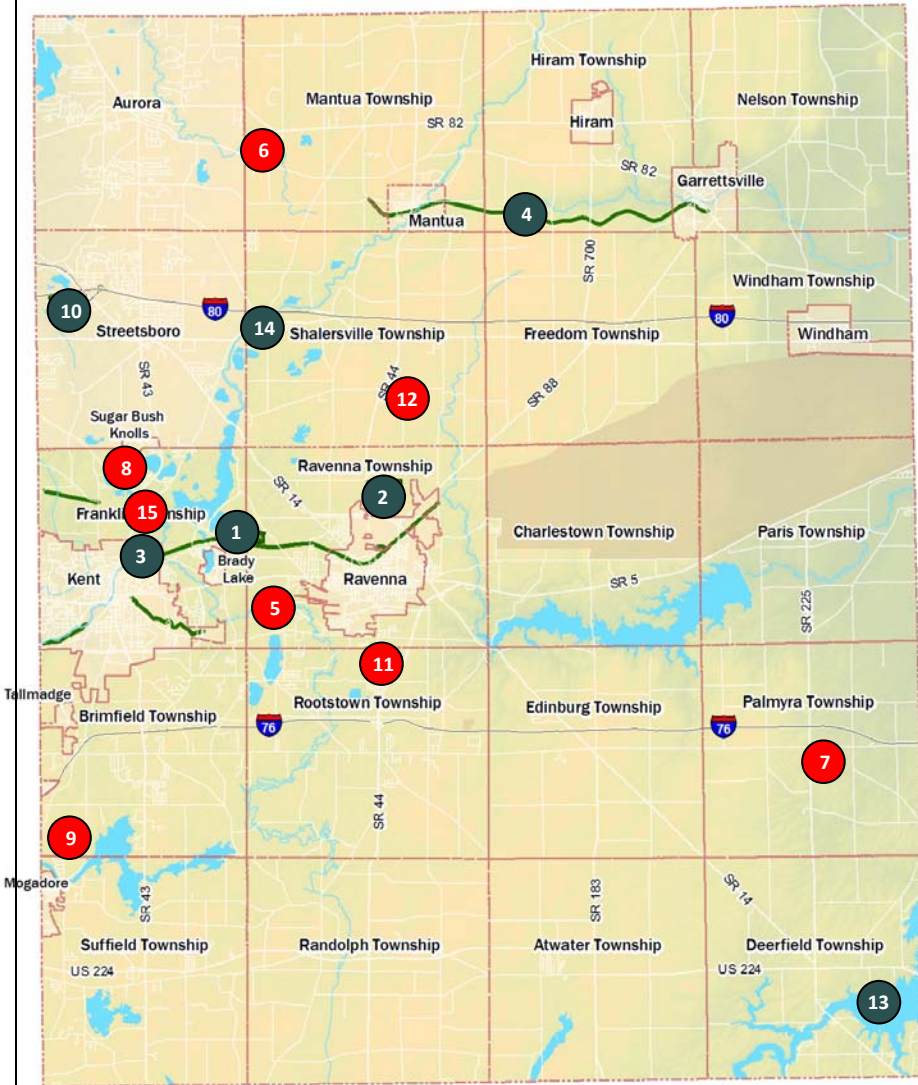


Parks, Trails and Preserves



Properties in red are not yet open to the public due to lack of funding



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1. Towner's Woods Park

234 acres of woods, wetlands and meadows with sledding hills and hiking trails. 2296 Ravenna Road, Franklin Township. From SR 43, turn east onto Ravenna Rd., go 2 miles.

2. Dix Park

103 acres of woods and wetlands with hiking trails. 7318 State Route 44, Ravenna Twp. From the intersection of SR 14 and SR 44 go north 3/4 mile to park entrance on east side.

3. The PORTAGE Bike and Hike Trail

Multipurpose trail between Kent, Franklin and Ravenna. Parking at Lake Rockwell Rd., Towner's Woods and Cleveland Rd., Ravenna. For **Franklin Connector Trail** section, Hudson and Judson Roads, and at Tenney Trailhead, Hudson Road, Franklin Twp.

4. Headwaters Trail

Former railroad corridor; limestone surface. Parking at Garrettsville Village Park; State Route 700 between Hankee Rd and Pioneer Trail, Hiram Twp; and Mantua Village Park on East High St,

5. Breakneck Preserve

63 acres of field, wetlands and creek. Lakewood Rd., Ravenna Twp. Open only for guided hikes.

6. Chagrin Headwaters Preserve

95 acres of woods and streams, Chamberlain Rd. Mantua. Open only for guided hikes.

7. Walter Preserve

80 acres woods and wetlands, SR 225 Palmyra Twp. Open only for guided hikes.

8. Camp Spelman

58 acres wetlands, woods, lake, Ferguson Rd., Franklin Twp. Open only by special permit.

9. Gray Birch Bog

22-acre sphagnum birch bog, Brimfield Township. Open only for guided hikes.

10. Seneca Ponds Park

48 acres of woods wetlands and ponds for hiking and fishing. From Route 14, go west to 515 Mondial Parkway, Streetsboro.

11. Dix Preserve

10 acres next to Crystal Lake. SR 44, Rootstown. Open only for guided hikes.

12. Morgan Preserve

504 acres of woods, wetlands, fields and streams. SR 44 and Nicodemus Rd. Shalersville. Open only for guided hikes.

13. Berlin Lake Trail

2.2 mile limestone surfaced hike and bike trail crossing Berlin Lake, Deerfield

14. Red Fox Boat Access

Parking area and canoe/kayak access to the Upper Cuyahoga River, Shalersville. *OPENING FALL, 2013*

15. Franklin Bog Preserve

58 acres of high quality wetlands home to endangered species. Open for guided hikes only



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The Portage Park District was formed in 1991 as an independent government agency. It is overseen by an unpaid, five-member Board of Park Commissioners appointed by the County Probate Judge. Personnel include 1 full time Director, and 1 regular part-time Maintenance Coordinator plus an occasional seasonal maintenance worker. College interns and hundreds of volunteers of all kinds provide additional service.

Funding comes from the Portage County General Fund, Local Government Funds from the State, rentals, royalties, donations and grants for special projects. Annual operating revenues in 2012 are approximately \$140,000. The Portage Park District Foundation, established in 2010, provides support through fundraisers and an annual "Friends of Portage Parks" campaign.

Over the past 15 years the Park District, working with a variety of public and private partners, has brought in approximately \$8.5 million worth of grants and donations, leveraging Portage County's investment 5 times over. We are now responsible for over 1200 acres of parkland and 14 miles of hike and bike trails.

Multipurpose trails include the PORTAGE Hike and Bike Trail between Ravenna and Kent; the Headwaters Trail between Garrettsville and Mantua and the Berlin Lake Trail in Deerfield Township. Open parks include Towner's Woods, Dix Park, Seneca Ponds and Camp Spelman (limited now to reserved scout group camping). Preserves are those properties not yet open to the public due to lack of funding. Preserves include Walter Preserve, Gray Birch Bog, Breakneck Creek Preserve, Chagrin Headwaters Preserve and Morgan Preserve.

The Mission of the Portage Park District is to conserve Portage County's natural and cultural heritage



Park District Goals

Conservation

Preserving, restoring and managing forests, wetlands and other natural areas to preserve Portage County's rural character, scenic landscapes, water quality and wildlife habitat

Education

Providing nature education programs for all ages

Recreation

Creating parks and trails across Portage County for healthy recreation for all at no charge

Community Partnerships

Partnering with local communities and organizations to efficiently create and manage parks, trails and programs across the county

