

Funding

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About Columbus County Park

Columbus County Park is a 411-acre park that offers breathtaking views of the Belle River, and provides fishing, hunting, hiking, sledding, kayaking, biking, disc golf and equestrian opportunities. Reservations are required for exclusive use of any park facility. For reservation information call (810) 989-6960.



Park Rules

- Columbus County Park is open from 8 a.m.- 9 p.m. May through September, 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. October through April.
- Trails in the park are for non-motorized use only.
- The lighted sledding hill is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., weather permitting.
- Pets must be kept on a leash. Owners must clean up after their pets.
- Hunting is allowed by permit only.
- Admission is free.
- All St. Clair County Parks are smoke free.
- Horses are only allowed in areas marked for equestrian use.

County Parks Information

St. Clair County is home to eight county parks: Blue Water River Walk County Park, Columbus County Park, Fort Gratiot County Park, Fort Gratiot Light Station, Goodells County Park, Marine City Dredge Cut, North Channel County Park and Woodsong County Park. St. Clair County also operates the Wadhams to Avoca Trail and works with local units of government on development of the Bridge to Bay Trail.

St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission





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Columbus County Park is located in the southwest part of St. Clair County just minutes north of Gratiot Road. The park is located at 1670 Bauman Road, Columbus, MI 48063. For a large print brochure call (810) 989-6960.

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Trails

Over 5 miles of walking trails are maintained on both sides of the Belle River. The trail consists of farm lanes, mowed grass and two-track road. The trails are named and have directional signs to help you navigate through the park. A 4-mile mountain bike trail, rated easy by the IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association), can be found west of the Kronner Road Parking lot. An equestrian trail can be found in the southeastern portion of the park. The looped equestrian trail travels between Bauman Road and Big Hand Road. Parking for equestrian trailers is provided just west of the main park entrance. **Horses are only allowed in areas marked for equestrian use.**

Visitors are encouraged to carry a cell phone with them in case of emergency. Visitors are also urged to dress properly and wear insect repellent.

Sledding

A lighted sledding hill provides winter recreation opportunities. The sledding hill features two runs, one for beginners and one for more experienced sledders.

The hill may be periodically closed for maintenance, lack of snow or mild temperatures. The lighted sledding hill is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Fishing

Fishing is allowed on the Belle River with the proper MDNR fishing license. The closest fishing access point is the north side of the Kronner Road bridge. Please park carefully along Kronner Road and note that the property on the south side of the Belle River at the bridge is privately owned and is not part of the park.

Hunting

Hunting is allowed in the park by permit only. For more information on the hunting rules or to obtain a hunting permit, please call (810) 989-6960.

Disc Golf

In 2021 the 18-hole Will Bendik Memorial Disc Golf Course was established. St. Clair County Parks and Recreation is thrilled to offer this family-friendly activity for all age groups. The course was primarily funded by a generous donation from Gary and Lin Bendik in memory of their son, Will and a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund for Youth Sports, which will allow for the expansion of youth disc golf free play, lessons and leagues in St. Clair County Parks. The course begins near the Lodge and meanders throughout the park by way of large meadows, hills and dense woods along the east side of the Belle River, offering scenic views and challenging holes. Tournaments must be scheduled though the Parks office. Call (810)989-6960 for more information.

