

Parks & Places to Bird in the Chagrin River Corridor IBA (watershed)

You can go birding anywhere else within the watershed as long as it is open to the public or, if private land, you have permission.

(CMP) = Cleveland Metroparks, (LMP) = Lake Metroparks, (GPD) = Geauga Park District

Aurora Branch of Chagrin River (parks located in northern Portage and southern Geauga Counties)

Audubon Aurora Sanctuary, Aurora, OH – Access from Bretschneider Park on Pioneer Trail near Page Road.

Audubon Novak Sanctuary, Aurora, OH – 350 Townline Road, east of Aurora. Parking lot. Birding trails on east and west sides of Townline Road

Audubon Molnar Sanctuary, Aurora, OH – Park at Tail's and Trail's on Page Road and walk across the street

Sunny Lake, Aurora, OH – Parking lots on Page Road and on E. Mennonite Road. Walk around the lake

Moebius Nature Center – 929 E. Mennonite Road, Aurora. Trails behind the nature center connect to Sunny Lake trails.

Spring Hill Park, Aurora, OH – 1113 E. Pioneer Trail.

Paddock River Preserve, Aurora, OH – the old Aurora Gold Course. Parking on Trails End Road

Centerville Mills Park, Bainbridge, OH – 8558 Crackle Road.

(GPD) Beartown Lakes Reservation, Auburn & Bainbridge Townships – 18870 Quinn Road. Trails around lake and through the woods.

(GPD) Holbrook Hollow – 7250 Country Lane, Bainbridge Township

South Russell Village Park, S. Russell, OH – park at 1003 Bell Road or E. Washington Street just west of Savage Road. Trails through the meadows then into the woods and under the power lines.

(GPD) Frohring Meadows Park, Chagrin Falls, OH – park at 16780 Savage Road. See kiosk for trails.

Main Branch of Chagrin River (parks in Cuyahoga and Lake Counties)

(CMP) South Chagrin Reservation, Bentleyville, OH (go to website for trail maps)

- Look About Lodge area
- Trail from Miles Road to Chagrin River Road north (parking on Chagrin River Road just north of Miles)
- Jackson Field area (parking on Chagrin River Road near Jackson Road)
- Trail from Chagrin Blvd. to Polo Fields along the river (parking on Chagrin Blvd on west side of river)
- Polo Fields area (Chagrin River Road & S. Woodland Blvd)

Forest Ridge Preserve – 3850 Chagrin River Road

(CMP) North Chagrin Reservation (go to website for trail maps)

- Area around the Nature Center
- Squire's Castle Area (Chagrin River Road)
- Roger's Meadows (Chagrin River Road)
- Oxbow Lake Area (Parking on east side of Chagrin River Road, south of Squires Castle)

Audubon Hach-Otis State Nature Preserve, Willoughby Hills, OH:

(Skyline Drive, off Chagrin River Road just north of Chardon Rd (Rt. 6). Parking at end of road.)

Audubon Hach-Otis – John & Carol Lillich Meadow – Dodd Road off Pleasant Valley Road in Willoughby Hills.

(LMP) Pleasant Valley Park, Willoughby Hills, OH – 38990 Pleasant Valley Road

(LMP) Gully Brook Park – 2100 River Road, Willoughby.

Daniels Park and Dam – 38401 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Willoughby.

(LMP) Chagrin River Park, Willoughby, OH – Access parking lots on Reeves Road off Lost Nation Road, north of Rt. 2, and at 1000 Rural Road, also off Reeves Road

Upper Main Branch of Chagrin River (parks in Geauga County)

(GPD) Bass Lake Preserve, Chardon, OH – Access via Basswood Road off Wilson Mills (east of Auburn Road). -

(GPD) Walter Best Preserve, Chardon, OH – 11620 Ravenna Road (south of Chardon)

(GPD) The Rookery, Munson Township, OH – Access via Rockhaven Road (near Fowler’s Mill Golf Course).

(GPD) West Woods – Silver Creek is a tributary of the Chagrin River

West Geauga Commons, Novelty, OH – Rt 306 just south of Fairmont Blvd. Park in the farthest back parking area and take the trail behind the basketball courts that eventually takes you along the river.

Whitesburg Park, Chagrin Falls, OH – At the east end of High Street – follow gravel drive until it ends.

East Branch of Chagrin River (parks in Lake County)

Holden Arboretum, Sperry Road, Willoughby, OH (**non-members must pay a fee** to park and use the area)

- Gardens and Collections area
- Bole Woods area
- Corning Lake area

(LMP) Penitentiary Glen Reservation – 8668 Kirtland Chardon Road, Kirtland, OH