



EXPLORE THE BEST MEDINA COUNTY PARKS FOR YOUR NEXT FAMILY GETAWAY: GREAT TRAILS, NATURE CENTERS

Medina County is exceptionally fortunate to have an abundance of parks and natural spaces. Proudly celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Medina County Parks District offers some of Ohio's most scenic spots for hiking, biking, strolling, and enjoying the outdoors. As the weather warms, it's the perfect time to lace up your boots and discover the beauty and adventure waiting in Medina County's parks. Map out your family fun getaway today.

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Allardale Park: Trails, History, and an Award-Winning Playscape

Located in Granger Township, **Allardale Park** is a standout destination for families and outdoor enthusiasts within the Medina County Park District. The park features the Lodge at Allardale, a spacious 4,800-square-foot indoor venue that can accommodate nearly 100 guests—ideal for gatherings and events. Visitors can explore a network of paved and natural trails winding through forests, meadows, and stands of trees planted by the Allard family, who donated their land to create this park.

New in 2024: Allardale Park is home to a brand-new, award-winning farm-themed playscape that quickly became a favorite for families. The playscape features a 30-foot slide, giant tire swing, balance beam and hopping logs, a play tractor, and more—all designed to spark children's imaginations and give them a taste of farm life. The site includes three large silos providing shade, plenty of picnic tables, and a new ADA-accessible crushed limestone trail for easy access. An open-air shelter with views of the playscape is available for reservation, making it a perfect spot for birthday parties or family outings. This innovative playground was made possible by the Allard family's vision and generosity, earning a first-place award from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association in 2024.

Allardale also offers equestrian trails, a sledding hill, and a fully accessible picnic shelter nestled among the trees, making it a year-round destination for outdoor fun.

Oenslager Nature Center at Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary

Set on nearly 250 acres of wetlands, ponds, and rolling countryside in Sharon Township, the **Oenslager Nature Center** is a haven for wildlife observation and environmental learning, and a key site within the Medina County Park District. The center houses a laboratory, library, classroom, and a large meeting room, supporting a variety of educational programs. Visitors can explore four miles of easy-to-moderate trails winding through meadows, woods, and wetlands, offering excellent opportunities to spot native wildlife. Please note that, as a wildlife sanctuary, pets, fishing, biking, and picnicking are not permitted to protect the natural habitat.



Chippewa Inlet Trail: Birdwatching and Outdoor Adventure

The Chippewa Inlet Trail in Lafayette Township guides visitors through some of Ohio's most picturesque landscapes, including the Schleman Nature Preserve, **Buckeye Woods Park**, and the Chippewa Inlet itself—all part of the Medina County Park District system. This area is a birdwatcher's paradise, with diverse habitats supporting a wide variety of species. The trail system covers 434 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and prairies, and is open for hiking, fishing, biking, and cross-country skiing. Whether you're seeking a peaceful walk or an active day outdoors, Chippewa Inlet offers something for everyone.

Where to Stay for Your Getaway: Hawthorn Extended Stay by Wyndham Seville

For those planning a multi-day adventure exploring Medina County Park District's many gems, the **Hawthorn Extended Stay** by Wyndham Seville offers a comfortable and convenient home base. Located in Seville, this hotel features spacious suites with kitchenettes, free WiFi, complimentary breakfast, and amenities like an indoor pool and fitness center. The Hawthorn is family-friendly and pet-friendly, making it ideal for travelers of all kinds. Its location provides easy access to the county's top parks and natural attractions, ensuring you're never far from your next outdoor adventure.



Plan Your Family Getaway

Medina County Park District's parks offer a wealth of opportunities for recreation, learning, and relaxation. With miles of trails, award-winning playgrounds, and beautiful natural settings, there's something for everyone to enjoy—whether you're planning a family outing, a group event, or a quiet day in nature.