

Welcome to Buckeye Woods Park, Schleman Nature Preserve & Chippewa Inlet Trail...



The three-acre lake at Buckeye Woods Park is a great location to cast your line.



Pioneers in the Park is an annual event that takes place at the park in October.

Named for the graceful stands of buckeye trees along its creek, **Buckeye Woods Park** offers a diversity of terrain and activities. In the western half of the park, explore the natural heritage of the site along trails that wind through woods and meadow in the **Schleman Nature Preserve**. The eastern portion of the park is an active recreation area with play fields, a three-acre lake, picnic, and playground areas. Found near the headwaters of the Chippewa Creek, Buckeye Woods Park would best be described as a wet woods.

Low-lying areas along the creek provide ideal growing conditions for Ohio buckeye trees, red maples and a very impressive bur oak specimen. A large monoculture of crataegus can be found in the eastern portion of the park. This unique situation came to be decades ago when this area of the park was being pastured. The cattle consumed everything except the thorny hawthorn tree seedlings. As time passed, the trees dominated the site, shading out most other plant life. The original park, the west end, was a restricted donation by Theda Schleman. In the past, the eastern end was farmed as part of the county infirmiry farm of the Medina County Home.

The **Chippewa Inlet Trail** is a 1.75-mile asphalt trail running along the Chippewa Inlet from Buckeye Woods Park to the Chippewa Nature



Chippewa Inlet Trail is a perfect place to view wildlife while exercising.

Area located on the east side of the inlet. This nature area provides opportunities to see a vast array of wildlife. Visitors enjoy hiking, biking, and rollerblading along the trail. This wide valley runs along the Chippewa stream, providing a much-needed travel corridor for local wildlife and a stopover for many long-distance bird migrants. American avocets, sandhill cranes, American bittern and bald eagles all have been seen in the valley.

AS YOU VISIT...

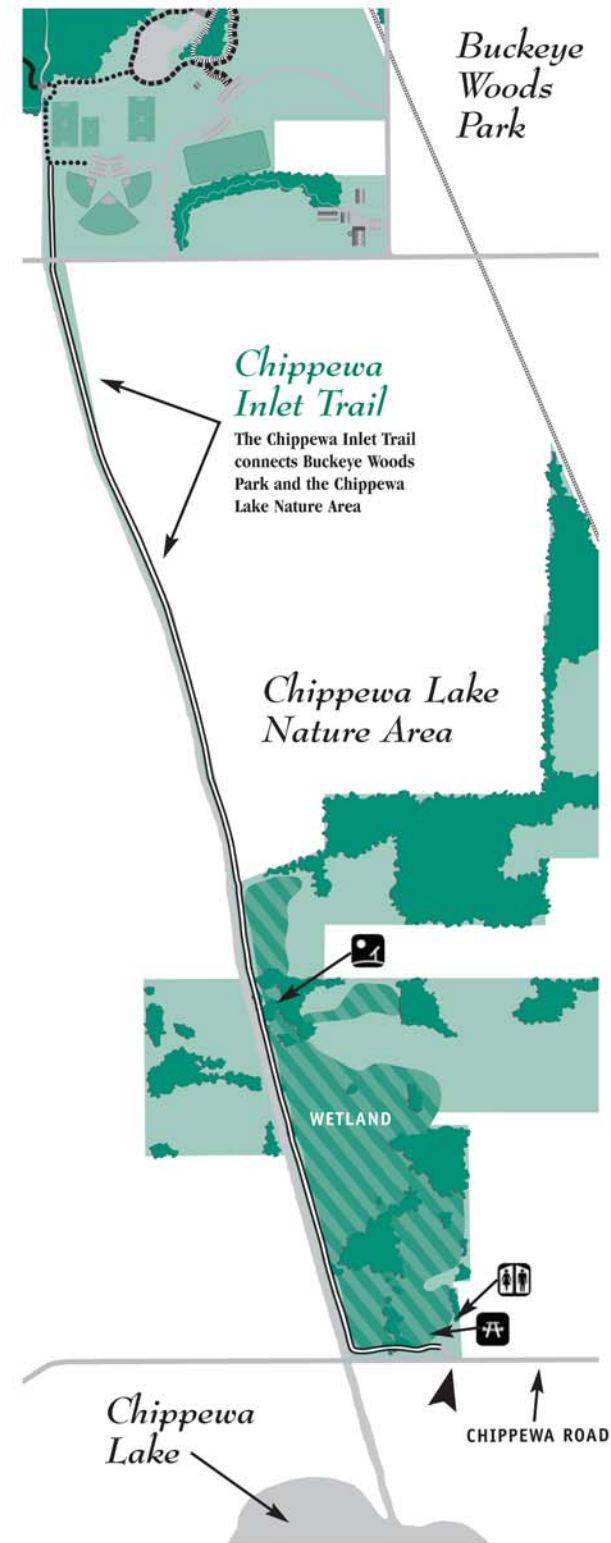
- Please stay on designated trails
- Do not remove plants or natural objects of any kind
- Follow the posted rules for fishing
- Persons 16 years or older must possess a valid fishing license while fishing at the Chippewa Inlet Trail
- All pets must be leashed
- Respect private property owners adjacent to the park by not trespassing

LOCATION/HOURS/SHELTER...

Buckeye Woods Park is located on State Route 162 in Lafayette Township, a half mile east of State Route 42.

Daily 8:00 a.m. to dark

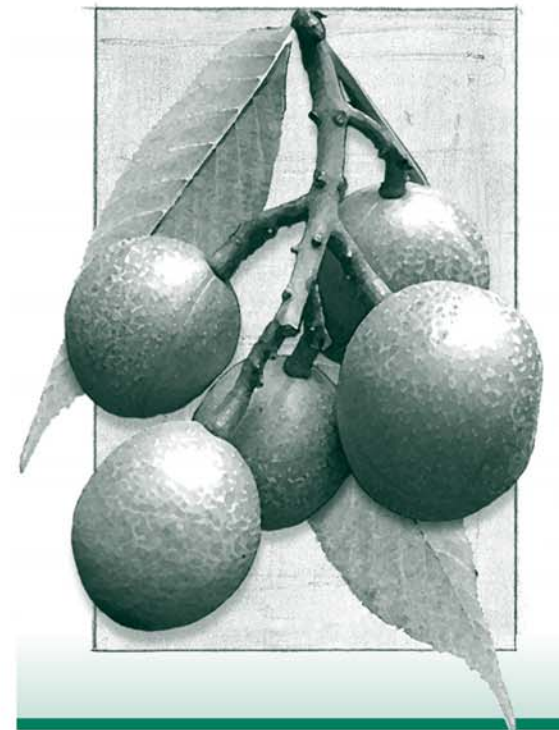
For additional information on reserving the shelter at Buckeye Woods Park, please call us at 330-722-9364, or visit our website at www.medinacountyparks.com.



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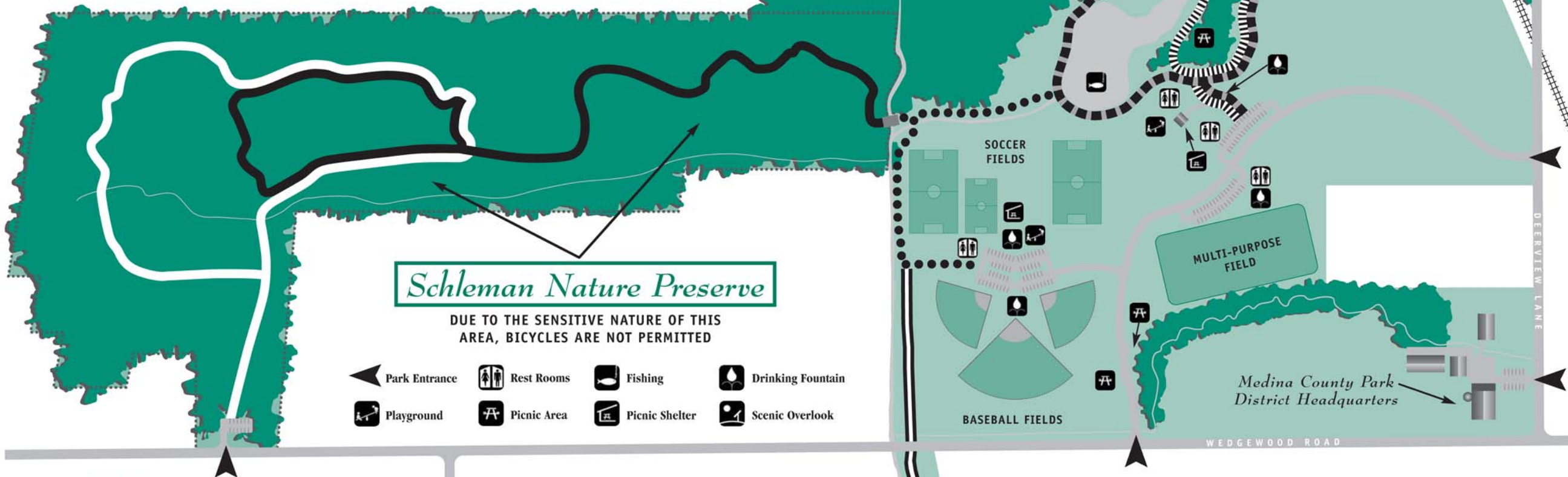




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Schleman Nature Preserve

DUE TO THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THIS AREA, BICYCLES ARE NOT PERMITTED

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| Park Entrance | Rest Rooms | Fishing | Drinking Fountain |
| Playground | Picnic Area | Picnic Shelter | Scenic Overlook |



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Chippewa Inlet Trail
(1.75 miles)

See back panel for
Chippewa Inlet Trail map

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| YELLOW TRAIL (1 MILE) | LARGE LAKE LOOP (1/2 MILE) |
| GREEN TRAIL (1.5 MILES) | SMALL LAKE LOOP (1/4 MILE) |
| SCHLEMAN NATURE PRESERVE BOUNDARY | CHIPPEWA INLET TRAIL (1.75 MILES) |
| LAKE INLET CONNECTOR (1/4 MILE) | |