

## Nature of the Area

The rolling fields, stately woodlands and wetlands of Quail Hollow are evidence of the effects of glaciation which occurred over 12,000 years ago. Glaciers have had a profound effect on the drainage system, topography and soil/mineral composition of the area. Natural lakes are a feature of the glaciated landscape. These bodies of water were formed when large pieces of ice broke off the glacier and melted in depressions forming these kettle lakes. Most are small, old and more properly classified as bogs or marshes. Nearby Congress Lake is one of Ohio's natural lakes.

Quail Hollow's habitat diversity allows for an abundance of plant and wildlife populations. A tall-grass prairie supports blazing star, sneezeweed, Canada lily and other prairie plants. The woodland swamp is home to spring peepers, chorus and green frogs while the deciduous and coniferous forests provide shelter for the red fox, raccoon, white-tailed deer and wild turkey.

## History of the Area

The turn of the 19th century witnessed the coming of frontiersmen to northeastern Ohio. Although the land was still wilderness, the American Indians were already being forced westward. Tribes native to what is now Stark County, principally the Delawares, were virtually gone by 1810.

One of the earliest settlers to enter the region was Conrad Brumbaugh. His first home on the new property was built around 1820 on land that was to become the park.

Acquisition of the Brumbaugh homestead and other properties, ultimately totaling 720 acres, was begun in 1914 by Harry Bartlett Stewart. The Stewart's original tract, adjacent to the Brumbaugh homestead, was called the Minnie Taylor Farm after Harry Stewart's wife.

The small farm house on the Minnie Taylor Farm was built in 1838. During the first few years the Stewarts owned it, the home was used mainly on weekends during the autumn hunting season. By 1929, additions to the farm house and construction of its two neighboring structures were completed and the home became the permanent residence of the Stewart family. The main house, the adjacent servant's cottage and the garage appeared as they do today, reflecting strong Greek Revival and Federal architectural influences.

The Stewart's son, Harry Bartlett Stewart, Jr. and his wife Catherine moved into the manor in 1937. Mr. Stewart, like his father, was chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Akron, Canton and Youngstown Railroad.

The Stewart family resided in their home until 1975 when they offered the acreage and building to the state for one-half the appraised valuation. The U.S. Department of Interior provided funds for the state to acquire Quail Hollow State Park. On May 15, 1975, Quail Hollow came under the administration and management of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation.

## Tours and Park Programs

Quail Hollow State Park is devoted to recreation and appreciation of Ohio's cultural and natural history. The former Stewart family home is primarily used for educational, nature-oriented and community activities. Tours are offered on Sunday afternoons, June through October and at other times by appointment. A Visitor Center is located within the home. The Nature Center, located in the Carriage House, is open during the summer months.

Special events are held at Quail Hollow year-round, including Christmas at the Hollow in December, the Craft and Herb Fair in May and Reptile Day in September. Interpretive programs may be arranged upon request for classes or groups.

## Rental Facilities

The Rathskellar, Library and Dining Room within the Manor House are available for rental for business meetings and group functions. Full kitchen facilities are available with each of these rental options. The Day-Use Rental, located near the park entrance, is in a more secluded location ideal for family gatherings, retreats, and small group events, as well as business meetings. Call the park office for information and reservations.

## Camping

The park's primitive group camp is available on a reservation basis to incorporated organizations. The camp includes a fire ring and picnic tables. Water must be carried in and trash must be packed out. Water and restrooms are 1/4 mile from the site.

## Trails

Quail Hollow has over 18 miles of trails ideal for hiking, jogging, nature study or cross-country skiing. Eight interpretive nature trails explore the unique natural habitats for which each is named. There is also a five-mile, day-use bridle trail and a five-mile mountain bike trail. The Nature For All trail is a 2000 ft. paved trail for those visitors with a physical challenge. Brochures are available at the visitors center as well as along the trail.

## Picnicking

Picnicking is available in several locations. All picnic areas are available to the public year-round during park hours.

## Fishing

Bluegill and catfish can be caught at Shady Lane Pond. A valid Ohio fishing license is required.

## More To Do

At the park's visitor center, a certified Backyard Habitat site attracts a variety of wildlife and may be viewed year-round from inside the visitor center. One-way glass allows visitors an up-close look at animals. A short walk from the visitor center

is the 9,000-square-foot herb garden with more than 300 culinary, medicinal and scented herb plants. A playground and volleyball court are located at Shady Lane picnic area.

## Area Attractions

Quail Hollow is located in Hartville, home of the Hartville MarketPlace and Hartville Kitchen where 416 indoor and 200 outdoor booths occupy three acres of shopping space. At the east end of town, Maize Valley Farm Market offers wagon rides, a petting pasture, and their famous corn mazes. Maple Street Art Gallery, in the historic district, gives visitors the opportunity to browse through the 1880s train station where local and national artisans sell gifts for all occasions. Ivy Lace Bed and Breakfast is located in the heart of the Village, and offers overnight accommodations in this charming 1920s Victorian home.

There are also many points of interest 30 minutes away in the Akron-Canton area including Stan Hywet Hall, an English Tudor mansion; National Inventors Hall of Fame; the Hoover Historical Center; National First Ladies Library; and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. For more information, log onto [cantonstarkvb.com](http://cantonstarkvb.com), [greaterakronchamber.org](http://greaterakronchamber.org), or call the Stark County Tourist Information Center at 1-800-533-4302.

Nearby West Branch and Portage Lakes state parks offer excellent opportunities for camping, swimming, fishing and boating. Several state nature preserves in the area offer glimpses of unique bog vegetation. Jackson Bog and Kent Bog are open during daylight hours while Triangle Lake can be accessed by permit only.

## Facilities

<b>Resource</b>	Land, acres	701
	Water, acres	2
<b>Day-Use Activities</b>	Hiking Trails, miles	18
	Bridle Trails, miles	5
	Mountain Bike Trail	5
	Picnicking	•
	Visitor Center	•
	Nature Center	•
	Meeting Facility Rentals Programs, year-round	•
<b>Winter Recreation</b>	Cross-Country Skiing	•
	Cross-Country Ski Rental	•
	Ice Skating	•
	Sledding	•
<b>Camping</b>	Group Camp, capacity	25



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