



# Cleveland Metroparks® Trail Challenge

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## 2024: Trails

### Trail Surface:

-  Paved (APT)
-  Natural Surface
-  Water

All trail mileage reflects round-trips.

 Exclusive Routes in the CM App

### Acacia Reservation

**1.7 miles: Woodpecker Way**  41.501350, -81.490670

Start at the kiosk nearest the shelter and enjoy this fairly flat loop as you admire flowers, grasses and trees restoring this former golf course back to nature.

### Bedford Reservation

**0.2 miles: Bridal Veil Falls**  41.371820, -81.548877

This short stroll takes you down a few sets of stairs before you cross a bridge where you can take in the beautiful falls. Come after a strong rain and you'll see a great sight!

**4.1 miles: Northeast Bedford Singletrack Circuit** 

41.384130, -81.539680 

Follow this route for a nice connecting loop as you sample a variety of mountain bike trails. Tight and twisty, open and fast, rocky sections and some short steep climbs will have you working hard. Please visit Cleveland Metroparks mobile app to confirm the trail is open as this trail closes to all trail users depending on conditions.

### Big Creek Reservation

**4.8 miles: Lake to Lake Trail**  41.357150, -81.824220

Enjoy this out-and-back trail as you traverse boardwalks, marshes and a short commercial area when you cross Bagley Road. Trailside education signage helps you learn more about the rich history of this glaciated region along the way.

### Bradley Woods Reservation

**1.8 miles: Quarry Trail**  41.418690, -81.952750

Take the trail directly across the road from the shelter and look for the old quarry sites along the way and then take the entrance road back when the dirt trail ends.

### Brecksville Reservation

**2.0 miles: White Oak/My Mountain Trail Loop**  41.315870, -81.598860

Take the stairs up from Plateau Picnic Area and follow signs for the My Mountain Overlook. This new trail is absolutely beautiful and takes you to a nice overlook of the Chippewa Creek Valley.

**2.8 miles: Hemock Trail**  41.319958, -81.622459

This beautiful trail drops over 175 feet of elevation as you hike on your way out, so be prepared for a climb on your way back.

### Brookside Reservation

**1.0 miles: Brookside Hiking Loop**  41.448985, -81.724657 

Begin the trail near the main parking lot of Brookside Reservation off of Ridge Road by the baseball fields. The loop traverses both paved and natural surface trails.



### Euclid Creek Reservation

**1.0 miles: Eastern Ledge**  41.547130, -81.528480

This beautiful trail, complete with a suspension bridge, custom timber stairs and a great overlook is not to be missed during this out and back route.

### Garfield Park Reservation

**2.0 miles: Garfield Loop**  41.429080, -81.528480

Get on the APT as you walk, hike or bike around Garfield Reservation. Enjoy seeing old stone stairs and bridges as you admire the new pond on your way through!

### Hinckley Reservation

**2.0 miles: Bridle Trail**  41.221703, -81.731560

Start at the Horse Trail Parking/Hinckley Hills Trailhead and take the trail to the right to head towards Kiwanis Cabin. Turn around at the Kiwanis/ Horseshoe/ Buckeye Trail junction. If you are on a horse and want to travel farther, keep going on the Carriage Trail until you feel like turning around. Those on foot can choose to take the Horseshoe Trail back.

**2.0 miles: Ledge Lake Loop**  41.202050, -81.726559 

The Ledge Lake Loop brings together multiple trail experiences including prairie, forest and open fields to form this loop route exclusive to the app.

### Huntington Reservation

**1.0 miles: Paddle Lake Erie**  41.490229, -81.935908

Launch and then paddle west alongside but outside the swimming area and back to enjoy the views of Cleveland. Be prepared for wind and waves during this advanced open water paddle on Lake Erie.

**0.6 miles: Porter Creek**  41.489180, -81.935520

Take the APT south and then turn left onto the Porter Creek Trail. As you exit the woods, go left and walk back towards the starting location. Be sure to check out Karen's Way Play Space across the street if you have younger children.



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## Lakefront Reservation

**1.6 miles: Edgewater**  41.490878, -81.733261

Start at Edgewater Beach House and go up the hill to Upper Edgewater. Keep going until you get to the famous Cleveland script sign. Snap some pics before heading back.

**1.0 miles: Paddle Lake Erie**  41.498760, -81.716120

Launch on the beach at Wendy Park and paddle towards the Historic Coast Guard Station as you loop around the inner harbor paddling counter-clockwise staying close to the breakwall. Wind, waves and boater traffic could be a factor.

## Mill Stream Run Reservation

**5.5 miles: Royalview Red Loop**  41.301464, -81.804687

Grab the trail behind the restrooms and run, hike, or bike this fun loop. Pay special attention to trail direction as it varies from day to day on this shared use mountain bike trail. Please visit Cleveland Metroparks mobile app to confirm the trail is open as this trail closes to all trail users depending on conditions.

**1.0 miles: Wallace Lake**  41.360973, -81.857704

Start at Wallace Lake and paddle the perimeter of the lake in either direction for a fun way to enjoy the water and get a little exercise.

## North Chagrin Reservation

**5.4 miles: Rim and Valley Walk**  41.578780, -81.429680 

Starting at Strawberry Picnic Area you'll use the Cleveland Metroparks App to link up multiple trails to create this amazing loop that is a favorite of many staff.

**1.0 miles: Sylvan Loop**  41.560090, -81.429810

Starting at A.B. Williams Memorial Woods for this hike/walk that takes you though an amazing example of a beech-maple forest with great views along the way.

## Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

**8.0 miles: Towpath Trail**  41.430580, -81.662320

Start at CanalWay Center. Make your way down the hill on the APT, and turn left to head south. Enjoy the views of the canals, various bridges and aqueducts as you head to Rockside Road. Turn around and make your way back when the paved path turns to gravel at the Lock 39 kiosk and trailhead.

**4.0 miles: Red Line Greenway**  41.485110, -81.700650

Get on this trail at the Abbey Rd/Columbus Rd entrance and ride southwest towards Zone Recreation Center. This urban route ([map here](#)) has some great views of downtown as you ride back.

## Rocky River Reservation

**4.2 miles: Scenic Park to Memorial Field Loop**  41.478773, -81.829057 

Take the APT from Scenic Park, walking or biking to Memorial Field, taking to paved loop around Memorial Field before heading back to Scenic Park.

**1.8 miles: Rocky River**  41.478773, -81.829057

Launch from Emerald Necklace Marina and paddle towards Lake Erie paying special attention to boat traffic, folks fishing and others out enjoying the water. Once the river turns into the openness of Lake Erie turn around.

## South Chagrin Reservation

**2.4 miles: Hatchet Ridge Loop**  41.417235, -81.415731 

Begin at Henry Church, Jr. Rock Picnic Area. This loop traverses sections of the Henry Church Rock Loop, Hatchet Ridge Trail, Bridle Trail and Buckeye Trail.

**1.1 miles: Sulphur Springs Loop**  41.420580, -81.424080

Travel this hilly trail through a forest more typical of a northern climate and cut by a coldwater stream.

## Washington Reservation

**4.5 miles: Arborview**  41.454111, -81.658558

Start at Arborview Shelter and take the APT south to Settlers Bluff Picnic Area before turning around. This route follows the APT along E. 49th Street.

## West Creek Reservation

**1.5 miles: Jewelwing Loop**  41.388070, -81.694260 

Start at Bluebird Point and use the app to link up three trails to make this 1.5 mile long loop. Watch for birds and wildlife around the prairie or down by the water.

**1.6 miles: Gorge Loop**  41.388070, -81.694260

Take the APT to the Gateway Trail and then turn right onto the Gorge Loop. This purpose built mountain bike trail is a fun little ride that you don't want to miss. Please visit Cleveland Metroparks mobile app to confirm the trail is open as this trail closes to all trail users depending on conditions.

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### Guest Choice returns!

In addition to the trails listed above, you have the ability to hike, bike, ski, or travel any trail within Cleveland Metroparks and count that towards your prize. You can only do this one time for each reservation! The goal for this year's Trail Challenge is for you to have fun exploring trails in at least 10 reservations. If the wayfinding of the provided trails becomes confusing, use the Cleveland Metroparks App to navigate, create your own adventure by choosing a different trail for that reservation, or join Cleveland Metroparks staff for a variety of guided hikes, rides or paddling programs offered throughout the year.

### Cleveland Metroparks App Integration!

Maps marked with the red Trail Challenge Badge can only be found on the Cleveland Metroparks App! Use the app to guide you to the start, navigate the trail, and track your trails by earning digital badges along the way. These routes are exclusive to the app and you will use the app for navigation as these routes often utilize and link together multiple trails to make up the complete route.



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