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With so many parks and trails and places to enjoy basketball, baseball, kayaking, bicycling, bouldering and hockey... and more... Greater Springfield, indeed, is a reservoir of recreation.

HIKING • BIKING • HISTORY • PLAY – THERE’S A PARK FOR YOU

**FAST
FACT**



Clark County’s recreational or bike trails provide access to more than **250 miles** of trails in a five-county area.

National Trail Parks & Recreation District
NTPRD.org

Champion City Kings
ChampionCityKings.com

EcoSportsCorridor
ECOsportscorridor.com

Clark County Park District
ClarkCountyParkDistrict.org

Buck Creek State Park
BuckCreekStatePark.org

NTPRD Chiller
NTPRDchiller.com

TOURING TIP no. 2



FOR A LOOK at the city’s **whitewater features**, take Fountain Avenue just north of Buck Creek and go left on Veterans Park Drive. The first is behind the Springfield Art Museum on the left.

To reach the second, continue through the park to its dead end, jog left on the bridge, turn right into Snyder Park and keep an eye out on the right.

HAPPY TRAILS

**EXPLORE AND EXERCISE
ON RECREATIONAL TRAILS**

Greater Springfield is home to miles of multi-use, paved trails including the Little Miami Scenic Trail which stretches from Springfield nearly 80 miles south to Milford. The Simon Kenton Trail extends the Little Miami Trail corridor another 18 miles north from downtown Springfield to Urbana, Ohio. It begins amidst all that Springfield has to offer, from the arts to the ECO Sports Corridor and then swiftly proceeds to the rolling farm countryside of Ohio on your way to Urbana. There are also countless hiking trails in the area including Buck Creek State Park, Glen Helen, Clifton Gorge and John Bryan State Park.

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK PARK

PARK HOLDS LOCAL HISTORY

George Rogers Clark Park, home to the historic Hertzler House, sits across from a reconstructed 1800s-era barn and within walking distance of a stockade and collection of Native American and pioneer artifacts. While there, stop at the park’s Davidson Interpretive Center, where the “Clash of Cultures” exhibit explains why General George Rogers Clark stormed north from Kentucky in 1780. Visit the Fair at New Boston on Labor Day weekend for a widely respected reenactment of a turn of the 19th century trade fair. The Clark County Park District also looks after the Estel Wenrick Wetlands on the county’s west side, yet another venue for getting out in nature.

SPRINGFIELD’S PARKS

A GREEN BELTWAY

Springfield’s park system has long been the envy of other Ohio cities. The “green belt” is comprised of Snyder Park, Reid Park and Veteran’s Park. Snyder Park, Springfield’s “Central Park” includes tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic shelters and play grounds. Veterans Park is home to the Springfield Museum of Art and hosts the annual Summer Arts Festival at its Turner Pavilion. The park also boasts a playground and amateur bouldering on its scenic cliffs.



PROSPECT LEAGUE BASEBALL HITS HOME RUN



The Champion City Kings — the newest member of the collegiate Prospect League, kicked off its inaugural baseball season in 2014. Its 28-member roster of the top collegiate talent plays approximately 30 games at Springfield's Carlton Davidson Stadium between June and August. Its minor-league atmosphere provides affordable, family-friendly entertainment for all ages.



INCLUSION PLAYGROUND

GIVING EVERY CHILD A PLACE TO PLAY

Physical disabilities create no hindrance to outdoor fun for local special needs children thanks to a new Inclusion Playground located at historic Snyder Park.

A project of the Rotary Club, construction of the \$300,000 playground began in May 2014. The wheelchair accessible park will include features such as a butterfly net, duo disk swings, multi-level platforms and accessible ground surfacing.



THE GRASS IS *Greener in Springfield*

If golf is your game, we have some ideal spots. Greater Springfield boasts nine regulation golf courses, including the third-ranked private club in the region — the Springfield Country Club.

The 110-year-old course was designed by legendary golfer and golf course architect Donald Ross, whose own golf legacy lives on at Pinehurst.

One of our more interesting public courses is Windy Knoll, a links-inspired creation. The horse statues on the grounds are a tribute to the horse breeding farm and the horses that were there in an earlier generation.

FUN ON THE WATER • ALL YEAR ROUND

WHITE WATER FUN

DOWNTOWN'S ECO SPORTS CORRIDOR

Two whitewater kayak features are centerpieces of Springfield's developing Eco Sports Corridor. Those looking for more placid waters can rent canoes for a peaceful paddle on Mad River as it slices its way westward toward the Great Miami River.



FROZEN WATER FUN

THE CHILLER ICE ARENA

The latest addition to Springfield's recreational reservoir is the NTPRD Chiller, owned by the National Trail Parks and Recreation District and operated by the Chiller Ice Rinks of the Columbus area. Now home to Wittenberg University's hockey team, the Chiller offers skating and hockey lessons, open skating, parties and drop-in hockey as part of the regular schedule.

BUCK CREEK STATE PARK

A 2,000 ACRE WATER PLAYGROUND

When the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers decided to do something to keep Buck Creek from periodically inundating Springfield, the 2,100 acres of Lake Lagonda began to form. On the 1,900 acres surrounding it, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources created Buck Creek State Park with a sand beach, full-service marina, cabins and trails. Fishermen, bikers, boaters, horseback riders, campers and hikers return to its shores every year along with the migrating birds.

GOLF COURSE DIRECTORY

PRIVATE

Springfield Country Club
Par 72. 6,684 yards
2315 Signal Hill Road
937-399-0351
www.springfieldccoh.org

Springfield Elks 51 Golf Course
Par 72. 6,527 yards
1536 Villa Road
937-399-2304

Mitchell Hills Club, Inc.
5350 Morris Road
937-399-0711
www.mitchellhills.com

PUBLIC

Reid Memorial Park Golf Course
South Course: Par 72. 6,502 yards
North Course: Par 72. 6,760 yards
1325 South Bird Road
937-324-7725
www.ntprd.org/reid_park_golf_course.htm

Rocky Lakes Golf Course
Par 70. 6,075 yards
3950 South Yellow Springs Street
937-322-3211
www.golfink.com/golf-courses

Locust Hills Golf Club
Course 1: Par 72. 6,576 yards
Course 2: Par 72. 6,572 yards
5575 North River Road
800-872-4918
www.locusthillsgc.com

National Golf Links
Par 72. 7,200 yards
South Charleston
877-730-7676
www.nationalgolfinks.org

Windy Knoll Golf Club
Par 71. 6,820 yards
500 Roscommon Drive
937-399-0001
www.windyknollgolfclub.com

Sugar Isle Golf Course
Par 72. 6,350 yards
State Route 235 | New Carlisle
937-845-8699
www.sugarislegolf.com



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Donald Ross, who designed the 18-hole course at Springfield Country Club, also designed Pinehurst.