

Lake Metroparks-opoly

With over 37 park properties, 9000 acres, 50 miles of trails and 3.3 million visitors annually, there is never a bad time to experience nature at a local Lake Metroparks site. All the parks are clean and safe and offer experiences for every age group and ability level. Your challenge this month is to identify the park using the clues provided and then visit it in 2017 or 2018....3.3 million visitors can't be wrong!

1. Sixty-three acres comprise this Concord Township park. Dating back to 1820, it was part of the UGRR in Lake County. County pioneer Eber Howe moved there in 1836. Hawley Drake took over the existing house in 1850. Name the park!
2. This park occupies over 111 acres in Leroy Township. A lake and brand new lodge make this park a hidden gem for fishing, hiking, and more.
3. LMP purchased this property from John Phelps in 1964. Its history dates back to an early Indian settlement as well as early 1901 pioneers. A Finnish Kaleva Lodge once occupied part of this 494 acre site. Great views await you here!
4. Capt. John Cunningham, bog iron, iron furnaces, stoves, kettles and more made this 181 acre site important in early county history. Early history dates back to 1800 and by 1812 this park was the largest port on Lake Erie.
5. A former industrialist once called the 157 acres his summer home. Today a local high school occupies a portion of the property. From 1947-51, a local resident made a name for himself on the current 19 acres forming its pond.
6. Our greatest resource Lake Erie welcomes visitors to this 21 acre site that also features two local lighthouses, one within walking distance of the shore. Name this park that was also the former estate of our third Governor!
7. The Buckeye Trail, a famous quarry and a spectacular view of downtown Cleveland await visitors to this park which was named in 1949 after the local conservationist who wanted to preserve nature for future generations. This park offers yearlong possibilities for visitors.
8. Occupying 37 acres, LMP took over this site in 1991. It's history dates back to the 1920s and even legendary Cleveland Indians pitcher Satchel Paige pitched on their diamonds. A new 200' pier just opened this October augmenting the original dance hall and grounds.
9. Two entrances provide access to this 942 acre park. LMP has maintained this property since 1965 that features a suspension bridge, 200 year-old Barn and more.
10. Donated by the Ocepak family in 1988, this Kirtland educational site comprises 12 acres and dates back to 1894. Do you know it?

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Honorable mention: Paine Falls (377 acres), Environmental Learning Center (former Camp Klein site), Veteran's Park (largest inland pond)

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