

Seek a pleasant park? Look about you

The 10 Metroparks of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority offer a wide variety of recreation for the citizens of Wayne, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

By mid-June, all facilities should be fully staffed. Vehicle entry permits (annual/regular-\$5, senior citizen-\$1, or daily \$1) are required. Metro Beach, Stony Creek and Kensington Metroparks with boat launching facilities also require boat launching permits. Prices are: annual/regular-\$5; senior citizen-\$3; daily-\$1.

METRO BEACH

Metro Beach Metropark consists of 740 acres, and is located along Lake St. Clair, five miles southeast of Mt. Clemens. There is swimming along the 1/4 mile beach front or in the Olympic-sized pool. Beach patrons may use the bathhouse free. There is a charge for those using the swimming pool.

There is parking for more than 6,00 cars, and a trackless train transports passengers and equipment from parking lot to Pointe Huron picnic area.

There is a food bar, 1,600-foot boardwalk, 18-hole par three golf course and putt-putt golf, tennis, shuffleboard and horseshoe courts, tot lot and adjoining children's play area, roller skating rink and outdoor dance pavilion.

A boat ramp along Black Creek makes Lake St. Clair accessible, and there are two marine harbors with space for up to 170 cruisers, with electrical and water utilities and overnight docking.

The Dixie Belle, a Mississippi-styled paddle-wheel riverboat, beginning at noon, tours canals and boat basins, except on Mondays and Fridays. Prices are \$1.50 adults, \$1 youngsters up to 14, and senior citizens, \$1.

Glass bottles and ground fires are prohibited in the park, and fires are permitted in grills that stand off the ground only in areas equipped with trash barrels and hot-ash containers.

Metro Beach Metropark: 463-4581 (Mt. Clemens); 963-3022 (Detroit).

STONY CREEK METROPARK

Stony Creek's 3,990 acres are six miles north of Utica and surrounds Stony Creek Lake.

Facilities include 10 miles of highway, bike trail, two beach sites have bathhouses with dressing rooms, heated showers, restrooms, coin-operated lockers and food service; swimming, fishing and boating on Stony Creek Lake; playfields, nature trails, nature center with exhibits, and a large boat launching site. An 18-hole golf course is under construction and will open later this year.

There is a 10-m.p.h. speed limit on Stony Creek Lake, and water skiing is prohibited. Pike, small-mouth bass, perch, bluegills and crappies inhabit the lake.

Picnic areas have tables, stoves, play equipment and sanitary facilities. Advance registration is requested of all picnic groups of 50 or more persons. Park officials will help groups select sites and park brochures are available. Summer park hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Stony Creek Metropark: 781-4242 (Washington Exchange).

MARSHBANK METROPARK

Marshbank has 115 acres and is six miles southwest of Pontiac. The park has stoves, tables, shelters and playground equipment. There is a nice view of Cass Lake, but, unfortunately, there is no access to it.

Marshbank Metropark: 685-1561 (Milford).

KENSINGTON METROPARK

There are 4,350 acres making up this metropark near Milford. Facilities include the 1,200-acre Kent Lake for boaters, sailing crafts, canoeists and fishermen, and boat rentals are available at the boat rental building. There is a 10-m.p.h. speed limit on Kent Lake and no water skiing is permitted. Marine gasoline is not

available in the park. Bluegills, crappies and bass make their home in Kent. There are two launching ramps.

The Island Queen makes 45-minute tours around Kent Lake, and it leaves the boat rental building dock noon through 6 p.m. through Labor Day. Charges are \$1 adults and 50 cents for those 15 and younger and senior citizens 62 and older. The 80-passenger sternwheeler also is available for private charter.

There are two beaches with bathhouses which have dressing rooms, heated showers and food service. Park facilities include 14 picnic areas, with playfields, shelters and sanitary facilities; an 18-hole, 6,400-yard golf course with cart rentals and food service; nature trails for self-guided hikes and a nature center.

Canoe campsites on Kent Lake and along the Huron River are available with advance registration and permit fee. There are two park entrances off I-96.

Park hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Kensington Metropark: 685-1561 (Milford).

HUDSON MILLS METROPARK

The Hudson Mills Metropark's 1,450 acres are 12 1/2 miles northwest of Ann Arbor and have picnic-playground facilities, shelters, stoves, nature trail, canoe camp-

sites, canoe rental information, lagoon and shore fishing.

Camping by organized youth groups is available with permits (\$5 per group) issued at the Hudson Mills office. No family camping is permitted in any Huron-Clinton Metropark.

Canoe rentals are available (at Delhi Metropark) with information through the office at Hudson Mills. There are two trips: from Hudson Mills to Delhi-\$10.50; Dexter-Huron to Delhi-\$6.50. For group information, phone 769-8686.

Park hours are 8 a.m. to sunset daily, unless otherwise posted. Park entrance is on North Territorial Road near Dexter-Pinckney Road near Dexter.

Hudson Mills Metropark: 426-8211 (Dexter).

DEXTER-HURON METROPARK

Dexter-Huron has 125 acres located 7 1/2 miles northwest of Ann Arbor. Entrance is along Huron River Drive. Facilities include shelters, stoves, playfields and sanitary facilities.

Dexter-Huron Metropark: 426-8211 (Dexter).

DELHI METROPARK

Delhi Metropark is 5 1/2 miles northwest of Ann Arbor. The entrance is on Delhi Road near

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