

FROHRING MEADOWS is a 298-acre park in Bainbridge Township that features a 100-acre prairie, and trails through the woodlands. *It is Geauga Park District's intent to protect this natural area in perpetuity.*



Purple Coneflower



Band-winged Dragonfly

Judy M. Senroc

## HABITATS

The abandoned farm fields of Frohring Meadows have become an ideal setting for a special habitat creation project featuring a tall grass prairie, a habitat that might have been found in parts of Ohio when early settlers roamed the territory. The prairie was seeded in the fall of 2007, and will grow to maturity over a period of about five years.

The plantings include warm season grass species such as Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, and Switch Grass. There are a number of flowering plants associated with this habitat, such as Purple Coneflower, Blazing Star, New England Aster, and Mountain Mint. Over time, this habitat will yield a beautiful array of grasses and flowers for visitors to enjoy.

Frohring Meadows also features a woodland dominated by red and sugar maples. Beech, black cherry, tulip, red oak, and hickory trees also grow there. Vernal pools host a variety of life including several species of amphibians, like the spotted salamander, which return each spring to lay their eggs.

A low-lying, wet sedge meadow habitat serves as an important feeding stop for migrating shorebirds such as plovers and sandpipers. Aquatic invertebrates living in the shallow water provide ample food for hungry migrants. The water retention capacity of this area is beneficial to many species of dragonflies and damselflies as well. The Band-winged Dragonlet dragonfly, a new species to Geauga County (typically native to Texas), was discovered here in 2007.

## FACILITIES

In the midst of the prairie is the Katydid Shelter, which provides a picnic area that will seat up to 50 people, with a nearby restroom, and 40-car parking lot.



Spotted Salamander Eggs

Tami Gingrich

## TRAILS

Trails through Frohring Meadows are designed for users of varying abilities. Through the meadow is the fully-accessible **Dragonfly Trail**, which is a paved walkway to allow visitors to experience an up-close view of the wet prairie, and makes an ideal jogging trail.

Hikers and cross-country skiers can also enjoy an easy stroll through the woodlands on the **Big Bluestem Trail**.



Sandpiper

Judy M. Senroc

## Frohring Meadows



Tami Gingrich

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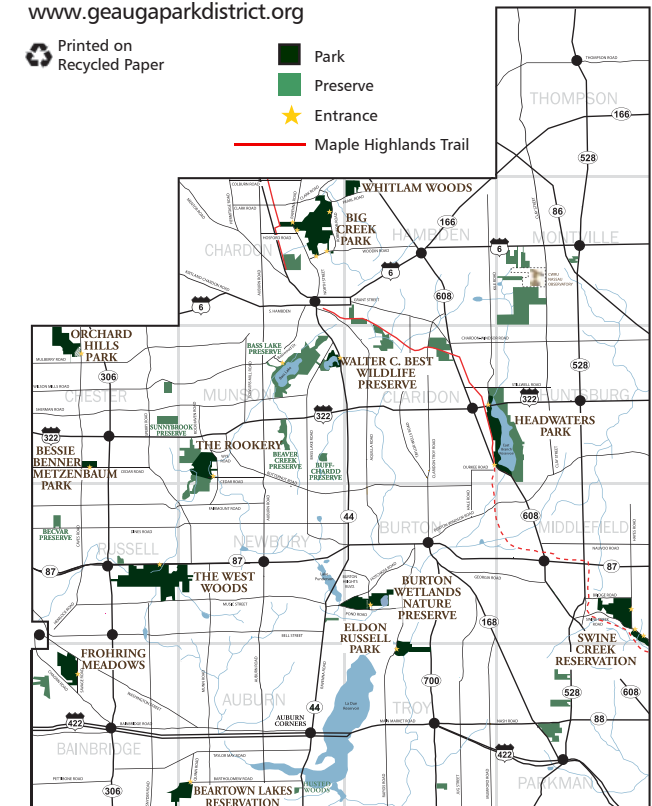


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- Park
- Preserve
- Entrance
- Maple Highlands Trail










Frohring Meadows Lat: N 41 24.707 Long: W 081 21.836







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## HISTORY



Paul Frohring, a pioneer in the development of nutritional and medical supplements, donated 176 acres that surrounded his Bainbridge farmhouse to Geauga Park District in 1996. Much of the property was once farmland, and soybeans, oats, corn, and wheat had all been harvested there. In 1999, Geauga Park District entered into a 50-year lease with Chagrin Falls for 122 acres adjacent to the Frohring property to expand trail opportunities and to help connect the community to their parks. The park was opened to the public in 2007.



TRAILS		MILES	
	Big Bluestem Trail	 	2.8
	Dragonfly Trail	  	0.7

MAP KEY	
	Park Entrance
	Wet Meadow
	Tall Grass Prairie
	Short Grass Prairie
	Power Line Corridor
	Chagrin Falls Village Park



PICNIC AREA	
Katydid Shelter	*  
	* Reservable