

Orchard Hills Park



GEAUGA PARK
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Parking

Mulberry Road

Caves Road

-  ENTRANCE
-  PATTERSON PROPERTY LINE
-  RESTROOMS
-  PARKING
-  DESIGNATED TRAIL





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Orchard Hills is a 237-acre parcel in Chester Township, located behind the Patterson Fruit Farm at 11414 Caves Road.

Access

Geauga Park District and Patterson Fruit Farm have developed a shared use agreement of the Farm Market parking area along Caves Road, to allow nature lovers to access the trails in Orchard Hills.

Trails

Formerly operated as Orchard Hills Golf Course, this property has paved sections of trail that were once used as cart paths. Walkers, joggers, and bicyclists may travel existing trails to traverse the hills, valleys, and woodlands. The vantage from the parking area affords a rare view of Lake Erie from Geauga County.

Trail Etiquette

Pedestrians always have the right of way.

Bicyclists must yield to all others

Announce that you are passing so as not to startle others.

Pets must be on a leash. Clean up after your pets.

Please do not litter. Trash receptacles are not provided: "Pack it in; pack it out."

In the event of an emergency, call 911.

History

When Orchard Hills Golf Course ceased operations in January 2007, it was the intent of the Patterson Family to permanently preserve that portion of their family's land for the public to enjoy. Working with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Geauga Park District, the Pattersons accomplished that goal. A conservation easement was placed upon that property specifying that the land be used as a "passive use public park," the two conservation agencies worked together to fund the purchase of the land, and Geauga Park District took over management.

Natural Resources

As with all new park properties, Geauga Park District Natural Resource and Planning departments will survey the natural habitats on the land, identify any plant or animal species of interest, and will develop a Natural Resource Management Plan for Orchard Hills based upon those findings. The public will be kept informed as plans take shape.

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