Safety Reminders for Drivers:

- Bicyclists are required to ride as far to the right of the road as practicable, but are legally permitted to utilize the full traffic lane when necessary to protect their own safety.
- Bicyclists should be treated like any other slow-moving vehicle: they should only be passed when there are no oncoming cars and sight lines are clear. When passing a bicyclist, ensure there is a minimum of 3 feet between your car and the bicycle.
- Beware of bicyclists who might be in your blind spot or are otherwise difficult to see.
- Bicyclists are allowed to ride two abreast.
- Exercise extra caution when approaching children on bikes and at multi-use path crossings.

Trail Rules

- Abide by all signage.
- Yield to cross traffic at intersections.
- Keep right except to pass.
- Announce passing.
- Avoid blocking trail. Move off trail when stopped.
- Respect others and private property.
- Pets must be leashed. Obey scoop law.
- Unauthorized motorized vehicles prohibited.
- Users shall observe a fifteen (15) mile per hour speed limit on all Gahanna trails.

Additional Safety Tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Walk or jog confidently.
- Look people in the eye as you pass them. This lets others know you are aware.
- Don't wear headphones while exercising. Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Wear shoes and clothing that allow freedom of movement.
- Carry a cell phone or enough change for a phone call in case of emergency.
- Carry a whistle with you.
- Walk or jog in a familiar area. Avoid secluded areas where there are places to hide.
- Vary the route you take. Do not take the same route every day.
- Walk or jog with a companion, especially at night.
- Wear bright colored clothing so that you can easily be seen; at night, wear reflective clothing.
- Walk or jog facing traffic.
- Lock your vehicle. Don't leave valuables, such as purses/ wallets/cell phones, visible inside.

Safety Reminders for Bicyclists:

- Bicyclists should always strive to be as predictable as possible.
- Bicyclists are required to follow the same rules of the road as other drivers: stop at stop signs and red lights, and ride in the same direction as other traffic.
- Bicyclists should position themselves at least a few feet from the curb, and should especially avoid riding in the gutter. When parked cars are present, steer clear of the "door zone".
- Bicyclists should not weave in and out of traffic or pass queued traffic at a stop sign or traffic light, unless a bike lane is provided.
- In most cases, bicyclists should not ride on sidewalks. This is especially important in urban areas, as motorists are less likely to see bicyclists behind parked cars, street trees, and other obstacles. Bikes on sidewalks also hinder and endanger pedestrian travel.
- Bicyclists should yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and on multi-use paths and sidewalks (where sidewalk riding is permitted).
- Bicyclists can promote safe interactions with motorists by being courteous yet assertive. Examples include riding single file or pulling over when cars are backed up behind your group, using hand signals and making eye contact, and using the full lane when it is unsafe for cars to pass.

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Trails & Bike Routes

Park & Trail Directory

Gahanna has approximately 12 miles of trails, including the Big Walnut Trail.

Woodside Green Park 213 Camrose Ct.

Restrooms: Yes **Parking:** Yes **Distance:** 1.1 mi

This beautiful 32 acre park offers both passive and leisure opportunities for your enjoyment. Amenities such as a playground, canoe launch into the Big Walnut Creek, softball and baseball fields, basketball court, catch and release fishing pond, heated restrooms and a rentable shelter with grill and ample parking. Woodside Green Park multipurpose trail connects to the Big Walnut Trail north to Academy Park and south to the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course, providing a scenic nature hike or bike ride.

Friendship Park 150 Oklahoma Ave.

Restrooms: Yes **Parking:** Yes **Distance:** .4 mi

This park features just under 23 acres of park land. Play a game of tennis or basketball, enjoy the story trail, fish from your canoe or have your next event in our rentable picnic shelter or gazebo.

Academy Park 1201 Cherry Bottom Rd.

Restrooms: Yes **Parking:** Yes **Distance:** 1.6 mi.

This park is the largest in Gahanna with 107 acres including seven baseball diamonds and two basketball courts. Multipurpose nature trails connect this park south through Woodside Green Park, the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course and to the Olde Gahanna area. Creek fishing, a playground and heated restrooms are just some of the highlights available.

Creekside Park 117 Mill St.

Restrooms: Yes **Parking:** Yes **Distance:** .3 mi

Adjacent to Creekside Plaza, the park is an oasis of nature for walking, biking, fishing in the Big Walnut Creek and heated restrooms. The Plaza hosts entertainment, events and programming from May through October.

Gahanna Woods 1501 Taylor Station Rd.

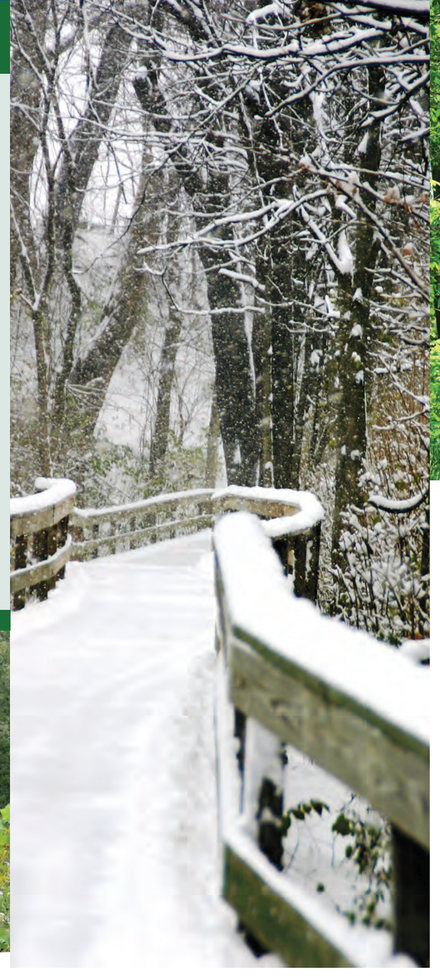
Restrooms: Yes **Parking:** Yes **Distance:** 4.3 mi

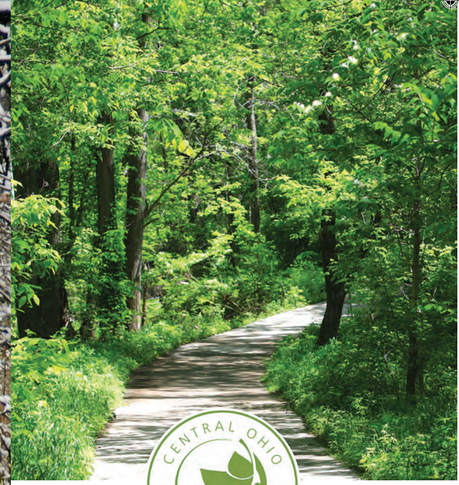
Explore over 99 acres of nature in this lovely park. This park also includes the Gahanna Woods State Nature Preserve that has a swamp forest, excellent spring wildflowers and woodland pools. This preserve protects perhaps the best remaining complex of buttonbush swamps and vernal pools in Central Ohio. A pin oak-silver maple swamp forest surrounds these woodland pools. Mature oak-hickory and beech maple communities occur on the higher and drier areas of the preserve.

Hannah Park 6547 Clark State Rd.

Restrooms: Yes **Parking:** Yes **Distance:** 1 mi

This 34.5 acre park features tennis and basketball courts, a playground, ball diamond and just under one mile of walking trails. There is also plenty of green space, ponds, catch and release fishing, heated restrooms and a rentable, covered shelter.





Central Ohio Greenways is a joint effort among greenway planners, parks departments and local trail groups to connect local trails across a 12-county area. Working with local, state, and national partners, our goal is to provide local residents and visitors with the following benefits:

- Conserve resources and improve the environment;
- Support growth of the local economy;
- Improve health and increase recreation choices;
- Expand transportation options;
- Increase community identity;
- Encourage trail professionals to share how to build and keep the trails at their best.

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