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**TrailChallenge**

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**Explore new trails with  
Cleveland Metroparks Trail Challenge**

- Visit [clevelandmetroparks.com/trailchallenge](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/trailchallenge) to find the complete list of trails
- Complete trails using any form of exercise (*bicycle, kayak, rollerblade, snowshoe, etc.*).
- Log your trails online at:  
[clevelandmetroparks.com/trailchallenge](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/trailchallenge)  
or complete the form on the back

**Visit any Cleveland Metroparks  
Nature Center to claim your prize**

- Complete 10 trails and receive a sticker
- Complete 20 trails and receive a mug\*



Prizes available after June 1. \* Available to the first 250 to complete the Trail Challenge.



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Reservation	Miles	Trail Surface	Date Completed
Acacia	1.85		
Bedford	0.5		
	1.8		
Brecksville	3.3		
	2.5		
Hinckley	3.3		
	0.95		
	1.5		
Huntington	0.6		
	1		
Lakefront	1.5		
	2		
North Chagrin	3.25		
	2		
Mill Stream Run	5		
	5.7		
	1		
Ohio & Erie Canal	8		
	2		
Rocky River	10		
	1.8		
South Chagrin	0.9		
Washington	1.2		
West Creek	1.75		
Guest Choice!			

**Trail Surface:** Paved (APT)  Natural Surface  Water 

All trail mileage reflects round-trips

## Acacia Reservation

**1.85 miles: Clubhouse** 

Start at the Acacia Reservation parking lot off Cedar Road. Walk, hike, bike, or handcycle the paved loop making sure to stay right at each turn. Enjoy the old golf cart paths as you imagine what this multi-year natural restoration project will look like in 100 years.

## Bedford Reservation

**0.5 miles: Viaduct Park** 

Start at Viaduct Park at the corner of Taylor Road and Willis Street. Take the paved path down to see the 15' tall falls and the old stone Viaducts. While this hike is short, you don't want to miss the waterfall!

**1.8 miles: Forbes Woods** 

Start at the Forbes Woods Picnic Area and enjoy this wooded oasis that was once a dairy farm. Anticipate several boardwalks as you hike through the ravine crossing over many wetlands.

## Brecksville Reservation

**3.3 miles: Nature Center** 

Start at the Nature Center. Take the APT east down the hill to the CVNP Brecksville Station Train Depot and enjoy looking over the Cuyahoga River prior to turning around as you grind back up the hill. While this route is paved, there is significant elevation change.

**2.5 miles: Hemlock Loop** 

Start at the Nature Center. Take the green Hemlock Loop. Enjoy views of Chippewa Creek Gorge as you loop back to where you started.

## Hinckley Reservation

**3.3 miles: APT** 

Bike the APT that circles around Hinckley Lake, starting at the Boathouse or the Spillway.

**0.95 miles: Whipp's Ledges** 

Park at Top O' Ledges Picnic Area and hike the Whipp's Ledges loop trail. Enjoy watching people rock climb, and be careful around cliff edges.

**1.5 miles: Paddling Loop** 

Launch from the ramp at Hinckley Lake Boathouse and take a lap skirting the edge of this inland, flatwater lake. You can even rent a canoe, kayak, or SUP if you don't own your own, making this a great opportunity if you are new to paddling.

## Huntington Reservation

**0.6 miles: Porter Creek** 

Start at the parking lot on the south side of Lake Road, and follow the APT to the Porter Creek Trail on your left. Follow along the Porter Creek Trail before joining the connector trail that follows the road back to the parking area.

**1.0 mile: Paddle Lake Erie** 

Set off from the kayak launch area and paddle west alongside but outside the swimming area and back to enjoy the views of Cleveland. Be prepared for wind and waves during this advanced open water paddle on Lake Erie.

## Lakefront Reservation

**1.5 miles: Edgewater** 

Start at Edgewater Park in the lower parking area and make your way up to the Cleveland script sign by moving up the hill behind the Beach House. Enjoy the breathtaking overlook of the city. Stop in for a drink or some ice cream on your way back.

**2.0 miles: Paddle Lake Erie** 

Launch on the beach at Wendy Park and paddle towards the Historic Coast Guard Station as you loop around the inner harbor paddling counter-clockwise staying close to the breakwall, before heading back to the beach.

## North Chagrin Reservation

**3.25 miles: Nature Center** 

Start at the Nature Center. Ride north on the APT to Strawberry Picnic Area looking for birds and other wildlife as you enjoy the newly enhanced Strawberry Pond area.

**2.0 miles: Museum Trail** 

Start at the Nature Center. From the SE corner of the parking lot of the Nature Center - enjoy the Museum Trail as you head out to the Sylvan Loop.

## Mill Stream Run Reservation

**5.0 miles: Royalview** 

Start at the lower Royalview Trailhead parking lot. Go out to Valley Parkway and head North crossing over Route 82 up to the Chalet. Enjoy a snack, watch or participate in some Go Ape activities and then return back to where you started by heading back south.

**5.7 miles: Royalview, Yellow Loop** 

Start at the lower Royalview Trailhead parking lot. Run, hike, or bike the Yellow Loop through young forests and enjoy interacting with other trail users. Pay special attention to trail direction as it varies from day to day on this shared use mountain bike trail.

**1.0 mile: Wallace Lake** 

Start at Wallace Lake and paddle the perimeter of the lake in either direction for a fun way to enjoy the water and get a little exercise. Kayaks and stand up paddleboards are available to rent in the summer, which makes this a great new opportunity to explore.

## Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation

**8.0 miles: APT** 

Start at CanalWay Center. Make your way down the hill on the APT and turn left to head south towards Rockside Road. Enjoy the views of the canals, various bridges and aqueducts as you ride to Rockside Road. Turn around and make your way back to Canalway Center when you hit gravel at the Lock 39 Trailhead. After passing under the tunnel interceptor pipes above, turn right to trek back up the hill to Canalway Center. Be sure to stop in and explore CanalWay Center before or after your adventure.

**2.0 miles: Mountain Bike Trail** 

Start at CanalWay Center. Enjoy the hilly mountain bike loop by bike or by boot, but be careful if hiking as this is primarily used as a mountain bike trail.

## Rocky River Reservation

**10.0 miles: Nature Center** 

Go south on the APT from the Nature Center the whole way to Wallace Lake. Have a snack or buy some ice cream before you circle back around to head north back to the Nature Center.

*(Hint: If you are feeling adventurous, paddle around Wallace Lake before turning around to knock off two activities in one day!)*

**1.8 miles: Paddling** 

Launch from Rocky River Marina and paddle towards Lake Erie paying special attention to boat traffic, folks fishing, and others out enjoying the water. Once the river turns into the openness of Lake Erie turn around.

## South Chagrin Reservation

**0.9 miles: Look About Lodge Loop** 

Start at Look About Lodge. Celebrate the beauty of Look About Lodge by taking a stroll on the short Look About Lodge Loop trail that follows the Buckeye Trail for a majority of the loop.

## Washington Reservation

**1.2 miles: Arborview** 

Start at Washington Arborview Picnic Area. From the North side of the parking lot cross over Washington Park Blvd. and enjoy the APT as you head south (right). Feel free to stop by the picnic area/playground at the end of Beta Ave. before turning around at Harvard Avenue.

## West Creek Reservation

**1.75 miles: Gorge Loop Trail** 

Start at the Watershed Stewardship Center. Take the paved All-Purpose Trail (APT) from Monarch Bluff Picnic Area and stay right at any junction until you cross a bridge to ride up the Gateway Trail. Turn right onto the natural surface Gorge Loop Trail and make sure to stay alert for all trail users on this shared use mountain bike trail.

## Guest Choice!

In addition to the trails listed above, you have the ability to count an additional activity by choosing one of your favorite trails and record it for one of your activities. If you are a bit more competitive, sign up and participate in any Cleveland Metroparks race or competition and that can count too! Or, participate in one of our naturalist led programs.

