

Get that "up north" feeling at top-rated Stony Creek Metropark, often voted in regional polls as Southeast Michigan's favorite outdoor experience. Extending across Oakland and Macomb counties, this 4,461-acre beauty brings the best of outdoor recreation, from a quiet morning spent fishing on its 500-acre lake to the heart-pounding excitement of riding miles of mountain bike trails.









#### **BICYCLE RENTAL**

Bike the 6.1-mile paved trail circling Stony Creek Lake. Single speed bicycles can be rented at Eastwood Beach daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

#### BOATING

#### **BOAT LAUNCH**

The boat launch facility allows easy access to Stony Creek Lake. A separate, non-motorized watercraft launch area is located at Eastwood Beach. A Metroparks boat permit is required.

#### **BOAT RENTAL**

Character paddleboats, rowboats, canoes, and kayaks are available for rent at the Boat Rental located at the Mt. Vernon picnic area. The Boat Rental is open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day and weekends beginning in early May through early September, weather permitting. Special senior rates are available on weekdays.

#### **BOAT STORAGE**

Dry storage can be rented for boats stored on trailers. Summer season is April 1 through September 31. Winter storage is October 1 through March 31.

### CAMPING

Rustic family camping weekends are offered at the Ridgewood Campground on select dates from Memorial Day through mid-October. An RV dump station is available across from Eastwood Beach.

### CONCESSIONS

Food is sold at Eastwood beach's food bar. Availability will vary depending on the season.

Food and beverages, including beer, wine, and liquor are sold at the Golf Starter Building. No outside alcoholic beverages or coolers allowed.

# DISC GOLF

Located in the Gladeview picnic area, two 18-hole championship disc golf courses are some of the most challenging in Michigan. An annual bag tag, which gives unlimited play at all Metropark courses, or a daily wristband, is required to play.

### FISHING

Stony Creek Lake is a popular fishing spot for pike, walleye, perch, bluegills, and crappies. The state record crappie was caught here! A barrier-free fishing pier is located on the west side of the boat launch area. Fishing is prohibited from bridges and the lake area north of 28 Mile Road. A Michigan Fishing license is required.

### FITNESS TRAILS

Run or walk along three different length trails, with exercise stations, located near Eastwood Beach. The course provides a balanced routine of physical activity, offering ¾ mile, 1 mile, and 1 ¾ miles of trail.

# GO APE! TREETOP ADVENTURE

A high ropes course includes zip lines through the forest at the Southdale Picnic Area. The course takes you on a 2-3 hour adventure through the forest canopy. Register online at www.goape.com.

#### GOLF

#### 586-781-9166

This 6,928 yard, 18-hole, par-72 course and driving range offers power carts, pull carts, and clubs for rent. Senior (55+) and junior (20 and younger) rates are available. Some restrictions apply.

#### **GROUP CAMP**

Overnight camping for organized youth groups is available at nearby Wolcott Mill Metropark. Advanced registration required.

### HIKE-BIKE TRAILS

Bicycle, inline skate, walk, or run the 6.1 mile paved hike-bike trail that circles Stony Creek Lake. Pets on a six foot leash are permitted.

### INWOOD RUSTIC HIKING TRAILS

Located north of Inwood Road, the Inwood Hiking Trails feature seven and a half miles of trail, a constructed wetland, woods, and field.

- These primitive trails are for foot traffic only.
- Expect to find and traverse wet or muddy areas, moderate grades and side slopes, narrow boardwalks, and minor obstacles.
- Carry out all garbage.
- Trails close at dusk.
- All pets must be leashed and cleaned up after.
- All natural things, non-living, living or dead, must be left where they are. Collecting is prohibited.
- Walk slowly and remain on the trails.
- Bicycles, motorcycles, trail bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles, and horses are prohibited.
- Picnicking is not allowed in this area.

### MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS

Mountain bikers and hikers enjoy 14 miles of hilly, heavily-wooded dirt trails that traverse the southwest side of the park. The Clinton River Area Mountain Bike Association (CRAMBA) helps keep this area groomed. Helmets are recommended on mountain bike trails.

### LOCAL RULES

- Stay on marked trails.
- Cyclists are encouraged to wear a helmet.
- Pedestrians have right-of-way.
- Hikers need not follow directional arrows.
- The black trail is a single-track trail. The green and blue trails are two-track trails.

### PETS

Dogs and other pets are permitted in the park only when kept on a six foot (or less) leash. Pets are not permitted in the nature areas, golf course, buildings, cross-country ski trails, or on beaches.

#### PICNICS

Tables, grills, and shelters are located throughout the park. Please register with the Park Office if you have a group of 50 people or more. Shelters can be reserved for a fee.

#### **PLAYGROUNDS**

There is a large playground located at Eastwood Beach. Smaller play structures, swings, and slides can be found in picnic areas throughout the park.

#### SUNSET TERRACE PARTY/RECEPTION TENT

A white banquet tent can be rented for parties for up to 250 people. This tent is located with a picturesque view of Stony Creek Lake; a nearby gazebo provides a charming focal point for weddings or other social gatherings. Catering is required.

#### SWIMMING

Baypoint and Eastwood beaches are open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the summer. The beach house at Eastwood Beach offers a food bar, dressing rooms, heated showers, and first aid facilities. Paddleboards can also be rented at Eastwood Beach. Fires and glass containers are not permitted on the beaches.

### WATER SLIDE

The Trippo Water Slide has arrived – and it's MASSIVE! 50 feet high – 245 feet long! You can purchase single rides or grab an all-day, unlimited thrills wristband.

# WINTER SPORTS

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Ski more than 13 miles of marked and classical groomed cross-country ski trails, covering level to hilly terrain suitable for all skiers. Rental equipment and snacks are available weekends at the Ski Center (Golf Starter Building).

### ICE FISHING

Ice fishing is available at both sections of Stony Creek Lake below 28 Mile Road. Ice shanties must be marked on all four sides with names and addresses and must be registered at the Park Office if left overnight. Ice shanties must be removed before sundown the first Sunday in March and on a daily basis thereafter, or earlier if the ice becomes unsafe. A Michigan Fishing license is required.

## ICE SKATING

Ice skating rinks are located on Stony Creek Lake near the boat launch area. The rinks are lighted during the evening, and the warming building has a heated lobby, restrooms, and vending machines. No skate rentals.

## SNOWBOARDING

Snowboarding is allowed on one hill, designated for snowboards, located near the Gladeview Picnic Area.

### SLEDDING

Sledding hills are located at both Gladeview and West Branch picnic area.

# NATURE CENTER



### NATURE CENTER HOURS • 586-781-9113

See live snakes, turtles, and fish at the Stony Creek Nature Center, or hike along the self-guided nature trails. Park interpreters conduct interesting hikes and other programs including paddling a 34-foot Voyageur canoe to learn about Stony Creek Lake.

School Days: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Weekends and Summer: 10 a r

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# NATURE TRAILS

Stony Creek, Reflection Pond, woods, fields, woodland edges, and small wetlands all placed in a landscape formed ages ago by glaciers provide the backdrop for the six miles of trails that course through the moderately hilly terrain. Look for a variety of birds, including wild turkeys.

NATURE TRAIL HOURS

May – September: 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. October – April: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

EAST LAKE TRAILS

REFLECTION TRAIL LANDSCAPE TRAIL

HABITAT TRAIL

### PLEASE REMEMBER

- All collecting is prohibited.
- Walk slowly and quietly and remain on trails.
- Running, jogging, bicycles, pets, motorized vehicles, and horses are not permitted on the nature trails.
- Picnicking is not allowed within the nature trails area.
- Please leave all radios, toys, and sports equipment in your car.

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

The Interpreters invite you to participate in nature walks, special events, and programs. These are offered periodically throughout the year. Schools, scouts, and community groups events can be arranged.

### GROUP APPOINTMENTS

Group appointments for nature programs and field trips are available.