



Shawnee Lookout Park

Location: southwest Hamilton County OH, west of Cincinnati:
2008 Lawrenceberg Rd. North Bend, OH 45052

Website: <http://greatparks.org/parks/shawnee-lookout>

Directions: From the west portion of I-275 in SW Ohio, exit at Kilby Rd. Go right on Kilby Rd, then right on U.S. 50, then left onto Lawrenceburg Rd. Park entrance is on the left in 1.5 miles.

Entrance Fee: An annual Motor Vehicle Pass costs \$10 and will give access to all the Hamilton County Parks for the year in which it was purchased; a one-time daily pass costs \$3.

Trail Miles: 4.7 overall: 1.3 miles on Blue Jacket, 2 miles on Little Turtle, 1.4 on Miami Fort.

Trail Features: Trails are well maintained, have elevation changes and spectacular views of Ohio and Great Miami River valleys. Blue Jacket Trail has a scenic overlook of the Great Miami.

Dogs: Dogs are allowed on leashes but owners must provide their own baggies to clean up after pets. There are containers to store baggies if you have extras you would like to leave behind for others who have forgotten theirs.

History: Shawnee Lookout Park sits in a prime location between the Great Miami and Ohio Rivers. It contains 1,515 acres, which is a mix of fields and forest.

Shawnee Lookout is next to the 914-acre Oxbow protected wetlands, one of the most incredible areas for viewing wildlife in the region. It is named for the horseshoe or oxbow shaped lake that formed when flood waters cut a new course for the prehistoric Great Miami River. The Oxbow still floods most years, refreshing and revitalizing the wetlands. The area is an essential stopping point for many migrating waterfowl. Over 270 species of birds have been catalogued in the protected area. 66 species of fish and 442 species of vascular plants have also been recorded. Shawnee Lookout is also next to the 263-acre Ulmansiek Wildlife Sanctuary, a seasonally flooded riparian habitat located along the Great Miami River, noted for the wide variety of migratory

waterfowl that use it as a resting area. Another 914-acre wetlands is located adjacent to the park, protected through conservation easements, providing valuable habitat for a variety of wildlife.

The area was also home to Native American Tribes including the Hopewell and Shawnee. Hopewell mounds can be seen in the park although most are not marked.

Other Activities: One of the “Great Parks of Hamilton County” Ohio, Shawnee Lookout has a boat ramp to the Great Miami River, and fishing is allowed from riverbanks. There is an 18-hole golf course, picnic areas and a playground. The park contains the historical Springhouse School and Log Cabin which demonstrate pioneer living. There is also a Native American archaeological earthworks and museum. Park is open daily, dawn to dusk.

