

## **Withrow Nature Preserve**

**Location:** Eastern Hamilton County OH, east of Cincinnati: 7075 Five Mile Rd, Cincinnati OH 45230

Website: http://greatparks.org/parks/withrow-nature-preserve

**Driving Directions**: From southeast portion of I-275 in Ohio, take Five Mile Rd exit. Go south (down the hill) on Five Mile Rd, turn left at stop sign onto Old Five Mile Rd. Look for park entrance a few houses down on the left.

**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.

Hiking Trail Miles: Trout Lily Nature Trail is 1.7 miles with a scenic overlook of the Ohio River.

**Trail Features**: This 270-acre is designated as a nature preserve, therefore has very few amenities. Trout Lily Nature Trail is a great place for joggers and dog walkers. It is relatively flat, with only a few elevation changes and steps/water boards. There is a beautiful overlook of the Ohio River and a nice walk through a wild flower field with numerous blue bird boxes. The only facilities available are a portable toilet. The house located on the property is open to wedding parties only. There are a couple of benches along the trail but this is not the place for a picnic.

You will see many downed trees along the trail, the result of destruction caused by the Emerald Ash Borer. Infected trees that could fall on trails, driveway, or parking area were taken down for safety reasons. Other infected trees deeper in the woods were left to eventually fall on their own.

Hepalica Hill Loop Trail (in top right corner of the map) is permanently closed due to a landslide on that corner of the property.

**Dogs**: Dogs are allowed on leashes but owners must provide their own baggies to clean up after their pets. There is a container to store baggies if you have extras to leave behind for others.

**Other Activities**: One of the "Great Parks of Hamilton County" Ohio, the preserve also offers an outdoor wedding setting and a gazebo that accommodates up to 100 guests.

There is no park map. This is a photograph of one of the signs posted along the trail.

