

PARK MAP

KENSINGTON METROPARK

4570 Huron River Parkway, Milford, MI 48380 • 810-227-8910

MAP KEY

- Park Route Number
- Rental Shelter
- Restrooms
- Splash 'N' Blast
- Playground
- Rain Shelter
- Well
- Flagpole
- Paved Hike-Bike Trail
- Rustic Trail
- Mountain Biking Trail

PICNIC SHELTERS

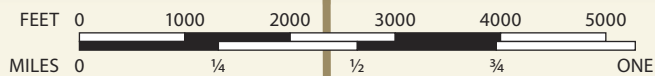
- A** East Boat Launch
- B** South Martindale
- C** North Martindale
- D** Windfall Hill
- E** Playfield North
- F** Playfield East
- G** Playfield Center
- H** Playfield West
- I** Possum Hollow
- J** Orchard
- K** Spring Hill
- L** Baywoods
- M** North Hickory Ridge
- N** South Hickory Ridge
- O** West Boat Launch

NATURE TRAILS

- Chickadee Trail - 2 miles
- Deer Run Trail - 1½ miles
- Aspen Trail - 1½ miles
- Wildwing Trail - 1¾ miles
- Alternate Route:

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

- North Trail - 3¼ miles round trip
- East Trail - 3½ miles
- South Trail - 11 miles round trip
- West Trail - 9 miles round trip
- Alternate Route:



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ACCESSIBILITY

For special accessibility needs, please contact the park or facility at least 72 hours in advance of your visit.

METROPARKS SAFETY

- Please report any accident or unsafe condition to a park employee.
- Personal protective equipment is recommended (life jacket, helmet, etc).
- Dispose of hot coals in bins marked "Hot Coals" only. If not available, contact a park employee.
- Read and adhere to trail rules and regulations.

DONATIONS

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks Foundation accepts financial gifts that enhance the Metroparks. For more information, call 800-47-PARKS.

PROTECT AND PRESERVE YOUR METROPARKS

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks are committed to environmental stewardship through planning, management, and redevelopment of facilities.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You can make a difference at your Metroparks! Join the Metroparks Volunteer team by calling our volunteer services supervisor at 810-494-6020.

HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS

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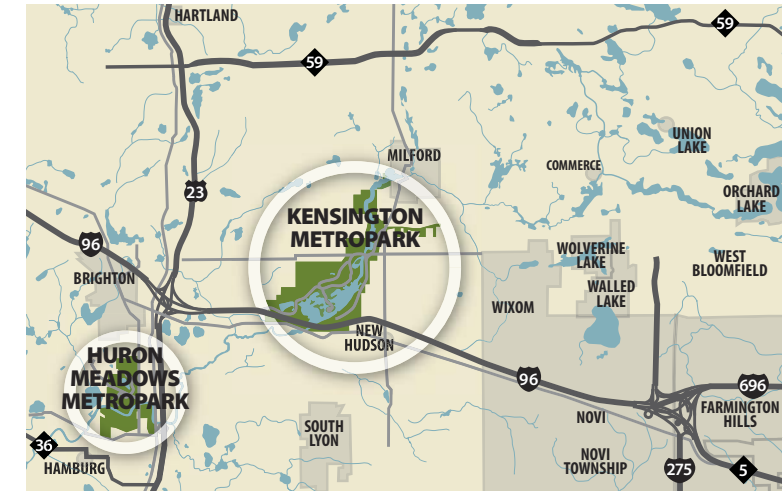


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The best of Michigan's great outdoors is right in Southeast Michigan at one of the state's most visited parks, Kensington Metropark. Kensington's 4,481 acres of wooded, hilly terrain surrounds beautiful Kent Lake, and is home to an abundance of wildlife and waterfowl.



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ACTIVITIES



BOATING

BOAT LAUNCH

10 ramps at the East Boat Launch and eight ramps at the West Boat Launch allow easy access to Kent Lake. There are 93 slips available for rent by season. The 10 mph speed limit is strictly enforced. Boats are prohibited on Wildwing Lake and Kingfisher Lagoon. A Metropark Boat Permit is required.

BOAT RENTAL

Paddleboats, paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, character paddleboats, and rowboats are available at the Boat Rental near Maple Beach. Special rates are offered for seniors on weekdays only, no weekends or holidays. Life jackets are provided. Vending is available at the Boat Rental.

CANOEING AND KAYAKING

Paddle to our overnight camp. Sites must be reserved in advance through the Park Office and are for one night only, permit required. Personal vehicles are not permitted onsite.

CONCESSIONS

Food is sold at the Farmhouse Grille and Martindale Beach. 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

The 27 hole, Black Locust Disc Golf Course is located across from Martindale Beach. The course is open daily throughout the year during park hours. An annual bag tag, which gives unlimited play at all Metropark courses, or a daily wristband, is required to play.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

Individuals with their own horses may use 18 miles of marked equestrian trails. The staging area is located off Martindale Road. A release waiver and bridle tag are required in advance. To obtain a waiver and bridle tag, please contact the Park Office. Pets and biking are prohibited on the trails.



EXCURSION BOAT

During the summer months, the "Island Queen III," a 46-passenger pontoon boat, makes hourly trips daily from the Boat Rental dock. Hours of operation are from noon until 6 p.m. Special rates are offered for seniors (62+) and children (12 and younger). Group charters are available during unscheduled hours.

FISHING

Largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, bluegills, perch, and crappies are abundant in Kent Lake during the summer months. Pike, bluegills, and crappies dominate in the fall. Shore fishing sites are located near the East Boat Launch and West Boat Launch. Several barrier-free fishing piers are also located at the West Boat Launch. A Michigan Fishing license is required. Fishing is prohibited on Kingfisher Lagoon and at posted areas of Wildwing Lake. Water depth maps are available at the Boat Rental and Park Office.

FITNESS TRAIL

This exercise trail is designed to provide a well-balanced routine of physical activity. The trail starts in the East Playfield Picnic Area.

GOLF

248-227-8916

This 6,624 yard, 18-hole, par-72 course offers power carts, pull carts, and clubs for rent. Senior (55+) and junior (20 and younger) rates are available. Some restrictions apply.

GROUP CAMPING

Properly sponsored and supervised youth groups may use the 380-acre rustic tent camping area, complete with wells and pit toilets. Campsites are available year-round for daily outings and overnight stays. Permit is required. No alcoholic beverages permitted in the area. Firewood can be purchased at the Park Office. Swimming is permitted only at park beaches on Kent Lake.

HIKE-BIKE TRAIL

An 8.5 mile paved hike-bike trail traverses the picturesque landscapes that circle Kent Lake. A 3.4 mile trail extends north from the loop, connecting to the village of Milford. Pets on a six foot leash are permitted.

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 and farm areas, buildings, on beaches, equestrian trails, cross-country ski trails, or golf course.

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 are several playgrounds scattered throughout the park. The largest play structure can be found at Martindale Beach.

RENTALS

BUILDINGS

The Farm Center Barn, Farm Center Classroom, and Nature Center Classroom are available to rent for parties and private events.

BONFIRES

Riverside firepits are available for rent in conjunction with hayrides by calling the Park Office a minimum of 10 days in advance.

SPLASH 'N' BLAST

Located at Martindale Beach, the Splash 'n' Blast offers two, 240-foot curving waterslides and a water sprayground with cannons, palm trees and serpents using pool-quality water. Waterslide riders must be at least 42" tall. Dressing rooms are available. The Splash 'n' Blast is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.



SWIMMING

Martindale Beach is open Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Bathhouses are available on site at Martindale Beach. Alcohol and grills are prohibited in the beach area. Pets are prohibited on the sand area and in the water. NO LIFE GUARDS ON DUTY.

WINTER SPORTS

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

There are more than 12 miles of classical groomed trails suitable for novice, intermediate, and advanced skiers. The Ski Center (Golf Starter Building), is open weekends and holidays, and provides restrooms. Special equipment rental rates are available for organized groups on weekdays with advance reservation. Beginner-level trails are on the golf course. More advanced trails are located throughout the park.

ICE FISHING

Ice fishing is permitted on Kent and Wildwing lakes. Shanties must be marked on all four sides with name and address, and must be removed by March 1 or earlier if the ice becomes unsafe. A Michigan Fishing license is required.

ICE SKATING

Ice skating rinks are located on Kent Lake near the Boat Rental. The rinks are lighted during the evening. Restrooms can be found at the Boat Rental. No skate rentals.

SLEDDING AND SNOWBOARDING HILLS

The slopes at the Orchard picnic area offer beginning, intermediate, and advanced sledding hills. A special bunny hill is designated for young children. Snowboarding is allowed on a designated hill. A nearby shelter has picnic tables and grills. Slopes are open from 11 a.m. to dusk on weekdays, and 10 a.m. to dusk on weekends, weather permitting. Saucers and inflatables are prohibited on the advanced and intermediate hills.

TOBOGGANING

The winter sports area also offers two toboggan runs. Toboggans must be standard toboggans. Toboggan runs are open from 11 a.m. to dusk on weekdays, and from 10 a.m. to dusk on weekends and holidays, weather permitting. Sleds and snowboards are prohibited on the toboggan runs.

NATURE CENTER



Stop by the Nature Center where you will find exhibits and live animal displays to enhance your understanding and enjoyment of the natural environment and human history of this area. Park interpreters are available to answer questions during open hours.

NATURE CENTER HOURS • 810-227-8917

Monday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday–Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

NATURE TRAILS

Seven miles of trails take you beyond the river and into some of Michigan's rarest and most diverse wetlands. There's a prairie fen, a shallow spring-fed lake, and a relict conifer swamp. Trails are open during posted park hours.

CHICKADEE TRAIL

DEER RUN TRAIL

ASPEN TRAIL

WILDWING 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.
- Follow all park rules and regulations.

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.

FARM CENTER



Take a break from city life at the Farm Center, where you can experience the sights, sounds, smells and feel of life down on the farm. Visit the farm animals plus see the herb garden, field crops, and old-fashioned farm equipment on display. Farm interpreters are available to help create a better understanding and appreciation of farm life.

FARM CENTER HOURS • 248-684-8632

March–October: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
November–February: 9 am–4 p.m.

POINTS OF INTEREST

The Horse Barn, originally built in 1856, was moved to this farm in 2001, and now houses a team of draft horses. In March, Interpreters demonstrate how sap is tapped from maple trees and boiled into syrup at the Sugar Shack. Popular destinations at the farm include the Kensington Living History Village; the Kid's Cottage, a natural building with a thatched roof; and the children's interactive area that features a seasonal grass maze, playground equipment, and a labyrinth. In October, take a hayride to the farm's pumpkin patch and pick your own pumpkin to take home.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- Do not feed, tease or harass the animals.
- Stay off the fences and outside the pens.
- No pets.
- Park or walk bicycles. No inline skates

HAYRIDES AND SLEIGH RIDES

To make a reservation, call 810-227-8910. Hayrides and sleigh rides are wheelchair accessible.

FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

Saturdays and Sundays noon – 4 p.m.
20 minute rides; no reservations required

GROUPS BY RESERVATION ONLY

Daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
30 minute rides; group rates available
Fridays and Saturdays 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
One-hour rides; group rates and bonfires available

FARMERS MARKET

Purchase locally produced farm products and artisanal goods while enjoying entertainment and other activities.

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