



## Discover a world beyond

WHERE CAN YOU FIND WORLD-CLASS FOSSIL BEDS, OLD-GROWTH FOREST, A NATIVE-GRASS PRAIRIE, AND MILES OF HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING TRAILS COMBINED WITH SOME OF THE MOST STUNNING NATURAL VISTAS IN THE AREA? OAKES QUARRY PARK HAS ALL OF THIS AND MORE.

THE 190-ACRE PARK, FORMERLY A ROCK QUARRY, FEATURES ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSE COLLECTIONS OF MARINE ORGANISM FOSSILS FROM THE SILURIAN AGE—A TIME MORE THAN 425 MILLION YEARS AGO WHEN THE AREA WAS COVERED WITH WARM, SHALLOW SEAS. IT INCLUDES:

- TWO PRESERVED CORAL REEFS TEEMING WITH FOSSILS OF REEF-BUILDING ORGANISMS.
- GLACIAL GROOVES, POLISHINGS AND OTHER ROCK FORMATIONS THAT WERE CREATED AS ICE AGE GLACIERS MOVED THROUGH THE AREA.
- SOME OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST CRINOID FOSSILS. MORE THAN 29 SPECIES OF THE SPINY-SKINNED ORGANISMS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED THROUGH RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT THE PARK.
- SPOIL PILES AVAILABLE FOR GUESTS TO UNCOVER AND KEEP THEIR OWN ANCIENT FOSSIL FINDS.



### OAKES QUARRY PARK

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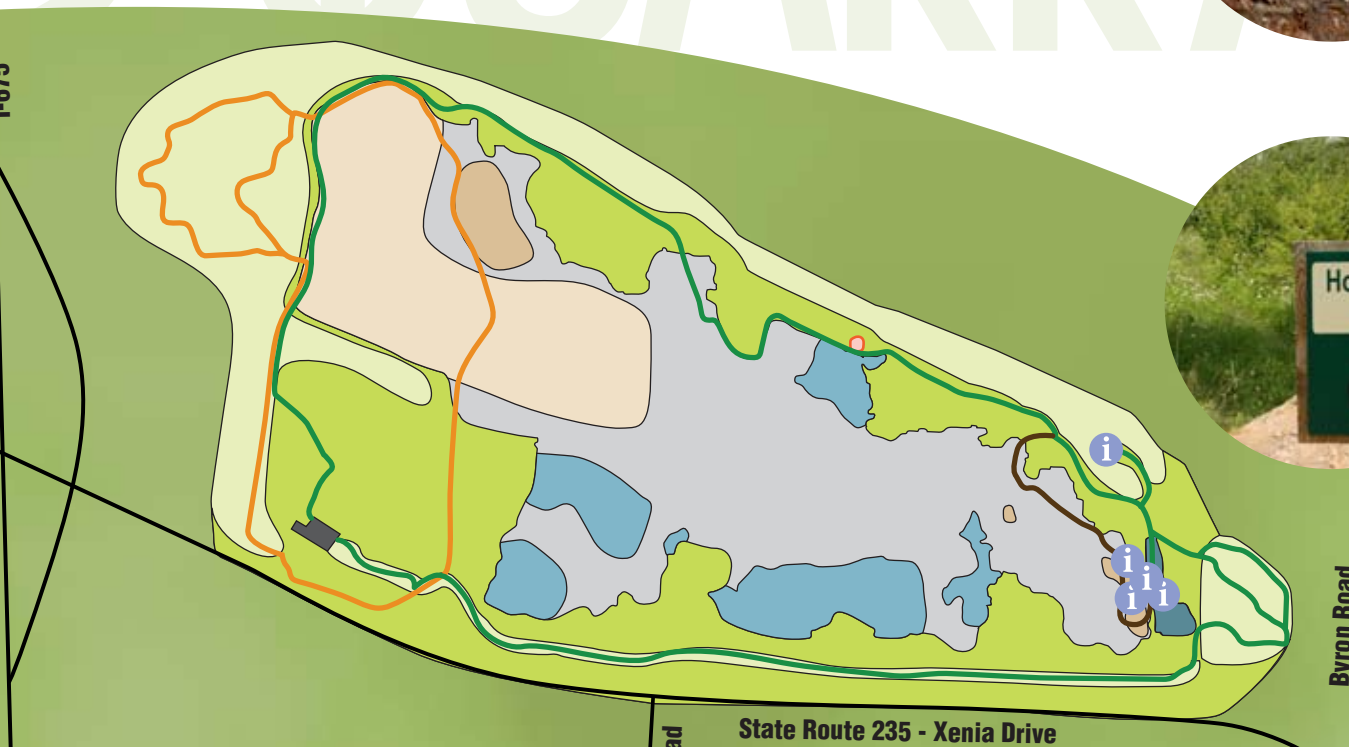
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OAKES QUARRY PARK



# OAKES QUARRY

**Dig into the past** and dig up some fun as you explore Oakes Quarry Park. Take a self-guided trip through the park to learn about an abundance of ecosystems, view an impressive array of fossils at the park's renowned geological education research site, and even find your own fossils (in designated areas) to take home. In addition to investigating the treasures of ancient history, visitors can:

- Discover native grasses as well as bird, butterfly and insect species in the 30-acre prairie.
- Study leaf and tree species as well as woodland insects and amphibians in the forested zone.
- Enjoy walking and horseback riding trails with panoramic views from the highest point in Fairborn. A two mile mulched path loops around the perimeter of the park.
- Take in fascinating aquatic life at the park's four ponds. The pond in the southwest corner is stocked with bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish for catch-and-release fishing. No permit is required.



**MAP KEY**

Points of Interest	Grass/Barren
Hiking Trail	Inner Quarry
Fossil Trail	Parking Lot
Horse Trail	Prairie
Roads	Talus
Coral	Water
Glacial	Woodland Restoration



## Escape to the harmonies of nature

JUST ONE VISIT TO OAKES QUARRY PARK WILL HAVE YOU COMING BACK FOR MORE. WHETHER YOU ENJOY THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE OF STUDYING GEOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OR JUST WANT TO SAVOR A RELAXING RETREAT INTO THE BEAUTY AND SPLENDOR OF NATURE, THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. THE PARK IS OPEN 365 DAYS A YEAR FROM DAWN TO DUSK.

UNIVERSITY-LED GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY AT THE PARK, AND FOSSIL COLLECTING IS PERMITTED ONLY IN SPOIL-PILE AREAS CLEARLY DESIGNATED WITH SIGNS. PLEASE NOTE THAT FOSSIL COLLECTING IS PROHIBITED IN THE REEF AREA, AND THE QUARRY WALLS ARE DANGEROUS AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

OAKES QUARRY PARK IS LOCATED IN FAIRBORN JUST EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF I-675 AND STATE ROUTE 235. A PARKING LOT AND PORTABLE PUBLIC RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED ON SITE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (937) 754-3090 OR VISIT THE FAIRBORN PARKS WEBSITE AT [WWW.CI.FAIRBORN.OH.US](http://WWW.CI.FAIRBORN.OH.US)



Explore an ecological wonderland where hands-on education meets fun-filled adventure at every turn.