

Did you know Darke County Parks...

Staff



Employs 8 full time and 7-10 part time staff, along with volunteers, that work together to ensure the many facets of park operations from maintenance, administration, education, public events, marketing, etc. all happen!

Community Grants

Continues to offer community park improvement grants totaling up to \$75,000 annually. All 21 villages and city benefit from this program and over 1 million dollars have been awarded since 1995.



Parks and Trails

Preserves and maintains over 1,000 acres, encompassing 14 parks, nearly 30 miles of hiking and bike trails, and various park facilities.



Public Events

Boosts tourism by hosting many annual, affordable public events including; Maple Sugarin' on the Prairie, Bash at Bish, Gathering at Garst encampment, Tour de Darke, Prairie Days, Raptor Run 5k, and Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland.



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Education



Provides educational and recreational opportunities for all ages through affordable public programming. Thousands of school children benefit from in school programs and field trips to Darke County Parks every year!

Facilities

Operates the Shawnee Prairie Nature Center, Bish Discovery Center, and Historic Bear's Mill. Additionally, other facilities such as the historical log house, blacksmith shop, and Anthony Wayne Peace Council House are also maintained.



Outdoor Recreation



During the warm season, bicycles may be rented for use on the Tecumseh Bike Trail and kayaks/canoes for river floats on the Greenville Creek from Bish to Bear's Mill. Community garden beds are also available all year long.

State Tax Dollars

Has brought back state tax dollars to benefit the citizens of Darke County with over two-million dollars in grant funding from the state of Ohio.

