



## Shawnee Prairie Preserve

### LOCATION

4267 ST Rt 502 W.  
Greenville, OH 45331

### FEATURES

- 118 acres
- 4.1 miles of trails
- Observation towers
- Boardwalk
- Amphitheatre/stage
- Natural play zone
- Shawnee Prairie Nature Center
- 18th Century Log House
- Blacksmith Shop
- Sugar Shack
- Raptor Mew

The 118-acre Shawnee Prairie Preserve is Darke County Parks' largest park. It is rich in natural diversity, showcasing woodlands, prairie, wetlands and two streams. Along the 4.1 miles of trails, visitors will find a boardwalk, observation towers, an amphitheatre/stage, and a natural play zone for children. The preserve is also the site of the Shawnee Prairie Nature Center, the park district administrative offices, an 18th century log house, a blacksmith shop and a sugar shack.

A majority of the preserve was acquired by land donation and land purchased from Winchester Farms, owned by the Raper and Mabel Nelson family. A small tract was also acquired from Andrew and Inez Warner and is the site on which the Nature Center sits.

Shawnee Prairie hosts many of the park district's programs and activities as well as our annual Prairie Days, Maple Sugarin' on the Prairie and Walkin' in a Winter Wonderland events. The preserve is also home to our animal ambassadors, featuring native wildlife and a raptor enclosure.





- Hill Top (.2 mi.)
- Boardwalk (.2 mi.)
- Log House Loop (.3 mi.)
- Woodpecker Woods (.2 mi.)
- Deer Run (.6 mi.)
- Fallen Ash (.05 mi.)
- Farmer's Lane (.25 mi.)
- Monarch Trail (.5 mi.)
- Beaver Path (.5 mi.)
- Woodcock Prairie (.8 mi.)
- Muskrat Trail (.2 mi.)
- Chestnut Access Rd. (.3 mi.)

- Parking
- Bulletin Board
- Shawnee Prairie Nature Center
- Restrooms
- Shelter/Picnic
- Raptor Mew
- Bee Hives
- Stage
- Campfire Pit

- Old Thyme Garden
- 18th Century Log House
- Blacksmith Shop
- Natural Play Zone
- Sugar Shack
- Observation Area
- Beaver Wetlands
- Chestnut Street Marsh
- Walk-In Entrance
- Prairie
- Wetland
- Seasonal Pools





## Shawnee Prairie Preserve Nature Center

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937.548.0165  
Monday - Saturday | 9am - 5pm

### FEATURES

- Center for natural & cultural programming
- Park district administrative offices
- Educational & interactive displays
- Native animal enclosures
- Large assembly room & classroom
- Susan F. Gray Tecumseh Room
- Wildlife/bird viewing area
- Gift shop
- Public restrooms, water fountains, maps, visitor info, covered shelter, and more

### AVAILABLE FOR USE

- Assembly Room (*accommodates 120*)
- Classroom
- Amphitheatre/Stage
- Shelter House

Built in 1997, the Nature Center is full of educational displays, hands-on exhibits and native animal enclosures, and also boasts a wildlife/bird viewing area and gift shop. It is equipped with a large assembly room and classroom and is the site of countless nature and culture-related programs and activities throughout the year. The Nature Center also houses the park district administrative offices.

For more information about facility rental or park programs and activities, visit us at [DarkeCountyParks.org](http://DarkeCountyParks.org) or call the Park District office at **937.548.0165**. See *trail map on page 9*.



Susan F. Gray Tecumseh Room

