



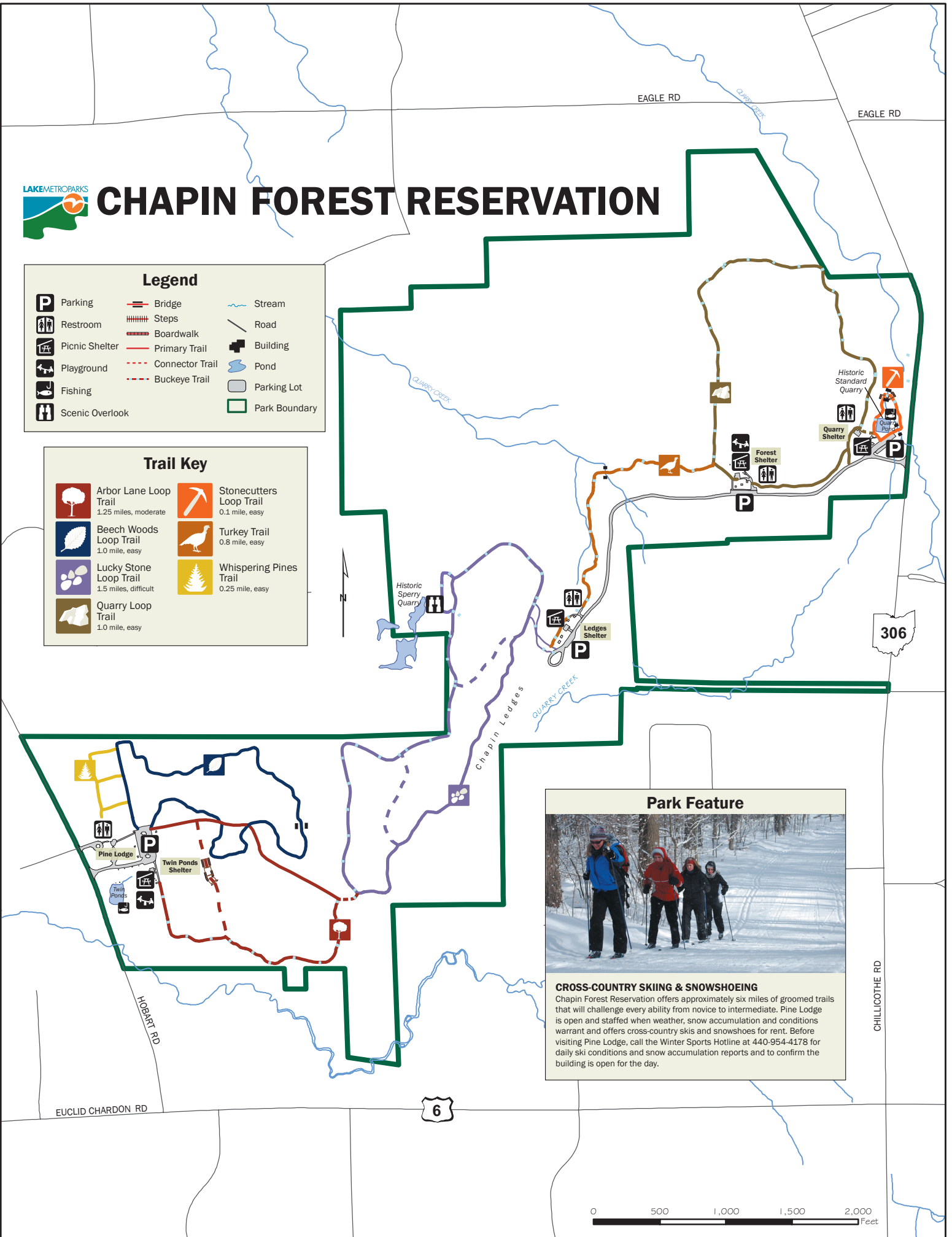
# CHAPIN FOREST RESERVATION

**Legend**

Parking	Bridge	Stream
Restroom	Steps	Road
Picnic Shelter	Boardwalk	Building
Playground	Primary Trail	Pond
Fishing	Connector Trail	Parking Lot
Scenic Overlook	Buckeye Trail	Park Boundary

**Trail Key**

Arbor Lane Loop Trail 1.25 miles, moderate	Stonecutters Loop Trail 0.1 mile, easy
Beech Woods Loop Trail 1.0 mile, easy	Turkey Trail 0.8 mile, easy
Lucky Stone Loop Trail 1.5 miles, difficult	Whispering Pines Trail 0.25 mile, easy
Quarry Loop Trail 1.0 mile, easy	



**Park Feature**

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING**  
Chapin Forest Reservation offers approximately six miles of groomed trails that will challenge every ability from novice to intermediate. Pine Lodge is open and staffed when weather, snow accumulation and conditions warrant and offers cross-country skis and snowshoes for rent. Before visiting Pine Lodge, call the Winter Sports Hotline at 440-954-4178 for daily ski conditions and snow accumulation reports and to confirm the building is open for the day.

# Trail Descriptions

Lake Metroparks develops trails that provide public access to unique park features. The park system creates opportunities for the public to experience the natural environment of Lake County.

## Arbor Lane Loop Trail



**Access:** Hobart Rd. parking lot trailhead  
**Permitted Uses:** Hike, bike, horse  
**Length:** 1.25-mile loop trail  
**Surface:** Compacted gravel

Majestic beech, maple, oak and wild cherry trees are the highlights of this heavily-forested park trail. The wide portion was once a logging road and the shortcut includes a boardwalk that travels through a grove of ash trees.

## Beech Woods Loop Trail



**Access:** Hobart Rd. parking lot trailhead  
**Permitted Uses:** Hike, bike, horse  
**Length:** 1.0-mile loop trail  
**Surface:** Compacted gravel

Look for large, gray-barked American beech trees within the forest here. This trail meanders just below rock outcroppings and ledges, framed by hemlock trees. Water seeps down the hillside, creating a place for lush ferns and other interesting plants.

### Trail advisories, notes, cautions

As with any outdoor activity, there are inherent risks with hiking, biking and horseback riding. It is Lake Metroparks' intention to manage trails to minimize risks based on the challenges associated with the activities appropriate for that particular trail. We will work to communicate the various levels of physical challenges and natural conditions existing within the trail system.



## Lucky Stone Loop Trail



**Access:** Ledges picnic area trailhead or Arbor Lane Loop Trail  
**Permitted Uses:** Hike, bike, horse  
**Length:** 1.5-mile loop trail  
**Surface:** Compacted gravel

The high elevation of this trail travels through an Ohio mature hardwood forest. The soil is thin above the rocky outcroppings of Sharon conglomerate, causing shallow tree roots. You may notice small white pebbles along the trail. These are bits of quartz stone (sometimes called "lucky stones") that have fallen out of the ledge rocks. The Scenic Overlook Path offers views of historic Sperry Quarry. Look west to see the Cleveland skyline, 16 miles away.



## Quarry Loop Trail



**Access:** Quarry and Forest picnic area trailheads  
**Permitted Uses:** Hike, bike, horse  
**Length:** 1.0-mile one-way trail  
**Surface:** Compacted gravel

Wind through this young woodlot of mostly red maple trees of the same age. Red-shouldered hawks are among the birds that live here.

## The Buckeye Trail

The Buckeye trail is the first and only long distance hiking trail located entirely within Ohio. It circles throughout the state traversing over 40 of the 88 counties. Just look for the blue blazes. For more information go to [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org).



## Stonecutters Loop Trail



**Access:** Quarry picnic area trailhead  
**Permitted Uses:** Hike  
**Length:** 0.1-mile loop trail  
**Surface:** Compacted gravel

The Stannard Quarry operated here during the 1830s, where sandstone blocks were cut from the creek bed and used in the construction of many local buildings, including the historic Kirtland Temple.



## Turkey Trail



**Access:** Ledges and Forest picnic area trailheads  
**Permitted Uses:** Hike, bike, horse  
**Length:** 0.8-mile one-way trail  
**Surface:** Compacted gravel

Connecting the Ledges Picnic Area and the Forest Picnic Area, this trail parallels the park road through heavily forested, rolling terrain.



## Whispering Pines Trail



**Access:** Hobart Rd. parking lot trailhead  
**Permitted Uses:** Hike  
**Length:** 0.25-mile loop trail  
**Surface:** Dirt/grass

The straight rows of evergreen trees along this trail remind visitors that this property was once a state forest. These groves are home to barred owls, woodpeckers and many small mammals.

# CHAPIN FOREST RESERVATION

## Quarry, Forest and Ledges Picnic Areas

9938 Chillicothe Rd. (SR 306)  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

## West Entrance

10377 Hobart Rd.  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

## Pine Lodge

10381 Hobart Rd.  
Kirtland, Ohio 44094  
440-256-3810

Winter Sports Hotline: 440-954-4178



## About Chapin Forest

Chapin Forest is known for its majestic old trees, distinctive rock formations, scenic overlook, all-season trails and local history.

Chapin Forest Reservation protects a mature woodland of beech, maple, tulip, hemlock and oak trees. At one time, mature forests were found across much of Ohio.

The “ledges” were formed long before the glaciers moved across Ohio. These Sharon conglomerate rock outcroppings support a community of fragile plants. The white stones, or “lucky stones,” are quartz pebbles embedded in the sandstone.

The park is named for Frederic H. Chapin who purchased the property to protect it from logging in 1949. The forest was donated to the State of Ohio and Lake Metroparks manages it under a long-term lease agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

**Amenities:** 390 acres. Six miles of trails. Four picnic areas including shelters with grills and restrooms. Two playgrounds. Pond fishing. Ballfield. Cross-country skiing.

For information call: 440-639-7275

## Selection of Park Rules

Park rules help ensure the safety of park visitors and help protect natural resources:

- The park opens at sunrise and closes at sunset unless otherwise posted.
- Visitors are required to stay on designated trails.
- All pets must be leashed and under control. Clean up after your pet.
- Limited trails may be used for horses, biking or skiing; please be sure to check the trail map. Permitted trail activities change by season.
- A permit is required to collect or remove anything from the park.
- For your safety, the quarry and ledges areas are restricted.
- Alcohol is not permitted in the park.
- Fishing is permitted in Twin Ponds and Quarry Pond with a valid Ohio fishing license. Catch and release is encouraged.
- Do not litter.

Please note: Naturalist-guided hikes may be presented throughout the year into limited or restricted areas with fragile vegetation and uneven terrain. For more information, visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or call the Registration Department at 440-358-7275.

## EMERGENCIES: Call 9-1-1

**Non-emergency ranger assistance:  
440-354-3434**

For an extended list of park rules, check the park kiosk. For a complete listing, please contact 440-358-7290 or visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com).