

## Director's Message

On behalf of Daviess County Parks and Recreation, Daviess County Fiscal Court and the Daviess County Park Board, I would like to welcome you to Yellow Creek Park. Please enjoy the facilities and the beauty that lies within its 152.5 acre boundary. Daily we dedicate ourselves to providing the best parks possible and will continue to work diligently with the resources entrusted to us to ensure that you will visit our facilities and be proud of all the amenities they offer.

In particular Yellow Creek Park boasts a trail system characterizing the beauty and quality indicative of eastern Daviess County. The natural setting provides relaxation from our daily routines. The nature walkways and the unique descriptive signage provide easy access for an educational experience about plants and wildlife.

Great efforts have been made in the park and will continue in the future to access the needed resources to maintain, improve and develop facilities where individuals and groups can relax, learn and enjoy the beauty of our great county.

Parks Director  
**Ross Leigh**



Yellow Creek Park provides a picturesque, multifaceted recreational and leisure opportunity. Nestled along the wooded banks of Yellow Creek at Thruston, the 152.5 acre park features hiking trails, multi-purpose sports areas, the James Lambert Pioneer Village, and several outdoor pavilions. Other amenities that set Yellow Creek Park apart from other area parks include a swinging bridge, a refurbished one room school house and a 7 acre lake.

Yellow Creek Park is a frequent backdrop for both professional and amateur photographers. Family portraits and senior pictures are often taken near one of the two reconstructed covered bridges, the iron bridge and the James Lambert Pioneer Village. The Pioneer Village boasts two log cabins and two log barns that are the perfect setting for photos, weddings and family gatherings.

Sports enthusiast can also enjoy the multitude of recreational opportunities the park has to offer. Yellow Creek Park has a basketball court, 2 tennis courts, 4 volleyball courts, and 5 softball/baseball diamonds. The park is also home to 2 nationally recognized 18 hole disc golf courses.

Host your special event at Yellow Creek Park in one of the five enclosed shelters. All the shelters boast ceiling fans, grills, and a variety of leisure activities. Shelters may be reserved by calling (270) 685-6142.

Once a year the park is host to the annual River of Music Party (ROMP). Bluegrass enthusiasts descend on Yellow Creek Park to enjoy the wonderful mix of music and nature. More information about ROMP can be found by contacting the International Bluegrass Music Museum at (888) MY-BANJO.



## Park Rules

These rules and regulations have been established and will be enforced by Daviess County Parks and Recreation, the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, or the Daviess County Game Warden.

- No peddling, soliciting, or commercial enter-

prise permitted

- Any damage or removal of parks property, living or otherwise, will be grounds for prosecution.
- Disorderly conduct, abusive language, noisy disturbances, or disregard of these rules and regulations will be grounds for immediate removal.
- Children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision. Parent or guardians will be held responsible for unacceptable conduct or any damage caused by their children.
- No alcohol/drugs permitted on parks property.
- Equipment is used at their own risk.
- Weapons may not be used on park property.
- Metal detectors are not permitted.
- No non-licensed motorized vehicle allowed at any time in the park. Motor vehicles shall stay on park roads, and park only in the designated areas.
- Disturbing or careless operation of motorcycles, automobiles, or other types of motor vehicles will be grounds for removal from the park and/or citation by law enforcement authorities.
- Pets must be on a leash that is five (5) feet or less in length. Pets shall be kept under supervision at all times and not allowed to run at large or to commit any nuisances in the limits of the park. Violation of this regulation will lead to removal of both animal and owner.
- Horses and other animals (excluding leashed dogs) are permitted per park approved activities.

- Swimming, frog gigging and boating are prohibited.
- Garbage must be placed in the proper receptacles.
- Fires are permitted only in fireplaces. No open fires are permitted elsewhere on park property. Bar-B-Que grills are allowed but must be in grassy areas.

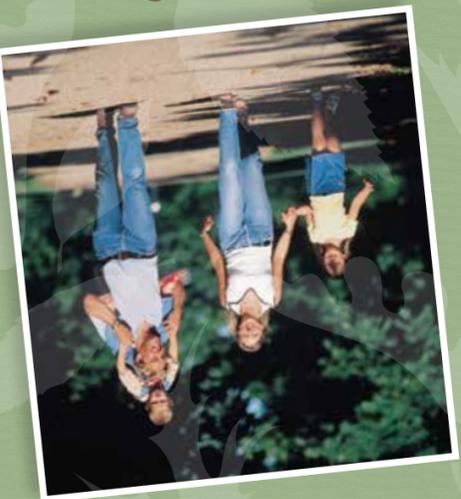
## MAINTENANCE

Trail maintenance is provided by the Daviess County Parks Maintenance except for volunteer organized effort. Any maintenance or safety issues should be reported to the Daviess County Parks Department by calling (270) 685-6142.



We hope that you have a safe and enjoyable experience while using the trails at Yellow Creek Park. You can assist in safety efforts by practicing good safety habits and by reporting any unsafe situations. We also encourage trail users to adhere to the following:

- No motorized vehicles except those used for maintenance are allowed on the trails.
- Etiquette rules are posted for users.
- Appropriate signage is displayed throughout the trail system.
- Trails close at dusk.
- Daviess County Park Attendants and the Daviess County Sheriff's Department patrol the park.



# Yellow Creek Park



The Mission of Daviess County Parks and Recreation is to provide an environment conducive to leisure activities, family recreational opportunities and unique experiences for nature enthusiasts in facilities that are clean, safe, and well maintained.

**Daviess County Parks and Recreation**  
2620 KY Hwy. 81  
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301  
270-685-6142  
**Park Administrative Hours**  
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

[www.daviesscountyparks.com](http://www.daviesscountyparks.com)

**park winter hours**  
November 1st – March 31st  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**park summer hours**  
April 1st – October 31st  
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Nature Center closes at dusk

**BENEFITS OF WALKING**  
Seniors can benefit from trail walking. Seniors are the least active age group. Research has shown that seniors who have healthy lifestyles reduce their risk for chronic diseases and have half the rate of disability of those who do not.  
Improves strength, endurance and flexibility  
Reduces stress and enhances mood  
Boosts energy level  
Improves body composition  
(increases muscle, decreases fat)  
Refines balance  
Lowers the risk and/or severity of numerous diseases associated with a sedentary lifestyle such as hypertension, coronary artery disease, osteoporosis and diabetes

**Lifestyle Changes**  
Exercise is a well known, but little used path to better health. What better way of making lifestyle changes than by using walking trails. Walking trails may be beneficial in promoting physical activity among segments of the population at greater risk for inactivity. Walking trails make it easier for people to increase their exercise levels. Most adults simply do not move enough to meet the minimum recommendation of 30 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity on most days of the week. That is including the time adults spend in leisure activities that are not likely to cause them to break a sweat, such as vacuuming, washing the car, gardening and slow walking.

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Yellow Creek Park provides wonderful opportunities for outdoor classroom experiences. Dozens of

## Education

- **KEEP RIGHT**  
-Stay on right side, except to pass.
- **YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS**  
-Pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- **WARN OTHERS BEFORE PASSING**  
-Give an audible warning- voice, bell, or horn before passing.
- **STOPPING**  
-When stopping, move off of the trail.
- **PETS**  
-Pets must be on leash at all times.  
-Be respectful of others and clean up after your pet.
- **OBEY ALL SIGNS**  
-Follow all posted rules.  
-Stay on all trails or on road sides.
- **LEAVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS**  
-Others will be able to enjoy them.
- **CLEAN TRAILS OR PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT**  
-Don't leave debris on or near the trail.  
-Recycle trash or use trash receptacles.
- **RESPECT BIRDS & WILDLIFE**  
-Do not disturb nesting areas.
- **TRAILS CLOSE AT DUSK**  
-Do not use trails at night.
- **WALK WITH A FRIEND**  
-It is so much more enjoyable!



# TRAIL MAP LEGEND

## Outfielders Trail

Length: .50 mile  
 Location: Ball diamonds  
 Activities: Walking, jogging, skating  
 Surface: Asphalt  
 Note: Handicapped Accessible

## Scorekeepers Trail

Length: .80 mile  
 Location: Ball diamonds, tennis courts, rest-room, parking lot  
 Activities: Walking, jogging, skating  
 Surface: Asphalt  
 Note: Handicapped Accessible

## Aquarians Trails

Length: .88 mile  
 Location: Ball diamonds, lake, Shelter 4, spray park, tennis courts  
 Activities: Walking, jogging, skating, bicycling  
 Surface: Asphalt  
 Note: Handicapped Accessible

## Challengers Trail

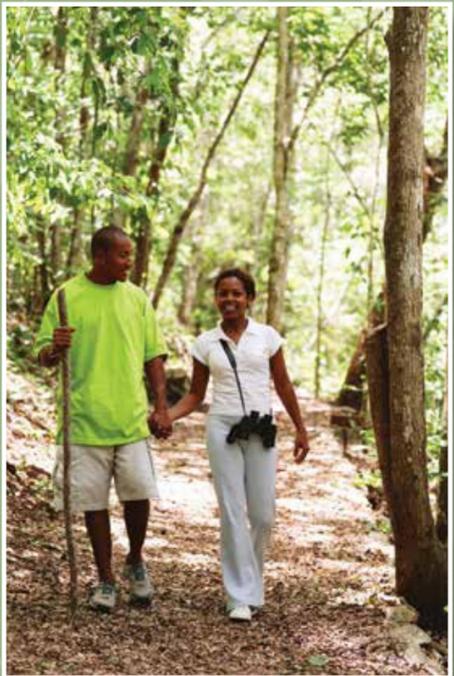
Length: 1.48 Miles  
 Location: Ball diamonds, lake, Shelter 4, Iron Bridge, spray park, parking lot  
 Activities: Walking, jogging, skating, bicycling  
 Surface: Asphalt  
 Note: Handicapped Accessible

## Pocahontas "White" Trail

Length: .63 mile  
 Location: Nature Center, Iron Bridge, James Lambert Pioneer Village, Yellow Creek  
 Activities: Walking, running  
 Surface: Wood chips  
 Note: Features wildlife aspects of park and stream.  
 Special thanks to - Community Rivers and Streams, KY DLG, GRADD, DCFC, Park Board, Parks Dept., RC&D Council, Owensboro Treatment Center, Boy Scouts of America, Shawnee Trails Council 200, Troop 120 and Eagle Scout Martin Millay and our many special friends.

## Adventures "Blue" Trail

Length: 1.11 miles  
 Location: Nature Center, Iron Bridge, James Lambert Pioneer Village, swinging and covered foot bridges, "Wildflower Hill"  
 Activities: Walking, running  
 Surface: Wood chips  
 Note: Pay close attention for larkspur, yellow violet, trillium, may-apple and jack-in-the-pulpit wildflowers along the trail.



Located in eastern Daviess County in the community of Thruston on Kentucky Highway 144, the 152.5 acre park, established in 1971, features 5 screened-in pavilions, a stocked 7 acre lake, gazebo, tennis courts, refurbished Rosenwald one room school house, playground equipment, spray park and James Lambert Pioneer Village and an extensive nature area with trails. Five ball diamonds are available, accommodating softball and baseball tournaments and leagues, as well as two 18 hole disc golf courses. Shelter reservations may be made after November 1st of each year by calling (270) 685-6142 or visiting [www.daviesscountyparks.com](http://www.daviesscountyparks.com). Multiple walking trails wind throughout the park while some allow for nature and wild flower exploration and while all provide for great exercise opportunities.