Director’s Message

On behalf of Daviess County Fiscal Court, Daviess County Parks and Recreation Department, and the Daviess County Park Board, I would like to welcome you to Yellow Creek Park. Please enjoy the facilities and beauty that lies within its 152.5 acre boundaries. We dedicate ourselves daily 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.

Yellow Creek Park offers natural amenities seldom found in other parks. Local flora and fauna such as squirrels, white-tail deer, muskrats, bluebirds, woodpeckers, ducks, geese, turkeys, crayfish, wildlife, and numerous trees are all in abundance while you quietly walk on the varying terrain trails. Other unique features include a one room school house, swinging bridge, train cars, and the James Lambert Pioneer Village.

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.

Park Director
Ross Leigh

Park Features

Yellow Creek Park provides a picturesque multifaceted recreational and leisure opportunity. Nestled along the wooded banks of Yellow Creek at Thruston, the park features hiking trails, a one room school house, James Lambert Pioneer Village, train cars, spray park, and 1.7 acre stocked lake.

Yellow Creek Park is a frequent backdrop for both professional and amateur photographers. Family portraits and senior pictures are often taken throughout the park and the James Lambert Pioneer Village. The village boasts 3 log cabins, two log barns, and a one room school house that are the perfect setting for weddings and family gatherings.

Sport enthusiasts can also enjoy the multitude of recreational opportunities the park has to offer. Hiking trails, a full basketball court, 5 softball/baseball diamonds, and 2 nationally recognized 18 hole disc golf courses.

Once a year the park is host to the annual ROMP Bluegrass Festival where 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 Bluegrass Hall of Fame & Museum at (888) MY BANJO.

Host your special event at Yellow Creek Park in one of the five enclosed shelters. All shelters boast ceiling fans, charcoal grills, picnic tables, lights, and a variety of leisure activities. Shelters are available April 1st to October 31st. Shelters may be reserved by calling our office at 270-685-6142.

Park Rules

These rules and regulations have been established and will be enforced by Daviess County Park and Recreation, Daviess County Sheriff’s Department and/or the Daviess County Game Warden:

- No camping, soliciting, or commercial enterprise permitted.
- Any damage or removal of park property, living or otherwise, will be grounds for prosecution.
- Disorderly conduct, abusive language, noise disturbance and/or disregard of 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, or weapons are permitted on park property.
- Equipment is used at your own risk.
- Metal detectors are not permitted.
- Non-licensed motorized vehicles are not allowed at any time in the park. Motor vehicles shall stay on the park road and park only in 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 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.

Safety

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.
- 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.

Maintenance

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

The se rules and regulations have been established to ensure that the park is enjoyable for all. In addition to these rules and regulations, we encourage all park users to practice good safety habits as well as to report any unsafe situations to the park administration.

Education

Physical activity promotes your overall health and well-being. Regular moderate intensity physical activity can reduce the risk for inactivity. Our trails make it easier for people to move enough to meet the minimum recommendation for physical activity among segments of the population at greater risk for inactivity. The Daviess County Parks department encourages park visitors to actively participate in physical activity.

Lifestyle Changes

Several lifestyle changes can be made to improve your overall health and well-being.

1. Work with a friend.
2. Go out for a walk.
3. Wear athletic shoes.
4. Mix it up – change your routine.
5. Get more rest.
6. Eat a rainbow of fruits and vegetables.
7. Drink plenty of water.
8. Cut back on salt.
9. Don’t smoke.
10. Be physically active every day.

For more information, visit the Daviess County Parks website at www.daviesscountyparks.com.
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, restroom, 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 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, Troop 120 and Eagle Scout Martin Millay and our many special friends.

Adventures 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.