

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, blue birds, woodpeckers, ducks, geese, turkeys, may apples, wildflower and cottonwood 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 a 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 photos, weddings and family gatherings.

Sport enthusiasts can also enjoy the multitude of recreational opportunities the park has to offer. Yellow Creek Park has 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 peddling, soliciting, or commercial enterprise permitted.
- Any damage or removal of parks 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.

- Horses and other animals (excluding leashed dogs) are permitted per park director approval.
- Swimming, frog gigging and boating are prohibited.
- Garbage must be placed in the proper receptacles.
- Fires are permitted only in fire rings. No open fires are permitted elsewhere on park property.
- Bar-B-Que grills are allowed but must be in grassy area.

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.

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.

- 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.

BENEFITS OF WALKING

Exercise is a well-known 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. Our 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. 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 of chronic diseases and have half the rate of disability of those who do not.

Lifestyle Changes

Panther Creek Park provides wonderful opportunities for outdoor classroom experiences. Dozens of bird species and hundreds of wildflowers and trees may be observed from the trails. Educators from around the region have used these facilities to enhance and bring the classroom work to life. Families may contribute to the classroom experiences by providing their children extracurricular activities in a natural setting. These outdoor experiences will last a lifetime.

Education

WALK WITH A FRIEND

TRAILS CLOSE AT DUSK

RESPECT BIRDS & WILDLIFE

CLEAN TRAILS OR PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT

LEAVE PLANTS AND WILDFLOWERS

OBEY ALL SIGNS

PETS

STOPPING

WARN OTHERS BEFORE PASSING

KEEP RIGHT

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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.

Park Administrative Hours:
8:00am-4:30pm



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Trail Guide

5710 KY HWY 144, Owensboro, KY 42303



Yellow Creek Park

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 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.

