

Wolf Creek Park



"The real way to know a river is not to glance at it here or there in the course of a hasty journey, nor to become acquainted with it after it has been partly civilized and spoiled by too close contact with the works of man. You must go to its native haunts; you must see it in youth and freedom; you must accommodate yourself to its pace, and give yourself to its influence, and follow its meanderings whithersoever they may lead you."

~ Henry David Thoreau

*"The river is my own highway,
the only wild and unfenced part of the
world hereabouts." ~ Henry Van Dyke*

The Sandusky River

The Sandusky River was designated a *state scenic river* in January 1970. Flowing through some of the richest agricultural lands in the midwest, the Sandusky has exposed many dolomite and limestone outcroppings which add to its scenic qualities. The southern two-thirds is relatively flat. The northern one-third is flat to gently rolling and characterized by shorelines from ancient lakes formed as the glaciers receded.

In addition to its excellent scenic quality, the Sandusky also provides excellent fishing along most of its length, highlighted by the annual migration of walleye and white bass from Sandusky Bay to Ballville Dam.

The Sandusky River Valley has played an important role in Ohio's past. The Seneca and Wyandot Indians once lived along the river. There were four forts along the banks including Fort Seneca, in the present site of Old Fort. This served as General Harrison's headquarters during the British invasion up the river in the summer of 1813. It was here that he received word of Perry's victory over the British fleet in Lake Erie and of Croghan's victory at Fort Stephenson, one of the other forts along the river. President Rutherford B. Hayes also lived in Fremont.

Mull Covered Bridge

The Mull Covered Bridge was built in 1851 by the Henry Mull Family to allow for safe access for trade to the Mull mill. The bridge was open to traffic until 1962 when the road was diverted and a new bridge was constructed. In 1974 the Mull Covered Bridge was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is currently managed in the cooperative effort by the Sandusky County Commissioners, Sandusky County Engineer, and Sandusky County Park District.

"The Mull bridge was completed in 1851 and to get our bearing, let us remind ourselves that the Seneca Indians left this area in 1820, so that the area known as the Black Swamp became available to settlers and was turned into a veritable garden of Paradise for agricultural crops and fruits . . . Now, the first white child born in Ballville township was Margaret Frary. She was then 30 years old when this bridge was built. Rutherford B. Hayes, on his way to the Presidency of the United States, had been practicing law several years in Fremont. Millard Fillmore was President of the United States. Henry Clay was debating the issue of slavery . . . The foreboding clouds of the Civil War were on the horizon, only ten years away, and within the decade Lincoln would become President. Raw recruits from farms and hamlets would cross this very bridge - this covered bridge - in response to Abraham Lincoln's call for seventy-five thousand volunteers, because he thought it was going to be a short war. The old bridge was really a pioneer." -- excerpt from "Bridges, Old and New" presented by Dr. J.R. Walter, August 2, 1961.

WOLF CREEK PARK

Located south of Fremont on State Route 53

Facilities include playground equipment, nature trails, river access, tables and grills.

RESERVATIONS:

Picnic Shelter (with 10 tables), no electricity

Sandusky County Resident: \$40
Non-Resident: \$50

CAMPGROUND:

Open April 1 - December 31
\$15 per site, per night
Well water, pit latrines
No electric or water hook-up

MULL COVERED BRIDGE

Located west of Wolf Creek Park on County Road 9

Open from 8:00 a.m. until dark throughout the year.



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Wolf Creek Park Trails

.33 miles

.97 miles

