

**Macomb Orchard Trail** – Shelby Township at 24 Mile Road and Dequindre northeast to Richmond. This 24 mile linear hiking and biking path will eventually link 180 miles of trails in Southeast Michigan.

**Metro Beach** – Mount Clemens, on Lake St. Clair (see *Huron Clinton Metroparks*).

**Stoney Creek** – Utica and Rochester (see *Huron Clinton Metroparks*).

For more information visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/parks](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/parks).

## Michigan State Parks

Michigan State Parks are one of the state's most important natural resources. Second in the nation in numbers of licensed boats, first in snowmobiles, third in licensed hunters and eighth in anglers, Michiganders use their parks (as do millions more), and they also generate billions of dollars for the state. Here is a list of parks located in the Metro area.

**Bald Mountain** – Lake Orion, (248) 693-6767. Eleven lakes, two trout streams, a sandy beach, numerous trails for hiking and biking. A shooting range allows everything from archery to skeet shooting.

**Brighton State Recreation Area** – Howell, (810) 229-6566. Almost 5,000 acres, this park has open hunting and trapping; lakes for swimming, fishing, boating; trails for hiking and mountain biking, plus equestrian facilities.



**Dodge State Park** – Waterford, (248) 682-7323. A mile of shoreline on Cass Lake this popular sandy beach has mobile concession stands on weekends during the summer. Ice fishing and hiking in the winter months.

**Highland Recreation Area** – White Lake, (248) 889-3750.

This park has a horse stable, 12 miles of trail riding, 17 miles of hiking trails, four lakes with boat access, fishing and Haven Hill Natural Area.

**Holly Recreation Area** – Holly, (248) 634-8811. At 7,817 acres, several thousand are maintained for wildlife habitat. Swim in McGinnis Lake, fish and boat in others. Ten miles of hiking trails. Camping available.

**Island Lake Recreation Area** – Brighton, (810) 229-7067. “Up North” feel with cabins, trails, fishing, hunting. Kent Lake and Spring Mill Pond have swimming beaches.

**Lakelands Trail State Park** – Pinckney, (734) 426-4913. A linear park, 13 miles long, with a gravel surface. Designed for hiking, biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing.

**Maybury State Park** – Northville, (248) 349-8390. This facility operates a year round working farm representing life in the early 1900s. There are also miles of trail for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.

**Pinckney Recreation Area** – Pinckney, (734) 426-4913. This park offers 11,000 acres of extensive trails...26 miles for mountain bikers, 46 mile Waterloo-Pinckney Trail, backpacking, fishing and hunting.

**Pontiac Lake Recreation Area** – Waterford, (248) 666-1020. Ponds, marshes, fields, miles of trails, horseback riding and stable, beach, camping. Pontiac Lake has bass, pike and panfish.

**Proud Lake Recreation Area** – Wixom, (248) 685-2433. This park has three lakes, hunting, fishing, canoeing and campground with its own beach and boat launch. Cross-country skis and canoes are available for rent.

**Seven Lakes State Park** – Fenton, (248) 634-7271. Beautiful lakes, sandy beach for swimming, campground, boating and fishing. Picnic shelter, grills and playground equipment available for rent.

**Waterloo Recreation Area** – Chelsea, (734) 475-8307. The largest park in the lower peninsula, it covers 20,500 acres. Eleven lakes, 47 miles of trails (including equestrian), cabins for camping and Eddy Discovery Center which

explores Michigan's geological history.

**W.C. Wetzel State Park** – Harrison Township, (810) 765-5605. No permit is required at this undeveloped park. Great for hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

Most state parks require a motor vehicle permit which can be purchased at any park entrance. Both day passes and annual permits are available. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased at any sporting goods store.

For much more information about all of Michigan's State Parks log on to [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).



*Bicycle safety courses are among the many amenities found at Oakland County parks!*

## Livingston County Parks

**Brighton Recreation Area** (see *State Parks*)

**Howell City Park** – Located in Howell at the corner of Thompson and Barnard Streets. The park has a beach, fishing, swimming, boat launch, softball diamonds, volleyball courts, sledding and tobogganing, playground.

**Huron Meadows Metropark** (see *Huron Clinton Metroparks*)

**Island Lake Recreation Area** (see *State Parks*)

**Kensington Metropark** (see *Huron Clinton Metroparks*)

**Lakelands Trail** (see *State Parks*)

**Pinckney Recreation Area** (see *State Parks*)

## Oakland County Parks

Oakland County Parks consist of more than 6,000 acres of natural landscapes and outdoor recreation at 11 parks and golf courses. The parks offer year-round recreation, including swimming, camping, hiking, boating, golfing and picnicking to cross-country skiing, ice skating and ice fishing.

**Independence Oaks**, on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. A naturally-maintained, 1,088 acre park with picnicking, hiking, fishing, swimming, youth group camping, nature study, 10 miles of nature and ski trails with two paved trails. Also includes Wint Nature Center with educational programming.

**Red Oaks**, Madison Heights. The waterpark is located on 13 Mile Road and offers: Soak Station, a children's water playground; River Ride a 1,000 foot raft ride with sprays; Spray 'n Play, a toddler water play area; Terrific Tides wave-action pool; and Triple Turn, a giant triple flume waterslide. The golf course is located on John R and is a completely redesigned Jerry Matthews course with three sets of tees; bunkers, berms and larger greens; and a new 2,700 square-foot clubhouse.



*Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights...an exciting summertime destination!*