



Portage Park District

'Kent Bog Expansion' property information

Acquisition History

- Acquired by Portage Park District in 2017 from Carter Lumber Company with grants from the Ohio EPA and the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund
- Not yet open to the public

Features

- 215 acres located in the City of Kent and Brimfield Twp.; frontage access on Howe Rd.
- Adjacent to the south side of Tom S. Cooperrider-Kent Bog State Nature Preserve
- Varied terrain, including about 75 acres of former sand and gravel mine left with steep slopes
- Varied natural habitat, including over 50 acres of bog, a high quality wetland with rare species, 1/2 mile of Plum Creek and associated floodplain with beaver marsh, old fields and mature forest

Opportunities

- Former mined area with rugged terrain has potential for mountain bike trails
- High quality natural areas have potential for nature appreciation, birdwatching, research and education programs
- Potential for hike and bike trail connection to SR 261 and Summit/Portage Hike and Bike Trails at Middlebury Road
- Steep slopes are possible sledding hills
- Flatter areas could accommodate handicapped accessible trail

Constraints

- Grant funding sources restrict high impact recreational development—conservation and water quality protection are priorities
- Former mined areas would be difficult to restore to natural slopes without significant disturbance and loss of trees
- Existing oil and gas wells and drives need to be accommodated

Possible Park Uses

- Picnicking
- Hiking
- Mountain biking/bike skills area/pump track
- Cross country skiing
- Sledding
- Nature education programs
- Primitive camping
- Nature adventure playgrounds
- Outdoor fitness and exercise
- Other?

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