

Abitibi Paper Retriever and Lake Metroparks

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Lake Metroparks has teamed up with Abitibi Recycling Corporation to offer an exciting recycling program called the Abitibi Paper Retriever Program. Abitibi-Consolidated, out of White Plains, New York, is a global leader in the making of newsprint. Abitibi's Recycling Division is the largest recycler of newspapers in North America. It offers both community and commercial paper recycling services. Paper collected through the Abitibi Paper Retriever program is directed to a processing center where it is sorted and then routed to de-inking facilities and mills where it is used to manufacture recycled content newsprint. Lake Metroparks offers this recycling program to promote environmental awareness and responsibility, while also raising funds to support the parks.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to recycle paper products through this innovative program. Local involvement can help save landfill space, clean up the environment, and earn money for Lake Metroparks by taking recyclable paper to Paper Retrievers located in four Lake Metroparks:

- Lake Metroparks Administrative Offices, 11211 Spear Rd., Concord Township
- Penitentiary Glen Nature Center, 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland
- Veterans Park, 5740 Hopkins Rd., Mentor
- Lake Metroparks Farmpark, 8800 Chardon Rd, Kirtland

The large yellow and green recycle bins are located near the parking lot of each park and are accessible to the public during normal park hours, which are daylight to one half-hour past sunset. Lake County residents are encouraged to deposit the following paper products in the bins:

- office and school paper
- newspaper
- construction paper
- magazines, catalogs
- shredded paper (contained in plastic bags)
- discarded mail
- notebooks
- books
- writing tablets

Items that should **NOT** be put into the bins include phone books, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal and trash.

On a regular basis, Abitibi Recycling will empty the Paper Retrievers and after collecting the minimum amount of paper per month, Lake Metroparks earns revenue from the contents of the Paper Retrievers. Lake Metroparks is paid up to \$15 a ton if the total amount exceeds four tons per month. The paper is then taken to the Abitibi Recycling processing center where it will be sorted. Finally, it will be sent to one of Abitibi's de-inking facilities in the United States, where it will be recycled into marketable newsprint.

Do you have questions about the community paper recycling program at Lake Metroparks? Contact Lake Metroparks Administrative Offices at (440) 639-7275. For more information about the Abitibi Paper Retriever program visit <http://www.paperretriever.com>. **And please, make every page count!**



Fun Facts about Paper Recycling

- One ton of recycled paper saves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- De-inked paper fiber is the most efficient source of fiber for the manufacturing of new paper products; one ton of de-inked pulp saves over 7,000 gallons of water, 390 gallons of oil and reduces emissions by 60 pounds compared to traditional virgin paper processes.
- Enough paper is collected for recycling each year to make a boxcar train 7,600 miles long.
- One ton of recycled paper uses 64% less energy, 50% less water, emits 74% less air pollution and creates five times more jobs than one ton of paper products from virgin wood pulp.
- Abitibi-Consolidated Recycling Division and its Abitibi Paper Retriever partners collect enough newspapers each year to completely cover 12,336 football fields in paper one inch deep.

