

## ABOUT GIRDLED ROAD RESERVATION

Girdled Road Reservation is named for the first road that the early European settlers built from the Pennsylvania line to the new city of Cleveland in the early 1800s. A small path was cut first. Settlers knew that a larger road was needed, so they "girdled" the trees along the path. (Girdling a tree means cutting through the bark around the entire tree. This cuts off the flow of nutrients so the tree dies. Once a tree dies, it is much easier to remove it and thus widen the road.) Today the remaining section of Girdled Road is the northern boundary of this park.

Covered by a mosaic of woodland, meadow and wetland, the park is home to a wide variety of plants and animals. In 2010, 64 resident bird species, 38 butterflies, 18 mammals, 39 dragonflies and damselflies, 19 reptiles and amphibians and countless plant species were documented in the park. Among these are a number of rare or endangered species.

Big Creek has cut a deep gorge through the center of the park from south to north as have three sizable tributaries entering the main stream from the east. This geologic force has created a series of deeply incised stream valleys separated by peninsulas of dry uplands. This rollercoaster of topography has also necessitated the construction of a network of interesting trails ranging from easy, short and flat loops to strenuous, long, up-and-down stretches. In total, there are more than 7.5 miles of trails in the park. There are very few, if any, other locations in Lake County where you can experience this quantity and quality of trails within a top-notch natural area.



## CHAPIN FOREST RESERVATION PINE LODGE SKI CENTER

10381 Hobart Rd., Kirtland, 44094  
440-256-3810

For ski conditions, call 440-256-2118 x4178

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### Schedule of Operation

Monday through Friday, noon to 8pm  
Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 8pm

The ski center is open and staffed only when weather, snow accumulation and conditions warrant. Before visiting the ski center, call for daily ski conditions, snow accumulation report and to confirm the center is open for the day.

### Rental Equipment

Rental equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Equipment cannot be reserved. A driver's license is required as a deposit with all rentals.

Ski rental equipment includes boots, skis and poles.  
Boot sizes available in child size 10 through adult size 14.

RENTAL FEES	FIRST HOUR	EACH ADDTL HOUR	ALL DAY
<b>Cross-country skis</b>			
Adult (13 years & older)	\$10	\$5	\$30
Youth (12 years & younger)	\$5	\$3	\$15
<i>Skate skis also available</i>			

	PER HOUR	ALL DAY
<b>Snowshoes</b>		
Adult (13 years & older)	\$5	\$20
Youth (12 years & younger)	\$3	\$12

*Note: Cross-country ski rental is only available at Pine Lodge Ski Center. Snowshoe rental is available at Pine Lodge Ski Center and Penitentiary Glen Nature Center.*

## PENITENTIARY GLEN RESERVATION NATURE CENTER

8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd., Kirtland  
For snowshoe conditions, call 440-256-1404 x0

### Schedule of Operation

November through March—9 am to 4 pm daily

- 8.5 miles of ungroomed trails
- Rentals available hourly and daily (weather dependent)
- Hot chocolate, coffee and tea available for purchase in Snowshoe Lodge, as well as snacks in the Nature Store.

RENTAL FEES	PER HOUR	
<b>Snowshoes</b>		
Adult (13 years & older)	\$5	maximum \$20/day
Youth (12 years & younger)	\$3	maximum \$12/day

## LAKE METROPARKS GROOMED SKI TRAILS

Lake Metroparks park hours are 6 am to 11 pm unless otherwise posted.

### Girdled Road Reservation (South) 12926 Radcliffe Rd., Concord Twp., 44077

South entrance: Take I-90 to Rt. 44 south to Girdled Road. At Girdled Road, turn left (east) and travel 2.5 miles to Rt. 608. Turn right (south) and drive two miles to Radcliffe Road. Turn left (east) and travel .3 mile to Girdled Road Reservation located on the left (north).

To access groomed trails you must enter the south entrance.  
This park will be groomed one to two times per week.

### Chapin Forest Reservation Pine Lodge Ski Center 10381 Hobart Rd., Kirtland, 44094

West entrance: Take I-90 to Rt. 306 south for 3.5 miles to Chardon Road (Rt. 6) and turn right (west). Travel one mile to Hobart Road. Turn right (north) and travel .5 mile to the park entrance, located on the right (east) side of the road.

Rt. 306 entrance: Take I-90 to Rt. 306 and go south for three miles to Chapin Forest Reservation, located on the right (west) side of the road. Rt. 306 entrance does not access ski lodge.

### Printable and interactive trail maps available at [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com)

Equipment rentals may be taken off Chapin Forest Reservation property. Other local cross-country ski opportunities:

#### GEAUGA PARK DISTRICT

Visit [geaugaparkdistrict.org](http://geaugaparkdistrict.org) for map  
For ski conditions visit [facebook.com/GeaugaParkDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/GeaugaParkDistrict)  
or [bit.ly/gpdwhatsnew](https://bit.ly/gpdwhatsnew)

ORCHARD HILLS PARK  
11340 Caves Rd., Chester Twp.

THE MAPLE HIGHLANDS TRAIL  
Between Mountain Run Station and Claridon Troy Rd.

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If you see or experience a service or safety issue that requires correction, please call 440-358-7275.

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# LAKE METROPARKS GIRDLED ROAD RESERVATION



## Cross-country Skiing & Snowshoeing Trail Map

Ski conditions: 440-256-2118 x4178  
Ski program information: 440-358-7275



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## Activity Field

The activity field located to the west of the parking lot is groomed as a warm-up and practice area. It also leads to the picnic shelter, fire ring and restrooms.

## Buckeye Trail

**Easiest**  
Once in the valley, this beautiful winding trail crosses Big Creek. It will be partially groomed. Skiers are encouraged to ski until the groomed trail stops at Chickadee until the groomed trail stops at Chickadee Trail then turn around and return on the outgoing trail.

## Green Darner Trail

**Easiest**  
This trail is accessed from the northwest corner of the parking lot and is an easy flat trail. It loops around the pond and brings skiers back to the main trail. It is all in the open and can be windy at times.

## Oak Leaf Loop Trail

**More difficult**  
This trail is accessed from the northwest corner of the parking lot. It follows 1/4 of the way around the pond and then heads north into the woods. The trail offers rolling and winding terrain shielded from the elements. Several of the hills are long and require good stopping and turning skills. It is wide and groomed for both classic and skate skiing when snow permits.

## Surveyor's Woods Loop Trail

**Easiest**  
The entrance to this trail is off Girdled Road. This trail is a flat, easy trail through the woods.

**Legend**

Parking	Bridge	Stream
Restroom	Steps	Road
Picnic Shelter	Boardwalk	Building
Playground	Primary Trail	Pond
Scenic Overlook	Connector Trail	Parking Lot
Campsite Call 356-7275 to reserve	Buckeye Trail	Park Boundary
	Snowshoe Trail	

**Trail Key**

Big Creek Valley Trail 0.43 mile, easy	Green Darner Trail 0.33 mile, easy	South Meadow Trail 0.48 mile, easy
Chickadee Trail 0.68 mile, difficult	Oak Leaf Loop Trail 4.09 miles, difficult	Surveyor's Woods Loop Trail 1.22 miles, easy
Creek Crossing Trail 0.42 mile, difficult	Skok Meadow Loop Trail 1.09 miles, easy	Valley View Overlook Trail 0.07 mile, easy

**In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.**  
For up-to-date ski conditions, call the Lake Metroparks Sports Hotline at 440-256-2118 x4178.

