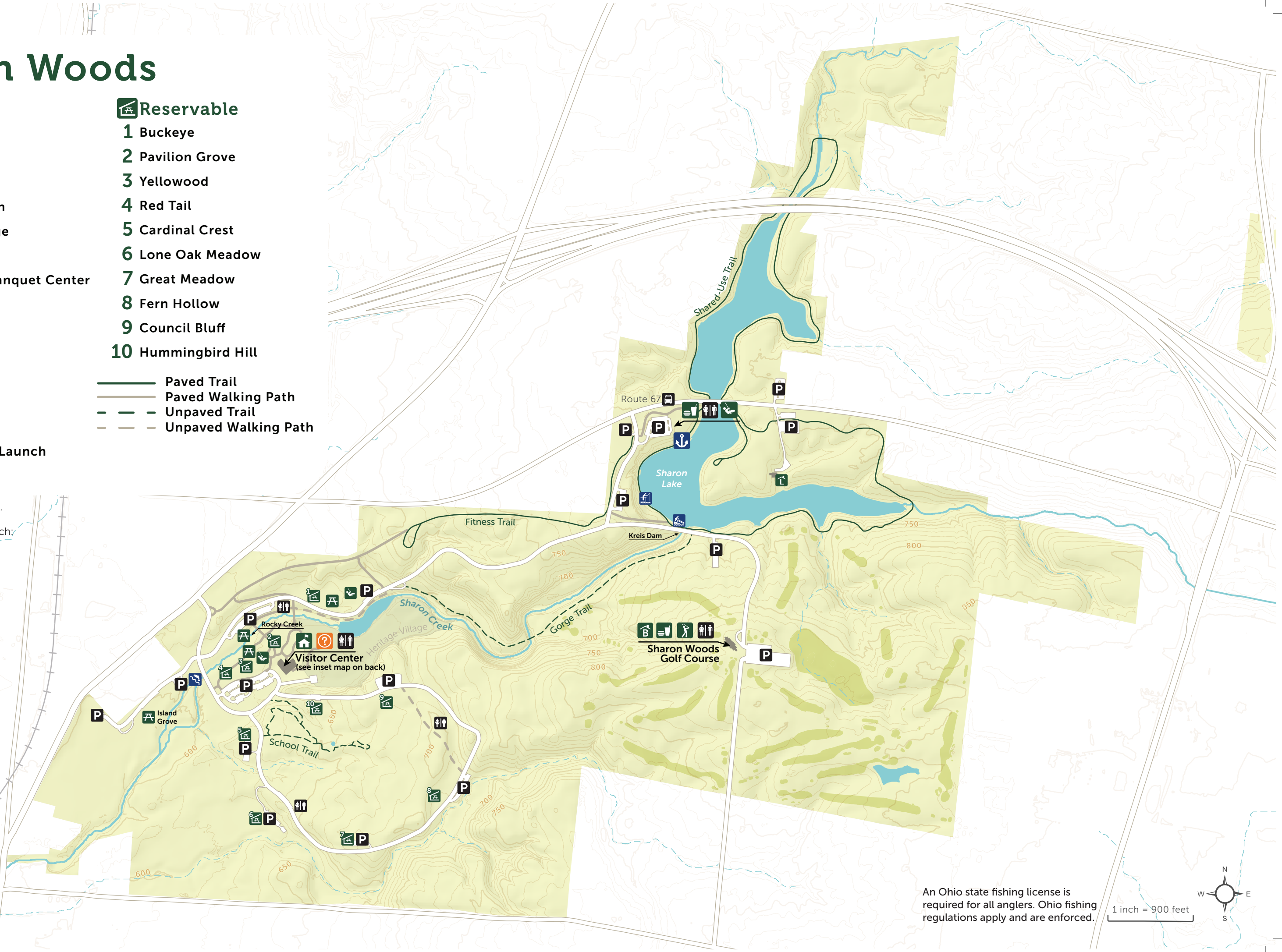


Sharon Woods

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- Restrooms
- Parking
- Bus Stop
- Ranger Station
- Lakeside Lodge
- Snack Bar
- Stonewood Banquet Center
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Golf
- Boathouse
- Fishing
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Creek Access

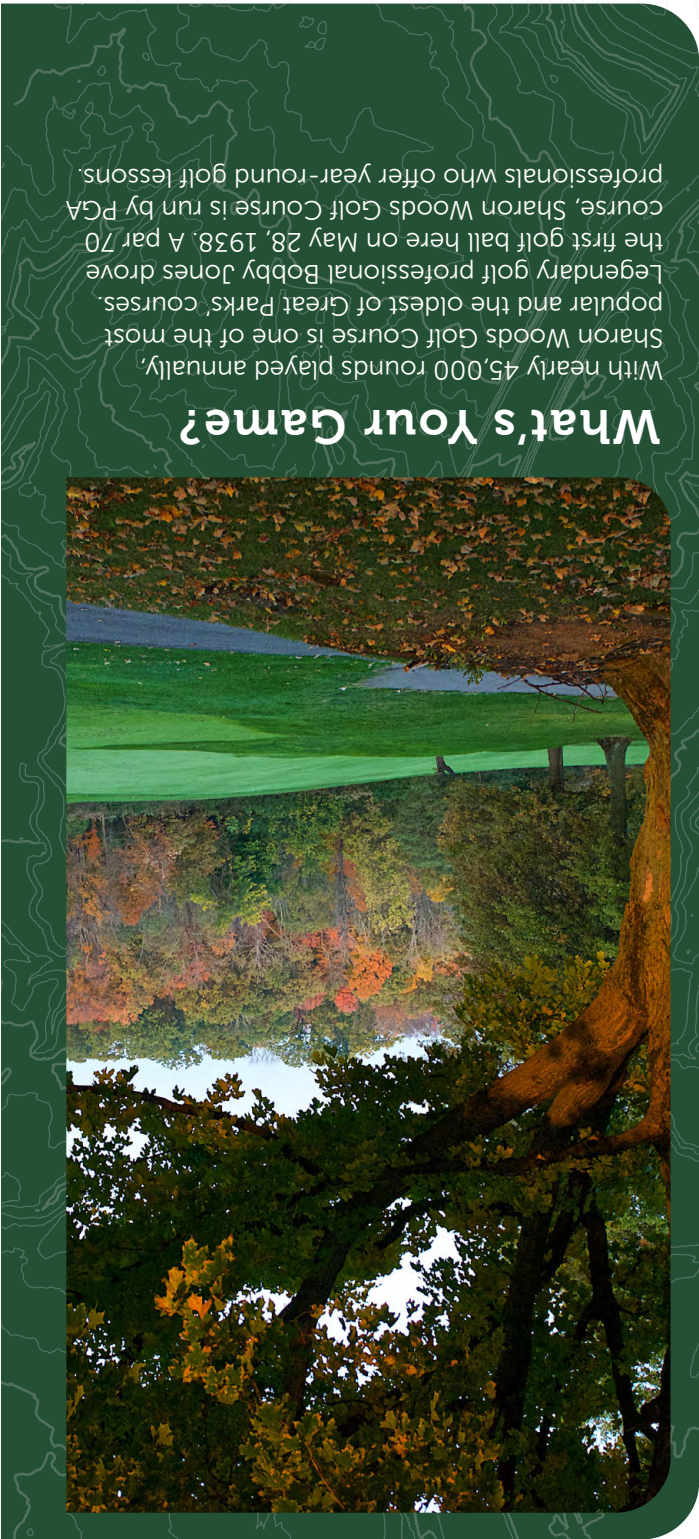
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 - 1 Buckeye
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 - 4 Red Tail
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 - 6 Lone Oak Meadow
 - 7 Great Meadow
 - 8 Fern Hollow
 - 9 Council Bluff
 - 10 Hummingbird Hill
- Paved Trail
 - Paved Walking Path
 - Unpaved Trail
 - Unpaved Walking Path

For emergencies, dial 911.
For all non-emergencies,
please call Ranger Dispatch:
513-521-3980.



An Ohio state fishing license is required for all anglers. Ohio fishing regulations apply and are enforced.





What's Your Game?

With nearly 45,000 rounds played annually, Sharon Woods Golf Course is one of the most popular and the oldest of Great Parks' courses. Legendary golf professional Bobby Jones drove the first golf ball here on May 28, 1938. A par 70 course, Sharon Woods Golf Course is run by PGA professionals who offer year-round golf lessons.

Fossil enthusiasts from around the world visit Sharon Woods to search for evidence of animal life from the Ordovician period, which occurred 450 million years ago. Due to more recent soil layers being eroded away by a phenomenon known as the Cincinnati Arch, Cincinnati is one of the only places where these fossils can be viewed.

Along with fossils from long ago, evidence of the more recent ice age is also visible at Sharon Woods. The path of the Gorge Trail was carved out by meltwater from glaciers that came through Ohio roughly 10,000 years ago.

You can see the alternating layers of shale and limestone while walking through the gorge.

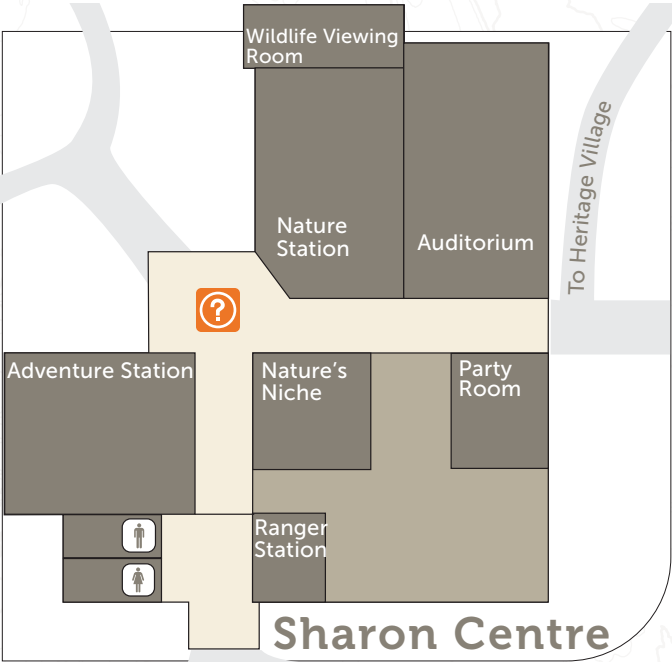
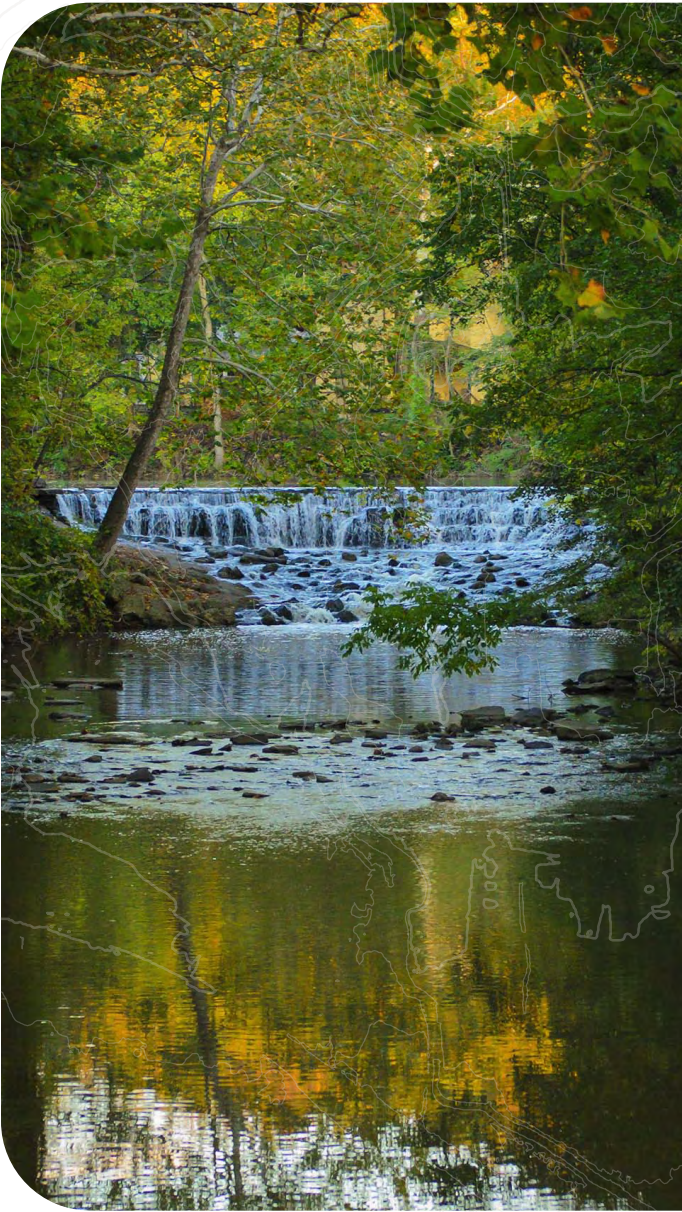
Look Down!

This short woodland path offers many sights! Guests can view a variety of wildlife like blue jays, wild turkeys and foxes, and native wildflowers, including jewelweed and wild hyacinth, from spring through fall. Further your hike by watching wildlife at the bird blind or see what creatures may be stirring in the vernal pond.

— School Trail — — — — —		Unpaved	.6 Miles	Level: Moderate
This trail offers striking views of a 90-foot limestone cliffside. A rippling creek topples over waterfalls and winds along one side of this almost one-mile path.				
— Gorge Trail — — — — —		Unpaved	.7 Miles	Level: Moderate
This woodland path takes hikers up and down a shaded hill and is wide enough to welcome large groups. Hikers can use fitness equipment like balance bars, monkey bars and stretching stations along the way.				
— Fitness Trail — — — — —		Paved	1 Mile	Level: Moderate
See great blue herons, wood ducks, belted kingfishers and turtles on this paved trail circling the lake.				
— Shared-Use Trail — — — — —		Paved	2.6 Miles	Level: Easy

Trails

Sharon Woods map



The Beginning of a Park District

The first Great Park, Sharon Woods, was established in 1931 and boasts the oldest park structure, Pavillion Grove Shelter. However, the park you see today isn't how it always appeared. Sharon Lake wasn't a part of the park when Sharon Woods first opened. Sharon Lake was not proposed until 1934. As part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, Works Progress Administration workers built the Kreis Dam for the lake. Named in memory of L. Alvin Kreis, one of the first park commissioners, Kreis Dam was dedicated in 1937.



Indoor Adventures

Be sure to stop by the Adventure Station Indoor Playground, a two-story, nature-themed playscape including tunnels and slides for kids ages 2–12. Adventure Station is located inside Sharon Centre. There, you'll also find Nature's Niche Gift Shop, along with Nature Station where animal ambassadors live beside displays of local natural history. Enjoy watching birds and wildlife from the wildlife viewing room or attend a nature program during your visit.

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