

Hocking Hills State Parks Information

This is probably the purest and most beautiful natural landscape in Ohio. In fact, unless you've been there, you wouldn't believe that such a breathtaking place could be found in Ohio. Hocking Hills, located in southeastern Ohio, features extraordinarily picturesque caves, waterfalls, forest, gorges, abundant wildlife, rock outcrops and elevated views. Admission to state parks is **FREE!!** Some of the featured, natural attractions are as follows:

- Old Man's Cave: Most people talk of Hocking Hills and Old Man's Cave synonymously. It is a long stretch of valley that basically has it all. From the rocky cavernous terrain along Old Man's Cave to streams, cliffs, undercut rock, waterfalls and plant life.
- Ash Cave: This is an enormous cave-like ridge with an impressive view from the bottom or top – both of which are accessible. People walking along the bottom inner-rim look like ants as you hike toward them on the beautiful gorge trail. And on a good day, water flows from the cave's peak to a pond floor at the bottom. In winter you'll find an enormous ice sculpture. The path to Ash Cave is wheelchair accessible.
- Rock House: No, no music here. Instead, it is basically a cave/cliff with natural window views through the rock. Inside, you may feel like this is a house that could have been used on The Flintstones. It has a spectacular view of the greenery and valley resting far below.
- Cedar Falls: This is a great place to relax and enjoy the rhythm of the pounding water. It has moss-covered cliffs and plenty of natural beauty surrounding the area.
- Cantwell Cliffs: A bit more remote to reach compared to other Hocking Hills highlights, Cantwell Cliffs is worth it. Its plush forestry, deep valley and narrow passageway along the valley floor will certainly be appreciated by all.
- Conkles Hollow: This state nature preserve has hiking trails high along the cliffs or along the gorge floor. In any case, it is amidst a refreshing wilderness that seems untouched.
- Lake Logan: One the best fishing lakes in Ohio. The lake sports northern pike, bass, bluegill, crappie, catfish and saugeye. Lake Logan is a day-use park that provides scenic picnic areas and secluded walking paths to enjoy the wooded beauty of Ohio's hill country.

The Hocking Hills region provides a variety of recreational opportunities in a splendid natural setting. Towering cliffs, waterfalls and deep hemlock-shaded gorges lure the hiker and naturalist. The natural history of this region is as fascinating as the caves are beautiful. The state park lodge contains a seasonal restaurant, meeting rooms, TV lounge, game room, snack bar and an outside (seasonal) swimming pool. There are miles of trails located throughout the park and adjacent state forest. The trails are beautiful as well as potentially dangerous: caution and common sense are advised. Young children should be closely supervised while in these areas. All park visitors must remain on the trails at all times. Pets are allowed in state parks but must be kept on a leash. Pets are not allowed in the state nature preserves.

Other outdoor activities to enjoy in the area are horseback riding, hunting, fishing, canoeing, golf, rock-climbing, rappelling, ATV trails in Wayne National Forest, bicycling and birding or just plain sightseeing while driving around the hills. For the shopper there are plenty of fun and unique shops including antique malls, craft shops and local artisans' shops. You'll find dining from fast food to elegant gourmet in and around the hills.

The roads in the Hocking Hills area are winding, curvy, steep and wind through the Hocking Hills State Forest. Our cabins are conveniently located near all the parks in the region, all within a short scenic drive. Routes 664 and 374 are the main routes going through the parks area. These routes were recently designated [Ohio Scenic Byways](#).

[Off the Beaten Path – Here's a favorite driving tour for waterfalls and wildflowers! \(This is an excellent driving tour of the area in any season!\)](#)

Please enjoy our beautiful area, relax and enjoy the scenery!

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