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PARK INFORMATION

Stony Creek Metropark is located on the border of Oakland and Macomb counties in southeast Michigan. It is approximately halfway between M-59 and the Lapeer County border. Three municipalities contain portions of the park: Oakland, Washington, and Shelby Townships. The park also borders the City of Rochester Hills.

At its northernmost extent, Stony Creek reaches 31 Mile, to the east it reaches Mound Road, its western boundary is Sheldon Road, and to the south it extends between 25 and 26 Mile. The park is situated on the North Branch of the Clinton River.

NATURAL FEATURES:

The Metroparks define and map areas of high biodiversity to help inform the development of current and future park amenities while protecting natural resources. Biodiversity refers to the variety of life present in a given area, often measured by the number and distribution of species. It is important to preserve because it provides humans with ecological services such as clean water and oxygen and leads to greater resistance and resilience during natural and human-caused disturbances. Development within biodiversity areas is carefully reviewed to minimize unnecessary disruption.

In order to serve the varied needs of park visitors, Stony Creek contains a number of buildings, surfaces, facilities, and activity areas. Many of these were constructed years ago, meaning that they may need to be repaired or replaced in the near future.

In addition to miles of trails and open spaces dedicated to informal recreation, Stony Creek features several facilities dedicated to specific recreational activities and amenities. Some of these either require an admission fee, are available for rentals, or sell concessions, supplementing park revenue. As with all park infrastructure, it is a priority to keep the parks well-maintained and replace them when no longer functional.

CULTURAL FEATURES:

Stony Creek includes several interesting cultural and historical sites, such as the site of defunct Detroit United Railway and the remains of the grand Shelden family estate. The Buckhorn Disc Golf Course sits on the site of the old Buckhorn Tavern that served residents and travellers in the 1800s, and the Inwood Trails cross the area where William Inwood Sr. discovered Native American artifacts.

STONY CREEK INFRASTRUCTURE

Buildings	21
Avg bldg age	41
Active wells over 20 yrs	27
Paths & trail miles	64.45
Road miles	14.33
Playgrounds	14
Picnic areas	10
Ice skating areas	1
Basketball courts	4
Disc golf holes	36
Boat launches	10
Boat rentals	2
Bike rentals	2
Percent of park mowed	10.5
Picnic shelters	15
Sledding runs	4
Nature study acreage	599
Sand volleyball courts	2
Baseball fields	2
Fishing platforms	1
Parking lot acreage	37.52

STONY CREEK TRAIL MILES

Equestrian Trails	0
Paved Trails	10.68
Nature Trails	9.89
X-Country Ski Trails	14.71
Rustic Hiking Trails	0
Mountain Biking Trails	16.8
Grand Total	65.45

STONY CREEK ACTIVITIES:

- Boating, swimming and fishing in 500-acre Stony Creek Lake
- Hiking, mountain and road biking, running and inline skating
- Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing
- Snowboarding, sledding and tobogganing
- Nature Center programs
- Disc golfing
- Golfing at the 18-hole regulation golf course
- Playgrounds and court games (volleyball, basketball, etc.)
- Picnicking

