



# Metroparks Use Permits

Metroparks Use Permits are required prior to short-term activities that provide a benefit to an individual, group or organization rather than the public at large, require some degree of management control in order to protect park resources and the public interest, and are not prohibited by law or regulation. Examples of activities that may require a permit from Metroparks include weddings, political events, bicycle or foot races, fishing tournaments, or group activities with more than 20 participants.

Locations used for events and activities by permit-holders may be designated by Metroparks so as to preserve natural areas and avoid interfering with the public enjoyment of the park. Permit holders are expected to comply with Metroparks Permit Guidelines and Metroparks Rules and Regulations. Below is an overview of permits offered by Metroparks. Please see [www.MetroparksToledo.com](http://www.MetroparksToledo.com) for complete outline of regulations, requirements and permit applications. Events and activities organized and sponsored by Metroparks do not require a permit. Please contact Jerri Fink at 419-407-9701 or [Jerri.Fink@MetroparksToledo.com](mailto:Jerri.Fink@MetroparksToledo.com) for additional information.

Type of Permit	Types of Activities	Regulations (See permit applications on website for complete list)
Event/Activity Permit	5K races, bicycle rides and other organized special events/fee-based or fundraisers.	Maximum number of attendees varies based on assigned park location. Most events require the reservation of a facility or facilities. Certificate of Liability Insurance required.
Special Use Permit	Permits to gather signatures and/or distribute information. Not available for product demonstration or sales.	Permits limited to 3 per month, per group. Permit holder may have a table and display a sign up to 11" x 17" in size. Permit holders are not to approach park visitors, but may distribute information if approached by park visitors.
Group Permit	Permit to gather for groups of 20 or more people.	Maximum number of attendees varies based on assigned park location. Permit does not reserve location for private use by group.
After Hours Commuter Permit	After-dark commuter use of regional bicycle trails that enter Metroparks property.	Permit must be on bicycle or person when commuting after hours.
Geocache Permit	Placement and monitoring of caches within a park for geocaching activities	Permit is subject to individual park maximum number of permits. Permit number must be on cache.
Unmanned Aircraft (drone) permit	Flying of unmanned aircraft and remote control models, available only at Westwinds Metropark	Must follow UAS Recreational Safety Guidelines. Have permit on person when flying.
Archery Deer Management Permit	Wildlife management to control deer population, awarded by lottery	Permits at specified locations, issued through an annual lottery drawing

Vendor Permit	Permits to sell merchandise and/or food during certain events in the Metroparks.	Vendors must have proper licenses to sell merchandise in Lucas County. Locations and dates of availability determined by Metroparks.
Athletic Group Permit	Permits for groups to practice or compete in athletic group activities.	Permits can be filled out once for the current year. Athletic group rules must be followed.
Research Permits	Permits to conduct a formal scientific research project in the Metroparks. This also includes all projects involving the collection of soils and/or rocks and minerals, and (living or dead) plants, animals, insects, and their parts. To request an application, please email Karen Menard <a href="mailto:karen.menard@metroparkstoledo.com">karen.menard@metroparkstoledo.com</a> or call (419) 407-9705.	All Metroparks Rules and Regulations must be followed. A project follow-up report must be submitted to Metroparks Toledo. Permit timeframes vary based on the type of research being conducted. Research Permits may include off trail access in certain limited circumstances.
Access Permit	A specially issued short-term permit given to educators or independent researchers who need to access off trail areas or areas that are seasonally closed in order to: (for example) get GPS points, utilize park areas for a class session, and/or to collect observational, short-term species/weather data. For a permit request, please email Karen Menard <a href="mailto:karen.menard@metroparkstoledo.com">karen.menard@metroparkstoledo.com</a> or call 419-407-9705.	All Metroparks Rules and Regulations must be followed. Access permits are granted based on advance approval and will depend upon group size, coordination of already scheduled park activities, as well as any potential impacts to sites. No collecting or site modification will be approved with an Access Permit.