

Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

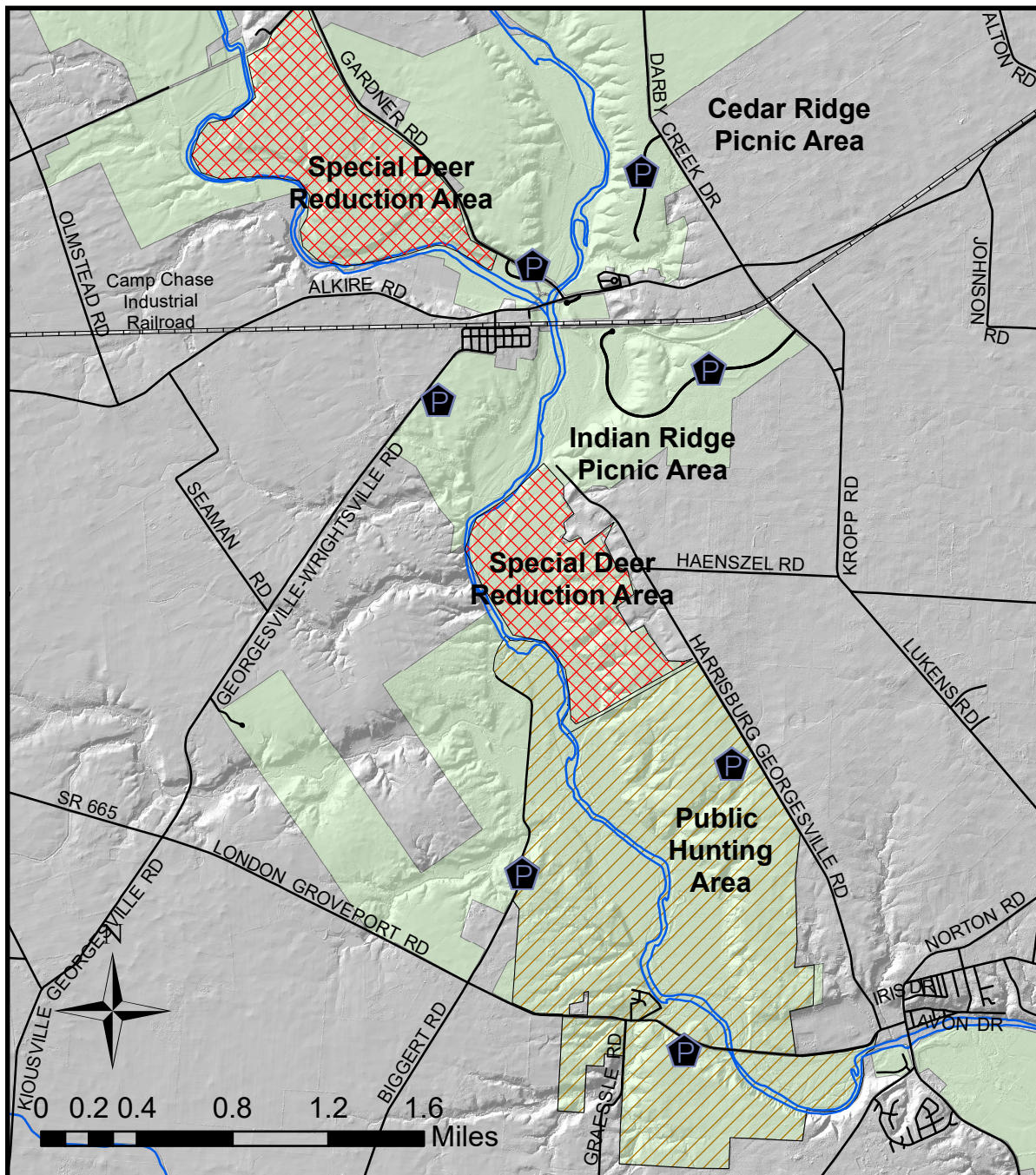
Open for Hunting

September 1 to February 28

The Darby Creek Public Hunting Area is open for small game, deer and waterfowl hunting in accordance with all Ohio Division of Wildlife rules and Metro Parks regulations (see reverse side).

The two special deer reduction areas are open ONLY during the week of deer gun season and only for deer hunting.

All applicable Metro Park rules and wildlife orders are in effect and shall be followed. Deer hunters shall stay within areas designated as "Special Deer Reduction Area" or as "Public Hunting Area" (see map).



Metro Parks Public Hunting Areas

Rules and Regulations

As taken from

Metro Parks Rules and Regulations

(Effective May 1, 2019)

10.2 Battelle-Darby Creek Public Hunting Area Special Regulations

It shall be lawful to hunt game birds and game quadrupeds in the area designated on the Hunting Area Map on file at Battelle-Darby Creek Metro Park. The official Hunting Area Map indicates areas of the Park that are open and closed to hunting and any restrictions on hunting in the Park. The area(s) of the Park where hunting is allowed is hereby designated a "Public Hunting Area". Persons who have obtained the proper state and federal license(s) shall be permitted to access and hunt all legal species except badgers, coyotes, crows, fox and groundhogs in accordance with the state and federal statutes and wildlife orders. No person shall engage in practice shooting nor shall any person possess or discharge a center fire rifle. Dogs may be permitted off leash in the Public Hunting Area during the time period from September 1 to February 28 when engaged in hunting activities in accordance with State and federal statutes and Wildlife Orders, except no dogs are permitted in the Public Hunting Area during deer gun season. Training dogs while pursuing furbearing animals is permitted only from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. from September 1 until the beginning of the season for furbearing animals. During other times of the year, dogs may be permitted off leash during daylight hours only. The Public Hunting Area at Battelle-Darby Creek Metro Park shall remain open for Persons actively engaged in hunting or fishing at all times unless posted otherwise.

10.3 General Public Hunting Area Regulations

Except as otherwise specified, all other state and federal wildlife orders and statutes shall be applicable in any public hunting area managed by Metro Parks. No Person shall hunt within any area posted or marked with signs showing "No Hunting", "Safety Zone-No Hunting", or "No Hunting or No Trapping".

10.4 Safety Zones

Except for Metro Parks employees working in their official capacity, no person shall at any time take, hunt, trap, kill, pursue, or shoot at any wildlife and/or wild animals by any means within 400 feet of any picnic area, trail, construction area, service area, residence, barn, shelter house, restroom, parking lot, building or other structure or shoot on, from, or across any road or driveway.