



Trenton Heritage Park

Access by Permit Only



This name was selected to celebrate the rich pioneering and canal heritage of the property. Warwick Township and more specifically the area between Trenton (now Village of Tuscarawas) and the Hilton Tract was the scene of some of the earliest white settlement attempts in the Tuscarawas Valley. The first settlers arrived in that area in 1801 and the first child was born in 1802. The town of Trenton was laid out in 1816. Although there is some indication that the early name of the village was Tuscarawas, a petition was circulated and the name was changed to Trenton shortly after its founding.

By 1812 John Blickensderfer had built a dam and grist mill on Mud run near the north edge of the village but by 1820 had moved his mill to the Tuscarawas River in what is now the Hilton Tract. The dam and grist mill were completely rebuilt by Minnich and Walton in 1844 and by 1884 was owned and operated by Greenbury Hilton. The State of Ohio acquired the dam in 1908 to provide water to the canal and is what many older residents of the area refer to as the old state dam. The dam was removed by explosives - probably in the 1920s.

The name Trenton also celebrates the Trenton Feeder which provided water to the Ohio & Erie Canal at the southern end of Lock #16. The Trenton Feeder was one of only ten such feeder canals along the 308 miles of the Ohio & Erie Canal and was one of only two wide enough to be navigable to canal boats. A dam built by the state in the early 1830's (not the "state dam" referred to in local folklore) provided water to the Trenton Feeder at Bass Island located in the Tuscarawas River on the eastern boundary of the Hilton Tract. The dam also provided the means for canal boats to cross the Tuscarawas River and enter Big Stillwater Creek thus serving the communities of Eastport and Uhrichsville. Remnants of the original state dam and Trenton Feeder Guard Lock are located on Bass Island and within the Hilton Tract.

One could easily argue that the Ohio & Erie Canal, by way of the Trenton Feeder, is responsible for the growth and development of the City of Uhrichsville. Uhrichsville became a major grain shipping port providing an outlet for farmers in much of Tuscarawas, Harrison, and Carroll Counties. Merchants shipped grain and flour to Cleveland and New York City through this network and at the height of this shipping boom as many as five large warehouses were located in Uhrichsville as well as a fleet of canal boats.

Finally, the Hilton Tract provided access to the Bass Island (also referred to as Blue Bell Island) Resort. This was a small family-run amusement park that existed on the island (owned by the Edie family) from the late 1800's to sometime after the 1913 flood. Regular excursions were run from Uhrichsville to the island on board a double decker steamboat owned by the family.

The Hilton Tract and the surrounding area have been part of the history of Tuscarawas County for over 200 years. Given the historical and archaeological significance of the area, the office name of Trenton Heritage Park was selected to celebrate and preserve its history.

An inventory of this property will be completed this summer. Access is currently restricted by permit only.

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**RESOLUTION (327-2007) DECLARE TRENTON HERITAGE PARK A PUBLIC PARK
AND APPROVE RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF SAID
PARK**

It was moved by Commissioner Metzger, seconded by Commissioner Seldenright, to declare the Trenton Heritage Park a Public Park and to set the rules governing the use of said Park in accordance to Section 755.13 Ohio Revised Code with publication of the summary of the rules in accordance to Section 731.21 and 731.22 Ohio Revised Code:

Trenton Heritage Park Lands

Mission: The intended mission of the *Trenton Heritage Park Lands* is to conserve the natural and historic features of this area and to promote education, preservation and conservation. Usage is to be limited to groups that promote this mission.

Permits will be approved at the discretion of the Tuscarawas County Commissioners and will be granted to groups that will be utilizing the area in accordance to the above mission.

All persons must abide by the following Rules of the *Trenton Heritage Park Lands*:

PARK RULES

Pursuant to Revised Code Section 755.13, the Board of County Commissioners of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, has established the following rules regarding the use of the lands owned by the Board of Commissioners in Warwick Township, Tuscarawas County, Ohio and being the lands currently known as the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands. These rules do not supersede any other federal, Ohio or local law or regulation related to the use of these park lands.

USAGE

No person shall be present on the lands included in the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands without first obtaining written authorization from the Board of County Commissioners or an officer designated by the Board to issue such approvals, under terms established by the Board. This provision shall not prevent persons owning lands located within the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands from crossing the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands to enter or leave their lands.

ADJACENT PROPERTY

Persons using the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands shall not enter onto lands owned by adjacent property owners without the consent of such adjacent property owners.

HUNTING; USE OF FIREARMS, WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

No person shall engage in hunting of wildlife, nor shall any person engage in trapping, snaring or other means of capturing wildlife, on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands.

No person shall use or possess while on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands any firearm, pellet or similar gun using pressurized air or gas for propelling projectiles, explosive devices, fireworks, bow and arrow or other item whose primary use is as a weapon. No person shall discharge a weapon so as to propel a projectile onto or across the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands. This provision shall not apply to law enforcement officers, game wardens or any other person specifically authorized by law or the Board of Commissioners to carry weapons while performing such person's duty while on lands owned by the County.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE; DRUGS.

No person shall have in his or her possession beer or intoxicating liquor or any non-prescribed controlled substances while on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands.

VEHICLES

Motor vehicles shall not be permitted on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands, except as follows:

- (1) Vehicles parked in designated parking areas;
- (2) Emergency vehicles while providing emergency services;
- (3) Use of public roadways within the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands;
- (4) Maintenance and construction vehicles while performing construction or maintenance on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands.

No motor vehicle shall be parked overnight on **Trenton Heritage Park** lands.

"Motor vehicle" means any vehicle, including manufactured homes and recreational vehicles, that is propelled or drawn by power other than muscle power, including but not limited to motorcycles and motor bikes, "all terrain vehicles", automobiles, busses, trucks, trailer and machinery used in agricultural production, construction or drilling.

ANIMALS

No person who is the owner of or person in control of cattle, sheep, goats, or other grazing animals shall permit such animals to graze on any portion of the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands. No person who is the owner or person in control of dogs, horses or other pets shall permit such animals to run at large on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands.

LITTERING AND DUMPING

No person shall dispose, discard or deposit any waste, refuse, litter, automobile parts, hazardous substances, petroleum or solvents or any other kind of trash on any lands or in any waters within the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands, except for deposit into designated receptacles.

VANDALISM; UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION; REMOVAL OF PROPERTY.

No person shall knowingly or recklessly cause physical harm to any structures, constructions, pathways, trees or shrubbery, signs or natural features located on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands.

No person, without the written consent of the Board of Commissioners or officer designate by the Board, shall cause to be made any excavations or constructions on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands. No person shall post any signs on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands without the written consent of the Board of Commissioners or officer designated by the Board.

No person shall remove any wild animals, trees or other vegetation, archeological formations, structures or parts of structures, stone, minerals or any items of historical significance which may be located on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands without the written consent of the Board of Commissioners or officer designated by the Board.

FIRES

No fires shall be permitted on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands unless by written permission by the Board of Commissioners or officer designated by the Board.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

No person shall engage in business or commercial activity on the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands without the written consent of the Board of Commissioners or officer designated by the Board.

PENALTIES

Whoever violates a rule established by the Board of Commissioners for use of the **Trenton Heritage Park** lands shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars. If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of these Rules they shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. All fines collected for any violation of these Rules shall be paid into the General Fund of the County Treasury.

VOTE:

Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Jim Seldenright, yes;
Kerry Metzger, yes;

I hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct account of the proceedings as had by and before us on the day and year first written above.

Jane E. Clay
Clerk of the Board

APPLICATION FOR AN ACCESS PERMIT
Trenton Heritage Park Lands

GUIDELINES:

1. This application must be received by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners at the address listed above **at least 14 days in advance** of the requested date of your visit.
2. **Permits will be issued and mailed to the applicant at least 7 days before the scheduled visit.** Any special stipulations concerning the use of the *Trenton Heritage Park Lands* will accompany the permit.
3. Any questions regarding your application should be directed to the Tuscarawas County Commissioners at the address and phone number listed above.
4. All visitors must follow the Rules and Terms of Use. Copies of the Rules and Terms of Use are available from the Tuscarawas County Commissioners.
5. You must carry a copy of this permit with you while on the premises.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN ISSUING THE PERMIT OR PERMIT DENIAL.

I have read and completely understand the above guidelines and terms of use. I agree to assume full responsibility for all actions of the listed group while visiting the Trenton Heritage Park Lands.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

ACCESS IS REQUESTED FOR DATE(S): _____

TIME: _____

TYPE OF GROUP & EXPECTED SIZE: _____

PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT: _____

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SIGNATURE: _____