

Slate Run Living Historical Farm- Guided Tours

Metro Parks' Slate Run Living Historical Farm is a part of Ohio's Farming past. Visitors Experience an actual working 1880s farm.

Students visiting the farm on a scheduled field trip participate in a program that has been developed for their general grade level. Slate Run Farm is an excellent way to learn about Ohio's history and culture.

Pre-trip Suggestions

- Read books, stories or other references about farming
- Display pictures of farms and farm animals
- Create name tags using farm theme

A Guide to Trip Preparation

Arrive on time: Programs cannot be extended for late arrival.

Appropriate dress: All visitors should dress for the weather and wear hard-sole shoes, as much of the tour is outdoors.

Restrooms: are located at the end of the parking lot.

Farm Rules:

- All groups must stay together on the tour. Please remember, you are required to have one adult per ten students.
- Interpreters welcome questions but will not speak over other voices. Please raise your hand if you have questions, we'd be happy to answer them!
- We do encourage students to examine tools and equipment, but ask that students not use the items unless invited to by a farm worker.
- Do not feed the animals.
- Chewing gum is not permitted due to health hazards to the animals.
- Picnic tables are available outside the farm entrance.

Buses are to load and unload near the farm entrance and should be parked at the end of the parking lot near the restrooms.

Directions - 375 State Route 674 N., Canal Winchester, OH

Slate Run Metro Park and Living Historical Farm are located approximately six miles south of Canal Winchester on State Route 674 in Pickaway County. To get to Slate Run Historical Farm from I-270 in southeastern Franklin County:

1. Take Route 33 east toward Lancaster and proceed on Route 33 east to the Canal Winchester/Route 674 exit
2. Turn right onto Gender Road/Rt. 674
3. Proceed on Gender Road/Route 674 approximately 2 miles until it dead ends at Lithopolis Road
4. Turn left onto Lithopolis Road and drive approximately 1/2 of a mile to Route 674
5. Turn right and proceed approximately 4 miles to Slate Run Metro Park entrance
6. Turn right into the park and follow the signs to the farm

Metro Parks

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Please read to your class

Dear boys and girls:

We are pleased that you are coming to Slate Run Living Historical Farm. You will have a chance to see how a farm family lived over a hundred years ago in Ohio.

What do you think it was like to live on a farm in the 1880s? What do you think children did for chores? What do you do today? What kind of things do you think children did for fun when their chores were finished? What kind of things do you do for fun today?

When you visit the farm you will have an opportunity to sit in the parlor, the farm's fanciest room. Do you have a parlor in your house? When you visit the parlor, you will sit on the homemade rug, and someone may even get a chance to play the piano.

Outside you will see the summer kitchen, the smokehouse and the root cellar. You will find out what these buildings are used for. Do you have these buildings in your yard?

You will also go to the barn to see the animals and some of the tools the farmer uses. Why do you think the farmer keeps cows, pigs and chickens?

After you visit Slate Run write a letter to us about your trip. Perhaps you could even draw us a picture.

There are many things to discover at Slate Run Living Historical Farm. We look forward to seeing you here.

The folks at the farm

On arrival:

1. Guides are waiting for you, so please be on time. If you are seriously delayed please call Slate Run Farm at 614-833-1880. If you arrive late, your tour will be shortened accordingly.
2. We ask that groups provide one adult for every 10 children age 6-17 and one adult for every 5 children age 3-5. Children are to be under adult supervision at all times.
3. Please bring your group to the front of the farmhouse. Send a leader into the house to notify the staff of your arrival. Your group will be greeted and given a short introduction to the Farm.

Enjoy your visit!

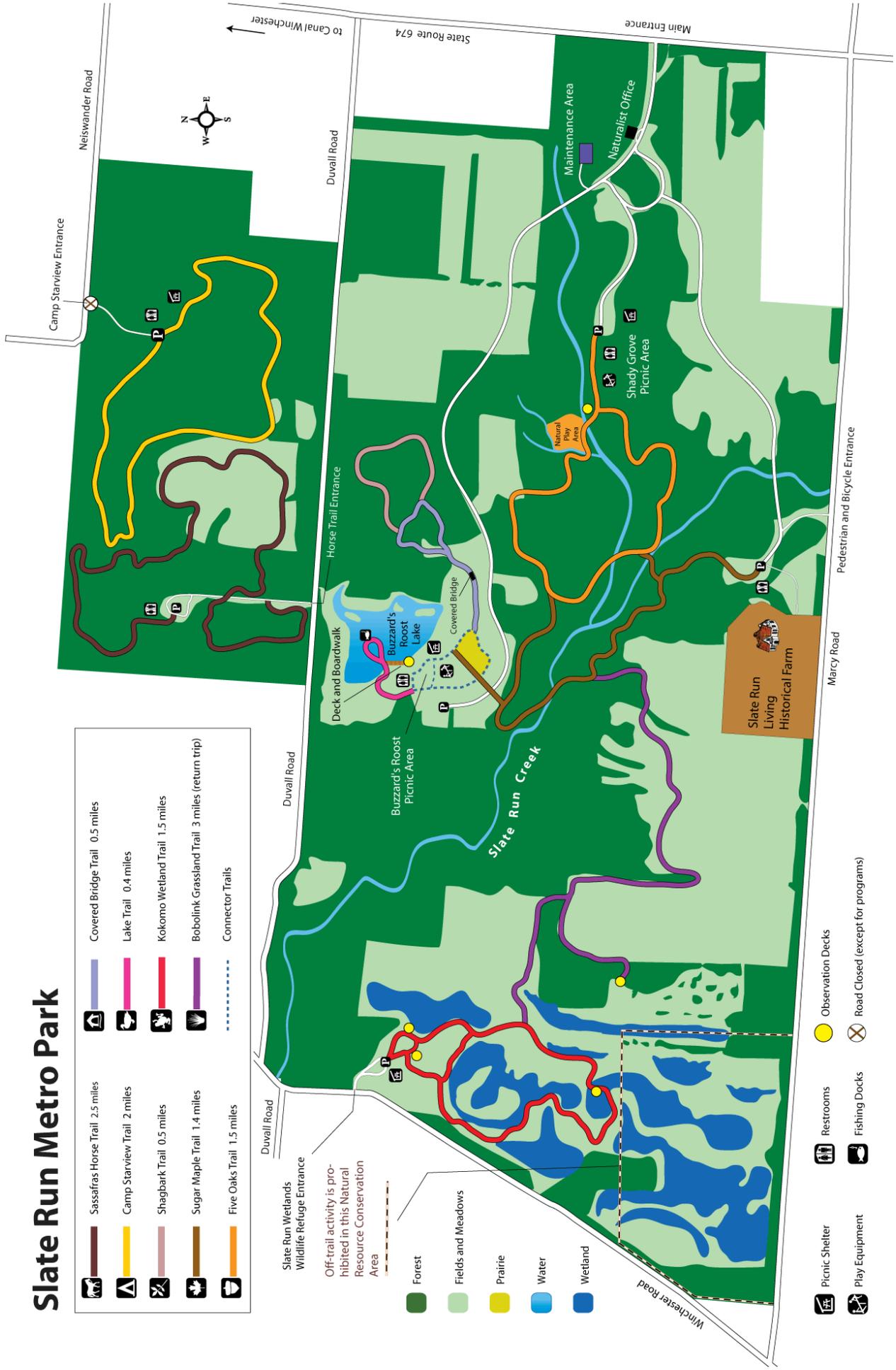
Slate Run Metro Park

	Sassafras Horse Trail 2.5 miles		Covered Bridge Trail 0.5 miles
	Camp Starview Trail 2 miles		Lake Trail 0.4 miles
	Shagbark Trail 0.5 miles		Kokomo Wetland Trail 1.5 miles
	Sugar Maple Trail 1.4 miles		Bobolink Grassland Trail 3 miles (return trip)
	Five Oaks Trail 1.5 miles		Connector Trails

Slate Run Wetlands
Wildlife Refuge Entrance

Off-trail activity is prohibited in this Natural Resource Conservation Area

	Forest
	Fields and Meadows
	Prairie
	Water
	Wetland



	Picnic Shelter		Restrooms		Observation Decks
	Play Equipment		Fishing Docks		Road Closed (except for programs)