

There's something for everyone at Huron-Clinton Metroparks. They offer a wide variety of activities and recreational opportunities year round. From cross country skiing to water slides and pools, you'll surely find something to enjoy.

Huron-Clinton Metroparks have a strong commitment to environmental education and preservation. Ten interpretive centers -- nature, farm and historical -- provide programs both on site and off site, for almost 1.5 million people annually. In addition, the Mobile Learning Center, a 48-foot trailer filled with exhibits and hands-on activities, visits schools, community centers, fairs and other locations in southeast Michigan to conduct nature, farm and history programs to groups that may not have the means or opportunities to visit a Metropark.

Located along the Huron and Clinton rivers, Huron-Clinton Metroparks provide a natural oasis from urban and suburban life as well as year-round recreational activities and events. The regional park system consists of 13 beautiful parks covering 24,000 acres, ten spectacular public golf courses and marinas on Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair. The parks also offer scenic nature trails, breathtaking beaches, educational activities and exciting winter sports.

A vehicle entry permit is required to enter any Metropark and is only \$25 annually for regular admission, \$15 annually for seniors, or \$5 daily. General information can be found at [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com) or by calling **1-800-47-PARKS**.

## ***Welcome to the Metroparks Geocaching Adventure 2011***

A geocaching series placed in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks by members of the Michigan Geocaching Organization. From battles to barns, farms to furriers, there's always something new to discover in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

In order to complete the series, you will need to find all 11 MGA11 geocaches hidden in the 11 Metroparks listed below. The geocaches will be in place from May through December 2011 and will be listed at [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com). Each geocache will have two keywords or phrases which will be entered into a puzzle.

Once you have found all the geocaches and completed the puzzle you can submit your entry to be entered into a prize drawing. Entries must be received by December 01, 2011 to be eligible.

### **Metroparks:**

Metro Beach	Wolcott Mill
Stony Creek	Indian Springs
Kensington	Huron Meadows
Hudson Mills	Lower Huron
Willow	Oakwoods
Lake Erie	

The location coordinates are listed at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

A full list of the geocaches and more Information on this series is available at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/geocachingadventure2011>

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There will be a picnic held on September 10, 2011 at Kensington Metropark.

<http://sites.google.com/site/geocachingadventure2011/picnic>

Watch for the event listing at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)



### **What is Geocaching?**

Geocaching is a treasure hunt game in which the seeker locates a geocache using a GPS. To find geocaches in your local area create a free account at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) and search for geocaches near your location.

Once you have located a geocache, sign the log, replace it as found and log your find on the Geocaching website. Often a geocache will contain small items to trade. You can take an item from a geocache as long as you leave another item in its place.

For more information on geocaching visit [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or Michigan Geocaching Organization at [www.mi-geocaching.org/](http://www.mi-geocaching.org/)

The Huron-Clinton Metropark Authority has been very supportive of geocaching since its beginning. The oldest geocache in Wayne County and 6<sup>th</sup> oldest cache in Michigan is located in Oakwoods Metropark. The 13 Metroparks currently hold more than 120 caches. A required permit system allows caches to be placed in safe and non-sensitive areas of the parks.

## Word Search Puzzle Instructions:

Circle only two words from each park cache.  
Other words circled will disqualify your entry.

Words may be horizontal, vertical, diagonal,  
forward or reversed.

Z C E R E D W I N G E D B L A C K B I R D O  
G L Y M S R E T A W D A E H L R V I C S E W  
S I D N O P O G A H S A W A T E R R A U E L  
G N I T A O B X P S W A L K I N G D N C R J  
O T G N I M M I W S L H S U R H T W O R Q A  
L O C T O B A G G A N I N G L A H A E E C M  
F N Y J N A T U R E T R A I L S O T I U A I  
I F R I S B E E G O L F I T F I R C N Q M C  
N E T T L E S H A W K F E S T O N H G U P E  
G R O U S E T K G N I M R A F A S I B I I N  
E A G L E H U R O N R I V E R I C N T E N S  
K H A Y R I D E P A C S Y A R P S G I T G I  
O W A V E P O O L Q S E I R R E B P S A R S  
A Q U A T I C G N I D R A O B E T I K E G O

## Puzzle Submission

A day or two after logging your find of the 11th geocache in the adventure (not counting the Bonus caches) you should receive an e-mail with instructions as to where to mail your puzzle solution. If for some reason you do not receive this e-mail, contact us through [Stan&Ruth](#) profile and be sure that your spam filter will allow mail from this address.

<u>GEOCACHE VISITED</u>	<u>DATE FOUND</u>
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Metro Beach	_____
Wolcott Mill	_____
Stony Creek	_____
Indian Springs	_____
Kensington	_____
Huron Meadows	_____
Hudson Mills	_____
Lower Huron	_____
Willow	_____
Oakwoods	_____
Lake Erie	_____

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY DEADLINE is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.