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The Rocky River Reservation All Purpose Trail parallels Valley Parkway through several western suburbs of Cleveland, but this is no traditional suburban side path. Instead, the winding trail through the Rocky River Reservation contributes spectacular views, dozens of trailside spots to relax or play, and the perfect shade for a hot summer trail trek. Like many of the trails within Cleveland's impressive Metroparks system, this trail is located close to Ohio's second-largest city, making it immensely popular with both commuters and recreational users every day of the week.

## About the Route

Leaving from the southern end of the trail in Berea, the trail heads north from this point. After a brief descent, the

trail enters the river valley floor, where it remains until it makes a quick ascent to the street network in Lakewood at the opposite endpoint. Shade quickly envelops the path, and it is easy to forget about the nearby road while enjoying the scenery. The only interruption along this stretch is the frequent roar of low-flying planes as they make their way into and out of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, whose runway is out of sight due to the dense tree cover.

Those accustomed to trails lacking amenities will be shocked by the number of small parking lots, picnic areas, and recreational fields encountered along the way. The park does its best to accommodate all users, as evidenced by the parallel bridle path that gives horses and their riders a separate winding experience, though it ends near Puritas Avenue, a couple miles south of the main path's northern endpoint. In fact, the trail's only fault may be that it's too skinny to comfortably accommodate the horde of users who want to enjoy it every day.

Upon the final approach to Detroit Road, there is a short, steep climb before emerging on the edge of Lakewood's charming downtown.

## Connections

At the southern end of the trail, trail users can connect to the [Mill Stream Run Reservation](#).



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**States:** Ohio

**Counties:** Cuyahoga

Length: 13.5miles

**Trail end points:** Detroit Ave. (Lakewood) to W. Bagley Rd. (Berea)

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike,Inline

Skating,Walking,Wheelchair Accessible,Cross

Country Skiing

## Parking & Trail Access

The Rocky River Reservation All Purpose Trail runs between Detroit Ave. (Lakewood) and W. Bagley Rd. (Berea).

Parking is available at:

- 18833 Rockcliff Dr. (Rocky River)
- 19900 Puritas Ave. (Cleveland)
- 136 E Bagley Rd. (Berea)

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for all parking options and detailed directions.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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