WHERE TO SEE OHIO’S GEOLOGY

Listed below are places where you can hike through scenic areas, collect fossils, or visit archaeological or historical sites that have a geological focus. The facilities of the Ohio Geological Survey (Delaware County—Horace R. Collins Laboratory, 740-548-7348; Erie County—Lake Erie Geology Group, 419-626-4296; Franklin County—main office, 614-265-6576) have displays and information on geology. For additional information on the sites listed below, please contact the appropriate agency, not the Ohio Geological Survey.

KEY:
A  archaeology site
CP city or county park
F  fossil collecting, by permission only
GSA# Ohio Division of Geological Survey GSA reprint (see References)
H  historical site
MP  metropark
PR  permit required
PV  private
RR# hike number from Ramey (see References)
S scenic geology
$ access fee
< > Web site address

Adams County: Davie Memorial State Nature Preserve (S); John son Ridge (formerly Unity Woods) State Nature Preserve (S); Serpent Mound State Memorial (A, S, GSA 100); Strait Creek Prairie Bluff State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Robert A. Whipple State Nature Preserve (S); Buzzardroost Rock (S, PV); Sparrowood Nature Area (S, PV)
Ashland County: Mohican State Park and State Forest (S, RR10); Clear Fork Gorge State Nature Preserve (S)
Athens County: Burr Oak State Park (S, RR22); Strouds Run State Park (S, RR28); Desoner State Nature Preserve (S); Gifford State Forest (S); Acadia Cliffs State Wildlife Area (S); Waterford State Wildlife Experiment Station (S)
Belmont County: Barkcamp State Park (S); Raven Rocks (S)
Brown County: Indian Creek State Wildlife Area (S)
Butler County: Hueston Woods State Park (S, P, 513-523-6347); Governor Bobb Park (S, CP); Miami and Erie Canal Park (H, CP); Rentschler Forest Preserve (S, CP); Miami University Geology Museum (513-529-3220, <http://www.cs.muhco.edu/limpermuseum/>)
Champaign County: Cedar Bog State Nature Preserve (S); Siegenthaler-Kaestner Eaker State Nature Preserve (S); Ohio Caverns (S, $, 937-465-4017, <http://www.cavern.com/ohiocaverns/>)
Clark County: Snyder Park (S, CP)
Clermont County: East Fork State Park (S, F, RR38, 513-797-6081); Stonelick State Park (S, F, 513-625-7544); Cincinnati Nature Center (S, PV, $ on Sat. & Sun., <http://www.cincynature.org/>)
Clinton County: Cowan Lake State Park (937-289-2105)
Columbiana County: Beaver Creek State Park (S, H, RR12); Sheepskin Hollow (formerly Little Beaver Creek) State Nature Preserve (S)
Coshocton County: Woodbury State Wildlife Area (S)
Cuyahoga County: Cleveland Metroparks System (216-351-6300, <http://www.cleometparks.com/>); Bedford Reservation-Tinkers Creek Gorge (S, MP), Big Creek (S, MP), Bradley Woods (S, MP), Brecksville Reservation (S, MP, RR13), Euclid Creek (S, MP), North Chagrin Reservation (S, MP), Rocky River Reservation (S, MP), South Chagrin Reservation (S, MP), Shaker Lakes Regional Nature Center (S, MP); Cuyahoga Valley National Park (S, H, GSA 93, RR14, 216-524-1497, <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/); Cleveland Museum of Natural History (S, 216-231-4600 or 800-317-9155, <http://www.cmnh.org/>)
Delaware County: Alum Creek State Park (S); Highbanks (H, S, A, MP—see Franklin County for phone number; RR7); Blue Limestone Park (S, CP); O’Shaughnessy Reservoir and Dam (S, CP); Olentangy Indian Caverns (S, S, 740-548-7017, <http://www.olentangyindiancaverns.com>)
Erie County: Kelley’s Island (S, H, A, GSA 91, RR47); Glacial Grooves State Memorial (S, H); Milan State Recreational Area (S); Missouri Mudstone State Nature Preserve (S, PR); National Wildlife Refuge (S, PR); Presque Isle State Park (PR)
Fairfield County: Christmas Rocks State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Rhododendron Cove State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Shallenberger State Nature Preserve (S); Wadhena Nature Preserve (Ohio Historical Society) (S, H, S); Rock Mill Dam State Wildlife Area (S); Lockville Licks (H, CP); Rising Park and Mount Pleasant (S, H, CP); Tarlton Cross Mound (S, A)
Franklin County: Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District (614-508-8000, <http://www.metroparks.net/>); Blended Woods (S, MP), Highbanks (S, H, A, MP, RR7); Friendship Park (S, CP); Glen Echo Park (S, CP); Griegs Reservoir and Dam (S, CP); Hayden Run Falls (S, CP); Indian Village, Camp (S, H, MP); Whetstone Park (S, CP); Ohio Historical Center (S, 614-297-2300, <http://www.ohiohistory.org/>); Ohio University Orton Museum (614-292-6896)
Galilah County: Tycoon Lake State Wildlife Area (S); Bob Evans Farm (S, H)
Geauga County: Aquilla Lake State Wildlife Area (S, H); Big Creek Park (S, CP); Metals Park (S, CP); Thompson Ledge Park (S, CP)
PV
Greene County: John Bryan State Park (S, GSA 477, RR37); Little Miami State Park (S); Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve (S, H, RR37); Travertine Fen State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Helen (S, H, A, PV—owned by Antioch College, RR41, 937-767-7375, <http://www.glenhelen.org/>)
Guernsey County: Salt Fork State Park (S)
Hamilton County: Hamilton County Park District (513-521-7275, <http://hamiltoncountyparks.org/>); Miami Whitewater Forest (S, H, $, MP); Sharon Woods (S, H, $, MP), Shawnee Lookout (S, A, $, MP, RR43), Winton Woods (S, $, MP); Greenbelt State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Newberry State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Sharon Woods Gorge State Nature Preserve (S); Cincinnati Museum of Natural History (S, 513-287-7000 or 800-733-2077, <http://www.cincymuseum.org/>); University of Cincinnati Geology Museum (513-556-3732)
Harrison County: Harrison State Reclamation Area (S, H); Tappan Lake Park (S, RR20); History of Coal Museum (740-942-2623, <http://harrisoncountyyohio.org/coalmuseum/default.html>)
Highland County: Paint Creek State Park (S); Rocky Fork State Park (S); Fort Hill State Memorial (S, A, RR9); Etawah Woods State Nature Preserve (S, PR, guided tours); Miller State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Fallsville State Wildlife Area (S, H); Barrett’s Mill (S, H); Seven Caves (S, H, $, 937-365-1283 or 800-290-9695, <http://www.7caves.com>)
Hocking County: Hocking Hills State Park (S, RR8, Hocking Hills information: 740-385-6842 or 800-HOCKING, <http://www.hockinghills.com/>); Ash Cave, Cantwell Cliffs, Cedar Falls, Conklee's Hollow State Nature Preserve (RR5), Old Man's Cave (H, A), Rock House; Tar Hollow State Park (S, RR29); Clear Creek (formerly Allen F. Beck) State Nature Preserve (S); Crane Hollow State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Little Rocky Hollow State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Rockbridge State Nature Preserve (S); Sibert Hollow State Nature Preserve (S, PR); Wayne National Forest (S, RR11)
Huron County: Augusta-Anne Olsen (formerly Vermilion River) State Nature Preserve (S, PR)
Jackson County: Jackson Lake State Park (S); Lake Katherine State Nature Preserve (S, RR24); Buckeye Furnace State Memorial (S, H, $); Leo Petroglyph State Memorial (S, A); Cooper Hollow State Wildlife Area (S, RR23); Liberty State Wildlife Area (S)
Jefferson County: Hocking State Park (S, RR3); Brush Creek State Wildlife Area (S); Fernwood State Forest (S)
Knox County: Brinkhaver Access Wildlife Preserve (S)
Lake County: Chapin Forest Reservation (S, MP); Hogback Ridge Park (S, H, A, MP); Indian Point Park (S, A, MP); Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve (S); Holden Arboretum (S, PV)
Lawrence County: Dean State Forest (S); Wayne National Forest (S, RR12)
Licking County: Black Hand Gorge State Nature Preserve (S, H, A, GSA 95, RR3); Flint Ridge State Memorial (S, H, GSA 96, $); Octagon Earthworks and Moundbuilders Earthworks (A, S)
Logan County: Campbell Hill (S); Zane Shawnee Caverns (S, $, 559-290-9695, <http://www.7caves.com>)
Lorain County: Black River Reservation (S, MP); Indian Hollow Reservation (S, H, MP); Vermilion River Reservation (S, H, MP)
Lucas County: Metroparks of the Toledo Area (419-535-3058)