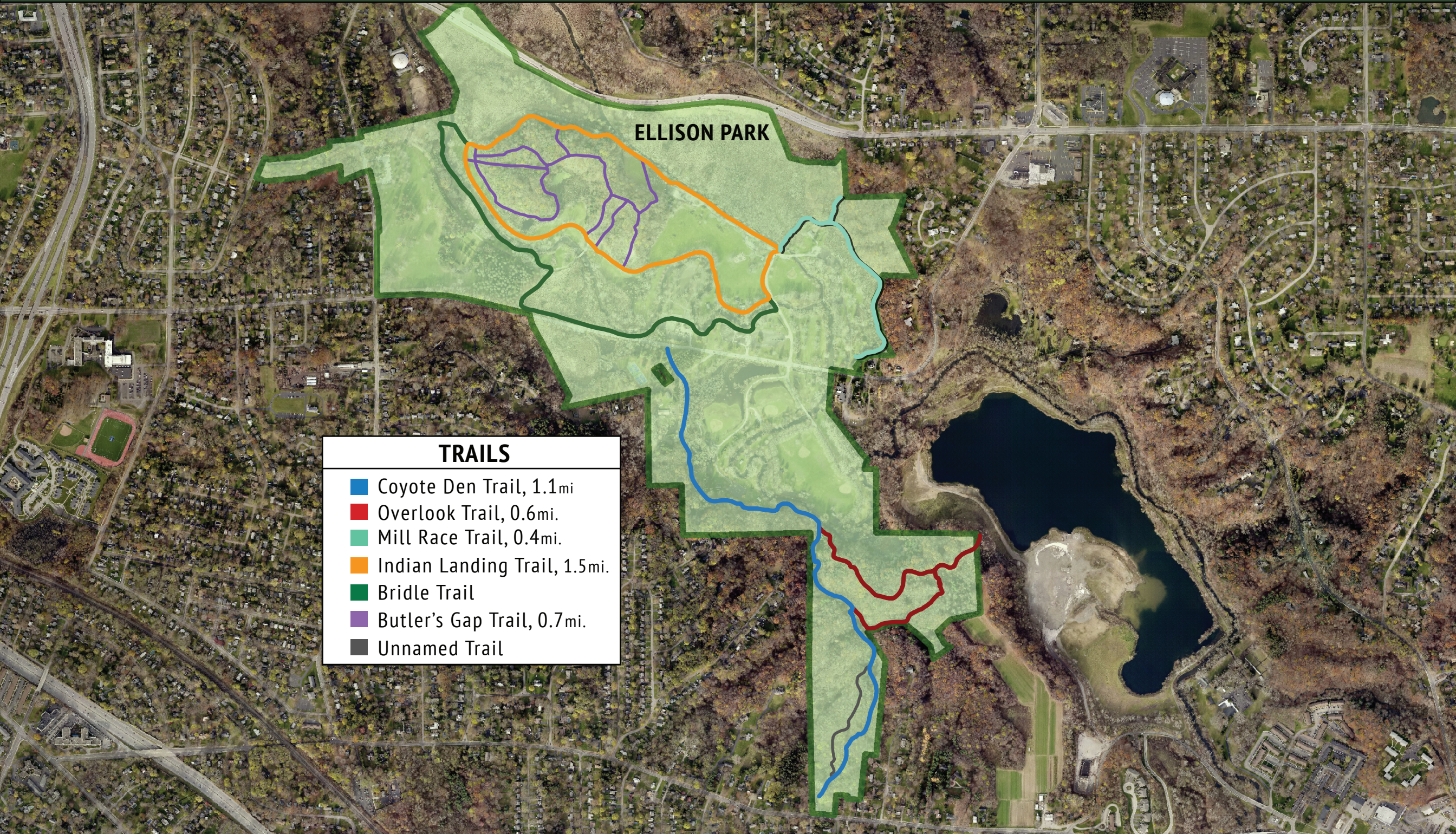


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TRAILS

- Coyote Den Trail, 1.1mi
- Overlook Trail, 0.6mi.
- Mill Race Trail, 0.4mi.
- Indian Landing Trail, 1.5mi.
- Bridle Trail
- Butler's Gap Trail, 0.7mi.
- Unnamed Trail

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PARK HOURS:

- Park Hours are from **6 am until 11 pm.**
- Park access and services vary seasonally, please contact 753- PARK (7275) for more details.

GENERAL PARK RULES:

- **Carry-in Carry-out rule:**
which means you must take all your garbage with you for disposal after leaving the park.
- **All pets must be leashed and you are responsible for cleaning up after them.**

If you have rented a LODGE:

- Park Staff will unlock the lodge for you prior to your arrival time stated on your reservation confirmation.

If you have rented a SHELTER:

- Park Staff will stop by to check your permit.

Interested in renting a lodge or shelter?

- Try the online reservation system at monroecounty.gov/parks
or
- Call **585-753-PARK (7275)**

COYOTE DEN TRAIL

This trail is an easy to moderate 1.1 mile walk (one way) that follows a gradual uphill climb to Penfield Road. Near the Blossom Road trailhead there is a secluded spring pond. In spring look for birds such as wood ducks, green herons and great blue herons. Listen for the variety of frogs and toads that breed there. A larger pond along Blossom Road has water all year.

The wooden bridges, corduroy log paths, moss-covered logs, and sunlight filtering through the trees and ferns give this trail a feeling of wilderness. In late summer there are sunny areas filled with wildflowers - look for butterflies. Turkeys and owls have also been heard and spotted in this area. At one time there was an active coyote den.

OVERLOOK LOOP TRAIL

This is a moderate to difficult 0.6 mile trail with one very steep section where the trail joins Coyote Den Trail near Irondequoit Creek. You can look uphill here at the steep section to determine how you make the loop, climbing uphill or downhill. On the portion of the trail that follows the Coyote Den Trail, you will be following a creek in a beautiful wooded gully with moss-covered logs, ferns, and wooden bridges. The trail has a canopy of tulip, maple, oak, sassafras, American hornbeam and beech trees, which make this a colorful fall hike. Look for seasonal wildflowers.

MILL RACE TRAIL

This trail is an easy 0.4 mile walk over level terrain. The trail passes through several wetland areas and shows the various stages of succession from marsh to climax forest. See if you can see these various wetland stages as you walk this trail. Look for alder, oak, sassafras, maples, and American hornbeam trees. In the wet areas listen for frogs and look for seasonal wildflowers, ferns and horsetail scouring rushes.

INDIAN LANDING TRAIL

This trail is an easy 1.5 mile walk over level terrain. Ellison Park is Monroe County's first park. This trail is an outstanding step back in time into the history of this land we now call Ellison Park. On a hill on the eastern portion of the trail is the presumed site of Peter Schuyler's 1721 Trading Post, known as "Forst Schuyler." Its purpose was to encourage trade with the Senecas and complete with the French for furs. In 1938 this log cabin was erected to commemorate this site.

A plaque placed on a large boulder along Irondequoit Creek commemorates a nearby location of the "Indian Landing" which was used for many years by the indigenous Iroquois as the start of the portage route, which led from Lake Ontario, up Irondequoit Creek, and overland to the Genesee River.

This trail includes wooded paths of spruce, maple, birch, hemlock, and birch trees. Also, there is a wetland area on the southern portion of the trail, following Irondequoit Creek.

BUTLER'S GAP TRAIL

This trail is a moderate 0.7 mile (one way) walk over rolling terrain with one short but steep climb. The trail begins at the rock commemorating the Indian Landing site. After you cross the grassy field you enter a wooded gap nestled between two hills. In mid-July, it is filled with jewelweed (or "touch me not") wildflowers and ferns. The trail comes to a T-intersection, overlooking a wetland. This is a great place to look and listen for wildlife. The trail then makes a short but steep climb to follow a wooded ridge that is beautiful in the fall. Return on the trail the way you came.

Please be aware of seasonal changes in trail conditions and be prepared for natural conditions such as mosquitoes and poison ivy in some areas.