









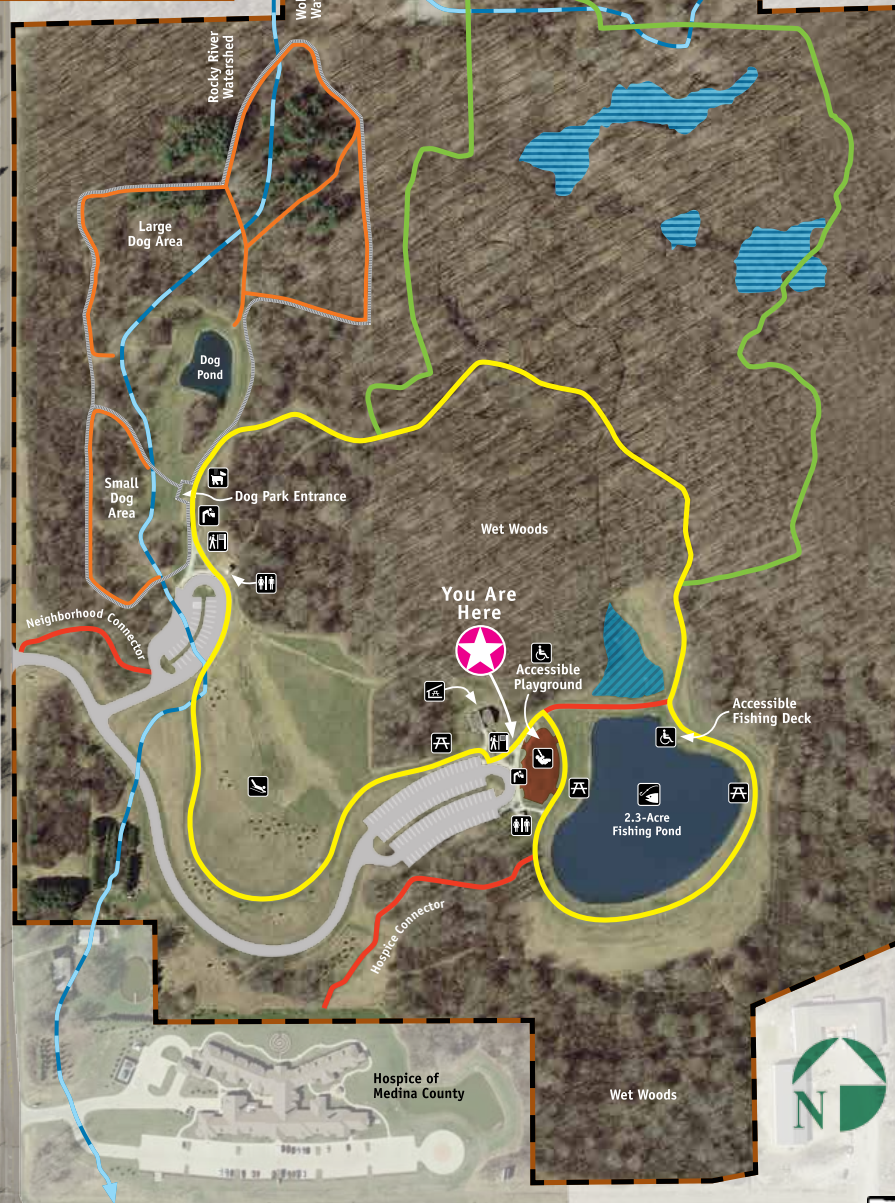


# Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park

-  Green Nature Trail (1.1 miles)
-  Yellow Trail (Paved, 1 mile)
-  Dog Park Trails
-  Dog Park Fence
-  Connectors
-  Sub-Continental Divide
-  Park Boundary
-  Vernal Pools
-  Wetland Forebay
-  Park Entrance

-  Handicap Accessible
-  Playground
-  Fishing
-  Shelter
-  Restrooms
-  Drinking Fountain
-  Sledging Hill
-  Picnic Area
-  Trailhead
-  Dog Rinsing Area



This land was purchased by Roy and Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage in 1927. Having grown up on a farm in Southern Ohio, Carolyn believed it was the best place to weather the economic hardships of the Great Depression and raise their four children. She sold homemade pies, as well as eggs and produce, at a gas station on State Route 18. Carolyn also bred and sold dogs to help pay the farm's mortgage.



Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage

In 2005, their son, Richard, and his wife, Beverly, donated the 102-acre property to Medina County Park District with the desire to see it preserved for the public to enjoy. Valued at \$4.5 million, it was the largest donation ever received by the park district. And their gift didn't end there. With the encouragement of the Mugrages, a portion of the property was sold to Hospice of Medina County. Proceeds from the sale provided the local matching funds that enabled the park district to obtain a grant for the purchase of Chippewa Lake in 2007.

Opened in 2013, Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park quickly became one of the area's most popular sites. It features a seven-acre dog park and an inclusive playground for children of all abilities. The playground was made possible through \$225,000 in donations from the community and Friends of Medina County Parks.

The park sits atop the Continental Divide between the Lake Erie and Ohio River watersheds. Its woodlands are home to multiple varieties of large oak trees, along with American beech, black gum, and shagbark hickory trees. Many of the nature trails follow paths created by Richard decades ago – a lasting testament to his family's enduring stewardship of the land.

Named for Richard's mother as a tribute to her hard work and resourcefulness that allowed the family to hold on to the farm through the Great Depression, Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park is a generous gift that will enrich the lives of visitors for generations.



State Route 18 (Medina Road)



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