

Erie MetroParks The Barnyard

Located at Joseph Steinen Wildlife Area, 3819 Perkins Ave, Huron, OH 44839

Does chocolate milk come from brown cows?
Do eggs grow in cardboard cartons?
Do horses sleep standing up?

Learn the answers to these and many other interesting animal and farm related questions during scheduled programs at The Barnyard farm animal park. Set in the area between Cleveland Road and Perkins Avenue and across from Osborn MetroPark, on the former Joseph Steinen Farm, The Barnyard offers a comfortable outdoor setting to view farm animals and periodic farm life exhibits, and participate in a variety of educational programming. The Barnyard is open to the public to view everyday Barnyard life.



Miniature horse Snazz on a leisurely stroll around The Barnyard

The Barnyard is designed as a relaxing place for visitors to enjoy watching and learning about farm life; it is not a petting zoo.

Sheep, chickens, horses, goats and other domestic livestock are housed in a portion of the Erie County Ohio Bicentennial Barn, which is located adjacent to outdoor pastures. Scheduled nature, environmental and historical programs are also held at The Barnyard from time to time.

The many farm animals living at The Barnyard are owned and cared for by a dedicated volunteer. For the health and safety of the animals and their visitors, the farm animals are on display only and are not available to touch or hold without staff supervision.

Please do not feed the animals. They are all on their own particular designated diet and variance from their routine may make them sick.

Animals are rotated in outdoor fields and depending on the day of your visit, you may see gentle horses grazing or frisky sheep and goats playing tag. Each visit to The Barnyard is a new and unique experience.



Fainting goats grazing at The Barnyard

Sign up for scheduled programs where you can experience life on the farm with topics like farming, gardening, making preserves, canning fruits and veggies, fence building, quilting, maintaining a pasture, and caring for farm animals.

Directions —The Barnyard is located across from Osborn MetroPark in north central Erie County between Huron and Sandusky. From SR 2 take US 250 Exit west. Turn east onto East Perkins Avenue. Travel about 2½ miles to the park entrance, which is on your left at the Erie County Ohio Bicentennial Barn. If you reach the railroad tracks, you've traveled too far.

Animal Features

- Fainting goats
- Miniature and standard horses
- Bunnies, chicks, lambs and turkeys
- Cows and pigs
- The livestock are rotated among pastures and may not all be on display at the same time

Activities

- Animal viewing
- Scheduled farm equipment exhibits
- Scheduled group programming involving the animals

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During open park hours a variety of farm animals are on display at the Barnyard or grazing in adjacent pastures.

Summer Hours:
10 am—7 pm

Winter Hours:
10 am—4 pm

Admission to The Barnyard is free. Visitors are welcome to walk up to the fence, but not to touch the animals. Electric wire on top of the fencing protects the animals and helps to keep them safe. **Please don't touch the electric wire; you will get zapped!**



Nature and farm life related programs are held as scheduled and are open to the public. Craft displays, historical education demonstrations, and farm equipment exhibits are open as scheduled. Groups or organizations may call to schedule program presentations. Pets are not permitted within The Barnyard.

Parking is on the stone circular drive and adjacent grassy areas. There is no drinking water or restroom on site.

Improvements and additions at The Barnyard, and many of the fun and exciting activities there, are made possible only through the generosity of donations from visitors like you.

We hope you will join us in reaching our fundraising goal. Donations are tax deductible and may be sent with checks payable to:

Erie MetroParks

3910 Perkins Avenue ★ Huron, OH 44839



Baby bunnies on view during a scheduled nature program



Horses regularly graze in the pastures next to the Ohio Bicentennial Barn



Making a new friend in The Barnyard

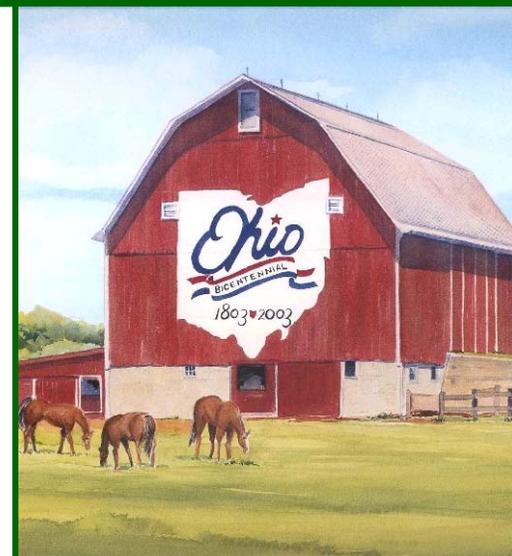
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