

MENTOR OUTDOORS

Explore Our Parks

The City of Mentor offers many opportunities to discover the natural beauty and delicate ecosystems of our area with more than 1,200 acres of park land. Explore the walking trail at Walsh Park and Civic Center Park, take in the beauty and secluded setting of Wildwood Park or discover the unique features of the Mentor Marsh at Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina or Morton Community Park.

Our smaller parks such as President's Park, Krueger Park, Mentor Dog Park and Bellflower and Civic Center Skateparks offer unique features for family fun. You can't beat the view of sunset over Lake Erie while sitting on a park bench at Mentor Beach Park or the laughter of children playing on the all-inclusive playground at Eleanor B. Garfield Park.

Bike

Mentor's extensive bikeway system includes bike paths, bike lanes, interconnecting sidewalks and trails through our parks. More than 9 miles of bike-able areas exist. Visit www.cityofmentor.com for more details.

Hike

Hiking trails are available at Walsh Park, Wildwood Park, Morton Community Park, Civic Center Park and Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve. Trail maps for each park can be found at www.cityofmentor.com under the park of your choice.

Paddle

Come experience the Mentor Lagoons by paddle. The City of Mentor has established a water trail through the Lagoons waterways, including a brief exploration of Marsh Creek and access to shoreline paddling on Lake Erie. The trail launches adjacent to the parking lot and flows for approximately 3 miles of protected flat-water paddling. Access to Lake Erie provides unlimited shoreline paddling and the opportunity to connect with Headlands Beach State Park and Fairport Harbor Beach.

Kayak Rental

Rent single and double kayaks by the hour at the Mentor Lagoons Marina. Kayaks must stay within the Lagoons and are not permitted on the lake. Renters must be able to swim a minimum of 25 yards. Those under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Life jackets will be issued and must be worn at all times. Visit our ramp kiosk or the marina office to rent May 28 - August 27, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. We accept Visa, Mastercard, cash and checks. Hourly resident fee is \$10 single or \$16 double. Nonresident hourly fee is \$12 single or \$18 double.

Kayak Parties

Celebrate any special occasion with a guided, 2-hour kayak trip through the Mentor Lagoons. Group minimum is 6 people. The cost is \$19 per person and must be paid when booking the trip. Trips must be booked at least two weeks in advance. Kayaks, life jackets, paddles and instruction is included. Kayaking is a very physical sport. All participants must be physically capable of paddling for a minimum of 30 - 45 minutes and must be able to swim 25 yards. Minimum age is 10. Single and double kayaks are available. Call the Recreation Department at (440) 974-5720 to book your date.

Ohio Boating Education Course

Taking an Ohio Boating Education Course (OBEC) will allow you to comply with the Ohio Boater Education laws, obtain certification to operate a watercraft over 10 horsepower, and will also satisfy other states' boater education requirements. Topics covered are trailering, docking, navigation rules, operating a personal watercraft, personal flotation devices, and handling boating emergencies. Once passing this course, individuals age 12 to 15 may operate a personal watercraft if a supervising person age 18 or older is on board. Those older than 16 may operate a personal watercraft independently if they successfully pass this course. This course may also make you eligible for a discount on your boat or PWC insurance! Participants must attend 8 hours to be eligible to take the test. Please bring a pencil or pen, notebook, and a bagged lunch. Vending machines are available for beverages and snacks.

Instructor: Jim Zofchak

Location: Mentor Municipal Center

#40108	April 24	Sun	9 - 5 pm
#41508	May 14	Sat	9 - 5 pm
#41509	June 14	Tue/Wed	6-10 pm
#41510	July 12	Tue/Wed	6-10 pm
#41511	August 16	Tues/Wed	6-10 pm
#43719	Sept. 13&14	Tues/Wed	6-10 pm
#43720	Oct. 11&12	Tues/Wed	6-10 pm
#43721	Nov. 5	Sat	9-5pm

Resident: \$19 / Nonresident: \$24

Boating education programs are funded in part by a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft.



4 EASY WAYS TO REGISTER

ONLINE 24/7 AT WWW.CITYOFMENTOR.COM

Click the blue Register Online button.
It's FREE easy, fast, secure and convenient!

BY MAIL

Print a registration form found at cityofmentor.com/play and mail it to us at 8500 Civic Center Blvd., Recreation Dept. Mentor, Ohio 44060

IN PERSON

Visit us Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 8500 Civic Center Blvd., 2nd Floor Recreation Dept.

BY PHONE

Call us Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at (440) 974-5720



Award Winning Boating Programs

The City of Mentor was awarded the Northern Region 2006 Boating Education Advancement Award at the International Boating & Water Safety Summit in San Antonio, Texas in March, 2007. In addition, Mentor won the 2005 Education Program Achievement Award by the Ohio Division of Watercraft.

The boating program has grown as the City of Mentor has been successful in securing grants through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of Watercraft annually since 2000 to purchase equipment, teach classes and improve our residents' access to the natural waterways surrounding our city.

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Check out all the exciting ways to stay connected with the City of Mentor & Parks & Recreation.

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Parks & Recreation Paddling & Boating Adventures 2016

(440) 974-5720
www.cityofmentor.com

The Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina
8365 Harbor Drive,
Mentor, Ohio 44060
(440) 205-DOCK (3625)

OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Fri: 8^{AM} - 4:30^{PM} Year round.
Sat: 8^{AM} - 12^{PM} Memorial Day to Labor Day

The Mentor Lagoons Marina is uniquely situated adjacent to the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve with hundreds of acres of beautiful green space, with miles of nature trails and one and one half miles of wild beach. When you kayak or canoe your way through the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve & Marina, you will discover a new, fascinating side of this natural gem. Explore the more than 1.5 miles following the Lagoons Water Trail or paddle through Marsh Creek, the largest watershed in Mentor.

The Mentor Parks & Recreation Department offers dozens of kayaking, canoeing, sailing and leisure paddling opportunities at the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Marina from mid-May through the end of September.

LEARN

Kayaking 101 Ages 12+

Learn how to navigate the water on a simple kayak. It's easy, fun, and this basic class will help you learn to navigate a single or double kayak safely and easily. This course includes instruction on basic paddling skills, efficient rescue techniques, and a couple of hours of sun, water, and fun! You will get wet, so bring a change of dry clothes, sunscreen, a hat or visor, and a water bottle. With a few basic tips, you will gain a lifetime of enjoyment in this sport. We provide the kayak, lifejacket, and paddles. Class meets within the protected channels of the Mentor Lagoons. Minimum age is 12. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards and tread water for 2 minutes. Strenuous activity is involved. Pre-registration and payment is

required at least 48 hours in advance. Price of course is per person.
Instructor: Michelle Haag
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina & Nature Preserve
#41479 July 7 Thursday 6 – 8 p.m.
#41480 July 28 Thursday 6 – 8 p.m.
#41481 Aug. 4 Thursday 6 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$16 / Nonresident: \$21



Evening Paddle

Adult; Ages 11 and over with parent

Pack up the kids and join us for a night of exploring the Mentor Lagoons via the water. We provide everything you need. You can select between a single kayak, tandem kayak, or use a canoe. We provide life jackets and paddles. We'll go over basic paddling safety, then, we will explore the Lagoons Water Trail, enjoy calm waters and get a birds-eye view of the lagoons ecosystem. Bring a hat, sunscreen, dry clothes, a towel and a water bottle for all family members. Kids under age 11 must be in a kayak or canoe with an adult. Please call us at (440) 974-5720 to register for this course.

Instructor: Michelle Haag
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina & Nature Preserve
#41451 July 5 Tuesday 6 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$16 / Nonresident: \$21



Smooth Sailing for Beginners Ages 12+

If sailing is something you have always wanted to try, this class is for you. This 3-hour class is designed for the person who has little or no experience in sailing. You will learn sailing basics in small, one - two person Sunfish sailboats. You will learn and master the components of a boat, how to handle the wind, proper boating etiquette, how to set up a boat and sailing a small craft. You will get wet, so bring a change of dry clothes, sunscreen, a hat or visor, non-skid shoes, and a water bottle. This course meets at the Marina office at the Mentor Lagoons. Minimum age is 12. Strenuous activity is involved. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards and tread water for 2 minutes.

Instructor: Recreation Staff
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina & Nature Preserve
#41526 June 25 Saturday 9 – 12 p.m.
#41527 July 24 Sunday 9 – 12 p.m.
Resident: \$19 / Nonresident: \$24



Women In Boats: A Women's Only Kayak Adventure Adult

Enjoy this leisurely paddle as you explore the Lagoons Water Trail, enjoy wildlife and calm waters, then return to home base of a campfire. You'll learn new techniques in paddling in a small group atmosphere. Great event out for the girls! Bring a hat, dry clothes, a towel and a water bottle.

Instructor: Michelle Haag
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina & Nature Preserve
#41836 July 26 Tuesday 6 – 8 p.m.
Resident: \$19 / Nonresident: \$24

Paddle with Dad Parent/Child

Have fun out on the water with your child! This is a great way to spend quiet, one-on-one time while enjoying the water and practicing your paddling. Tour the Lagoons Water Trail, view wildlife then return to home base for a campfire, complete with a great after paddle snacks and cold drinks. Bring a hat, dry clothes, a towel and a water bottle.

Instructor: Michelle Haag
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina & Nature Preserve
#41512 July 12 Sunday 9 – 11 a.m.
Resident: \$16 / Nonresident: \$21

Sunrise Paddle Ages 16+

Wake up with a quiet morning stand up paddle through the Lagoons. Enjoy the serenity and calmness of the water and watch the birds and animals start their day. Experience required. Coffee, juice and fruit will be served afterwards with just enough time to get you to work by 9! Bring a towel, water bottle, sunglasses or hat, and dry clothes.

Instructor: Jill Korsok
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina & Nature Preserve
#41539 June 22 Wed 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.
Resident: \$16 / Nonresident: \$21



Learn To Stand Up Paddleboard Ages 14+

Stand up paddle boarding (SUP) is an amazing, fun, easy and relaxing paddling experience on the water for ages 14 and older. Most people are surprised at the stability of the boards and most make it through their first lesson without falling off. Class consists of 15 minutes of land instruction followed by a 45 - 60 minute paddle on the lagoons. All equipment is provided: paddleboard, life jacket and paddle. Please wear a bathing suit, and shirt or shorts for comfort, sunscreen, a hat, and bring a towel, a change of clothes and a water bottle. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted. Paddle boarding is not advised for those over 250 lbs. or with limited flexibility.

Instructor: Recreation Staff
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina & Nature Preserve
#41486 July 12 Tuesday 6 – 7:15 p.m.
#41488 Aug. 2 Tuesday 6 – 7:15 p.m.
#41489 Aug. 9 Tuesday 6 – 7:15 p.m.
Resident: \$21 / Nonresident: \$27



FOR KIDS

Boating Camp Ages 10 - 14

During this hands-on boating program, students learn the basics of how to paddle a kayak and canoe, row a row boat, sail a sailboat, and drive a small electric motor boat all in one action packed week!

Each day students have 'on the water' time, learning the proper way to use each type of watercraft. Time will be set aside for boating related activities including PFD training, navigation rules, rigging boats, capsizing drills, and wind orientation. An integral part of camp is developing the knowledge to earn the State of Ohio Boaters Education Course license which involves 8-hours of in-class instruction as well as the hands-on training. After passing a written exam, students are licensed by the State of Ohio to operate any watercraft over 10 horsepower! Prerequisite: Campers must hold a Red Cross Level 3 or higher swimming certificate, be able to tread water for 2 minutes and swim 25 yards at any speed using any stroke. All equipment is provided.

Camp Director: Michelle Haag & Jim Zofchak
Location: Mentor Lagoons Marina
#41054 July 11 - 15 Monday - Friday 9:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Resident: \$122 / Nonresident: \$138



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