

# Wilson-Tuscarora STATE PARK 2021



Wilson, New York



## Our Short Story

Wilson-Tuscarora State Park is located in northern Niagara County 12 miles east of historic Fort Niagara State Park and 29 miles northeast of the City of Niagara Falls. It is at the mouth of 12 Mile Creek, adjacent to Lake Ontario. The park encompasses 476.5 acres of mature woods, open meadows and marshland. A boat launch is available on Tuscarora Bay, an area that is divided from Lake Ontario by a strip of land called "Sunset Island." Reservations may be made for ten transient slips.

The East branch of Twelve Mile Creek flows from the bay and consists of marshes. In this area you will find an abundance of flora and fauna. The woods, a mixed deciduous forest, provides a picturesque walk on winding nature trails. During the winter months, trails are open to cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Plants, fossils, rocks and animals are important parts of the park experience. Please leave them there for everyone's enjoyment.

## Interpretive Programs

The Niagara Region Park Interpretive Programs Office provides park education programs, walks and hikes year-round. For more information and a schedule of programs, please call (716) 282-5154 or (716) 549-1050.



Accessible parking spaces and restrooms are available. Contact the park office for specific information.

## Wilson-Tuscarora State Park

3371 Lake Road  
Wilson, NY 14172

Park Office: 716-751-6361

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Park Police.....(716) 278-1777

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## Special Passes

The **Access Pass** is available to New Yorkers with qualifying disabilities. The **Golden Park Program** allows New York State residents 62 years of age or older unlimited weekday and non-holiday access to all state parks by showing a NYS driver's license or non-driver identification. The **Empire Passport** provides unlimited vehicle entry to most state parks and recreation areas. Passes can be purchased in person at most state parks or recreation areas, or by mail from State Parks, Albany, NY 12238.



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## Our Park's Natural History

Wilson-Tuscarora was originally obtained by the State of New York in 1965. The east branch of Twelve Mile Creek has been designated a protected wetland area by the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Wilson-Tuscarora is a well preserved natural area for many varieties of plants and wildlife. Birds include the mallard, great blue heron, green heron, belted kingfisher, American kestrel, killdeer, northern flicker and the yellow-bellied sapsucker.

Mammals in the park are abundant due to the wide variety of food sources available to them. In the marsh area you might see muskrats, raccoons and opossum. In the open meadows, berry-covered shrubs are a source of food for the muskrats, white-tailed deer, eastern cottontail rabbit, mice and shrews. You might also see a red fox running in the fields.

In the wetlands area you will see painted turtles, slider turtles and leopard frogs. Cattails in the wetlands are good for the environment as their roots filter out harmful pollutants. Other aquatic plants found here include arrow arum, marsh marigolds and pickerelweed.

Trees along the four-mile nature trail include mature beeches, oaks, maples, cedars, hickory, sumac, birch and American hornbeam.

During the spring months the forest floor is a carpet of red and white trillium, blue cohosh, trout lily, jack-in-the-pulpit, beechdrops, early meadow rue and spring beauty.

## Park Activities

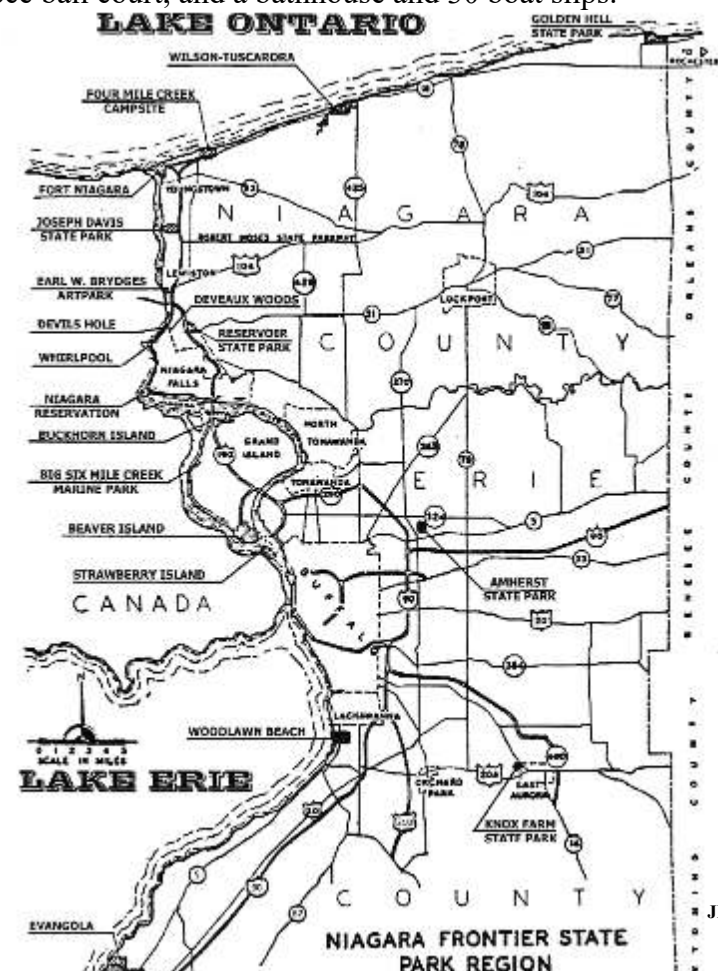
Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the scenic views of Lake Ontario, picnic tables and grills are available for your use. Picnickers are reminded that Wilson-Tuscarora is a "Carry In-Carry Out" park and they should pre-plan to take their leftovers, litter and garbage back home for disposal.

The park also offers kayaking, disc golf, geocaching, a playground, hiking, volleyball, horseshoes, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing for your year-round enjoyment.

Fishing from both boat and shore is available. Handicapped fishing accessibility can be found near the launch area. There are many varieties of panfish and gamefish and fishing derbies are very popular at Wilson-Tuscarora State Park. They are offered during the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons, and generally run through Labor Day. The derbies are sponsored by county, state and international organizations.

## Facilities

Boat launch, Car-top boat launch, kayak rentals and seven picnic shelters - 6 open, and 1 enclosed, playground, swings, volleyball court, horse shoe pits, bocce ball court, and a bathhouse and 30 boat slips.



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- Shelter Bathhouse
- Picnic Area
- Parking
- Playground
- Boat Launch
- Fishing Access
- Car Top Boat Launch
- Trail Head
- Nature Trails
- Private Property

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Golden Hill State Park  
Fort Niagara State Park

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**TO ALL OF OUR GUESTS**

**Trails:** The park provides a variety of trail opportunities. Please stay on the designated trails. Proper footwear for hiking in a variety of conditions will make your trail visit safer. Bicycles are not allowed on the trails. Due to varying weather conditions, park trails can close at any time throughout the year. Do not go on trails designated as CLOSED.

**Bicycling Safety:** Safety helmets are required by New York State Law.

**Pets:** Pets must be properly licensed and immunized as required by law and must be under your control at all times. Dogs must be restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet and pets are not allowed in designated bathing areas. Under the Pooper Scooper Law, you must clean up after your pet.

**Respecting Wildlife:** Please do not feed or harass any wildlife while visiting the park. If you see any wildlife that appears ill, contact park personnel immediately. If you come in physical contact with an animal, report it to a park employee right away.

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