Mill Creek Park - Fellows Riverside Gardens & Melnick Museum

The Youngstown Township Park District was established in 1891 by Volney Rogers as the first park district in Ohio. Since becoming a county funded metropolitan park district in 1989, Mill Creek MetroParks' mission has been to preserve open space and provide recreational and educational opportunities of regional significance throughout Mahoning and surrounding counties. Residents and visitors from across the nation and around the world can now enjoy 4,500 acres of public lands and facilities in seven townships and three cities.

The crown jewel of Mill Creek MetroParks is Fellows Riverside Gardens. Open seven days a week from dawn to dusk, Fellows Riverside Gardens is a 12 acre free public garden featuring beautiful landscapes, diverse and colorful plant displays, seasonal displays, scenic vistas and documented plant collections.

Since opening in December 2000, the D.D. and Velma Davis Education & Visitor Center, open Tuesday through Sunday, has been the centerpiece of the Gardens. The Melnick Museum highlights the history of Mill Creek Park as well as Fellows Riverside Gardens. The Melnick Museum, Weller Gallery, auditorium, horticulture library, classrooms, café and gift shop are on site.

Guided tours of the Gardens and education center are available by appointment. A stop in the Melnick Museum is included. Mill Creek also routinely offers topic specific program lectures. Routine questions and requests for information are answered by telephone, mail or email. No fee is included. Mill Creek also routinely offers topic specific program lectures.

COLLECTIONS

History of Mill Creek Park and all Mill Creek MetroParks property
Volney Rogers
Fellows Riverside Gardens – Fellows Family History
Garden Forum of Greater Youngstown
William Holmes McGuffey Society