



Rules for Charlotte Optimist Youth Park

1. No horses, motorized vehicles, no firearms, alcohol or drugs, and no trailer or motor home camping.
2. No motorized vehicles allowed beyond parking area.
3. Use by scheduled permission only.
4. Fires in approved fire pits only. When building fires use only cut or dead wood already on the ground. Do not cut any standing wood.
5. All trash is to be removed by each user. Please leave the area and cabin as clean as when you arrived.
6. Please do not remove any items from within the cabin. All items inside the cabin are for inside use only.
7. Use rest room facilities provided.
8. Please walk and hike on marked trails.
9. No hunting
10. Each group must have at least one adult (21 or older) who is responsible for the group's conduct and care of the park.
11. Good turn projects are encouraged and needed. If your group would like to tackle a project, please ask for ideas when you make your reservations.
12. All groups are liable and will be assessed for any damages.



Groups wishing to make reservations, ask questions, or gain additional information about the Charlotte Optimist Park.

Reservations may be made at the
Charlotte Community Library
www.charlottelibrary.org or
contact members
Russ Reist • (517) 543-7339
or Don Jones • (517) 543-1098

In cooperation with Eaton County, the Parks and Recreation Department Naturalist is available upon request for guided nature walks and talks on a variety of subjects at the site. Groups wishing this service need to contact the Parks and Recreation Office in Fitzgerald Park, 627-7351.



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A NATURAL EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH

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Charlotte, MI 48813

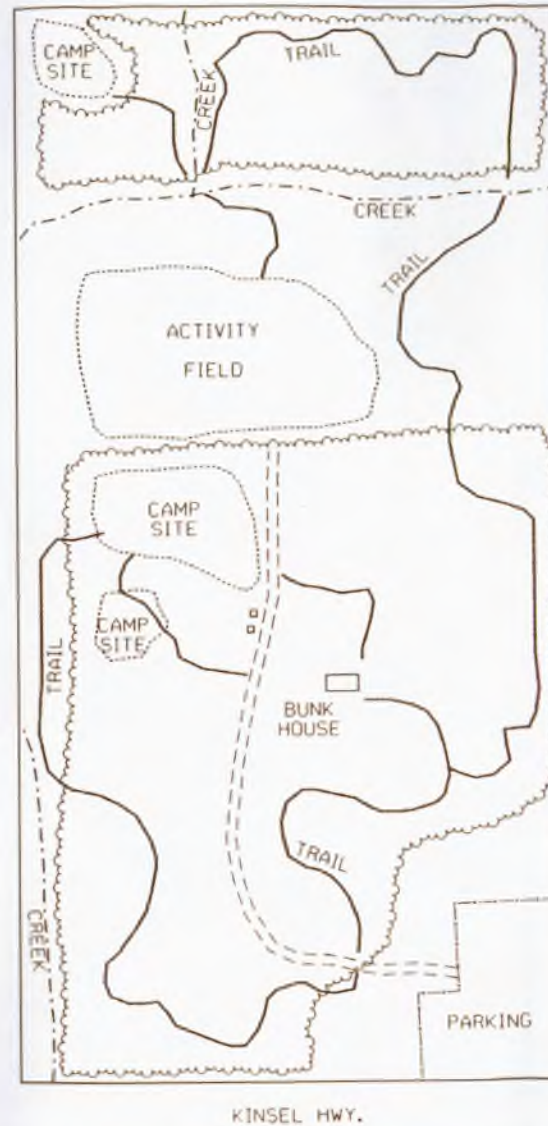
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The Optimist Youth Park is intended to provide youth groups of all types and ages in the area with access to a four season natural area for day use or overnight camping that involves a minimum of travel. Activities may include field trips, hiking, nature study, bird watching, sledding, cross country skiing, and jogging. Camping is with your tent or our bunk house only. All groups must be supervised and accompanied by adults, (Sponsors, leaders, parents, etc.) and must make reservations.

We encourage and promote the use of the Optimist Youth Park by organized youth groups. These groups have first choice of scheduling. All non-youth oriented groups wishing to use the park may not reserve the use of the park more that four weeks ahead of their event.

To help maintaining the park, a \$10 per day user fee is required.

The Park is located on Kinsel Highway, approximately 1 1/4 miles west of Cochran, just north of the Charlotte City limits. The property is a wooded 20 acre parcel that was once a part of the Eaton County Farm System. The park has a mixture of Beech, Maple, and Oak trees, with undergrowth composed of wild berries, flowers, and young tree growth. The front of the fully fenced parcel includes a parking area.



Also available at the Optimist Youth Park is a newly renovated bunk house with electricity (120 volts), a wood heating stove, and eleven platform bunk beds. A well, equipped with a hand pump makes portable water immediately available to the campers. The pump is located in the bunk house. Repairs and improvements are accomplished by the club as needed. Any donations for maintenance or improvements to the park are gratefully appreciated. Pit toilets are available.