



CHAGRIN LEG-4 EMERALD NECKLACE TRAIL



- CAMPS
- ⑤ The Shelter House Picnic Area
 - ⑥ Rogers Road Area

GATES MILLS

HUNTING VALLEY

CHAGRIN FALLS

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CHAGRIN RESERVATION TRAIL CLEVELAND METROPARKS LEG 4

The beautiful Chagrin River derives its name from its earlier description as the Chaquin or "clear" river. Beaver have made a comeback in this area at the Aurora Branch near Miles Road and, although now rare in Ohio, have been reported in the Chagrin River Valley along with another rare Ohio visitor, the porcupine. "Ripple Rocks" can be found here that display a ripple pattern left by the lapping waters of ancient bodies of waters. Squaw Rock at the South Chagrin Reservation is a sandstone formation weathered by centuries of wind and water and sculptured by an early resident. Also at South Chagrin are sulfur springs that serve curiosity far better than thirst.

The Trail follows the northward flowing Chagrin and ends at Squires Castle in the North Chagrin Reservation. This castle was built as a country residence by F.B. Squires, a vice-president of the Standard Oil Company. The rugged beauty of this part of the valley and the adjacent bluffs attracted the attention of Mr. Squires and his daughter, and they decided to make a home there. English born, Mr. Squires interested a friend and architect in designing two buildings in the style of English baronial halls. The present castle, the smaller of the two, was built from stone quarried on the property. The larger was never built.

At the North Chagrin Reservation is a stand of virgin whitepine a lone reminder of the once abundant pine forest sacrificed to the lumberman's ax. A lookout built at the edge of Sunset Pond affords a view of a sanctuary used by ducks, geese and other waterfowl.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL HIKERS

1. All camping equipment used must be backpacked by hikers.
2. Responsibility adult leadership must be present at all overnight camps. If the adult is not taking the Trail arrangements should be made to meet at campsite.
3. Camping is permitted only in the specified Park areas. Local tour permits are required and can be obtained by applications through the Greater Cleveland Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2241 Woodland Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44115, Phone number 216-861-6060. Reservation may be made at Cleveland Metroparks Visitor Services, 4101 Fulton Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, Phone number 216-351-6300.
4. Firewood, if available, may be secured by calling or visiting the Park District Maintenance Headquarters in the reservation in which you are camping. The Park Ranger will direct you to the nearest Maintenance Headquarters. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should any tree or vegetation, be touched.
5. **"No Trespassing"** posters must be honored
6. Hikers must be at their campsite by 11:00 p.m.