

Huron River Water Trail Trip Description

Lower Huron Metropark (Mile 26) to Oakwoods Metropark (11) – 5-7 hours; 15 miles

Launch at the North Fishing Site in the Lower Huron Metropark. Decide how much or little of this extensive route you prefer, since there are four recognized landings and a canoe campground in this stretch. Take out at Oakwoods Metropark. This trip is unique in that it will take you through exclusively publicly-managed land.

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There is no access at French Landing; put in one mile downstream at [Lower Huron Metropark](#). The river from here to Flat Rock passes almost entirely through metropark property and is managed for recreational uses. Current is slow to moderate, similar to much of the river upstream, although the water is not as clear. The river is 75-90 feet wide and 2 to 4 feet deep; bottom is sand and gravel with occasional larger stones. Most of the terrain is lowland forests of hardwoods. There is a canoe campground – as well as several picnic areas that provide access to the river – in Lower Huron Metropark.

If you are interested in an overnight trip, make reservations to stay at the campground in Lower Huron Metropark where overnight camping, water, toilets, and phone service are available.

The Park Office phone number is 734-697-9181.

Numerous access sites are available in [Willow Metropark](#), ten miles below Lower Huron Metropark. There is also fair – and free – access, with parking for several vehicles, at the bridge on Willow Road.

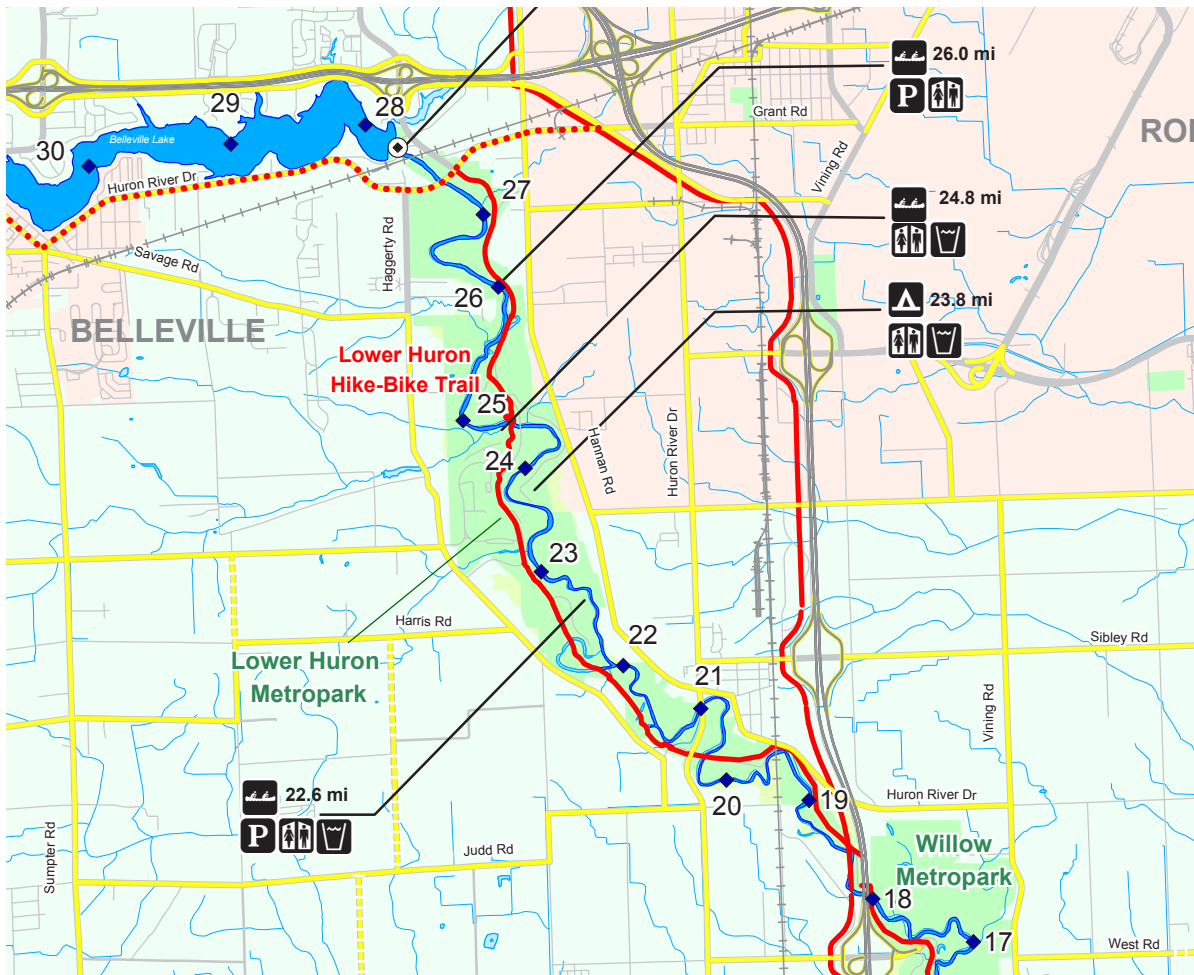
[Oakwoods Metropark](#) has parking, access, and other facilities and is the last good access before Flat Rock Pond.

Should you wish to go further...

Portaging at Flat Rock Dam requires prior permission. If you wish to arrange passage, call ahead. Contact Flat Rock Metal at 734-782-4454 to gain entry. Portage right side of Flat Rock Dam through the gate at near the factory. Re-enter at Huroc Park below waterfall and the covered bridge.

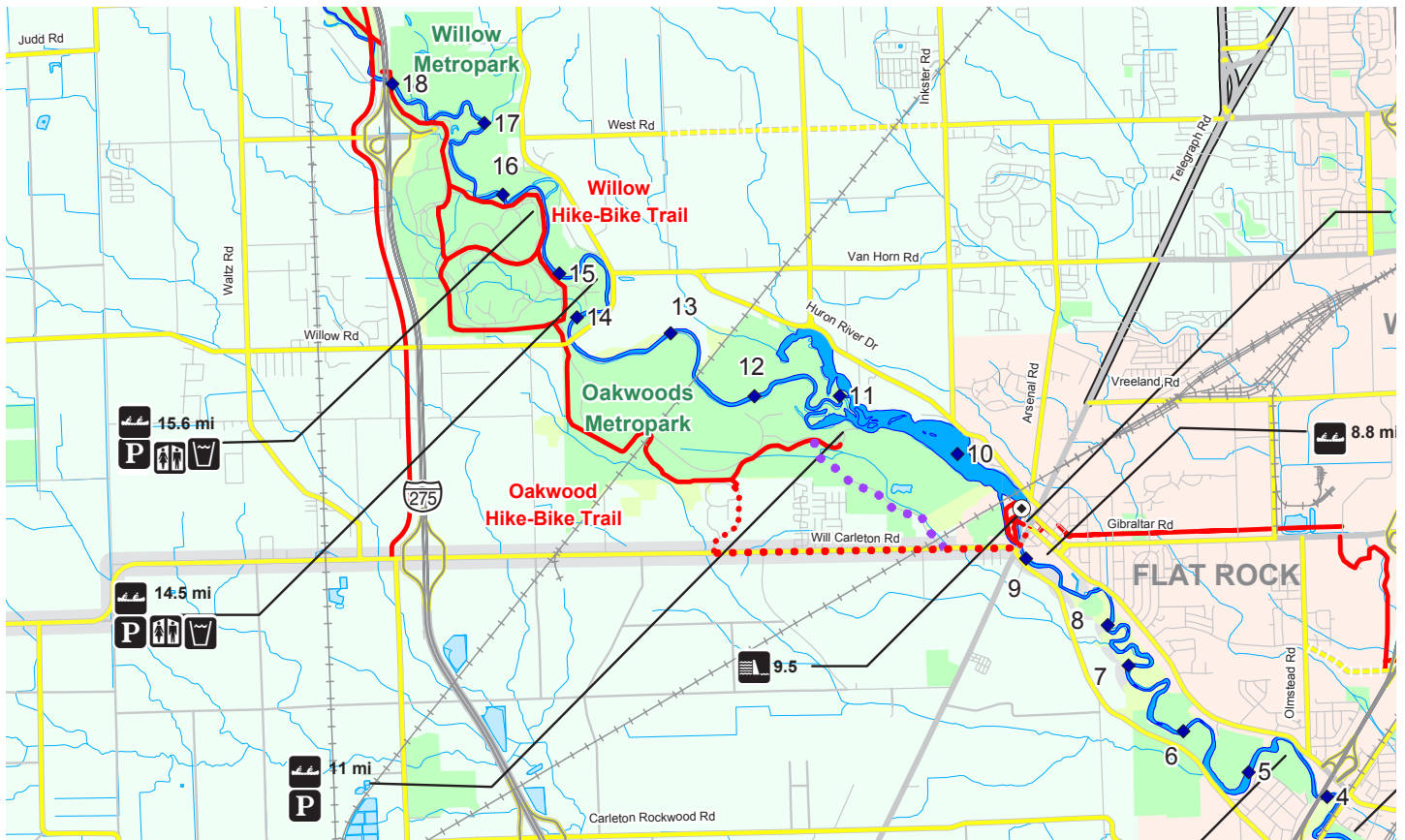
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Padding route map (1 of 2):



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Padding route map (2 of 2):



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Take-out site map:

