Public Safety Department

Stark Park Rangers exist not only to protect parkland and wildlife, but also park visitors. Park Rangers strive to keep Stark Parks a safe and enjoyable place to visit, and do so by being certified peace officers through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA). They are sworn and commissioned officials. Each Ranger goes through multiple months of field training to learn specific job duties pertaining to park policing. They have the ability to enforce state laws, including wildlife, watercraft, and traffic laws, as well as Stark County Park District ordinances.

Park Rangers are also trained in ice water rescue and general first-aid and CPR. You may see Rangers working closely with other police departments in Stark County as we have a mutual-aid agreement with law enforcement entities across the county.

Natural Resources Department

The Natural Resources Department is dedicated to the conservation and management of native wildlife and their habitat through research, education, and quality animal care. Annual projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Prairie/Grassland Restoration
- Forest Restoration
- Invasive Species Management
- Water Quality
- Bioswale Installations
- · Wildlife Surveys







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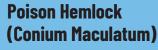


POISONOUS PLANTS



Wild Cherry (Prunus avium)

The leaves and twigs of this tree contain prunasin, which can release cyanide under certain circumstances. This can be fatal if ingested.



The whole plant is toxic if ingested through eyes, mouth, or cuts and can be fatal.



Horse Nettle (Solanum carolinense)

Horse nettle fruit is toxic to humans and livestock if ingested.



Nightshade (Solanaceae)

The leaves and berries on this plant are considered toxic. It has been said that eating as little as six berries can result in paralysis.



Stinging Nettle (Urtica dioica)

Touching this plant can cause a skin irritation.



Mushrooms

Avoid touching any mushrooms or fungi. It is difficult to decipher the poisonous from non-poisonous and they can be extremely toxic.

Poison Ivy (Toxicodendron radicans)

Poison Ivy is well known for causing an itchy rash on most

people who touch it. Depending on the age of the plant, it can vary in color and sheen. It grows on the forest floor and up trees.



All parts of poison sumac are toxic and can produce a burning, itching rash lasting several days.



Pokeberry (Phytolacca)

All parts of the pokeberry plant are toxic to humans, pets, and livestock. The toxicity increases with maturity.

Help Stark Parks Stay Safe Parks

Always dial 9-1-1 in emergencies

Store the ranger number in your phone (330) 353-2377.

Keep aware of your surroundings and take note of locations.

Do not take nature with you. Leave it in the park.