

Follow The Signs

This applies to the walking trail parks only comprising Martin Park and Bonner Park.

At the main entrance to each park a signboard will be found displaying a park layout map showing all selected walking trails & items of interest along the way such as picnic spots & old ruins etc.

Each trail has a color coding which is marked on trees at distances along the way. One may wish to follow yellow trail over its complete length, or switch onto an intersecting trail of a different color coding during the walk. The length of each trail is shown on the map, so before starting out decide on the specific trails you wish to go along & their distance, then simply follow the colored triangular trail signs on the trees.

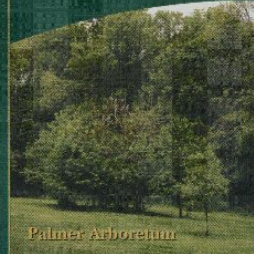
Note- Drinking water and toilets only available at Thornbury Park.

Walking the Parks

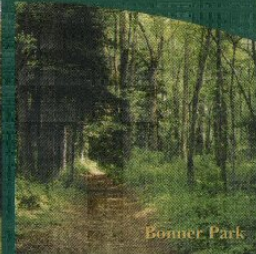
Thornbury Park has well maintained smooth walking paths and limited undulating terrain. The other three parks have generally well established trails but sometimes uneven surfaces with occasional stones and tree roots protruding from the trail. In limited locations there are moderate hills to negotiate. For these trails walking shoes or boots are recommended.

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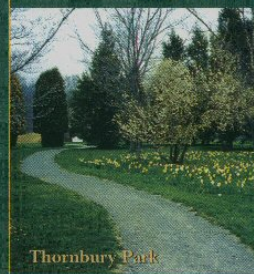


Palmer Arboretum

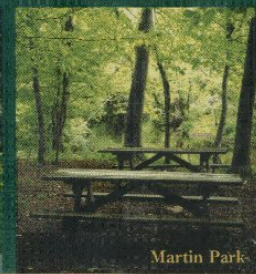


Bonner Park

•A Choice of Four•



Thornbury Park



Martin Park

How to Get There & More

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

For more information or comments on parks

Write – Thornbury Township
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Spring in Thornbury Park

ABOUT THE PARKS

Thornbury Park It is our primary "action" park with facilities for various sports, a walking / jogging track, tots playground, picnic pavilion, and back meadow walk.

Park Area = 43 Acres - est.

Bonner Park Our largest and truly a "walkers" park, with interesting trails wandering through woodland, passing historic ruins, and an old stone quarry.

Park Area = 65 Acres - est.

Martin Park Pleasant wooded area with several trails and picnic spots. The main walking trail is scenic and runs partly along the path of Chester Creek.

Park Area = 45 Acres - est.

Palmer Arboretum Comprises a small area of park land with flowering bushes, fragrant plants, and trees. A quiet picnic spot with tables may be found in a shady grove.

Park Area = 14 Acres - est.

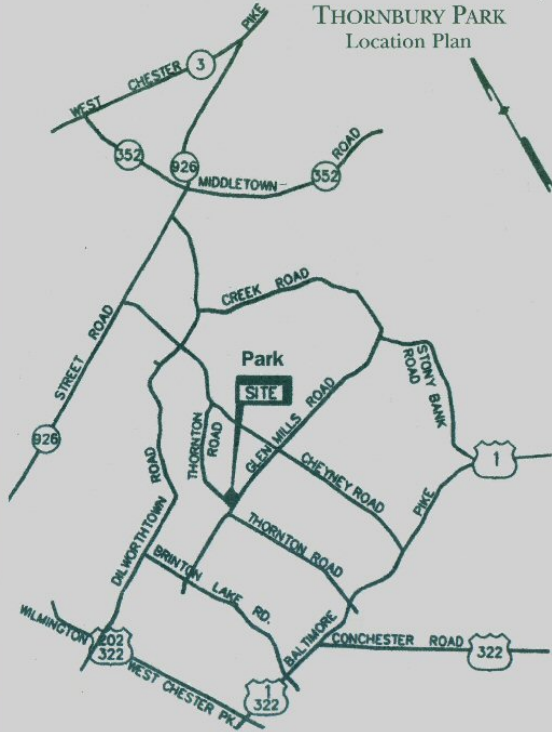
Thornbury Park Facilities

Main access to the park is from Thornton Road where ample vehicle parking is available. The half mile walking/jogging path starts at the parking area and winds around the park perimeter, with gentle slopes, and seats for resting along the way. Adjoining the soccer field is a pleasant walking area known as the Back Meadow sloping upwards to the woods from the top of which may be enjoyed a panoramic vista of the complete park. The peripheral walk around the Back Meadow is approximately half a mile. The township War Memorial is located in a prime location with surrounding flower gardens near the main park entrance. The pavilion comprises a large sheltered area with picnic tables, waste bins, and a nearby water faucet.

Amenities in the Park

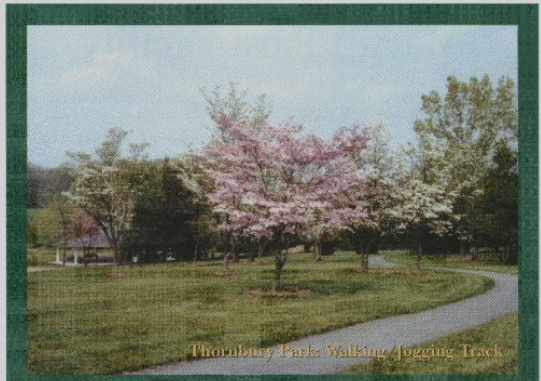
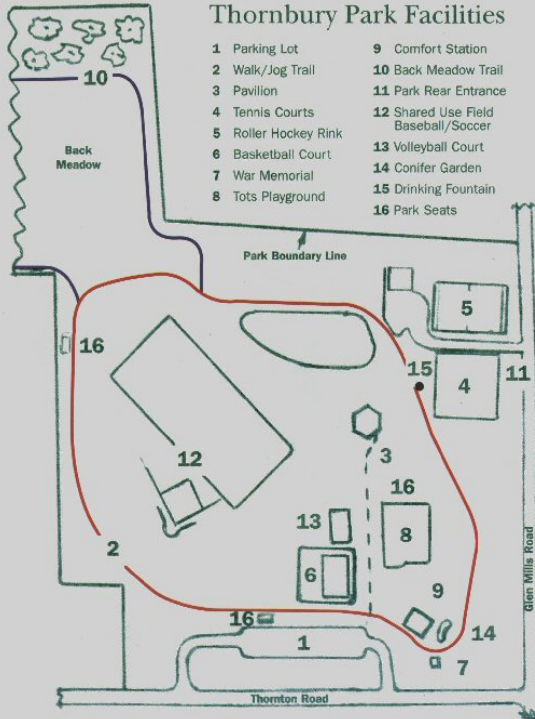
- Tots Playground.
- Soccer Field.
- Tennis Courts.
- Baseball Field.
- Walk/Jog Path.
- Basketball Court.
- Flower Gardens.
- Volleyball Court.
- Pavilion With Tables.
- Junior Basketball Area.
- Park Seats
- Roller Hockey Rink.
- Comfort Station.
- Walking Trail Around Back Meadow.
- Water Fountains.

THORNBURY PARK Location Plan

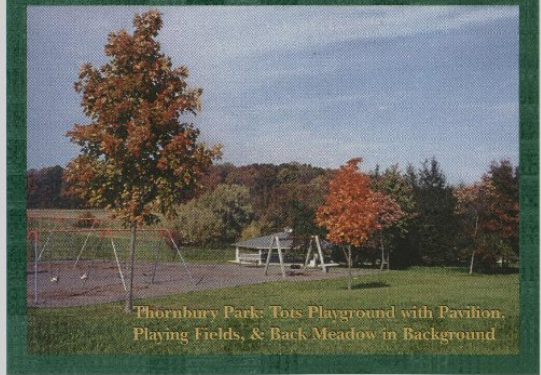


Thornbury Park Facilities

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| 1 Parking Lot | 9 Comfort Station |
| 2 Walk/Jog Trail | 10 Back Meadow Trail |
| 3 Pavilion | 11 Park Rear Entrance |
| 4 Tennis Courts | 12 Shared Use Field
Baseball/Soccer |
| 5 Roller Hockey Rink | 13 Volleyball Court |
| 6 Basketball Court | 14 Conifer Garden |
| 7 War Memorial | 15 Drinking Fountain |
| 8 Tots Playground | 16 Park Seats |



Thornbury Park, Walking/Jogging Track



Thornbury Park: Tots Playground with Pavilion, Playing Fields, & Back Meadow in Background

Martin Park Facility

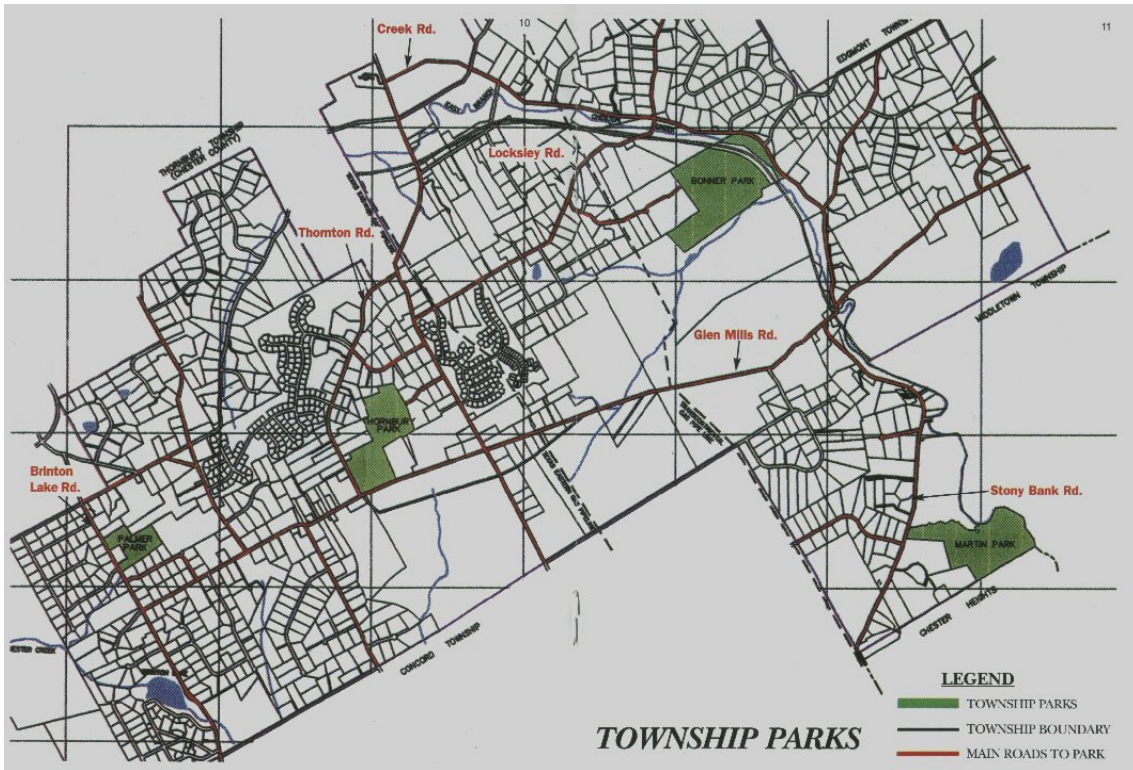
This park is situated on the southern border of Thornbury Township off Stony Bank road. The park entrance lane is on the left side immediately past the small bridge over a stream if traveling along Stony Bank Rd from Glen Mills Rd. (see park location map) At the Martin Park sign take the lane which leads to the parking lot a short distance on into the park. Trails are color coded along their extent with discrete but clear triangles marked on the trees. The green trail commences at the white gate (trail head, point A) near a notice board which displays a map showing all selected trails in the park and the locations of all facilities such as picnic spots etc.

On progressing down green trail some way, on the right will be seen a small plank bridge which is the start of blue trail leading to the fishing pond and an adjacent picnic spot. The blue trail traverses the pond bank and over the dammed up supply stream to connect with red trail. (At point F on the map) If not going to the pond one can continue down green trail until it terminates at the main red trail. (Point B) Nearby is a cleared recreation space and picnic table.

If desiring to walk completely round the scenic red loop trail the visitor, at point B, may prefer to go right in an counter clockwise direction which will later permit easier walking down a steep part of the trail rather than having to strain up it if walking the loop trail in a clockwise direction. (steeper part is identified on trail layout and facilities map) On turning right at point B as suggested the trail winds slowly upwards through pleasant wooded area, then turns and starts down hill descending over the rather steep part alluded to earlier. Near the bottom of the hill the trail turns left to proceed along a scenic length of the Chester Creek passing two more riverside picnic spots before eventually completing the loop and arriving back at the green trail intersection.

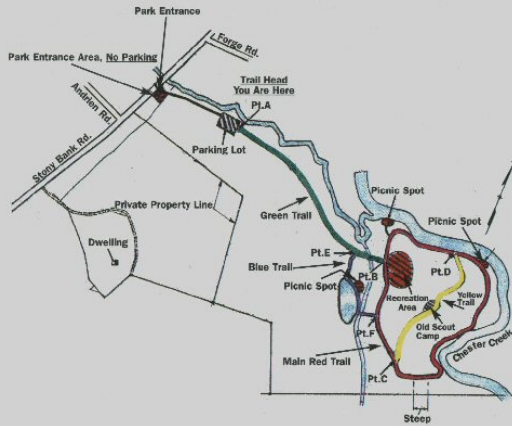
An alternative yellow trail may be taken off red trail at point C which winds up hill past the ruins of an old scout camp and re-joins the red trail at point D affording a shorter overall loop trail walk.

Trail layout and facilities information is continued on page 12.



MARTIN PARK – TRAIL LAYOUT & FACILITIES

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Park Area = 41 Acres
Pleasant walks partly along Chester Creek

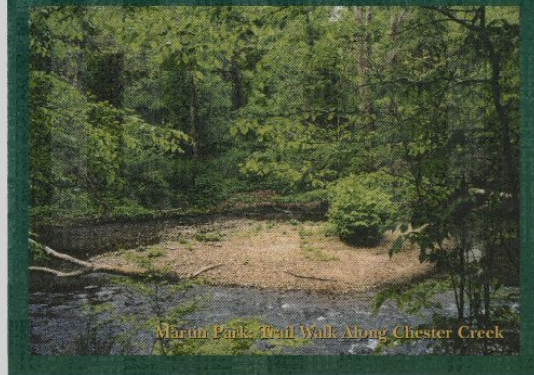
Interconnecting walking trail lengths:

From trail head (Pt. A) to start of red trail (Pt. B) = 1/4 mile
 Red loop trail (Pt. B) around loop back to point B = 1/2 mile
 Yellow trail (Pt. C) past old scout camp to point D = 1/4 mile
 Blue trail (Pt. E) around pond and to red trail (Pt. F) = 1/8 mile

For a one mile walk, start at trail head (Pt. A) take green trail and turn right on intersection with Red trail (Pt. B). Follow around continuous main Red loop trail back to point B and return back on green trail to (Pt. A)



Martin Park- Fishing Pond & Picnic Spot



Martin Park- Trail Walk Along Chester Creek

Bonner Park Facility

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This passive recreation area consists of pleasant walking paths or trails mainly through wooded areas with occasional moderate slopes.

In addition to the main and secondary trails identified on the map (page 17) which have color coded markings on the trees, there are a number of other trails with no markings that are contained within the confines of this our largest park.

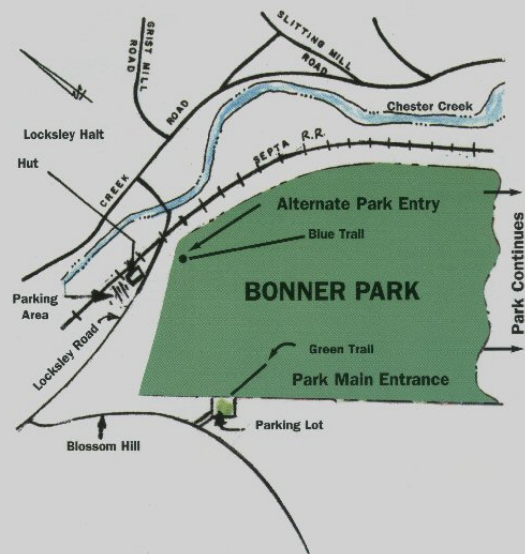
Main and Secondary Trails.

The principal entry into the park trails system is from the small parking lot on Blossom Hill going uphill on the left. Blossom Hill is off Locksley road near the railway crossing. A connecting trail (green trail) leads from the parking lot onto the main loop trail (yellow trail). If following yellow trail it will eventually bring the visitor to a partially restored historical dwelling known as the Frazer Ruins. Also here is a picnic spot with tables, from which the trail turns abruptly and winds down through a bushy area to swing back along an elevated location with a panoramic view of Glen Mills golf course to the right. The trail meanders on through pleasant woodland and passes through an old unused quarry, then past more ruins of a bygone stone works where soon after it reaches the local rarely used railway line. The yellow trail then runs parallel with the line for a short distance before winding to the left uphill to meet the intersection with the green trail again.

Another means of getting into the park and onto the main loop (yellow) trail is with a starting point on Locksley road at the old hut near the railway crossing where there is room for parking. Crossing the road from the hut, a more arduous, blue trail will be found which intersects with the green trail just before the main yellow loop trail.

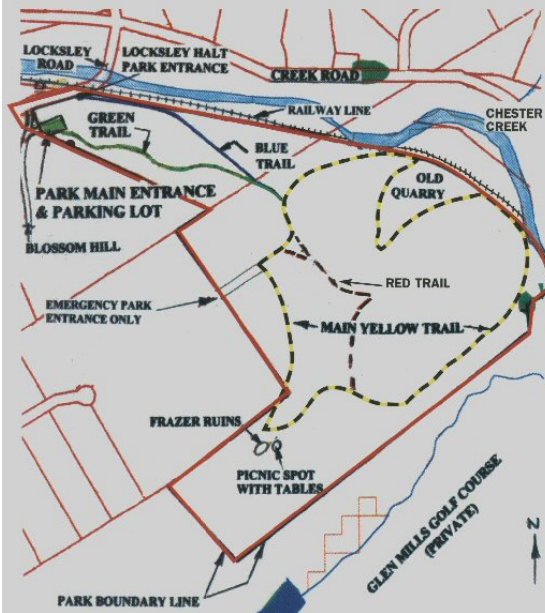
BONNER PARK Location Plan

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BONNER PARK Principal Trails

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Distance starting from park main entrance along green trail onto main yellow trail, All around the yellow main loop trail and back to main entrance along green trail = 2 miles (approx). The distance completely around the main yellow loop trail = 1 1/2 miles. The length of the green trail from the main park entrance to the intersection with the yellow loop trail = 1/4 miles (approx). The length of the blue trail from intersection with the main yellow trail down the Locksley Halt park entrance is 1/4 mile (approx).

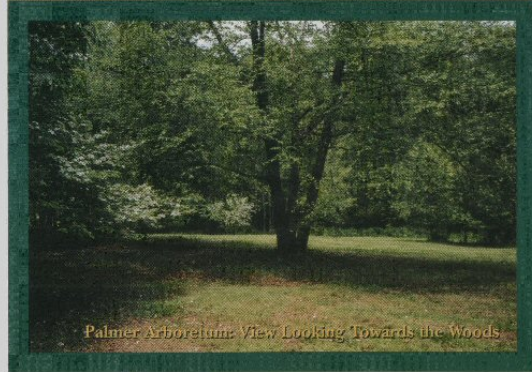
Palmer Arboretum

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This is our smallest recreation facility comprising a bona fide arboretum rather than an action or walking park like the other Township parks. Entry to this facility may be made on the right hand side if proceeding along Brinton Lake Road towards Dilworthtown Road, where you may turn into the parking lot at the clearly visible Palmer Arboretum sign.

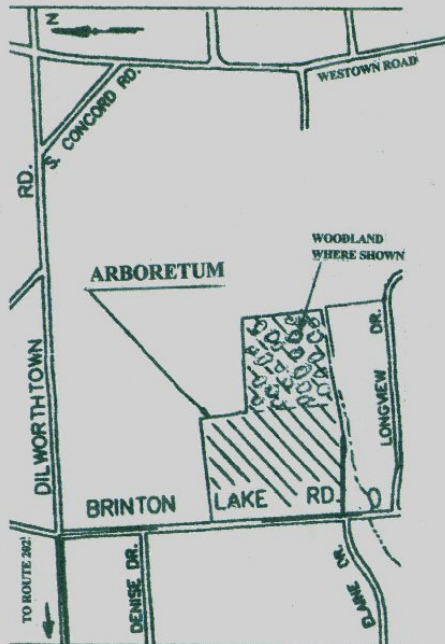
Here within a small area of pleasant parkland can be seen some interesting specimens of trees, flowering shrubs, bushes, ferns, and flowers. A shady picnic spot with tables is located within a grove of trees for visitor's enjoyment.

Towards the rear of this area can be found the entry point to a short one third of a mile Nature Trail which winds down through the adjoining woodland and loops round back to the starting point.



PALMER ARBORETUM Location Plan

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PALMER ARBORETUM FACILITY

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