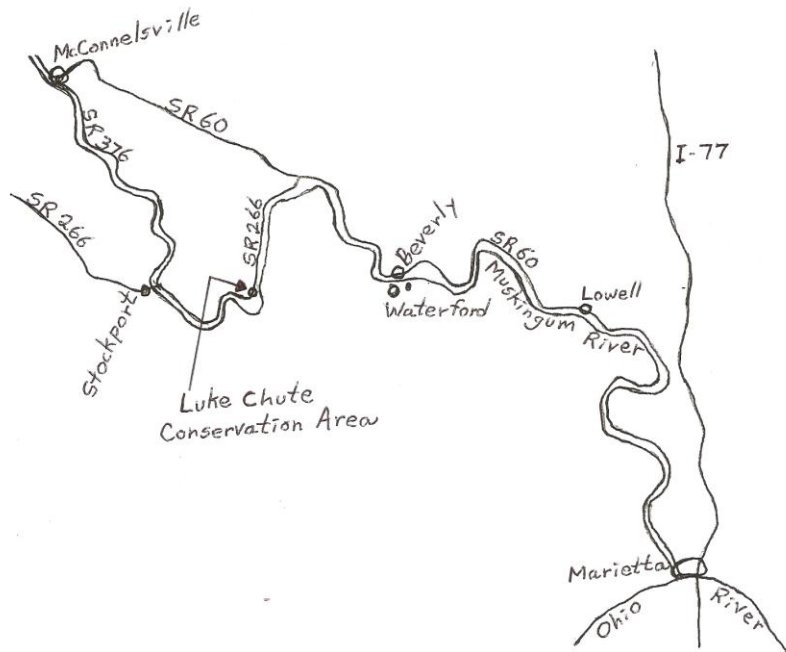


Location of Luke Chute Conservation Area



Distances:

- 30 miles from Marietta
- 16 miles from McConnellsville
- 5 miles from Stockport
- 5 miles from junction SR 266 and SR 60

As you approach the Conservation Area from SR 60, when you have gone about 5 miles on SR 266, there is a very noticeable dip in the road, with "Columbus Street" on the left at the bottom of the dip. As you come up out of this dip, watch for the Friends of Lower Muskingum River parking area on the left.

For more information, visit the Friends of Lower Muskingum River website: www.muskingumriver.org



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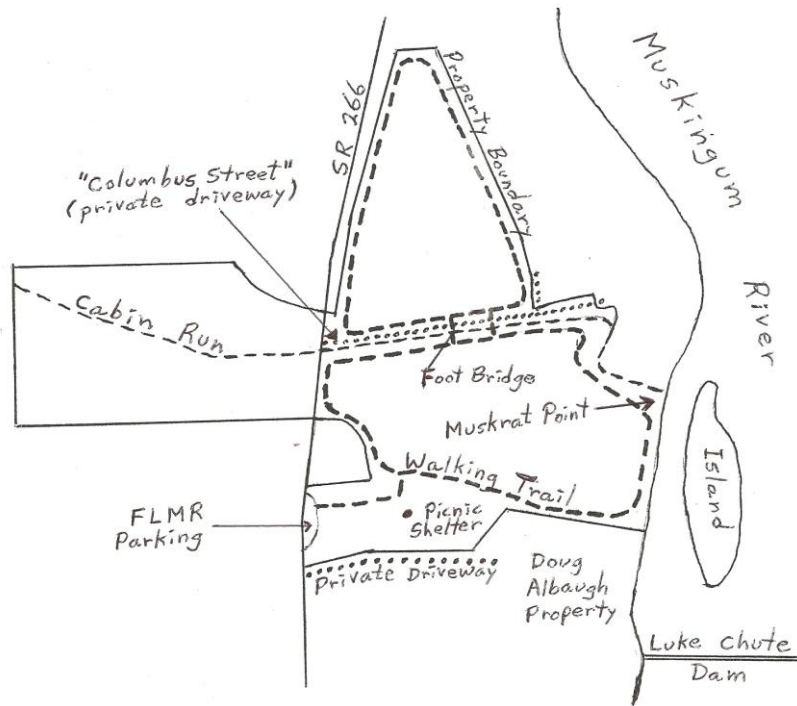
Friends of Lower Muskingum River
is a local non-profit land trust and watershed organization dedicated to protecting and restoring land in the lower Muskingum watershed.

This 60 acre tract was acquired with funding from the
Clean Ohio Conservation Fund
(31 acres in 2006; 29-acre Cabin Run addition in 2010)

AEP planted 9,000 hardwood trees in 2006, as part of their carbon sequestration program.

The American Chestnut Foundation donated 50 chestnuts in 2006, from their back-crossing program to re-establish American chestnuts.

Friends of Lower Muskingum River Luke Chute Conservation Area



The Luke Chute Conservation Area is open to the public.
The walking trails are for foot travel only.
Please leave only footprints!

Walking distances:

Parking area to Muskrat Point (one way) – 0.4 mile
Entire perimeter loop – 1.4 miles

Luke Chute Conservation Area Special Features

Picnic shelter:

In the warm months of the year, Friends of Lower Muskingum River has a potluck picnic on the evening of the fourth Thursday of each month. The public is invited.

“Bird Show”:

In late summer and fall, huge flocks of blackbirds, estimated at between a quarter and a half million birds, roost in the area north of Cabin Run. Each evening as the flocks come in to roost they present quite a spectacular aerial display. It’s worth seeing!

Spadefoot Toads:

The eastern spadefoot toad is listed as an endangered species in Ohio. We have constructed two small ponds for the re-introduction of these toads on the Conservation Area.

Turtles:

At Muskrat Point and south along the river bank, a large population of softshell turtles, snapping turtles, and other species frequently can be seen basking in the sun. They lay their eggs in holes they dig in the sandy bank, then carefully cover them.

Volunteers:

The Land Trust work of Friends of Lower Muskingum River is all volunteer. No one gets paid. We are doing something we truly believe in – protecting some undeveloped land for the sake of the environment and for future generations to enjoy. We need more volunteers in many different capacities.

FLMR member Dave Blount has donated many hours of volunteer labor, making and maintaining the trails, building a bridge, making two ponds, helping build a picnic shelter, and more. Dave has been designated Steward of the Conservation Area. For information about the Conservation Area, you can call Dave and Sandy Blount at 740-984-1101.