



## Relocation Guide to Columbus, Ohio

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## WELCOME AND OVERVIEW



Columbus, OH

Ohio's capital city is full of beautiful neighborhoods, a critically acclaimed food scene and top-ranked attractions. This creative-minded destination offers something for everyone. Families will enjoy COSI, the nationally known science center, as well as the Columbus zoo and its neighboring water park. Art lovers will savor the collections at the Columbus Museum of Art and revel in Gallery Hop, a monthly celebration in the Short North Art District. Columbus is a city that invites exploration.

Columbus has a generally strong and diverse economy based on education, insurance, banking, fashion, defense, aviation, food, logistics, steel, energy, medical research, health care, hospitality, retail, and technology.

### City of Columbus Overview

- [Official Website of Columbus](#)
- [Mayor of Columbus](#)
- Population: 850,106 (2015 Estimate)
- Land Area: 223 square miles
- [Columbus Parks and Recreation Department](#)
- [Columbus Metropolitan Library](#)
- [Weather Today in Columbus](#)
- [Recycling in Columbus](#)

### History of Columbus

- [German Village](#) - a historic neighborhood in Columbus, Ohio – is one of the largest, privately funded historic districts in the U.S.
- [Ohio History Connection](#)



## What to See in Greater Columbus Area, Sightseeing Tours, Value Packages, and Tourist Information

- [Information on Tourism in the Columbus Area](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Trip Advisor Attractions in Columbus](#)
- [Groupon Deals & Coupons in Columbus](#)

## Where to Eat

[Restaurant Week Columbus](#) is the city's largest dining event, held for a week in mid-July and mid-January each year.

- [Yelp](#)
- [Best restaurants in Middletown](#)
- [Make online restaurant reservations](#)



*Columbus, OH*

**Hilliard Information** - The faces of Hilliard range from the quaint shops, businesses and restaurants that populate historic Old Hilliard, to the sprout of new business and industry that line Trueman Boulevard. An abundance of parks and recreational opportunities accent the quality of life.

- [Official Website](#)
- [Mayor of Hilliard](#)
- Population: 32,465 (2014 Estimate)
- [Parks and Recreation Department](#)
- [Public Library](#)
- [Recycling and Trash](#)



*Hilliard, OH*

**Dublin Information** - Dublin is a vibrant city with safe neighborhoods, a solid network of parks and shared-use paths and a variety of community events and activities for our residents to enjoy. Located just minutes from Columbus, Dublin is a desirable place for business, raising a family or enjoying professional sporting events and renowned attractions.

- [Official Website](#)
- [Mayor of Dublin](#)
- Population: 44,214 (2014 Estimate)
- [Parks and Recreation Department](#)
- [Public Library](#)
- [Recycling and Trash](#)



*Dublin, OH*

## EMERGENCY

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY  
DIAL 911  
FOR FIRE, POLICE & AMBULANCE**

Emergency personnel will ask for the following information so keep this page close to your phone:

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

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**If you accidentally call 911, please do not hang up.** The police will automatically be dispatched to your home to make sure there are no problems. Explain to the Operator the call was an accident.

[POISON CONTROL](#) 1-800-222-1222

[ANIMAL POISON CONTROL](#) 1-888-426-4435

Other Important Numbers:

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

WORK PHONE NUMBER

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### Hospital & Clinics

- [Ohio Health Hospitals](#) - several locations, including [Dublin](#) and [Riverside](#)
- [Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center](#)
- [Mount Carmel Hospital](#)
- [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#)
- [Find a Doctor](#)

### Veterinary Clinics

- [Columbus Animal Clinics & Hospitals](#)
- [Hilliard Veterinarians](#)
- [Dublin Veterinarians](#)

### Pharmacies

There are several major pharmacy chains in Columbus. Click on "Store Locator" and enter your zip (postal) code to find the pharmacy near you. Check for hours of operation. Also the main grocery stores and Superstores such as Target, and Wal-Mart have full service pharmacies.

- [CVS](#)
- [Rite Aid](#)
- [Walgreens](#)
- [List of independent pharmacies in the Columbus area](#)

### **US Leasing/Housing Guide**

A lease is an agreement that outlines the obligations of the owner and the tenants of a house or apartment. It is a legally binding document, so it is important for you to know the exact terms of the lease agreement before you sign it. Please do not sign a lease without reviewing it with your IOR DS Consultant.

### **Rental Agents**

In most situations, your IOR DS consultant will partner with a local realtor to have access to the most current and extensive property listings as well as the realtor's expertise in preparing and negotiating leases. This agent receives a commission for their assistance, in most US locations this commission is paid by the Landlord, not the tenant. Your IOR DS Consultant will discuss this with you.

### **Renter's Rights**

Tenants who lease or rent property are protected against discrimination by [The Fair Housing Act](#). If you think your rights have been violated, you may write a letter or telephone the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) office nearest you. You have one year after the alleged violation to file a complaint with HUD, but you should file as soon as possible.

While you can generally expect the same service from landlords, it's important to know your state's laws. Each state and most major cities have their own tenant rights, laws and protections. [Here are Delaware's](#).

You can also visit the [HUD website here for a full guide to renters' rights by states](#).

If your rental property ever suffers any defects that make your place uninhabitable, your landlord has a duty to fix it. While some apartments let you make online requests for repairs, as well as provide a phone number for "emergencies," always make sure you document your request in writing. The landlord will then have a certain amount of time to make those repairs.

### **Privacy**

You have the right to privacy. While the landlord owns the property, they can't access it anytime they want. All states have laws stating renters have a right to privacy while renting. Pretty much the only time the landlord can come into your rental without permission or notice is when they're responding to an emergency that threatens injury or property damage.

Any other time the landlord wants to enter your apartment, they need to have your permission and in most cases give you 24-hours' notice before entering.

### **What to expect from the landlord:**

In most states, you are legally entitled to:

- Safe structural elements including floors, walls, roofs, and secure doors and windows.
- Privacy as described above.
- All electrical, plumbing, heating,, and air conditioning systems function.

- Working hot and cold water.
- Exterminating infestations of rodents and other insects.
- Access to trash receptacles.
- Landlords cannot discriminate based on race, gender, sexual orientation, or disabilities.
- Apartment buildings sometimes come with laundry and dryer machines in the basement.
- Water, electricity, and gas bills are up to you to pay. **Your IOR consultant will assist you with this process.**

### Utilities and Appliances

Your IOR DS Consultant will assist you or provide information on connecting your utilities. It is possible some will be included in your rent, but typically most are not.

### Recycling

Recycling and Columbus really do belong together. With the program RecyColumbus, you'll find everything you need [here](#) to start making Columbus a greener community.



### The Lease Process

#### Review your housing budget with your IOR DS Consultant

Your IOR DS Consultant can help you understand what kind of property you can afford. You also need to take into account that you may be responsible for some of the utility costs of your rental.

#### Know what you want

What are you looking for in a property? Do you want a studio or a single bedroom? Maybe you want to rent a single family home? Do you need the property to come with appliances, including washer and dryer? Do want it to be close to school or your work? Do you want it to be within walking distance of retail, like groceries or coffee shops? Are you looking for a child friendly area?

Keep in mind that outside of the city center in major cities, there is not much public transportation and most locals drive everywhere.

#### Identify potential apartments

IOR offers home finding services to aid you with this process. Your consultant may work with a local broker who will help to organize appointments and visit properties. They will also assist in the rental application and the leasing process.

#### Common Abbreviations and Acronyms used in rental housing listings

<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
<b>24-hr mtn</b>	24-hour emergency maintenance	<b>LA</b>	Living area
<b>AC or A/C</b>	Air conditioning	<b>LR</b>	Living room
<b>Appls</b>	Appliances	<b>MBR</b>	Master bedroom

<b>Apt</b>	Apartment	<b>MBTH</b>	Master bathroom
<b>BA</b>	Bathroom	<b>Neg</b>	Negotiable
<b>BR</b>	Bedroom	<b>Ofc</b>	Office
<b>Bsmt</b>	Basement	<b>OSP</b>	Off-street parking
<b>CAC</b>	Central air conditioning	<b>Pkg</b>	Parking
<b>DA</b>	Dining area	<b>PM</b>	Property manager (management)
<b>Det</b>	Detached	<b>Pvt</b>	Private
<b>Dk</b>	Deck	<b>Pwdr rm</b>	Powder room (1/2 bath)
<b>DR</b>	Dining room	<b>RE</b>	Real estate
<b>Dw (D/w)</b>	Dishwasher	<b>Renov</b>	Renovated
<b>Eff</b>	Efficiency	<b>Rf</b>	Roof
<b>EiK</b>	Eat-in kitchen	<b>Rm</b>	Room
<b>Fin bsmt</b>	Finished basement	<b>SF</b>	Single-family
<b>FDR</b>	Formal dining room	<b>SFA</b>	Single-family attached
<b>FHA</b>	Fair Housing Act	<b>SFD</b>	Single-family detached
<b>FMR</b>	Fair market rent	<b>Sp, PI</b>	Swimming pool
<b>FP</b>	Floorplan	<b>Sq. ft</b>	Square feet
<b>Gar</b>	Garage	<b>Th (T/H)</b>	Townhouse
<b>H/A</b>	Handicapped accessible	<b>Vw (vu)</b>	View
<b>H/W</b>	Hardwood floors	<b>W/A</b>	Wheelchair accessible
<b>Hi ceil</b>	High ceilings	<b>W/W</b>	Wall-to-wall carpeting
<b>HVAC</b>	Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning		

### Visit

Make this process as efficient as possible by visiting as many potential properties as you can in one or two days. Try to go sometime during the week if possible. Your IOR DS consultant will work with you to set an appropriate schedule and to ensure that the properties you visit meet your needs as closely as possible.



### **What to do once you're there**

As you look at the rental unit, be sure to ask a lot of questions. While you should keep small concerns to yourself about the unit while looking at it, feel free to ask the landlord or apartment manager any questions you might have that will help in your decision. Here are some possible questions you may consider asking:

- What's the monthly rent?
- Are any utilities included with the rent?
- How much is the security deposit?
- When is rent due? Do you have auto-pay?
- What's the make-up of the other tenants? Are they mainly younger students? Married couples with families? Older folks?
- What's the parking situation like? Do you pay for a parking spot?
- Do you take care of small maintenance issues or am I responsible for some of the repairs in the property?
- Am I able to re-paint the walls or make other modifications?

Again, be friendly and polite when you ask these questions.

### **The Application**

The next step in the leasing process for an apartment is to submit a rental application for the location you want. The manager or landlord will be able to give you the application as well as anything else that they may need to have filled out. Your IOR DS Consultant will assist with this process. For a single family home there will likely be a rental application.

You will need your passport, Social Security number and proof of employment. Some landlords may charge you an application fee which could be between \$20 to \$400 dollars, depending on the landlord. This could be a combination of an application fee and move-in fee.

Once you've done this, it can take up to a few days to hear back from the property manager. Once your application has been approved the lease approval process will begin with IOR and likely your employer.

### **Signing the lease**

DO NOT SIGN THE LEASE until your IOR DS Consultant has reviewed it in full and given their approval.

The lease is a binding contract, so it is very important to pay attention as a leasing agent goes over it with you. It is perfectly normal for you to take your time and read all the fine print for yourself. If you are working with an IOR DS Consultant, make sure to talk with them and receive approval before signing. You will also be given a copy of the lease to take with you and keep for your records, but it is very important to know everything included in your lease from the start.

Some things to look for in a lease:

- Term of the lease and any important dates such as when the rent is due.
- Extra fees for parking spaces or storage, garbage collection, and pets.

- Information regarding utility providers and whether you or the landlord is responsible for those bills.
- Notification requirements in case of renewal.
- Requirements/responsibilities of the tenants to do routine repairs such as lawn maintenance, cleaning or notification of repairs.
- Clauses that allow the landlord to change the terms of the lease after it is signed.
- Restrictions that would prevent you from living normally or comfortably in the home.

Sometimes landlords will ask for a security deposit before you sign the lease. This is normal, but you shouldn't pay in cash. Make sure all payments are made out as a check or money order just in case.

### **What to expect from the lease**

Most leases in the United States include the following or a variation thereof:

- Your employer requires that all leases include a Break Clause in case you are transferred for work or personal needs.
- Contracts will often be for periods of a year or more.
- Minimum stay. Typically three fourths of your lease contract time. If you choose to move out before this date, you will lose your security deposit. If you move out afterwards, you are still required to give a specified number of days notice.
- Security Deposit. Landlords will expect you to leave them with a deposit (usually about one to two month's rent) that they will hold for the duration of your lease. You will receive your security deposit back at the end of the lease provided you don't break any specific clauses in your lease, such as moving out without proper notice, not paying rent, causing damages to the property, etc.
- Landlords should not be given unchecked access to your apartment. If there isn't anything in your lease about landlord's rights to enter the leased premises, suggest the following clause:

*Entry by the Landlord. Landlord or his agent will not enter Tenant's home except to deal with an emergency; to make necessary or agreed repairs; to supply necessary or agreed services; or to show the unit to potential purchasers, tenants, or repair persons. Unless there is an emergency, Landlord will give Tenant at least 24 hours' written notice of the date, time, and purpose of the intended entry and will schedule entries during normal business hours, Monday–Friday.*

Most landlords will be hard-pressed to say no to such a reasonable clause. If the landlord refuses, it's a sure sign that he won't be reasonable in other respects, too. Continue on in your housing search.

### **Moving In**

On your selected move-in date, after the lease has been signed, and deposits have been paid...you should be given your keys and more than likely a move-in form to fill out. Your IOR DS Consultant will assist you with an initial walk through of your apartment. Look for dings in the walls, cracked windows, or other irregularities and report them on this form. This will indicate that these things were there before you moved in and you will not be held responsible for them at the end of the lease term.

### **Get Renter's Insurance**

Renter's insurance covers any loss to your personal property due to robbery or accidents. It also covers any damage you might cause to other tenant's property. For example, let's say your washing machine springs a leak and water seeps through the floor and ruins your neighbor's antique dresser. Renter's insurance would cover that.

Renter's insurance will cost approximately about \$15-125 a month, less if you tack it onto another policy (like auto) you have with an insurance company. A few popular options are [Allstate](#) and [StateFarm](#).

## LOCAL REGISTRATION

### Social Security Procedures

[United States Social Security Administration](#)

1-800-772-1213

Upon arrival in the United States, employees holding work visas will be required to apply, in person, for a Social Security number. The Application for a Social Security Card (SS-5) can be used by anyone who has never been issued a card, needs a replacement card or has changed his or her name. Your IOR Destination Services Consultant will assist you with this process and can answer any questions you might have.

### **THIS SERVICE IS FREE.**

To get an original number and card, you'll need to complete an Application for a Social Security Card ([Form SS-5](#)), and show the following documents IN PERSON at the local social security office.

- Passport
- [I-94](#)
- Work Visa
- Any other documents received by US Immigration

If all of your information is confirmed, your Social Security card will arrive in the mail in approximately 2-4 weeks. Several days after you have successfully completed the application process, you may be able to take your identification with your receipt, back to the Social Security office to inquire about your Social Security number before you receive your card. Your IOR Destination Services Consultant will assist you with this process.

### **L-2 Visa Employment Opportunity Law Changes**

The L-2 visa allows the dependent spouse and minor, unmarried children of qualified L-1 visa holders to enter into the U.S.

Changes took place on July 27, 2006 that apply to spouses of L-1 Visa holders in the US on an L2 Visa. Prior to that date, spouses on L-2 Visas were not permitted to obtain a social security card and were denied the right to be employed in the US. The law change now permits L-2 Visa holders (spouses only, not dependent children) to work on a full-time basis in the U.S. with proper employment authorization from the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

The L-2 Visa holder must apply for a social security card in addition to applying for an Employment Authorization Document before they can begin employment.

## **Social Security Numbers**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has issued guidelines, which permit E-1, E-2, and L-2 spouses to obtain Social Security Numbers without having to first obtain employment.

Authorization Documents (EADs) from the CIS. They must show proof that their spouse is in E-1, E-2 or L-1 status, and present an original marriage certificate, in the native language. However, before they are authorized to work, they must obtain an EAD. [The new SSA guidelines are online here.](#)

Employment Authorization Document (EAD): L-2 Visa holders can apply for this document utilizing USCIS Form 1-765, Application for Employment Authorization. They must provide the following forms of identification: valid passport, 1-94 Arrival-Departure Document, Marriage Certificate from home country, two identical, and color photographs taken within 30 days of application. Currently, the process from application to EAD issue takes 3 to 4 months. The L2 Visa holder may also engage in full-time study in the US. A dependent child still may not apply for an EAD card except in cases of severe hardship. Local offices are open Monday thru Friday 9am to 4pm.

**\*\*Notice\*\*** Social Security offices are closed on all US Federal holidays.

## **Obtaining a Driver's License/State ID Card**

In the US, a driver's license or ID card is issued by each individual state and not by the federal government. Since there is no national identity card in the USA, and many Americans don't have a passport or carry around a birth certificate, a driver's license issued by your state is often the only official piece of identification for many citizens. Since 9/11, you will need to show a valid driver's license or State ID card to enter many big office buildings.

Within 30 days of establishing residency, you will need an Ohio driver license, and an Ohio title and license plates for your vehicle. To apply for an Ohio license, you will need to bring proof of the following:

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Legal presence in the United States
- Social Security number
- Ohio street address

You'll have to pass written and eye exams, and usually a road test. More details on the process and fees [here](#).

**Your Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.**

### Public Schools in Columbus

Columbus City Schools (CCS), formerly [Columbus Public Schools](#), is the largest district in Ohio, with 55,000 pupils. The district includes a number of [magnet schools](#) (which are referred to as alternative schools within the school system) offering IB Programs, STEM and fine arts courses. The suburbs operate their own districts as well, typically serving students in one or more townships, with districts sometimes crossing municipal boundaries.

### Public Schools in Hilliard

- [Hilliard City School District](#) is a public school district. Great Schools Rated 8. As the 8th largest school district in the state of Ohio, the Hilliard City School District serves more than 16,000 students in grades K-12 through three high schools, three middle schools, two sixth-grade schools and 14 elementary schools. You are required to provide proof of residency.
  - [Area served](#) by Hilliard Schools
  - Main Office (614) 921-7000

### Public Schools in Dublin

- [Dublin City Schools](#) is a public school district. Great Schools Rated 9. As the 11th largest school district in the state of Ohio, Dublin serves more than 15,500 students in grades K-12 through three high schools, four middle schools, and 12 elementary schools. You are required to provide proof of residency.
  - [Area served](#) by Dublin Schools
  - Main office (614) 764-5913

### Helpful links for information on area schools

- [US News Rankings](#)
- [Greatschools.org](#)

### Area Private Schools

There are 84 private schools within 5 miles of Columbus, OH, serving 17,793 students. A few to consider:

- The [Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus](#) also operates numerous parochial elementary and high schools.
- [Wellington School](#)
- [Ohio Chinese School](#)
- List of [Private Schools](#)

### Area Universities

- [Capital University](#)
- [Ohio Dominican University](#)
- [The Ohio State University](#)
- [Columbus State](#)



*The Ohio State University*

### Checking and Savings Accounts

To open a local checking or savings account you will need the following information:

- Two forms of picture identification including but not limited to your passport, driver's license or work ID.
- Social security number
- Local mailing address. You may use your office address as your mailing address, but be prepared to call your bank branch as soon as you have your permanent address.
- Letter of Employment
- Cash for the initial deposit can range from \$25-\$150 dollars.

### Major U.S. Banks

Below is a list of links to some of the larger U.S. banks. Not every bank is represented in all U.S. locations; in some cases you may find that the local bank is a better option for you than some of the larger banks. Your IOR DS Consultant can help you in selecting a bank by sharing the various options available locally.

- [Bank of America](#)
- [Chase](#)
- [Citibank](#)
- [HSBC](#)
- [TD Bank](#)
- [US Bank](#)
- [Wells Fargo](#)
- [Columbus area banks](#)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/DRIVING

Cars are the main mode of transportation in the Columbus area.

### Local Bus Transportation

Columbus maintains a widespread municipal bus service called [The Central Ohio Transit Authority](#) (COTA)



### Airport

[John Glenn International Airport \(CMH\)](#)

### Bikes

The city has put forth the [Bikeways Plan](#) to make Columbus a bike friendly city.

### Map Websites

- [www.maps.google.com](http://www.maps.google.com)
- [www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)
- [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)
- [www.mapblast.com](http://www.mapblast.com)

### AAA Travel Protection

AAA is a membership organization that offers benefits such as roadside service and towing, discounts on car products and services, maps, reference materials, etc.

Call 1-800-352-5382 for additional information and cost. [www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)



## LIVING AND SHOPPING

### TV, Cable, Telephone, and Internet

The main service providers for TV cable, landline telephone and internet all offer combination packages. They are in stiff competition with each other, so special offers change monthly, sometimes even weekly.

- [AT&T](#)
- [DirecTV](#)
- [Dish](#)
- [Spectrum](#)
- [WOW Cable](#)

### Food Shopping

- [ALDI](#)
- [Fresh Thyme Grocers](#)
- [Giant Eagle](#)
- [Kroger](#)
- [Market District Supermarket](#)
- [Meijer](#)
- [Trader Joe's](#)
- [Weiland's Market](#)
- [Whole Foods Market](#)

**Farmers' Markets** – generally open spring to fall

- [Clintonville Farmers' Market](#)
- [Dublin Farmers' Market](#)
- [Pearl Market](#)

### Shopping Malls

- [Easton Mall Center](#)
- [Polaris Fashion Mall](#)
- [Tanger Outlets](#) in Jeffersonville and in Columbus
- [The Shops on Lane Avenue](#)
- [Tuttle Crossing Mall](#)



**PEARL MARKET**



## PET RESOURCES

Your pets are an important part of your lives. That's why the City of Columbus supports the needs of your furry friends. We provide a wide variety of community resources, such as animal rescue, animal shelters, pet adoption, dog parks and more to help keep your current pets happy and healthy - or to help you find a special pet that's waiting for the perfect home.

- [License for Dogs](#)

### Veterinary Clinics

- [Animal Clinics & Hospitals](#)

### Area Dog Parks

Columbus, Ohio and the surrounding area has several [great dog parks](#). Hilliard has the [Heritage Trail Dog Park](#)

### Humane Society

- [Capital Area Humane Society](#)



## RECREATION

### Arts, Science and Culture

- [Columbus Zoo and Aquarium](#)
- [Columbus Museum of Art](#)
- [Wexner Center for the Arts](#)
- [COSI Columbus, \(Center of Science and Industry\)](#)
- [Wagner-Hagans Auto Museum](#)
- [Schiller Park Amphitheatre](#) hosts free live performances of Shakespearean plays during the summer months courtesy of The Actor's Theatre.
- [Columbus Symphony Orchestra](#)
- [Opera Columbus](#)
- [BalletMet Columbus](#)
- [Ohio Theater](#)



### Sports

- [Columbus Blue Jackets](#) – NHL Hockey
- [Columbus Crew](#) - professional soccer team
- [Columbus Clippers](#) – minor league baseball team
- Ohio State Football – Big 10 College football



### Festivals

- [Columbus Arts festival](#) and the [Jazz and Ribs Festival](#), both of which occur on the downtown riverfront.

### Golf

- [Columbus City Golf Courses](#) are Home to Six Superb Courses that Offer the Best Golfing Experience in Central Ohio.

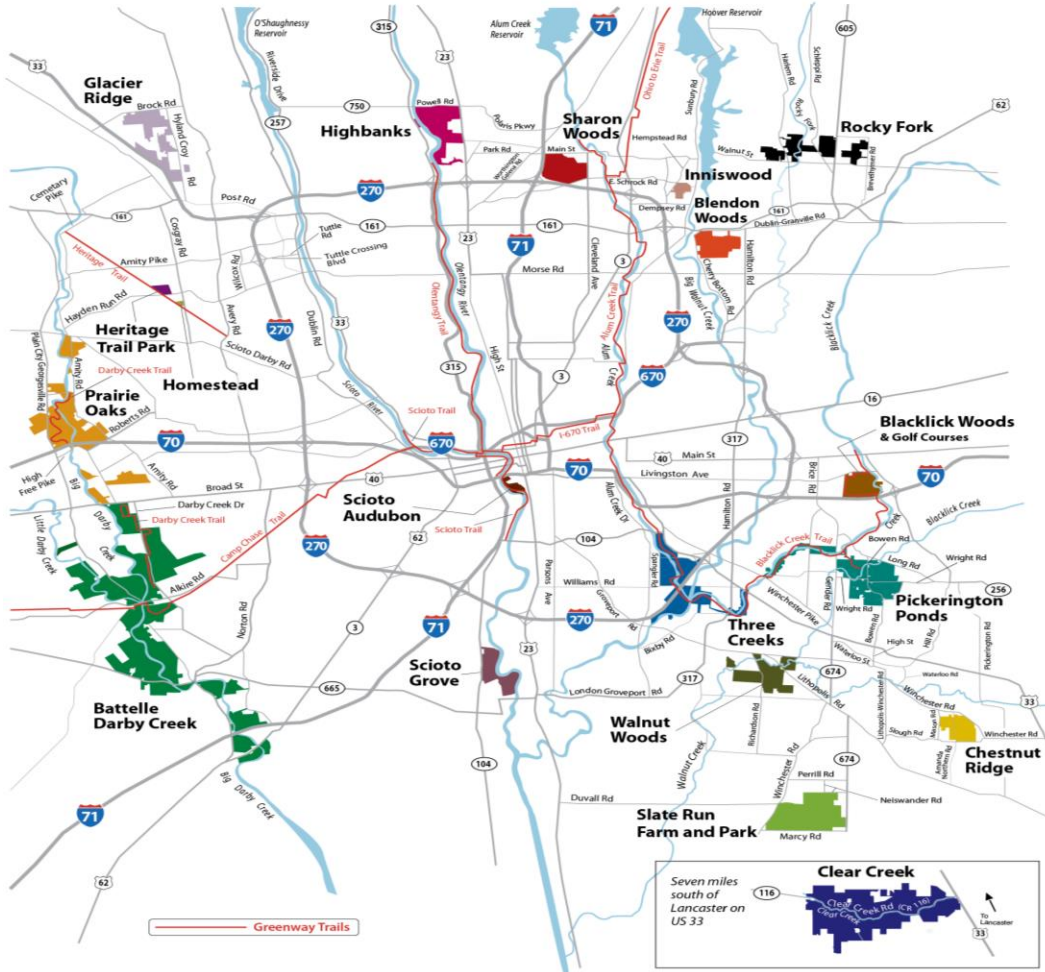
### Area Parks

With over 230+ parks throughout Franklin County, the [Columbus Recreation and Parks](#) Department is bound to maintain a beautiful park near you.

Columbus and Franklin County Metropolitan Park District includes the following notable parks, and many more.

- [Inniswood Metro Gardens](#), a collection of public gardens on 121-acres
- [Highbanks Metro Park](#) is named for its massive 100-foot-high bluff towering over the river.
- [The Battelle Darby Creek](#) in the southwestern part of town is considered to be especially significant for its beauty and ecological diversity.





Map of Columbus Area Parks

### Volunteer Opportunities

- [Volunteer Match](#)
- [United Way](#)
- [Humane Society](#)

### Parent & Children Resources

- [Mom's Clubs](#) - social groups offering events and outings with mothers and their young children.

### Smart Phone Apps for Travel

- [Uber](#) : Similar to a taxi service but all web based. Payment also handled online, do not pay or tip driver directly. Uber driver knows your approximate location based on your phone GPS.
- [Lyft](#) : Wherever you're headed, count on Lyft for rides in minutes. The Lyft app matches you with local drivers at the tap of a button. Just request and go.
- [Apple Maps](#) : Map by direction
- [Map Quest](#) : Map by direction
- [Waze](#) : Community based traffic & navigation with alternate route suggestions
- [CityMaps2Go](#) : The #1 travel app lets you discover exciting new places. Beautiful photos and insider tips at the touch of a button. You will receive stories about places you like and can instantly save and find them on your maps and in your lists.

### Smart Phone Apps for Communication

- [WhatsApp](#) : Free local & international Real Time messaging
- [Line](#) : Exchange free instant messages with friends whenever and wherever with one-on-one and group chats. LINE is available on all smartphone devices (iPhone, Android, Windows Phone, Blackberry, Nokia) and even on your PC.
- [Viber](#) : Free text, calling, photo messages and location-sharing with Viber users. No registration, alias or invitations required. Instantly integrates with your own contact list. Best-quality mobile calls using 3G or Wi-Fi.
- [Skype](#) : Stay in touch with your family and friends for free on Skype. Download Skype today to chat and call on desktop and mobile.

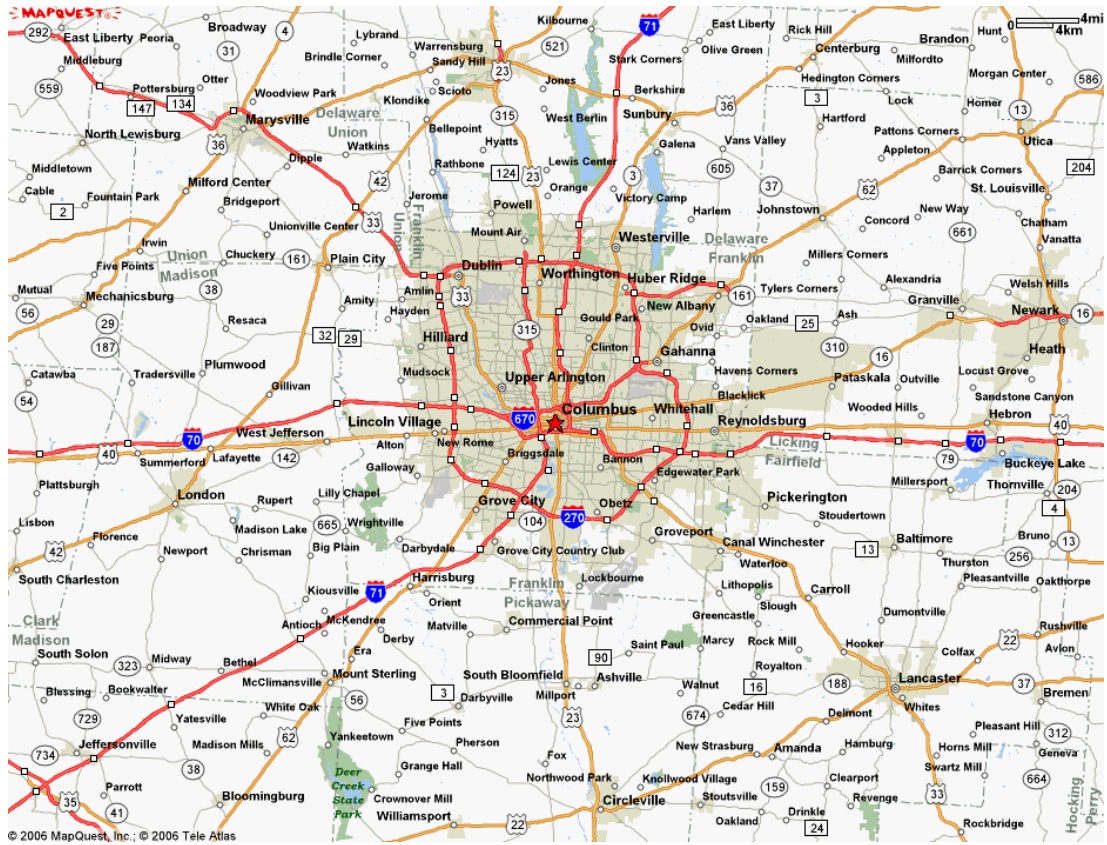
### Smart Phone Apps for Local Information/Reviews

- [Angie's List](#) : Referrals for doctor, dentist, child care, maid, mechanic, painter, plumber, etc.
- [Yelp!](#) : Find local businesses, restaurants, bars, clubs, events, etc. with map, lists, and reviews
- [Next Door](#) : Neighbors share community events, items for sale, recommendations for babysitters, doctors and handymen, crime reports, ideas about how to improve their neighborhood and more.
- [Meet Ups](#) : Meetups are neighbors getting together to learn something, do something or share something. Cultural groups advertise gatherings here as well.

### Smart Phone Apps for Weather

- [WTHR13](#) : Local weather and closings; includes radar and forecast
- [Weather Channel](#) : National and international time, temperature & weather
- [Tornado](#) : Set up tornado alerts & siren

AREA MAP



Greater Columbus, Ohio

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

### [Federal Holidays listed through 2020](#)

The following are legal holidays in the United States and need to be treated as such by employers:

- New Year's Day January 1\*
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday January 21
- Good Friday March 29
- Memorial Day Last Monday in May
- Independence Day July 4\*
- Labor Day First Monday in September
- Veterans' Day November 11\*
- Thanksgiving Day Fourth Thursday in November
- Christmas Day December 25\*

\*If a holiday falls on a Sunday, the day following is observed as the legal holiday.