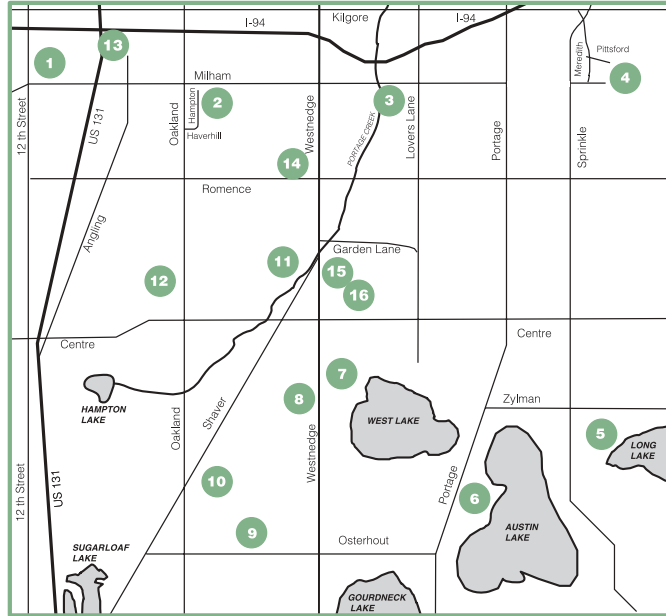


Portage Parks are in Your Neighborhood



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| 1. Westfield Park | 8. South Westnedge Park |
| 2. Haverhill Park | 9. Schrier Park |
| 3. Portage Creek Bicentennial Park | 10. Bishop's Bog Preserve |
| 4. Lexington Green Park | 11. Central Park |
| 5. Ramona Park | 12. Oakland Drive Park |
| 6. Lakeview Park | 13. Harbors West Park |
| 7. West Lake Nature Preserve | 14. Millennium Park |
| | 15. STEP Park |
| | 16. Veterans Memorial Park |

Park Hours

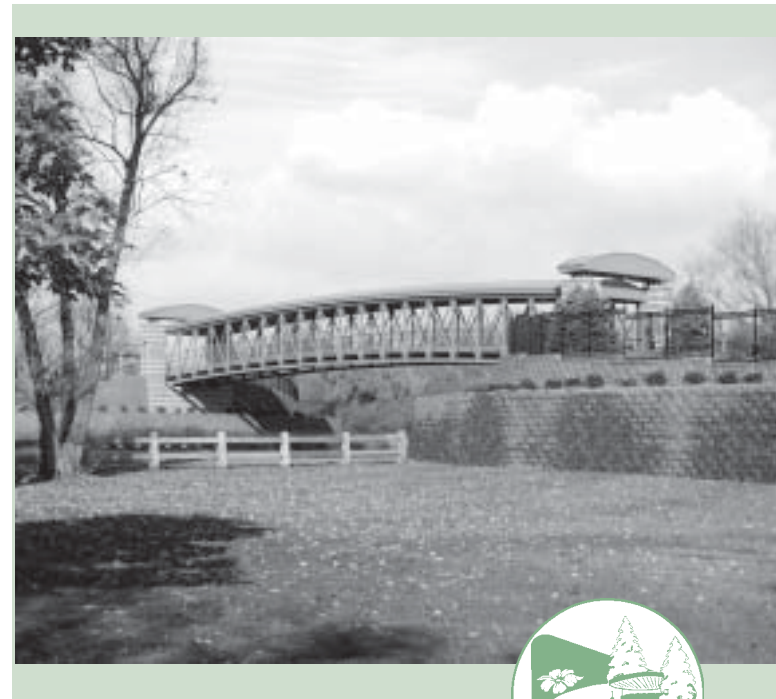
8 a.m. until sunset (except as posted)

- Alcoholic beverages prohibited in Ramona Park, Westfield Park and all parking areas.
- Pets must be restrained on a six-foot leash and kept away from high use / picnic areas.
- General Park rules posted at all parks.
- For facility rental opportunities, or to reserve park facilities, call (269) 329-4522.

Come Out and Play Portage!



Portage Creek Bicentennial Park Guide and Map



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Portage Creek Bicentennial Park

A highlight of the Portage Park System, Portage Creek Bicentennial Park (PCBP) began as a vision in 1976 in honor of the nation's 200th birthday. PCBP is a three and a half mile linear park running along Portage Creek from the City Centre north to Kilgore Road. The park protects the sensitive environment of the Portage Creek basin and offers residents many opportunities to enjoy the creek — from overlook decks to canoeing and bicycle surreys.

Featured attractions include over four miles of hiking and biking trails from the Portage District Library to the Kilgore Road Trailhead, the Milham Avenue activity area, Milham Avenue Pedestrian Overpass and the Celery Flats Interpretive Center and Historical Area. Most facilities are accessible to persons using wheelchairs. Watch for featured special events using the trail throughout the year.

Park trails are used by hundreds of people daily for cycling, walking, jogging and in-line skating. Trail users should wear appropriate protective equipment and respect the rights of others on the trail. Pets must be on a leash and owners must clean up after them.

The PCBP Trail also provides convenient access to the Portage Bikeway, a 55-mile system of paved pathways connecting neighborhoods, shopping areas, schools, businesses and other points of interest.

The Livery

The Livery is owned and operated by the City of Portage. Canoes and bicycle surreys may be rented from the Livery for the enjoyable trip from Celery Flats to the Milham Road landing. The Livery is located on the trail just north of Garden Lane. Parking is conveniently located at the Celery Flats Interpretive Center.

Livery Fees and Schedule*

Rental fees for Canoes and Kayaks:

\$12 for 1 person
\$15 for 2 person
\$19 for 3 person

Rental Fees for Bicycle Surreys:

\$12 per hour
\$8 per 1/2 hour

Livery Drop-In Hours

May through Labor Day: Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m.
Saturday Noon to 7 p.m.
Sunday Noon to 7 p.m.

September and October: Reservation only

Call 324-9204 during drop-in hours for more information.

Reservations and group discounts available at other times by phoning 329-4522.

* Fees and schedule subject to change.

Celery Flats Interpretive Center and Historical Area

The Celery Flats Interpretive Center highlights the celery heritage of Portage and Kalamazoo County. From 1890 to 1930, Kalamazoo County was the Celery Capital of the world. Through artifacts, photos, narratives, and video presentations, the Interpretive Center is an outstanding place to bring out-of-town guests.

The Celery Flats Historical Area is home to four relocated structures of historic significance to the community. Come visit the 1856 schoolhouse and the 1931 grain elevator, Portage's oldest remaining commercial building. The Hayloft Theatre and the Amphitheatre offer cultural opportunities through plays and programs from May through September.

Stuart Manor, an 1846 "Four Square" Greek Revival house, was relocated in 1994. The house, which is the oldest remaining residential structure in Portage, was built by William Welch and was once the summer home of Michigan's second U.S. Senator, Charles Stuart. By restoring these buildings, the City not only saved important structures, but unique parts of the area's past. These structures are also available for group rental. Rental information can be obtained by calling (269) 329-4522.

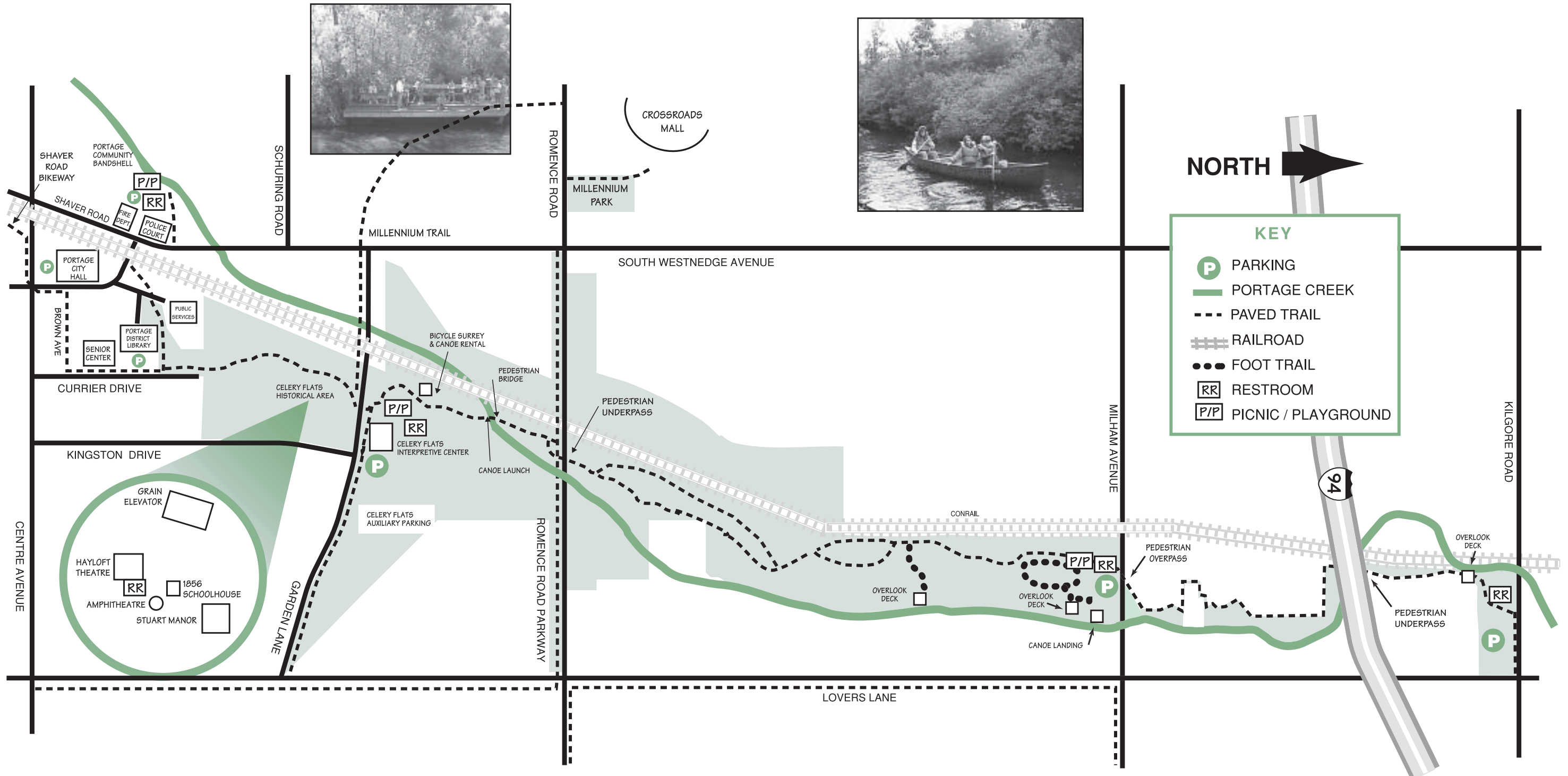
Interpretive Center Schedule*

	May - August	September
Friday	12 - 5 p.m.	Closed
Saturday	10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	12 - 5 p.m.
Sundays & Holidays	12 - 5 p.m.	12 - 5 p.m.

Admission Fees: \$3 - Adult; \$2 - Children

The Celery Flats Interpretive Center is owned and operated by the City of Portage. For group tour information, call (269) 329-4522.

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KEY

- PARKING
- PORTAGE CREEK
- PAVED TRAIL
- RAILROAD
- FOOT TRAIL
- RESTROOM
- PICNIC / PLAYGROUND



NORTH

Portage Parks take pride in being accessible. Should accommodations be required, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 329-4522 for assistance.

PORTAGE CREEK BICENTENNIAL PARK