

## Coe Lake & Downtown Berea Tour

Coe Lake in the center of the City of Berea has been the focal point for the City for its entire history, from sandstone quarry to now recreational park. Now the newly renovated and expanded Coe Lake Park is offering more entertainment and recreational options to a wider audience. Begun in 2014, the changes to the park include a new pavilion, improved gazebo, amphitheater seating constructed of Berea sandstone, a moveable stage, new sound system, enhanced trails, fishing piers and a new entryway. The popular John Mucklo Playground and the Berea Municipal Pool also are part of the complex. The pool has been improved and the pirate-themed playground is being enlarged for families of all ages (handicap accessible as well) and includes a kid-sized zip line.

Coe Lake Park is behind Berea City Hall, off South Rocky River Drive adjacent to the Cleveland Metroparks. Start your walk at the [Ohio Historical Marker](#) for context on what the lake meant to Berea when it was operable as a quarry (full text [here](#)). Continue south to keep walking around the lake on the multi-purpose path, seeing first the amphitheater and new pavilion and behind that the nature trails in the woods abutting the lake. Walk on the nature trails and across the bridge to see the west side of the lake and a different view of downtown and the park features. Coming back to the amphitheater and pool the playground is right by for those with families. For an expanded tour and more history (or if you are just hungry), check out downtown Berea's "Triangle" on Front Street and Baldwin Wallace campus starting and dispersing from Seminary Street.

Additional Berea History: <https://bereahistoricalociety.org/berea/sandstone/>



Coe Lake in summer with other recreation opportunities.



From top left:  
children  
enjoying the zip  
line; neighbors  
enjoying the  
park; Summer  
Concert Series  
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