



Lake Idlewild Park/ Access Site

As a part of the Idlewild, Michigan Transformation Initiative, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is working in partnership with Yates Township and the local community to develop Lake Idlewild Park. This new public park, open from dawn to dusk and managed by MDNR, will offer children, disabled persons and other visitors with the only public area where anglers in wheelchairs and parents with strollers may enjoy fishing from a safe, secure and completely accessible fishing pier.



1. Fishing Pier

1. The fishing pier provides the only public area where anglers in wheelchairs or parents with strollers may have the opportunity to fish from a safe, secure and completely accessible location...



With the proposed new, fully handicap-accessible pier, the community will be able to enjoy fishing from a safe and secure location.

The skid pier at Williams Island (left), is designed for boating access only, is not handicap accessible and is unsafe for young anglers and persons in wheelchairs



2. Crushed Limestone

2. The crushed limestone pathway provides an accessible avenue, guiding visitors to vault toilets, a freshwater hand pump and an attractive native wildflower planting that provides vibrant color to the landscape as well as complements the natural appeal of the park.



Hand pump



Vault Toilet



Fishing Pier



3. Accessible Parking

3. Accessible Parking, provide a safe point of departure to the 6-foot wide paths offering complete accessibility for strollers and wheelchairs.



4. Carry-down Site

4. Carry-down Site, where paddle sport enthusiasts may use the 20-foot-long and 12-foot-wide carry down access site that is designed to be small and non-intrusive to avoid inhibiting the natural areas of the site.

Only non-motorized watercraft can access the carry down site.



Canoes



Kayaks



Small sailing crafts