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GOODYEAR'S ALDER POND RESTOCKED AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE

The newly restored Alder Pond at Goodyear Heights Metro Park was stocked with fish this month after more than a decade. Kids and adults with valid fishing licenses can once again cast a line at 550 Frazier Ave., Akron.

Alder Pond was stocked with about 1,000 fish, including 150 channel catfish and 400 bluegill, as well as 200 lbs. of redear sunfish and 200 lbs. of largemouth bass. Summit Metro Parks encourages fishers to catch and release.

In 2015, several hundred yards of sediment were excavated from the pond's edge along Alder Trail. New boulders around the pond's perimeter give it the look it had half a century ago.

Frank Prater, Goodyear Heights park manager, said he's very pleased with the outcome: "We removed a retaining wall and made the pond more similar to its natural form."

Goodyear Heights is just one of the many Metro Parks that offers fishing. Parks with ponds, lakes or rivers to fish in include: Cascade Valley (Akron), Deep Lock Quarry (Peninsula), Firestone (Akron), Furnace Run (Richfield), Gorge (Cuyahoga Falls), Liberty Park (Twinsburg), Munroe Falls (Munroe Falls), Nimisila Reservoir (Green), Silver Creek (Norton) and Wood Hollow (Hudson).

Each park offers a different variety of fish including trout, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, carp, pike, bluegill, catfish and perch.

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