

Day Road Park  
4990 Day Road  
Lockport NY 14094

Day Road Park is a 48 acre site at the intersection of Day Road and East High Street. Day Road Park was originally owned by the County of Niagara. Although the park is contiguous to a large tract of County-owned land on the north and east sides of the park, it is otherwise surrounded by a heavily developed residential area to the south and west of the park. The rapidly developing east side of the Town of Lockport accounts for much of the popularity of the Day Road Park since it opened to public use in 2007.

Niagara County owns a tract of over 200 acres located between Davison Road and Day Road, and between NY 31 and East High Street. The County operates the Niagara County Golf Course and a Model Airplane Field on other developed portions of this site. The County and the Town collaborated in the initial development of recreational facilities until the eventual sale of the site in 2006 to the Town of Lockport.

As the above timeline indicates, Day Road Park today is a multi-purpose recreational facility. The park offers a barrier-free playground for young children, Stephanie Moore Verratti Memorial Gazebo with picnic tables to enjoy a picnic lunch, memorial tree walking paths for all age groups (hiking, biking, inline skating), two regulation soccer fields and two practice soccer fields. Day Road Park also serves as the home of Santa's Christmas Cottage which is open during the Christmas Season for the children to visit Santa Claus!

The Town entered into an agreement in 2010 with the Lockport Soccer Club to operate and maintain the soccer fields, which became available for use during the 2010-2011 season. Since that time, the soccer fields have evidenced a tremendous amount of play, hosting both regularly scheduled league play as well as attracting teams from outside areas for tournament play. Currently, the Lockport Soccer Club has over 250 players (12-14 teams) that compete in the Buffalo & Western New York Junior Soccer League. The Day Road Park soccer fields play host to over 48 league games annually; each game typically attracts over 90 spectators per field.



# LOCKPORT

## Welcome to Day Road Park

Gaskill Soccer Fields →

↑  
Trails  
Playground

### DAY ROAD PARK

Whether it's the playground, soccer fields, Park Pavilion, radio-controlled airplanes, Santa's Workshop or quiet solitude, Day Road Park has something for everyone! Owned and maintained by the Town of Lockport, the Park's 48 acres offers year-round passive and active recreational opportunities and has become a focal point for community events.

### ATTRACTIONS

#### Walking Trail

Day Road Park features 1 mile of asphalt trail which loops along the perimeter of the Park. The Day Road Park Trail connects the playground, soccer fields and parking areas. This enables hikers, dog-walkers and roller bladers to easily move throughout the Park.



#### Memorial Tree Pathway

The Town of Lockport Recreation Commission, which has overseen the design and implementation of Day Road Park, has enabled former Town residents to be memorialized through the purchase and dedication of shade trees.



#### Radio Control Flying Field

The Niagara County Radio Control Flying Field, located at the northeast corner of the site along Day Road, is heavily utilized by remote control plane hobbyists.



#### Barrier Free Playground

With the assistance of a grant from the Gregg Lewis Foundation, the Town of Lockport installed playground equipment in 2007 which meets ADA guidelines for access to disadvantaged individuals.



#### Natural Areas

A combination of native grasses and second-growth trees and shrubs provide ample areas of open space. These natural areas enable joggers, walkers and pet owners to sense that they are far from any urbanized community.



#### Pathway of Honor

The Pathway of Honor is a memorial brick walkway that encircles the Day Road Park Pavilion. This feature enables residents to purchase engraved bricks to honor individuals in the Town of Lockport.



#### Day Road Park Pavilion

Day Road Park Gazebo was constructed in 2013 by the Town of Lockport Highway Department, and was tremendously supported by the Verrilli family in memory of Stephanie J. Verrilli. The 2014 donation of the cement floor for the Gazebo by the Verrilli family enabled the community to utilize the Gazebo for future community events and classes.



#### Santa's Workshop

The gingerbread-cottage style Santa's Workshop was inspired by the legacy of Charles Howard, the original Santa of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and former owner of the North Pole Amusement Park in nearby Albion, NY. Designed and constructed by local resident Chris Parada, this wonderful facility was made possible by generous donations of time and funds by Parada and his family. This core group of volunteers also staffs the workshop during the Christmas holidays so that area children can thrill at the tradition of Santa Claus.

#### Gaskill Soccer Fields

Two regulation soccer fields offer teams from throughout Western New York the opportunity to compete throughout the season and are operated by the Lockport Soccer Club. The soccer fields were developed over the period from 2009 - 2012. Two adjacent practice fields complement the two competitive soccer fields. A grant in 2014 of Niagara River Greenway funds sponsored by the County of Niagara provided bleacher seating for attendees at soccer games. Due to the availability of the bleacher seating, the Gaskill Soccer Fields also attract regional tournaments. The Day Road Park Soccer Fields are named in honor of former Lockport Town Councilmember Deborah Gaskill.

