



Lunch at Market Street Grill

followed by

Fernald Preserve Visitor Center Tour

Saturday, April 21, 2024

Join us on Saturday, April 21st for lunch at the Market Street Grill followed by a Guided Tour of the Fernald Visitor Center Exhibits.



Time: 11:30AM

Address: 205 Harrison Ave. Harrison, OH 45030

Website: <https://www.marketstreetgrille.com/>

We will meet for a leisurely lunch in a private room. We will be served from a group menu (See below) and all members will be given individual checks.

All group lunch packages include the following: Entrée with accompaniments, choice of non-alcoholic beverage, and gratuity. Tax is extra.

\$18.00 per person + 7.8% tax = \$19.41 each

Alcoholic beverages can be ordered individually and will be charged at the regular lunch menu rate.

GROUP DINING LUNCH MENU SELECTIONS

- **Market Street Salad**
Mesclun mixed greens with red onion, caramelized walnuts with chunky blue cheese tossed in fresh pear dressing topped with a homemade crostini.
- **Chicken and Four Cheese Pasta**
Bowtie pasta, Parmesan, Romano, Mozzarella and Gorgonzola cheese with grilled chicken and bell peppers in a rich cream sauce.
- **Herb Roasted Chicken Salad Sandwich**
A light blend of chicken, onion, celery, mayonnaise, walnuts, cranberries, and fresh herbs served on whole wheat bread with lettuce and tomato. Served with chips.
- **Tuna Salad Sandwich**
A traditional sandwich made with our fresh house-made tuna salad on toasted white bread. Served with chips.

Fernald Preserve Visitor Center Tour

Time: 2:00 PM

Address: 7400 Willey Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

Website: <https://www.energy.gov/lm/fernal-d-preserve-visitors-center>

After lunch we will head to the Fernald Preserve Visitor's Center where we will have a guided tour of the Visitor Center Exhibits.

The Fernald Preserve is a beautiful quiet place to enjoy a quiet, nature-filled hike. You can see all types of wildlife. There are deer, groundhogs, ferrets, bobcats and beavers. Bird watching is fantastic there - the Audubon Society recommends it and Fernald is listed as one of the country's birding "Hotspots" by birdinghotspots.org. Over 240 bird species have been spotted at Fernald, including the rare short-eared owl, which spends the winters there.



Some of the wildlife seen at Fernald Preserve

The Fernald Preserve is located on the site of the former Feed Materials Production Center, a uranium processing facility that produced high-purity uranium metal products for America's nuclear weapons program. Production began in 1951 and continued until 1989.

When operations ceased in 1989 Fernald started its environmental cleanup stage until 2006 when Fernald was declared "clean". Environmental watchdogs still have a close eye on the place, even now, traces of uranium are being pulled from the groundwater. No picnics or pets allowed. No straying off the paths. Every single day, Fernald Preserve reminds us that what man wrecked, nature and man together can heal. Fernald's mission since 2006 has been environmental remediation and in 2008 the Preserve opened as a community asset.

The property's 1,050 acres have been restored using native plants and grasses, creating one of the largest man-made wetlands in Ohio. Home to many birds and animals, the site's varied and unique habitats are accessible from a 7-mile network of trails.

Exhibits in the visitor's center depict the diverse history of the Fernald site and tell the story from the time of the Native Americans, through the arrival of settlers and farmers, to the uranium-processing years, and finally the environmental cleanup and legacy management period that continues today.