



GOODALE

The Oldest and Best Park in the City

PARK



When Dr. Lincoln Goodale presented it to the city in 1851, Goodale Park was nothing more than forty acres of woods.



Today the park is the epicenter of the Short North's biggest events, one of the most acclaimed green spaces in Columbus and a great place to escape the bustle of urban life. Over the years, Goodale Park has served as a Civil War military camp; a classic Victorian park (complete with lake and boathouse); and at one time was even the home of Pretty Petting Zoo, home to two bears, two wolves, three foxes and nineteen rabbits! On hot summer nights,

before the invention of air conditioning, nearby residents filled the park for a cooler night's sleep. During the 1970s and '80s, the park, and the surrounding area, experienced a dramatic decline. In 1987, the Friends of Goodale Park began to transform the space into the gem it is today. Now it is home to an array of events including the annual Community Festival (ComFest), summer music performances, weddings at the gazebo and prime spot for viewing the Red White and Boom fireworks.

AMENITIES & SITES TO SEE:

- The shelter house (1912), lily pond and open air gazebo
- 650 trees, representing 30 different varieties
- The bronze bust of Dr. Lincoln Goodale near the south entrance
- The beautifully-restored Victorian mansions that border the park, including Peter Sells "Circus House" designed by Frank Packard across the street from the northwest corner

The carvings of Shakespeare's Seven Ages of Man on the pagoda gate at the northwest entrance of the park.



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