ABOUT LOUISVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Mission Statement
Our mission, as a nationally accredited parks and recreation agency, is to connect people to places and opportunities that support and grow a sustainable community.

Vision Statement
Our vision for Louisville is a clean, green, safe and inclusive city where people love to live, work and play.

Function and History
Louisville Parks and Recreation plans, supervises, operates and maintains the Louisville Metro Government’s public parks, forests and recreational facilities. The department also operates recreation programs for all ages.

The department was established in 1968, when the Louisville City Parks Department and the Jefferson County Parks Department were combined. Louisville Parks and Recreation operates with funding from Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government.

Your Parks
Louisville Parks and Recreation includes more than 100 parks, as well as six playgrounds, on more than 13,500 acres of land. Parks are open daily and operating hours are posted.

It is the intent of Louisville Parks and Recreation to make all programs and services accessible to individuals with disabilities; if an accommodation is necessary for your participation, we ask that you advise us of the needed service in advance. For alternative versions of this guide, call 502/564-8188 (voice), or 502/564-8183 (TDD).

BE SAFE AND LAWFUL

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Please take your trash with you, or deposit it in proper receptacles. Oily trash, like cooking oil, does not break down in the environment.

Obey beach rules while walking your pet through the park, and pick up your pet’s waste.

Driving and parking are only permitted in designated areas.

Swimming is not permitted in any area other than swimming pools.

The operation of metal detectors in Louisville parks is prohibited.

All vending or advertising in Louisville parks requires a permit.

Horseback riding is allowed only in areas designated as bridle paths.

Open cooking fires are permitted only in designated areas.

Fishing is only permitted by permit holders. No hunting or removal of any natural resources is allowed.

Mountain bike riding is allowed only on trails designated for mountain bike use.

Collection of plants and plant parts is prohibited. A permit is required to remove seeds.

Louisville Metro Government

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Welcome to the Louisville Parks and Recreation Park Guide! In this booklet you will find listings for all of the public parks managed and maintained by Louisville’s Parks and Recreation department. Each property is broken down into one of five categories, to make it easier to find the experience you, your friends and family want to have.

Regional Park
Park serving the entire metro area;
Major Urban Parks
Park size between 100 and 1,000 acres, serving residents within six miles radius;
Community Parks
Park size between 20 and 100 acres, serving residents within a 3-mile radius;
Neighborhood Parks
Park size less than 20 acres, serving residents within a 1-mile radius.

You’ll find maps of our largest and most popular parks - the ones with the most activities, facilities and amenities - at the front of this guide. The mid-sized community parks follow them, and the smaller neighborhood parks can be found toward the back of the booklet.

In the center of the guide is an overall map of the entire Louisville Parks and Recreation system, helpful if you are looking for a park in a particular area of the city. The numbers on the big map correspond to the numbers on each individual park map.

At the back of the guide is a list of topics to make it easier to find the information related to the numbers on each of the individual park maps.

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Spraygrounds
These parks feature modern spray grounds which include interactive and/or complex spray elements, with electronic timing.

- Algonquin
- Baxter Square
- Buein
- California
- Cresceint Hill
- Floyd Military
- Huston Quin
- Iroquois
- LaPorte
- Long Run
- Nelson Hornbeck
- Petersburg
- Riverview
- Sheppard
- Tyler
- Wyandotte
- Chickasaw
- Clay, 6 foot surface
- Clifton
- Cresceint Hill
- Crosby
- Des Pres
- Fairview
- Fern Creek
- George Rogers Clark
- Hays Kennedy
- Highlands
- Hounz Lane
- Iroquois
- KIldonk
- Lannan
- Louisviile tennis Center in Joe Creason Park
- Long Run
- McNeely Lake
- Nelson Hornbeck
- Okoloma
- Old Walnut/Beecher
- Petersburger
- Russell Lee
- Seneca
- Shawnee
- Shelby

Soccer

Five of Louisville’s public parks feature playing fields dedicated solely to soccer.

- Beechmont
- Algonquin
- Auburndale
- Berrytown
- Black Mud
- Blue Lick
- Buechel
- Calhoun
- Central
- Charlie Vettner

Senior Meals

These community centers offer nutritious meals for seniors, with fun activities before and after serving time. Information for community centers is on page 20.

Jefferson Memorial Forest

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Futsal

Des Pres

Futsal is a variation on 5-a-side football, played on a hard court and with a smaller, low-bounce ball.

Golf Courses

Louisville Parks and Recreation’s golf courses open seven days a week, barring special events or weather restrictions. Each course has a men’s, women’s, and junior’s association. Membership funds tournaments, USGA handicaps, and other events. Flat-soled shoes, tennis, and plastic soft-spike shoes are allowed at all Louisville Parks and Recreation golf courses. No spikes, cleats or athletic shoes are allowed. If you are planning a company or charity outing, Louisville Parks and Recreation can help you plan the details, combining affordable rates with excellent amenities and service.

Bobby Nichols Golf Course

502/897-9845
40214

Horseshoe Pit Golf Course

502/935-9001

Riverside, the Farnsley-Morenland Landing

502/927-6000

Korea War Memorial, bridle trails and hiking trails are available in areas designated for that use. Informal trails. The Trust for Public Land operates the Metro area’s land for future generations. Created in 1997, the Trust encourages private donations. The Louisville Parks Foundation, a non-profit organization working with Louisville Parks and Recreation to raise funds and resources to preserve, protect, promote and improve Louisville’s public

Located Green 7502/897-9845 locustgrove.org
Riverbend, the Farnsley-Morenland Landing ... 3 502/935-6889 riverbend-landing.org info@riverbend-landing.org

Horseshoe Pit

Barrington

Black Mudd

Cherokee

Chickasaw

Elliot Square

Hunting Trails

Caperton Swamp

Chesapeake

Weaver Lake

Louisville and Jefferson County Environmental Trust

502/456-8100 metro-parks.org/planninganddesign/environmentaltrust.html

The Louisville and Jefferson County Environmental Trust helps protect the Metro area’s land for future generations. Created in 1997, the Trust advises, programs, educates and encourages private donations. LICET’s mission is to meet Louisville’s current and future park and land preservation needs. Its focus includes the parks, natural areas, greenways, historic sites and farmlands within the Metro area. The Trust’s board consists of citizens and Metro government staff representing agencies responsible for public land.

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McNeely Lake

American Legion Memorial
tennis courts - 2
Bowling Green - 2 softball fields - 4
Bowling - 2 basketball courts - 4 baseball fields - 4

McNeely Lake Park, one of the largest in the Louisville Parks and Recreation system, features a scenic 46-acre fishing lake with an accessible pier and boat ramp owned by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Korean War Memorial, bridle trails and hiking trails are also in the park.

McNeely Lake

10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

1501 Rundill Rd 40214

2501 Alexander Rd

Golf clubhouse.

Moremen Landing

502/368-5965
metro-parks.org/rentals
502/368-5965

Louisville Champions is the centerpiece of a sports and recreation corridor along River Road, a complex for hosting local, regional and national athletic events as well as attracting festivals and musical acts.

The park is comprised of the former River Road Country Club and Louisville Soccer Park, and 21 acres of secluded treetop. Along the Cooper Chapel Cutoff, Caperton Swamp, Eric Bandman, Twin and Louisville Champions parks comprise a 460-acre recreation corridor.

Louisville Champions

2050 River Rd 40243

River Rd west of Zorn Ave

Cross-country trails - 3 miles

Deep Run Park Louisville Loop: seasonal Soccer fields - 15 166 acres - acquired 2007 - 9th District

McNeely Lake

10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

Cedar Creek Park

Bowman Field American Legion Memorial

tours - 2
Bowling - 2 Olympic Swimming pool - 2 softball fields - 4

Both Seneca Park and its golf course have been voted Best of Louisville multiple times by the citizens of Louisville Metro.
Environmental Education
Cherokee. 2 Walk path trails through the Nat-
tier field. 1 Seasonal adventure, historic, and
environmental education programs for all ages are conducted by staff.
Naturals at the Environmental Education Center.

Extensive Sports:
Biking/Rollerblading/ Skateboarding
Breddin. 9 Dave Armstrong Extreme 10. 4 Dave Armstrong Extreme Park is among the nation’s best for biking,
blading and boarding, with more than 40,000 square feet of street style, transition and vert features.

Field Hockey
502/368-5865 Call for information on field availability.
Louisville Champions 3 Seneca 3 Thurman Hutchins 7

Fishing With
River Frontage
Carrie Gault 4 Casual catch, boat ramp.
Chickasaw 5 Eva Bandman 2
Hays Kennedy 9
Kulmer Reserves 6
Portland Wharf 7
Bobby Nichols Golf Course 4301 East Pages Ln 40272

Footgolf (18 hole course near Waverly Park)

Frederick Law Olmsted Parks and the Olmsted Parks Conservancy
The six Olmsted parks were de-
signed to connect Louisville’s three major parks – Iroquois, Shawnee and Cherokee – a part of Olmsted’s plan that is yet to be realized. The parks are interconnected by paths, exten-
sions of the other green spaces. Find Olmsted’s parks on the centerfold map.

George Washington Carver Pavilion
4600 Waverly Park Rd 40214 Arnold Rd and Clay- ton Ter

Archery Range
Robby Nichols Golf Course
Dog run
Fishing lake
Fishing pier - accessible
Footgolf
Grill
Hiking trails
Mountain biking
Pavilion
Playground
Restrooms - seasonal
297.13 acres - acquired 1964
- 20th District

Access to Bobby Nichols Golf Course is only from East Pages Lane and not through the park.

Sun Valley Pool
Sun Valley Community Center
Sun Valley Golf Course
Swimming pool volleyball
203.88 acres - acquired 1968 - 1982

Shelters
Thurman Hutchins 7

A.B. SAWYER

WAVERLY

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tier Bird Sanctuary.
Jefferson Memorial Forest 1 Seasonal adventure, historic, and
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Frederick Law Olmsted designed Shawnee Park as the great public space of the city – a place for picnics, sports, parades and large public gatherings. A state-of-the-art outdoor athletic complex can be found at 230 Southwest Parkway, and the park also boasts direct access to the Louisville Trail.

Shawnee’s golf course is home to the First Tee of Louisville youth golf instruction, and features the AT&T Youth Golf Academy.