

BECOME INVOLVED!

Metro Parks Needs Helping Hands

This coming fall and winter will be great opportunities to volunteer for the Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation department. Weather will be pleasant and the need for volunteers, as always, will certainly be plentiful. We are looking for individuals and small groups of volunteers to assist in a wide array of tasks, including the following:

Help Improve Louisville's Tree Canopy

Want to get involved in curbing Louisville's urban "Heat Island Effect"? Metro Parks is looking for small groups of volunteers this fall and winter to mulch around newly-planted trees. This process will help to preserve trees in their earliest (and most important) fragile stages of growth. Your assistance will help give our young trees decades of life. If you would like to get your group involved in this project, contact our volunteer coordinator at 502/456-3256 or parksvc@louisvilleky.gov.

Spruce Up Our Community Centers

Metro Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteer groups to assist in painting our community centers this spring and summer. We are looking for adult groups of 10 to 20 individuals who can work up to 3 hours. If you would like to get your group involved in this project, contact our volunteer coordinator at 502/456-3256 or parksvc@louisvilleky.gov.



Volunteer Mike Blair works with kindergartners, making mud pies with seeds the kids learned about on their hike.

Parks-Related Contacts

MetroCall 24-hour customer service
311 or 502/574-5000

Brightside
502/574-2613

21st Century Parks
502/584-0350

Kentucky Department of Tourism
502/564-4930
1-800/225-TRIP
kentuckytourism.com

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources
1-800/858-1549
fw.ky.gov

Kentucky State Parks
502/564-2172
1-800/255-PARK
parks.ky.gov

Louisville Nature Center
502/458-1328
louisvillnaturecenter.org

Waterfront Park
502/574-3768
louisvillewaterfront.com

GET TO KNOW US

Joe Creason Park

Joe Creason Park, at 1297 Trevilian Way, is the remainder of two two-hundred-year old adjoining estates. Joseph Kinney and Revolutionary War Captain Basil Prather purchased adjoining tracts and built homes "on the waters of Beargrass Creek" in 1789. Kinney's house stood where Metro Parks' administration building now stands; Prather's house was located across Illinois Avenue, near the present-day Quarry Shopping Center.

Kinney's estate Fox Hill was a popular gathering spot for many years. It passed to his sons, then Confederate General John B. Castleman. During the 1937 flood, when clean water became difficult to obtain, the estate's well was used to supply water locally.

Prather's estate became the U.S. Army's Camp Zachary Taylor during World War I. In 1937 Ben Collings purchased the Kinney mansion and some of Prather's former estate, as well as much of what is now the Louisville Zoo. The mansion on the property today was built by Collings when the original home burned in the 1940's. He was determined the new house would never burn, and so built it with eight-inch-thick concrete walls.



Joe Creason

Ben Collings farmed, raising horses, tobacco and fruit. At his death his wife Bess inherited the estate and sold about half of it to the Catholic Church. When she died in 1965, Bellarmine College - now University - purchased the remaining 68 acres. In 1966, the city of Louisville paid Bellarmine \$600,000 for the property.

The families left their mark. The Prathers' graveyard remains on the grounds, next to the Collings' poolhouse (nowadays home to the Olmsted Parks Conservancy). The trees along Trevilian Way are Osage Oranges, overgrown hedges imported from Texas that were once used to contain livestock. The farm also contained apple orchards; a few fruit trees still stand on Bellarmine's land.

The park was originally known as Trevilian Park, but ultimately was named for Kentucky journalist, columnist and historian Joe Creason, who died playing tennis in the park in 1974. The Louisville Tennis Center, at the southwest end of the property, has been host to many tournaments and internationally-known players.

Currently, the former Collings mansion houses Louisville's Metro Parks and Recreation Department.

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Ben and Bess Collings



Metro Parks Office



METRO PARKS AND RECREATION

Post Office Box 37280
Louisville KY 40233-7280
502/456-8100

Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation websites feature information on parks and facilities, as well as maps, images, news articles, posts and updates of interest to parkgoers. You may view and download PDFs of this and many other parks-related publications.

metro-parks.org

twitter.com/loumetroparks

bestparksever.com

facebook.com/louisville.metro.parks

louisvillemetroparks.wordpress.com

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Parks & Recreation

Metro Parks Offers So Much A Tale of Two Sawyers Summer Programs for Kids of All Ages



FROM THE DIRECTOR

Spring and summer are busy seasons here at Parks. Grass is growing quickly and people are eager to get outside and enjoy long summer days in one of our beautiful parks. It's also the time school is out and kids are looking for fun and creative things to do. As in years past, we try to give you all you need for an adventure close to home. This summer I would like to encourage you to explore what Parks and Recreation has to offer.

Returning this year is traditional summer camp for children ages 6 to 12 years old. This is an 8-week program designed to give your child a summer filled with arts, education, fitness and more. For those kids a little bit younger or older,

who need a more age appropriate traditional camp experience, we host camps for 5- to 7-year-olds and a teen camp for kids 13 to 15 years old. To better serve youth, three of our centers will provide "open programming," allowing teens safe, structured environments to enjoy their summer activities.

But warm weather fun isn't just for the kids. Have you always wanted to learn to play golf? Perhaps this will be the summer you learn to swing an iron. Metro Parks offers 9 exceptional public courses that are affordable and fun. Private lessons are available at each location.

Whether it's participating in summer camp, enjoying the programs at one of our 12 community cen-

ters, playing in the park, or hiking on a trail, with 120 parks there is something for everyone.

So don't spend your time indoors, come out and have an adventure!



Michael J. Heitz, Director

Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation



Metro Parks By the Numbers

120 parks and 6 parkways, on approximately 13,000 acres. Plus:

- 1 extreme park
- 1 adapted leisure center
- 1 aquatic center
- 2 senior centers
- 2 arts and cultural centers
- 2 historic homes
- 2 outdoor amphitheatres
- 4 outdoor swimming pools
- 9 golf courses/3 youth courses
- 12 community centers
- 14 spraygrounds
- 16 spraypads
- 135 athletic fields
- 160 tennis courts
- 165 playgrounds
- 300 restrooms
- 500 structures total

Louisville Metro Government

Greg Fischer, Mayor

Louisville Metro Council

- 1 | Jessica Green
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- 3 | Mary C. Woolridge
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- 13 | Vicki Aubrey Welch
- 14 | Cindi Fowler
- 15 | Marianne Butler
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- 17 | Glen Stuckel
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Cover: Window in the historic chapel at Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing. Photographer: Marty Pearl.com

Going to the Chapel

Featured on the cover: A detail from the new stained glass windows recently completed in the historic chapel at Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing. These windows include many scenes of this former farm's history and beauty. The details in them - from hummingbirds to flowers to farm animals - can absorb you for hours!

The art for the windows was commissioned from nationally renowned and Louisville-based artists Bob Markert and Peter Eichhorn, and made possible with a generous \$30,000 donation from Louisville Gas & Electric (LG&E). Markert has designed glass for fifty years, producing windows for more than 500 churches, chapels, and other secular sites across the country. A son of Hardin County, Bob's love for gardening, animals and the outdoors is apparent in our chapel windows' design. Mr. Markert recently retired as Executive Director of the Stained Glass School for the Stained Glass Association.

Eichhorn, born in Trier, Germany, won several European art glass competitions before coming to America in the 1960s. Besides co-founding Fenestra Studios in 1969 with Markert, in 1985 Peter also opened his own highly renowned Eichhorn Stained Glass

(now Eichhorn Art Glass) studio in Louisville. His commissions have included numerous sanctuaries in the United States.

The panels to the front and rear of the building depict scenes from the shared history of the Farnsley and Moremén homes and grounds, as well as flora and fauna found in the area. The newer windows complement the existing 1940's-era windows lining the sides of the chapel, with their similar colors, shapes and forms.

"The chapel's move to Riverside, its full restoration and rededication in 2013, and the completion of its magnificent stained glass windows have enhanced the chapel's value as a community treasure," said Laura Douglas, LG&E and KU Vice President. "Like our neighbors throughout the area, we're looking forward to enjoying this beautiful landmark for years to come."

Originally built in 1888, the chapel was located at Dixie Highway and Bethany Lane as the first home to the Bethany United Methodist congregation. In 2003 the church offered the chapel to Riverside because of their familial connection. The chapel moved in 2006, and underwent a \$1 million restoration in 2013.

Relocation and renovation included the addition of a courtyard, meeting rooms, public facilities, sidewalks and landscaping. Metro Parks' plan and LG&E's funding was complemented by a state-funded project which included construction of a half-mile road connecting the chapel to the Farnsley-Moremén home and the rest of the site.

Standing on a rise overlooking the Ohio River, the Farnsley-Moremén home (built in 1837) is the centerpiece of a 300-acre site off Dixie Highway in southwestern Louisville. Metro Parks staff and volunteers at Riverside promote, preserve, restore and interpret historic farm life for visitors who tour the historic house and grounds.

The chapel is now a unique venue available for rental to the public year-round. The Farnsley-Moremén property and its facilities have become very popular destinations for weddings, meetings, historic interpretation and many other special events.

The chapel is open for tours during most of Riverside's special events and by appointment for prospective renters. Groups of ten or more can call 502/935-6809 to schedule a group tour.

Please visit our site online at riverside-landing.org.

Cherokee Park
745 Cochran Hill Rd. Baringer Hill, at the intersection of Alexander Rd and the Scenic Loop

George Rogers Clark Park
1024 Thruston Ave. Behind McKinley Ave playground

Joe Creason Park
1297 Trevilian Way. Below the fence behind administration building

McNeely Lake Park
6900 Cooper Chapel Road. Near the Korean War Memorial

Tyler Park
1501 Castlewood Ave. On the Tyler Park Dr side of park

Sledding Rules

- Park vehicles only on pavement in regular parking areas to protect your car from damage.
- No vehicles are permitted off the pavement in any park at any time.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted in any park at any time.

Tennis

Louisville Tennis Center
3783 Illinois Ave 40213
502/456-8140
metro-parks.org/ltc

The Louisville Tennis Center, 2008's USTA Tennis Facility of the year, is privately managed, and is open from spring to fall.

The Center is lighted for night use, and features 11 clay courts, locker rooms and showers as well as camps, lessons, leagues, a pro shop and concessions.

More than 40 Metro parks feature reservable tennis courts. Call 502/456-8100 for locations.

Trails

Cross Country Champions Park
2930 River Rd 40206

3.1 miles

Joe Creason Park
1297 Trevilian Way 40213

3.1 to 6.2 miles

Seneca Park
3151 Pee Wee Reese Rd 40207

3.1 miles

Golf Courses

On the 18-hole Metro Parks golf courses, cart paths on the back nine holes are open to walkers and joggers weekdays from 6 to 8 a.m.

Hiking

Cherokee Park
745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

Fern Creek Park
8703 Ferndale Rd 40291

Iroquois Park
2120 Rundill Rd 40214

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd 40118
502/368-5404

35 miles of trails, plus a paved disability-accessible trail

Hays Kennedy Park
7303 Beachland Beech Rd 40059
502/583-3060

Trails in Garvin Brown Preserve managed by River Fields

McNeely Lake Park
10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

Charlie Vettiner Park
5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd 40299

Waverly Park
4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

Walking and Exercise

Algonquin Park
1614 Cypress St 40210

0.25 mile: walking

Beargrass Creek Greenway
2001 Lexington Rd 40206

1.33 miles: multi-use

Blue Lick Park
4114 Mudd Ln 40229

0.25 mile: walking

Breslin Park
1388 Lexington Rd 40206

0.33 mile: multi-use

Butchertown Greenway
Brownsboro Road to River Rd

0.5 mile: multi-use

Camp Taylor Memorial Park
4201 Lee Ave 40213

Cane Run Road Park
4816 Cane Run Rd 40216

0.75 mile: walking

Cherokee Park
745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

• Baringer Path: 0.6 mile: multi-use

• Scenic Loop: 2.4 miles: multi-use

• Willow Pond: 0.375 mile: walking

Chickasaw Park
1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

1 mile: fitness

Carrie Gaulbert Cox Park
3730 River Rd 40207

1 mile: multi-use

Joe Creason Park
1297 Trevilian Way 40213

• Park Loop: 1.5 miles: multi-use

• Newburg-Illinois: 0.875 mile: multi-use

• Newburg Loop: 0.5 mile: multi-use

Des Pres Park
4709 Lowe Rd 40220

0.5 mile: walking

Flaget Field Park
4425 Greenwood Ave 40211

0.25 mile: walking

Highview Park
7201 Outer Loop 40228

0.33 mile: walking

Iroquois Park
2120 Rundill Rd 40214

• New Cut Rd: 1.6 miles: multi-use

• Rundill Rd: 3.5 miles: multi-use

• Summit Hill: 0.25 mile: walking

• Toppill Road: 0.5 mile: multi-use

• Uppill Road: 1.5 miles: multi-use

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd 40118

• Tom Wallace Recreation Area
0.25 mile: walking

Hays Kennedy Park
7303 Beachland Beech Rd 40059

0.75 mile: walking

Klondike Park
3809 Klondike Ln 40218

0.33 mile: walking

Long Run Park
1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245

1.7 miles: multi-use

Petersburg Park
5008 East Indian Tr 40218

0.35 mile: walking

Roberson Run Walking Path
8205 Judge Blvd 40219

0.5 mile: multi-use

Seneca Park
3151 Pee Wee Reese Rd 40207

1.2 miles: walking

Shawnee Park
4501 W Broadway 40211

1.3 miles: multi-use

Shelby Park
600 East Oak St 40203

0.6 mile: walking

South Central Park
2400 Colorado Ave 40208

0.33 mile: walking

Thurman Hutchins Park
3734 River Rd 40207

0.8 mile: walking

Tyler Park
1501 Castlewood Ave 40204

0.125 mile: walking

Charlie Vettiner Park
5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd 40299

0.25 mile: fitness

Victory Park
1051 South 23rd St 40210

0.4 mile: walking

Watterson Lake
1714 South Wheatmore Dr 40215

0.25 mile: walking

Waverly Park
4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

0.4 mile: walking

Wyandotte Park
1104 Beecher St 40215

0.25 mile: walking

Wi-Fi



Free wireless internet signals, allowing Metro Parks patrons internet access on personal data devices, is available at each of these sites.

Beechmont Community Center
205 West Wellington Ave 40214
502/361-5484

California Community Center
1600 West St. Catherine St 40210
502/574-2658

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd 40118
502/368-5404

Molly Leonard Portland Community Center
640 North 27th St 40212
502/776-0913

Shawnee Arts and Cultural Center
607 South 37th St 40211
502/775-5268

Southwick Community Center
3621 Southern Ave 40211
502/775-6598

Volunteering

502/456-3256
parksvc@louisvilleky.gov

Jefferson Memorial Forest: 502/380-1735

Volunteer involvement in maintaining and enhancing Louisville's parks and recreation system furthers our mission to create a City of Parks - where people can play, learn, grow and be healthy. Civic participation isn't just a vital component of a strong and healthy community, it's also fun!

Metro Parks coordinates opportunities for individuals, businesses, neighborhoods, schools, places of worship and other groups to come together and help keep Louisville's parks in their best possible shape.

Under Metro Parks supervision these groups take part in routine, self-directed services, from litter and limb pickup to approved projects like painting and mulching.

If you are looking for a rewarding way to spend time, Metro Parks is in need of volunteers 14 or older.

Horseback Trails

Horseback riding is only allowed in areas designated for that use, at these parks:

Iroquois Park
1501 Rundill Rd 40214

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd

Long Run Park
1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245

McNeely Lake Park
10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

Seneca Park
2300 Pee Wee Reese Rd 40205

Jefferson Memorial Forest

11311 Mitchell Hill Rd
Fairdale, KY 40118
502/368-5404
memorialforest.com
forest@louisvilleky.gov

Jefferson Memorial Forest is Louisville's largest park; at nearly 6,500 acres and growing, it is the nation's largest municipal urban forest and the flagship of Metro Parks' Natural Areas Division.

The Forest features over 22 miles of hiking trails and 13 miles of multi-use and horse routes. Everyone can participate in the Forest's public programs, which include canoeing, guided hikes, archery and more! The Forest also offers nature-based education and adventure programs, as well as team-building for your school, group or company.

The Forest's Horine Conference Center, on one of the highest points in this area, may be reserved for corporate, civic and social events far from the noise of the city.

The Welcome Center is the spot to pick up gifts, buy bait, check out a free fishing pole or rent a campsite; as our center of operations it is the best place to find out about all the programs the Forest has to offer.

Professional Development

The Forest's facilities include a professional team-building course, which can help groups become self-directed, solve problems, build trust and learn to take risks. Programs range from 10 hours to 4 days. Schedules and costs are tailored to meet clients' needs.

Meeting Spaces

Community Center Meeting Rooms and Gyms

Contact a community center to schedule affordable rentals for your next meeting, social event or private athletic event. See center information on pages 5 and 6.

Conference Centers

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd
Fairdale, KY 40118
502/368-5404
memorialforest.com
forest@louisvilleky.gov

The Horine Conference Center is located on one of the highest points in Louisville Metro. This elegant manor is suitable for all functions - business retreats, meetings or weddings. Staff can provide indoor and outdoor team-building exercises designed for your group's needs and abilities.

Locust Grove
561 Blankenbaker Ln 40207
502/897-9845
locustgrove.org
lghh@locustgrove.org

Locust Grove's 1790s Georgian mansion is a registered National Historic Landmark, restored and furnished to its original appearance. The mansion is situated on 55 acres six miles from downtown. Locust Grove's Visitor's Center welcomes weddings, family reunions, community events, retreats and business meetings. The grounds are available for evening events, and tents may be rented and set up in designated areas.

The Visitor's Center has an auditorium with kitchen, and can be rented with, or separately from, the grounds. The Center is available by itself on weekdays for meetings and conferences.

Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremn Landing
7410 Moorman Rd 40272
502/935-6809
riverside-landing.org
info@riverside-landing.org

Located off the Greenbelt Highway in Southwest Louisville, Riverside is the centerpiece of a 300-acre historic site overlooking the Ohio River and southern Indiana.

The Visitor's Center and Pavilion are perfect for events, with breathtaking views.

Lodges

502/368-5965
metro-parks.org/rentals
parkspermits@louisvilleky.gov

Louisville's Metro Parks feature indoor lodges available for business events, picnics, weddings, field trips and more. Lodges are available by reservation only. Special non-profit rates are available.

Chickasaw Park
1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

George Rogers Clark
1024 Thruston Ave 40217

Iroquois Park
1501 Rundill Rd 40214

Jacob's Lodge.

Shawnee Park
460 Northwestern Pkwy 40212

Golf clubhouse.

Victory Park
1051 South 23rd St 40210

Pavilions

502/368-5965
metro-parks.org/rentals
parkspermits@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks also includes more than 50 open-air pavilions across Louisville, all available for reservation or informal gatherings.



Louisville
Metro Parks
Foundation

The Metro Parks Foundation

502/456-1800
lmpf.org

The Louisville Metro Parks Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working with Metro Parks to raise funds and resources to preserve, protect, promote and improve Louisville's public park system. It supports their mission by coordinating financial and volunteer assets and contributions.

Model Airplane Flying

McNeely Lake Park
10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

Charlie Vettiner Park
10207 Mary Dell Ln
40299



Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is only allowed on trails designated for that use.

Cherokee Park
745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

Waverly Park
4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

Pickleball

A fast-paced, fun combination of ping-pong, tennis and badminton for two or four, played with paddles.

Peewee Park
2913 Klondike Rd 40218

Riverside Gardens Park
2899 Lees Ln 40216



Playgrounds with Accessibility

Camp Taylor Memorial Park
4201 Lee St 40213

Des Pres Park
4709 Lowe Rd 40220

Iroquois Park
1501 Rundill Rd 40214

Shawnee Park
4501 West Broadway 40211

Rentals

502/368-5865
metro-parks.org/rentals
parkpermits@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks feature many locations you may rent to host your next outdoor event. Contact staff at least 2 weeks before an event to obtain a permit. Services such as bleacher and table rentals, electrical boxes and vending permits are available for additional fees.

Seniors

Metro Parks conducts programs especially tailored for the needs and interests of seniors. Programs are held around the Metro area, but two centers provide meeting space dedicated to these patrons.

Flaget Senior Center
4425 Greenwood Ave 40211
502/574-2646 or 502/574-2831

Wilderness Road Senior Center
8111 Blue Lick Road 40219
502/964-5151

Sledding

When there is significant accumulation (at least 2-3 inches), Metro Parks opens sledding hills between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Metro Parks staff will post "open" or "closed" signs, depending on conditions. Sledding is permitted only on these hills, and only for as long as there is adequate snow coverage and "open" signs are posted.

Metro Parks Has So Much to Offer Everyone

Louisville Metro Parks & Recreation has a lot to boast about. Since its inception in the late 1800s, this robust park system has been dedicated to improving the lives of Louisville residents with top-notch facilities and innovative programs.

In 1891, "father of American landscape architecture" Frederick Law Olmsted contracted to design several parks still in operation in Louisville, including Shawnee, Iroquois, Cherokee, Boone Square and Baxter Square, as well as two (Kenton Place and Logan Place) that are no longer in operation. In those days, Olmsted parks represented the pinnacle of intelligent, responsive design, as communities across the United States clamored to make use of his expertise.

Today, Louisville Metro Parks continues in that same cutting-edge tradition with locations like Louisville Extreme Park. When initial construction was completed in 2002, the park boasted 40,000 square feet of outdoor concrete skating surface, a wooden vertical ramp and a 24-foot full-pipe appropriate for skateboarding, inline skating and biking. Recognizing the value of the site to visiting and resident skaters, BMX bikers and X-Gamers, Louisville Metro Parks is currently renovating the site, with new features set to open in 2015.

Likewise, Louisville's Eva Bandman Park has also enjoyed its share of extreme attention, having hosted the 2013 Cyclo-Cross World Championships. The park became the first site outside Europe ever to host the event, which features top male and female cyclo-cross athletes from all over the world.

Preeminent Programming

Louisville residents are fortunate to have folks like Assistant Director of Recreation Ben Johnson on their side, especially if they're unsure of what to do at any one of the dozens of parks, recreation, or art and culture sites in the city. A public service veteran with more than 10 years' experience, Johnson has had a hand in developing programming for youth, teens, adults and seniors in his community. "Our centers are hubs for physical, mental, emotional, social and financial growth and development," Johnson says.

When asked to name one of his most successful programs to date, Johnson can't be so choosy — "I've gotta go with three, one of which is a service, not a program," he says. Highlighting Studio2000, Rec on the Go and Kids' Café — an arts program, recreation outreach service and feeding program, respectively — Johnson demonstrates how responsive Louisville Metro Parks is to the needs of area residents. Each targets underserved populations including young artists, residents lacking easy access to recreation amenities and hungry children, and all underline the truism that park and recreation professionals excel in thinking outside the box to address a variety of needs.

Add to those initiatives a recent push by the recreation department to address out-of-school time for at-risk youth, and it's easy to see why Louisville Metro Parks is such an asset to the community. "The majority of our centers are located in low-income, high-crime neighborhoods," explains Erika Nelson, community relations administrator with Louisville Metro Parks & Recreation. "We provided extended hours in six of our 12 [community] centers to attract youth 13-17 years old, into a safe and structured environment. In three underperforming summer camp sites, traditional camp — where parents register and pay fees — was eliminated and 'open' programming was instituted. This allowed us to serve triple the number of youth each week at each location, giving us a greater impact in the community."

From creative park design to responsive programming that addresses the needs of an ever-changing city, Louisville Metro Parks & Recreation



continues its stated mission to "create a City of Parks where people can play, learn, grow and be healthy." "Some of our most ardent supporters and frequent users are surprised at the variety of the things we do," Johnson says. "When you have as many creative people and varied facilities as we do, our collective possibilities are almost endless."

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A Tale of Two Sawyers

Who were E.P. "Tom" Sawyer and A.B. Sawyer? Some of the most important components of our city's infrastructure is its parks. As a "livable city" with more than 130 public outdoor oases throughout the Metro, two parks which often confuse parkgoers are E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park and A.B. Sawyer Park, which coincidentally are located

Jean Dunagan. He graduated from Western Kentucky University, and taught high school in Summer Shade, Kentucky, before moving his family to Louisville. He, his wife and their two daughters - Linda and national television journalist Diane Sawyer - came to Louisville so that he could study at U of L and the Jefferson School of Law. Tom was admitted to the bar in 1943.

During World War II, Sawyer left town and enlisted in the Navy but returned in 1946 to go into private practice, eventually becoming assistant to Commonwealth's Attorney Frank Ropke and later Attorney



E.P. "Tom" Sawyer



A.B. Sawyer

only about a mile apart. The much larger E.P. "Tom" Sawyer is a state park, while A.B. Sawyer is a Metro park. The question often asked is: were E.P. "Tom" Sawyer and A.B. Sawyer related? The answer is no. Then who were these two men? Erbon Powers "Tom" Sawyer grew up one of nine children on a farm in Metcalfe County, Kentucky. Sawyer attended Lindsey Wilson College where he met his wife

for Jefferson County. In December 1968, Sawyer was appointed Jefferson County Judge-Executive by Governor Louie Nunn. Unfortunately, the following September Sawyer was killed in an early morning one-car accident on Interstate 64. Two years later Governor Nunn dedicated Jefferson County's very first state park in Judge Sawyer's honor. The park was originally on 400 acres owned

by Central State Hospital; over the years it has enlarged to 550 acres.

Albert Butler (A.B.) Sawyer, Jr. and his family moved from Missouri to Louisville to farm during the 1920s. The Sawyers switched to the dairy business soon afterwards, running Kentucky Dairies, Inc. until Albert retired in 1954.

A.B. and his wife Agnes were married 52 years, producing four children, twelve grandchildren, and (as of 1983) seven great-grandchildren. Ms. Sawyer was heavily involved in childhood education and operated a nursery school for 26 years. She and her husband both loved children.

In fact Sawyer was a forty-year board member of the Louisville and Jefferson County Children's Home. From 1920 to 1967 the Home housed children who were wards of the public; its campus for white children was called Ormsby Village, and a separate campus for blacks was called Ridgewood. The LJCC put into practice some of the most advanced ideas in juvenile care to be found in the United States, advocating the separation of juvenile facilities and treatment from those for adults.

In 1983, Albert was honored as a Grand Champion of Underprivileged Children by Ormsby Village alumni. The ceremony took place



on his ninety-seventh birthday. At that time, nearly 500 former residents were expected to attend the ceremony in his honor.

According to an article in the *Louisville Times* dated August 9, 1985, Sawyer's service to the community didn't stop at Ormsby Village, either. At that time he was also being recognized as largely responsible for, in 1942, bringing the first Boys Club to Louisville's Portland neighborhood. In addition, he worked with JCPS the 1980s to introduce a Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

In the late 1960s a new property was acquired by the city of Louisville along Whipps Mill Road - the site of the former Ormsby Village. The land became a park and was named in honor of A.B. Sawyer's contribution to children and the community. At 47.25 acres, A.B. Sawyer Park is much smaller than E.P. "Tom" Sawyer Park, but both properties pay equal respect to their namesakes' lifelong commitments to children and public service.

Jefferson Memorial Forest Honored by LEEP for Educational Programming

Jefferson Memorial Forest program staff was honored to be recognized March 26 as the LEEP (Louisville Education and Employment Partnership) Community Partner of the Year. LEEP is a program that helps reduce dropouts, encouraging high school students to remain in school, strive for excellence, and move on to college, career, or military service.

For many years now Jefferson Memorial Forest staff has worked with LEEP, organizing team-building and Alpine Tower climbing programs for its participants. Forest staff is grateful for the opportunity to work with such a remarkable group of students, teachers, and support staff, and they look forward to many more years of this partnership.

The award was presented by Mayor Greg Fischer and Superintendent Dr. Donna Hargens at the LEEP Annual Business Breakfast in the Crystal Ballroom at the Brown Hotel.



Jefferson Memorial Forest staff Rebecca Minnick, Ginny Delaney and Ryan Zike receive their LEEP award with Superintendent Hargens and Mayor Fischer.

Jonathan Roberts, JCPS Photographer

Molly Leonard Portland Community Center
640 North 27th St 40212
502/776-0913

Cyclocross

Cyclocross is a competitive racing sport similar to cross-country biking. Eva Bandman Park is home to Louisville's world-class course.

Eva Bandman Park
1701 River Rd 40206

Day Camps

502/456-8186
parks@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks conducts summer day camps for children 6 to 12, with themes including art, sports and environmental education.

Dog Runs

Cherokee Park
2501 Alexander Rd 40204
502/458-9450

Louisville Champions Park
2050 River Rd 40206

Toonerville Trolley Park
218 East Oak St 40203

Charlie Vettiner Park
5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd 40299

Waverly Park
4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

Environmental Education

Cherokee Park
2501 Alexander Rd 40204
502/458-9450

Walk park trails through the Netherthor Bird Sanctuary.

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd
Fairdale, KY 40118
502/368-5404
memorialforest.com
forest@louisvilleky.gov

Seasonal adventure, historic and environmental education programs for all ages are conducted by staff naturalists at the Environmental Education Center.

Extreme Sports

Louisville Extreme Park
148 North Clay St 40202

Louisville's Extreme Sports 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, it has something for all enthusiasts.

Fishing

Fishing licenses may be purchased

at retail outlets, bait and tackle shops and stores selling fishing equipment. They are also available at the Welcome Center of the Jefferson Memorial Forest.

Obey Louisville Metro fishing laws. For information on water recreation laws, call 800/858-1549.

Fishing Lakes

Cherokee Park
745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

4.6 acre lake with accessible pier

Chickasaw Park
1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

1.6 acre lake - catch and release only

Fisherman's Park
5607 Old Heady Rd 40299

8 lakes, 15.2 acres total

Iroquois Park
2120 Rundill Rd 40214

1.1 acre lake

Jefferson Memorial Forest Tom Wallace Lake
off Mitchell Hill Rd 40118

5.4 acre lake with accessible pier

Long Run Park
1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245

28.7 acre lake with boat ramp

McNeely Lake Park
10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

46.2 acre lake with accessible pier and boat ramp

Thurman Hutchins Park
3734 River Rd 402007

Accessible pier

Charlie Vettiner Park
5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd 40299

1.2 acre lake

Watterson Lake Park
1714 S Wheatmore Dr 40215

4.1 acre lake with accessible pier

Waverly Park
4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

5.3 acre lake

Fishing on the River

Eva Bandman Park
1701 River Rd 40206

Chickasaw Park
1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

Carrie Gaulbert Cox Park
3730 River Rd 40207

Accessible pier, boat ramp

Hays Kennedy Park
7303 Beachland Beech Rd 40059

Access by Garvin Brown Preserve

Kulmer Reserve Park
17200 Kulmer Beach Rd 40177

Riverview Park
8202 Greenwood Rd 40258

Boat ramp

Shawnee Park
4501 W Broadway 40211

Frederick Law Olmsted Parks

502/456-8125
olmstedparks.org
info@olmstedparks.org

Louisville is lucky to have one of only four complete park systems in the United States designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, father of American landscape architecture. He also designed the parks systems of Boston, Seattle and New York. Eighteen parks and six parkways make up this 120-year-old system.

The Olmsted Parks Conservancy, a nonprofit partner with Louisville Metro Parks, raises funds to restore, enhance and forever protect our city's historic park system. Get involved with your local Olmsted park by becoming a Conservancy member or volunteering at one of their events.



Gift Shops

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd
Fairdale, KY 40118

502/368-5404
memorialforest.com
forest@louisvilleky.gov

Locust Grove
561 Blankenbaker Ln 40207
502/897-9845

locustgrove.org
lghh@locustgrove.org

Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremén Landing
7410 Moorman Rd 40272
502/935-6809
riverside-landing.org
info@riverside-landing.org

Golf Courses

Metro Parks' golf courses are open seven days a week, barring special events or weather restrictions.

Each course has a men's, women's and junior's association. Memberships fund tournaments, USGA handicaps, and other events. When possible, golfers may perform course work to earn privileges.

Flat-soled shoes, tennis, and plastic soft-spike shoes are allowed at all Metro Parks golf facilities. No spikes, cleats or athletic shoes.

If you are planning a company or charity outing, Metro Parks' courses are affordable, with excellent amenities and service. Golf pros can help plan your details.

9 Hole Courses

Cherokee
2501 Alexander Rd 40204
502/458-9450

Crescent Hill
3110 Brownsboro Rd 40206
502/896-9193

Bobby Nichols
4301 East Pages Ln 40272
502/937-9051

18 Hole Courses

Iroquois
1501 Rundill Rd 40214
502/363-9520

Long Run
1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245
502/245-9015

Includes First Tee of Louisville youth golf instruction.

Seneca
2300 Pee Wee Reese Rd 40205
502/458-9298

Includes driving range.

Shawnee
460 Northwestern Pkwy 40212
502/776-9389

Includes the AT&T Youth Golf Academy (free to ages 18 and under), First Tee of Louisville youth golf instruction, and driving range.

Sun Valley
6505 Bethany Ln 40272
502/937-9228

Charlie Vettiner
10207 Mary Dell Ln 40299
502/267-9958

Historic Homes

Locust Grove
561 Blankenbaker Ln 40207
502/897-9845
locustgrove.org
lghh@locustgrove.org

Locust Grove was built circa 1790 by William Croghan, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. The home sits on 55 acres and includes gardens, woodlands, outbuildings and a visitor center with gallery and store. The site is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremén Landing
7410 Moorman Rd 40272
502/935-6809
riverside-landing.org
info@riverside-landing.org

Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing, is a 300-acre farm on the Ohio River. The centerpiece of the site is the restored 1837 Farnsley-Moremén house, where 19th century travelers stopped to trade, take on fuel and rest.

WHAT'S AT MY PARK?

Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation

Post Office Box 37280
Louisville KY 40233-7280
502/456-8100
metro-parks.org
parks@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks is a nationally accredited parks and recreation agency.

Mission Statement

The mission of Louisville Metro Parks is to create a City of Parks where people can play, learn, grow and be healthy. The mission is accomplished by taking care of all parks properties and creating new ones, by providing safe and diverse recreational programs, and by protecting our public lands and resources for future generations.

Function and History

Metro Parks staff plans, operates and maintains 120 public parks on approximately 13,000 acres, and various facilities and recreation programs in Louisville Metro.

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

Accessibility

It is the intent of Metro Parks to make all programs and facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities; if an accommodation is necessary for a patron's participation, please advise Metro Parks staff of the needed service in advance. For alternative versions of this Recreation Guide or any Metro Parks publication, call 502/456-8148 (voice), or 502/456-8183 (TDD).

Hours

Metro Parks properties are open to the public every day of the year, dependent on circumstances. Hours are posted at each park. Excepting golf courses, Louisville Metro Parks facilities and programs are closed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday, and Christmas Day.

Accessible Programming

Adapted Leisure Activities
2305 Douglass Blvd 40205
502/456-8148
tdd • 502/456-8183
aleisure@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks' Adapted Leisure Activities Program offers recreational opportunities throughout Louisville Metro, for individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities, their friends and families.

Amphitheaters

Seasonal events such as musicals, concerts, festivals and more are held in the Iroquois Amphitheater, while Central Park is home to the long-running free Kentucky Shakespeare Festival.

C. Douglas Ramey Amphitheater, Central Park
1340 South Fourth St 40208
kyshakespeare.com

Iroquois Park Amphitheater
1080 Amphitheater Rd 40214
502/368-5865
iroquoisamphitheater.com

Aquatics

Spraygrounds

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

Algonquin Park
1614 Cypress St 40210

Baxter Square Park
301 South Twelfth St 40203

Breslin Park
1388 Lexington Rd 40206

California Park
1104 South 16th St 40210

Crescent Hill Park
3110 Brownsboro Rd 40206

Farnsley Park
3100 Wedgewood Way 40220

Nelson Hornbeck Park
709 Fairdale Rd 40118

Iroquois Park
2120 Rundill Rd 40214

Iroquois Park's 2,500 square-foot sprayground is the largest in Metro Parks. With the DREAM Foundation it was designed to be inclusive for patrons of all abilities.

LaPorte Park
2529 Bank St 40212

Long Run Park
1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245

Petersburg Park
5008 East Indian Tr 40218

Riverview Park
8202 Greenwood Rd 40258

Shawnee Park
4501 West Broadway 40211

Shelby Park
600 East Oak St 40203

Wyandotte Park
1104 Beecher St 40215

Spraypads

The following parks feature traditional spray pads: converted wading pools with a single obelisk that sprays water.

Bingham Park
160 Coral Ave 40206

Boone Square Park
1935 Rowan St 40203

Central Park
1340 South Fourth St 40208

Cherokee Park
745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

Chickasaw Park
1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

George Rogers Clark Park
1024 Thruston Ave 40217

Elliott Square Park
630 South 28th St 40211

William Harrison Park
3232 Oleanda Ave 40215

Russell Lee Park
3701 Southern Ave 40211

G.G. Moore Park
626 M St 40208

Parkhill Park
1703 South 13th St 40210

Portland Park
640 North 27th St 40212

Huston Quin Park
4105 South First St 40214

William B. Stansbury Park
2302 South Third St 40208

Tyler Park
1501 Castlewood Ave 40204

Victory Park
1051 South 23rd St 40210

Swimming Pools

Metro Parks offers year-round swimming and fitness opportunities at the Mary T. Meager Aquatic Center, as well as operating four outdoor summer pools. Amenities at the Center include weight room with Cybex, free weights and cardio equipment. Lap swim, water exercise and many other lessons are available throughout the year.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a guardian 12 or older at Metro Parks pools. Chair lifts for persons with disabilities are available; call your pool ahead of time.

Mary T. Meager Aquatic Center, Crescent Hill Park
201 Reservoir Avenue 40206
502/897-9949
parks@louisvilleky.gov

Algonquin Pool
1614 Cypress St 40210

Fairdale Pool, Nelson Hornbeck Park
709 Fairdale Rd 40118

Norton Pool, Camp Taylor Memorial Park
42101 Lee Ave 40213

Sun Valley Pool
6505 Bethany Ln 40272

Athletic Fields

502/368-5865
parkpermits@louisvilleky.gov

Outdoor athletic fields are available throughout the year. Most fields can be reserved by the general public for games and practices, although non-profit groups operate some fields exclusively under franchise agreements. Metro Parks offers a pricing structure that can fit your practice, single game, or league needs.

All fields – with the exception of a small number of fields reserved for games only – may be enjoyed by the public for informal use on a first-come, first-served basis, provided the field hasn't been reserved and the users are not charging a fee to participants. Call or go online for locations and pricing.

Athletic Leagues

502/456-8117 • basketball
502/456-8173 • all other sports
fax • 502/456-8168
athletics@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks offers seasonal leagues around the Metro area, in many sports. Staff will help your group organize leagues, tournaments and clinics.



Campgrounds

Family and group tent camping sites for rent; there are latrines and water near all sites.

Jefferson Memorial Forest
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd 40118
502/369-5404

Computer Labs

Computer stations for public use throughout the day, for writing or surfing the internet.

California Community Center
1600 West St. Catherine St 40210
502/574-2658

LOUISVILLE METRO PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMPS



Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation will be offering 8-week summer camps at nine of our twelve community centers, for youth ages 5 to 12. This year's theme, **Amazing Adventures**, will involve a wide array of daily on-site programs focusing on fitness, the arts, the environment and education, plus weekly field trips.

Please call your camp location (see pages 5 and 6) for registration times and the documentation you'll need for registering campers.

Youth Camps

Beechmont Community Center \$65 / child / week
California Community Center \$65 / child / week
Cyril Allgeier Community Center \$70 / child / week
Douglass Community Center \$95 / child / week
Newburg Community Center \$65 / child / week
Southwick Community Center \$65 / child / week
Sun Valley Community Center \$70 / child / week

Younger Camp

Shelby Park Community Center summer camp is designed for kids ages 5-7. This year's camp theme, "Our Louisville" will focus on everything Louisville. An array of programs focusing on fitness, the arts, the environment and education will be available. Featured activities include: a Belle of Louisville cruise, Youth Health Initiative Program, Reds Rookie Success League, Bike Sense Program, and weekly field trips. Some reduced fees will be available.

Shelby Park Community Center \$65 / child / week



NEW! Sports Camp

South Louisville Community Center/University of Louisville Amazing Adventures sports camp will be held June 8-July 31, and is designed for kids 8 to 15. Every week will be a new adventure - swimming, soccer, tennis, field hockey, football, archery, fishing, lacrosse and adaptive sports - with trips from the center for mornings of energetic fun at different sports arenas. Breakfasts and lunches will be provided, along with additional programming back at the center each afternoon. Sign up early!

South Louisville Community Center \$65 / child / week



Jefferson Memorial Forest

Exciting weeklong summer camps at the nation's largest urban forest will include hands-on adventures for children from 5 all the way to 15. Wild animals, exploration, canoeing, camping out, hiking, fishing, climbing and so much more will be on the menu, along with learning about plantation and Native American life at Locust Grove!

Animal Adventures \$135 / child
June 15-19
Adventure Camp \$135 / child
June 22-26 & July 20-24
Forest Explorers \$115 / child
June 29-July 2
Water Wonders \$135 / child
July 6-10 & July 27-31
ECO Extreme \$195 / child
July 13-17
Fairies, Trolls & Gnomes \$135 / child
July 13-17
Nature at Locust Grove \$195 / child
August 3-7

Additionally Offered...

Open Teen Programming

Several community centers will offer structured programming during the summer that varies from the traditional summer camp experience. These programs will take place throughout the day, Monday through Friday, primarily for kids 13 to 18 years old. For a full list of programs, contact one of the following locations (see pages 5 and 6).

Baxter Community Center **Portland Community Center**
Parkhill Community Center

Extended Center Hours

Extended hours programming was developed to give youth constructive activities to keep them engaged during summer evening hours. Six locations will be open until 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, offering free meals, hip hop dance, fitness programs, social groups and more.

Baxter Community Center
California Community Center
Newburg Community Center
Parkhill Community Center
Portland Community Center
Southwick Community Center

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Metro Parks operates 12 community centers, where you can shoot hoops, do homework, exercise, learn a craft, meet neighbors and more. We also have additional centers that focus on specific interests and segments of the community.

Adapted Leisure Activities offers activities for individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities and their friends and families - with wheelchair basketball, aqua exercise, dances, shopping and more. ALA staff works with sites around the area to ensure that patrons with disabilities can participate in recreational activities.

The Metro Arts Center and Shawnee Arts & Cultural Center, in partnership with several local arts organizations, hold programs on subjects from pottery to guitar playing to theater classes, available to all ages.

Metro Parks' two Seniors centers offer meals, games, fitness classes, clubs, trips, aerobics, billiards, arts and crafts and much, much more, at a pace seniors can enjoy!

This information is subject to change without notice. It is recommended that you call ahead to confirm availability; centers reserve the right to cancel a program if minimum enrollment is not met. Call or visit a center, or visit our website, for more information.



- WIFI** Free Wi-Fi at Center
- CAFE** Kid's Café at Center
- COMP** Computer Lab at Center
- ZONE** Zone of Hope Site



Adapted Leisure Activities

2305 Douglass Blvd #3 40205
502/456-8148
aleisure@louisvilleky.gov

AMENITIES

Adapted Leisure Activities Center adapts recreational programs to maximize participants' benefits

Baxter Community Center

1125 Cedar Ct 40203
502/574-2670

AMENITIES

WIFI CAFE ZONE

Cardio Center • Game Room • Gymnasium • Teen Room

Beechmont Community Center

205 West Wellington Ave 40214
502/361-5484

AMENITIES

WIFI

Billiard Room • Cardiovascular/Weight Room • Library • Pottery Studio • Senior Fitness/Meals

California Community Center

1600 West St. Catherine St 40210
502/574-2658

AMENITIES

WIFI CAFE COMP ZONE

Game Room

Cyril Allgeier Community Center

4101 Cadillac Ct 40213
502/456-3261

AMENITIES

Gymnasium • Kitchen • Multi-Purpose Room

Douglass Community Center

2305 Douglass Blvd 40205
502/456-8120

AMENITIES

Game Room • Gymnasium • Weight Room

Flaget Senior Center

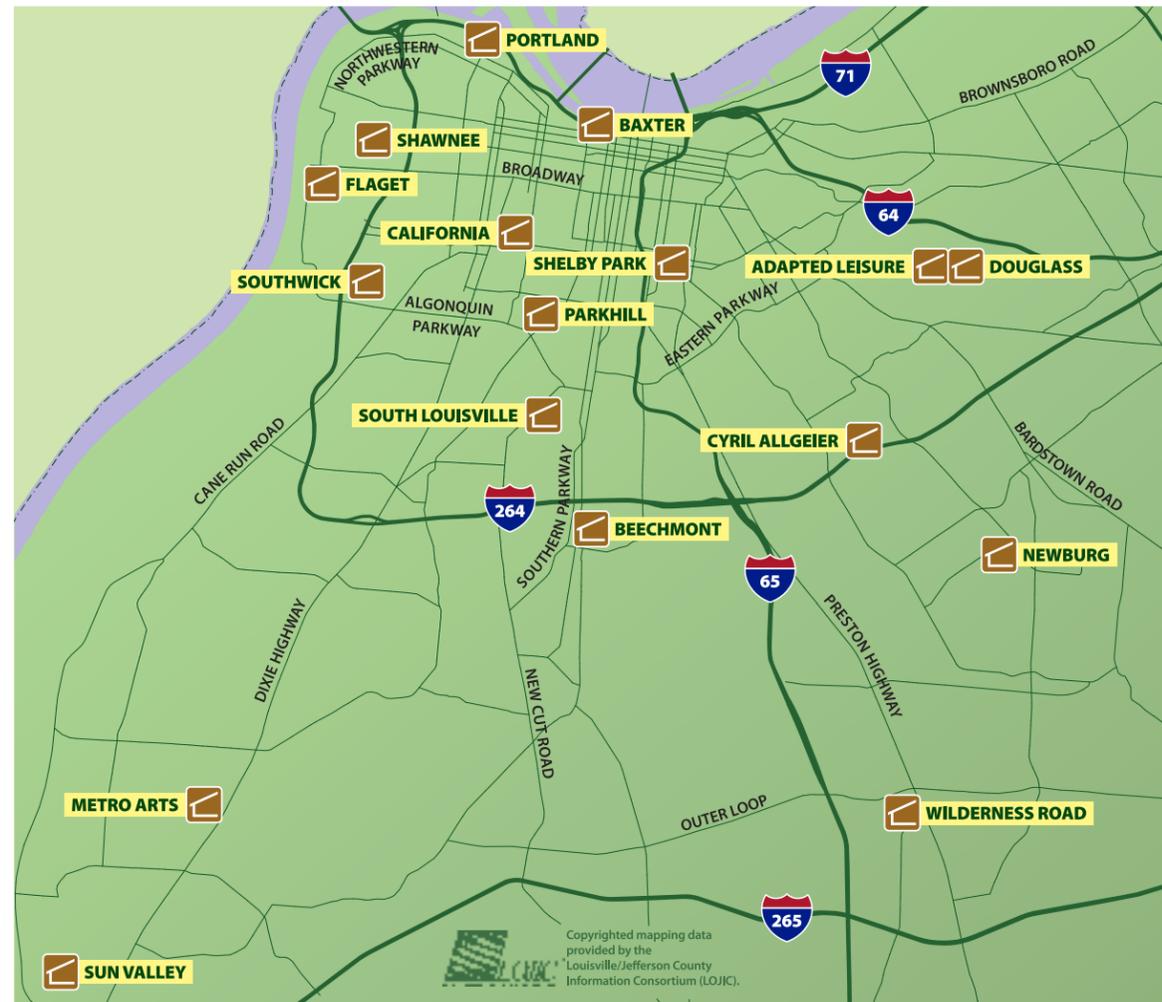
4425 Greenwood Ave 40211
502/574-2831 or 502/574-2646

AMENITIES

Exercise Room • Walking Track • Weight Room

OUTREACH

Metro Parks Senior Services partners with some community centers to provide senior nutrition programs. Call Flaget Senior Center to find out more.



Metro Arts Center

8360 Dixie Hwy 40258
502/937-2055
metroarts@louisvilleky.gov

Molly Leonard Portland Community Center

640 North 27th St 40212
502/776-0913

AMENITIES

WIFI CAFE COMP

Gymnasium • Kiln • Weight Room

Newburg Community Center

4810 Exeter Ave 40218
502/456-8122

AMENITIES

CAFE ZONE

Game Room • Gymnasium • Kitchen • Weight Room

Parkhill Community Center

1703 South Thirteenth St 40210
502/637-3044

AMENITIES

CAFE

Game Room

Shawnee Arts and Cultural Center

607 South 37th St 40211
502/775-5268

AMENITIES

WIFI COMP

Shelby Park Community Center

600 East Oak St 40203
502/574-1780

AMENITIES

CAFE

Game Room • Paved Outdoor Walking Path • Rental Space

South Louisville Community Center

2911 Taylor Blvd 40208
502/574-3206

AMENITIES

Game Room • Gymnasium • Outside Play Area • Weight Room

Shawnee Arts and Cultural Center

607 South 37th St 40211
502/775-5268

AMENITIES

WIFI COMP

Shelby Park Community Center

600 East Oak St 40203
502/574-1780

AMENITIES

CAFE

Game Room • Paved Outdoor Walking Path • Rental Space

South Louisville Community Center

2911 Taylor Blvd 40208
502/574-3206

AMENITIES

Game Room • Gymnasium • Outside Play Area • Weight Room

Southwick Community Center

3621 Southern Ave 40211
502/775-6598

AMENITIES

WIFI CAFE

Game Room • Gymnasium • Kitchen • Teen Room

Sun Valley Community Center

6505 Bethany Ln 40272
502/937-8802

AMENITIES

CAFE

Fitness Room • Kitchen • Meeting Room

Wilderness Road Senior Center

8111 Blue Lick Rd 40219
502/964-5151
parks@louisvilleky.gov

AMENITIES

Billiards Room • Fitness Area • Multi-Purpose Room

YOUTH ATHLETICS



Louisville Tennis Center
Joe Creason Park
3783 Illinois Ave 40203
502/456-8173
athletics@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks and Recreation offers youth year-round opportunities to improve fitness, display competitive spirit, and socialize.

For youth, our Athletic Division offers both JCPs Elementary School and Community Center Leagues for the following sports this spring and summer:

- 🌿 Flag Football
- 🌿 Volleyball
- 🌿 Basketball
- 🌿 Cross Country (only offered through elementary schools)
- 🌿 Track & Field (only offered through elementary schools)

Metro Parks reserves the right to cancel a league and refund fees if there is a lack of participation. For more information about our Metro Parks and Recreation leagues, contact our Athletics Office at 502/456-8117.

ADULT ATHLETICS

Louisville Tennis Center
Joe Creason Park
3783 Illinois Ave 40203
502/456-8173
athletics@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks offers adult leagues throughout the year:

- 🌿 Men's basketball
- 🌿 Co-ed flag football
- 🌿 Men's flag football
- 🌿 Co-ed kickball
- 🌿 Men's softball
- 🌿 Co-ed softball

Employees help organize leagues, tournaments and clinics. In-person registration is encouraged, and fees are due at registration.

Metro Parks reserves the right to cancel a league and refund fees if there is a lack of participation.

You may call for Athletics information weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information about Metro Parks basketball leagues call 502/456-8117.

