

Q29. What comes to mind when you hear “Columbia Parks and Recreation”?

We have lived in several different states and Columbia parks and rec is amazing! Best we have seen.

Now is not the time for new parks. Maintaining is important until revenue gets better.

I think this department has done a good job.

Programs and parks help to make our city great!

Fun to visit the parks. Decently maintained.

ARC and parks. Nature trails. Programs and our neighborhood parks. Tai Chi at the Armory - great class at a great price! Makes our city a great place to live! We use the ARC everyday.

Nice parks, but too many of them.

A good place to take my kids for an outing.

Parks and athletic fields (soccer and softball).

Good stuff. The big slides at Cosmo need fixing soon!

Walking/nature trails and parks.

Progressive, well organized system. Good job!

Parks, Bear Creek trail and pools.

I hear a great organization that is committed to excellence. Let's keep striving to do things better.

Over spending on bicycle lanes, etc.

Fun, well maintained, great services. A benefit to our community!

We have enough parks! We need some real development in this town regarding businesses!

Good qualities and programs. Well managed.

Parks, trails, kids' sports.

Organized youth sports, parks, swimming pools.

ARC, activities, parks.

Activities, protection of green space. Wide variety of things to do and places to go.

Trails, green space, playgrounds, nature.

Lots of activities for young people and that is good!

Louisville park and playing outside with my kids. I would like to see more swings.

Programs for youth and golf courses. No more bike trails.

Fun places to go. Very fortunate for our park systems! MKT trail is truly an asset to all Columbia.

Classes that cost too much for us to afford.

Good stuff!

Cosmo.

Land was available in my neighborhood for a park and we asked the city to work with us as we are paying for it. The city refused and said we didn't need a park.

Proactive.

Adaptive community recreation.

Healthy living!

Wonderful parks.

Playgrounds, golf courses, softball fields, lots of fun with the family.

City of Columbia, parks, things for the family to do.

Good place to R & R.

Nice parks.

Fun and family time.

Trails.

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Soccer fields at Cosmo Park.

Great trails, but lack a place to go ice skating or rollerblading.

I think about the trails and the parks most often.

Great parks.

Parks and athletics.

Positive associations. Not exactly sure what!

Summer fun!

I think they do a great job.

Great!

The ARC and all the area parks that we use as well as the bike trails we use.

I feel parks & rec is not a well-organized department in the city of Columbia.

Poorly maintained softball fields that can't handle a little rain and bad softball officials considering what we pay to play.

Barbeques and picnics.

The ARC and Stephens Lake. A wonderful purchase!

Quality educational and recreational programs for children that wouldn't have a chance to enjoy nature without these programs.

Quit spending money needlessly. We don't need Darwin Park. Too much money spent!

We love Columbia! I moved here from Springfield, MO. Columbia parks and rec are fantastic! Thank you! We love this city because of the value they place on trails, parks, green space and nature.

Good parks.

Over reaching funding of new parks and trails. Maintain and make secure existing areas.

Public property for the benefit of all.

Cosmo Park.

A great way to find activities for my one year old.

ARC 3 times a week and MKT trail. Dick Green and others in the community, Darwin Hindman also, who helped develop all of the great facilities!

Softball programs.

They are awesome!

Parks.

Fun activities with friends and family!

Good staff - honest - diligent - committed - forward thinking.

ARC.

quality of life in our city. Our family could not be happier with or more supportive of the job they do for our community!

Sporting activities. Golf and the ARC.

Trying hard to stay ahead of the game.

A department always wanting to expand when we don't need expansion. Concentrate on maintaining the nice facilities Columbia has.

Activities for all in town.

Quality, outdoor activities, healthy living.

Very responsive to the needs of our diverse community.

Great facilities, but poorly kept up and managed.

Parks and playgrounds.

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Good job!
Too many parks and facilities already. Take care of what you have.
Good for the community.
Too many parks and trails. Develop larger parks, not so many under utilized small ones.
Darwin Hindman is doing great things!
ARC, Cosmo Park, Armory and Twin Lakes.
Open green space and activity facilities.
Cosmo Park, ARC and swimming pools.
Variety, fun, access. McKee Park is neglected.
I moved here from St. Louis for school a few years ago and have to say that without parks and rec, this town would be so incredibly boring.
Outstanding running and walking trails. Please focus on running and walking trails. Keep them nice!
ARC.
Very good.
Sports and parks.
Rainbow complex and sports programs.
Good service.
ARC.
Pretty good.
Fun!
ARC. Special Olympic teams.
Love the festivals for the children! Anything family oriented.
You are a large part of the reason this is such a nice place to live. Clean parks with lots to do outside.
Stephen's Lake Park is our crown jewel of preservation and non-development. Way to go!
Well done!
Picnics, reunions and exercise.
I think our parks and rec are way above average. This survey asked for facility usage in the last year. Prior to that, I used the ARC and golf course and parks and hope to again when family health issues improve. I would vote for modest tax increases to maintain and expand facilities.
Being thankful for having so many facilities.
Great advances made in past recent years! Continue this!
Great and affordable programs and outdoor activities also gives me the opportunity to interact with the people in my community.
Is Douglas Park an asset or a liability?
I need a car to use parks and facilities more often.
Quality, fun, good value, and keeping Columbia active.
A walk in the park.
A lot of park land.
I think we have a great parks and rec department. I'm very supportive of these people.
Good.
ARC.

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Good parks that are well maintained, but it irritates me the way the pool prices are configured. We would use Lake of the Woods pool regularly, but it is the same price as Oakland with shorter hours and less offering. Douglas pool is cheaper with longer hours and more amenities. I would say that is one of my biggest complaints.

Very good and well run.

Need improvement to safety and upkeep. Recycle bins and more trash bins are needed.

Sounds ok. I'm pretty new here, so I don't have more on that yet.

Cosmo is the mother of all Columbia parks.

More fun!

Clean, dependable, community-friendly and doing their best on the budget that is available.

Soccer.

Nothing.

ARC.

We have a wonderful park system. They are everywhere. Health prevents our use of them, but we must have them for our youth! Thanks.

The parks are large. Summer baseball and softball programs. MKT trail and ARC.

The logo, Rock Quarry Park, which is what we use most often. I didn't realize MKT is Col parks and rec. I use it a lot.

Positive. Excellent parks. Only concern is security.

I am thankful for it. It makes the quality of life here better. However, I am very willing to spend some of that tax money on more police and tougher prosecution as a deterrent to crime. Would make life better in the parks and everywhere.

Golf courses and the ARC.

Inclusiveness and varied.

Please build more disc golf courses.

Awesome!

An organization that works to keep Columbia a beautiful and enjoyable place to live.

maintained.

Quality.

The best reason to live in Columbia, MO! I do not take these opportunities for granted!

Cost too much per person using it.

Nice to have in the city. Small neighborhood parks are good. Note: we seldom use parks because of handicaps, but are generally supportive of them.

A variety of programs, playgrounds and activities.

Very good, clean, well used, lots of areas and variety.

Thank goodness we've got an active, funded, quality-focused parks and rec program in Columbia. It improves Columbia's quality of life. Which is good for the economy!

Playgrounds for the leisure class. Only a conduit to receive federal grants.

Good stuff. Important for the community!

Cosmo Park.

Activities for kids and families.

Cosmos Park.

When my children were at home, we used the parks, but at our age (75 & 81) we no longer do. ARC trail and neighborhood parks.

Overspending on the trails and bike stuff. Improve existing golf courses or build a new excellent course!

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Too many sports fields for the percentage of the community they serve. Stress more fitness than organized sports to serve more people.

Large park system.

Approachable.

Great parks.

A good time.

The largest park and rec in the state without an ice rink.

Lots of activities and great parks.

Safe family fun.

Disappointment in the fact that they removed the summer swim team from the parks and rec calendar. Although it was not a large program (# of kids) the service it provided was immeasurable! Please bring it back.

Oak Towers would appreciate parks and rec to help us with activities.

Great programs.

Friendly, source of fun and active life style.

Lack of maintenance at the Rainbow softball fields.

Picnic.

Blue Thunder. Cosmo.

Excellent facilities and service. Responsive to community and open to suggestions.

Positive, proactive, community involvement and green space.

Happiness! In addition, there are the wooded belts throughout the city which are just beautiful and the topography of rolling hills and ravines which compliment them. I consider the city of Columbia one of the most astute in city planning I have known and I have lived in several areas of America!

I am a new Columbia resident since August 2009. I am a grad student in an extremely labor-intensive program and have not had the opportunity to use your facilities.

Outdoor activities and trails.

I enjoy what we have, but we need more.

We have a great number of good ones now.

We have had very favorable experience with our endeavors with Columbia parks and rec. We have a lot of new taxes (federal and state) and need to focus on the basics for the next few years.

Leisure times and programs offered. My son and I are currently in Tae Kwon Do and enjoying the affordable time together. We also enjoy taking other classes offered.

Money is better spent elsewhere.

What are the current programs? Will I have time in my day to enjoy time at the park?

Walk for health.

Outdoor fun.

Good times, soccer fields, ARC. Good place to take grandkids to play.

Good management.

Quality people and quality programs. We love Mike Griggs!

Fun.

Parks and active kids club.

Events, fishing, walking, trips and camping.

Fun! Great!

A good thing to have in the city.

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Fun for the members of my family. Quality time together to enjoy the outdoors. Thankful to have the park and facilities.

Quality programs and facilities!

Need a program to take people fishing that can't get there.

Good times! But would love more indoor tennis and tennis programs and USTA programs similar to what Fort Collins, CO has!

Positive, jobs and activities.

Community.

ARC and outdoors.

Well meaning staff.

Local recreation for families.

Creek hopping.

Parks and youth sports.

Parks and activities for kids.

Parks and football.

The park that is going to be built right across from my front door. I will not be the public bathroom or phone.

Fun! I wish I was aware of more events.

Great parks, family activities and affordable prices for sports.

Good programs overall.

A lot of money collected and not spent on intended use. Need to preserve what we have and not make more parks that more money will be needed to upkeep.

Parks and trails.

Softball. We need to do better at attracting more teams to come here.

Sufficient, well kept and organized.

ARC.

Annoying bikers who don't utilize trails and bike on dangerous roads.

Sports leagues.

Opportunities for fun and fitness.

Organization providing great parks and services for the people of Columbia.

Katy trail.

Top notch program.

Comprehensive programs for sports, parks, trails and activities.

Park system is a good selling point. Great places to walk, take children to playgrounds and let dogs run!

Pride in our community.

ARC.

Clean environment and beautiful scenery.

City parks and walking trails.

Parks.

Fun!

Good place for family.

Lack in job performance in the Clark Lane and McKee Street areas. The creek is full of trash and it floods, which could cause children in this area great harm.

Awesome facilities, many opportunities.

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Too many and too much money. Low usage.
A part of Columbia that makes the city unique.
The flyer I get with my utilities bill.
Flowers at intersections and Cosmo Park.
Fun for my children!
More pools, paved trails, more northern parks. Flat Branch is beautiful, but small.
Outdoor fun!
Family fitness.
Too many drunks and unsafe people.
Healthy community.
They do a great job providing for this city.
Fun outdoors, exercise, walking trails, bicycle trails, sports and fishing.
We love swimming at Douglas Pool! Please don't close it! I think of green and outside.
Quality outdoor parks, well-maintained. Great biking trails are a big plus to Columbia.
Parks.
A place for kids to play.
Depends.
An invaluable asset to the community that helps recruit and retain citizens and businesses.
Show me that you can take care of the current facilities.
Positive.
Sports and outdoor activities.
Running, biking, and enjoying one of the beautiful trails our city has to offer.
Nothing.
What a great job Deb Tamison does. She's awesome.
Greatest in the nation. A good value to live in Columbia.
Proud of what Columbia parks and rec has accomplished in the past and hope they continue in the future.
ARC.
Trails and softball.
The city does a good job maintaining parks for the most part. Adult sport fees have risen every year, which we're not very pleased with, but we still play and appreciate the Rainbow facility.
Amazing! Of the four communities we've lived in, Columbia is much more dedicated to it's parks and recreation. We use the parks at least 3 to 4 times a week and are so grateful for the park system!
Fun for my children!
Money.
We used the parks and rec when our three children were young. They all went through Red Cross swimming and often used the playground equipment. But in the more recent years, we aren't interested. We like our parks, but feel there are plenty of them already. We would use the ARC pool, but we get headaches from the chlorine fumes.
Bike paths and unnecessary use of public funds.
Adult softball.
Family fun opportunities. We are so busy and that is the only reason we are not able to utilize the parks as much as we would like.
Fun!
The parks and rec are fine, but we need more snowplows and potholes filled!

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Enjoying the outdoors.
Outdoor fun.
CYFL and the dog park.
We used to use the city parks, but at our age and for health reasons, we don't use them anymore. Columbia has some nice parks and rec areas.
Cosmo park.
Good job. A little bit of overdevelopment in the parks. Could look at the budget and see how you can spend money better. Less grandiose, more function. Parks need to be an extension of nature. Let's keep them a little more natural, which will also cost less money. Be creative on how to get more done with less money and time and maybe use volunteers, etc!
Overall a great job. Do not feel as safe at Cosmo as in the past. Bring back Armory basketball designed specifically for older working adults. Love the idea of an indoor or outdoor ice arena. Love the idea of more connected and possibly paved bike paths.
Bike trails and bikers rights. Too much controversy and too much pr. Other programs and proposals should share the spotlight.
Providing high-quality parks and programs which enhance residents' lives and attract residents and businesses.
I wish that I was physically able to participate. Unable to walk without a cane or walker.
Stephens Lake Park and ARC.
Soccer, ARC and Mayor Hindman.
I know nothing about it. The parks I've heard of I won't go to due to safety issues.
The Hinkson Creek area at the MLK Park is one of my favorite places in town. I don't like the new play structures at Bethel Park. The one that was there when I was a kid was a lot more fun because you could do a lot more stuff on it!
Parks and rec.
Positive thoughts. I think Columbia is a great place to live because of all the parks, green spaces, and attention to the environment.
They are doing good, but would like to see a permanent spot for my daughter's track team (Blue Thunder) to practice. There is limited options for them, and it's a very good program lead by Camren Cross.
Good job!
Opportunities to grow. Mentally with educational program and physically with an abundance of trails, swimming pools and playgrounds. As a person with the great volunteer options.
Columbia is doing a great job with what money they have.
A waste of money. There are roads and bridges that need repair.
Wonder what types of recreation they have. I wonder if I can take my granddaughter to any of it.
Need a water park. Also need to be more organized and need to do a better job of maintaining their park facilities.
No large public outdoor pool.
Trails and Flat Branch Park.
Outstanding facilities, programs and staff. Well managed, important part of our community. Great options and one of the things that sets Columbia apart from other communities in the area.
Great parks! Darwin H really helped Columbia focus and obtain better parks.
Too focused on lower income activities. Need to focus on activities that other kids and people would be interested in.
Good, clean facilities.
Outstanding facilities and programs.

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Community programming, green space and playgrounds.

Excellent provider of service to the city. Underfunded, which will be hard to change until the economy picks up.

Lovely green space. Thank you, Mayor Hindman!

Excellent quality and pride. It's what makes Columbia stand above comparable cities.

Nature trails, leisure times, good parks and swimming pools.

My entire reason for remaining in Columbia after my husband left was because Columbia has the BEST park and rec dept! Off lease trail at Grindstone and Capon Rock!

Playgrounds and picnic areas.

MKT trail and ARC.

Beautiful green grass, clean facilities and people who care about people and the community.

A crucial community resource that should be justly available and safely accessible to all.

The parks around Columbia.

Community.

Activities of all sorts and the parks.

Community. It is what brings Columbia together.

Fun.

Good services.

Parks, Katy Trail and Bethel park.

Nature trails.

Programming services. Movies, ARC camps, fitness, etc.

I'm proud of our park system and just want to see it continue to serve our community with high quality parks and facilities. I want the amount of park land to expand as our city grows.

A descent and fairly good department of the city that does a good job.

Playing golf and doing my walking.

Need a YMCA!

Doing their best to give a great product, unfortunately, people take it for granted.

Trails.

Katy Trail and Stephen's park.

The ARC and leisure times.

Yeah, fun!

Playing at the park with my friends and children and the trails.

Family friendly activities with a lot of variety and choices.

Green space.

Beautiful, relaxing and quiet parks.

One of Columbia's strengths.

Great places to unwind and spend time with the family.

Recreation.

Excellence!

Hardworking staff who tries very hard to provide, expand and work with residents on a tough budget.

I have the impression that golfers pay more in user fees than users of the other facilities.

Fun!

Cosmo park.

Wonderful times spent outdoors with my family.

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Relaxation, space, room to breathe, change of pace for the day and green spaces.
Playgrounds.
Reach children, especially at risk youth. Skateboarding? Roller skating facility. Use the old Armory more. Reach black youth.
We have too many parks. Spend more money on fighting crime in this town!
Volleyball adult league and Stephens Lake park.
Have a positive impression. Wish we were physically able to make more use of everything.
Disappointment.
The ARC!
The best part of living in Columbia.
Quality of life.
Something Columbia should be proud to have.
Parks and various sports.
Relaxing and fun environment.
I've just lived here for six months. I moved here from Atlanta, GA. Columbia has outstanding parks and recreation areas compared to other cities I've lived in.
Efficient, citizen friendly, promotes healthy behaviors and well-kept.
Green.
Lots of choices, nice places to go and enjoy the country feel in the city atmosphere.
Job well done.
Playgrounds.
A resource that greatly contributes to the small town quality of life.
A well run department. Stop new development for ten years and just maintain what we have in good condition with updates and improvement to what already exists.
Parks and green spaces. Recreation facilities like the ARC.
Great resources and lots of wonderful green space. Our parks create an incentive for businesses to locate themselves in the area.
Thanks!
A place to get together with friends and be able to do something outdoors.
Better than any other place I've lived. Should be emulated nationwide.
Great fun for the whole family.
Twin Lakes, Finger Lake, Rock Bridge, Stephens Lake park and Cosmo.
Crowded ARC.
Well developed system with a wide range of activities.
I used to work there as a temp.
Good programs.
Fun.
Unsure how to respond.
We have a great family friendly system!
Nature, relaxation, swimming and quality of life.
Excellence!
MKT, Katy, Cosmos, Twin Lakes. A city with good parks.
Special Olympics.

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An overall well-managed and well-used system.
Bicycles and chickens!
Playing outside in the sun and youth athletics. No more bike lanes on roads. Let's get more areas for kids to play baseball.
Nice parks. Many redone.
Playground facilities, ARC, and Stephens Lake.
The only thing I know about your parks and recreation is that they look well kept. You're doing a great job.
Places to go and enjoy the outdoors.
Playgrounds and splash parks.
Fun things to do.
The great outdoors!
Good efforts, stymied by those who want to over develop the city.
Lake of the Woods golf course and Stephens park trail.
Lovely people who are going to install lights on the skate park.
Good places to go.
ARC.
Done a good job since I've lived in Columbia, which is better than other towns our size.
Parks, playgrounds and swimming lessons.
Where's the art and the park? Why so much space for Walmart?
Family fun.
My husband and I both feel Columbia parks and rec is doing a wonderful job.
Great place to raise a family.
Good stuff.
Good park system.
A tranquil, clean, convenient and fun outdoor event.
Property that is well maintained and cared for.
Good facilities and programs. Difficulties balancing competing interests for limited resources.
Outdoor activities.
Other side of town.
City parks YC2 youth enrichment partner.
Parks, community events and functions, including ball games, swimming and classes.
Playgrounds and soccer fields.
I believe we have enough parks and trails at this time. I believe they do need to be maintained.
Trees, walking, outdoors, beauty and fun.
Affordable, family-based programs.
Overly high quality parks and rec department.
Fun.
Family fun! We love the feel of Columbia. It's like we live in a big park.
Very strong asset for Columbia residents.
Fun day with my kids. Peace and quiet.
Great - the more the better. Like the wireless, but advertise it more. Really need indoor tennis. There are only four indoor tennis courts near Columbia and a club fee is required.
High quality.

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Open space. Greenbelt.
Good for the city.
I hope you will continue improvements that need to be done. Thank you.
Recreational activities and get-togethers to meet new people.
Too much money spent on trails and bicycling!
Excellent parks and a wonderful staff! Keep up the good work.
Trails, parks, picnics and soccer games.
Cosmo park, ARC and trails.
Great walking trails.
Fun in Columbia.
There is a dog problem.
Entertainment, parks and ARC.
We do not need to acquire more land. Maintain what we have.
Stephens Lake park.
A safe place for my child to play.
Generally very nice, well maintained and accessible.
Quality is above average compared to other communities.
Cosmo, Bear Creek, Smiley Lane and any number of little parks all over central Columbia. The ARC, Nifong Park, the Armory - lots of good stuff. Just because I don't use it, doesn't mean I don't value it.
Traffic-lined roads because of summer games, trying to find another way to work, cops thinking I'm doing something wrong because I'm young and want to hang out with friends at a park instead of a club or bar.
Expensive fees to get in places.
I am thankful.
A facility for younger children and adults to have their games and a recreation area.
ARC, Cosmo park and Stephens park.
Expensive waste of money. Not really sure how to keep the environment healthy for those without cars.
Softball.
It's one of the things that makes Columbia special. The parks and activities the city sponsors are fantastic.
Family time.
The beautiful parks and playgrounds which are enjoyed by people of all ages.
We have resided in several cities and Columbia has the best parks and recreation system of any city we have lived in. You should be proud! We love it here.
Lovely facilities, wonderful staff, excellent parks, but often extravagant with tax dollars. I want to see great parks, but not too many. I think we support too many different properties for a community this size!
An agency that is developed by the community based on values of conservation and outdoor leisure and education.
Outdoor activities.
Movies, festivals and sports swimming.
A pleasant walk in the park!
Darwin Hindman gets Columbia parks!
One of many positive aspects of the city of Columbia.
Well maintained parks.
Slow pitch softball, jogging and biking.

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Well planned.
Youth programs.
MKT, ARC and good facilities and facility management.
Clean, fun, family and sports.
Living condition and quality of life.
Good job, well done!
Well run and fun.
Wasted money on unnecessary projects, such as unused one acre neighborhood parks.
Katy Trail, ARC and the dog parks. Promoting health and fitness!
Cosmo park and Stephens park.
Summertime activities.
Positive facilities and programs. Helpful and knowledgeable staff. Not enough indoor volleyball courts for use by club teams. Very good facilities for use by my child at all stages of development.
A good time!
Parks.
Shelter houses.
A need for less construction, more naturalism outreach and education, more native grass, less mowing, more fire/natural maintenance! Barbara Hoppe's rescue of Stephens Lake park, not enough invasive species removal and a need for greater use of tree keepers, MO master naturalists and master gardeners for improving park quality! Thank you!
Youth programs and sports, and Cosmo park.
I immediately think of the MKT trail and the positive impact it has on pr for the city. I wish I could walk to the ARC, but it is too far.
Cosmo park.
Work in process.
Taking our dog for hikes, good trails and swimming.
A fun day!
Stephens Lake.
ARC, Cosmo park and golf courses.
It is clean!
One of the things that makes living in Columbia great!
Soccer and trails.
Love it.
I think about how lucky we are to live in a city that offers parks and rec programs, facilities, green space, trails, etc. Along with it's schools, it makes Columbia a perfect place to raise a family and then retire here.
Good service, security and fun.
Green space, outside activities, and a place for kids to have fun!
Community sponsored activities for family enjoyment, education and enrichment.
How fortunate we are to have such a great parks and rec department!
A place to explore and enjoy.
Good.
Cosmos park.
I have a positive view of Columbia parks and rec.
Nice place to go for a picnic or a Sunday afternoon relaxing in nature.

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A place to have fun. Fees are too high for reserve shelters.
Parks, playgrounds, and pools.
Sports.
ARC, dog parks and cleanliness.
Wasted money on the bike lanes.
Most of the parks need more benches. An outdoor pool is needed in a decent part of town.
Fun and exercise.
Baseball, tons of trucks, soccer, playgrounds and Cosmo park. Fairly well maintained. Usually good service. Do not like concrete walking trails!
I think of swim lessons, soccer, t-ball, etc.
Quality programs and desire to improve.
Fun.
Swimming lessons.
Great. A town of great planning for green spaces. Good trails and good parks.
Playgrounds and walking trails.
Outdoors.
Great public golf courses for the money. Fees should be instituted for Katy Trail.
Good operation.
Columbia has the nicest parks around.
Special Olympics.
Lots to choose from and nicely kept.
Where are they?
Family reunion.
Outdoor and indoor recreation facilities for all the public of Columbia.
They have a lot more work to do for the minority population.
Love it! We are so fortunate to have such a great department and staff!
Playgrounds, pools, athletic fields, and show me state Cosmos.
Too much spent on new parks and trails.
Open green space.
Flowers.
Not much.
Fun!
Good department. Organized. Many services. Pro environment. Helps add to Columbia's diversity.
Build more parks.
Thankful to have them here.
Support some hobby activities. My friends and I enjoy metal detecting in parks.
A great system.
Soccer and Cosmo park.
Beautiful parks that we enjoy visiting!
Stephens Lake.
Excellent facilities with variety for all people. Our needs for parks evolve as our families change.
Great.
Fun and family.

Q29. What comes to mind when you hear “Columbia Parks and Recreation”?
Wish for more and larger ARC and more for seniors.
Sports.
I worked at parks and rec as a college student for many years. I love your service to our community.
Parks and park land in and around Columbia.
A great place to spend family time. We would like to see some of the playgrounds converted from woodchips and gravel to the rubber recycled material.
ARC costs too much for us lower income private citizens. We can't use the facilities that our taxes help pay for!
The city of Columbia is charging me extra for my electric bill to pay for them.
I think about how it now costs \$5.50 per visit to the ARC and how this is prohibitive for many users. Those in the highest risk categories for obesity and health problems are the least likely to be able to enjoy the facilities many benefits, which is oppressive. We need the visits to be sliding scale or something else. Not everyone has a banking account. I know at least four people who would go the ARC a minimum of three times weekly if it weren't so expensive to do so. Bad economy! Argghh!
Great parks. We need another park equivalent to Stephens Lake park.
Parks and sports.
Fun places to hang out.
A nice place to have fun.
Wonderful program. High priority for tax dollars.
I wish they had adult outdoor soccer leagues! Other than that, great job!
Go, pride, and access.
Helping Columbia keep a higher quality of life.
Outdoor plays, trails, and places to take great grandchildren and their dog.
Flat Branch movies. Douglas hoops.
Good leadership. We have enough now and need to develop what we have!
Rest and recreation.
Very busy, active, full program and lots of good things for our family to do.
I appreciate CPR.
Displaced or nasty bathrooms.
Exercise, food and family gatherings.
Leisure, fun, learning and physical activities.
Need to get back to the gym. Nice nature trails.
Parks.
Friends and fun.
Trails, fitness, green and environment. I moved here from Cape Girardeau last year and just want to let you know the parks here are twenty times better. You are helping me get healthy.
Family oriented and accessible to all.
Leisure activities and fun.
Great! Love the MKT and all of the parks. Fun stuff for children.
Quality, concern and out reach.
Needs improvement.
Nice facilities which are lacking in our part of the city. Difficult to use the website.
Great program.
Great work.

Q29. What comes to mind when you hear “Columbia Parks and Recreation”?
Great picnics. Crummy bathrooms.
Nice parks and walking trails.
An important part of Columbia's appeal.
Well done.
Douglass Park.
Convenient, clean and fun.
Attractive and cared for. Please know we think Columbia is unusual for all these facilities. My husband has Parkinsons, so he is no longer able to enjoy running as he did when we moved here in 2001. I am his caretaker.
Activities.
Soccer, baseball and swimming lessons.
Wow! Wonderful, responsive and dedicated staff.
Good times!
Parks for walking and hiking. Play spaces for children.
Good memories!
Green space. Concern for neighborhood parks and safety.
Fun.
The trail.
Great job. They care and provide a great service for us. We are lucky to live here.
I am home all the time. Do not go to parks myself.
The ARC and MKT trail are lots of fun.
Well developed. Variety.
Summer fun, greenery and workers.
Many parks and trails.
Recreation for friends and family.
Outdoors, walking trails, soccer fields and bike trails.
All the local parks where our children have played as they grew up.
Park bathrooms that are locked in April because it's "out of season". A website where I can't find a parade schedule for my kids to see.
My tax dollars at work.
Fun, family, friends and good memories.
The big cedar trees along the disc golf trail at Oakland and soccer fields at Cosmo.
Sports, parks, trails, ARC, after school and summer programs.
Keeping Columbia a wonderful place to live.
Outdoor activities and a space to do them.
Nice place to enjoy family, friends, pets and to get exercise!
A broad range of recreation, training, sports, fitness and caring. Especially senior citizens activities.
Cosmos park.