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The Department of Parks & Recreation is committed to improving our community's health, stability, beauty, and quality of life by providing outstanding parks, trails, recreational facilities, and leisure opportunities for all Columbia citizens.

Parks and Recreation operates and maintains over 3,000 acres of park land, 80 parks and recreation facilities, and over 50 miles of trails to serve the community. The Park Sales Tax is the main funding source for acquiring and developing new park land, as well as renovating and enhancing existing facilities.

You are invited to visit and enjoy the many diverse parks, trails, and recreation facilities offered in Columbia, Missouri!



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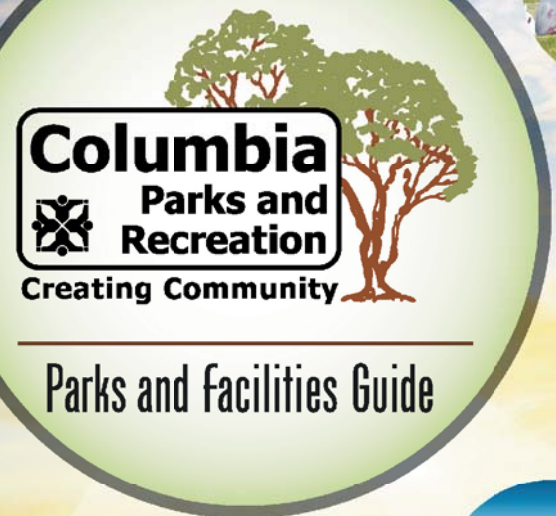
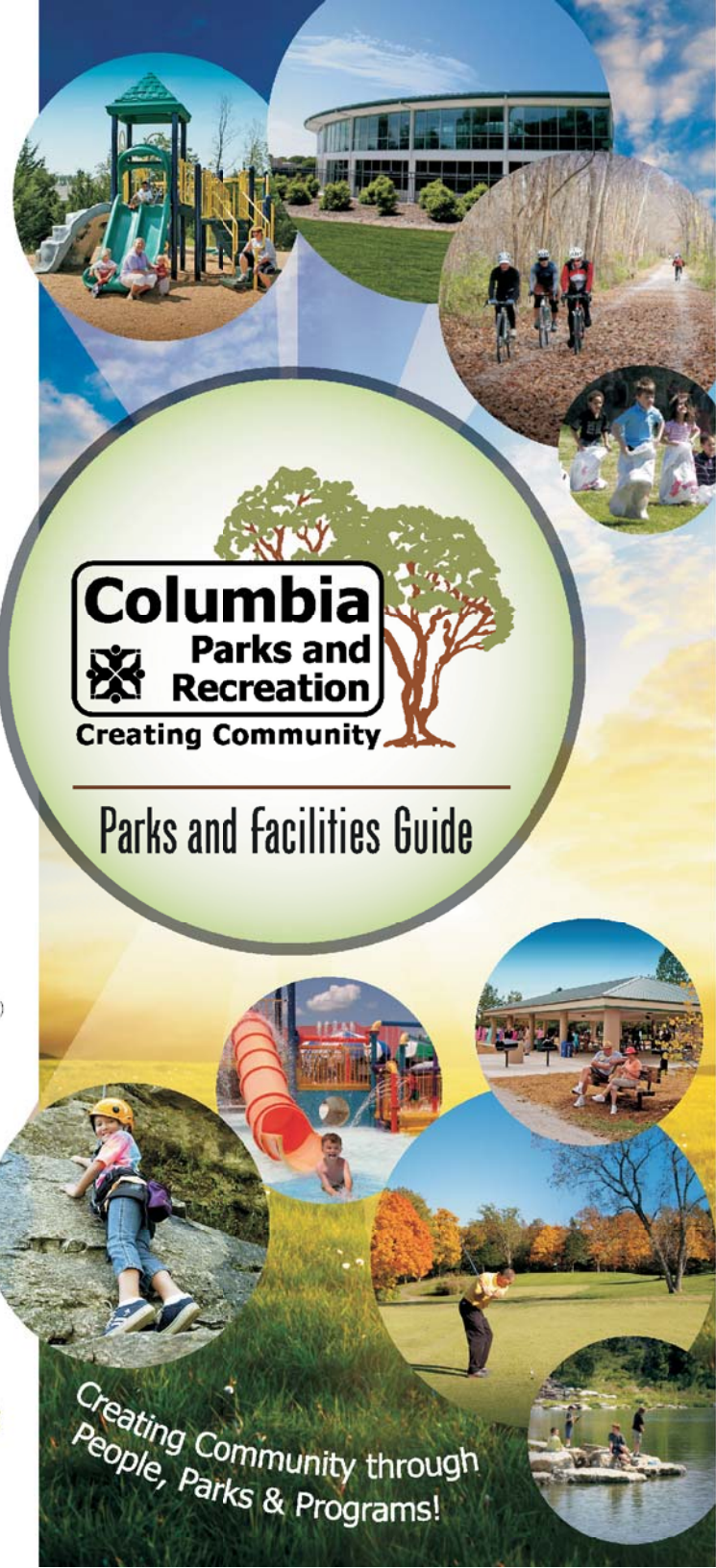
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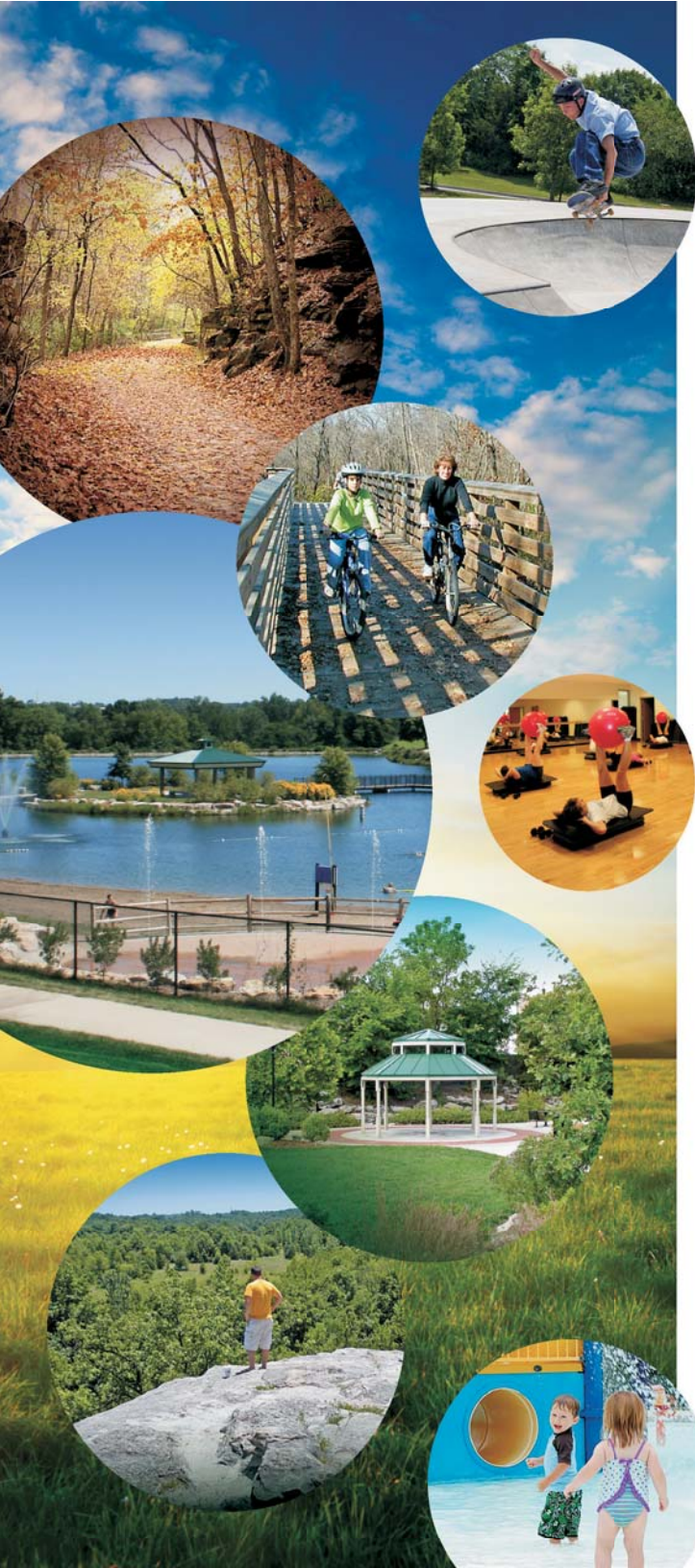
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Parks and Facilities Guide

Creating Community through
People, Parks & Programs!



Features

Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area, also known as Cosmo Park, is Columbia's largest park at 533 acres. Cosmo Park is renowned for its quality athletic facilities, including Antimi Sports Complex; Rainbow Softball Center; 8-court lighted tennis complex; and lacrosse, football and soccer fields. The park's athletic complexes bring many visitors to Columbia as they are host to the Show Me State Games, as well as state and regional tournaments. The park also is home to Columbia Skate Park – a 28,000-square-foot free skateboarding facility, reservable picnic shelters, Rhett's Run Mountain Bike Trail, and the largest playground in Columbia's park system.

The **Activity & Recreation Center**, known as the ARC, is Columbia's popular fitness center and place to exercise and have fun. This 73,000 square-foot facility located in Clary-Shy Park has an indoor leisure pool, gymnasium, strength training equipment and weights, cardio equipment, indoor track, group exercise classes, and much more!

Stephens Lake Park is one of Columbia's most scenic parks with its 11-acre fishing and swimming lake, island and boardwalk, waterfalls, and mature trees. Its reservable outdoor amphitheater is a community gathering place for concerts, shows, and events. This centrally-located park also offers reservable picnic shelters and indoor pavilion, trails, playgrounds, climbing wall, and even an art sculpture. The free swimming beach and spraygrounds are open from May 1 to September 30.

Flat Branch Park features areas of beautiful greenspace spread across two blocks in downtown Columbia. The park is the home of many community events and festivals and features spraygrounds, gazebo, playground, art sculpture, and is the trailhead of the MKT Trail.

Trails

Columbia has a vast trail system with more than 50 miles of trails to encourage active, healthy lifestyles by walking, jogging, and biking. Trails are located in neighborhood and community parks, along greenbelts, and in nature and wetland areas. Columbia's destination trails are:

- **Bear Creek Trail**
- **County House Trail**
- **Grindstone Creek Trail***
- **Hinkson Creek Trail**
- **Hominy Creek Trail**
- **MKT Trail**
- **Scott's Branch Trail**
- **South Providence Trail**

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Nature Areas

Grindstone Nature Area, **Capen Park**, **Forum Nature Area**, **Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary**, and **Garth Nature Area** are beautiful places for nature lovers to enjoy the outdoors with trails and natural, preserved greenspaces.

Outdoor Aquatic Facilities

A variety of aquatic facilities are available to serve Columbia citizens. General operating season is between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

- **Albert-Oakland Family Aquatic Center**
- **Douglass Family Aquatic Center and Spraygrounds**
- **Little Mates Cove at Twin Lakes Recreation Area**
- **Lake of the Woods Pool**
- **Stephens Lake Swimming Beach and Spraygrounds**
- **Flat Branch Spraygrounds**

Golf Courses

Lake of the Woods and **L.A. Nickell Golf Courses** are 18-hole public courses that offer challenging golf to all skill levels at a great price. With three sets of tees, sand traps, mature trees, large zoysia fairways, bentgrass greens, lakes, golf cart paths, and tee to green watering systems, these attractive courses are open year-round, weather permitting. Nickell also features a driving range. To schedule a tee time, log on to GoGolfLAN.com or GoGolfLOW.com. Free mobile applications in Android and Apple formats are available for both golf courses.

Outdoors

Parks and Facilities			Location	Map	Acreage	Outdoor Pools	Water Play Areas	Archery Ranges	Basketball Courts	Disc Golf Courses	Horseshoe Pits	Playgrounds	Volleyball Courts	Dog Leash Free Areas	Soccer Practice Fields	Baseball/Softball Practice Fields	Soccer or Multipurpose Fields	Football	Baseball/Softball	Fishing	Swimming Beaches	Picnic Shelters	Mini-Shelters/Picnic Areas	Trailheads	Exercise Stations	Multi-Use Miles	Nature Miles	School 400m Tracks	Wireless Internet
1	3M Flat Branch-Hinkson Creek Wetlands		MKT Trail E. of Forum Access	K-6	26																					1.3			
2	Again Street Park-School		1200 Again St.	G-6	10																					0.4			
3	Albert, C.M. Memorial Park		1900 Blue Ridge Rd.	E-9	20																								
4	Albert-Oakland Park		1900 Blue Ridge Rd.	E-9	73																					1.0			
5	American Legion Park		602 S Legion Ln.	H-11	17																								
6	Atkins Park		5220 N Oakland Gravel Rd.	C-10	81																								
7	Auburn Hills Park		5101 Derby Ridge Rd.	C-9	12																					0.3			
8	Barberry Park Property (undeveloped)		3405 Zinnia Drive	E-4	5																								
9	Battle HS Property (undeveloped)		Battle Avenue	F-16	30																								
10	Bear Creek Park		1402 Elleta Blvd.	F-9	10																								
11	Bear Creek Trail		Cosmo to Albert-Oakland Park	E-6 / E-9	37																					4.8			
12	Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary		3300 Rollins Rd.	H-4	90																					0.3	0.9		
13	Brown Station Park		3425 Jamesdale Dr.	D-11	7																					0.3			
14	Capen Park		1600 Capen Park Dr.	J-9	32																						0.5		
15	Cascades Park		6900 Sinclair Rd.	N-5	12																					0.3			
16	Clary-Shy Park		1701 W Ash St.	G-5	20																								
17	Cliff Drive Park		1819 Cliff Dr.	H-9	0.7																								
18	Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area		1615 Business Loop 70 W	E-6	533																					1.3	4.2		
19	Cosmo-Bethel Park-School		4500 Bethel St.	M-7	40																					0.5			
20	County House Trail		MKT to Stadium/College Park	J-5 / K-4																						2.0			
21	Douglass Park & Pool-School		400 N Providence Rd.	G-8	7																								
22	Downtown Optimist Park		100 E Forest Ave.	G-8	0.5																								
23	Dublin Park		4101 Dublin Ave.	J-4	6																					0.2			
24	Eastport Park		5620 Murfreesboro Drive	H-14	13																					0.4			
25	Fairview Park-School		1001 Fairview Rd.	H-4	27																					0.3	0.5		
26	Field Park-School		900 Range Line St.	G-8	1																								
27	Flat Branch Park		101 S 4th St/1400 Locust St.	H-8	3																								
28	Forum Nature Area		2701 Forum Blvd.	K-5	108																						2.0		
29	Gans Creek Recreation Area*		3360 E. Gans Rd.	N-10	320																						2.0		
30	Garth Nature Area		2799 N. Garth Ave.	E-7	52																						1.6		
31	Grasslands Park		21 E Clarkson Rd.	H-7	8																								
32	Grindstone Creek Trail		Grindstone NA to Confluence	K-9 / K-10																						1.8			
33	Grindstone Nature Area		2011 Old 63 S	K-9	199																						6.6		
34	Hickman High School and Pool		1104 N Providence	G-8																									
35	Highpointe Park		801 Huntridge Dr.	K-8	9																					0.4			
36	Hinkson Creek Trail		MKT to GNA to Stephens	K-6 / K-9	39.1																					6.0			
37	Horniny Creek Trail		Green Valley Dr. to Lansing Ave.	H-10 / G-11																						1.2			
38	Indian Hills Park		5009 Aztec Blvd.	E-13	40																					1.0			
39	Jay Dix Station*		3775 S. Scott Blvd.	L-3	30																					0.2			
40	Kiwanis Park-School		926 College Park Dr.	H-6	20																						0.9		
41	L.A. Nickell Golf Course & Driving Range		1800 Parkside Dr.	E-5	157																								
42	Lake of the Woods Recreation Area & Golf Course		6700 St. Charles Rd.	F-14	145																								
43	Lange Park-School		2011 Smiley Lane	D-9	5																					0.2			
44	Lions-Stephens Park		104 N Williams St.	G-9	7																						0.4		
45	Longview Park		4980 Gillespie Bridge Rd.	J-2	11																					0.5			
46	Louisville Park		806 Louisville Dr.	H-2	8																					0.4			
47	Magnolia Falls Park Property (undeveloped)		4820 S. Old Mill Creek Rd.	M-4	16																					0.8			
48	McKee Street Park		1900 McKee St.	F-12	5																					0.2			
49	MKT Nature and Fitness Trail		4th & Cherry-Trailhead	H-8 / L-3	245																					8.9			
50	MKT Trail - Scott Blvd. Access		3662 Scott Blvd.	L-3	5																								
51	MLK Jr. Memorial at Battle Garden		800 W Stadium Blvd.	J-7	2																								
52	Nifong Park		2900 E Nifong Blvd.	L-10	58																					1.3			
53	Oakwood Hills Park		2421 Lynnwood Dr.	K-6	10																					0.3			
54	Paquin Park		212 Waugh St.	H-9	1																								
55	Parkade Park-School		2200 Bear Creek Dr.	F-7	2																								
56	Phillips Park		5050 Bristol Lake Parkway	M-10	140																						1.4		
57	Proctor Park		411 Proctor Dr.	E-7	7																						0.2		
58	Rock Bridge Park		201 Miramar Ln.	L-7	3																								
59	Rock Quarry Park		2002 Grindstone Parkway	L-9	19																						0.6		
60	Rothwell Park		309 Rothwell Dr.	G-4	5																					0.4			
61	Scott's Branch Trail		Bonnie View to Chapel Hill	H-4 / J-3																						1.3			
62	Shepard Blvd. Park-School		2717 Shepard Blvd.	J-10	5																					0.2			
63	Smiley Lane Park		400 W. Smiley Lane	D-7	5																					0.4			
64	Smith Park*		3350 Waco Rd.	B-11	50																					1.3			
65	Smithton Park		3501 W Worley St.	G-4	12																					0.3			
66	South Providence Trail		Old Plank to Green Meadows	L-8 / N-8																						1.7			
67	Stephens Lake Park		2001 E Broadway	H-10	116																					2.3			
68	Strawn Park*		801 N. Strawn Rd.	F-3	129																								
69	Twin Lakes Recreation Area		2500 Chapel Hill Rd.	K-5	73																					0.4			
70	Valleyview Park		2210 Garden Dr.	E-5	8																					0.4			
71	Waters-Moss Memorial Wildlife Area*		1907 Hillcrest Dr.	J-10	110																					0.2			
72	Westwinds Park		1132 Westwinds Dr.	J-6	4																					0.3			
73	Wilson Park		601 Rockhill Rd.	H-9	10																								

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Indoors

Indoor Recreation Facilities	Location	Address	Map	Phone	Description
Activity & Recreation Center (ARC)	Clary-Shy Park	1701 W Ash St.	G-5	874-7700	Gymnasiums, indoor leisure pool, cardio and strength training equip, track
Armory Sports & Recreation Center	Downtown	701 E Ash St.	G-8	817-5077	Community Recreation and CARE Programs, gymnasium, locker rooms
Hickman Pool	Hickman High School	1104 N. Providence	G-8	874-7476	Heated indoor pool for swim and lifeguard instruction
Hillcrest Community Center	Waters-Moss Wildlife Area	1907 Hillcrest Dr.	J-10	874-7475	Recreation classes and programs
Maplewood Barn	Nifong Park	2900 E Nifong	L-10	N/A	Reservable (in off season) for events up to 80 people
Moss Building	Waters-Moss Wildlife Area	1905 Hillcrest Dr.	J-10	874-7475	Reservable with two large rooms and kitchen for events up to 150 people
Paquin Tower	Downtown	1201 Paquin St.	H-8	874-7473	Adapted Community Recreation programs
Riechmann Pavilion	Stephens Lake Park	2300 E Walnut St.	H-10	874-7460	Reservable indoor pavilion with kitchen for events up to 150 people
Rock Quarry House	Rock Quarry Park	2002 Grindstone Pkwy	L-9	874-7460	Reservable ranch home with kitchen for events up to 50 people

