

Recreation Centers

Recreation centers are located in neighborhoods throughout Asheville and offer a wide variety of programs and services. All ages are served at our centers, from preschoolers to senior adults. Activities include classes, fitness, travel, sports, cultural arts and many special summer programs designed just for kids. Centers are available to rent for birthday parties, reunions and other events at reasonable rates.

Recreation Center Listing

Burton Street	Montford Complex
Senior Opportunity	W.C. Reid Center
East Asheville	Murphy-Oakley
Shiloh Complex	West Asheville
Harvest House	North Asheville
Stephens-Lee	

Recreation Programs

Our neighborhood-based programs strive to provide a variety of recreational and leisure activities for all ages.

After School Programs

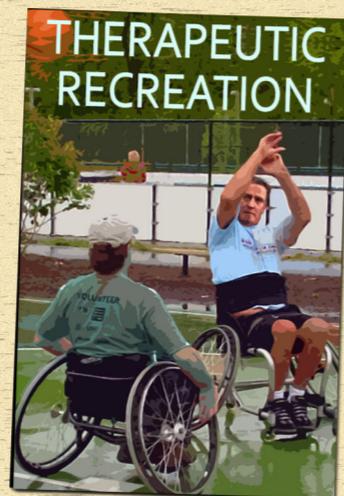
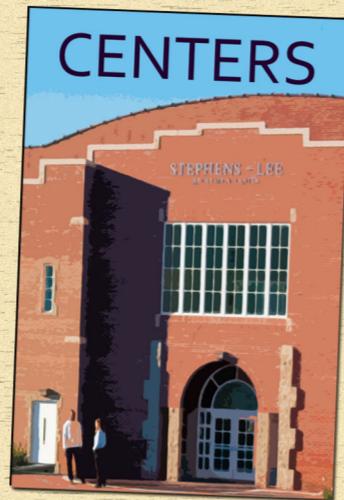
The After School Program provides licensed child care, supervised recreation, and enrichment activities to children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. The program operates during the school year in hours after school, teacher work days, and holidays. Activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, science, music, dance, homework time, and special events. Staff are certified in First Aid and CPR. Nutritious snacks are provided daily. Summer programs are also available.

Senior Programs

Asheville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department is committed to providing a variety of quality programs and services targeted to our senior population through our recreation centers. From educational workshops and craft classes, to fitness activities and special events, we are focused on providing programs that are responsive to the needs of our seniors.

Therapeutic Recreation Programs

These programs offer recreation and education to people requiring specialized services due to developmental and or physical disabilities. TR programs enable participants to develop new recreational skills and maintain existing ones to enhance health, independence and well-being. These programs also include Special Events, Social Recreation Programs, Sports Programs, and Summer Camps.



Cultural Arts

Experience the diverse art, culture and heritage of the Western North Carolina region and much more through our Cultural Art Programs.

Public Art & The Urban Trail

While exploring Asheville, you may see any number of sculptures and art pieces. The more than 30 sculptures and plaques along the Urban Trail are all part of Asheville's public art collection. *If you have the time, take the walking tour of the Urban Trail -- see the website for more information.*

The Public Art Program oversees Asheville's growing collection, and garners support to maintain and expand the collection with the assistance of the Public Art Board. The board's expertise in art, design, and curation is a great asset to the program.

Festivals

The City of Asheville produces festivals, events, family entertainment and holiday celebrations for Asheville residents and visitors throughout the year.

July 4th Celebration

The City of Asheville invites you to join us downtown for the 4th of July Celebration. An event for the whole family, the festivities start in the early afternoon and continue throughout the evening.

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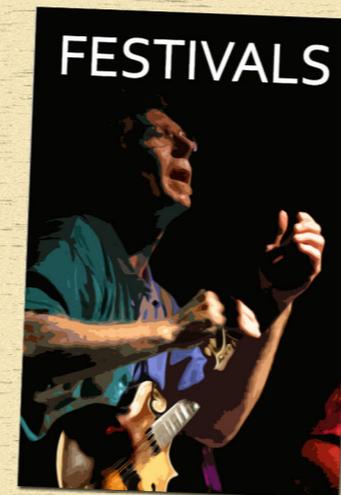
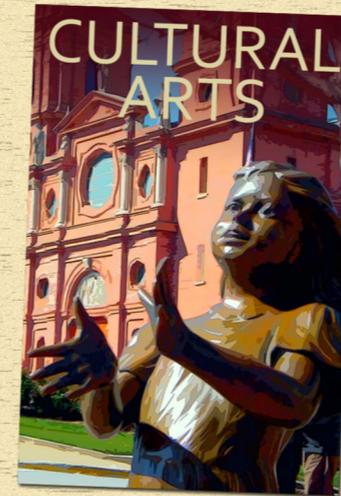
Celebrate arts and music with musical performers on multiple stages and scores of artists showcasing their work during Asheville's annual street festival. More than 300,000 people take in the sights and sounds of one of the Southeast's best-known annual celebrations. *For more information visit www.belecherefestival.com*

Asheville Film Festival

The Asheville Film Festival welcomes filmmakers and film lovers to downtown Asheville to celebrate independent film. Networking and educational seminars highlight this annual display of the art of filmmaking. *For more information visit www.ashevillefilmfestival.com*

Outdoor Special Events

Asheville Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts has established policies and procedures for outdoor special events including festivals. All outdoor special events require a permit issued upon receipt and approval of an application as outlined in the "Outdoor Special Event Guide". For more information about event permitting call 828-259-5800 or visit www.ashevillenc.gov/parks



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The Asheville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is dedicated to enhancing your quality of life by providing diverse cultural and recreational experiences.

Parks

The park system of the City of Asheville reflects its wondrous setting from the surrounding mountains to its rivers. The parks also embody the indigenous Appalachian culture as well as its evolving cosmopolitan heritage that initiated with the arrival of the Vanderbilt family in the late 1800's.

Asheville Parks take many forms: from an intimate wooded setting for picnicking and nature walks within a historic neighborhood to a complex of athletic fields with modern playground equipment and a pool. A number of special and regional parks also embrace Asheville's diversity both culturally and environmentally.

Park Amenities

Most of our parks offer easy access parking, plentiful park benches, picnic tables, grills and playground areas. However many also include or are adjacent to ball fields, picnic shelters, basketball courts, soccer fields, pools, tennis and volleyball courts, nature and fitness trails. Some of our parks feature unique recreational attributes including a golf course, a climbing wall, disc golf, dog parks, velodrome, lawn bowling, shuffleboard courts and canoe/kayak launches.

Greenways

Greenways are corridors of protected open space for conservation and recreation. Asheville's greenway system is growing and will eventually offer natural corridors and miles of trails connecting thousands of residents to the places where they work, live and play. Greenway trails provide opportunities for exercise, passive recreation and educational experiences.

Enjoy walking, hiking, biking, and even commuting while contributing to a greener Asheville. All of our greenway trails are designed to be handicap accessible and connect patrons to Asheville neighborhoods, nature reserves, parks, schools, cultural and historic sites throughout the City.

Neighborhood Parks

Our neighborhood parks proudly serve as social and recreational focal points for Asheville's variety of quaint and unique neighborhoods. These parks provide inviting green space for park patrons as well as relief from the built environment and a passive recreation gathering place for our local residents. Asheville's neighborhood parks are largely accessible by foot, bicycle, or public transit. Most are within close proximity to residences, providing easy access, especially for children and senior adults who have limited transportation options. Amenities such as playgrounds and picnic areas are common. While our neighborhood parks are an integral part of our local community they are also welcoming to anyone who wishes to spend time in a beautiful WNC setting.

Neighborhood Park Listing

Albemarle Park	Haw Creek Park	Mountainside Park	Shiloh Park
Amboy Road River Park	Herb Watts Park	Murphy-Oakley Park	Sunset Park
Ann Patton Joyce Park	Jake Rusher Park	Murray Hill Park	Walton St. Park & Pool
Charlie Bullman Park	Kenilworth Park	Owens-Bell Park	Weaver Park
Choctaw St. Park	Lakewood Park	Ray L. Kisiah Park	West Asheville Park
Jean Webb Park	Livingston St. Park	Reed Creek Greenway	White Pine Park
Glenn's Creek Greenway	Malvern Hills Park	River Bend Park	
Griffing Blvd. Rose Garden	Magnolia Park	Roger Farmer Mem. Park	
Grove Park	Montford Ball field	Seven Springs, Meadow & Forest Park	
Hall Fletcher Park	Montford Park		



Regional Community Parks

These unique parks offer special features that draw recreation enthusiasts and sports teams from the Western North Carolina region. The parks feature playgrounds, picnic shelters and the same pleasant atmosphere as our neighborhood parks but are larger and provide a wider offering of amenities not found in many neighborhood parks including dog parks, special biking areas, disk golf and much more.

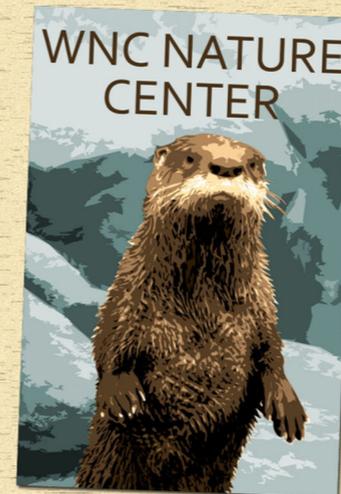
Regional Community Parks Listing

- Azalea Park
- Azalea Dog Park
- Carrier Park
- French Broad River Park
- French Broad River Park - Dog Park
- Hazel Robinson Amphitheater at Montford Center
- Martin Luther King Jr. Park
- Memorial Stadium
- Pack Square
- Pritchard Park
- Recreation Park
- Richmond Hill Park

Specialized Facilities

The City of Asheville operates several facilities that offer specialized recreational experiences.

- Aston Park Tennis Center** is one of the finest public clay court facilities in the United States featuring 12 lighted clay courts designed and constructed of the Har Tru Fast Dry clay court material.
- Food Lion Skatepark** is 17,000 square feet of skating excitement designed and built by Team Pain, consisting of three distinctive areas in the beginner bowl, a street course and an advanced vertical bowl.
- McCormick Field** dates back to 1924 and was rebuilt for the 1992 season. This charming field is built into the side of a hill surrounded by trees so fans get a real hometown baseball experience when watching home games of our own Asheville Tourists.
- The Asheville Municipal Golf Course** is an 18-hole course designed by Hall of Fame golf architect Donald Ross. This historic course made its debut in 1927. Today, "Muni" is open to the public, at reasonable rates. With its firm, fast greens and distinctively different front and back nine, Muni is challenging as well as fun.
- Riverside Cemetery** is also a beautiful historic park to walk, photograph, paint or explore. It is the resting place of some of Western North Carolina's most prominent historic and cultural luminaries.
- The WNC Nature Center** is a 42-acre extensive collection of wildlife in their native Southern Appalachian Mountain habitats. The center provides opportunities to see, touch, and learn more about our natural heritage through educational and interactive exhibits. The Center also features picnic areas and a gift shop.



Recreation

Asheville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts is dedicated to providing quality leisure experiences for the community through a variety of recreational programs, services, parks, and specialized facilities. A range of opportunities await people of all ages, interests, and abilities. We believe passive recreation opportunities as well as organized sports create connections between people and their communities. Recreation enhances the overall quality of life for Asheville residents and visitors alike.

Athletics

The Athletics Division offers a wide variety of team and individual sports programs, leagues, and events for youth and adults, in both traditional and contemporary athletic venues. These programs enhance the health and well being of the participants involved, as well as impacting the social and economic wellness of the community.

Adult Leagues

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| Volleyball | Soccer |
| Softball | Cycling |
| Flag Football | Rugby |
| Basketball | Lacrosse |
| Hockey | Disc Golf |
| Ultimate | |

Youth Leagues

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| Youth Basketball | Youth Lacrosse |
| High School Basketball | Youth Soccer |
| Youth Baseball | Youth Softball |
| Youth Football | Youth Hockey |
| & Cheer Leading | Youth Ultimate |

Outdoor Recreation

The Outdoor Recreation Program offers exciting outdoor adventure and environmental education opportunities for all ages and abilities.

Types of programs include:

- Adult Programs
- Seniors Outdoors
- Summer Youth Programs
- Teen Adventure Camps
- Home School Adventures
- Eco-Explorers Camp

Our Outdoor Recreation Programs are always highly anticipated and consequently fill quickly. The various activities offered are too numerous to list here. Visit the *Outdoor Recreation page of our web site* and learn more about hikes on the Mountain to Sea Trail, overnights at the Mount LeConte Lodge, teen ski & snowboard packages, whitewater rafting, caving, canoeing and kayaking and more. Outdoor Programs are a great way to discover the adventure available to us in Western North Carolina

