

# ASHEVILLE

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department



## French Broad River Park System

Carrier Park, 220 Amboy Rd.  
 Amboy Road Park, 180 Amboy Rd.  
 French Broad River Park, 508 Riverview Dr.



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Amboy Road Park and The French Broad River Park compose the west end of the French Broad River Park System and include many useful and scenic park facilities.

**P)** French Broad River Greenway runs along the back of Amboy Road Park, parallel to the scenic French Broad River, for a distance of 0.35 miles.

**Q)** A parking lot allows access to Amboy Road Park for 7 cars.

**R)** The end of the Amboy Road Park walking trail does not connect to the French Broad River Park.

**S)** The entrance to the French Broad River Park is directly off Riverview Drive.

**T)** Restroom facilities are in close proximity to the parking loop that serves the French Broad River Park and French Broad River Dog Park.

**U)** The park has a gazebo with picnic benches and grills surrounded by beautiful trees with close restroom access and a view of the French Broad River.

**V)** A wooden river overlook, just off the footpath, is a great place to watch wildlife as the French Broad River rushes by.

**W)** A 0.5 mile footpath (part of the French Broad River Greenway) loops around this beautiful park which has shade trees and many nice views of the French Broad River. Lots of park benches and open space provide visitors with quiet, passive recreation space suitable for picnics, exercise, frisbee, or a neighborhood tag football game.



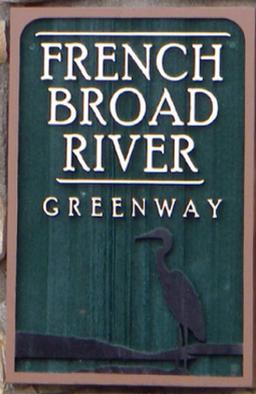
**X)** The Dog Park is at the north end of the French Broad River Park and accommodates man's best friend with a fenced, open play field. There are also benches for you to relax, and running water to keep dogs' thirst quenched.

To reserve a picnic shelter, please visit the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts website at [www.ashevillenc.gov/parks](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/parks)



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**Carrier Park is a premiere community park located along the French Broad River, offering a variety of passive, active, and organized recreation facilities to experience the beauty of the Western North Carolina mountains in a safe and pleasant environment.**

**A)** The French Broad River Greenway currently starts 1.2 miles west of Carrier Park. The trail hugs the north bank of the French Broad River as it makes its way through natural areas.

**B)** A multi-purpose ball field that may be used for baseball, softball, and soccer is located at the west end of Carrier Park and is home field to numerous local leagues. The field has a grandstand and close parking.

**C)** A land bridge allows handicapped access to the infield of the park's velodrome as well as a great view of the bicycle races that take place regularly on this roughly 1/3 mile oval that serves thousands of cyclists from across the region.



**D)** The New Asheville Speedway Memorial was created to commemorate the years the velodrome served the region as a first-rate NASCAR race track. The memorial will serve as a point of reference for the history of stock car racing in Western North Carolina and to honor the many great competitors that raced the track through the years, including Lee Petty and his sons.

**E)** Concessions and restrooms are conveniently located at the park's west entrance.

**F)** Two full-sized sand volleyball courts stay in use throughout the year, serving local residents, picnickers, and league players alike.

**G)** The large, enclosed wooden playground is an ideal place for children to play freely and get lots of exercise. Benches and tables accommodate parents and friends wishing to relax while supervising their children.

**H)** A full-sized basketball court, sectioned into six half courts, serves as a central point of much of the activity within the velodrome area.



**I)** A full-sized inline hockey rink serves the Asheville Hockey League and provides year-long inline hockey to players of all ages.

**J)** The Carrier Park Velodrome features a 1/3 mile oval track set at a 4-8° pitch to accommodate bicycle groups that race in professionally produced races that occur from March through October. As well as serving the local bicycle racing community, many folks enjoy running, walking, recreationally biking, or rollerblading the track. There is no motor use of any kind or skateboarding allowed on the track.



**K)** The lawn-bowling green has become a popular area for players of all ages. Four full courts serve a wide variety of leagues and families. All equipment is accessible on-site for this easy-to-play sport.

**L)** The Rotary Centennial Pavilion consists of one covered picnic area and two more picnic pads with a total of 34 picnic tables and 12 grills. The area has a great view of the mountains and French Broad River and can accommodate up to 200 people.

**M)** The interpretive wetland area consists of a walking trail that meanders through the east end of Carrier Park. Interactive signs inform and entertain visitors interested in finding out more about the unique wetland habitat. Benches line the walkways inviting visitors to sit, rest, and enjoy this ecologically important part of the park.



**N)** A wooden river overlook is located off the mulch path by the river. It contains benches to sit and enjoy the gentle sounds of the river and the cool breeze that drifts off the water.

**O)** A sidewalk connects Carrier Park to the rest of the French Broad River Park system to the east.

