

Park Assessments



Allsopp

Location: 3700 Cedar Hill Road, 72205

Size: 150.0 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

Review:

This park is located along a valley in an older suburban area with plenty of tree overgrowth and topography characteristics. Properties surrounding this park are made up of single-family residential homes.

The amenities of the park include a baseball field, picnic pavilion, playground, restrooms, two (2) tennis courts with basketball hoop, and an extensive trail system.

The 150-acre park is designated for preservation as a linear park or greenway. The trail at Allsopp Park is used for walking, jogging and biking. Visitors are able to relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature with mature trees, while they stroll along a creek. The natural beauty of the area could potentially make Allsopp Park one of the most popular walking attractions in Little Rock.

The park has 8.6 miles of trails and over 400 feet in elevation change. The trail connects with the City's sidewalks, allowing residents easy access to the park. However, some of the entrances to the trails aren't clearly marked to advertise usage and wayfinding. In some instances, the trail is overrun with tree branches and debris making it difficult to use. The trail needs to have a maintenance plan that includes trimming and clearing of branches and debris. While the density of the tree canopy is nice for trail users it is also causing maintenance and erosion problems. This trail should be expanded to serve other neighborhoods. Routes should be explored for additional off-road trails and sidewalk connectors to make this a primary route for walkers, joggers and bicyclists throughout the city. Asphalt paths are in need of repair and erosion control issues need to be addressed so they do not wash out the paths.

Along the trail there are dirt paths for nature walks and mountain biking. These trails are assembled and maintained by a mountain biking club.

The parking areas are paved. There are three different parking areas that provide access to this park and all have limited ADA access.

Throughout the park there seems to be numerous drainage problems, as well as along the trails and playground. Much of the park lacks established turf. This leads to more erosion and an unkept aesthetic. Seeding and or laying sod in some of these areas would help reduce some of the erosion issues and help establish an aesthetically pleasing park. Debris and mud appear from

recent and past storms and have collected over time. Where the private drive crosses the creek there is a low water bridge that is eroding heavily and creating quite a safety hazard if it is not addressed soon.

The baseball/softball field includes bleachers with wooden bench seats and dugouts, and lights. It's a smaller baseball field at about 175' making it a spot for little league play only. The turf on the field needs to be regraded to drain properly and the infield aggregate needs to be redefined. The field can be accessed from the parking lot by a paved trail. The bleachers are ten rows high but do not include an enclosure around the back or sides to prevent accidental falls. The dugouts consist of a concrete floor with benches but no roof. The field is partially enclosed by fencing. Vegetation is accumulating on portions of the backstop and outfield fencing and needs to be removed before the fencing is further compromised. Lighting is mounted on wooden poles. The poles appear to be in good condition and parks staff was not aware of any issues with the poles at the time of the site visit.

The bathroom building in this area is located adjacent to the baseball/softball fields. The bathrooms appear to meet ADA requirements. The bathrooms were in good condition but needed to be cleaned.

The park also includes two tennis courts located near the entrance of the park. Fencing is located around the courts. Vegetation is growing on the fences and through the paved court surface. No lighting is provided for the tennis courts. The pavement is cracked and will need to be refinished in the near future.

The pavilion is large and can hold a good number of people. Some nests from animals have started to form that need to be removed and the lighting does not appear to be functioning.

The pavilion in the park is a custom wood construction design. This pavilion is slowly diminishing and needs to be better preserved or replaced with a more sustainable steel structure.

Recommendations:

Make the trail a top priority. Connect the trails to the abutting neighborhoods to improve attendance. Establish a maintenance plan to clean, trim and clear debris and branches from the trail. Provide a trailhead with map and a wayfinding system to allow users to navigate the trail with ease.

Poor drainage needs to be addressed and the bridge over the creek needs to be replaced. Erosion is undermining the bridge structure near the access to the pavilion parking lot.



The playground surface is difficult for those with mobility issues to navigate. This could range from children in wheelchairs to grandparents who are unsteady on their feet at times. A poured rubber surface would provide superior safety and stability while requiring less maintenance than the gravel surface. The playground equipment needs minor repairs.

The bleachers at the baseball/softball field need to be replaced immediately. The seating is damaged, and the structure would not meet current safety requirements. It may be beneficial to replace the single bleacher structure with two lower bleacher sets. Vegetation around the field fencing should be removed and the fences should be repaired as needed. Additionally, completing the fence around the entire field would be beneficial and allow for improved play. Field lighting should be evaluated for effectiveness. When the existing wood poles are replaced, concrete poles and current light fixtures should be used instead.

If the tennis courts are to remain, the courts should be resurfaced, fencing replaced along with nets, posts and cranks.

The parking lots should be striped and ADA parking spaces should be labeled and signed appropriately. Additional lighting may improve safety and limit unwanted loitering.



Barton

Location: 2300 Roosevelt Road, 72202

Size: 5.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park



Benny Craig

Location: 4610 Gum Springs Road, 72209

Size: 5.11 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Review:

This park is located between Roosevelt street and just north of the Arkansas State Fairgrounds along Roosevelt Street. This park has a baseball practice field and a basketball court.

This park serves as an overflow area for events held at the fairgrounds primarily serving as an RV parking area for vendors at the fair.

Existing amenities are in poor condition and appear to get very little use by the adjoining neighborhood.

Recommendations:

Barton Park should be redeveloped to better serve the various year-round user groups who utilize the park. If it is going to serve as an overflow facility for the fairgrounds, a master plan should be completed that designates areas for RV parking and maintains a small neighborhood park with amenities to serve the residents in the adjoining neighborhoods. A master plan with community input and stakeholder meetings with the fairgrounds should be held to possibly identify a partnership opportunity to help fund improvements.

Review:

Benny Craig Park is located on low land adjacent to Fourche Creek, north of Gum Springs Road. Properties to the west of the park are primarily residential. A railroad track is located along the eastern edge of the park. The entrance to the park does not include signage or the columns that are present at many other parks across the community.

Amenities in the park include a playground, bathrooms, a lighted baseball/softball field, paved trail, basketball goals, tennis courts and a canoe launch. Parking is provided at multiple locations throughout the park. However, these parking areas do not appear to be well lighted and are not striped. Additionally, ADA parking spaces are not properly striped or posted.

The playground area is large and mostly shaded by mature trees. The equipment appears to accommodate ages 5-12. The play surface is pea gravel which is retained by wooden cross ties. These cross ties showed signs of deterioration and metal steaks used to join the cross ties were exposed creating a safety hazard. The playground equipment appears to be in mostly good condition except for one swing which needs to be repaired.

The baseball/softball field includes bleachers with wooden bench seats and dugouts, and lights. The field can be accessed from the parking lot by a paved trail. The bleachers are ten rows high but do not include an enclosure around the back or sides to prevent accidental falls. The dugouts consist of a concrete floor, a back wall and roof supported by wooden posts. The field is partially enclosed by fencing. Vegetation is accumulating on portions of the backstop and outfield fencing and needs to be removed before the fencing is further compromised. Lighting is mounted on wooden poles. The poles appear to be in good condition and parks staff was not aware of any issues with the poles at the time of the site visit.

The paved trail runs along the eastern and northern perimeter of the park. Debris and mud from recent storms covered portions of the trail. However, the trail was in good condition. The trail in an out-and-back route that does not appear to extend beyond the park property exists.

Recommendations:

The pea gravel playground surface is difficult for those with mobility issues to navigate. This could range from children in wheelchairs to grandparents who are unsteady on their feet at times. A poured rubber surface would provide superior safety and stability while requiring less maintenance than the gravel surface. The wooden cross tie retention system needs to be replaced with a more durable product that requires less maintenance. The playground equipment needs minor repairs. Benches near the playground are not usable and need to be replaced with a consistent low-maintenance product.

The bleachers at the baseball/softball field need to be replaced immediately. The seating is damaged, and the structure would not meet current safety requirements. It may be beneficial to replace the single bleacher structure with two lower bleacher sets. Vegetation around the field fencing should be removed and the fences should be repaired as needed. Additionally, completing the fence around the entire field would be beneficial and allow for improved play. Field lighting should be evaluated for effectiveness. When the existing wood poles are replaced, concrete poles and current light fixtures should be used instead.

The basketball court should be fenced/striped to clarify that it is separate from the parking lot.

The basketball goals are in a parking area. Water was observed covering a portion of the court. The backboards and nets need repair.

The two tennis courts are located furthest from the entrance. Fencing is located at the ends of the courts but not the sides. Vegetation is growing on the fences and through the paved court surface. A practice wall constructed of concrete block contains graffiti and is in need of repair. No lighting is provided for the tennis courts. The nets are damaged and need to be replaced.

The park also includes a canoe launch that can be accessed from the paved trail. The launch consists of a concrete ramp that is approximately 5-foot wide. The launch could be improved to incorporate more common designs for canoe/kayak launches that allow for easier entry and exit from the water.

If the tennis courts are to remain, the courts should be resurfaced, fencing replaced along with nets, posts and cranks. Fencing should completely surround the court. Graffiti should be removed, and the practice wall needs to be repaired.

The canoe launch could be improved by rebuilding the amenity using more current designs. The sloped concrete is less than ideal and could be hazardous under slippery conditions. Signage could also be used to highlight this amenity. Improving the access to Fourche Creek would aid groups seeking to care for the watershed by performing creek cleanup events. There may be an opportunity to partner with these groups to improve access along the creek.

The bathroom facility is in need of repair to the wooden fascia boards. While the bathrooms themselves appear to meet ADA requirements, the approach to the facility is not. A handicap ramp should be installed and the sidewalk leading to the bathroom building should be reviewed closely for compliance with slope limitations.

The parking lots should be striped and ADA parking spaces should be labeled and signed appropriately. Additional lighting may improve safety and limit unwanted loitering.



Birchwood

Location: 5 Creek Circle, 72211

Size: 3.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

INCLUDE:

- The playground safety surface needs immediate attention.
- Upgrade the drinking fountain to an ADA accessible fixture.
- Add additional lighting throughout the park in an effort to increase safety and visibility during low light times of day.
- Highlight the creek as a park amenity.
- Construct a consistent fence around the portion of the park perimeter that separates adjacent residential properties.

Review:

This park is located between Springwood Drive and Rock Creek in an established single-family residential neighborhood. The entrance to the park from Springwood Drive is consistent with the majority of other parks in the community. Numerous mature trees provide shade throughout the park. Downed tree limbs from recent storms were present during the site visit.

Park amenities include a playground, basketball pad, gazebo, picnic tables, an open field and a paved trail loop. The paved loop is approximately 0.22-mile long. A pole mounted street light illuminates a portion of the park after dark.

The playground equipment is in need of reconditioning. Areas of metal have become exposed over time and are rusting. The play surface is primarily pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ADA standards. A handicap accessible ramp is provided to the playground. A limited portion of the playground surface is poured rubber and connects the accessible ramp to the play structure. As with all parks, a safety audit is needed of the playground surface as well as the fall zones. Seating is available in nearby shaded areas. However, the approach to these seating areas and picnic tables may be difficult to navigate for some users.

The basketball pad includes two goals. One is standard height while the other is a few feet shorter for younger players. The court is not regulation length and is not striped. Night play is discouraged by a lack of lights, which may be to the benefit of nearby residences.

Recommendations:

The park provides a number of amenities to the adjacent and nearby residences. However, approaches to two out of three picnic tables, the gazebo, and benches can be difficult for individuals with mobility issues or those who may be pushing strollers. A network of walkways that connect each park feature could greatly expand the range of users this park could serve. Wooden benches are in need of maintenance and should be replaced with more durable products. Picnic tables are not accessible to those in wheelchairs. Provisions for wheelchair users should be included throughout the park.

Review:

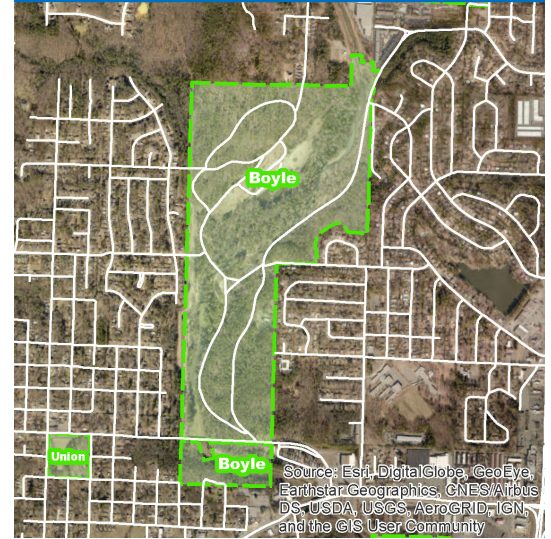
Boyle Park is a large, mostly wooded park that happens to be one of Little Rock's oldest park facilities. The park includes several picnic shelters and other structures that were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s. These structures have a distinct architectural style and add historic and cultural context to Boyle Park. These buildings are centrally located near the intersection of Boyle Park Road and Leander Drive. The park also includes more modern amenities like the playground and basketball courts located along Leander Drive. The park includes paved trails and unpaved trails that are used for mountain biking, horseback riding and hiking.

Several individuals were observed to be sleeping in Shelter 1. It is unclear how long the individuals had been staying there but, it appeared they were prepared to stay for an extended period of time. Neither Shelter 2 nor the Spring House, which are located in the same area, were being used in this way. These structures consist of heavy stone and timber construction and are in good repair and include lights that are controlled by an unsecured breaker box. Wood burning fireplaces are located at one end of the structure. Access to these shelters is problematic for those with mobility issues. Playground equipment in this portion of the park is outdated and needs to be replaced with current equivalents. The equipment consists of metal slides, swings and other fixtures sitting on a grass/dirt surface. A paved trail runs along Rock Creek through this section of the park. High water from the recent storms covered the low water bridge which is the only direct vehicular connection between the north and south portions of park.

The northern portion of the park, as accessed from the Leander Drive entrance, includes more modern amenities. This portion of the park includes a large playground, bathrooms, a steel picnic shelter, basketball courts, fishing pier and additional paved trails. The play surface of the playground consists of pea gravel which is retained by a molded plastic containment system. The play structures include some metal fixtures which should be replaced. Other pieces of play equipment appeared to be missing components or not functional.

The picnic shelter in this portion of the park is unlike the CCC structures located off Boyle Park Road. This structure is a painted steel structure with a concrete foundation. There is a fireplace in the center and ceiling-mounted lights.

The bathroom building in this area was similar to the CCC style structures elsewhere in the park. The bathrooms appear to meet ADA requirements. The bathrooms were in good condition but needed to be cleaned.



Boyle

Location: 2000 Boyle Park Road, 72204

Size: 250 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

The basketball courts are painted and striped. Paint is wearing from the court surface, but goals are in good repair and in general good condition. The courts do not have lights for night use. A parking lot adjacent to the basketball courts is striped and lighted with one street light.

Recommendations:

The age of the park and its structures provide an opportunity to highlight the contribution of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Little Rock. At the same time, approaches to these structures should be improved for visitors with mobility issues. The playground equipment and surfaces need to be brought up to current standards. The basketball court needs to be resurfaced. The amenity areas throughout the park could use additional lighting. This may discourage unwanted activities. A bathroom facility is needed near Shelters 1 and 2. The existing portable toilet is only a sufficient temporary solution.

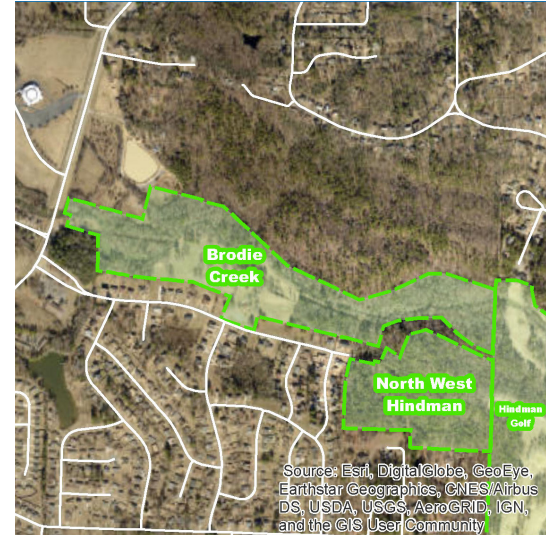
Review:

Brodie Creek park includes a playground, paved trail, basketball pad and parking lot. A sign is located at the entrance to the parking lot identifying the park. The playground is in very good condition. The equipment appears to be new and the play surface is poured rubber which allows for an even transition from the paved trail and sidewalk. The trail appears to be in good condition and loops the western portion of the park property. The park is bordered to the north and west by Brodie Creek and to the south and east by residential properties. Much of the park is left as open space. The basketball pad is in good condition. Picnic tables and benches are located in shaded areas within view of the playground and basketball court.

Recommendations:

Overall this park is in very good condition. Recommendations to improve the park include:

- Stripe the parking lot and add ADA parking spaces near the accessible sidewalk ramp.
- Extend trail to the east in order to provide fishing access below the low head dam.
- Add ADA accessible picnic tables with extended table tops that can accommodate wheelchairs.
- Extend the paved trail so that each park feature can be accessed by individuals with mobility issues or those using strollers.
- Develop a plan for the eastern portion of the park that is currently underutilized.



Brodie Creek

Location: 9120 Tall Timber Blvd., 72204

Size: 47 Acres

Classification: Community Park



Butler

Location: 9800 North Rodney Parham Road, 72205

Size: 6.7 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Review:

Butler park amenities include a playground, tennis court/basketball pad, a backstop for softball or baseball practice, a paved trail, bathrooms, and a parking lot.

The paved trail appears to be in good condition and connects to the adjacent neighborhood at Warwick Drive. The trail provides for safe non-motorized access to the park for visitors from this neighborhood.

The playground equipment is in good condition and appears to comply with current standards. However, the surface in the playground area is pea gravel and provides poor footing and is difficult to maintain. A large quantity of pea gravel has migrated beyond the retention barrier system. In this instance, a large amount of pea gravel has been placed in a large slide making it unusable until it is cleared. The playground includes benches that are located in nearby shaded areas. However, you must leave the paved trail to access these benches.

The tennis court/basketball pad is located just past the playground. It can be accessed by a paved walkway. The fence is in good condition but, is missing a gate on one side. During the site visit, standing water was present on the court due to recent rain events. Grass is high around the edges of the court.

The bathrooms were locked during the site visit. Park staff explained that homeless individuals have been staying there which forced the department to lock the bathrooms. The motion detector for the automatic lights has been pulled from the ceiling but, otherwise the bathrooms appear to be in good condition and meet ADA requirements.

The practice softball field is located in the open field at the southwest corner of the park. It includes a chain-link backstop. Some vegetation needs to be cleared from the backstop.

Recommendations:

- The playground surface should be replaced with an application that provides a more consistent surface and requires less maintenance than the pea gravel that is currently used.
- The need to lock the bathrooms may indicate the need for additional security patrols at this location.
- The parking area needs to be striped.
- Approaches to picnic tables and benches should be made accessible to individuals with mobility issues.

Review:

The Centre at University Park is located along West 12th Street and Leisure Place. The Centre was rebuilt in 2013 and houses 15,000 Square feet.

The Centre is an event and learning space that houses several multi-purpose rooms. According to the city website these rooms include a computer room, arts and crafts room, ceramics/kiln area, game room, classrooms, conference room and an aerobics and dance room with hardwood floor. The Centre also has office space, a kitchenette (Catering supported) and a banquet hall with audio/visual teleconferencing technology.

Recommendations:

Overall, this is a quality facility for the parks department. Little rock needs more facilities like this. After visiting this facility there didn't seem to be anything out of place except for some of the landscaping is getting over taken with turf. Would recommend pulling the turf that is overtaking the landscaping.



The Centre at University Park

Location: 1501 Leisure Place, 72204

Size: 27.0 Acres

Classification: Community Center



Centennial

Location: 1501 South Battery Street,
72202

Size: 2.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park



Review:

This park is located in the Central High Historic District along South Battery Street and West 16th Street. Centennial was once a school but eventually torn down and made into a mini park for the neighborhood.

Park amenities include a playground, tennis court, and a basketball pad. This park has a nice historical brick structure that was retained when the school was removed.

The playground seems to be fairly new and in good shape with an approved surface, however the play surface underneath the swing set portion is wood mulch which provides a stable walking surface but does not seem to be properly maintained. Also, there is not an available path to the playground for people to access.

The basketball court is in good condition; however, researchers have witnessed an erosion issue where the rain water was collecting sediment and accumulating on the surface. The tennis court seems to be cracking on the surface, and it needs to be resurfaced to make it usable.

Recommendations:

The park needs signage, so people know it is a public park.

Remove and replace old picnic tables, benches and bench swings that are corroding.

The mulch playground surface is not an approved surface for those with mobility issues to navigate. Extend the playground surface tile to cover where the swing set is to meet ADA standards.

If the basketball court is to remain, it needs to be evaluated to prevent sediment and debris build up on the surface. The park should be regraded to provide positive drainage to stormwater inlets.

If the tennis courts are to remain, the courts should be resurfaced, fencing replaced along with nets, posts and cranks.

Throughout the park there seems to be numerous drainage problems due to the lack of established turf. This leads to more erosion and an unkept aesthetic. Seeding and/or laying sod in some of these areas would help reduce some of the erosion issues and help establish an aesthetically pleasing park. Debris and mud appear from recent and past storms and have collected over time along sidewalks and playing surfaces.

Historical brick tower feature needs to be cleaned, and graffiti removed from the surfaces. Improved lighting would help eliminate loitering and apparent homeless activity.

An ADA reserved space should be designated near the ramp access to the park. Painted crosswalks and signs should be located along the park to provide safe access to the park for the neighbors.

This park is located along East 6th Street and Kimball Street next to a Little Rock School District Procurement Department and Supply Center building. It is in close proximity of East Little Rock Park (2 blocks).

Park amenities include a playground, two (2) basketball courts and some picnic tables.

The playground equipment needs replacement. Areas of metal have become exposed over time and are rusting. The play surface is primarily grass/dirt/mud which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ADA standards.

A handicap accessible ramp does not seem to be provided to the park. Seating is available in nearby shaded areas. However, the approach to these seating areas and picnic tables may be difficult to navigate for some users.

The basketball courts are in fair condition but need to be engineered to provide surface drainage. Also, the surface needs some new painting and striping of court lines.

Recommendations:

- The playground equipment should be replaced.
- The park needs signage to identify it as a public park.
- Basketball courts need to be restriped.
- An ADA reserved space should be designated near the entrance to the park and a ramp and sidewalk should provide access to the rest of the park. Painted crosswalks and signs should be located along the park to provide safe access to the park for the neighbors.

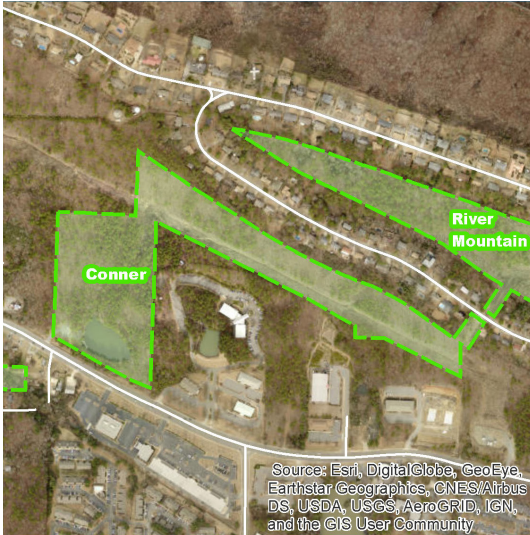


Cheatem

Location: 1901 East Capitol Ave, 72202

Size: 2.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park



Conner

Location: 13100 Cantrell Road, 72223

Size: 29.3 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Review:

Conner Park is located north of Cantrell Road. A park sign is visible from Cantrell Road but differs from most park signs across the city. The park is located near several businesses and may see high levels of visitation during lunch breaks. The primary attractions at the park are the fishing pond and earthen trails. A path circling the pond provides several points of access for fishermen and other visitors.

Other amenities at Conner Park are:

- Paved parking lot
- Picnic tables
- Earthen trails
- Paved trail
- Fishing pier

The paved trail leads from the parking lot to the fishing pier which provides fishing and viewing opportunities for individuals with mobility issues. Trash is visible in the park near benches that lacked trash receptacles in close proximity. This trash included bait containers and fish waste.

Picnic tables at the park appear to be in good condition. Most tables are coated steel construction. One table is accessible from the paved trail. Other wooden tables are located off the earthen trail circling the pond and are not in good condition. No bathrooms are located at this park. Benches around the pond are being undermined by stormwater runoff.

Trails at Conner Park extend up the ridge north of the park into the Walton Heights neighborhood. This was not apparent during the site visit but was visible in aerial photos.

Recommendations:

- Add trash cans in convenient locations where visitors fish.
- Add a fish cleaning station.
- Include a park map showing the location and length of the various trails.
- Replace wooden picnic tables with more durable products that require less maintenance.
- Consider constructing bathrooms.

Review:

Crump Park is located near the South End and M.L.K. neighborhoods. Properties surrounding the Park are primarily residential. A railroad track is located along the southern edge of the park. The entrance does include a sign, but it is small and hard to notice.

Amenities for this park include restrooms, playground, picnic pavilion, walking path, practice football field, and practice baseball field.

The picnic pavilion seems to be in great shape structurally. It's a large pavilion that seems to be able to hold large events with new picnic tables and an older brick grill. The lights on this pavilion seem to be out of service. There should be a motion detector and photo eye for lighting events up at night.

Playground appears new and with an approved accessible surface for everyone to enjoy. Playground could use some benches for parents or guardians to sit and view when children are playing.

The paved trail runs along the outer perimeter of the park. Debris and mud from recent storms covered portions of the trail. However, the trail was in good condition. The trail in an out-and-back route that does not appear to extend beyond the park property and multiple drainage issues seem to flood the trail.

Recommendations:

The park needs volunteers to help clean up trash, tree limbs and debris located throughout the park due to flooding. Let a company volunteer help clean up the park in return for volunteer sign.

The baseball/softball field at this location needs to be evaluated for need by local neighborhoods. If desired, the park needs some re-engineering to provide adequate drainage. Due to the flooding this park needs to provide proper drainage to secure its safety for playing.

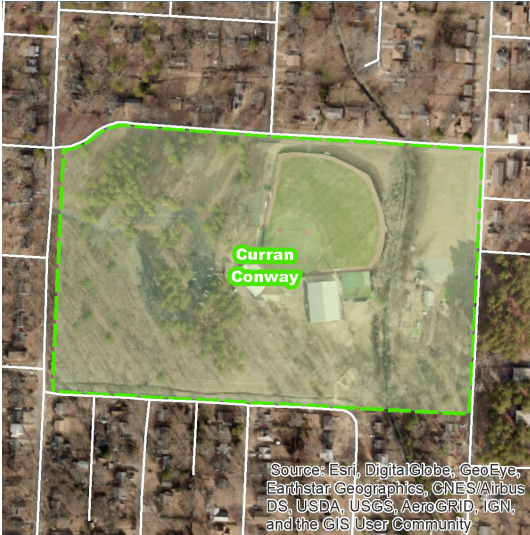


Crump

Location: 3309 S. State Street, 72202

Size: 6.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park



Curran Conway

Location: 2501 South Harrison Street,
72204

Size: 24.1 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Review:

Curran Conway park is located northeast of the University of Arkansas Little Rock at the corner of S Harrison Street and West 26th Street. The park is primarily wooded, and surrounding land uses are mostly residential. Amenities at the park include a playground, paved trails and a large parking lot. The park is also the location of Gary Hogan Field, a collegiate baseball stadium, which is home to the University of Arkansas Little Rock Trojans baseball program. The field is managed and maintained by the university.

The eastern end of Curran Conway park is sometimes referred to as Oak Forest Park which includes a practice football field and community garden. The garden is extensive and comprised of many plots that are maintained by members of the public. There is a separate parking lot and sign for this area.

The playground is located on the south edge of the park near the baseball stadium. Playground equipment is beginning to show signs of wear but is in generally good condition. The playground surface is pea gravel which is retained by a molded plastic barrier. Grass and weeds are growing through the pea gravel surface. Stakes used to assemble the playground border are protruding in places.

Paved trails and sidewalks through the park provide good connectivity through the park property and to adjacent neighborhood blocks. The trails and sidewalks are in good condition.

The parking lot is expansive and appears to primarily serve the baseball stadium. ADA parking is provided near the stadium entrance and accessible ramps and sidewalks are present.

Visible evidence of erosion due to stormwater runoff is evident throughout the park. Rills and gullies are present in areas where stormwater leaves the parking lot to run over land downhill toward the creeks and ditches that border the southern and eastern edges of the park.

Recommendations:

Curran Conway provides a large amount of green space within the surrounding neighborhood which is comprised of modest sized lots with limited space for recreation. Therefore, this park is an important asset to area residents. Additionally, the park contains a collegiate baseball stadium which extends the range of visitors. The following recommendations will allow Curran Conway Park to continue to fill this important neighborhood need.

- Add park signage at the Harrison Street entrance.
- Replace the pea gravel surface in the playground with a more durable consistent safety surface that requires less maintenance and provides good access for individuals with mobility issues.
- Repair playground equipment and replace as needed.
- Address stormwater concerns throughout the park in order to avoid additional soil loss. Bioswales and rain gardens may be an effective way to address drainage concerns and improve aesthetics within the park.
- Wooden bridges crossing the large ditch at the southern edge of the park should be replaced, as needed, with more durable products that require less ongoing maintenance.



Dunbar

Location: 1001 West 16th Street, 72202

Size: 6.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE:

The mulch playground surface is not an approved surface for those with mobility issues to navigate. Extend the playground surface tile to cover where the swing set is to meet ADA standards. A poured rubber surface would provide superior safety and stability while requiring less maintenance than the gravel surface.

The parking lot needs improvements to provide ADA parking and access to the park. The dumpster enclosure needs to be renovated as well.

Review:

This community center was built in 1954 and is located along W 16th St and S Chestnut St next to Gibbs Magnet Elementary.

Amenities in the park include a playground, community center, two lighted tennis courts, one lighted soccer field and a community garden.

The playground is located adjacent to the community centers parking lot. Overall, the playground is large and seems to be fairly new. The play surface is half poured in play / half mulch which is retained by a poured in curb.

The Community center seems to be in fairly good shape from the exterior. However, the community center was closed during our park tour so we couldn't assess the interior.

The parking lot is located in between the community center and the elementary school and seems to be used by both buildings. The parking lot has no handicap parking for the park and no accessible ramp to the park.

Throughout the park there seems to be numerous drainage problems specifically along the parking lot and playground. Much of the park lacks established turf. This leads to more erosion and an unkept aesthetic. Seeding and or laying sod in some of these areas would help reduce some of the erosion issues and help establish an aesthetically pleasing park. Debris and mud appear from recent and past storms and have collected over time.

The two tennis courts are located adjacent to the southern side of the community center. They have asphalt pavement surface with overhead lights and fencing. These courts are some of the nicer ones in the city.

The playground seems to be fairly new and in good shape with an approved surface, however the play surface underneath the swing set and other portions is mulch which provides a stable walking surface but does not seem to be properly maintained.

Recommendations:

The area underneath the trees, in between the playground and the parking lots needs turf to be established. This area of the park is eroding away and depositing sediment along the parking lot. Lay topsoil in the areas where needed, Seed or sod to repair damaged turf areas. Place mulch around trees to minimize tree roots as a trip hazard.

Review:

This park is located to the west of the Airport along the Arkansas River. Information provided by the City reports this park was built in the early 1970's. This park looks to be somewhat neglected with its current condition.

The existing facilities at this park include two practice baseball fields (one lighted), three tennis courts, a playground, outdoor pool, garden and additional buildings that house community service agencies.

The playground equipment is in need of being replaced. Areas of metal have become exposed over time and are rusting. The play surface is primarily grass/dirt/mud and some pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ADA standards.

This park includes three tennis courts that are in poor condition. The courts need resurfacing, new netting, new lighting and new fencing. The electrical boxes are open and accessible to the public and the courts need to be re-engineered to drain properly so they do not flood and collect debris.

The baseball fields are in need of renovation if they are to continue for public use. The wood bleachers are rotting and unsafe, the dugouts need to be maintained, and the field turf is poor.

The basketball court is in fair condition but the park in general does not appear to get frequent use.

A handicap accessible ramp does not seem to be provided to the park. Seating is available in nearby shaded areas. However, the approach to these seating areas and picnic tables may be difficult to navigate for some users.

There is an outdoor pool on site that is attached to the East Little Rock Community Center. This pool is in disrepair and is no longer operating as a community facility.

Recommendations:

The city needs to evaluate this park and community center with public input to address the future needs of the community. As the airport expands and other redevelopment occurs around the park, it may warrant the sale of this property for other uses. The close proximity of the park to the downtown riverfront and the William J. Clinton Library and Museum and associated amenities could lend this as a possible future trailhead location for the Arkansas River Greenway and blueway systems.



East Little Rock

Location: 2500 East 6th Street, 72202

Size: 30.0 Acres

Classification: Community Park



First Tee/ Jack Stephens Youth Academy Golf Course

Location: 1 First Tee Way, 72204

Size: 250.0 Acres

Classification: Golf Course

Review:

This golf course is located north of the Meadowcliff / Brookwood neighborhood in the southern part of Little Rock.

Amenities at this golf course include nine-hole regulation golf course, nine-hole par three golf course, driving range, maintenance facility, and a pro shop.

Recommendations:

- See general recommendations for golf facilities

This park is located along interstate 630 and South Woodrow Street in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Fletcher appears to be recently renovated.

Amenities include a playground, picnic pavilion, basketball pad and a small practice field.

Located adjacent to the interstate, the park is well screened with thick vegetation along the northern boundary. It's close proximity to the interstate also seems to contribute to undesirable activity including someone that was sleeping in their car the day of the park evaluation.

The playground is in good condition; however, the play surface is primarily pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ADA standards. A handicap accessible ramp is provided to the playground.

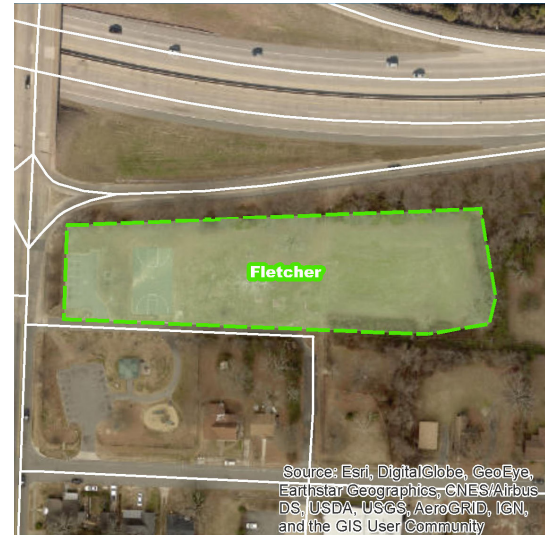
The parking lot needs two designated handicap spaces with pavement markings and signs.

A pavilion located in the park is also in good condition and appears to be newer than others in the system.

The basketball pad includes two goals and seems to be regulation size. There is some minor cracking and puddle spots on the surface.

Recommendations:

- Replace the playground surface to meet standards.
- Provide proper lighting.
- Fix water fountain.
- For a fresh face lift and updated look, power wash and clean moss and mold off the old brick and stone masonry.



Fletcher

Location: 901 South Woodrow Street, 72204

Size: 2.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park



Gillam

Location: 5300 Gillam Park Road, 72206

Size: 350.0 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

Review:

This park was mainly forested with a couple of old amenities that have been closed for quite some time. Gillam is located south of downtown Little Rock along Interstate 30 and 440 with an entrance along Gillam Park Road and Springer Boulevard in the Granite Mountain Neighborhood.

Park amenities previously included a basketball and tennis court, pool, picnic shelter and playground. However, none of these amenities are usable and need to be torn down as they represent a potential safety hazard.

This park does not appear to be in active use. The day of the assessment, the park drive was locked, and it did not appear the property is being maintained. This park needs a master plan and public input to be developed in to a park for the residents of Little Rock.

Within the confines of the park is a rare cedar glade that is not found anywhere else in the region.

Recommendations:

The size of Gilliam park is significant enough to accommodate a variety of passive park amenities. Strong access to major thoroughfares and highways could serve a regional attraction. The unique glade features have to be preserved but small passive nature trails would be a great way to have a use for this park. Located adjacent to property owned by Audubon Arkansas, there is potential to form a partnership with Audubon Arkansas and the Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center to make greater use of the Gillam Property and potentially offer greater nature-based programming.

The existing amenities in the park should be removed. Their current condition is an attractive nuisance to visitors in the park and could result in injury. New facilities for the park should complement those programs and facilities that are part of the Little Rock Audubon Center.

Granite Heights is located behind Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Along Springer Blvd in an established residential subdivision on the southern side of the City. Lack of signage makes this park very difficult to find.

The park amenities include a playground, basketball/tennis court, picnic pavilion with picnic tables, practice field backstop, a heavily wooded area on the east side of the property and a small walking trail.

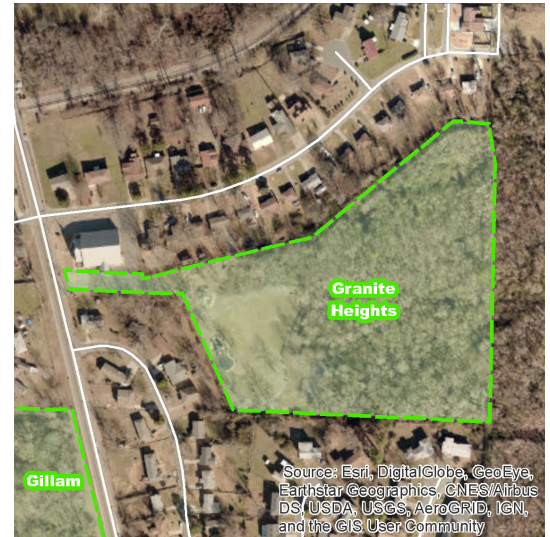
Playground equipment seems to be fairly new with a nice accessible rubberized surface. The pavilion appears to be a recent addition as well with two picnic tables and a nice accessible path. The walking trail encompasses the open grass area of the park and also appears to be recently constructed. Other areas of the park seemed to be overlooked with the basketball/tennis court and the practice field in poor condition. The basketball/tennis courts are in bad need of repair and resurfacing and the practice field, which is located on a hill, does not have a level play surface lending it to practice play only.

The heavily wooded part of the park to the east of this property allows for a good opportunity to expand the existing walking trail.

Recommendations:

This park provides a good gathering area for the immediate neighborhood. However, Due to the remote location and signage, this park is likely under-utilized by the residents much outside of the surrounding residences.

- New signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations. (Picnic tables and paths to amenities)
- Resurface the Tennis/basketball court and provide new fencing and a net.
- Clear some of the wooded area on the east side of the park and extend the walking path to the rest of the park to utilize its full potential.



Granite Heights

Location: 3811 Springer Boulevard, 72206

Size: 10.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park



Hanger Hill

Location: 1201 Hanger Street, 72202

Size: 2.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park

Review:

This park is located along Hanger Street and East 13th Street in the Hanger Hill Neighborhood. It's a smaller park that provides a playground, two basketball courts and a tennis court.

The playground equipment is in need of replacement. Areas of metal have become exposed over time and are rusting. The play surface is primarily grass/dirt/mud which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ASTM standards.

ADA at the park entrance should be a top priority. Handicap accessibility in the park is lacking. Seating is available in nearby shaded areas, however, the approach to these seating areas and picnic tables may be difficult to navigate for some users.

The tennis court is need of a renovation. The surface is cracking, and the net is failing. Court fencing is in fair condition but could be replaced for an updated look along with lighting that would increase available play time.

This park has some major turf and erosion issues. Top soil needs to be laid down to provide proper coverage over roots and seeding or sod needs to be established to prevent erosion issues and existing trip hazards.

Recommendations:

This park needs a complete renovation to include:

- Resurface the Tennis court and provide a new net
- New signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations
- Update playground equipment to current standards
- Remove old picnic tables and porch swing
- Provide proper lighting, replace light fixtures and cover up electrical boxes that are exposed.
- Provide proper drainage/ reroute drainage to eliminate silting over of the basketball and tennis courts.

Review:

This former golf course is located in the Meadowcliff / Brookwood neighborhood in the southern side of Little Rock.

Amenities at this golf course include eighteen-hole golf course, driving range, maintenance facility, and a pro shop.

Hindman Golf Course Facility was built in 1971 and houses a 4,800 square feet pro shop.

Recommendations:

See general recommendations for golf facilities on page 6.18.

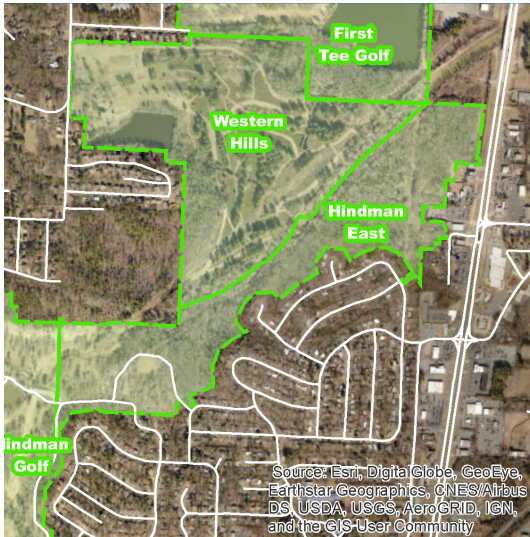


Hindman Golf Course

Location: 60 Brookview Drive, 72209

Size: 190.0 Acres

Classification: Golf Course



Hindman

Location: 60 Brookview Drive, 72209

Size: 99.3 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

Review:

This park is a highly developed park located along Fourche Creek in the Meadowcliff/Brookwood neighborhood. Amenities include:

- Playground
- Basketball Pad
- Volleyball
- Open Space/Field:
- Lighted Softball/Baseball Field
- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Fishing Stream
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trails
- Disc Golf
- Parking

The bathroom building is located near the entrance to the park and is accessed by a long ramp that appears to meet ADA requirements. Further review of the building revealed the bathroom stalls do not meet current ADA regulations.

A map of the Disc Golf course at the park is provided near the parking lot and allows visitors to orient themselves to various park amenities. The basketball pad is located on the west end of the park near the restrooms. The pad and goals appear to be in fair condition but should be painted and resurfaced. There is no fencing around the pad.

The tennis court appears to have been converted into a second basketball court. There are no posts, net or tennis markings on the court and two basketball goals have been placed at either end.

The softball/baseball field is partially fenced with a backstop that has sustained damage during a recent storm and is currently roped off. The field has two benches set on a concrete pad that serve as dugouts and a large section of wooden bleachers. The bleachers are six rows high and do not have fencing or rails along the side or back. The bleachers can be accessed from a concrete walkway. The field has lights mounted on wood poles.

The parking lot surface is in good condition, but parking spaces are not striped and handicap parking spaces are not available. Parking appears adequate for park patrons, but lighting is insufficient.

A picnic shelter is located near the softball/baseball field. It is modern construction but similar in style to the CCC structures

in Boyle Park and is in good condition. Approaches to the shelter appear to be manageable by individuals with mobility issues.

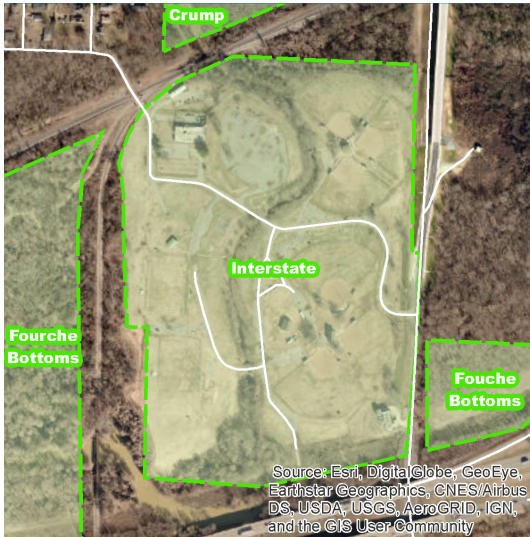
A paved trail leads from the picnic shelter over a small wooden bridge and up a slight rise to the playground. The equipment and surface are in good condition and appear to meet current standards for playground safe-

ty. The playground is located above a rock retaining wall. At certain points the wall creates a significant grade change from the playground area to the grass surface below.

Recommendations:

Most amenities in Hindman Park are in fair condition and require minimal reconditioning or repairs. The following is recommended for consideration:

- Remodel the bathrooms to comply with ADA standards.
- Resurface the basketball courts
- Repair softball/baseball backstop.
- Replace wood light posts with concrete as needed.
- Replace bleachers with modern aluminum. Consider two smaller sets of bleachers instead of one large set.
- Conduct a safety audit in the area around the playground. Pay special attention to the height of the retaining wall. A safety rail may be required.
- Include information at bulletin boards regarding canoe/kayak access points.
- Restripe parking areas and provide handicap accessible parking spaces.



Interstate

Location: 3900 Arch Street, 72206

Size: 71.0 Acres

Classification: Sports Complex

Review:

This park is located north of US Highway 67 and west of Arch Street near the South End neighborhood.

Interstate Park amenities include:

- Basketball Pad
- Open Space/Field:
- Football Field (2)
- Lighted Softball (6)
- Practice Softball
- Lighted Baseball
- Practice Baseball
- Pavilion
- Canoe Launch
- Fishing Stream
- Picnic Tables
- Parking (200)

Researchers discovered after their site assessment that Interstate Park is located on a closed landfill. The site exhibits areas of severe slumping and sinking.

The construction of municipal solid waste landfills has been regulated since 1991 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Today an owner/operator must install a 24-inch earthen cover within six months of closure to minimize water infiltration and erosion. The cover usually also has a gas venting layer and a stone or synthetic biotech layer to keep out burrowing animals. The EPA requires groundwater monitoring and leachate collection for thirty years after the landfill is closed.

Technically, the two big challenges to using a former landfill are gas production and ground settlement. Landfill gases, including methane, carbon dioxide, ammonia, and hydrogen sulfide, are created when buried waste decomposes. Methane may be released for thirty or more years after closure, and EPA requires gas collection systems. (In parks built on pre-1991 landfills there were occasional stories of picnickers being stunned to see a column of flame surrounding a barbecue grill.) Happily, methane collected from landfills can be sold by park departments to generate revenue. In Portland, Oregon, St. Johns Landfill, a former disposal site within the 2,000-acre Smith-Bybee Wetlands Natural Area, earns more than \$100,000 a year from methane that is piped 2 miles to heat the lime kiln of a cement company. The revenue helps pay for closure operations as the site transitions from landfill to park.

Settlement is a bit more difficult. Like cereal in a box, municipal landfills gradually slump as much as 20 percent over a two- or three-decade period. That much settlement would cause foundations to break and sink, utility and irrigation pipes to burst, roads and paths to crack and heave, light poles to tilt, and sports fields to crumble. Obviously, if the ultimate reuse of a landfill is as a natural wild land, none of this matters. But most recreational reuses require the construction of at least trails if not fields and buildings of various types. Fortunately, waste sits only in “cells” in certain areas of a landfill, and park facilities can be safely constructed over undisturbed areas, leaving the settling sections to support grass and shrubbery. Therefore, structural foundations can be protected through detailed research and careful planning; the key is to know exactly

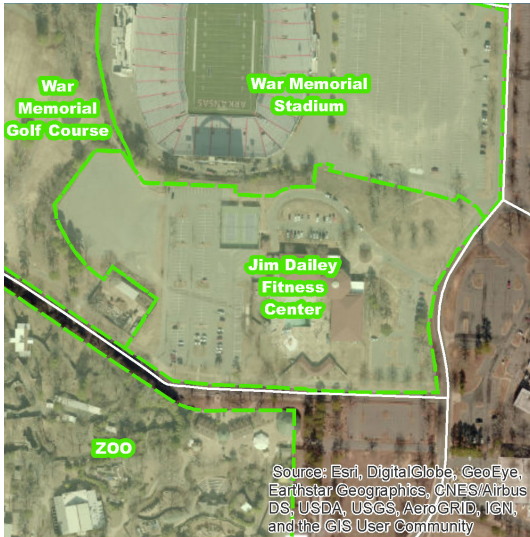
where the waste is. At New York’s Fresh Kills only about 45 percent of the land area was actually used for waste disposal.

Despite the many successful individual examples, there is not yet a seamless landfills-to-parks movement in the United States. Numerous challenges remain—technological, political, and legal—all of which drive up costs. Back when land was more easily available, the impediments were generally not worth taking on. Now in many cases they are. With a three-pronged effort to design safer waste dumps, to work more closely with community activists, and to ensure protection from legal liabilities, cities will be able to gain much new parkland from abandoned landfills

Source: <https://cityparksblog.org/2011/10/14/from-dumps-to-destinations-converting-landfills-to-parks/>

Recommendations:

The fields at Interstate park should be redeveloped at a new location. Interstate Park should be studied to determine the extent of the former landfill and converted to a passive nature area providing access to Fourche Creek and adjacent wetlands.



Jim Dailey Fitness and Aquatic Center

Location: 300 South Monroe, 72205

Size: 13.0 Acres

Classification: Special Facility

Review:

This facility is located west to the University of Arkansas Medical Science campus and south of the War Memorial Stadium.

Jim Dailey Fitness and Aquatic Center was built in 1995 and houses 28,500 square feet. The facility includes:

- Indoor Twenty-Five (25)-Yard Swimming Pool and Whirlpool
- Outdoor Twenty-Five (25)-Yard Swimming Pool
- Indoor Jogging/Walking Track (sixteen (16) laps = one (1)-mile)
- Full Complement of Cybex Weight Machines
- Full locker Room/Shower Facilities
- Aerobics Room
- Gymnasium
- Multipurpose Indoor Court Area
- Multipurpose Activity Room
- Tennis Courts (2)

Recommendations:

Overall, this facility was in excellent condition. A better connection to the city-wide trail would help connect people to this facility.

Review:

This park stretches eleven (11) blocks on the south bank of the Arkansas River in Downtown Little Rock. Riverfront Park was built in 1996 and provides large areas for outdoor events, leisure activities and a glimpse of the State's history. The Belvedere Pavilion and the Sunken Patio area are available for rental.

Amenities:

- Playground
- Open Space/Field:
- Splash Pads (2)
- Restrooms
- Pavilion (3)
- Fishing Stream
- Picnic Tables (6)
- Paved Trails
- Parking (141)
- Sculptures (84)
- Broadway Bridge
- Junction Bridge
- Clinton Presidential Bridge
- Margaret Clark Adventure Park
- Peabody Adventure Park

Typical of a downtown destination park, Julius Breckling Riverfront Park is the most highly designed park in the system with a diversity of construction materials, landscaping and amenities. The park is home to many of the community's special events throughout the year and provides a mix of specialized facilities including the First Security Amphitheater, Vogel Schwartz Sculpture Garden, Peabody Splash Park, the Clinton Presidential Center, William E. "Bill" Clark Presidential Wetlands and the Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center among other attractions. This park also serves as a link and destination point along the Arkansas River Trail joined by the Junction Bridge to the North side of the Arkansas River.

The park site assessment revealed areas that require a high level of attention and maintenance detail. A dedicated maintenance crew oversees maintenance of the Riverfront Park, Bill Clark Wetlands and other downtown public areas. It appeared during the site assessment that the level of maintenance is not keeping pace with the high use and design details in the park. As is typical of a destination park in a high-profile area of a downtown, the level of attention to park elements such as pavement materials, retaining walls, landscaping, and site amenities requires a more hands on approach to project the overall positive image for the city. As a destination park for residents and visitors to Little Rock, it is critical to insure this maintains a signature park identity.



Julius Breckling Riverfront

Location: 202 E. LaHarpe Boulevard, 72201

Size: 39.0 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

Recommendations:

- Provide pedestrian access to and from streets on the West side of the park.
- Delineate the primary Arkansas River Trail greenway route through the park with improved wayfinding. Unique surfacing could help users identify the primary trail without the clutter of additional signage.
- Replace metal barrel trash bins with a receptacle that is not only aesthetically pleasing but that matches throughout the park
- Try to establish new turf underneath trees in the park and in areas needed so the ground doesn't erode away. Seed or sod to repair damaged turf areas. Place mulch around trees to minimize tree roots as a trip hazard.
- Put up railing or fencing near/along the water to prevent people from falling.
- Adopt a strategy/policy for future placement of sculpture in the park. The existing sculpture garden has 84 pieces of sculpture and has reached capacity for any additional placement. Sculpture should be incorporated into other public projects, parks and greenways moving forward.
- Make sure all electrical boxes are properly locked.
- Develop security strategies to address the homeless population that stay in this park.
- Put up railings where appropriate.



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Junior Deputy

Location: North Cantrell Road, 72202

Classification: Sports Complex

Review:

Junior Deputy Park is a youth baseball complex which is owned by the City of Little Rock but maintained by Junior Deputy Baseball. The complex contains eight fields including a Miracle League field for children and adults with a variety of diagnoses ranging from autism to blindness or mobility limitations. The complex includes a playground which is also maintained by the Junior Deputy Baseball league.

The site visit for this park did not include a full assessment because maintenance is performed by an outside agency. Overall, the facility appears to be in good condition but is beyond capacity for the city's premier youth baseball park.

Recommendations:

Junior Deputy should be replaced by a facility that is better equipped to serve the local baseball needs but also tournament play that can attract visitors to the city and create additional economic impact. Recommendations have been made to construct a youth complex in War Memorial Park. Fields could be designed to increase capacity and play for a wider age group.

Review:

This park is located along and under Interstate 630 and South Mississippi Street. Kanis is a good size community park next to a commercial district with a large drainage creek running through the middle of it.

Kanis park includes two basketball courts, a baseball field, playground, two tennis courts, restroom, sand volleyball court, skate park, and picnic pavilion.

Restrooms need to be cleaned. When researchers visited the park there was trash on the floor. Also, the restrooms need some renovating to make them up to ADA standards but overall in good condition.

The baseball field is in need of some maintenance. The wood bleachers are rotting and unsafe, the dugouts need to be maintained, and the field is neglected to the point it doesn't even seem to be used by the public. Water fountain next to the field is loose and needs to be fixed.

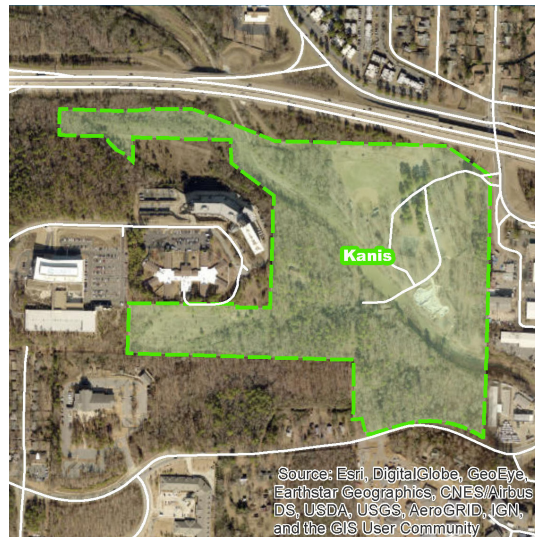
Basketball courts are located underneath the overpass of Interstate 630 and seem to be in pretty good condition. However, there is quite a bit of vandalism in the form of spray paint.

Located across the parking lot from the baseball field are some tennis courts. The tennis courts currently are in need of a renovation. The surface is cracking, and the net is failing to be playable. Fencing is in alright condition but could be replaced and lighting would help this tennis court get utilized at off hours.

This park has some major turf and erosion issues. Top soil needs to be laid down and reengineered to provide proper drainage around amenities and parking lots. Then seeding or sod needs to be established for a green and stable turf system to prevent erosion issues. Also, mulch should be placed around trees to help roots and some trees need sediment removed around their base to prevent suffocating the roots.

Parking lot located throughout Kanis park is falling apart. This surface is cracking, sediment is filling it in due to drainage and erosion issues throughout the park and weeds are starting to grow. This parking lot needs to be maintained, stripped and marked to provide full access for all users.

Walking trail runs throughout Kanis park to allow access to amenities. The walking path bridge has some loose boards that need to be replaced near the baseball field. Also, the path itself needs to be refinished. The asphalt is cracking in multiple spots and weeds and turf are growing in them.



Kanis

Location: 820 South Rodney Parham Road, 72205

Size: 46.0 Acres

Classification: Community Park



The skate park has been completed since the initial park assessment. The facility appears to be quite extensive and able to serve that recreation need for the community.

The parking lot is in poor condition as well. There are multiple spots where sediment and pine needles have collected over time and growth has taken over in low spots.

Recommendations:

- ADA – See general recommendations
- Connect the path to a city-wide trail system for more users to utilize.
- Fix water fountain by baseball field.
- Replace wood bleachers with aluminum bleachers.
- Cover and lock all electrical boxes



Kiwanis

Location: 4100 Holt Street, 72204

Size: 12.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Kiwanis Park is located in a residential neighborhood between Foster and Holt streets. A paved parking lot is located at the Foster Street entrance. However, this entrance is closed to vehicular traffic due to security concerns. Pedestrian access to the park is provided from the Foster Street entrance by a paved trail. The park is fenced with a decorative aluminum fence along the Foster Street side. Signage around the perimeter of the park state the park closes at 8:00 PM.

Park amenities include a playground, pavilion, basketball courts, a paved trail, a pond and a fishing pier. The playground includes equipment that appears to be in fair condition requiring limited reconditioning. The play surface is primarily composed of pea gravel. Some rubberized surface is included around the southern edge of the playground. This rubberized material does not appear to provide improved access to the playground equipment. Wood cross ties are used to retain the pea gravel. Some cross ties show signs of deterioration and need to be replaced.

The pavilion is located adjacent to the pond and provides a sheltered area for one picnic table and three anchored benches. The pavilion is in good condition. Lighting controls for the pavilion appear to be located in a nearby electrical box. The electrical box is damaged and needs to be repaired.

The basketball courts are located just off the paved trail south of the pond. The concrete pad is in poor condition and needs to be resurfaced. One of the four basketball goals need to be replaced. Fencing is provided along the east side of the courts and is in good condition. A bench and water fountain are provided nearby. The approach to the basketball courts is paved and in good condition.

The fishing pier includes steel railings, a wooden deck, and a gangway wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. Loose boards are present in the gangway and need to be replaced. Otherwise the fishing pier is in good condition.

The paved trail is in good condition and does not appear to require any maintenance at this time. Similarly, the parking lot is

also in good repair and does not require attention at this time. However, lighting is very limited throughout the park. Well placed pedestrian and security lighting may reduce the instances of illegal activity in the park that has forced the closure of the parking lot.

- Resurface the basketball courts and repair damaged goal.
- Repair gangway of the fishing pier.
- Install additional pedestrian and security lighting throughout the park as a deterrent to unwanted and criminal behavior.

Recommendations:

- Replace the pea gravel surface at the playground with an appropriate rubberized surface.
- Repair and secure the electrical control box for the pavilion.

Review:

This park is next to a public works/ water treatment building near the corner of Ozark Street and North Martin Street in the Cedar Hill Terrace neighborhood. This park is a passive park with an amazing lookout.

Amenities at this park include a ½ mile waling paved trail and a viewing picnic area.

This park seems hard to find. There is no signage and/or way-finding signage along the path to know where you are going. Some park entrance signs are needed and kiosks to know where you are. Walking path is made of asphalt and seems to be in good condition. There are some minor drainage issues with the path being on somewhat of a hill and pooling up on one side and eroding on the other. Also, a couple of branches and limbs need to be cleaned up along this path to better serve its purpose.

The overlook is surfaced in a stamped concrete with retaining wall. The overlook is in great condition. However, parts of the overlook aren't ADA accessible.

Recommendations:

Overall, this was a nice piece of property to have an overlook. The overlook is in good condition and seems to serve its use. This park appears to be a hidden gem that only the neighbors know about. The entrances to the park could be more welcoming and have better signage to help advertise to new users of the park. Add kiosk/trailhead to show where path goes as well.

Although it is vertically challenging it would be nice to connect this park to the surrounding neighborhoods or a city-wide trail system to involve more users. A connection to Lee Ave or Berry Street would be beneficial. Also a connection to the north along Cantrell Rd or Edgerstoune Lane.



Knoop

Location: 20 Ozark Point, 72202

Size: 45.0 Acres

Classification: Community Park

It may be difficult because this park does not have a parking lot, but it would be nice to have one ADA painted spot on Ozark point for accessible users.

Along the trail some roots are showing underneath the asphalt trail. Repaving with heavier base layer and excavating some of the roots would help prevent some of the cracking.



MacArthur

Location: 601 East 9th Street, 72201

Size: 39.0 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

Review:

This park is located in the heart of the city and is one of Little Rock's most cherished parks. Being a part of the MacArthur Military History Museum that was built 1887 this park has significant historic relevance.

This park includes a playground, picnic pavilion, bike polo court, a memorial, fishing pier, dog park, and community garden.

The playground equipment is on the edge of needing to be replaced. Some of the equipment is becoming out dated and starting to show signs of deteriorating. Also, the surface of the playground area is made out of sand and needs to be replaced in order to make it an ADA approved surface.

The fishing pond is reportedly very polluted. Trash was observed throughout the park. Bank erosion was also observed.

The park includes a bike polo court. This court seems to be an old tennis court that has been transformed into a bike polo facility. The boards around the rink should be higher to prevent injury when playing the game.

Recommendations:

- ADA – See general recommendations (replace playground surface)
- Continue to connect the park to a city-wide trail system for more users to utilize.
- Establish turf in areas where needed by laying sod or re-seeding.
- Replace barrel trash bins with a nice cohesive trash bin that match throughout the park.
- Make sure all electrical boxes are properly covered and locked.
- Fix water fountain in the pond so it is level.
- Make sure restrooms are unlocked for the public to use.
- Remove stumps and replant trees that have been cut down throughout the park.
- Hire an experienced washer to power wash monuments that have blackened over time.

Review:

This park is a great family friendly park in the Meriwether Neighborhood. It is located along Florida Ave and "M" Street. Meriwether Park includes two (2) tennis courts, a practice baseball field, walking path, playground and restrooms.

The playground here has some newer equipment that would meet today's standards. However, there is a large rocket ship slide that is outdated and needs to be removed. The safety surface is pea gravel and does not comply with ADA standards. As with all the parks, a safety audit is needed of the playground surface, as well as the fall zones.

Tennis courts at this park are in poor condition. The surface is cracking, water is pooling, nets are compromised, and lights and electrical boxes are rusting. Some of the nets are being tightened by residents using rocks and sticks.

The restroom here seems to serve its purpose. However, the odd shape of the restrooms makes it hard for anyone in a wheelchair to access. Restrooms need to be updated to meet ADA requirements.

The practice baseball field has some drainage issues. The field has bleachers but no path for accessible users and seating areas for users. Also, the field needs some releveling and engineering to drain standing water. Some turf areas need to be reestablished and reseeded.

The walking trail around the park is a good path and seems to connect to different streets and parts of the neighborhood. There seems to be some washing out along the walking path around the park. Soil stabilization and turf establishment is a definite need in this park.

Recommendations:

Tennis courts and playgrounds should be renovated along with new restrooms, which would make this park an asset to the neighborhood. Parking upgrades will also be needed to meet ADA requirements, and soil stabilization is a must in this park.

- New signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations. (Picnic tables and paths to amenities)
- Resurface the tennis courts and provide new fencing and nets.
- Provide wheelchair access and playground equipment and playground audit
- Address erosion issues along the trail and throughout the park

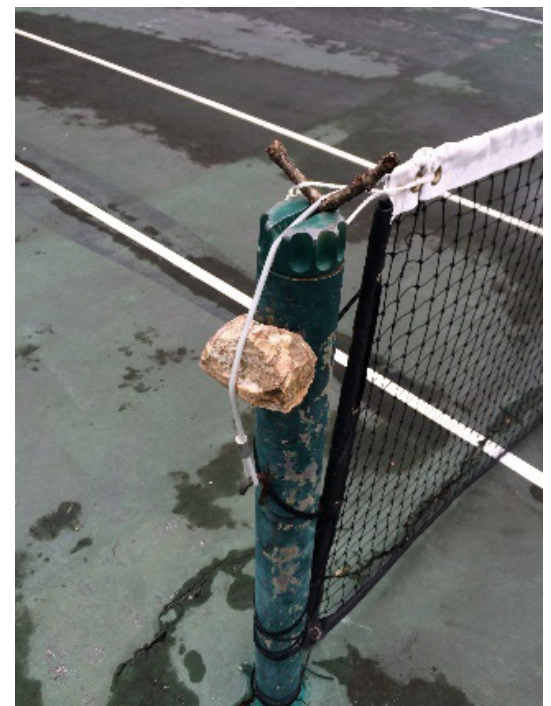


Meriwether

Location: 1401 Florida Street, 72207

Size: 10.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park



- Plant additional trees along the trail and near the playground.
- Seed or sod to repair damaged turf areas. Mulch tree to minimize tree roots as a trip hazard.
- Remove the metal standing structure.
- Provide proper lighting, replace light fixtures and electrical boxes that are exposed or rusted out.
- Provide proper drainage or reroute drainage throughout the park so the practice baseball field and walking path drains properly without having washouts.
- Provide a picnic pavilion for the neighborhood and residents to gather.



Morehart

Location: 9300 Marblevale Cut-Off, 72103

Size: 43 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Review:

This park is an expansive, heavily wooded park containing the following amenities:

- Disc Golf Course
- Volleyball
- Tennis Courts
- Baseball/Softball Field
- Basketball Courts
- Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Playground

The paved trails throughout the park are in poor condition. It appears the pavement has not been maintained and the trails are cracked and buckled in many areas. Some sections are impassable.

Parking lots are not striped and ADA parking spaces are not provided. Approaches to various amenities in the park are not easily accessible for individuals with mobility issues. This could range from individuals in wheelchairs or grandparents who are unsteady on uneven surfaces.

The sand volleyball court and Disc Golf course are the first amenities you see as you enter the park. There is a partial fence that prevents balls from entering the park road and parking area. The court surface is sand. Grass and weeds are encroaching into the court. The net and posts appear to be in fair condition and adequate for recreational play. The Disc Golf course begins near the park entrance and continues through the park property. An overall map of the course is not provided.

The tennis courts are located slightly downhill from a parking area. The courts are susceptible to nuisance flooding than can carry sediment and other debris onto the courts. Nets are in fair condition. Fencing is in need of general maintenance. Some cross members are no longer connected to vertical posts in places.

The restroom building is located near the tennis courts. An accessible approach is provided to the restrooms. Bathrooms and the water fountain address ADA requirements. The building is in fair condition but requires some reconditioning in the form of paint, mildew removal. The building itself appears to be structurally sound.

The softball/baseball field has lighting fixtures that are mounted on wood poles. The poles appear to be in good condition. There are two aluminum bleachers that are five rows high. They are mounted on concrete pads located on either side of home plate. The field appears to be in good condition. Some standing water was observed due to recent rain events. Fencing at the field requires some general maintenance and reconditioning. Chain-link mesh is buckling in areas and supports are disconnected.

The basketball pad is in good condition. Both courts are striped and goals are in good condition. There are some cracks in the asphalt surface, but generally in

good condition. The courts are easily accessed from the paved trail.

The pavilion is in good condition and is large enough to accommodate six large picnic tables. The structure appears to be well maintained and the lights are functional. There are no signs of rotting wood or damage to the roof. The fireplace appears to be functional. The pavilion has an accessible approach from the paved trail near the playground.

The playground equipment appears to be dated and include metal slides which should be replaced with an updated equivalent. The playground surface is primarily sand and pine needles from nearby trees. Wood cross ties surround the playground but are ineffective at retaining any material.

Picnic tables and benches are located throughout the park. None of the tables provide wheelchair access. Most tables are located on concrete foundations that are not flush with the ground.

Recommendations:

- Provide an overall map and description for the Disc Golf course similar to what is provided at Hindman Park.
- Stripe the parking lot and provide the required number of ADA parking stalls.
- Reestablish the edges of the sand volleyball court.
- Improve drainage around the tennis court and repair fencing.
- Repair paved trails to provide a consistent surface and trail width.
- Clean and repaint the restroom building.
- Replace wooden light poles with concrete posts as needed.
- Provide ADA accessible picnic tables.
- Update the playground equipment and install a rubberized safety surface that provides consistent footing and requires less maintenance than sand or pea gravel.
- Replace the sign at the entrance to the park which may have been removed due to road construction.



Murray

Location: 5900 Rebsamen Park Road,
72207

Size: 166.0 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

Review:

This park is located on the North side of town in between the Arkansas River and Rebsamen Park Rd just west of the Rebsamen Golf Course.

Amenities for this park include: boat ramp with dock, trail system, pavilions and picnic areas, six volleyball courts, a playground and two soccer fields.

The park has two double-lane boat ramps with two large parking lots. A walkway to each ramp courtesy dock and fishing pier is provided in the boat ramp area. The trail to the dock needs repair. In addition, the rotted wooden stairway to the open field parking needs to be closed immediately until repairs can be made. New vegetation along the banks is needed along with a defined boardwalk in order to address substantial soil erosion in this area.

The eight pavilions in the park are all custom designed, however, age and regular flooding has caused some maintenance issues. Lights can be controlled with switches but do not appear to be working. Wasp nests were observed in the pavilions. There is not a pedestrian connection to the lower level and there is a lack of connecting sidewalks throughout this area.

The picnic area, referred to as the lower park, includes a picnic area adjacent to one of the pavilions. The area is served by sidewalks, which access some of the tables and the pavilion. Two small pedestrian bridges connect the parking area to the pavilion. Both are in poor condition. This area is heavily forested. The trees provide wonderful shade, but maintenance is needed because they leave sap and debris on the tables and pavilion.

These beach volleyball courts seem to be in good condition and used weekly in leagues. However, there is overgrowth from the turf to the sand that needs to be divided by some kind of edging.

A pathway follows the road towards the boat ramp. More picnic facilities are found along the pathway. The pathway is in poor condition; however, researchers recently learned that the city has obtained funds to improve the trail.

There are two restroom buildings in the park, and both are in poor to fair condition. One is located in the lower area of the park and the other in the upper sections of the park. Wasps were found in both buildings.

There is a small playground that was added between the two existing pavilions. It is well shaded by existing trees. The safety surface is mulch and does not appear to be ADA compliant. As with all of the playgrounds in the system, a complete safety audit is needed.

The dog park has five-foot-high chain link fencing around two acres for large dogs, four-foot-high chain link fencing around a half acre for small dogs, secure area for entering and exiting the park, water troughs and fountains in each area, benches, parking, trash cans and mutt mitts for cleaning up after your dog. Restrooms are located in the nearby playground area.

The dog park is located toward the back of the Cooter's Pond Park on what is referred to as the upper level. The parking area is located across the roadway, which can pose a pedestrian and vehicle conflict. Dog park rules

are posted at the entry to the dog park. Once inside the gates, researchers noticed a hose bib with no cover and a hole on the right side that poses a trip hazard. When discussing the park with a visitor, researchers learned that moveable furniture was provided at the park but most of it had been stolen. This is likely due to the remoteness of the dog park. The fencing is new but lacks a bottom rail and is rolling up in some places. A bottom rail should be required on all future park fencing.

Recommendations:

- Develop a new master plan for this park to unleash the full potential of this facility. The master plan should expand trails and pathways, create improved fishing access points, adding bike trails, expanding floating dock systems or adding a marina, adding camping, adding archery, disc golf and addressing ADA access issues.
- Renovate both restroom buildings and provide screen doors to deter insects. Improve maintenance and cleaning schedules for the restroom buildings.
- Renovate all pavilions and clean on regular basis to keep wasps and other insects out of the pavilions. Consider replacing structures with new pavilions made of materials that can withstand frequent flooding and are easy to clean after flood events.
- Signage – The park needs directional signage and pavilion numbers to improve user experience in the park.
- Renovate the lower picnic area and remove trees to open views to the river and around the pavilions. Clean and replace damaged boards on picnic tables. Install new trash receptacles that match system wide standards.
- Replace the overlook deck and add interpretive signage about the view.
- Provide water fountain at the dog park. Improve pedestrian access.
- Restripe parking areas.
- Add a fish cleaning station
- Maintain rectangular fields for practice use but, relocate competitive play to the Otter Park facility



Natural Steps

Location: 11201 Highway 300, 72135

Size: 48.3 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Review:

This park is located in a lightly populated rural setting northwest of Little Rock in Roland, Arkansas. Approximately half of the park is undeveloped but does accommodate three soccer fields and two fields that are used for Lacrosse according to park staff. The fields do not have lights, bleachers or scoreboards. The only bathroom facility is a portable toilet that would not accommodate a wheel-chair. There are portable containers that house soccer league equipment. The parking lot is gravel and does not have lights.

According to Parks and Recreation staff, Natural Steps is located in an environmentally sensitive area that gives high priority to water quality and the night sky. Further development of this park may need to address environmental concerns in innovative ways.

Recommendations:

- Provide permanent bathroom facilities.
- Complete the parking lot with permeable concrete or permeable pavement that will allow for increased access to the fields for those with mobility issues.
- Provide ADA accessible walkways to viewing areas for the various fields.
- Develop additional soccer fields and concessions
- Develop trails and fishing piers along Little Maumelle River.

Review:

This park is located to the East of Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in the Capitol Hill district. Located to the South of Interstate 630 surrounded by residential to the south. This park is utilized by the existing school and also houses the parking for the school.

First off, researchers had a tough time finding this park because of the address. GPS wanted to take them to North Little Rock or the UAMS parking lot. Also, the signage here needs to be updated to meet the needs of the parks standard and to help find the park.

There is plenty of different playground equipment throughout this park some old and some new. Playground seems to be fairly new and in good shape, however the play surface is primarily pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ASTM standards. A handicap accessible ramp is provided to the playground.

The older playground equipment is in need of being removed. Some of this older equipment seems to have been put in when the park first opened, and the metal has become exposed over time and is rusting. The play surface is primarily pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ASTM standards.

A handicap accessible ramp does not seem to be provided to parts of the park. Some seating is available in nearby shaded areas. However, the approach to these seating areas and picnic tables may be difficult to navigate for some users.

Parking lot is in need of a handicap dedicated space with a ramp and path to the playground.

Basketball courts seem to be in good condition. They do however have some drainage issues that need to be addressed.

Overall, this park is in good condition however some of its equipment is out of date and needs to be removed. Play surfaces around the newer playground equipment needs to be updated to provide an approved surface. Some minor drainage issues throughout the park should be drained better into some sort of rain garden.



Ninth Street

Location: 1401 West 9th Street, 72214

Size: 3.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park

Recommendations:

- New signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations
- Update address so it's easier to find.
- Remove any playground equipment that doesn't meet current standards.
- Remove pea gravel along playgrounds and update it to an accessible approved surface.
- Remove old picnic tables and porch swing
- Provide proper lighting, replace light fixtures and cover up electrical boxes that are exposed.



Oak Forest

Location: 2501 S. Monroe Street, 72204

Size: 1.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park

Review:

Oak Forest is a small neighborhood park adjacent to channelized Coleman creek. It has an outdated play area and small basketball court.

Recommendations:

- Update playground.
- Evaluate access and entrance to the park.

Review:

Ottenheimer Park is located in a residential area adjacent to an active railroad line. The park includes the following amenities:

- Playground
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Open Space/Field:
- Community Center
- Restrooms
- Fishing Pond
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trail
- Parking

The major feature of the park is the Ottenheimer Therapeutic Recreation Center whose mission it is to develop skills and improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. The exterior of the community center appears to be in very good condition. The parking lot is well design and striped. A van accessible ADA parking space is provided near the entrance.

The playground is located in the grass field next to the community center and can be access from the center by a paved trail and sidewalk. The playground surface is pea gravel that is retained by molded plastic barriers. The playground equipment appears to be older and includes metal slides and wooden platforms and ladders. A merry-go-round is located outside of the playground area. This amenity appears to be older. The grass around the merry-go-round is worn and water from recent storms was standing at this location during the site visit.

The paved trail continues from the playground and crosses the fishing pond via a span bridge. The trail is in fair condition but, will need to be resurfaced in coming years. The bridge is in very good condition and does not require attention at this time.

The trail proceeds by the basketball court. The court is striped and has two functional goals. The court is not connected directly to the paved trail.

The tennis court is located near the basketball court. The court surface is striped but, grass is encroaching through many cracks. Vines and other vegetation are growing through the fencing in places. Fencing is in fair condition, but some rust is present on many posts.

Several picnic tables are located along the trail throughout the park. None of the picnic tables would accommodate an individual in a wheelchair. Additionally, the picnic tables are not connected to the paved trail which could make it difficult for individuals with mobility issues to access the tables.



Ottenheimer

Location: 7201 Dahlia Drive, 72209

Size: 11.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park & Community Center

Recommendations:

- Post a sign for the van accessible handicap parking space.
- Replace the pea gravel playground surface with a poured in place rubberized safety surface that provides a more consistent surface than the existing pea gravel with less maintenance.
- Provide an effective accessible approach to the playground area, basketball court, tennis court and some, if not all, picnic tables.
- Resurface tennis court and repair fencing as needed.
- Provide a consistent fence around the perimeter of the park.



Otter Creek

Location 11500 Stagecoach Road, 72210

Size: 147.0 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Review:

Otter Creek is a large community park that has several undeveloped acres. This expansive park located in southwest Little Rock includes the following amenities:

- Playground
- Basketball Courts
- Soccer Fields
- Open Space/Field
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter
- Fishing Pond
- Picnic Tables
- Parking

The basketball courts are located near the entrance to the right of the park road. A paved path leads from the parking area to the courts. The courts and goals appear to be in good condition.

The parking lot is in need of restriping. A paved trail leads from the parking lot to the picnic shelter that contains two picnic tables. These tables appear to accommodate individuals using wheelchairs. The picnic shelter is in good condition and the lights are functional. The paved trail continues to a third picnic table that is also ADA accessible. The playground is located just beyond the picnic tables. This portion of the park contains mature trees. Branches from the trees obstruct the trail and must be pruned to maintain a clear walkway. The playground contains equipment for children ages 5 to 12 years old. The equipment is in good condition but needs minor repairs such as paint. The equipment is set on a rubberized surface that is also in good condition. Benches are located in shaded areas nearby for parents or guardians who are supervising children at the playground. In this portion of the park but apart from the playground, a stone wall is in need of minor repairs.

From the playground the paved trail connects to a wooden walkway that crosses the tree line into the adjacent soccer fields. The walkway is surrounded by vegetation that is encroaching onto the walkway and handrails. The walkway ends in a grass field. Just beyond this small field and through a wood post

fence are four soccer fields. The fields have lights that are mounted on wooden poles. The grass is tall in this section of park except for the fields themselves which are maintained by a private soccer league. Bleachers are located at each field. The bleachers appear to meet current requirements for fall protection. They are set on grass. Accessible approaches are not provided to any of the bleachers.

West of the soccer field is a bathroom and maintenance building. The restrooms were locked during the site visit, but a Parks and Recreation staff member was able to open them. The restrooms appear to meet ADA requirements and are in fair condition, but need an accessible

route to accommodate those with mobility issues. However, trash cans were found to be full and the bathrooms needed to be cleaned. The area outside the restrooms is a gravel parking area. This gravel parking is an extension of the paved parking area and appears to serve the soccer fields. There are no designated areas for parking in this area.

A fishing pond is located on the opposite side of the parking lot from the playground and soccer fields. There is no signage related to the pond or a trail leading to it. The fishing pond could be further developed to broaden the audience this park serves.

Recommendations:

- Extend the paved road and parking area to the soccer fields and restroom building.
- Provide accessible approaches to soccer fields and bleachers and restrooms.
- Replace wood light poles with concrete poles over time as needed.
- Provide a map near the main parking area showing the locations of various amenities.
- Increase maintenance rotations to address issues like the high grass around soccer fields, downed trees and vegetation along the wooden walkway.
- Improve pond to enhance aquatic habitat and fishing experiences.
- See recommended master plan for improved utilization of this significant park property.



Pankey

Location: 4901 Russ Street, 72223

Size: 5.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Review:

This park is located in a residential area south of Cantrell Road. Amenities include a playground, basketball court, and picnic tables. Approximately half of the park acreage is developed.

The playground is located near the corner of Russ and Piggee Streets on the uphill portion of the park. The playground equipment appears to be a combination of new and old pieces. The equipment is in need of minor repairs and paint. The playground surface is primarily pea gravel which is retained by wooden cross ties. Included in the pea gravel are larger rocks.

The picnic tables are located around the playground. Three picnic tables are joined end to end all together on a concrete pad. These tables appear to accommodate wheelchair users. The other three picnic tables are concrete without extended table tops accommodating wheelchairs. Accessible approaches to the picnic tables are not provided.

The basketball court is downhill from the playground area. During the site visit this area was flooded due to a historic rain event. The court includes two goals and a concrete pad. Benches are provided in the corners of the court. Lights are not provided for the court.

Recommendations:

- Replace the playground surface with a poured in place rubberized surface or equivalent that provides a consistent surface with less maintenance than the existing pea gravel.
- Repair and replace the playground equipment as needed.
- Provide accessible approaches to all park amenities.

Review:

This park is the East of the Broadway neighborhood, along the intersection of East 22nd Street and Commerce Street. Park includes a playground, basketball court, picnic tables and grills.

The metal playground equipment is out of date and should be replaced. The play surface is pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not meet ADA standards.

Dedicated accessible parking is not provided at the park.

A picnic pavilion at this park would provide the neighborhood with a place to gather for events like picnics or block parties.

Recommendations:

- New signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations
- Update address so it's easier to find.
- Update playground equipment to current standards
- Provide proper lighting.
- Repair water fountain.
- Power wash and clean moss and mold off the old brick and stone masonry.

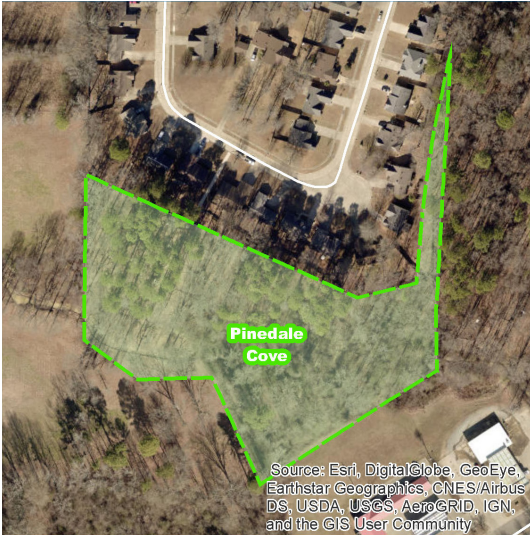


Pettaway

Location: 515 East 21st Street, 72206

Size: 1.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park



Pinedale Cove

Location: 79 Pinedale Circle, 72103

Size: 5.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Review:

Access to Pinedale Cove is provided by a concrete walkway that extends from Pinedale Circle between two single family residences to the 5-acre park. The park is heavily wooded and damage to trees from recent storms was present during the site visit. Park amenities include a playground and picnic tables.

The playground equipment includes a wood and metal merry-go-round and a swing set. The merry-go-round is placed on bare ground in an area bordered by wooden cross ties. No safety surface is provided.

The swings are located in a separate area. Some pea gravel is provided as a surface in the swing area. However, the pea gravel is being overtaken by weeds and debris from nearby trees. The pea gravel is contained by a molded plastic barrier. The barrier appears to be in good condition requiring minimal maintenance for bolts that are protruding slightly.

Three of the four picnic tables are coated metal. The fourth is a concrete picnic table. All appear to be in good condition. A grill is provided in the park as well. The grill is rusted and may need to be replaced.

Fencing around the park is a combination of wire farm fencing and various fence types from adjacent residences.

Recommendations:

- Consolidate playground equipment into a single area in an effort to reduce maintenance.
- Replace dated playground equipment with a contemporary equivalent.
- Resurface playground areas with poured in place rubberized surfaces.
- Extend the concrete walkway that terminates at the park entrance to the playground and picnic tables.
- Provide a consistent park fence along the adjoining farm property. Consider working with neighboring residences to replace their fencing with a consistent fence as well.

Review:

This park is located in the Prospect Terrace neighborhood along L Street. Amenities include a small open grass field, picnic shelter and playground.

The playground lacks ADA access. Also, the surface is pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not meet ADA standards. Some of the play equipment is out dated and should be replaced with modern equivalents.

The park has a concrete path throughout the western part of the park. A similar path could be extended to the eastern portion of the park. There is no accessible route to the north. Some of the steps on this retaining wall have washed out over time and makes for a slippery surface down to the park's main level.

The picnic pavilion has a new concrete surface that makes it accessible for all users. handicap accessible picnic tables would increase access for individuals in assistance chairs.

Overall this park seems to be in good shape. Some minor details would really allow this park to thrive. It appears the neighborhood is pretty proud of this park and seems like they also do some landscaping throughout the park as well.

Recommendations:

- ADA – See general recommendations
- Update playground equipment to current standards
- Provide proper lighting.
- Fix water fountain.
- Replace stairs and provide an accessible path on the old brick and stone masonry retaining wall to the north.



Prospect Terrace

Location: 5420 "L" Street, 72205

Size: 4.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park



Rebsamen Golf Course

Location: 3900 Rebsamen Park Road,
72207

Size: 380.0 Acres

Classification: Golf Course

Review:

This golf course is located in the north side of Little Rock in between the Arkansas River and Rebsamen, east of Murray Park.

Amenities at this golf course is composed of an eighteen-hole championship course, nine-hole executive course, driving range, maintenance facility and a pro shop.

Rebsamen Golf Course Facility was built in 1968 and houses 9,880 square feet.

Recommendations:

- See general recommendations for golf facilities

Review:

This park is located in what was University Park. The Rebsamen Tennis Center is run by the City of Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department and is one of the south's premier public tennis centers. There are 17 lighted courts and three lighted backboards. Since the doors opened in 1980, the Rebsamen Tennis Center has received numerous awards including the USTA's National Public Facility of the Year Award. Every year Rebsamen offers many Adult and Junior Arkansas tennis tournaments, both sanctioned and non-sanctioned. All of Little Rock School Districts Junior High and High Schools practice and play their matches at Rebsamen Tennis Center with no cost to the schools and juniors 16 and under play for free.

Recommendations:

- ADA – See general recommendations
- Connect the park to a city-wide trail system for more users to utilize.



Rebsamen Tennis Center

Location: 1501 Leisure Place, 72201

Size: 27.0 Acres

Classification: Sports Complex



Rimmel

Location: 5301 Lindsey Road, 72206

Size: 27.0 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Review:

This park is located along interstate 440 and Lindsey Road near the East Roosevelt neighborhood and south of the airport.

Amenities at this park include a playground, picnic pavilion and a boat ramp. Has room to facilitate two football or soccer fields but I don't see any nets or pylons.

The picnic pavilion has seen better days. The wood structure is starting to rot and get infested with nests. The lighting located in the structure doesn't seem to be working and all the electrical boxes seem to be exposed.

Playground seems to be in alright condition and has an accessible ramp and path with an approved surface underneath it.

The boat ramp itself is in good condition. However, it does not provide access for all users. There is no loading dock and path down to the water.

Recommendations:

- Add signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations
- Connect the park to a city-wide trail system for more users to utilize.
- Provide dock at the boat ramp for easier loading and unloading of boats in river.

Review:

This park is located in west Little Rock and has rolling terrain. The site visit took place during a period of heavy rain which was helpful in highlighting stormwater management issues on the property. Erosion is degrading several amenities across the park. This issue represents a significant cost to the City.

The amenities in the park include:

- Playground
- Basketball Pad
- Tennis Courts
- Open Space/Field
- Lighted Softball/Baseball
- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Earthen Trails
- Paved Trail
- Disc Golf
- Parking

A parking lot and playground are located to the left as you enter on Reservoir Park Road. The playground equipment is separated into two areas. One area provides equipment appropriate for ages 2-5 and the second area includes equipment for ages 5-12. The play surfaces at both areas are pea gravel which is retained by wooden cross ties. The pea gravel is migrating beyond the play areas and the wooden cross ties are showing signs of deterioration. A large amount of grass is establishing itself in the 5-12-year-old area. Both play areas are accessible from a paved trail that leads from the parking lot.

An earthen trail leads uphill from the 2-5-year-old area crossing a stream via a wooden bridge. The bridge is much higher than the ground on one side of the stream. Several stones are placed below the bridge to act as steps. These stones are loose and are not connected to the bridge in any way. Three picnic tables are located beyond the bridge.

A second wooden bridge is located downhill from the playground area on the paved path that begins at the parking lot. This bridge is in good condition and leads to the restroom building. The paved trail and bridge provide an accessible approach to the restrooms. The restroom building has a men's and women's restroom. The restrooms are in need of general maintenance. Leaves have accumulated in areas beneath skylights. Mold and mildew are present. Light covers need to be cleaned. The building appears to be in fair condition with only minor reconditioning required including paint and a repair to the roof vent.

At this location the paved trail forks and forms a loop around the lighted softball/baseball field. The trails are in need of maintenance in this area. It appears that unmitigated stormwater has eroded the asphalt at multiple locations. The damage to the paved trail is a symptom of a larger problem with stormwater throughout the park. Other sections along the paved trail are



Reservoir

Location: 8321 Cantrell Road, 72227

Size: 58.0 Acres

Classification: Community Park

buckling and cracking. A paved trail also extends from the softball/baseball field, uphill to a parking lot which is located next to the tennis courts. This trail is in poor condition as well and requires maintenance. An additional paved trail leads from the softball/baseball field to the basketball courts that are located on the opposite end of the parking lot from the tennis courts. This trail is also in need of repairs.

The parking lot on top of the hill is in good condition. It has lights that are mounted on wood poles. The lights and pole appear to be in good condition. The parking lot is not striped.

The tennis courts are located east of the parking lot on top of the hill. Fencing is installed on either end of the courts but not the sides. Several cross bars are disconnected and need to be repaired or replaced. The court is striped and is in good conditions. The nets are also in good shape. Lighting for the courts is mounted on metal poles. Stormwater erosion is undermining the northwest corner of the courts.

The basketball court, located on the west side of the upper parking lot, consists of an unstriped concrete pad and two goals. Wood benches are provided nearby. One net needs to be replaced but, the court is in fair condition overall.

The softball/baseball field is located downhill from the basketball court, parking lot and tennis courts. The

field can be accessed by the paved trail from three separate parking lots. There is one large set of bleachers behind the paved trail along the first base line. The bleachers are wooden on a metal frame. Several wood planks are splintered and need to be replaced. There is railing along the sides and back that offer fall protection above the fifth row. The metal support structure is rusting and should be replaced. This is the only seating provided at the softball/baseball field. Field lights are mounted on wood poles. Fencing appears to be in good condition. Foul poles are provided but need to be repainted. Standing water was present in the infield and around the perimeter of the field during the site visit. Grass was especially tall in this area possibly because it has been too wet to mow for an extended period of time.

The paved trail continues north from the softball/baseball field to another parking lot. From here reservoir park road continues up the hill to the pavilion. The pavilion is a steel structure with a concrete floor and a shingled roof. The pavilion has a wood burning fireplace and overhead lighting. An accessible approach to the pavilion is provided by a concrete sidewalk that leads from the parking lot. ADA accessible picnic tables are not present. The roof is showing signs of deterioration at the eaves.

Recommendations:

- Replace play surface at both playground areas with poured in play rubberized surface.
- Repair/replace playground equipment as needed.
- Construct a safe approach to the bridge located uphill from the playground
- Address stormwater across the park but especially in the areas where erosion is damaging the trails tennis courts and the softball/baseball field.
- Stripe parking spaces for all parking lots and provide ADA parking spaces in locations convenient to paved trails.
- Provide accessible approaches to all park amenities.

Review:

This park is located along Richland drive tucked back in a residential area in eastern Little Rock. It is a mini park that serves the small neighborhood around it. This park has one playground and a picnic table and seems to be a good size for the neighborhood.

Playground appears fairly new and in good shape, however the play surface is pea gravel which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ADA standards. Also, there are signs of vandalism throughout the playground.

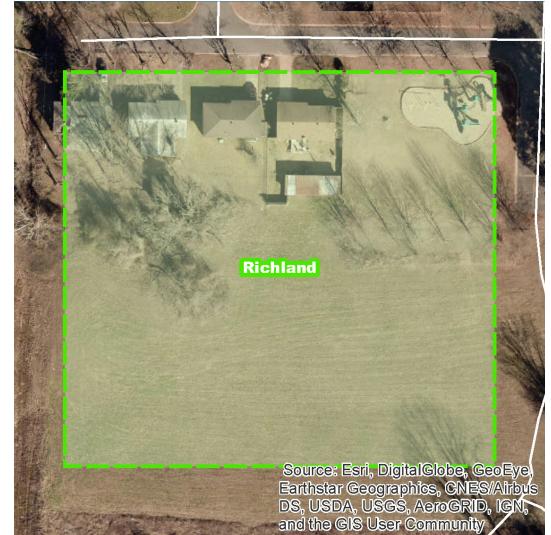
There is a nice brick sign for this park but it needs to be updated to new city park signage standards.

This park has plenty of room to the south for additional amenities. The park should be evaluated for what recreation uses would be best for this area.

Overall, this park seems to be in fairly good condition with a few minor access issues. Vandalism should be addressed. This park would have more traffic if it were connected to a city-wide bike and trail system.

Recommendations:

- New signage – See general recommendations. Also, power wash and clean moss and mold off the old brick and stone masonry.
- ADA – See general recommendations
- Update playground surface.
- Create a concrete pad for picnic tables or provide a small pavilion for families or the neighborhood gatherings.
- Try to seed or establish turf underneath trees along the road where the benches are located.
- Provide a city-wide standard bench and waste receptacle standard for all parks.



Richland

Location: 6307 Heather Lane, 72206

Size: 5.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park



River Mountain

Location: 34 River Mountain Road, 72212

Size: 152.4 Acres

Classification: Regional Park

Review:

This park includes the following amenities:

- Portable toilets
- Boat launch
- Fishing access
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trails
- Earthen Trails
- Parking
- Bicycle repair station
- Bike racks

River Mountain Park is located on the south bank of the Little Maumelle River and connects to Two Rivers Park via the Two Rivers Park Bridge trail and Murray Park via the Arkansas River Trail. The east portion of the park is the most developed portion of the park and includes the boat launch, picnic tables, paved trails and parking. The west portion of the park includes a heavily forested and steeply sloped land near the Walton Heights neighborhood. The only amenity in this portion of the park is an earthen hiking trail. This trail, named the River Mountain Trail, connects to an unpaved trail in Conner Park at Southridge Drive.

The parking area at the boat launch is not striped. Travel ways are not delineated. The launch area is lighted with LED street lights on metal poles. The same street lights are used on the Two Rivers Park Bridge and at Two Rivers Park. Portable toilets are provided near the boat launch. The portable toilets are not ADA accessible.

A paved trail leads to the Arkansas River Trail which extends to Two River Park. The trail is in good condition. There is a very sharp turn near in the paved trail near a steep embankment. This sharp turn can be straightened without impacting adjacent parking. The remainder of the trail is in excellent condition and is complemented with landscaping, benches, a kiosk with park information, public art and additional parking.

Recommendations:

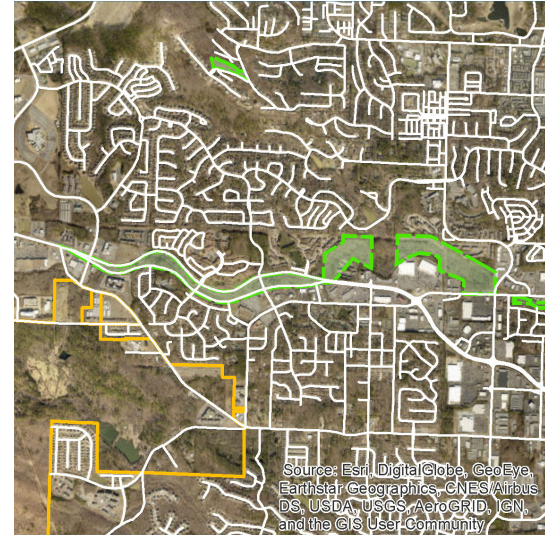
- Eliminate sharp turn in paved trail and add railings as needed to prevent falls.
- Construct permanent bathroom facilities that meet ADA requirements.
- Extend retaining wall across from the park kiosk where exposed soil is subject to erosion.
- Add trail head with map at the downhill terminus of the River Mountain Trail.
- Develop professional downhill mountain bike trails competitive to other similar trails in the nation with training trails in graduating difficulty states. Coordinate with other developments in the area to ensure appropriate access and facilities are realized to accommodate visitors and their experiences.

Review:

Rock Creek Park is a linear property comprised of a trail that follows Rock Creek and includes a stretch in the median of Chenal Parkway. The trail is a combination of paved and earthen surfaces and is open for foot traffic, mountain bikes and fishing. Crosswalks provide access to the trail and park at Pride Valley Drive and Loyola Drive. The trail transitions from pavement to dirt without advanced warning. Sections of asphalt are cracked, and vegetation is growing in the center and over the edges of the trail. The trail is not lighted and is apparently only intended as a daytime facility.

Recommendations:

- Choose a consistent trail surface based on the anticipated needs of the users in the area of the park. With the presence of a large retirement and assisted living community, it may be appropriate to provide a paved trail for either the full length or a portion of the trail with a clearly defined beginning and end.
- Clear vegetation from the center and edge of the trail in order to maintain a function width for two-way traffic.



Rock Creek

Location: 12200 West Markham Street,
72211

Size: 96.4 Acres

Classification: Community Park



Section 13

Location: 9201 Garrison Road, 72223

Size: 620.3 Acres

Classification: Community Park

Review:

This park is located in a rural area west of the city limits and is undeveloped with the exception of a gravel parking lot that is in poor condition and earthen trails that are located in the expansive woods around the open field that is located near the entrance. Playground equipment has been removed and no athletic fields are located in the park. A wood rail fence that is in need of repairs is located along the edge of a large field. A damaged wooden bench is located at the edge of the field.

Recommendations:

- Create a master plan for this property in order to determine how to best utilize this large property.
- Close and secure the property until the park is developed and ready to be used by the general public.

Review:

This park is located right across the street from Washington Magnet Elementary School along Main Street and 29th Street.

Action needs to be taken at South Little Rock Park. Nothing at this park is usable besides the parking lot. This park looks to be neglected with the grass overgrown, an old playground that was installed well over 25 years ago, an abandoned building, and a tennis court that is far beyond repair.

Supposedly, there is a pool within the abandoned building that is not maintained in which the City needs to remove or renovate to make it useable for the public. This building could be gutted to provide a small meeting space for the public to use or clubs to rent or to gather.

Tennis courts need to be entirely removed or replaced. They need a whole new face lift with new surfaces, nets and fencing. It might be easier just to remove.

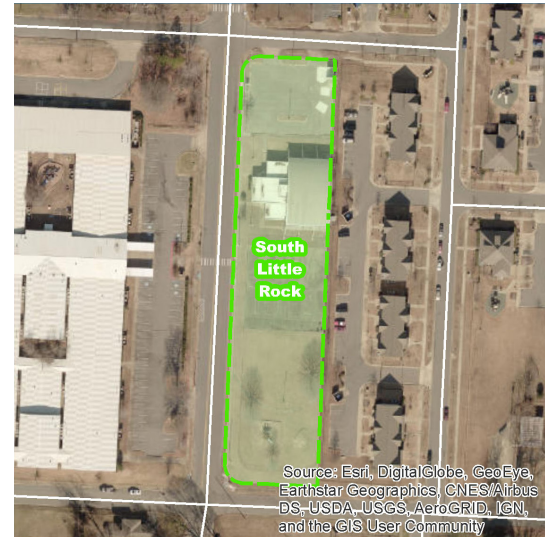
The parking lot is the only amenity at this park that is used daily by providing overflow parking for the school. There is some handicap parking, but it needs to be properly identified with signage.

Overall, this park needs some serious help. A greater master-plan should be researched and looked at for this park. It has potential to provide a great amenity for the public and the adjacent school, however, needs to be further evaluated to see what's salvageable.

Recommendations:

This park needs to be provided with a new masterplan/scope for this park to see what can be salvaged and what can be provided for this park's full potential. Basic recommendations include:

- Resurface the Tennis courts and provide new fencing and nets.
- Remove/renovate the building to fit the needs of the community and the neighborhood.
- Being as there is school playground equipment only a block away, I would suggest removing the outdated equipment entirely and just have an open field.
- New signage – See general recommendations.
- ADA – See general recommendations



South Little Rock

Location: 2815 Main Street, Little Rock, 72206

Size: 2.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park



Southside

Location: 1 Whitmore Circle, 72206

Size: 13.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Review:

This park is located near the railroad tracks of the South End neighborhood, along Whitmore Circle. It's a good size park however parts of it are not utilized due to what seems to be semi flooding issues. This park seems to have seasonal flooding issues and is soaked most of the time which leaves this part in neglect.

This park includes a playground, football field, basketball pad, and restrooms.

Some equipment on the playground seems to be newer than others. The newer part has a mulch surface which is an accessible surface, but it does not have a ramp to allow access. The rest of the equipment is out of date and needs to be removed.

Football field seems to be in fairly good condition. Minor drainage issues and turf establishment would make it hard to play on this field. There seems to be a path to the bleachers for ADA access. However, the rotting wood bleachers need to be removed before someone gets seriously injured.

Restrooms seem to be in pretty good condition. However, they seem to be used for storage and not restrooms. Researchers found football helmets on the bathroom floor that were stored in there. Some minor renovation needs to be taken action to make it up to ADA standards.

Recommendations:

- New signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations. (Picnic tables and paths to amenities)
- Add topsoil and re-engineer drainage so water doesn't stand.
- Try to establish new turf underneath trees of the park. Seed or sod to repair damaged turf areas. Mulch tree to minimize tree roots as a trip hazard.
- Remove any playground equipment that doesn't meet current standards.
- Remove old picnic tables

Review:

This park is part of a larger complex that includes the Southwest Community Center; a Little Rock Police Department Southwest Division precinct; and the Dee Brown Library.

Amenities at the Southwest Community Center include:

- Playground
- Soccer Field
- Community Center
- Pool
- Spray Pad
- Restrooms
- Paved Trails
- Parking

The soccer field is located to the right of the park entrance. The field is not lighted and does not have bleachers. The turf appears to be in good condition despite the heavy rains. The soccer field shares a parking area with the community center and pool.

The playground is located south of the community center building in an area with mature trees that provide a good amount of shade. An accessible approach to the playground equipment is provided from the parking lot by a concrete sidewalk. The playground equipment is suitable for ages 5-12 and is in good condition. A separate swing set is nearby and is also in good condition with the exception of one toddler swing which is broken. The playground surface appears to be engineered wood fiber which is retained by a molded plastic barrier. The playground surface is in good condition and does not show signs of excessive wear.

The paved trail runs from the playground, through the woods on the south end of the park and around to the west side of the community center building. The asphalt trail is in good condition.

The parking lots are in fair condition. Park stall striping is fading and will need to be repainted in the near future. Parking lot lighting is mounted on metal poles. These poles are rusting and will need to be reconditioned or replaced. Trash cans located near the parking lots are standard 55-gallon drums. Some of these trash cans are dented and should be replaced.

The community center and pool will be assessed at another time. Pool equipment and decking appears to be in good condition from outside the gate.

Recommendations:

- Extend sidewalk from Baseline Road along the park entrance to the sidewalk that end in front of the swimming pool.
- Replace damaged trash cans.
- Recondition or replace light poles throughout the complex.



Southwest

Location: 6401 Baseline Rd, 72209

Size: 38.0 Acres

Classification: Community Park



Stephens Community Center

Location: 3720 West 18th Street, 72204

Size: 1.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park and Community Center

Review:

This Community Center is located on the corner of South Oak St and 18th Street and is attached to the Stephens Elementary School. This community center was built in 1999 and houses 15,600 square feet which includes one gymnasium, two multi-purpose rooms, and a kitchen.

The playground equipment is in fairly good condition however some pieces are in need of reconditioning. Areas of metal have become exposed over time and are rusting. The play surface is primarily mulch which provides an unstable walking surface and does not appear to meet ADA standards. Turf has slowly been taking over the playgrounds surface area. A handicap accessible ramp is provided to the playground. A limited portion of the playground surface is poured rubber and connects the accessible ramp to the play structure. A safety audit is needed of the playground surface as well as the fall zones. Seating is not available nearby.

The play area has one basketball court that seems fairly new and still in good condition.

Recommendations:

- Provide ADA compliant surfacing.
- Provide public access with signage.
- Provide seating near playground for visitors.

Review:

This Mansion was built in 1839 and is a historical marker for Little Rock. The mansion is in need of some general maintenance.

This park and mansion are utilized for events such as weddings and parties. Some of the grounds around the mansion need to be updated and maintained to allow this park to reach its full potential.

Proper cleaning, painting, and maintaining landscaping would elevate the status of this facility within the community. Weeds and turf are overgrowing in some areas of the brick pavement.

The north side and other areas of the park need to be re-engineered to provide proper drainage, so water doesn't pool. This area is in need of some topsoil to cover roots that are exposed and establish grass by seeding or laying sod. This top soil should be engineered as to effectively drain the area as well.

Overall, this is a great park with a great historical presence. However, this park needs to be maintained, renovated and preserved to protect its aesthetics and history for years to come.

Recommendations:

This park seems to be neglected some basic maintenance and cleaning could help this park thrive.

- New signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations. (Picnic tables and paths to amenities)
- Clean landscaping beds, refresh plants that are dead and remove unwanted vines.
- Look into renovation/preservation of Mansion by repainting mansion to protect it from weathering and the environment.
- Patio block should be looked at being re leveled and relayed to provide an even walking surface.
- Add topsoil and re-engineer drainage so water doesn't stand.
- Try to establish new turf underneath trees on the north side of the park by laying sod.



Terry Mansion

Location: 411 E. 8th Street, 72114

Size: 2.0 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park



Thom

Location: 9900 Eva Lane, 72209

Size: 7.2 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Review:

This park is located in a residential area of southwest Little Rock. The park entrance and parking lot is located on Eva Lane but, a secondary entrance is located at the end of Vega Drive at the southwest corner of the park. Amenities at Thom Park include:

- Playground
- Open Space/Field:
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trails
- Parking

The parking lot is in good condition. Parking stalls need to be repainted. The ADA parking space that is provided needs to be posted with an ADA regulatory sign. The parking lot area is bordered by a decorative fence. It appears one fence panel is missing and needs to be replaced.

An asphalt trail leads from the parking lot to the playground area and circles within the park. The trail is in good condition and provides accessible approaches to various park amenities.

The playground equipment is in good conditions and appears to accommodate ages 5-12. A limited portion of the play surface is poured in place rubber. The majority of the remaining play area is bare dirt and is not an acceptable safety surface for the playground equipment used at this park. For example, an adequate fall surface is not provided below the climbing features.

A merry-go-round is located in a separate area from the other playground equipment. This feature is placed on bare ground that shows signs of wear. A plastic border is present that could retain playground surfacing materials.

Recommendations:

- Replace missing fence panel along Eva Lane.
- Replace drinking fountain with ADA accessible fixture.
- Consolidate playground equipment into a single area in order to decrease maintenance demands.
- Install consistent playground surface across the entire playground area.

Review:

Maintained in cooperation with Pulaski County, this park is located at the confluence of the Arkansas and Little Maumelle Rivers and includes the following amenities:

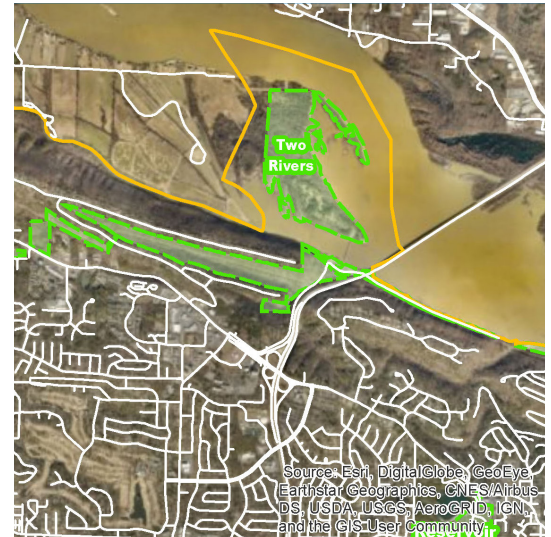
- Open Space/Field:
- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Fishing Stream
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trails
- Earthen Trails
- Equestrian Trail
- Community Garden
- Parking

Of the listed amenities, Pulaski County is responsible for maintaining or managing the restrooms, parking, community garden and most of the paved trails. The Little Rocks Parks and Recreation Department maintain the Two Rivers Park trail, pavilion, equestrian trails and picnic area located at the point where the rivers converge.

The Two Rivers Trail serves as a portion of the regionally important Arkansas River Trail. The paved trail connects to River Mountain Park via a bicycle and pedestrian bridge that crosses the Little Maumelle River. The trail continues on to Riverfront Park, North Little Rock, Pinnacle Mountain and other regional destinations. The paved trails are well marked and in good condition. A bike repair station is located near an overall map of the park and restroom building. Solar powered lights are being tested on a portion of the paved trail. The trail passes by wetlands and fields that offer scenic interest and wildlife viewing opportunities.

The pavilion is located along the paved trail. The pavilion is a wooden structure with a metal roof. It is in good condition. While the paved approach does not lead to the pavilion, an accessible ramp is provided at the structure. A standard wooden picnic table is located in the pavilion.

Beyond the pavilion, the trail splits with one branch continuing under the bicycle pedestrian bridge to the area where the picnic tables are located. The tables and benches in this area are off the paved trail. Some are in need of repairs or replacement. Equestrians share this portion of the trail and signs request the trail be kept free of manure. The trail turns back toward the pavilion. At this point the paved trail connects to the bicycle pedestrian bridge. The equestrian trail continues along the Arkansas River bank. Signage for the equestrian trails is not provided.



Two Rivers

Location: 6900 Two Rivers Road, 72223

Size: 206.9 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park

Recommendations:

- Further develop the equestrian trails and provide parking for horse trailers and a trailhead for these users.
- Repair benches and picnic tables as needed.
- Provide accessible approaches to the pavilion.
- Provide accessible approaches to picnic tables that accommodate wheelchair users.
- Consider constructing wildlife viewing and photography blinds around wetlands and fields that are frequented by the resident deer population.



Union

Location: 36th & Walker Streets, 72204

Size: 8.9 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Review:

This park contains the following amenities:

- Playground
- Basketball Pad
- Open Space/Field:
- Lighted Softball/Baseball
- Pavilion
- Picnic Tables
- Parking

Union park has two entrances. The first is from Walker Street. This entrance has a large parking lot that serves the softball/baseball field. The second entrance and parking lot is on West 38th Street, closer to the pavilion. Both parking lots are in need of reconditioning to include restriping.

The softball/baseball field has a chain-link backstop and outfield fence, wood bleachers, a grass infield. Lights are mounted on wood poles. Wood benches serve as dugouts. The bleachers are built into the hillside and set on a concrete footing. The concrete is being undermined by stormwater erosion. No fall protection is provided at the rear or sides of the bleachers. Fencing around the field is in need of maintenance. Mesh is curling and poles are separating. An exposed pipe is visible near the first base line.

Uphill from the softball/baseball field is the pavilion. The pavilion was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps and is currently closed for renovation. Restrooms are located beneath the pavilion but are locked. A maintenance room is also located beneath the pavilion. This room is unlocked, and it appears that someone may be using this room as a make-shift shelter.

The playground is located near the pavilion. The playground equipment includes a play structure appropriate for ages 5-12, a swing set and an overhead apparatus. The play surface is primarily pea gravel, but a portion of the playground is treated with poured in place rubber. The poured in place surface is damaged along a portion of the edge. The playground can be accessed by a concrete sidewalk from the closest parking lot. Grass is growing invasively through the pea gravel surface.

A basketball court is located downhill from the playground. The court consists of a concrete pad and two goals, with the court being partially fenced. The fence is in fair condition but is in need

of minor repairs to some of the cross posts. Also, the vegetation needs to be removed and the court needs to be restriped. No lighting is provided at the basketball court.

Recommendations:

- Resurface and restripe the parking lots.
- Repair backstop and side line fencing at the softball/baseball field.
- Repair bleachers as needed.
- Provide accessible approach to bleachers from the parking lot.
- Secure pavilion until renovation is complete.
- Provide a consistent poured in place rubberized surface for the playground area.
- Restripe basketball court and construct a fence around the entire court.

Review:

This park is located in a residential neighborhood that also includes a number of churches that are located within walking distance to the park. Amenities at Wakefield Park include:

- Playground
- Volleyball
- Tennis Court
- Open Space/Field:
- Lighted Softball/Baseball
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trails
- Parking

The parking lot is accessed from Woodson Road. Typical park signage and columns identify the park entrance. Sidewalks and bike sharrows provide access to individuals without automobiles. Bicycle racks are not located at the park. The parking lot is not striped. A designated ADA parking space is not provided.

The paved trail leads from the parking lot and continues past the tennis court. The court appears to be in good condition. However, a tennis net is not provided. The court fencing is in need of repairs. A volleyball court is located next to the tennis court. It appears an old tennis net is being used as a volleyball net. The volleyball court consists of a sand base but, is not well defined.

The playground is located across the paved trail from the tennis and volleyball courts. The play structure appears to accommodate ages 5-12. There are a number of climbing and hanging features. The play surface is pea gravel which is retained by molded plastic border. A plastic ramp has been installed that could ac-



Wakefield

Location: 7401 Woodson Road, 72209

Size: 9.4 Acres

Classification: Neighborhood Park

commodate wheelchairs or others with mobility issues, however an accessible approach to the playground is not provided from the paved trail. Wooden benches are located just off the trail and picnic tables are also located in the area.

The softball/baseball field has two sets of bleachers and wood benches for each team. The bleachers have fall protection to the rear and sides for rows 6-10. There is a backstop and sideline fencing but no outfield fence. The fence and backstop are in fair condition. Some vegetation needs to be removed from the fence and minor repairs are needed. The field is lighted by fixtures that are mounted on wood poles. Most of these poles appear to be in good condition; however, one pole is leaning. The infield is in poor condition and needs attention.

An accessible approach for individuals with mobility issues is not provided to the softball/baseball field.

The restroom building provides separate men's and women's restrooms in a compact design. The bathrooms appear to be ADA compliant. This concrete block structure is in fair condition overall. The doorways are open and allow rain water to come into the structure. This leaves a musty odor.

The paved trail circles through the park and provides direct access to the bathrooms. The trail is in good condition. An earthen trail leading to the Southwest Community Church property appears to be used quite a bit and may indicate a need to expand the paved trail to the neighboring property.

Recommendations:

- Stripe the parking lot and provide an ADA compliant parking space.
- Replace pea gravel playground surface with a poured in place rubberized alternative.
- Extend paved trail to each park amenity in order to provide an accessible approach for individuals with mobility issues.
- Consider extending paved trail to the adjacent Southwest Community Church property.
- Replace the tennis court net or convert the court to a use that is desired by the surrounding neighborhood.
- Replace volleyball net and reestablish the sand volleyball court.
- Replace softball/baseball field light poles with concrete poles.
- Repair softball/baseball and tennis court fences as needed.
- Provide bike racks at the parking lot.
- Remodel bathrooms for better weatherproofing and access.

Review:

This park is one of Little Rock's larger parks established in a commercial area. Located next to UAMS and War Memorial Stadium which is home to the University of Arkansas Little Rock Trojans football program. Part of this park is under construction with the Fair Park Boulevard. Amenities at this park include:

- Playground
- Splash pad
- Picnic pavilion
- Fishing pond
- Walking trail

The playground/splash pad is located near the northwest golf course entrance and seems to be relatively new and in good condition. Not your ordinary park, this playground is made up of large rocks that are put together effectively with playground equipment attached to it. The swing portion of the playground is surfaced with wood mulch which represents a maintenance issue.

There seems to be some general drainage issues that need to be addressed as well. Soil is eroding onto paths and pavement. All of the sprinklers are in working condition but, some are missing, possibly due to theft or vandalism.

The pavilion is located towards the center of the park and adjacent to the creek that flows through the middle of the park. This pavilion is made of stone pillars and a wood roof and seems to be in fairly good condition. The electricity didn't seem to be working when the researchers were present and the electrical boxes were not locked up. The surface is on a concrete pad and has some drainage issues on one side where it's pooling. There needs to be a trench that is established on this side so the water is redirected around the pavilion. Restrooms are located on the back end of the pavilion and are in good condition however some minor changes need to be made to make it fully accessible for ADA compliance.

The trails and sidewalks are in good condition. Paved trails and sidewalks through the park provide good connectivity through the park property and connect to adjacent neighborhoods. Some portions of the trails have been filled with sediment from poor erosion control and drainage practices which need to be fixed.

Fishing pond includes a dock, bridge, a dam, benches and a kiosk. Again, there are some erosion issues surrounding the pond that need to be addressed to prevent pond from filling in.

The parking lot surface is in good condition, but there are some sink holes that need to be patched and handicap parking spaces

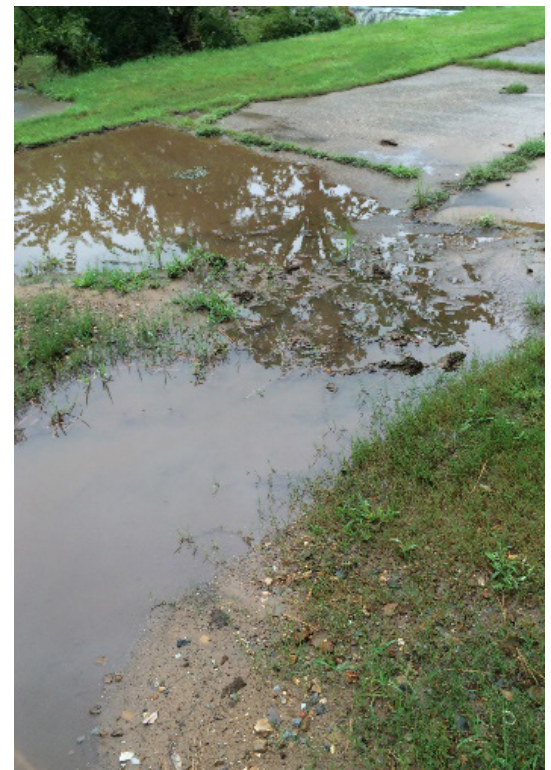


War Memorial

Location: 5511 West Markham Street,
72205

Size: 24.0 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park



are marked, but lack signage. It appears that enough parking is available to serve park patrons. Lighting is nonexistent in the parking areas. The parking lot near Fair Park Blvd. has some drainage issues. It appears the drain is filled with sediment and flooded the whole parking lot.

This park has some major turf and erosion issues. Top soil needs to be laid down and reengineered to provide proper drainage around amenities and coverage over roots. Then seeding or sod needs to be established to prevent erosion issues and tripping hazards. Also, mulch should be placed around trees to help roots and some trees need sediment removed around their base to prevent suffocating the roots.



Recommendations:

- See recommended masterplan
- Add signage – See general recommendations
- ADA – See general recommendations and add signs for handicap parking.
- Connect the park to a city-wide trail system for more users to utilize.
- Lock up electrical boxes.
- Replace sprinkler heads that are missing at the splash pad.
- Replace the wood mulch surface in the playground with a more durable consistent safety surface that requires less maintenance and provides good access for individuals with mobility issues.
- Replace trees that have been removed along Fair Park Blvd. and throughout the park.
- Provide proper drainage/ reroute drainage so the amenities and pavement don't get covered in silt. Clean out drains so water can drain properly.
- Reestablish turf by laying sod or reseeding in areas needed so the ground doesn't erode away.
- Try to reestablish the bank of the pond to prevent it from eroding.

Review:

This former golf course is located in the heart of Little Rock next to University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the Zoo, War Memorial Park and St Vincent Hospital.

Amenities at this golf course are composed of an eighteen-hole course, driving range, maintenance facility and a pro shop.

War Memorial Golf Course Facility was built in 1938 and houses 2,500 square feet.

Recommendations:

Golf facilities at War Memorial should be relocated and consolidated into other courses in order to make room for athletic facilities and open space shown in the proposed masterplan.



War Memorial Golf Course

Location: 5511 West Markham Street, 72205

Size: 93.0 Acres

Classification: Golf Course



West Central Sports Complex

Location: 8616 1/2 Colonel Glenn Road, 72204

Size: 11.8 Acres

Classification: Sports Complex

Review:

This park is composed of four softball/baseball fields, one of which is converted to a football field in the fall. A t-ball field is also located on the site. Other amenities on the site include restrooms, a concession stand, pavilion and parking. A new community center was recently opened in the park.

The gravel parking lot is accessed from John Barrow Road and while large, likely does not accommodate all the users in this park during large sporting events. Spaces are not indicated by striping or wheel stops. Two light fixtures mounted on wood poles provide lighting for the parking lot.

The restrooms building is a painted block structure. The restroom stalls are not ADA compliant. It appears the restroom building would require significant remodeling to provide ADA accessible stalls. Other buildings in the complex include a concession stand, a picnic pavilion, ticket booth, and maintenance building. Score keeper booths are provided at each field and each field has covered seating. Wide concrete walkways provide accessible approaches to the four softball/baseball fields.

The West Central Sports Complex is one of the larger more heavily used athletic complexes in the system. The field configuration does not maximize use of the property nor does it allow for expansion of additional facilities in the park as desired by the local users. A 5-year master plan titled "West Central Sports Complex Management Plan" was recently prepared for the West Central Sports Complex. It addresses the vision for the complex and lists prioritized improvement for creating a destination location for youth sports in Little Rock which includes a pool, football field, renovated baseball/softball fields and additional basketball courts.

Recommendations:

- A master plan should be completed that explores the renovation of the existing baseball fields with accommodations for a future football field.
- Consolidate the concession stand, restrooms and maintenance buildings into a single structure.
- Develop an outdoor pool with support facilities

Review:

This park is a former golf course that has been repurposed as a public park. The park is located across Fourche Creek from Hindman Community Park. The property has the following amenities:

- Open Space/Field
- Fishing Pond
- Fishing Stream
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trails
- Earthen Trails
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Equestrian Trail
- Community Garden
- Parking

Two parking lots are accessed from Western Hills Avenue. Neither have striped parking spaces or designated ADA parking spaces. The parking lot areas provide a good view of the majority of the park, trails, community garden, and adjacent lake. A fishing pier is located directly downhill from the main parking area. The fishing pier is a concrete dock with no handrails. An accessible approach is not provided to this amenity.

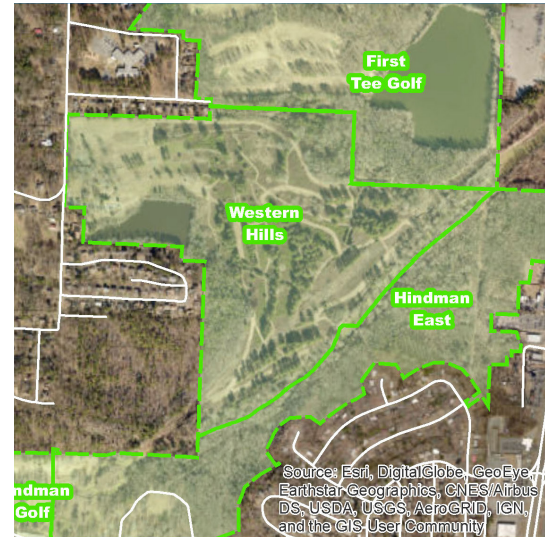
The trails within the park appear to be the remains of the cart path from the previous golf course. The pavement is cracked in many places and narrower than a typical greenway. Earthen trails, horse trails or mountain bike trails were not immediately recognizable. There is no overall map of the park provided for visitors as reference.

The community garden is located at the north end of the park, downhill from the second parking lot. The garden is established in an open field and spatially separated from other improved areas of the park.

Picnic shelters are a mix of styles. A small equipment building and building materials are placed near the parking lot in direct view of visitors.

Recommendations:

- Develop a master plan for this large urban park that has the potential to serve a wide variety of visitors.
- Provide a paved trail connection to Hindman Community Park.
- Provide an overall park map for visitors near the parking area.
- Improve the fishing pier to include a hand rail and ADA access.
- Consider adding a canoe launch at the lake.



Western Hills Park

Location: 5207 Western Hills Avenue,
72204

Size: 135.8 Acres

Classification: Large Urban Park



William "Bill" Clark Wetlands

Location: 1200 President Clinton Ave,
72201

Size: 13.0 Acres

Classification: Mini Park

Review:

This park involves the restoration of 13 acres of wetlands along the Arkansas River adjacent to the Clinton Presidential Library in downtown Little Rock. The wetland is designed to showcase wildlife and river life in a restored habitat for the education and enjoyment of millions of national and international visitors to the Clinton Presidential Park and Library.

This park has a walking path, pavilions and views of the wetland.

William Clark Wetlands is a great park for residents of all ages to learn about the wildlife and enjoy its scenery. The parks department should look into expanding this park and incorporating this concept at appropriate locations along the trail system.

Recommendations:

- Look for possible expansion and incorporation with proposed trail systems.
- Pick up trash located throughout the park and in the wetland.