



Fun Guide





The Lafayette Parks Department operates and maintains over 700 acres of park land within the City of Lafayette, including 32+ miles of paved trails. Providing and preserving parks and open green space enhances the desirability of our community and contributes to the safety and health of all Lafayette residents.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department maintains quality park and recreation facilities and services, and facilitates leisure opportunities so that all citizens may receive:

Personal Benefits in the form of physical fitness, relaxation, rest, and revitalization.

Social Benefits in the form of stronger and healthier families, ethnic and cultural harmony, reduced anti-social behavior, and enriched lives for persons with disabilities.

Environmental Benefits in the form of a green and tree-filled city, habitat for native plants and animals, and open, protected green space.

Economic Benefits in the form of more productive and healthier citizens, increased tourism, and contributions to the quality of life sought by business and industry.

2025 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

New Year's Day	January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 20
Presidents' Day	February 17
Memorial Day	May 26
Juneteeth	June 19
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 1
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	November 27-28
Christmas Day Observance	December 25
Columbus Day Observance	December 26
New Year's Day	January 1, 2026

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Administrative Offices	(765) 807-1500
Castaway Bay	(765) 807-0006
Columbian Park Zoo	(765) 807-1540
Lafayette Aviators	(765) 464-6810
Loeb Stadium	(765) 807-1500
McAllister Center	(765) 807-1360
Rentals	(765) 807-1500
Security/After-Hours Help	(765) 491-2679
Tropicanoe Cove	(765) 807-1531
Vinton Pool	(765) 807-0035

PHOTO POLICY

On occasion, Parks and Recreation staff may take photos of participants in our programs, classes, and events, people in parks, or on park properties. Please be aware that these photos are for department use only and may be used in future City of Lafayette/Lafayette Parks & Recreation catalogs, brochures, pamphlets, flyers, website, or social media.

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To report vandalism or broken equipment, call (765) 807-1522, or visit www.lafayetteparks.org and click on Action Center.

For Park Security, call (765) 491-2679 or (765) 479-6109.
To Report Crimes in Progress, call (765) 807-1200.

Discharge of Firearms

11.07.010 Lafayette Municipal Code: No person shall shoot, fire, or discharge any firearms of any description; guns, air guns, air pistols, or mechanical devices that shoot or throw shot, bullets, stones, or other missiles within the city, including parks, except that this section shall not prohibit any officer of the law from discharging a firearm in the performance of such officer’s official duty, nor apply to any citizen when lawfully defending such citizen’s person or property from physical injury.

TOBACCO POLICY

Smoking of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, use of other tobacco products or use of electronic smoking devices is prohibited in any public park or other public place under the control of the Lafayette Park and Recreation Board, including but not limited to all playgrounds, ball fields, zoo and aquatic facilities.



PARK RULES

1. Parks Close at Dusk (except for approved activities).

2. Parks Are Alcohol, Tobacco, And Drug-Free Zones.

3. Help Keep Your Parks Beautiful.

- Bag and dispose of pet waste.
- Place all litter in appropriate trash containers.
- Wildlife and vegetation should not be disturbed.

4. Help Keep Your Parks Safe.

- Pets are not permitted on playgrounds.
- Adult supervision is recommended on playgrounds.
- Report all inappropriate conduct to Park Security by calling 765-491-2679 or 765-479-6109.
- Overnight parking in parking lots is prohibited.
- Kite flying is not permitted under power lines.
- Swimming, wading, boating, ice skating, and ice fishing are not permitted in parks ponds and lagoons.
- Drive and park only on roadways and in parking lots.
- Motorized vehicles are not permitted on pathways and trails.
- Fires are permitted only in grills.

For Emergencies CALL 911

5. Help Keep Your Parks Fun!

- Keep all animals leashed.
- Exercise pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Avoid loud music that disturbs others.
- Rollerblades, skateboards, bikes, and scooters are not permitted on tennis and basketball courts, or on playgrounds or in shelters.

Calendar of Events

KEY: McAllister Recreation Center Columbian Park Zoo Aquatics Special Event Dog Park

JANUARY	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	2	Summer Camp Registration Opens	6
	8	Youth Basketball Begins	5
	25	Tippy Stars Basketball Begins	5

FEBRUARY	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	4	Lego Lab Session 1 Begins	5
	8	KinderZoo: Cold Weather Critters	10
	15	Father Daughter Dance	8
	15	Critter Class: Birds of Prey	10
	17	Spring Break Camp Registration Opens	6
	22	Wildlife Workshop: Animal Superheroes	10

MARCH	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	4	Lego Lab Session 2 Begins	5
	8	KinderZoo: Jungle Journey	10
	15	Critter Class: Marsupials	10
	22	Wildlife Workshop: Migration Exploration	10
	24-28	MRC Spring Break Camp	6
	24-28	CPZ Spring Break Camp	12
	31	Sporties for Shorties Basketball Begins	7
	31	Sporties for Shorties T-Ball Registration Opens	7

APRIL	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	1	Lego Lab Session 3 Begins	5
	5	KinderZoo: Extra Special Eggs	10
	12	Zoo Opening Day	9
	19	Doggie EGGstravaganza at McPaw Dog Park	25
	19	Critter Class: Turtles & Tortoises	10
	26	Spring Celebration + McAllister Market	7
	26	Wildlife Workshop: Going, Going, Almost Gone	10

MAY	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	5	Sporties for Shorties T-Ball Begins	7
	10	Mother Son Afternoon Out	8
	14	Summer Camp Parent Meeting	6
	17	Donuts with your Dog at McPaw Dog Park	25
	23	First Day of Summer Camp	6
	24	Opening Day for All Aquatics Centers	15

JUNE	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	2	Workreation Begins	16
	3	Art in the Park	27
	4	Wet Wednesday at the Cove	15
	10	Youth Pickleball Lessons Begin	5
	12	Yappy Hour at McPaw Dog Park	25
	14	Kids Fishing Day	8
	14	KinderZoo: Beautiful Bugs	10
	15	Dad's Day	16
	16	Sporties for Shorties Soccer Registration Begins	7
	17	Art in the Park	27
	26	Pirate Day	16

JULY	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	1	Art in the Park	27
	2	Wet Wednesday at the Cove	15
	4	Military Appreciation Day	16
	11	Pops with your Pup at McPaw Dog Park	25
	12	KinderZoo: Farm Friends	10
	13	Mom's Day	16
	14	Sporties for Shorties Soccer Begins	7
	16	Christmas in July	16
	21-26	Shark Week	16
	22	Art in the Park	27
	27	Grandparents' Day	15

AUGUST	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	7	Preschool Splash Bash	16
	6	Wet Wednesday at the Cove	15
	7-8	Pooch Plunge at Castaway Bay	25
	9	KinderZoo: Wet & Wild	10
	11	Sporties for Shorties Flag Football Registration	7
	11	Zoo Fall Hours Begin	9
	25	Youth Basketball Registration Opens	5

SEPTEMBER	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	6	KinderZoo: Motion Commotion	10
	8	Sporties for Shorties Flag Football Begins	7
	9	Lego Lab Session 4 Begins	5
	13	Cookies with your Canine at McPaw Dog Park	25
	22	Fall Break Camp Registration Begins	6
	29	Youth Basketball Begins	5

OCTOBER	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	4	Zoo Closing Day	9
	4	KinderZoo: Colorful Critters	10
	7	Lego Lab Session 5 Begins	5
	10	Muffins with your Mutt at McPaw Dog Park	25
	11	Critter Class: Otters and Relatives	10
	17-19	Boo at the Zoo	14
	25	Wildlife Workshop: The Bone Zone	10
	26	Fall Fest & McAllister Market	8

NOVEMBER	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	1	KinderZoo: Sensory Safari	10
	4	Youth Basketball Registration Opens	5
	8	Critter Class: Arthropods	10
	14	Movies at McAllister	8
	17	Winter Break Camp Registration Opens	6
	15	Wildlife Workshop: The Animal Network	10
	22	Paws with Claus at McPaw Dog Park	25

DECEMBER	DATE	EVENT	PAGE
	12	MRC Holiday Drop & Shop	8
	13	Donuts with Santa	8
	20	Critter Class: Lizards	10
	20	Wildlife Workshop: Marvelous Mimicry	10
	22	Winter Break Camp Begins	6

McAllister

RECREATION CENTER



McAllister Recreation Center offers diverse programming for youth and adults from day camps, basketball, flag football, weights and fitness, to special events, and more. The grounds feature an 8,600 square foot playground. The facility also offers rooms for event rentals (see page 32 for more information).

REGULAR HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 7:00am - 9:00pm
 Friday: 7:00am - 8:00pm
 Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
 Sunday: Closed

SUMMER HOURS

(Memorial Day - Labor Day)
 Monday - Friday: 7:00am - 7:00pm
 Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00pm
 Sunday: Closed

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: 2351 N. 20th Street, Lafayette
 Phone: (765) 807-1360
 Email: mcallister@lafayette.in.gov

CENTER PASS

For just \$10 per year, youth ages 15 years or younger will receive a pass that grants access to the game rooms and gymnasium. Individuals ages 16 and older can utilize the gym and game rooms for the following fees:

Daily Pass - \$2 per day

Monthly Pass - \$30 per month

McAllister Recreation Center features a gymnasium, cardio area, and free-weight area. The cardio area is located above the gymnasium bleachers, and the free-weight area is located on the opposite side of the gym. These two spaces feature more than 30 pieces of equipment including rubber grip weights, bench and leg presses, treadmills, upright bikes, circuit machines and an elliptical machine that you can use to get a first-rate workout



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YOUTH PROGRAMS



YOUTH BASKETBALL



This exciting program is offered for children ages 6-11 years old. McAllister offers this program twice per year. *Registration is capped at 180 participants, so be sure to sign up early!

Fall Session

Registration Begins: Monday, August 25

Practice: Begins week of September 29

League Play: October 11 - December 6
(No games week of November 24)

Cost: \$50 per child

Winter Session

Registration Begins: Monday, November 3

Practice: Begins week of January 5, 2026

League Play: January 17 - March 14, 2026
(No games or practice week of February 9)

Cost: \$50 per child

LEGO LAB



Explore the world of STEM with LEGO LAB! This educational - and more importantly, FUN - program teaches kids ages 6-12 science, technology, engineering and math through Legos!

Cost: \$75/session or \$25/lesson

Times: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Session 1: February 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 2: March 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 3: April 1, 8, 15, 22

Session 4: September 9, 16, 23, 30

Session 5: October 7, 14, 21, 28

YOUTH PICKLEBALL

Join in the pickleball craze and register for McAllister Recreation Center's new Youth Pickleball program! 6-10 year old children will be able to learn the game of pickleball by practicing drills and participating in games over the course of four days.

Cost: \$30

Dates: June 10, 12, 17, 18

Times: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

OTHER PROGRAMS

TIPPY STARS BASKETBALL



Tippy Stars is an inclusive basketball program for individuals with special needs. Players will enjoy and learn the sport of basketball while meeting new friends! Stay tuned for 2026 Winter Session dates!

LAFAYETTE FUN SQUARES

The Lafayette Fun Squares invite you to learn more about the uniquely American Dance genre of Square Dancing. All ages are welcome, no experience necessary. Square dances take place the first Friday of each month from 6:30pm - 9:00pm for just \$6 per person.

Square Dance Lessons

Dates: Tuesdays September 2 - December 16

Times: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Cost: First lesson is free, then \$7 per lesson or \$70 for all 15 lessons

NEW! Round Dance Lessons

Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, etc.

Dates: Thursdays June 5 - August 28

Cost: \$5 per person or \$10 per couple

MCALLISTER DAYCATIONS



Join the McAllister team as we venture out on day trips to exciting places in and around Indiana! Each trip includes planned activities and deluxe motor-coach transportation. Stay tuned for our 2025 trip announcements!

MCALLISTER CAMPS

Camps are open to children ages 6-12 years. All camps run from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Before care runs from 7:30 - 9:00am, and after care is available from 4:00 - 5:30pm. Camp costs include before and after care. Registration is limited, so sign up early!

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Come to McAllister and enjoy a week full of arts and crafts, activities, and FUN!

Registration Begins: Monday, February 17

Dates: March 24-28

Cost: \$120/week or \$45/day

SUMMER CAMP

Get your swim suit ready - McAllister offers children a chance to be active during summer break. Children will be given the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities each week.

Registration Begins: Monday, January 6

Dates: May 23 - August 11 (Monday-Friday)

Registration Fee: In order to reserve your space, a non-refundable registration fee of \$50 per child is due at the time of registration. You are required to finalize dates by May 9.

Cost (weekly): \$150 per child (third child+ \$120 each)

Cost (daily): \$55 per child

Orientation Meeting: Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00pm
Assistance available upon request.

FALL BREAK CAMP

Campers will participate in seasonal arts and crafts, field trips, and games.

Registration Begins: Monday, September 22

Dates: October 20-24

Cost: \$120/week or \$45/day

WINTER BREAK CAMP

Give your children something to celebrate over the holidays! Children will participate in a variety of activities, seasonal arts and crafts, and field trips.

Registration Begins: Monday, November 17

Dates: December 22-24, 29-31, 2025; January 2, 2026

Cost: \$120/week or \$45/day



JUNIOR COUNSELOR PROGRAM

The Junior Counselor program allows youth ages 13-14 years the ability to gain valuable leadership skills through involvement in the McAllister Summer Camp program.

Participants get hands-on experience while working together with Summer Camp Counselors to ensure that the McAllister Summer Camp is a fun, safe, and enjoyable experience for all.

For additional information, please contact the McAllister office at (765) 807-1360 or visit our website. Application deadline is April 26. Cost: \$55/week.



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SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES



The Sporties for Shorties program was designed to introduce 4-5 year olds the fundamentals of soccer, t-ball, flag football, and basketball through fun and exciting drills. Each program ends with each child receiving his or her first team t-shirt and participating in a live game!

Sports take place from 6:00pm - 7:00pm on respective program dates and cost \$30 per child to participate.

BASKETBALL

Focuses on introducing participants to basketball fundamentals such as dribbling and shooting.

Registration Begins: Monday, February 24

Dates: March 31, April 2, 7, 9

T-BALL

Focuses on introducing participants to baseball fundamentals such as throwing, catching, and batting.

Registration Begins: Monday, March 31

Dates: May 5, 7, 12, 14

SOCCER

Focuses on introducing participants to soccer fundamentals such as passing, dribbling, and shooting.

Registration Begins: Monday, June 16

Dates: July 14, 16, 21, 23

FLAG FOOTBALL

Focuses on teaching the fundamentals of football such as throwing, receiving, and hand-offs.

Registration Begins: Monday, August 11

Dates: September 8, 10, 15, 17

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Program registration is available in-person at McAllister Recreation Center or online (see below). Please plan to attend your class or activity until you are otherwise notified. Your registration and payment must be received before the registration deadline.

Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. In the event the program or session you have registered for is full, you will be notified by phone. You may then choose another session or program, be placed on a waiting list, or request a refund.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Visit www.lafayetteparks.org to get started or scan below.



FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

SPRING CELEBRATION

This **FREE** event is fun for the whole family! Come out and enjoy face painting, games, crafts and egg hunts for children of all ages.

Date: Saturday, April 26

Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm



KIDS' FISHING DAY AT MUNGER PARK

Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Lafayette Breakfast Optimist Club provide all the tools necessary to teach your kids the basics of fishing. This catch and release event is **FREE** and open to all children ages 3-14 years old. Bait, equipment, and lunch is provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Date: Saturday, June 14

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

FALL FEST

Celebrate fall with us with this **FREE** event! Enjoy pumpkin painting, fall-themed crafts and games, tricks, treats – we've got something for kids of all ages!

Date: Sunday, October 26

Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

MOVIES AT MCALLISTER

What better way to spend a Friday night than stopping in at the McAllister Recreation Center for a **FREE** movie! Concessions available for purchase.

Date: Friday, November 14

MCALLISTER MARKET

Shop local and find unique, hand-crafted gems made by your favorite local artisans.

Dates: April 26, October 26, December 13

BECOME A VENDOR! Becoming a vendor is free. Give us a call at (765) 807-1360 to learn more.



SPECIAL EVENTS

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Put your dancing shoes on for a night to remember! Enjoy an evening of dancing, carriage rides, refreshments, and photo opportunities for kids ages 3-14 years old. Registration opens January 6.

Date: Saturday, February 15

Times: 2:00pm - 4:00pm; 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Cost: \$50 per couple, \$10 for each additional child

MOTHER SON DATE NIGHT

Bond with your kiddo during the ultimate game night featuring laser tag, board games, refreshments, and more!

Cost: \$40 per couple, \$5 for each additional child

Date: Saturday, May 10

Times: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

HOLIDAY DROP AND SHOP

Last minute shopping to finish? Drop your children off at McAllister for an evening of festive fun while you finish your holiday to-do list! Dinner will be provided. Ages 5-12 years are welcome to participate. Registration opens November 3.

Cost: \$20 for one child/\$5 for each additional child in family

Date: Friday, December 12

Time: 5:30pm - 9:00pm

DONUTS WITH SANTA

Join Santa and his helpers for breakfast, holiday crafts, and games. Write a letter to Santa and grab a picture with him before he heads back to the North Pole! Registration opens November 10.

Date: Saturday, December 13

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Cost: \$20 per family

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Founded in 1908, Columbian Park Zoo is the second oldest zoo in Indiana. It is approximately 6 acres in size and is located in historic Columbian Park. The zoo's mission is to encourage the appreciation of the world's wildlife, to enhance the preservation and conservation of biodiversity and to inspire educational discovery and exploration in a fun, family-oriented environment for all citizens of the Greater Lafayette area.



VISITOR INFORMATION

Open:

Saturday, April 12- Saturday, October 4

Peak Season (May 24 - Aug 10) Hours:

10:00am - 7:00pm

Off-Peak Hours:

10:00am - 4:30pm

Admission:

Members	FREE
Ages 2 years and under	FREE
Ages 3 years and up	\$3.00

ZOO MEMBERSHIP

Become a Columbian Park Zoo (CPZ) Member today! When you purchase a CPZ Membership, not only are you supporting our mission, you are also getting a TON of amazing membership benefits too!

Membership benefits include:

- FREE zoo admission
- Columbian Park Express Train ride tickets*
- Discount on zoo education camps and classes (Family Membership level only)
- Discount on Boo at the Zoo and other special events
- Zoo Gift Shop discount
- Tropicanoe Cove passes**
- Digital membership card
- Exclusive member communications
- \$20 off commemorative brick pavers
- Member Appreciation Days
- Free and discounted admission to numerous other facilities around the country

*Family and Grandparent Memberships include a 4-pack of train ride tickets. Individual Memberships include a 2-pack of train ride tickets.

**Family and Grandparent Memberships include 2 Tropicanoe Cove one-day admission passes. Individual Memberships include 1 Tropicanoe Cove one-day admission pass.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & FEES

Family Membership- This membership level includes two named adults and all named dependent children under 18 years of age. Fee: \$50

Individual Membership- This membership level includes one named adult. Fee: \$25

Grandparent Membership- This membership level includes two named adults and up to six grandchildren under 18 years of age. Fee: \$50

Gift Membership- Gift Memberships can be purchased on our online portal under the pink "Gifts for Zoo Lovers" tab at the top of the page.

COLUMBIAN PARK ZOO GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop sells a wide variety of animal-themed and Columbian Park Zoo logo merchandise as well as Columbian Park Express train ride and pedal boat ride tickets. The shop is open during regular zoo hours.

KIWANIS EDZOOcation STATION

Join us at the Kiwanis EdZOOcation Station for live animal encounters and stage shows, Memorial Day through mid-August (weather-permitting). See daily schedule for details.

WILD BEGINNINGS

STROLLER SAFARI

Make new friends while strolling around the zoo with your favorite little one! Specially designed for children ages 0-4 years with an adult caregiver, Stroller Safari meets monthly April-September. Each month, a zoo educator will lead the group on a morning walking tour around select exhibit areas, with stops to meet a friendly Animal Ambassador, read a story, and engage in age-appropriate activities. Admission is included with registration fee. Class size is limited, advance registration is recommended.



SIGN UP FOR PROGRAMS & EVENTS!



KINDERZOO

(ages 3-4 years with adult caregiver)



The Zoo is better enjoyed together! Enjoy meeting a special Animal Ambassador and themed hands-on activities in this one-hour weekend experience for preschool-aged children and a parent or other caregiver. Fee is for one child plus one adult caregiver participating together.

LEARNING ADVENTURES

CRITTER CLASSES

(ages 5-7 years)



Nothing brings out the natural curiosity of a child the way animals do. With Critter Classes your child will have the opportunity to learn about wildlife, up-close and hands-on. Each class focuses on a different animal group. Games, crafts, and age-appropriate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities will engage and entertain, letting learning happen naturally. Each session includes a live animal encounter.

WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS

(ages 8-11 years)



Get ready for some hands-on, brains-on fun. Kids will explore wildlife and nature topics through a variety of engaging activities, including STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) explorations, model-making, behind-the-scenes excursions, and encounters with several live animals each session. With this much excitement, don't be surprised if your child is too busy having fun and making friends to notice how much they've learned!

For more information about education programs please visit www.columbianparkzoo.org or email us at zooeducation@lafayette.in.gov

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VOLUNTEER

Join our flock and spend some quality time enhancing the lives of the zoo animals, building skills and community connections! Volunteers provide valuable support and assistance to zoo staff, and have an integral role in the success of our many special events.

Adults ages 18 years and older may apply for a volunteer position at any time. However, orientation sessions take place seasonally in the Spring and Fall. A background check with a state issued photo ID and Volunteer Orientation session must be completed before you can begin volunteering! Visit www.columbianparkzoo.org for more information or to apply online!

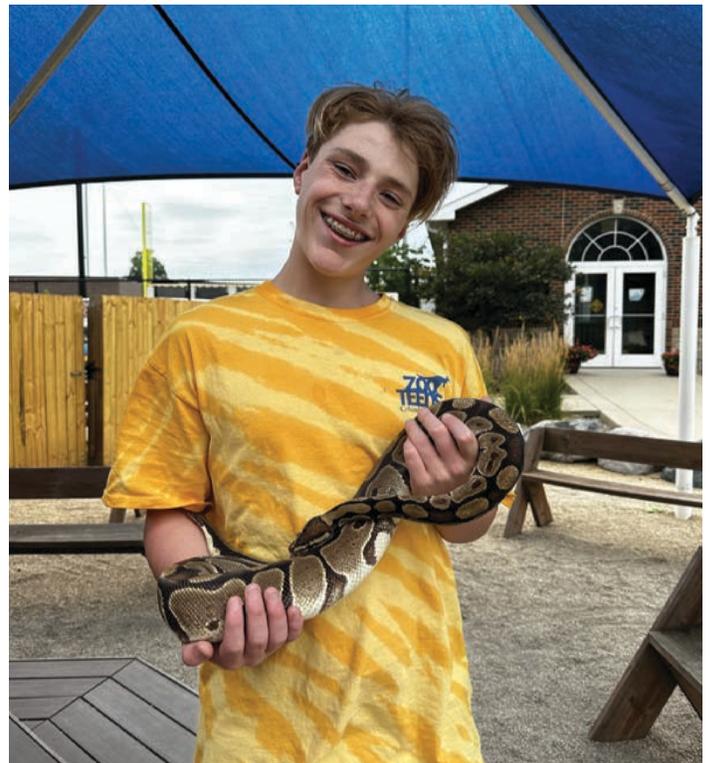
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ZOO TEENS

The Zoo Teen program is a structured summer volunteer program designed for students ages 14-17 years old. Zoo Teens have the opportunity to work alongside zoo staff learning about the zoo industry and the importance of wildlife conservation, while building transferable job skills such as public speaking, customer service, time management, and professional conduct. First year participants focus on customer service and engagement and learn and present a limited number of animals. Teens reselected for the program in multiple years have the opportunity to build more skills in animal care and animal handling. This is a competitive acceptance program with limited space. Applications are due in early March. More information on this program can be found at www.columbianparkzoo.org.



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Columbian Park Zoo offers a variety of exciting internship opportunities for current college students or recent graduates. All academic majors are encouraged to apply! Internship focus areas include Animal Care, Education, and Landscape/Horticulture and occur in the Spring, Summer, and Fall semesters. For more details, or to apply online, please visit www.columbianparkzoo.org.

ZOO CAMPS



Our talented zoo educators will guide your child on the path to scientific and self-discovery through games, crafts, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities, and up-close encounters with live Animal Ambassadors. Camps are

structured and educational, but with enough flexibility to allow kids to be kids! Camp sessions are offered for various age groups. All in-person sessions take place in the Bill and Donna DeFouw Education Center and include excursions to zoo exhibits, behind-the-scenes areas, and explorations in Columbian Park.

Visit www.columbianparkzoo.org for camp schedules, fees, and registration information, or contact us at zooeducation@lafayette.in.gov

SPRING BREAK SAFARI CAMP

(ages 7-10 years)

Spring Break Camp takes place during the LSC and TSC Spring Break week March 25-29, 2024. This is a full-day camp session from 9:00am - 4:00pm daily for ages 7-10 years old. Kids will enjoy a fun-filled week exploring the wild world of animals through activities and encounters with live Animal Ambassadors.



ZOO SUMMER CAMPS

(ages 5-7, 8-11, and 12-14)

These themed, week-long day camps each provide hands-on, brains-on explorations into the wild world of animals. Half day and full day sessions with optional extended care are available. All sessions include encounters with live animals.

SCHOOL'S OUT DAY CAMPS

School may take a day off, but learning doesn't have to! There will be full day mini-camps for ages 6-11 years on select LSC, TSC, and/or WLCSC days off in 2025. Your child can fill the day with fun animal activities, games, crafts, and live animal encounters! An optional extended care service is available for an additional fee. See our website for dates and registration info.



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for all programs is available on our online platform! Visit www.columbianparkzoo.org to get started or scan below!

Questions about registration? Email zooeducation@lafayette.in.gov or call (765) 807-1540.





HOMESCHOOL ACADEMY

Designed for students ages 6-8 years and 9-12 years, this program provides a four week series of workshops for each age group. During the series, students will learn about the series topic with a mix of classroom and outside-the-classroom activities that provide opportunities for collaboration and socialization, and build important science inquiry skills.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS

Let the zoo bring the learning to your classroom with standards-aligned programs for K-12 featuring live animals! Looking for a field trip instead? We offer a spring field trip package. Contact the Zoo Education Department for reservation information at zooeducation@lafayette.in.gov.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Can't make it to the zoo? No problem! We offer a variety of outreach programs for Tippecanoe and surrounding counties:

- Youth groups, church groups, clubs, scouts
- Preschools and daycares
- Assisted living and health care facilities
- Corporate groups
- Libraries
- After-school programs
- Community events

Contact the Zoo Education Department for program options and fee information. Availability varies seasonally. We recommend booking 4-6 weeks in advance. Travel and/or after-hours fees may also apply.



GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Looking for the perfect gift for the animal lover in your life? We offer gift certificates and vouchers for a variety of special experiences, including the popular Wild Encounters program. Not sure what they'll love? Consider a ZooEdBucks Gift Certificate that your loved one can redeem online for their choice of any zoo education program – youth classes, camps, birthday parties, symbolic adoptions or other experiences (a few exclusions apply, see our website for details.) Or choose the gift that keeps giving all year long with a Gift Membership! Visit our online registration site and check out the "Gifts for Zoo Lovers" tab to make your purchase, or contact us at (765) 807-1540 for assistance.



SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

WILD ENCOUNTERS PROGRAM

Is there a CPZ animal you are just dying to meet? Schedule a private Wild Encounter with your choice of select Zoo Animal Ambassadors today! Your appointment includes an up-close experience, photo, and touching or feeding opportunity for you and a guest. Advance reservations required. Some restrictions apply. See www.columbianparkzoo.org for details, a list of eligible animals and reservation info. Gift vouchers are available!

ZOO BIRTHDAY PARTIES

A birthday party can turn your house into a zoo - so why not just have it at the zoo? Perfect for children ages 5-12 years old.

Parties are offered year-round, subject to availability. Standard time slots are Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00pm or 2:00pm - 4:00pm, and Sundays 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Reservations should be made 8-12 weeks in advance. So don't wait to make your reservation!

Visit www.columbianparkzoo.org or email us at zoeducation@lafayette.in.gov to reserve your date.

SIGN UP FOR PROGRAMS & EVENTS!



SPECIAL EVENTS

Columbian Park Zoo will host a variety of special events in 2024. Please visit www.columbianparkzoo.org for updated information on fun conservation-themed events throughout the summer.

BOO AT THE ZOO

This "hauntingly-friendly" fundraising event is perfect for your preschool and elementary school-aged children. The event features a kids' costume contest, fun games, animal encounters, food trucks, and more! This event offers a safe, family friendly trick or treating experience for your child.

This year's Boo at the Zoo will take place October 17, 18, and 19. All proceeds benefit the Columbian Park Zoo.



REINDEER RENDEZVOUS WITH THE ZOO



Come visit with Santa and meet his reindeer! Enjoy festive treats, hot chocolate, a holiday craft station, and get your photo taken with

the big man himself before he heads back to the North Pole! Take a ride on the Columbian Park Polar Express train and Holiday Hayride (both weather-permitting). Reindeer Rendezvous is held in December in Columbian Park. All proceeds benefit the Columbian Park Zoo.



Lafayette Parks & Recreation

Located in Columbian Park along Main Street, Tropicanoe Cove offers the perfect blend of Hoosier Hospitality and beachy paradise. From the Tiki-Twist and Riptide Racer slides to the leisurely Cattail Crik, you are sure to find plenty of summer fun for the entire family.

Address: 1915 Scott Street, Lafayette, Indiana
Phone: (765) 807-1531 - During Season
 (765) 807-1500 - Off Season

HOURS OF OPERATION

Daily: 11:00am - 6:00pm; Sundays: 12:00pm - 6:00pm
 Dates: Saturday, May 24 - Monday, September 1
 Note: Back-to-School hours will begin August 11 (Tropicanoe Cove will be open on weekends only). **Please check Lafayette Parks & Recreation social media or call in advance for hours. Hours of operation are subject to change based on weather.**

SEASON PASSES

Initial Pass: \$175
 Additional Family Members: \$50 each
 Season Pass includes 3 visits to Castaway Bay

RATES

Toddler (ages 2 and under)	FREE
Over 48" tall	\$12.00
Under 48" tall	\$8.00
Over 48" tall (after 4:00pm)	\$7.00
Under 48" tall (after 4:00pm)	\$6.00

WET WEDNESDAY

One Wednesday each month after 4:00pm, rates are reduced to \$4 for those under 48" tall and \$5 for those over 48" tall. Operating hours are extended until 8:00pm. Wet Wednesdays this year will be: June 4, July 2, and August 6.

NEW! CABANA RENTALS

Take a break from the sun and cool off at the Cove with one of our brand new cabana rentals! Each cabana features ample shade, a comfy patio sofa and chairs with ottomans, two chaise lounge chairs, a safe for securing valuables, ceiling fan, and a mini fridge stocked with water. Guests of the cabanas can scan a QR code to order concessions items to be delivered directly to the cabanas.

Monday-Saturday Rates

11:00am - 2:00pm	\$45
3:00pm - 6:00pm	\$45
11:00am - 6:00pm	\$90

Sunday Rates

12:00pm - 2:30pm	\$45
3:30pm - 6:00pm	\$45
12:00pm - 6:00pm	\$90



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Host your next birthday party with us! Party package information and details are available on our website: www.lafayette.in.gov/aquatics.

RENT THE COVE

Perfect for company picnics, parties, corporate events, etc. Give us a call today to learn more about hosting your private event after regular public hours at Tropicanoe Cove! (765) 807-1500.

Connect with us!

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Dad's Day: Sunday, June 15

Happy Father's Day! Enjoy special father/child activities. All fathers will receive free admission with a PAID child admission.

Pirate Day: Thursday, June 26

ARRRRR! Enjoy a day of pirate-themed fun!

Military Appreciation Day: Friday, July 4

Bring your military ID card and receive free admission. Thank you for your service.

Mom's Day: Sunday, July 13

Happy belated Mother's Day! Enjoy mother/child activities. All moms receive free admission with a PAID child admission.

Christmas in July: Wednesday, July 16

We're decking the halls and spreading some holiday cheer! Enjoy a day full of fun holiday-themed activities, games, and crafts.

Shark Week: Monday, July 21- Saturday, July 26

Join us if you dare for a week of scavenger hunts, giveaways, photo opportunities, our special commemorative tumbler, and so much more!

Grandparents' Day: Sunday, July 27

Celebrate your grandkids at the Cove. Grandparents get in FREE with a PAID child admission.

Preschool Splash Bash: Thursday, August 7

While the big kids are away (back in school) the littles will play! Kids ages 3-5 years get in FREE with a PAID adult admission. (Limit one free admission per adult)

WATER WALKING

Water walking is a unique, stress-free fitness program offered at Tropicanoe Cove. Walk with or against the current of the lazy river in order to customize your workout and meet your individual fitness goals. Stay tuned for more information regarding 2025 Water Walking fees and schedule.

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE

Want to be a lifeguard at our pools this summer? If you're at least 15 years old and can pass some basic lifesaving and swimming drills (visit our website for more information on prerequisites), this program is for you! **Please see our website for class dates and registration information.**



WORKREATION

Workreation is a supervised volunteer program for children ages 7-17 years old. The program offers children the chance to perform light cleaning and maintenance in the parks for one hour per day in exchange for a "Kids Can Pass". These passes can be used for admission to any of the aquatic facilities. **Workreation Schedule: Monday, June 2 - Friday, August 1.**

Location	Day(s)	Time
Columbian Park	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:30am - 10:30am
Vinton Pool	Tuesday	10:30am - 11:30am
Castaway Bay	Thursday	10:30am - 11:30am

Registration forms can be found on our website: www.lafayetteparks.org or can be picked up in the Parks Administrative office AFTER Memorial Day.

YOUR LAFAYETTE PARKS

COMMUNITY PARKS

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9th Street & Beck Lane</p> <p>2 CAT Park
3630 McCarty Lane</p> <p>3 Columbian Park
1915 Scott Street</p> <p>4 Lyboubt Sports Park
1300 Canal Road</p> <p>5 McAllister Park
North 9th Street</p> | <p>6 McCaw Park
Union Street & Creasy Lane</p> <p>7 Munger Park
3505 Greenbush Street</p> <p>8 Murdock Park
18th Street & Ferry Street</p> <p>9 Shamrock Park
Wabash Avenue</p> <p>10 Crosser Sports Complex
2200 Breckenridge Street</p> |
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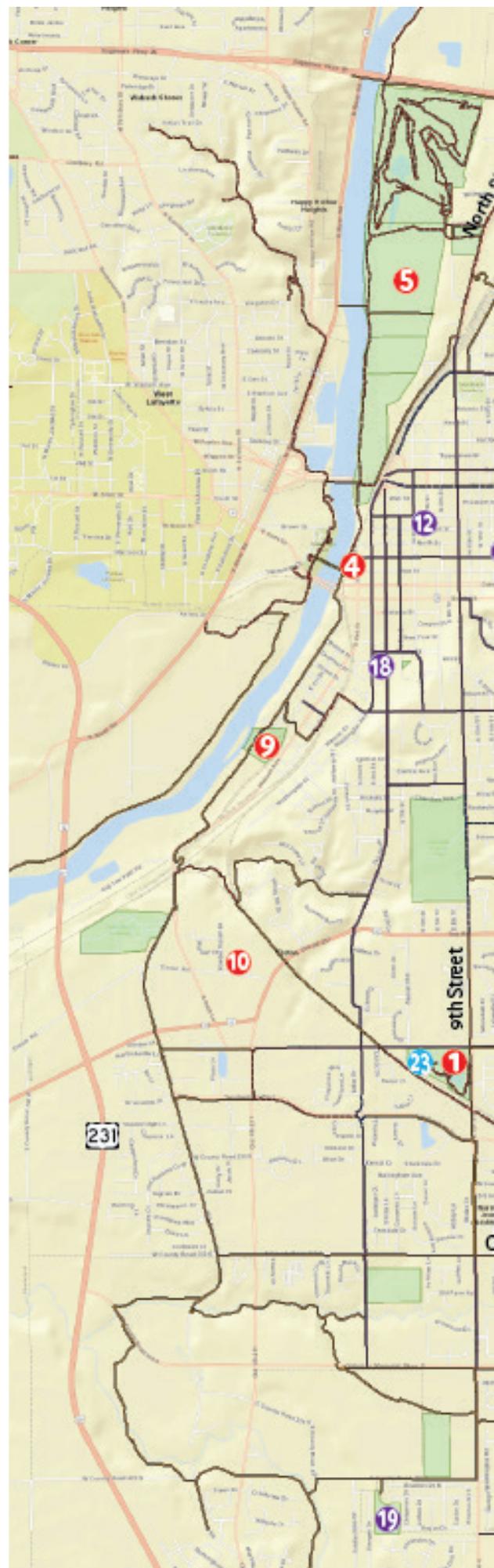
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Hedgewood Drive & Beverly Drive</p> <p>15 Kennedy Park
Beck Lane & Sequoya Drive</p> <p>16 Linnwood Park
15th Street & Greenbush Street</p> | <p>17 North Darby Park
Darby Lane</p> <p>18 South Tipp Park
3rd Street & Fountain Street</p> <p>19 Sterling Heights Park
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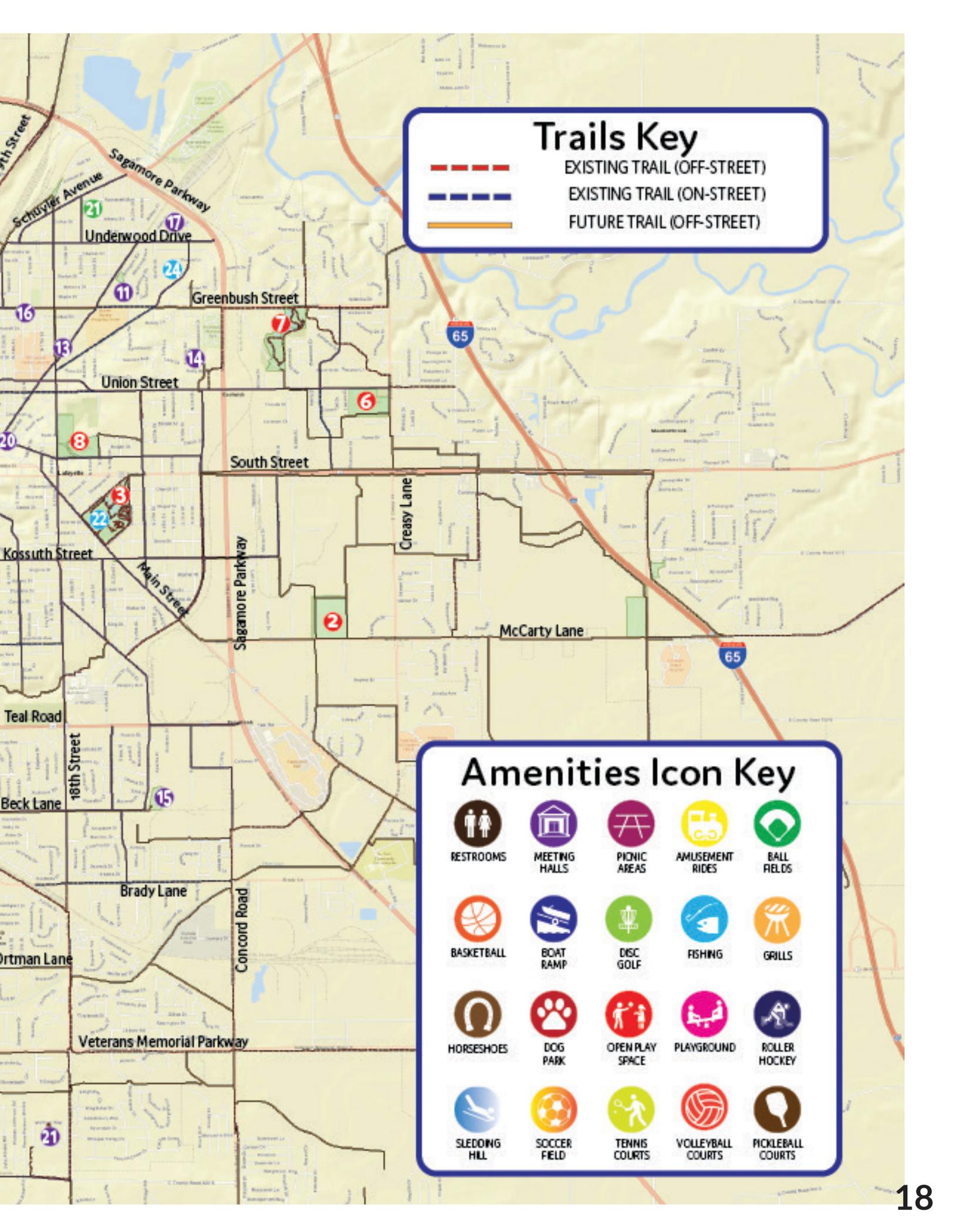
RECREATION CENTER

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2351 N. 20th Street

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| HORSESHOES | DOG PARK | OPEN PLAY SPACE | PLAYGROUND | ROLLER HOCKEY |
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| SLEDDING HILL | SOCCER FIELD | TENNIS COURTS | VOLLEYBALL COURTS | PICKLEBALL COURTS |



Adventure awaits at Castaway Bay! A beach-like entry, water basketball, and a bubble bench are just a few of the features that make up the aquatic center at Armstrong Park.

Address: 601 Beck Lane, Lafayette, Indiana
Phone: (765) 807-0006 - During Season
(765) 807-1500 - Off Season

HOURS OF OPERATION

Daily: 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Tuesdays: 12:00pm - 8:00pm
Dates: Saturday, May 24 - Sunday, August 3

SEASON PASSES

Initial Pass: \$75
Additional Family Members: \$25 per person
*Season Pass includes 3 visits to Tropicanae Cove

RATES

Toddler (ages 2 years and under)	FREE
Ages 3 years and older	\$5.00

EVENING SPECIAL

Get in for just \$3 each after 4:00pm daily.

FAMILY NIGHT

Every Tuesday after 4:00pm, rates are reduced to just \$2 a person and hours are extended until 8:00pm.

PRIVATE RENTALS

Have your own private pool party at Castaway Bay! Please call (765) 807-1500 for more information.

GROUP RATES

Group rates are available for not-for-profit groups of ten or more from Tippecanoe County. Rates are just \$2.50 per person (must have one adult per 10 youths) and area available Monday-Friday only. Group rates must be booked and paid for in advance. Call (765) 807-1500 to book your group.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Being safe in and around the water is so important. Get your child off to a great start this summer at Castaway Bay. Swim America Swimming Lessons are offered at Castaway Bay on Beck Lane. Lessons are offered for children ages 3 years and up. Each session features morning or evening classes.
Visit: lafayetteswimamerica.com



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Vinton Pool features a beach-like entrance, water slide, playful water geysers, large umbrellas, and lap lanes.

Address: 3111 Prairie Lane, Lafayette, Indiana

Phone: (765) 807-0035 - During Season
(765) 807-1500 - Off Season

HOURS OF OPERATION

Daily: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Thursdays: 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Dates: Saturday, May 24 - Sunday, August 3

RATES

Toddler (ages 2 years and under)	FREE
Ages 3 years and older	\$3.00

EVENING SPECIAL

Admission is reduced to just \$1.50 after 4:00pm daily.

FAMILY NIGHT

Every Thursday after 4:00pm, rates are reduced to just \$1.25 per person and hours are extended until 8:00pm.

SEASON PASSES

Initial Pass: \$55
Additional Family Members: \$25 per person
* Season Pass includes 3 visits to Tropicanae Cove

PRIVATE RENTALS

Have your own private pool party at Vinton Pool. Please call (765) 807-1500 for more information.

GROUP RATES

Group rates are available for not-for-profit groups of ten or more from Tippecanoe County. Rates are just \$1.50 per person (must have one adult per 10 youths) and are available Monday-Friday only. Group rates must be booked and paid for in advance. Call (765) 807-1500 to book your group.

KEEP UP WITH WEATHER CLOSURES & DELAYS

Follow us on social media (@lafayetteparks) for the latest weather updates! Catch real-time weather alerts and information about closures and delays.





A recreational oasis centrally located in Lafayette, historic Columbian Park has been the place to enjoy quality leisure time with family and friends for over a century. Whether you want to cool off at the award-winning Tropicane Cove or observe some wildlife at the Columbian Park Zoo, you will find that Columbian Park offers a vast array of fun attractions for people of all ages!

THE NEW SIA PLAYGROUND

In 2024, the SIA Playground received a major upgrade with the installation of several new innovative, engaging pieces of equipment. The new play structures replaced the entire upper portion of the playground, which was originally installed in 1999. The revamped area is approximately 5,400 square feet and features poured-in-place rubber surfacing for increased mobility access, numerous climbing features, rope bridges, interactive panels, tunnels, and slides. Four overhead shade sails were installed, providing enhanced protection from the sun. The expansive new playground boasts six hillside slides that give visitors a speedy way to get from the upper level to the lower level of the playground - a unique, fun feature you're sure to enjoy!

The SIA Playground at Columbian Park includes distinct areas specifically designed for children ranging from tots to teens and features an ADA accessible playground. The SIA Playground is located near the corner of Park and Wallace Avenues. Adult supervision is recommended.





LOEB STADIUM

Loeb Stadium stands on the corner of Main Street and Wallace Avenue across from the Original Frozen Custard and Arni's Pizza. The stadium overlooks historic Columbian Park with beautiful views of Tropicane Cove and the Columbian Park Zoo. The original Loeb Stadium was built in 1940. In 1971, the stadium was named in honor of Solomon Loeb after the Parks Department received a generous gift from Bert and June Loeb.

Dedicated in spring of 2021, the new multi-use stadium features two concession areas, three indoor suites, three outdoor party decks, retail and office space, and a state-of-the-art video board. Between lawn seating and stadium seating, the facility features a seating capacity of approximately 2,600. The venue is a multi-use facility hosting other sporting events like soccer, community events, family movie nights, concerts, etc. Loeb Stadium serves as the home of the Lafayette Jefferson High School Bronchos as well as the summer collegiate team, the Lafayette Aviators.

In 2024, the stadium hosted 180 games, practices, and special events, including two major music events by national touring acts: 1980's band *38 Special* and country music star *Lee Brice*.

Loeb Stadium has also hosted 5k's, corporate retreats and employee picnics, local celebrity softball tournaments, banquets, luncheons, community movie nights, and many other special events.



PLAN YOUR NEXT EVENT HERE

Interested in learning more? Reach out today to discuss pricing, catering options, availability, and more!

Call (765) 807-1508 to get started!



PURCHASE AVIATORS TICKETS



The Lafayette Aviators season runs from early June through mid-August. Choose from season tickets, ticket packages, single game tickets, and group sales.

Call (765) 464-6810 or visit lafayettebaseball.com.

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MEMORIAL ISLAND

Dedicated in 1949, Memorial Island is a gathering place for individuals and families to enjoy outdoor entertainment and learn about the history of Tippecanoe County's brave veterans.

From 2015-2021 a series of major improvements took place as the Memorial Island Master Plan was implemented. The plan entailed the addition of new memorials, dredging, cleaning, and restocking of the lagoon, a vast landscaping transformation, construction of a brand new amphitheater with a state-of-the-art sound system, new pedestrian bridges and boardwalk, enhanced ADA accessibility throughout, as well as a new bio-filtration system for the lagoon. In 2023, a new Columbian Park restroom building opened to the public. The facility is located just east of the Memorial Island amphitheater. Drinking fountains, café table umbrellas, and pergola swings were added to the Memorial Island area in 2023 as well.



COLUMBIAN PARK EXPRESS TRAIN

Let our train conductor take you on a fun and unique ride through Columbian Park! The train runs during zoo opening hours with the last ride leaving 30 minutes before the zoo closes. The Columbian Park Express is in operation during the zoo's open season mid-April through mid-October, weather-permitting.

PEDAL BOATS

Pedal rides are available during defined hours (see the gift shop for seasonal schedule), with the last departure 45 minutes prior to zoo closing. Pedal boat rides are up to 30 minutes in duration, and each boat can accommodate up to four riders. All riders under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. Must be 4 years and older to ride. Pedal boats are in operation from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, weather-permitting.

COMING SOON: CAROUSEL RIDE

The ride will be fully enclosed so that riders can enjoy the attraction in rain or shine. Stay tuned for updates!



RIDE FEES

All ride tickets may be purchased at the Columbian Park Zoo Gift Shop.

- Train tickets: \$3 per person (children 2 years & under free)
- Pedal boat ride tickets: \$3 per person
- Ride Packages- 12 rides for \$25



ARMSTRONG PARK

809 Beck Lane

Armstrong Park is a beautifully landscaped park named in honor of astronaut and Purdue alumnus Neil Armstrong. Located on Lafayette's south side, the 30-acre park is a favorite destination for families. Walkers enjoy the 2/3 mile paved trail that surrounds a peaceful pond. Other park amenities include three youth baseball fields, open green space, and restrooms. Armstrong is also home to Castaway Bay. A 50-seat picnic shelter is available for rentals. Catch and release fishing is permitted on site; all state regulations apply. In 2023, Armstrong Park received a brand new playground as well as major renovations to its basketball courts, tennis courts, and baseball fields.

CROSSER SPORTS COMPLEX

2200 Breckenridge Street

The 15-acre Crosser Sports Complex opened in summer of 2020. Located on Lafayette's south side, the park features four competition-sized, lighted girls' softball fields, a restroom/concession/press box building, playground, paved trail, and parking. Crosser Sports Complex is the home of Lafayette Girls Softball League. This park was made possible by the Scheumann Family Foundation, Westport Homes, Tempest Homes, Crosser Family Foundation, Spartan Trail Foundation, and River City Church, among other community partners.

MCALLISTER PARK

North 9th Street

McAllister Park is named in recognition of the many generous contributions made by A.J. and Dorothy McAllister to the Lafayette Parks system. The scenic 292-acre park is located along the banks of the Wabash River. McAllister Park contains open green space, a model airplane strip, two disc golf courses, and a portion of the Wabash Heritage Trail. A bike path along North 9th Street connects the city to the park. Fishing is permitted on site; all state regulations apply.

MUNGER PARK

3505 Greenbush Street

Munger Park is a 32-acre park located in the northeast portion of Lafayette. The park was named in recognition of a generous gift from Thomas and Alice Munger. It features a pond, one-mile paved trail, multi-age playground, grills, open green space, wildflower areas, and restrooms. A 100-seat picnic shelter is available for rent. Catch and release fishing is permitted on site; all state regulations apply. In 2023, Munger Park received a brand new playground thanks to a CDBG (Community Development Block Group) allocation to the City of Lafayette from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (pictured below).



CAT PARK AND SOCCER FIELDS

3630 McCarty Lane

Thanks to a partnership with Caterpillar, Inc., Lafayette Parks and Recreation was able to turn 32 acres of land into CAT Park and Soccer Fields. CAT Park contains nine soccer fields and a restroom/concession building. In 2023, CAT Park received an all-inclusive sports field with poured-in place rubber surfacing, two dugouts, a covered announcer's booth, scoreboard, and spectator seating. The special field surface material is ADA compliant and allows participation from individuals with all levels of physical abilities. COMING SOON: In 2024, ground was broken on a new all-inclusive restroom and concessions building thanks to a generous gift from the Scheumann Family Foundation.

LYBOULT SPORTS PARK

1300 Canal Road

Named in honor of former Parks Superintendent Sam Lyboubt, Lyboubt Park is located just north of the Harrison Street bridge. Attractions include three lighted softball fields, horseshoe complex, basketball court, picnic areas, and portions of the Wabash Heritage Trail. Public restrooms are available on site.

MURDOCK PARK

2100 Cason Street

Murdock Park occupies 39 acres of urban forest. Featured is a 0.52-mile interpretive trail that allows visitors to identify nearly 40 varieties of trees located within the park. The sled run is a favorite wintertime attraction in Lafayette, entertaining kids and adults alike. Katy's Cabin provides sled rentals, hot chocolate, and concessions. When cold temperatures prevail, a snow machine helps ensure the perfect sledding conditions. Three consecutive days of freezing temperatures must occur before snow is made. Other attractions include a multi-age playground (new in 2022), a redesigned 18-hole disc golf course, Brian Cardinal basketball court, grills, restrooms, and picnic areas. Two 50-seat picnic shelters are available to rent. In 2024, the park received a new restroom.



SHAMROCK PARK AND DOG PARK

115 Wabash Avenue

Shamrock Park is located adjacent to the Wabash River just minutes from downtown Lafayette. The 11-acre park is home to Lafayette's first dog park as well as a multi-age playground, roller hockey rink/bike polo, basketball courts, grills, and a picnic area. A 50-seat shelter is available to rent. A small boat ramp provides free access to the river. Fishing is permitted on site; all state regulations apply.

This open, tree-lined setting provides park patrons and their dogs with three large fenced areas for large dogs and one fenced area for small dogs. **Members can access the park via key fob, which can be obtained by purchasing a Dog Park Annual Membership or a Week Pass. Questions about membership? Email dogpark@lafayette.in.gov**

MCCAW PARK

3745 Union Street

Named in recognition of a generous gift from Bill and Michele McCaw in 1996, this popular park is located on the east side of Lafayette. The 26-acre site boasts a state-of-the-art playground, three lighted and newly renovated youth baseball fields, grills, open green space, and restrooms. McCaw Park is also home to the state's largest outdoor pickleball facility. In 2024, the park received a new restroom building, expanded parking, and the new McPaw Dog Park was opened.

The McPaw Dog Park (pictured here) features 5 different paddocks, including a paddock for small breeds, doggy spray pad, shade structures, doggy playground, and dog wash station, among other amenities. **Members can access the park via key fob, which can be obtained by purchasing a Dog Park Annual Membership or a Week Pass.**

COMING SOON: In 2025, McCaw Park will receive a new paved trail system and 26 new outdoor pickleball courts.



BECOME A DOG PARK MEMBER

Memberships include access to both dog parks and are just \$65 per year (covering up to 3 dogs; each additional dog is \$15/year). **Questions about membership? Email dogpark@lafayette.in.gov**



NEW: WOODFIELD VILLAGE PARK

Thanks to a partnership with the Woodfield Village Homeowners Association, this newly acquired park is located on Lafayette's south side in the Woodfield Village neighborhood. In 2025, the park will undergo major renovations and receive a brand new playground featuring play structures for both tots and children ages 6-12 years.

ARLINGTON PARK

1635 Arlington Road

Located just north of Greenbush Street, this one-acre park includes a multi-age playground, picnic shelter, basketball court, and open green space. In 2023, Arlington Park received a brand new playground (pictured below), renovations and resurfacing to its basketball court, additional green space, and youth soccer goals.



KENNEDY PARK

2511 Sequoya Drive

Near Miami Elementary on the south side of town, this seven-acre park includes a playground, soccer field, and open green space.

HEDGEWOOD PARK

2902 Beverly Lane

Located between Greenbush and Union Streets in the heart of the Hedgewood Neighborhood, this park provides one acre of open green space and a multi-age playground.

STERLING HEIGHTS PARK

610 Harrington Drive

Located in the Sterling Heights subdivision on Lafayette's south side, this one-acre park features a multi-age playground, swings, and picnic shelter.

NORTH DARBY PARK

14 Darby Lane

In the Vinton Neighborhood, this 0.8-acre park is home to a multi-age playground, basketball court, and open green space.

LINWOOD PARK

1501 Greenbush Street

This 1/2-acre park is home to a newly renovated tot and multi-age playground, basketball court, and picnic shelter.

SIA SOUTH TIPP PARK

425 S 3rd Street

Located next to the Bauer Family Resources, SIA South Tipp Park includes two unique multi-age playgrounds, 1/2 basketball court, a picnic shelter, and amenities such as benches, drinking fountains, and misting station.

CENTENNIAL PARK

505 6th Street

This 1/2-acre park is home to a tot and multi-age playground, 1/2 basketball court, and picnic shelter.

HANNA PARK

1201 N 18th Street

Across from Riggs Community Health Center, this park covers 2.2 acres. The park features unique playground equipment for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds, basketball court, grill, and picnic shelter.

STOCKTON PARK

307 Erie Street

Located at the intersection of Erie and Ferry Street within the Stockton Crossing Neighborhood, this pocket park includes green space, a shelter with picnic tables, swing, spring-rider for small children, and drinking fountain.

ART in the PARK



For the past several summers, Lafayette Parks & Recreation has provided the community with immersive, unique arts programming through our Art in the Park festival series. Art in the Park festivals showcase local and regional fine arts and crafts, music, food vendors, and activities for kids. Each event provides a one-of-a-kind experience and fun for the entire family.

Art in the Park features local artisans who specialize in a variety of mediums, such as watercolor, photography, ceramics, wood-working, jewelry, metal, textiles, and much more. Art pieces are available for purchase.



LEARN MORE!

Stay up-to-date with all things Art in the Park like live performances, themes, event locations, and more!

[@ArtInTheParkLafayette](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!*

Tuesday, June 3

Tuesday, June 17

Tuesday, July 1

Tuesday, July 22

BECOME A VENDOR

Interested in becoming a vendor? **Please contact us at artinthepark@lafayette.in.gov for more information.**



*Events typically run from 6:00pm - 8:30pm, weather permitting



LITTER-FREE LAFAYETTE

The Litter-Free Lafayette program features three components: Adopt-A-Trail, Adopt-A-Spot, and Sponsor-A-Street. Litter-Free Lafayette allows individuals, organizations, and businesses to showcase their civic-mindedness as well as contribute to the overall beautification of the Greater Lafayette community. Funds raised through the program will go directly to the beautification and maintenance of design-

ated areas within the Lafayette community. With your support, we can continue to foster the pride City of Lafayette citizens already possess and inspire visitors to return. **For more information about Litter-Free Lafayette, or to find an option that works best for you and your team, please contact Project Manager Garrett Gaskins by calling (765) 807-1382.**





Learn more!

Scan here to visit our website and learn more about the Tree of Life Memorial Program.

TREE OF LIFE MEMORIAL PROGRAM

The “Tree of Life” Memorial Program is designed to allow the community to honor a loved one by donating funds to have a tree planted in one of our Lafayette parks. With this donation, an engraved leaf, branch, or acorn will be placed on the “Tree of Life” sculpture located in the Columbian Park Administrative Office. In addition, a live tree will be planted and maintained by park staff based on demand and appropriate planting season.

Donations are tax-deductible and made out to the Lafayette Parks Foundation, Inc., a registered 501(c)(3) organization. The Tree of Life Memorial Program provides a unique opportunity for citizens to take part in beautification, conservation, urban forestry, and the remembrance of a loved one.

Please call (765) 807-1500 for more information. Forms can be downloaded on our website at www.lafayetteparks.org (scan QR code for more).

LITTLE LIBRARIES

Next time you visit a Lafayette Park, be sure to stop by one of our Little Library locations. These libraries serve as a way to freely share books and other literacy materials with others. The Lafayette Parks Department aims to keep these libraries as stocked as possible, especially during the busy spring and summer months.

If you have excess books (especially children’s books), please bring them with you next time you visit a park, and leave them inside a Little Library. If you have a large quantity of books you would like to donate, please call (765) 807-1500 and make arrangements with our staff.

Little Library locations include:

- Arlington Park
- Armstrong Park
- Centennial Park
- Columbian Park
- Crosser Sports Complex
- Darby Park
- McAllister Recreation Center
- McCaw Park
- Munger Park
- Murdock Park
- SIA South Tipp Park
- Mayor’s Youth Council’s Adopt-a-Spot



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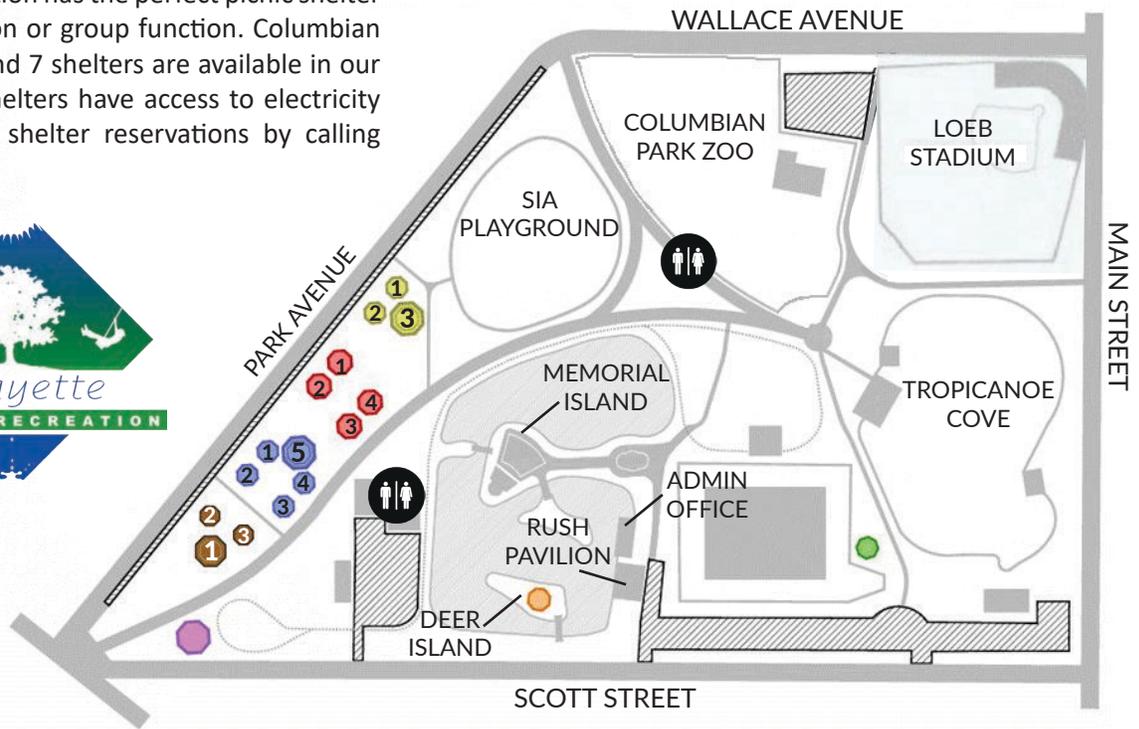


PARK PICNIC SHELTERS

Lafayette Parks and Recreation has the perfect picnic shelter for your next family reunion or group function. Columbian Park houses 18 shelters, and 7 shelters are available in our community parks. Most shelters have access to electricity and charcoal grills. Make shelter reservations by calling (765) 807-1500.



COLUMBIAN PARK SHELTER MAP



COMMUNITY PARK SHELTERS

Many community park shelters offer access to electricity and charcoal grills.

Armstrong Park	By Softball Fields	50	\$80
McCaw Park*	By Playground	50	\$55
Munger Park	Off of Greenbush	100	\$105
Murdock Park	By Restrooms	50	\$80
Murdock Park*	By Playground	50	\$55
Shamrock Park*	Near Entrance	50	\$55

Shelter Name	Seating	Price
Orange	50	\$105
Purple*	100	\$65
Green	50	\$105
Yellow - 1	50	\$80
Yellow - 2	50	\$80
Yellow - 3	100	\$130
Red - 1	75	\$105
Red - 2	75	\$105
Red - 3	75	\$105
Red - 4	75	\$105
Blue - 1	50	\$80
Blue - 2	50	\$80
Blue - 3	50	\$80
Blue - 4	50	\$80
Blue - 5	100	\$130
Brown - 1	100	\$130
Brown - 2	75	\$105
Brown - 3	75	\$105

RESERVE A SHELTER ONLINE:

Picnic Shelters can be rented up to 365 days in advance.

*NO ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY IN THIS SHELTER



RUSH PAVILION

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Rush Pavilion was dedicated in 1898. Rush Pavilion is the perfect setting for organizational or private group meetings. The venue can accommodate up to 50 people indoors and includes a NEWLY RENOVATED full-service kitchen. The building features a beautiful wrap-around porch that overlooks the lagoon. Located in Columbian Park off of Scott Street, Rush Pavilion has ample parking adjacent to the building.

The facility is available for rent seven days a week (excluding major holidays). Rental hours are from 11:00am - 4:00pm and 5:00pm - 10:00pm.

Alcohol may be permitted on site for an additional fee, pending approval by Administrative Office. For more information regarding additional amenities, please call (765) 807-1500.



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RUSH PAVILION RENTAL FEES*

The full amount is due at the time of reservation, including any security deposit.

Monday-Thursday Rates

Five hour rental	\$325
All day rental	\$650
Security deposit †	\$150
Security deposit † (event with alcohol)	\$250
Early Access	\$65/hour
Late charges	\$35/15min

Friday-Sunday Rates

Five hour rental	\$400
All day rental	\$800
Security deposit †	\$200
Security deposit † (event with alcohol)	\$250
Early Access	\$80/hour
Late charges	\$50/15min

DEER ISLAND

The newly renovated Deer Island is now available for rent. The beautifully landscaped island features a picnic shelter, ADA accessible fishing pier, and ample green space. The facility is available for rent seven days a week (excluding major holidays). Rental hours are from 11:00am - 4:00pm and 5:00pm - 10:00pm.

Fees: \$200 for one five-hour block, or \$400 for the whole day.* Please note: the full amount is due at the time of reservation.



MEMORIAL ISLAND

The newly redesigned Memorial Island features a brand new amphitheater and state-of-the-art sound system, fixed seating, shade structures, ADA accessible fishing piers, and picturesque landscaping throughout. The facility is available for rent seven days a week (excluding major holidays). Rental hours are from 10:00am - 10:00pm.



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Fees: \$500 rental fee, plus a \$250 refundable security deposit.* Please note: the full amount is due at the time of reservation. For more information regarding additional amenities, please call (765) 807-1500.

*Additional fees may apply



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THE GRAND ENTRY PLAZA PERGOLA

The newly remodeled Grand Entry Plaza features a beautiful new pergola that overlooks the Columbian Park lagoon. It's the perfect backdrop for wedding ceremonies. The pergola is available for rent seven days a week (excluding major holidays). Rental hours are from 11:00am - 4:00pm and 5:00pm - 10:00pm.

Fees: \$175 for one five-hour block. Outdoor chairs are available for rent upon request (\$3/chair). Please note: the full amount is due at the time of reservation.

† Security deposit is refundable, please call for more information

MCALLISTER RECREATION CENTER

All activity room rentals include tables, chairs, and kitchen access. Rooms at McAllister rent for \$50 for two hours, \$100 for five hours, or \$150 for the full day (8:00am - 8:00pm). Call (765) 807-1360 to make your reservation.

McAllister South Activity Rooms

The South Activity wing features a kid-friendly environment that no one can resist! The bright colors and pint-sized furniture make this section of the building perfect for children's birthday parties.



McAllister North Activity Rooms

The North Activity wing is designed for general community use. Neighborhood associations, not-for-profit groups, and private businesses can utilize the north wing to fit their needs. Group meeting planners will appreciate the convenience of in-room dry erase boards, and on-site audio/visual equipment.

McAllister's gymnasium can be rented for \$200/hour with a two-hour minimum plus a \$50 non-refundable cleaning



McAllister Outside Rental

This outside rental is perfect for large parties and events during the warmer months of the year. Included in this rental is ample yard space and an adjacent picnic shelter. The grounds also feature a large playground making it perfect for a family outing, community events, and many other possibilities. **The space is available for rent Monday-Saturday from 8:00am - 5:00pm for a fee of \$150.**



RESERVATION INFORMATION

Scheduling a reservation is easy! We have a few different options for reserving a shelter or facility:

1. Reserve online by visiting www.lafayetteparks.org (scan QR code)
2. Call the Parks Office at (765) 807-1500 and reserve over the phone with a credit/debit card.
3. Visit the Parks Admin Office at 1915 Scott Street in Lafayette any time Monday-Friday 8:00am- 5:00pm (excluding holidays) and reserve with cash, check, or credit/debit card.



Please note: the full amount is due at the time of reservation, including any security deposit.



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